

Mill Street Grill opens in Manning



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Sumter tries to

beat June's
HEAT

+2.9

degrees hotter on average for the daily high in June

+2.9

degrees hotter on average for the daily low in June

-0.88

fewer inches of rain than historical average for June



Children kick off their first afternoon of summer vacation in June by splashing in the spray park at North HOPE Park.

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Hottest June in 1944 at 95.4

Historical average of 87.8 for June

Average daily '18 high was 90.7

June '18 average low is 68.6

June was hotter, drier than average but not record breaking; July could be hotter, wetter than usual in S.C.

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June was somewhat hotter than normal in Sumter County and the state, and we can expect similar trends for the rest of July.

National Weather Service Meteorologist Doug Anderson, based in Columbia, reviewed June data and a 30-day outlook for July from the Climate Pre-

diction Center's office out of Washington, D.C.

Sumter County's average daily high temperature for June was 90.7 degrees, which was 2.9 degrees above the month's historical average of 87.8, according to Anderson and the agency's official statistics.

That was hot, but it actually didn't even crack the top 20 for hottest Junes on record for Sumter, Anderson said. It ranked 26th in the record books, which go back almost 90 years to 1930.

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Manning police chief fired

Retired highway patrol Captain Grice is sworn in as interim

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item



SHAFFER

MANNING — A Manning resident and retired South Carolina Highway Patrol captain, Anthony K. Grice, has been sworn in as Manning's interim police chief officer after Blair Shaffer, who served as Manning's police chief for the past eight years, was fired earlier in the day.

Manning Mayor Julia Nelson issued a news release announcing Shaffer's termination shortly after 4 p.m. Thursday. Nelson cited the "safety of our residents, guests and community" when announcing Shaffer's firing. Nelson said Manning's Public Safety Committee voted to terminate Shaffer after a meeting during which the city's public safety programs had been discussed. Citing the firing as a personnel matter, Nelson said no additional information would be forthcoming.

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Democratic Party chair running for school board

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Filing for non-partisan seats on Sumter School District Board of Trustees and Sumter City Council begins Monday, and Sumter County Democratic Party Chairwoman Barbara Bowman said she is ready to file for the school board race.

Bowman spoke Thursday after submitting a news release announcing her candidacy for the Area 1 seat on the board.



BOWMAN

A self-described "community activist" in the Cherryvale area with other community development leadership experience across the state, Bowman said she thinks Area 1 in the district is underserved as far as programs and opportunities for students.

Before making her decision to run for the non-partisan school board seat, Bowman said she made sure it wouldn't be a conflict of interest with her role as head of the county's Democratic party.

"This is non-partisan, and I'm not running based on the fact that I'm a Democrat," Bowman said, "but based on that we're talking about the public schools and our children."

She said she was disturbed with the board's majority vote this spring to close F.J. DeLaine Elementary School in Area 1 after residents who participated in community meetings said they were against the idea.

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STORMY END TO THE WEEK

A storm is possible in the afternoon; mostly cloudy tonight

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WHAT YOUR GOVERNMENT IS DOING: SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL

Revised jail contract expands sheriff's authority

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Sumter County Council approved third and final reading of a revised contract between Sumter and Lee counties regarding Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center and gave second reading to permit feather flags on commercial property at its meeting on Tuesday.

REVISED JAIL CONTRACT GIVES SUMTER COUNTY SHERIFF MORE AUTHORITY

Reading: Third and final

What it is: An ordinance to revise the contract between Sumter and Lee counties regarding the operation and funding of Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center.

Background: Sumter County Council granted Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis the authority to manage the jail in September after the resignation of the previous detention center director a few months earlier.

According to the revised contract, the Sumter County sheriff will have the sole authority to appoint and terminate the employment of the director of the detention center.

Other changes include Lee County's contribution to the jail's operating budget, which will be based on the average percentage of Lee County detainees housed at the detention center during the previous five fiscal years, beginning July 1.

Lee County will also contribute 10 percent of all costs for any capital projects, including the expansion and renovation of the existing detention center and the construction of a new one.

This revised contract will be in effect for 30 years with the option for an additional 30-year renewal.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Approved — Councilwoman Vivian Fleming-McGhaney abstained because her husband is an employee of the detention center, and Councilman Charles Edens was absent.

TEMPORARY FLUTTERING DEVICES TAKES STEP FORWARD

Reading: Second of three with a public hearing

What it is: Sumter County Council is requesting that portions of the county's development standards ordinance regarding signs be amended to permit fluttering devices including feather flags.

Background: If approved, the amendment would make feather flags, which are currently prohibited in the county, a conditional use in all commercial districts and agricultural conservation districts.

The size of the flags would be limited to a maximum height of 12 feet, a maximum width of 3 feet and a maximum sign area of 36 square feet, according to a report from the Sumter City-County Planning Department.

Properties with 50 linear feet of frontage would be permitted to have two flags, with 50-100 feet of linear frontage would be allowed three flags and with more than 100 feet of linear frontage could have four flags, the maximum for any size property.

For multi-tenant properties, each business would be entitled to display feather flags as long as the number of flags do not exceed those frontage limits, states the report.

As a conditional use, businesses would be limited to no more than three 30-day periods each year to display feather flags. A \$25 temporary sign/conditional use permit would be required so the planning department can keep track of how long the signs have been displayed.

The nine-member planning commission voted to recommend denial of the request in a 3-2 vote that included two abstentions during its April 25 meeting because they said the existing sign ordinance is reasonable for business owners.

Discussion: During the public hearing, Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce CEO and President Chris Hardy, speaking on behalf of the group's board of directors, said the group understands the need for small businesses to adequately promote their services but that there is also an obligation to the perception of the community especially with the increasing economic development and tourism in Sumter.

McGregor said the zoning administrator, an employee of the planning department, will be in charge of supervising the use and conditions of the flags and enforcing the regulations concerning those issues.

Nelle Thomlinson, a representative of the Building Industry Association of Sumter and Clarendon counties, asked if the amendments would also apply to open houses for model homes in residential districts.

McGregor said as drafted, the amendments do not apply to signs associated with residential properties and that research is required to determine how to allow feather flags just for model homes and not for individual open houses.

Vote: 5-1 approval — Councilman Gene Baten voted in opposition, and Councilman Charles Edens was absent.

Sumter raises \$12,000 for Crime Stoppers with raffle

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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The Sumter community helped raise about \$12,000 for Sumter Crime Stoppers through a raffle where one lucky donor was given a customized golf cart provided by East Coast Scooters.

Crime Stoppers has been instrumental in local investigations as it provides an avenue for community members to give anonymous tips for ongoing cases.

Tips that lead to arrests could result in cash rewards, sometimes totaling hundreds of dollars.

Sumter Crime Stoppers relies primarily on donations and monies raised during events sponsored annually by Sumter Police Department and Sumter County Sheriff's Office during National Police Week, said Tonyia McGirt, public information officer for the police department.

Tickets for the most recent fundraiser raffle were \$10 each.

The winning ticket was drawn during Sumter Crime Stoppers' board meeting held Tuesday. Ronnie Eldridge was the winner.

LOCAL & STATE BRIEFS

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Firefighters rescue 5 adults from burning Sumter home

Sumter County firefighters rescued five people from a burning home on Wednesday.

The structure, a 1,720-square-foot doublewide mobile home on Susan Street, caught fire just before 2:45 p.m. and spread through the entire residence, according to a Sumter Fire Department incident report.

The cause or origin has not yet been determined, but the structure was fully involved when firefighters arrived. A total of \$50,000 in damage to the structure and contents was lost, and nothing was saved, according to the report.

Eight firefighters responded to the scene, where the people, all adults, inside the home were trapped.

American Red Cross disaster-trained volunteers also responded to the scene to help the adults with financial assistance for food, clothing, lodging and other essentials such as comfort kits containing personal hygiene items.

Woman arrested in theft of nearly \$4,000 in items

Sumter County Sheriff's Office arrested a 28-year-old woman on Wednesday for allegedly taking \$3,966 worth of items from a location in the 1000 block of Waterway Drive on July 1.

Brittany Denise England, of Waverly Drive, is charged with grand larceny for reportedly taking a 20-foot Black Dog utility trailer and a 28-quart Igloo cooler from the Waterway Drive location.

England was taken to Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center and was given a

\$2,500 surety bond. She was released on Thursday.

169th Fighter Wing deploys about 300 to Southwest Asia



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN ASHLEIGH PAVELEK / 169TH FIGHTER WING / PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Family members of U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Mark Pierce, a pilot assigned to the 169th Fighter Wing of the South Carolina Air National Guard, say goodbye to Pierce in his F-16 at McEntire Joint National Guard Base on Wednesday.

McENTIRE JOINT NATIONAL GUARD BASE — The South Carolina Air National Guard deployed approximately 300 airmen and nearly a dozen F-16 Block 52 Fighting Falcon fighter jets to the 407th Air Expeditionary Group, Southwest Asia, this week for about four months in support of an Air Expeditionary Force rotation.

The U.S. Air Force routinely deploys fighter aircraft units to the region to provide U.S. Air Forces Central Command combatant commanders with the capabilities needed to maintain a deterrent against threats to regional security and stability.

The SCANG's total force team, comprised of traditional and full-time Air National Guard airmen with a contingent of active-duty associates, are fully trained and combat experienced to perform the most complex mission sets that may be expected of them in the op-

erational theater.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, the men and women of the South Carolina Air National Guard, also known as the Swamp Fox unit, have deployed their aviation package multiple times to various locations in Southwest Asia, to include Iraq and Afghanistan, with a rotation to Japan in 2006, Poland in 2015 and South Korea in 2016.

Man who said he planned attack gets nearly 3 years

COLUMBIA — A white supremacist has been sentenced to nearly three years in prison for illegally buying a gun authorities said he planned to use in a hate crime attack similar to the South Carolina church shootings.

Benjamin McDowell was sentenced Wednesday to 33 months in federal prison for being a felon in possession of a weapon, according to U.S. Attorney Sherri Lydon.

Authorities first began investigating McDowell, 31, in December 2016 when he threatened a Myrtle Beach synagogue on Facebook. Local officials were already keeping tabs on him because he made friends with white supremacist groups and got tattoos associated with racist groups while in prison on a felony burglary charge, according to the FBI.

McDowell then said he wanted a gun and told an undercover FBI agent who offered to get him one that he planned to attack somewhere in the name of white power and write on the building "in the spirit of Dylann Roof," according to court records. Roof was sentenced to death last year for a shooting that killed nine black worshippers at a Charleston church.

"I seen what Dylann Roof did, and in my heart I reckon I got a little bit of hatred," the undercover agent recalled McDowell saying.

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Government probing 'new information' in Emmett Till slaying

Justice Department states it has received 'new information'

BY JAY REEVES
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama — The federal government has reopened its investigation into the slaying of Emmett Till, the black teenager whose brutal killing in Mississippi shocked the world and helped inspire the civil rights movement more than 60 years ago.

The Justice Department told Congress in a report in March that it is re-investigating Till's slaying in Money, Mississippi, in 1955 after receiving "new information." The case was closed in 2007 with authorities saying the suspects were dead; a state grand jury didn't file any new charges.

Deborah Watts, a cousin of Till's, said she was unaware the case had been reopened until contacted Wednesday by The Associated Press.

The federal report, sent annually to lawmakers under a law that bears Till's name, does not indicate what the new information might be.

But it was issued in late March after the publication last year of "The Blood of Emmett Till," a book that says a key figure in the case acknowledged lying about events preceding the slaying of the 14-year-old youth from Chicago.

A Mississippi prosecutor declined comment Thursday on whether federal authorities had given him new information since they reopened the probe.

"It's probably always an open case until all the parties have passed away," said District Attorney Dewayne Richardson, whose circuit includes the community where Till was abducted.

Richardson said if a case were to move forward, he and the district attorney in the county where Till's body

was found could decide who would prosecute it.

The book, by Timothy B. Tyson, quotes a white woman, Carolyn Donham, as acknowledging during a 2008 interview that she wasn't truthful when she testified that Till grabbed her, whistled and made sexual advances at a store in 1955.

Two white men — Donham's then-husband, Roy Bryant, and his half-brother, J.W. Milam — were charged with murder but acquitted in the slaying of Till, who had been staying with relatives in northern Mississippi at the time. The men later confessed to the crime in a magazine interview but weren't retried.

Both are now dead. Donham, who turns 84 this month, lives in Raleigh, North Carolina. A man who came to the door at her residence declined to comment about the FBI reopening the investigation.

"We don't want to talk to you," the man said before going back inside. Paula Johnson, co-director of an academic group that reviews unsolved civil rights slayings, said she can't think of anything other than Tyson's book that could have prompted the Justice Department to reopen the Till investigation.

"We're happy to have that be the case so that ultimately or finally someone can be held responsible for his murder," said Johnson, who leads the Cold Case Justice Initiative at Syracuse University.



TILL

The Justice Department declined to comment on the status of the investigation.

The government has investigated 115 cases involving 128 victims under the "cold case" law named for Till, the report said. Only one resulted in a federal conviction since the act became law, that of Ku Klux Klansman James Ford Seale for kidnapping two black teenagers, Charles Moore and Henry Dee, who were killed in Mississippi in 1964. At least 109 of the investigations have been closed, the report said.

State prosecutions assisted by federal authorities have resulted in additional convictions, most recently when a one-time Alabama state trooper was convicted of shooting a black man, Jimmie Lee Jackson, during a protest in 1965. Jackson's slaying was an impetus for the Selma-to-Montgomery voting rights march later that year.

Watts, co-founder of the Emmett Till Legacy Foundation, said it's "wonderful" her cousin's killing is getting another look, but she didn't want to discuss details.

"None of us wants to do anything that jeopardizes any investigation or impedes, but we are also very interested in justice being done," she said.

Abducted from the home where he was staying, Till was beaten and shot, and his body was found weighted down with a cotton gin fan in the Tallahatchie River. His mother, Mamie Till, had his casket left open. Images of his mutilated body gave witness to the depth of racial hatred in the Deep South and helped build momentum for subsequent civil rights campaigns.

Relatives of Till pushed Attorney General Jeff Sessions to reopen the case last year after publication of the book.

Donham, then 21 years old and known as Carolyn Bryant, testified in 1955 as a prospective defense witness in the trial of Bryant and Milam. With

jurors out of the courtroom, she said a "nigger man" she didn't know took her by the arm.

"Just what did he say when he grabbed your hand?" defense attorney Sidney Carlton asked, according to a trial transcript released by the FBI a decade ago.

"He said, 'How about a date, baby?'" she testified. Bryant said she pulled away, and moments later the young man "caught me at the cash register," grasping her around the waist with both hands and pulling her toward him.

"He said, 'What's the matter baby, can't you take it?'" she testified. Bryant also said he told her "you don't need to be afraid of me," claiming that he used an obscenity and mentioned something he had done "with white women before."

A judge ruled the testimony inadmissible. An all-white jury freed her husband and the other man even without it. Testimony indicated a woman might have been in a car with Bryant and Milam when they abducted Till, but no one else was ever charged.

In the book, author Tyson wrote that Donham told him her testimony about Till accosting her wasn't true.

"Nothing that boy did could ever justify what happened to him," the book quotes her as saying.

Sen. Doug Jones, D-Alabama, introduced legislation this week that would make the government release information about unsolved civil rights killings. In an interview, Jones said the Till killing or any other case likely wouldn't be covered by this legislation if authorities were actively investigating.

"You'd have to leave it to the judgment of some of the law enforcement agencies that are involved or the commission that would be created" to consider materials for release, Jones said.

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Clarity comes from Jesus

My cousin, Ross Hendry, was working cows at my Aunt Ouida's place. The humidity was 100 percent, and the temperature was about 98 degrees — a typical Florida summer day. It was the kind of day that makes a cowboy pray for shade. At Aunt Ouida's pens, there wasn't any. They stood out in the middle of the pasture in the brutal Florida heat.

Black Angus bulls are especially prone to heatstroke. Bulls are bigger than cows, and their black hides draw in heat from the sunshine and hold it. Three of the Angus bulls were standing in the corner of a pen, laboring for breath. Ross, a veterinarian, recognized the warning signs: The bulls needed to be cooled off, right away.

Cooling off three 1-ton bulls is not the easiest thing in the world. You can't exactly load them up in the truck and turn the A/C on full blast. Nor can you take them home and let them cool off in your living room ("Oh give me a home, where the Angus bulls roam..."). The only way to get the bulls cool was to get them to a waterhole as soon as possible.

Ross told his son Dane, who is my age, to put those bulls on the trailer and get them to the waterhole. Dane was about 16 at the time, an age when the pre-frontal cortex (where decisions are made) is not yet mature.

Whoops, hollers and hot-shots got the bulls moving, and Dane got them on the trailer. The bulls had moved all they wanted, so they did something unusual: They laid down in the trailer as Dane hauled them to the waterhole.

Dane backed the trailer down to the waterhole, went back and opened the trailer gate. Under normal circumstances, the bulls would have bolted for the opening and splashed into the waterhole. This, however, was not a normal day.

Instead the bulls stayed in the trailer. They were still hot and panting, but at least they had a bit of shade. Dane hollered. The bulls didn't move. Dane whooped. No movement. Dane applied the hot-shot to the bull's backside. Even electricity didn't move the bulls. They just bellowed and resumed panting.

Dane had been on enough vet calls with his Dad to know the bulls were still in danger. He knew the bulls needed to get in that water and cool off. He also could tell the bulls weren't moving any time soon.

As information was assimilating in Dane's brain, a thought made its way to his frontal cortex: if the bulls wouldn't go to

the water, he would make the water come to the bulls. With confidence only a 16-year-old can muster, Dane got back into the truck and backed the cattle trailer down into the water.

It's tricky to know how deep you should back a trailer with 6,000 pounds of live beef on it. Dane had to make an allowance for the bull in the back of the trailer and the bull in the front of the trailer. When he got the wheels of the trailer about three feet under water, he felt that was sufficient. Dane got out to look, and found his plan had worked: The two bulls in the back of the trailer had stood up (to avoid drowning). The bull in the front of the trailer was still happily lying down, now up to his neck in water. All the bulls seemed relieved.

Waterholes tend to have muddy bottoms. Aunt Ouida's was no exception. Not only had Dane sunk the bulls in the water, but he had also sunk the trailer tires in a foot of goopy mud. Dane, the trailer and the bulls were stuck.

In those pre-cell phone days, there was nothing to do but wait until someone came looking for him. Sure enough, in about 30 minutes, Dane's dad, Ross, and Tom, one of the hands, came riding out.

Ross could see the bulls in the water and his cattle trailer buried in the mud. Hendryses — a special offshoot of our family — have a number of unique vocabulary words to express their feelings at times like these. Ross had started to access his vocabulary when Tom stopped him and said, "Ross, now stop and think. The boy did what he was told to do. You told him to get those bulls cooled off, and they are. You didn't tell him they had to be out of the trailer."

Ross bit his tongue, and Dane was eternally grateful to Tom.

It did take two tractors to haul out the truck and trailer. The bulls seemed upset to be leaving their personal pool. But the bulls lived to breed another day.

God knew the greatest clarity comes not from a list of instructions. The greatest clarity comes from being with someone. That is why God sent Jesus — to be with us. There is a great phrase in Galatians: "I no longer live, but Christ lives in me." When you know Jesus, he lives in you. He whispers to you in the moment. The clarity is not from his words but from his presence.

Someday you may be faced with a situation and not know exactly how to deal with it. Access Jesus inside of you. His presence, his peace, will give you all the clarity you need. And yes, it may mean you have to back a load of bulls into the waterhole, even if it is not exactly the way someone else would solve the problem.

Clay Smith is the lead pastor of Alice Drive Baptist Church.



Clay Smith



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Culture Minister Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi told reporters on Tuesday that the Vatican wants to ensure unused churches maintain some of the spiritual, cultural and social value they had as places of worship.

Vatican is drafting guidelines on proper uses for sold churches

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican is drafting guidelines to help Catholic dioceses find appropriate ways to decommission unneeded churches so they don't end up as discos, gymsnasiums or gelato shops.

The Vatican's culture ministry is teaming up with Rome's Jesuit-run Pontifical Gregorian University and the Italian bishops' conference to host an international conference in November on managing the sale of churches and handling of their assets. The event already has a title: "Doesn't God Dwell Here Anymore?"

Culture Minister Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi told reporters on Tuesday that many dioceses in Europe, North America and Australia have more churches than they need or can maintain, thanks to an increasingly secularized society, fewer church-going Catholics and financial constraints.

The Vatican wants to ensure the buildings maintain some of the spiritual, cultural and social value they had as consecrated places of worship, Ravasi said.

"If it's used in an intelligent way," such as for pasto-

ral work or cultural or social meetings or even as a bookstore or library, the church could sign off on it, the cardinal said. "But making it a gelateria? It'd be difficult."

Ravasi cited the decommissioning of a Prague church that was turned into a nightclub as a decidedly incorrect way of disposing of a once-sacred space. Italy in particular is grappling with the issue given its vast number of artistically important churches and too few resources to maintain them, especially the ones damaged by frequent earthquakes.

Another key criteria will be a way to ensure that any significant artworks inside a church being put up for sale — frescoes, statues or other work — are removed and placed in a diocesan museum "to leave the space as bare as possible" when new owners take over, Ravasi said.

The Vatican sent a draft of the proposed guidelines to bishops' conferences and plans to finalize them during the Nov. 29-30 conference. A photography exhibit of successfully decommissioned churches also is in the works.

CHURCH NEWS

Allen Chapel AME Church, 471 Lynam Road, announces:

* Sunday, July 22 — The 137th anniversary of the church will be celebrated at 3 p.m. Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green Sr., presiding prelate of the Seventh Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal Church, will speak.

* Sunday, July 29 — Women's missionary worship service at 10 a.m.

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 2571 Joseph Lemon-Dingle Road, Jordan community, Manning, announces:

* Monday-Wednesday, July 23-25 — Vacation Bible School will be held 6-7:30 nightly. The theme is "Team Spirit." All ages are welcome.

Antioch United Methodist Church, 4040 Dubose Siding Road, announces:

* Sunday — The adult ministry's anniversary will be celebrated at 4 p.m.

* Tuesday-Thursday, July 17-19 — Revival at 7 nightly. Speakers as follows: Tuesday, the Rev. Annie Sistrunk, of Mechanicsville United Methodist Church; Wednesday, the Rev. Kenneth Carter, of New Life United Methodist Church of Walterboro; and Thursday, the Rev. Paul Atkinson, of Memorial Chapel of Camden. Theme: "Enter into His rest."

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, 4319 Rowe Drive, Summerton, announces:

* Sunday — The 21st pastoral anniversary celebration of Pastor David Lawson at 3 p.m. The Rev. Sam Livingston will speak.

Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, 774 Douglas Ave., announces:

* Sunday — The 23rd anniversary of the church will be celebrated at 4 p.m.

* Saturday, Aug. 4 — Back-to-school extravaganza from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. featuring vendors on site, a bounce house, games and many other fun activities.

* Wednesday-Friday, Sept. 19-21 — Fall Revival at 7 nightly.

Edwin Boyale Santee Ministry, 1098 Lemon Ave., Manning, (across from Camp Bob Cooper), announces:

* Sundays through Sept. 2 — Outdoor interdenominational worship service will be held at 9:30 a.m. for those who spend summer weekends at Lake Marion. Check us out on Facebook.

Faith Missionary Baptist Church No. 1, 115 Laurel St., announces:

* Monday-Friday, July 16-20 — Vacation Bible School from 6:30 to 8 nightly.

First Baptist Missionary Church, 219 S. Washington St., announces:

* Saturday-Sunday, July 28-29 — Family and friends weekend as follows: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, family and friends cookout at Birnie HOPE Center featuring arts, crafts, games and more; 10:45 a.m. Sunday, family and friends worship at 10:45 a.m.; and 7 p.m. Sunday, gospel jazz on the yard.

Goodwill Presbyterian Church USA, 295 N. Brick Church Road, Mayesville, announces:

* Saturday, Aug. 4 — Bazaar / yard sale 8 a.m.-noon featuring vendors, food, etc. To participate or be a vendor, call (803) 795-6419, (803) 481-3755 or (803) 495-8253 prior to event.

Joshua Baptist Church, 5200 Live Oak Road, Dalzell, announces:

* Sunday — The Pastor's Aide's anniversary will be celebrated at 10 a.m.

* Monday-Friday, July 30-Aug. 3 — Revival at 7 nightly. The Rev. George P. Windley Jr. will speak.* Wednesday, Aug. 1 — Youth revival at 6 p.m.

Knitting Hearts Ministry, meets at Bethesda Church of God, 2730 Broad St., announces:

* Saturday — "Summertime Revive Conference" from 10 a.m. until noon with Evangelist Nathan Johnson and Chuck and Trista Smith of Fort Mill. A love offering will be received. Visit knittingheartsministry.wordpress.com.

Love Covenant Church, 245 Oswego Road, announces:

* Friday, July 20 — Movie on the lawn with "Leap!" at 8:30 p.m.

Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 714 Camden Highway, Bishopville, announces:

* Friday-Sunday, July 20-22 — Women's conference "Women Moving Forward" as follows: 7 p.m. Friday, Pastor Dessie McKelvy will speak; 9

a.m. Saturday, workshop will begin with breakfast, and speakers will be Evangelist Michelle Douglas, Latisha Pierce and Pastor Shelia B. Neal; 2 p.m. Saturday, workshop with Pastor Linda Benbow; 11 a.m. Sunday, Minister Thomas will speak; and 4 p.m. Sunday, Pastor Elizabeth Brown will speak.

Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, 7355 Camden Highway, Rembert, announces:

* Monday-Friday, July 16-20 — Revival at 7 nightly. Pastor Kevin Russell Sheppard Sr., of Mount Zion Baptist Church of Chapin, will speak.

Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 325 Fulton St., announces:

* Sunday-Wednesday, July 22-25 — Revival at 5 p.m. on Sunday and 7 nightly Monday-Wednesday. Bishop Terry McCaskill Sr., pastor of Mount Sinai World Outreach of Pendleton, Greenville and Spartanburg, will speak.

* Sunday, July 29 — Youth worship at 10:45 a.m. The Rev. Rossi Ramsay will speak.

Mulberry Missionary Baptist Church, 1400 Mulberry Church Road, announces:

* Sunday-Wednesday, July 18 — Revival "The Saints, Redeeming the Lost and Appreciating what God has Allowed" at 5 p.m. on Sunday and 7 nightly Monday-Wednesday. The Rev. James B. Blassingame will speak on Sunday. The Rev. Richard Addison will speak Monday-Wednesday.

* Sunday, July 22 — A salute to our seniors at 10:45 a.m. Pastor Leroy Blanding Sr. will speak.

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 3249 U.S. 15 S., announces:

* Saturday — Women's unity breakfast at 9 a.m.

* Saturday, July 28 — "Youth Empowerment Workshop" and "Estate Planning Workshop for Adults" will be held 9 a.m.-noon. Featured topics for youth workshop are bullying, teen pregnancy and job application and interview procedures. Speakers for the estate planning workshop include Dale Atkinson, Sumter probate court judge; Tammy Kelly, State Farm insurance agent; and Attorney Calvin K. Hastie Sr. At 5 p.m., the young lady's annual tea party will be held for young ladies ages 8-18.

New Birth Holiness Church, 41 Larkin St., announces:

* Sunday, Aug. 5 — The pastor's 22nd anniversary will be celebrated at 3 p.m. Pastor Daniel Bennett, of Cedar Grove Baptist Church, will speak.

Providence Baptist Church, 2445 Old Manning Road, announces:

* Sunday — Service will begin at 10:30 a.m. with baptism.

* Monday — Widow's luncheon at 11 a.m.

* Sunday-Friday, July 22-27 — Vacation Bible School "Game On" 6-8:30 nightly. For details or registration, call (803) 481-9688.

Reid Chapel AME Church, 1008 Dibert St., announces:

* Monday-Wednesday, July 23-25 — "Lord Revive Us Again" Summer Revival at 7 nightly. Speakers: Monday, the Rev. Michael Sinclair, of House of God Ministries of Columbia; Tuesday, the Rev. Rachel Sinclair, of House of God Ministries of Columbia; and Wednesday, the Rev. Donnie McBride, of Mount Pleasant AMEC of Lynchburg.

St. James United Methodist Church, 720 Broad St., announces:

* Saturday-Sunday — Homecoming weekend as follows: noon-3 p.m. Saturday, fun day; and 11 a.m. Sunday, homecoming celebration. The Rev. Cheryl G. Johnson will speak.

St. Mark 4-B Missionary Baptist Church, 2280 Four Bridges Road, announces:

* Tuesday-Thursday, July 17-19 — Revival services at 7 nightly. Speakers: Pastor Cartrell Woods, of Salem Baptist Church; Pastor James Goodman, of Alive Praise and Worship; and Pastor George P. Windley, of First Baptist Church.

St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church, 1715 S. Guignard Drive, announces:

* Monday-Wednesday, Aug. 13-15 — Revival at 7 nightly. The Rev. Delbert H. Singleton Jr. will speak.

Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, 155 Wall St., announces:

* Today-Saturday — Sports clinic / football camp as follows: 6-8 p.m. Friday, "Pep Rally" featuring pep talks on manhood, discipline and sportsmanship; and 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, "Game Day" with experienced guests teaching football techniques and agility skills. Price is \$10 and includes clinic T-shirt.

Anthony K. Grice, a 30-year veteran with the South Carolina Highway Patrol, was sworn in as Manning's interim police chief Thursday afternoon at Manning City Hall. Grice replaces former MPD Police Chief Blair Shaffer, who was fired earlier Thursday.

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Nelson did say that Shaffer had been an employee with the city's police department for more than 25 years.

In the release, Nelson announced Grice's selection as interim chief. She also said the city would begin a search for a new police chief as soon as possible.

Grice is no stranger to law enforcement. In June, the 30-year veteran of the patrol retired as captain/troop commander of Region Seven where he supervised 60 certified troopers and two civilian employees.

Grice's responsibilities included adherence to agency policies and procedures as well as state laws. He prepared written reports for

administrative reviews, disciplinary actions and criminal investigations. Grice also testified in court and employee grievance hearings.

"I made it 31 days (in retirement)," Grice said with a smile following Thursday's swearing-in ceremony. "I'm ready to go to work."

Grice's wife, Ladell, is also a veteran of law enforcement with 25 years spent working as an investigator with Beaufort County Sheriff's Office and as assistant division director of South Carolina Department of Corrections. She is the law enforcement instructor at F.E. DuBose Career Center in Manning.

"He is doing what he loves," Ladell said after the ceremony.

The Grices have two daughters, India and Asia.

Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church Celebrates

Rev. H.L. Charles and First Lady Lydia Charles

5th Pastoral Anniversary on Sunday, July 15, 2018 at 3:00 PM



Theme: "How Shall They Preach, except they be sent" Romans 10:14-15
Guest Speaker: Rev. Willie Wright
Pastor of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
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Church Directory

Adventist

Sumter Seventh-Day Adventist
 103 N Pike West 775-4455
 Pastor Phil Roberts
 Sat. Sch: 9:15 am, Worship: 11:00 am
 Tues Bible Study 7 pm
 www.sumter22.adventistchurchconnect.org

Assembly of God

First Assembly of God
 1151 Alice Drive * 773-3817
 www.sumterfirstag.org
 Jason Banar, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 am
 Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

Salem Missionary Baptist Church

320 West Fulton Street
 803-775-8054
 Reverend Dr. Cartrell Woods, Jr. Pastor
 Sun. School 9:00 am
 Praise Worship 9:55 am
 Worship 10:00 am

Catholic - Roman

Saint Anne and Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church
 216 East Liberty St • 803-773-3524
 www.sasjrc.org
 Fr. Giovannie Nunez, CRM
 Parochial Vicar Rev. Noly Berjuega, CRM
 Weekend Masses
 Saturday: 4:30 pm
 Sun. 8:00, 12:00 pm
 Confession: Sat. 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Lutheran - ELCA

St James Lutheran Church
 1137 Alice Dr. Sumter
 773-2260 / www.stjamessumter.org
 Pastor Keith Getz
 Sunday School: 9:00 am
 Sunday Worship: 10:00 am
 Thur. Bible Study 10:30 am

First Church of God

1835 Camden Rd • 905-5234
 www.sumterfcg.org
 Ron Bower, Pastor
 Sunday School: 9:30 am
 Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

Presbyterian - ARP

Lemira Presbyterian Church
 514 Boulevard Rd • 473-5024
 Pastor Dan Rowlin
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Worship 11:00 am

African Methodist Episcopal

Union Station AME Church
 945 South Main Street, Sumter
 unionstationame@gmail.com
 (803) 775-8200
 Rev. Dr. Phil Flowers announces:
 Sun. Church School 9:00 am
 Sun. Church Service 10:00 am
 Tues. Bible Study 11:00 am
 Wed. Bible Study 6:00 pm

Baptist - Missionary

Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church
 803 S Harvin St. * 775-4032
 Marion H Newton, Pastor
 Sunday Worship: 7:45 & 10:15 am
 Sunday Youth Service: 10:45 am
 Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm

Baptist - Southern

Grace Baptist Church
 219 W Calhoun St * 778-6417
 Dr. Stephen Williams
 drsteve@fbc-1.net
 S.S. 9:45 am; Worship 11:00 am
 Evening Worship/Bible Study 6:30 pm
 Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm
 Wed. Bible Study: 6:30 pm

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611 W. Oakland Ave • 803-773-9244
 www.stjudesumtersc.org
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 Parochial Vicar Rev. Noly Berjuega, CRM
 Weekend Masses
 Saturday: 6:00 pm
 Sun. 9:15 am, 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm (in Spanish)
 Confession: Sat. 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Methodist - United

Bethel United Methodist Church
 5575 Lodebar Rd • 469-2452
 Rev. Jeremy Howell
 Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 11 am
 Sunday School: 10 am
 www.yourbethel.org
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Greater St. Paul Church

200 Watkins Street • 803-778-1355
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 Sunday School - 10:30 am
 Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 am
 Wed. Mid Week Service - 7:30 pm

Presbyterian PCA

Westminster Presbyterian Church
 230 Alice Dr., Sumter • 803-773-7235
 Pastor Stuart Mizelle
 Sunday School 9:15 am
 Worship Service 10:30 am

Presbyterian USA

First Presbyterian Church of Sumter
 9 W Calhoun St (at Main St.)
 (803) 773-3814 • info@fpcsumter.org
 Rev. Nick Cheek
 "Classes for all ages" 9:30 am
 Hospitality & Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 10:10 a.m.
 Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 a.m.

Hickory Road Baptist Church

1245 Cherryvale Dr
 803-494-8281
 Dr. Ron Taylor Pastor
 Sunday School 9:45 am
 Worship 10:55 am
 Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Church of Christ

Plaza Church of Christ
 1402 Camden Hwy. • 905-3163
 Sunday School: 10 am
 Sunday Worship: 11 am & 6 pm
 Wed. Bible Class: 7 pm

Non-Denominational

Calvary Bible Church
 770 N. Wise Dr., Sumter
 803-774-2341
 Pastor Richard Harris
 Sunday School 9:45 am
 Worship 11:00 am & 6:00 PM

Pentecostal

First United Pentecostal Church
 14 Plowden Mill Rd • 775-9493
 Pastor Theron Smith
 Sunday Service: 10:00 am & 6:30 pm
 Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30 pm

Providence Baptist Church

2445 Old Manning Rd. Sumter
 803-481-9688
 www.pbcsumter.org
 Rev. Pat Coffey
 Sunday School 9:30 am
 Worship 10:30 am
 Evening Worship & Bible Study 6:30 pm

Interdenominational

Spiritual Life Christian Center
 4710 Broad Street * 968-5771
 Randolph & Minerva Paige, Pastors
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 Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm

Christ Community Church (CCC)

320 Loring Mill Rd., Sumter
 www.cccsumter.com
 803-905-7850
 Sunday Worship 9:00 & 10:45 am

Sumter First Pentecostal Holiness Church

2609 McCrays Mill Rd • 481-8887
 S. Paul Howell, Pastor
 Sunday School: 10:00 am
 Sunday Worship: 10:45 am & 6:00 pm
 Wed. Bible Study/Youth Group: 7:00 pm

Shaw Heights Baptist Church

2030 Peach Orchard Rd. • 499-4997
 Rev. Robert White, Pastor
 Sunday School: 9:45 am
 Sunday Worship: 10:50 am
 Bible School July 8th - 13th 6:00 - 8:30 PM
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Daily Devotional Reading

Jeremiah 7:1-15	Lam. 1:1-22	Lam. 3:1-24	Lam. 3:25-57	Lam. 5:1-22	Psalms 17	Psalms 23
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JUNE FROM PAGE A1

According to the weather service's annuals, you have to go all the way back to 1944 for the hottest June on record in Sumter County. That year, the monthly average high temperature was 95.4, nearly 5 degrees warmer than this year's June. The state's overall aver-

JUNE'S WEATHER STATS FOR SUMTER

	June 2018	Historical average	Variance
Average daily high	90.7	87.8	+2.9
Average daily low	68.6	65.7	+2.9
Rainfall	4.29 inches	5.17 inches	(-0.88 inches)

Source: National Weather Service, Columbia. Temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit.

age high temperature for June was 91, Anderson said. The above-normal tem-

peratures should continue for July, according to official outlook data. Sumter's

historical average high for July is 90.2. Temperatures so far this month are trending about 1.5-2 degrees above normal in many areas, according to the weather service.

According to the Climate Prediction Center, rainfall in July locally and statewide is also expected to be above normal.

The state's historical average rainfall for July is

5.55 inches.

Regarding rain last month, Sumter recorded 4.29 inches. The average for June in Sumter is 5.17 inches.

"We had a couple decent rainfall events — a couple of strong frontal systems move through — but in between those it was fairly dry," Anderson said. "So, unfortunately, we fell below normal for rain."

BOWMAN FROM PAGE A1

District administration put forth a draft proposal in mid-March to close three low-enrollment schools, including F.J. DeLaine, and move those students into other larger schools in the same rural parts of the county. In its proposal, district administration also said it would implement new academic magnet programs in the combined, expanded schools.

The school board and district followed with six public meetings in the latter part of March to discuss its proposal and gather community feedback. Most community members who attended the public sessions said they were against closing any schools.

Bowman said she thinks board members had already decided to close the schools before the public meetings.

A Mayesville resident since 1997, Bowman has one adult son, Spencer, who attended Cherryvale Elementary School and graduated from Crestwood High School in 2010.

She said the district has made some accomplishments this decade — such as changes to curriculum and technology — but that more changes are necessary, especially in Area 1, "which sometimes gets shorted in terms of budgetary items," Bowman said.

Bowman said it's time for

"new ideas" and "freshness" on the school board.

She said she is an active community member in the Cherryvale area and attends every monthly community meeting at Cherryvale Community Center, where a range of issues, including education, are discussed.

Bowman said she was also disappointed in the board's role in the district's financial difficulties from fiscal 2015 and 2016.

Bowman said she has a bachelor's degree from UCLA and an associate degree from Los Angeles Technical College.

She works as a Nationwide Insurance sales agent but previously was employed with the South Carolina

Democratic Party from 2006 through 2010. Also, from 2003-06, she worked as a program coordinator for Leadership South Carolina, which is run by the Clemson University Institute for Community and Economic Development.

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

The Area 1 seat on the school board is held by Linda Alston, a former social worker in the public schools in

Sumter County. Efforts to reach Alston on Thursday to see if she plans to run for reelection were unsuccessful as of press time.

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Mill Street Grill's salad bar features more than three dozen items, including a variety of vegetables, greens, fruit and dressings.

Left, patrons can choose from a dozen different martinis, including the Bubba-Licious Bubble Gum, Manning Melon, Bob Cooper Summer S'Mores, Summerton Sweet Lemonade, Wyboo Granny Apple, Big Water and the Puddin' Swamp Bacon, just to name a few. The grill's bar also features beer, other cocktails and a complete food menu.

Mill Street Grill is Manning's newest restaurant

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

MANNING — The Mill Street Grill, 201 S. Mill St., is Manning's newest restaurant.

Owned by Cathy and Bubba Rabon, the restaurant features a country hot bar, salad bar and full menu offering everything from wings and burgers to steaks and salmon. "I love to cook," Cathy Rabon said earlier this week. "When I see people enjoying my food, it makes me feel like I'm really contributing to the community and the people."

Rabon said most of the recipes featured at MSG are her own creations with additional recipes coming from employees and friends. "I welcome new ideas," she added.

The Rabons aren't new to the restaurant business. Since the late 1980s, the Rabons have been involved in



Mill Street Grill owner Cathy Rabon chats with Dale Hawkins, who purchased 10 gift cards before enjoying lunch Thursday.

the food industry in the Sumter area. Cathy's Kitchen, Tod's Steakhouse, Captain's Kitchen, Cathy's Catering, Cathy's on Broad and Bubba's Diner, which recently closed, were owned by the Rabons. "It's something that we enjoy," Cathy said.

MSG's country bar is open from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and coming soon, July 22, the

country bar will be open from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Sunday. The one constant item on the country bar is fried chicken, Rabon said.

"Everyone seems to love fried chicken," she said. "It is always on the hot bar. We feature daily specials with at least three or four meats, a variety of vegetables and of course dessert."

Rabon said the grill will feature daily specials, including Monday's meatloaf, Tuesday's fried pork chops, Wednesday's turkey and dressing, Thursday's country-style steak and Friday's flounder.

"I love sweets," Rabon added. "We always have desserts. We also cater whole cakes."

Along with catering sweets, Rabon said MSG will have frozen casseroles, including turkey and chicken tetrazzini, chicken pot pie, chicken Divan and shepherd's pie. MSG has

vegetable casseroles for sale including squash, sweet potato soufflé and the Southern favorite macaroni and cheese.

Rabon said MSG is already booking Christmas parties.

"We will cater events large and small," she added. "We also have the Carlyle Room that is named after Mr. Wilber Carlyle Ardis, the previous owner."

Since opening, the Carlyle Room has been used for birthday parties and meetings.

The grill offers patrons seven TVs to enjoy during

their meals and bar visits.

"We are really looking forward to football season," Rabon said. "We have wings, beer and drinks. We also offer dining on the porch. We've added a few fans, but it will really be nice out there this fall."

With a theme of "where locals gather," Rabon said she hopes locals will begin meeting friends and family at the grill for drinks, meals and special occasions.

"We are excited about Mill Street Grill," Rabon added.

Sheriff warns of phone scammers posing as Duke Energy employees

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Clarendon County Sheriff Tim Baxley is warning Clarendon County residents of a scam involving people calling and identifying themselves as working at Duke Energy.

The caller informs the resident his or her

power bill is past due and advises the person to wire money.

Some callers even know the exact amount of the power bill.

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BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Peggy Parish Birthday Party will be at library

MANNING — Harvin Clarendon County Library will celebrate author Peggy Parish's birthday at 10:30 a.m. today at the library, 215 N. Brooks St. Attendees will enjoy snacks, a craft activity and several of Parish's stories, including her Amelia Bedelia series.

New Start in the Park is each Sunday this month

MANNING — New Start Community Church of the Nazarene, 4686 J.W. Rhames Road in Manning, is sponsoring New Start in the Park at 6 p.m. each Sunday in July. This Sunday, New Start in the Park will be held at Rex Josey Park, and the theme of the evening will be "Tools and Supplies." On July 22, New Start in the Park will be held at Gibbons Street Park with a theme of "Maintenance." On July 29, the event will be held at the church with a "Finale" theme. At each event, music will be provided by C.B. Hammer and Naily G. with puppets, Popsicles, games and crafts. The finale will also include photo certificates, a bounce house and an ice cream party.

Society Hill AME Church Revival is next week

MANNING — Society Hill

AME Church, 1030 Morello Road in Manning, is hosting a revival at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. The guest revivalist is Dr. Alice Ridgill. The host pastor is the Rev. Dr. Mary Rhodes.

Fall sports registration begins Monday

MANNING — Clarendon County Recreation Department is offering fall sports registration Monday through Aug. 20. CCRD is offering tackle football for ages 7-9 and 10-12; flag football for ages 4-7; soccer for ages 5-6, 7-10 and 11-14; girls' volleyball for ages 5-8 and 9-12; and cheerleading for ages 7-9 and 10-12.

Call the recreation department at (803) 473-3543 for additional information, including prices, registration times and locations.

Community invited to Back-to-School Blast

MANNING — Destiny Church, 12135 S.C. 260 in Manning, is hosting a Back-to-School Blast from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 28, at the church. The free event will feature games, prizes, backpack giveaway, water slides, school supplies, hot dogs, George's Funnel Cakes and snow cones.

VVA Annual LZ 960 Benefit Run

MANNING — The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 960, in Manning is hosting a

benefit run beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4, at Lakevue Landing. The check-in will be held at 4 p.m. at Lakevue. The entry fee is \$10 for all participants with cash prizes for the top three finishers. There will be six stops on the route, including Meare's Marine (formerly J & J Marina), Taw Caw Campground and Marina, Goat Island Bait & Tackle-Restaurant & Lounge, Polly's Landing Marina, Randolph's Landing and Lakevue Landing. Entry forms are available from any chapter member, any of the stops or by calling (803) 460-8551 or (803) 478-4300. Entry forms may be obtained after 9 a.m. the day of the event at Lakevue. Entry forms must have all six stamps to be eligible for the cash prizes. Participants without all six stamps will be eligible for door prizes and supper.

National Night Out set for Aug. 7 at park

MANNING — Clarendon County law enforcement agencies are hosting National Night Out from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 7, at J.C. Britton Park, 3057 Raccoon Road. The countywide event focuses on "promoting neighborhood spirit and police-community partnership" as well as "Making Our Community Safe." Attendees can enjoy food, drinks, prizes and music. In case of inclement weather, the event will move into the Manning High School gymnasium, 1155 Paxville Highway.

CAMP Happy Days

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Pets of the week



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A public hearing will be held by Clarendon County Council at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 13, 2018 in the Council Chambers of the Clarendon County Administration Building located at 411 Sunset Drive in Manning, SC regarding the following proposed amendments: (1) Amendment to the Unified Development Code, Ordinance #2018-05 amending UDC Article III Permitted Uses, Section 32.03, Table III-3 regarding Solar Farms. (2) Amendment to the Official Zoning Map, Ordinance #2018-06 changing the zoning district classification on property owned by Nadalyn Lighthill, Tax Map Parcel 219-00-01-050-00, 2643 Little Star Road in Alcolu from Single Family Residential (SFR) to Agriculture II (AGII). Documents related to Ordinances #2018-05 and #2018-06 are available for public inspection in the Clarendon County Planning Commission office located at 411 Sunset Drive in Manning, SC, or you may direct inquiries by telephone to 803-435-8672.

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COMMENTARY

Amending the agenda

I was in Mount Pleasant recently. It had been years since I had driven north of Shem Creek on Coleman Boulevard. My drive north in search of lunch put into context the Save Shem Creek movement and the desire of many residents to slow development in the town.

My drive was educational. Low-rise, lower-density development had been replaced by high-rise buildings at street's edge and strip mall sprawl. I could have been in Myrtle Beach except for the absence of T-shirt shops.

The conflict between development and preservation came to a head in a suit filed against the town by a developer. The suit named as defendants the Town of Mount Pleasant and members of town council in their individual capacities. Council members were apparently told by town attorneys that they faced potential personal liability from the suit. Court-required mediation resulted in the development of a settlement agreement that, upon approval by town council, would give the developer the right to higher-density construction than might otherwise have been available.

The settlement agreement was on the town council agenda in July last year for an executive session discussion and possible approval. As is often the case, the appearance of a controversial development agreement on the agenda drew a crowd. The matter was on the published agenda under item XI.C.1. entitled "Executive Session."

At the outset of the meeting, a member of council moved to amend the agenda to move the settlement agreement Executive Session item, XI.C.1.a., to an earlier position on the agenda. The motion to amend the agenda was adopted unanimously. The motion to enter executive session for the settlement agreement discussion failed on a 4-4 vote. One member, citing the potential for personal liability, withdrew from the meeting. Another member citing potential personal liability recused himself from the discussion. A public discussion was then held on the settlement agreement and the potential for personal liability of council members. A second motion for executive session on the item was adopted on a 4-3 vote. Two additional council members elected not to participate in the executive session. Five members of council participated.

Upon reconvening from executive session at 10:09 p.m., the chair stated that no action had been taken and no votes had been taken in executive session. No motions were made in open session with respect to the proposed settlement agreement. Many of the citizens interested in the settlement agreement discussion and vote left the meeting. Council moved on to the next items on the agenda.

At 11:36 p.m., the chair stated the need to enter executive session to consider the remaining agenda items, excluding the settlement agreement item which had been moved by the amended agenda to the beginning of the meeting. The vote to enter executive session to consider the executive session items other than the settlement agreement was unanimous. Upon reconvening in public, the chair announced that no votes had been taken in executive session.

The next agenda item was XI.D. labeled "Post Executive Session" with the entry "Council may take action upon reconvening from Executive Session." Under that agenda item, a motion to approve the settlement agreement discussed earlier in the meeting was approved 4-3.

Opponents of the settlement agreement were unhappy, and their unhappiness may have been a significant factor in a subsequent town election which resulted in the defeat of the incumbent mayor and the seating of four new council members. The new mayor, Will Haynie, sought an opinion from the attorney general on the potential for personal liability for council members and the validity under the FOIA of the action to approve the settlement agreement after the second executive session which did not identify the agreement as a subject of discussion in the second session.

As has been the tradition of the Office of the Attorney General for more than 40 years, the opinion, written by Solicitor General Robert D. Cook, concluded that the general assembly in adopting the FOIA directed the courts to apply the law to maximize opportunities for the public to be advised of governmental actions. The opinion also concluded that following the directive of the General Assembly, the courts would apply the law to find the action to approve the settlement agreement absent a second two-thirds vote by council to amend the agenda to again take up the settlement agreement was in violation of the FOIA.

The opinion also stated that individual council members would not have personal liability for their quasi-legislative actions.

City, county and school board attorneys around the state should take notice of the opinion's characterization of the vote on the silently resurrected settlement agreement, "A court could conclude that council played 'musical chairs' with the public." Since it is baseball season I would liken the action to the classic "Hidden Ball Trick."

Given the division on council, it seems unlikely that a motion to amend the agenda a second time to bring the settlement agreement for a vote could have obtained the necessary two-thirds vote. Since the options were to approve the settlement or continue the litigation, no emergency was presented requiring immediate action for which no notice could be given.

Those who believe in open government in South Carolina should say thanks to Mr. Cook for this thoughtful and well-reasoned opinion. To those who want government to be by the few for the well-connected, please curse under your breath.

Jay Bender is a retired University of South Carolina professor and media lawyer who represents the S.C. Press Association and its newspapers.



COMMENTARY

Kavanaugh confirmation Kabuki

Theater, much like Japan's Kabuki — that's all the Supreme Court confirmation process is. Donald Trump's presentations of his two nominees, Judge Neil Gorsuch last year and Judge Brett Kavanaugh on Monday, were uncharacteristically graceful — a worthy theatrical innovation, in the view of even some Trump critics.

Now we get to watch clips of Kavanaugh's visits to senators' offices — where he'll most likely never return to after

the playacting is over — with cordial words from Republicans certain to vote for him and maybe even from Democrats certain to vote against.

Then there will be hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee, presided over by the folksy but canny Chairman Chuck Grassley, with the ranking Democrat, Dianne Feinstein, perhaps restrained by her imposition of what sounded like a constitutionally prohibited religious test for office on another judge on Trump's Supreme Court shortlist.

This process is ostensibly to enable senators to make informed decisions. But Kavanaugh is certain to invoke the 1993 precedent set by his District of Columbia Circuit predecessor Ruth Bader Ginsburg. She refused to say how she'd vote in any case.

Curiously, our constitutional republic managed to get along for 127 years without Senate hearings on Supreme Court nominees, and for the next 61, many justices were confirmed after perfunctory

hearings or none at all.

Any suspense about the outcome has been eliminated by Senate Democrats' decision to end the filibuster for lower-court nominees and their threatening one against Gorsuch, which predictably led Republicans to apply their rule to Supreme Court nominees. Sometimes partisan rage leads politicians to do self-defeating things.

Journalists, too. CNN's legal expert Jeffrey Toobin quickly tweeted that Kavanaugh's confirmation would mean "abortion illegal; doctors prosecuted; gay people barred from restaurants, hotels, stores; African-Americans out of elite schools; gun control banned in 50 states; the end of regulatory state."

That's mostly silly. How many commercial establishments want to bar gay people (assuming they could identify them)? How many elite schools want to reject all black applicants?

As for abortion, Democrats have predicted that every Republican nominee would overturn Roe v. Wade. But Roe isn't even the operative precedent today. Planned Parenthood v. Casey later allowed some restrictions on abortion and recognized that medical progress might require allowing more. Assumptions that the "arc of history" will always move toward abortion are being undermined at every step by polls and practice.

Polls show stable views on abortion, with most Americans favoring additional restrictions and younger voters perhaps even more anti-abortion than their elders. And in practice, abortions are increasingly rare. The pro-choice Guttmacher Institute reports that the peak year for the ratio of abortions per female between the

ages of 15 and 44 was 1982 and that the peak year for total abortions was 1990.

Since then, the number has fallen from 1.6 million annually to fewer than 1 million. Forty-four percent of abortion facilities are located in just two states, California and New York, according to one pro-life group, and 48 percent of abortions are performed in five — those two plus New Jersey, Florida and Illinois. A reversal of Roe and Casey would allow states to criminalize abortion, but states in which about 80 percent of current abortions are performed certainly wouldn't.

Toobin's tweet got one thing right. A Justice Kavanaugh, with Justice Gorsuch and others, might produce a consequential change in eroding or overturning the high court's 1984 decision in Chevron v. Natural Resources Defense Council, which requires courts to defer to regulatory agencies' interpretation of statutes. Reversal would require Congress to make hard choices rather than punt to unaccountable and anonymous regulators. That resembles moves by some members of Congress who want to reclaim the right to make trade policy rather than leave it to the president. The result might be fewer and more transparent laws.

But that's a subject for later columns, after the confirmation playacting ends and Kavanaugh takes his seat with his eight new colleagues.

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Former journalism professor's novel touches nerve with many an editor working in community press

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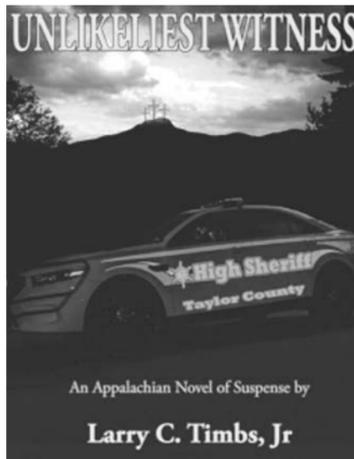
If the gruesome slaughter of five people happened in the newsroom of a paper in Annapolis, Maryland, could it happen in South Carolina?

What exactly could occur when a group of angry citizens have a festering gripe with their hometown community newspaper?

And how would the newspaper respond if this irate group of people seemed only to get angrier and more demanding by the day?

Even the community's high sheriff — under siege himself by that same crowd of complainants — seems to have no answers.

These are a couple of uncannily timely themes in a new novel — "Unlikeliest Witness" — published earlier this summer by Larry C.



Timbs Jr.

Timbs is a former community newspaper editor and retired Winthrop University journalism professor now living in the mountains of East Tennessee. He says that the big story of the recent newsroom shooting in Annapolis is something that all too many community newspapers can relate to.

"All it takes is one deranged or mentally ill person to bust into a newsroom and vent his spleen. Tragedy can quickly ensue," Timbs said. "If you're a journalist working in a small town in South Carolina, you can definitely relate to what I write about in my new book."

Unlikeliest Witness, published by Doggy Dog Press, is available on Amazon.

YOUTH SOFTBALL



PHOTO PROVIDED BY ASHLEY WELCH

The Sumter 7-8 year-old Dixie Darlings coaches pitch all-star softball team shows everyone who is No. 1 after it defeated Byrnes 19-17 to win the state tournament on Wednesday at Shaver Complex in Seneca. The team will now play in the Dixie Softball World Series in Alexandria, Louisiana, beginning on July 27.

Sumter 7-8 coaches pitch team goes undefeated winning state

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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It was far from an easy task, but the Sumter 7-8 year-old coaches pitch all-star softball team won the Dixie Darlings state tournament on Wednesday at Shaver Complex in Seneca.

It's the first time a Sumter all-star team has won state in that age group.

Sumter advances to the Dixie Darlings Softball World Series, which will be played in Alexandria, Louisiana, beginning on July 27.

Sumter won all five of its games in the tournament, but it had to come from behind to win four of the games.

"The only game that we didn't trail in was the first one," said Sumter manager Lance Welch. "They were all good games and we had to battle."

Sumter beat Midland Valley 10-6 in the opener on Saturday. It followed with a 6-5 win over Byrnes on Sunday, a 10-7

win over Westminster on Monday, a 14-8 triumph over Midland Valley on Tuesday, and a 19-17, 6-inning victory over Byrnes in the championship game on Wednesday.

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WIMBLEDON

Serena to play for eighth Wimbledon title

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
The Associated Press

LONDON — Yes, this will be Serena Williams' 10th Wimbledon final. Yes, it's her 30th title match at any major. And, well, sure, she's widely regarded as not just the best of her era, but any era.

Let others shrug at this latest accomplishment, as if all it signified were merely another chance at another in a long line of trophies. Williams is not shy about saying she, for one, is impressed by this. Rightly so. For it was only about 10 months ago she was having a baby and then dealing with a serious health scare that followed.

Even after all of that, even after more than a year away from the game, even in only the fourth tournament of her comeback, Williams showed she's still capable of dominance. Especially at the All England Club, where a relatively routine 6-2, 6-4 victory over 13th-seeded Julia Goerges of Germany on Thursday put Williams one win away from an eighth championship.

She's also closing in on her 24th Grand Slam title, which would equal Margaret Court's all-time record.

"A lot of people were saying, 'Oh, she should be in the final,'" the 36-year-old Williams said. "For me it's such a pleasure and a joy because, you know, less than a year ago, I was going through so much stuff."

After hitting five aces with a serve that reached 119 mph, delivering 16



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Serena Williams returns the ball to Julia Gorges during Williams' 6-2, 6-4 singles semifinal victory in the Wimbledon Championships in London on Thursday.

winner to only seven unforced errors, and covering the court so well with speed and effort, Williams will face another German, 11th-seeded Angelique Kerber, on Saturday.

"Whatever happens, honestly," Williams said, "it's an incredible effort from me."

The left-handed Kerber, a former No. 1 and two-time major champion, beat 12th-seeded Jelena Ostapenko 6-3, 6-3 earlier Thursday.

"Seeing her back, it's great," said Kerber, who has lost six of eight previous matches against Williams. "I know that she is always pushing you to the limits."

Kerber let 2017 French Open champion Ostapenko determine the outcome of nearly every point. By the end, Ostapenko had far more winners, 30-10, and far more unforced errors, 36-7.

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YOUTH TENNIS

Sumter Rally Cats to play in SC Junior Team championships

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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As the president of the Sumter Tennis Association, Dr. Carol Alan is looking for ways to improve tennis participation, especially among young people.

That's why she and her husband, Dr. Rodney Alan, formed

the Sumter Rally Cats, a Junior Team Tennis girls team that will be playing in the USTA SC Junior Team Tennis state championships in Camden beginning today and running through Sunday.

"We look at this as an opportunity to get kids and teenagers more involved in playing tennis, especially high school players," Carol Alan said. "We have a great facility (Palmetto Tennis Center) and this helps the high school teams."

The idea for the team came about when the Sumter Tennis Association was hosting pre high school play days at PTC in May. From that came the idea to put together a team to compete in the state tournament.

"This weekend is what we've been practicing, what we've been preparing for," Carol Alan said.

The team is made up of six girls from Sumter and Manning. They are Ella Alan and Rita Alan, the daughters of the Alans, Lucy McIver, Caroline McElveen, Jada Twine and Imani Wyatt.

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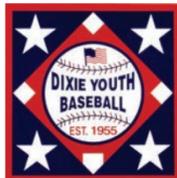
YOUTH BASEBALL

Sumter "O"Zone wins bracket in eventful fashion

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Sumter 11-12 year-old "O"Zone all-star baseball team fought its way back through the losers bracket, winning three games in less than 24 hours to win its 8-team, double-elimination bracket in its state tournament at Timken Sports Complex in Union.

Sumter will now face Hartsville National in the best-of-3 championship se-



ries in Moncks Corner on July 20-21. The winner will advance the Dixie Youth "O"Zone World Series in Lumberton, North Carolina.

Playing the final game on Tuesday, Sumter faced unbeaten Hartsville Northern and recorded a 3-0 win. Clark

Kinney, Ben Reynolds and Blake VanPatten combined to throw a 2-hit shutout. Ian Harris led the offense, going 2-for-2, while Sean Rouse doubled and scored a run.

With three teams remaining in the tournament bracket with one loss, Midlands drew the bye. That meant Sumter and Hartsville Northern had to face each other again on Wednesday morning. Sumter trailed 6-0 after four innings, but

scored four runs in both the fifth and sixth innings to pick up an 8-7 win and eliminate Hartsville Northern.

Harris had a single in the fifth to score Dylan Jones, who led off the fifth with a single and stolen base and got Sumter on the board, making it 6-1. After a VanPatten home run, Reynolds hit a 3-run home run to cut the lead to 6-4.

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PRO BASEBALL

Baby Braves looking to shake out of midseason swoon

BY CHARLES ODUM
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — As well as things have gone for the Atlanta Braves in the season's first half, lately there are troubling signs that something is not right.

Or maybe a lot of things are not right.

The Braves have lost six of eight games and this week briefly fell out of the NL East lead for the first time since May 30. They moved back into a first-place tie with Philadelphia with Wednesday night's win over Toronto. Atlanta was off Thursday before Friday night's opener of a home series against the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The Braves are looking to regain their momentum entering next week's All-Star break.

"We've just have to get back to getting the whole thing going," Braves manager Brian Snitker said Wednesday. "We're obviously struggling in a lot of different areas."

Snitker was far from panicked. He believes the downturn can be easily explained as a part of the normal flow of a season and said, "I just think teams are going to do that."

Even so, Snitker said he has



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Atlanta's Ozzie Albies watches his 2-run home run in the eighth inning of the Braves' 6-5 win over Toronto on Wednesday in Atlanta. The victory moved Atlanta back into a tie for first place in the National League East.

examined all options, including tweaks to his lineup. General manager Alex Anthopoulos also has to look closely at the team's recent downward trends as he considers possible trade options.

The Braves have interest in Baltimore's Manny Machado but are seen as a long shot to acquire the All-Star shortstop. Anthopoulos has said the team is unlikely to give up top prospects for a short-term rental, and Machado is approaching free agency.

Anthopoulos may be more willing to trade a pitching

prospect now that starters Sean Newcomb, Mike Foltynewicz and Mike Soroka have enjoyed success in Atlanta this season.

Trading a prospect for immediate help wouldn't have been considered a likely move for Anthopoulos at the beginning of the year. The rebuilding Braves were expected to contend in a year or two. But now that the Braves have spent much of the season in first place, the timetable for aggressive moves may have changed.

Injuries have left the rotation full of questions. Soroka

(right shoulder inflammation), Brandon McCarthy (right knee tendinitis) and Anibal Sanchez (right hamstring strain) are on the 10-day DL.

Left-hander Luiz Gohara, who had been in the bullpen, was optioned to Triple-A Gwinnett after Wednesday night's game. He is expected to use his time in Gwinnett to prepare for a possible spot in Atlanta's rotation after the break.

The team earned the nickname "Baby Braves" thanks to key players including 21-year-old All-Star Ozzie Albies and 20-year-old left fielder Ronald Acuna Jr. When Soroka, another 20-year-old, was in the rotation, the Braves had the three youngest players in the majors. Gohara, 21, could add even more youth.

Two more important players are only 24 — Newcomb and shortstop Dansby Swanson. Foltynewicz is a first-time All-Star at 26.

With so much youth, growing pains were inevitable. Newcomb and Foltynewicz have each allowed five earned runs in two straight starts.

Hard-throwing left-handed reliever A.J. Minter has four saves but gave up four runs, three earned, while recording only one out in Tuesday night's 6-2 loss to Toronto.

Meanwhile, leadoff hitter Ender Inciarte is hitting only .246, and Snitker pulled him from Sunday's loss in Milwaukee for a lack of hustle. Inciarte was back in the lineup for the two-game series with Toronto.

Snitker wouldn't blame the team's recent offensive struggles on "one or two guys."

"We haven't been hitting on all cylinders," Snitker said.

Nick Markakis, selected to his first All-Star team at 34, Freddie Freeman and Albies have helped keep the team in first place.

Albies became only the sixth player in franchise history to hit homers from both sides of the plate in the same game on Wednesday night. He already has 20 homers, the most for a Braves player before the All-Star break since Andruw Jones hit 20 in 2006.

Albies has hits in 19 of his last 20 games, pushing his average to .288.

Freeman described Albies as "unbelievable to watch."

Foltynewicz said, "I'm excited he's on my team."

Snitker hopes Albies can be a model for teammates who are struggling after strong starts.

"He's adjusted," Snitker said. "He's doing what good players do."

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
5:30 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Scottish Open Second Round from East Lothian, Scotland (GOLF).
8 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Wimbledon Men's Semifinal Matches from London (ESPN).
8 a.m. — International Cycling: Tour de France Stage 7 from Chartres, France (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
9:30 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Scottish Open Second Round from East Lothian, Scotland (GOLF).
Noon — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice from Sparta, Ky. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
1:30 p.m. — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Senior Players Championship Second Round from Highland Park, Ill. (GOLF).
2 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Pole Qualifying from Sparta, Ky. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
3 p.m. — Exhibition Golf: American Century Championship First Round from South Lake Tahoe, Nev. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
4 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Consolation Playoff Game from Las Vegas (ESPN).
4 p.m. — PGA Golf: John Deere Classic Second Round from Silvis, Ill. (GOLF).
4:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Consolation Playoff Game from Las Vegas (NBA TV).
5 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Alco 300 Pole Qualifying from Sparta, Ky. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
6 p.m. — International Softball: International Cup Pool A Game from Irvine, Calif. — Puerto Rico vs. USA Red (ESPN2).
6 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Consolation Playoff Game from Las Vegas (ESPN).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXV-AM 1240).
6:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Consolation Playoff Game from Las Vegas (NBA TV).
6:30 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice from Sparta, Ky. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. — Professional Boxing: Joet Gonzalez vs. Rafael Rivera in a Featherweight Bout from Los Angeles (ESPN).
7 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Indiana at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
7 p.m. — Professional Golf: Web.com Tour Utah Championship Second Round from Farmington, Utah (GOLF).
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Yankees at Cleveland or Toronto at Boston (MLB NETWORK).
7:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Arizona at Atlanta (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Consolation Playoff Game from Las Vegas (ESPN).
8:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Consolation Playoff Game from Las Vegas (NBA TV).
9 p.m. — CFL Football: Toronto at Edmonton (ESPN2).
9 p.m. — LPGA Golf: Marathon Classic Second Round from Sylvania, Ohio (GOLF).
10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Consolation Playoff Game from Las Vegas (ESPN).
10:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Consolation Playoff Game from Las Vegas (NBA TV).

SATURDAY
7:30 a.m. — International Lacrosse: FIL World Lacrosse Championship Match from Netanya, Israel — Australia vs. United States (ESPN).
7:30 a.m. — International Cycling: Tour de France Stage 8 from Amiens Metropole, France (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
9 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Wimbledon Women's Championship Match from London (ESPN).
10 a.m. — International Soccer: FIFA World Cup Third-Place Match from Saint Petersburg, Russia — England vs. France (WACH 57).
10 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Scottish Open Third Round from East Lothian, Scotland (GOLF).
11 a.m. — International Lacrosse: FIL World Lacrosse Championship Match from Netanya, Israel — Canada vs. Scotland (ESPN).
Noon — International Softball: International Cup Pool B Game from Irvine, Calif. — Japan vs. USA Blue (ESPN2).
12:30 p.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Scottish Open Third Round from East Lothian, Scotland (WIS 10).
1 p.m. — PGA Golf: John Deere Classic Third Round from Silvis, Ill. (GOLF).
1 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Toronto at Boston or Milwaukee at Pittsburgh (MLB NETWORK).
2 p.m. — Track and Field: Athletics World Cup Day from London (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
3 p.m. — Exhibition Golf: American Century Championship Second Round from South Lake Tahoe, Nev. (WIS 10).
3 p.m. — PGA Golf: John Deere Classic Third Round from Silvis, Ill. (WLTN 19).
3 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Wimbledon Women's Championship Match from London (WOLO 25).
3 p.m. — LPGA Golf: Marathon Classic Third Round from Sylvania, Ohio (GOLF).
4 p.m. — International Softball: International Cup Pool A Game from Irvine, Calif. — Chinese Taipei vs. USA Red (ESPN).
4 p.m. — Women's Senior Golf: U.S. Senior Women's Open Third Round from Wheaton, Ill. (FOX SPORTS 1).
4 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Atlanta (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
4 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Washington at New York Mets or Arizona at Atlanta (MLB NETWORK).
4 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Second-Round Playoff Game from Las Vegas (NBA TV).
4:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Second-Round Playoff Game from Las Vegas (ESPN2).
5 p.m. — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Senior Players Championship Third Round from Highland Park, Ill. (GOLF).
5 p.m. — IRL Racing: IndyCar Series Honda Indy Toronto Pole Qualifying from Toronto (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
6 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Second-Round Playoff Game from Las Vegas (NBA TV).
6:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Second-Round Playoff Game from Las Vegas (ESPN2).
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Yankees at Cleveland (WACH 57).

7 p.m. — Arena Football: Albany at Washington (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. — Professional Boxing: Regis Prograis vs. Juan Jose Velasco in a Super Lightweight Bout from New Orleans (ESPN).
7 p.m. — Professional Golf: Web.com Tour Utah Championship Second Round from Farmington, Utah (GOLF).
7:30 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Quaker State 400 from Sparta, Ky. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK, WEGX-FM 92.9).
8 p.m. — NWSL Soccer: Orlando at Utah (ESPNEWS).
8:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Second-Round Playoff Game from Las Vegas (ESPN2).
10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at San Diego (MLB NETWORK).
10:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Second-Round Playoff Game from Las Vegas (ESPN2).

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	65	29	.691	—
New York	60	31	.659	3½
Tampa Bay	48	44	.522	16
Toronto	42	49	.462	21½
Baltimore	26	67	.280	38½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	50	41	.549	—
Minnesota	41	49	.456	8½
Detroit	40	55	.421	12
Chicago	31	61	.337	19½
Kansas City	26	66	.283	24½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	62	34	.646	—
Seattle	58	35	.624	2½
Oakland	53	41	.564	8
Los Angeles	47	46	.505	13½
Texas	40	54	.426	21

WEDNESDAY
 Tampa Bay 4, Detroit 2
 Minnesota 8, Kansas City 5
 N.Y. Yankees 9, Baltimore 0
 Boston 4, Texas 2
 Cleveland 19, Cincinnati 4
 Atlanta 9, Toronto 5
 Chicago White Sox 4, St. Louis 0
 Oakland 8, Houston 3
 Seattle 3, L.A. Angels 0

THURSDAY
 Oakland 6, Houston 4
 Philadelphia at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.
 Toronto at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
 Seattle at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.

TODAY
 Texas (Hamels 4-8) at Baltimore (Cobb 2-11), 7:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (German 2-4) at Cleveland (Bieber 4-1), 7:10 p.m.
 Toronto (Borucki 0-1) at Boston (Porcello 11-3), 7:10 p.m.
 Detroit (Fiers 6-5) at Houston (Keuchel 6-8), 8:10 p.m.
 Kansas City (Keller 2-3) at Chicago White Sox (Shields 3-10), 8:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Eovaldi 3-3) at Minnesota (Odorizzi 4-6), 8:10 p.m.
 Seattle (TBD) at Colorado (Senzatela 3-2), 8:40 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Pena 1-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 4-2), 10:10 p.m.
 Oakland (Jackson 1-0) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 2-3), 10:15 p.m.

SATURDAY
 Toronto at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
 Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.
 Detroit at Houston, 4:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at L.A. Dodgers, 7:15 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland, 7:15 p.m.
 Texas at Baltimore, 7:15 p.m.
 Seattle at Colorado, 9:10 p.m.
 Oakland at San Francisco, 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	51	40	.560	—
Philadelphia	51	40	.560	—
Washington	46	46	.500	5½
New York	37	53	.411	13½
Miami	39	56	.411	14
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	55	38	.591	—
Chicago	52	38	.578	1½
St. Louis	47	44	.516	7
Pittsburgh	43	49	.467	11½
Cincinnati	41	52	.441	14
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	51	43	.543	—
Los Angeles	50	42	.543	—
Colorado	48	45	.516	2½
San Francisco	49	46	.516	2½
San Diego	40	55	.421	11½

WEDNESDAY
 Pittsburgh 2, Washington 0
 San Francisco 5, Chicago Cubs 4, 13 innings
 Cleveland 19, Cincinnati 4
 Miami 5, Milwaukee 4, 12 innings
 N.Y. Mets 3, Philadelphia 0, 10 innings
 Atlanta 9, Toronto 5
 Chicago White Sox 4, St. Louis 0
 Colorado 19, Arizona 2
 L.A. Dodgers 4, San Diego 2

THURSDAY
 Colorado 5, Arizona 1
 Philadelphia at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
 Washington at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

TODAY
 Milwaukee (Guerra 6-5) at Pittsburgh (Kingham 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Arrieta 6-6) at Miami (Chen 2-6), 7:10 p.m.
 Washington (Roark 3-11) at N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 4-1), 7:10 p.m.
 Arizona (Godley 10-6) at Atlanta (Sanchez 4-2), 7:35 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Harvey 4-5) at St. Louis (Martinez 6-4), 8:15 p.m.
 Seattle (TBD) at Colorado (Senzatela 3-2), 8:40 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Chatwood 3-5) at San Diego (Richard 7-8), 10:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Pena 1-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 4-2), 10:10 p.m.
 Oakland (Jackson 1-0) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 2-3), 10:15 p.m.

SATURDAY
 Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 12:35 p.m., 1st game
 Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 4:05 p.m., 2nd game
 Arizona at Atlanta, 4:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati at St. Louis, 4:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Miami, 4:10 p.m.
 Washington at N.Y. Mets, 4:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at L.A. Dodgers, 7:15 p.m.
 Seattle at Colorado, 9:10 p.m.
 Oakland at San Francisco, 10:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

WORLD CUP SOCCER

QUARTERFINALS
Friday, July 6
 At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia
 France 2, Uruguay 0
 At Kazan, Russia
 Belgium 2, Brazil 1
Saturday, July 7
 At Samara, Russia
 England 2, Sweden 0
 At Sochi, Russia
 Croatia 2, Russia 2, Croatia advanced 4-3 on penalty kicks

SEMIFINALS
Tuesday, July 10
 At St. Petersburg, Russia
 France 1, Belgium 0
Wednesday, July 11
 At Moscow
 Croatia 2, England 1, OT

THIRD PLACE
Saturday, July 14
 At St. Petersburg, Russia
 Belgium vs. England, 10 a.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday, July 15
 At Moscow
 France vs. Croatia, 11 a.m.

WNBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	12	8	.600	—
Atlanta	10	9	.526	1½
Connecticut	10	10	.500	2
Chicago	7	13	.350	5
New York	6	14	.300	6
Indiana	2	18	.100	10
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	15	6	.714	—
Phoenix	14	7	.667	1
Dallas	12	8	.600	2½
Los Angeles	13	9	.591	2½
Minnesota	12	8	.600	2½
Las Vegas	9	12	.429	6

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
 Atlanta 106, Washington 89
 New York 79, Connecticut 76
 Minnesota 87, Indiana 65

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Dallas 92, Los Angeles 77

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 Phoenix at Connecticut, 7 p.m.
 Chicago at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Indiana at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
 Las Vegas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
 Dallas at Seattle, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

THURSDAY BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Placed 3B Rafael Devers on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Wednesday. Recalled INF Tzu-Wei Lin from Pawtucket (IL).
DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned RHP Victor Alcantara to Toledo (IL).
MINNESOTA TWINS — Placed DH/1B Logan Morrison on the 10-day DL. Reinstated SS Ehre Adrianza from the 10-day DL.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Signed LHP Miguel Vargas; OFs Kevin Alcantara, Mauro Borcino, Christopher Familia and D'Vaughn Knowles; SSS Marcos Cabrera, Jose Colmenares, Maikel Escotto and Dayro Perez; Cs Keyen Camacho, Nicolas Garcia, Agustin Ramirez and Jesus Rodriguez; and RHPs Juan Carelia, Starling Perez, Ignacio Radney, Rafael Severino and Tyrone Yulie to minor league contracts.

WORLD CUP SOCCER

Underdog status suits Croatia perfectly for World Cup final

BY JAMES ELLINGWORTH
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — A billion-dollar assembly of stars makes France the favorite for the World Cup final, a scenario that Dejan Lovren is pitching as perfect for Croatia's biggest ever game.

"We love to be the underdogs," Lovren said in the wake of Croatia's England 2-1 extra-time win over England.

With a population of 4.3 million and a history of struggle, it's easy to see why. Not since Uruguay's win in 1950 has a country of so few people reached a World Cup final.

Croatia's players were born around the time an independent Croatia emerged from the wars which divided the former Yugoslavia in the early 1990s. Lovren and star midfielder Luka Modric were refugees as children.

Croatia still struggles economically and its football scene has been riven with hooliganism, crime and politics.

It's a country that breeds toughness in its players. The key to Croatia's success in Russia, Lovren said, is "Our mentality."

"War, all these things and even now the situation is not the best," he said. "It's unbelievable how many talents we have in sports."

Two years ago, Croatia's campaign at the 2016 European Championship was overshadowed by turmoil in the stands as fans hurled dozens of flares onto the field in protest against the football federation leadership. A year before that, a swastika was drawn on the field before a national-team game.



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Croatia head coach Zlatko Dalic, right, celebrates with Luka Modric after their team advanced to the World Cup final with a 2-1 victory over England in a semifinal match in Moscow on Wednesday.

PRO GOLF

British Open returns to the nasty links of Carnoustie

BY DOUG FERGUSON

The Associated Press

Carnoustie is known as much for the calamity it causes as the British Open champions it crowns.

Any mention of Carnoustie immediately brings back that image of Jean Van de Velde, equal parts tragedy and comedy, standing in Barry Burn on the 18th hole with water up his shins and rising. He made triple bogey to lose a three-shot lead, and then completed as great a collapse as can be found in a major championship by losing in a three-man playoff in 1999.

Just don't get the idea Van de Velde owns all the rights to bad endings at Carnoustie.

Jose Jurado was the first victim.

He had a three-shot lead going into the final round in 1931 and was still two shots clear late in the round until coming undone in the brutal closing stretch, topping one shot on the 17th hole into the burn. He lost out to Tommy Armour.

More recently was Pdraig Harrington, only it worked out well for him in 2007. Playing the 18th with a one-shot lead, the Irishman hit his tee shot into the Barry Burn. He took a penalty drop and then hit his next shot into the winding stream. Harrington managed the best double bogey of his life. It got him into a playoff when Sergio Garcia made bogey from the bunker, and Harrington went on to win his first major.

Of the six previous Opens on these menacing links, Ben Hogan is the only winner to hold a 54-hole lead.

For most everyone else, Carnoustie always seem to dish out its share of carnage. Rod Pampling once opened with a 71 and had the lead. He followed with an 86 and missed the cut. Phil Mickelson still hasn't seen a weekend at Carnoustie. Garcia made his major debut as a professional at Carnoustie. He shot 89.

"That's a brutal course," Bernhard Langer said. He speaks from experience in 1999, when Langer had his third-highest score of the 23 Opens he completed. He shot 297, and he tied for 18th that week.

The first time Tiger Woods went an entire round without a birdie in a major was in 1999 at Carnoustie.

"I think I made one birdie on the weekend and I finished three or four



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Pdraig Harrington looks down to where his ball landed in the Barry Burn during the final round of the 2007 British Open in Carnoustie, Scotland. Carnoustie, which is where this year's British Open will be played, is known more for the calamity it causes than the champions it produces.

back of the playoff," Woods said. "That was ridiculous how hard it was."

One month after Shinnecock Hills was punishing as ever in the U.S. Open, golf's oldest championship doesn't figure to be much of a reprieve. Scotland has been going through a warm, dry patch of weather, which figures to make it firm and bouncy.

Mickelson, who played Carnoustie a week before the Open, said it was unlikely he would even carry a driver.

"I'm either going to carry a driver or that hot 3-wood, but there's only two or three holes — there's actually only two holes I plan on using it, both par 5s. I have a low 1-iron that I've been putting in the bag and ... it's very low. Gets on the ground quick. I'll hit that on probably the last ten holes, almost every hole."

Carnoustie in any conditions is regarded as a beast, with a reputation as the toughest links in the world. Sir Michael Bonallack, the former R&A secretary, might have sized it up the best when he said, "When the wind is blowing, it is the toughest course in Britain. And when it's not blowing, it's probably still the toughest."

In recent Opens, it has picked up a nickname: Car-nasty.

For so much of the field, it will be a new experience. Only two players

from the top 10 in the world have played a British Open at Carnoustie — Justin Rose and Rory McIlroy, who was an 18-year-old amateur in 2007 and immediately showed his potential when he opened with a 68. He tied for 42nd that week.

Only 33 players in the 156-man field have played an Open at Carnoustie, and only 12 have played it twice.

Defending champion Jordan Spieth only knows it from television.

He was 13, just starting to blossom as a junior, and he watched the Open from home as Garcia and Harrington tried to survive the finish.

"I remember ... how good of a score par was on that hole and will continue to be for Opens going forward," Spieth said. "It's one of probably the toughest closing holes in the Open Championship anywhere, and that creates some drama when it comes down to Sunday, as we've seen. And I don't think it will be any different this year."

Carnoustie gets its mean streak from the way the course was set up in 1999, with narrow fairways and high grass. But its strength comes from the wind, like most links courses, and this course near the North Sea is particularly exposed.

It measures 7,402 yards, which is 19

yards shorter — yes, shorter — than it was in 2007, the last time the Open was at Carnoustie.

Spieth will try to become the first player in 10 years to repeat as British Open champion, and right now he'd simply settle for a chance. Since his closing 64 at the Masters to finish third, Spieth has finished at least 12 shots out of the lead in four of his seven tournaments. He missed the cut in the other three.

Like most majors these days, the Open figures to be wide-open.

Dustin Johnson, who lost a four-shot lead over the final two rounds at Shinnecock, is back to No. 1 in the world and eager to pick up another major. He has not played since the U.S. Open. The next three players behind him in the world ranking — PGA champion Justin Thomas, Rose and U.S. Open champion Brooks Koepka — all have a chance to replace him at No. 1.

Recent history would suggest a young American — the last five majors have been won by Americans in their 20s.

"It's definitely been pretty one-sided, and the Americans are dominating," Rose said. "So it would be lovely to turn that around next week."

Woods is happy to get another crack at it.

Carnoustie was his first experience with links golf in 1995, when he was still at Stanford and came over for the Scottish Open at Carnoustie ahead of the British Open at St. Andrews. He opened with a 69, closed with a 78 finished 48th.

"Carnoustie is an unbelievable driving golf course," Woods said. "You have to drive the ball well there, but also it's not your traditional in (and) out golf course. It's a lot of different angles, so a lot of different crosswinds. I have to be able to maneuver the golf ball both ways there efficiently. You just have to hit the golf ball well."

There is no faking. Nothing comes easily. No one really conquers Carnoustie. It's more about survival.

The highest compliment might have come from Tom Watson, who won his first major at Carnoustie in 1975 in a playoff over Jack Newton.

"Carnoustie is like an ugly, old hag who speaks the truth no matter how painful," Watson once said. "But it's only when you add up your score, you hear exactly what she thinks of you."

PRO BASEBALL

Harper headlines Home Run Derby field

NEW YORK (AP) — Washington Nationals slugger Bryce Harper will take on Atlanta Braves first baseman Freddie Freeman in an all-NL East matchup in the first round of the Home Run Derby on Monday night.

The 25-year-old Harper is the second seed at his home ballpark by virtue of his 22 homers through Tuesday's games. Freeman, the top NL vote-getter for Tuesday night's All-Star Game at Nationals Park, is the seventh seed with 16 homers.

"It should be fun. I'm hop-

ing the fans are excited for him and he gets nervous and gets a zero," Freeman said. "But we'll see what happens."

The field was revealed Wednesday night.

Milwaukee Brewers first baseman Jesus Aguilar faces Philadelphia Phillies slugger Rhys Hoskins in the opening round. Los Angeles Dodgers infielder Max Muncy meets Chicago Cubs infielder Javier Baez, and Houston Astros third baseman Alex Bregman faces Cubs outfielder Kyle Schwarber.

It's the second Home Run

Derby for Harper, and the first for the rest of the field. Harper lost to Yoenis Cespedes in the 2013 final at Citi Field in New York.

Aguilar is the top seed with 23 homers. He also won the final NL roster spot on Wednesday for the All-Star Game.

Baez and Schwarber are the 18th pair of teammates to enter the same Derby. The Cubs also had two players in the competition in 2015 when Kris Bryant and Anthony Rizzo competed in Cincinnati.

The inclusion of Muncy



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Washington's Bryce Harper will be one of the headliners in the Home Run Derby on Monday.

gives the Dodgers a Derby participant for the fifth consecutive year. The 27-year-old Muncy has 21 homers this

season in his first major league action since he hit two homers in 51 games with Oakland in 2016.

SPORTS ITEMS

Braves bounce back with 9-5 win over Blue Jays

ATLANTA — Ozzie Albies snapped Atlanta's power drought with two homers, and the Braves beat the Toronto Blue Jays 9-5 on Wednesday night to move back into a tie for the NL East lead.

Mike Foltynewicz (7-5) and the Braves led 7-0 before Toronto scored five runs in the seventh on Justin Smoak's leadoff homer and a grand slam by Devon Travis. But Albies hit a two-run shot in the eighth to help Atlanta hold on for just its second win in eight games.

Coupled with Philadelphia's loss to the New York Mets, the Braves moved into a tie with the Phillies for the division lead.

Albies, headed to his first All-Star game next week, led off the sixth with a drive off Luis Santos that ended Atlanta's season-long stretch of five games without a homer. He also had a sacrifice fly in the Braves' six-run second.

DANIEL MARTIN WINS STAGE 6 OF TOUR, VAN AVERMAET KEEPS LEAD

MUR DE BRETAGNE, France — Daniel Martin won an uphill finish to claim Stage 6 of the Tour de France on Thursday, while Greg Van Avermaet kept the overall lead for a third consecutive day.

Defending champion Chris Froome crossed eight seconds after Martin in 18th.

Martin broke away on the straight two-kilometer ascent of the Mur de Bretagne, winning the 181-kilometer (112-mile) leg that started in the western port city of Brest in over four hours.

Van Avermaet, a support rider for title hopeful Richie Porte, has held the yellow jersey since BMC won the team time trial on Stage 3.

Today's flat 231-kilometer leg from Fougères to Chartres is the longest stage of this Tour.

MICKELSON SAYS HE WILL TRY TO ACT BETTER ON COURSE

GULLANE, Scotland — Phil Mickelson says he wishes he could take back the moment when he swatted a moving golf ball at the U.S. Open. He says all he can do now is try to act a little better.

Mickelson spoke on Thursday after opening with an even-par 70 in the Scottish Open.

He has apologized previously for his actions on the Saturday in the U.S. Open, where he ran after a putt and hit it back toward the hole as it was rolling off the 13th green at Shinnecock Hills. Mickelson was penalized two shots and later said he did it on purpose.

Mickelson says he has done plenty of "dumb stuff" in his career. He says whatever backlash he suffers from other players and fans is his own fault.

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WIMBLEDON

30-love Wimbledon semifinals: Nadal-Djokovic, Isner-Anderson

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
The Associated Press

LONDON — After so much speculation about a possible Wimbledon final between Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, 10 years after their last, the tennis world instead will get a semifinal featuring another outstanding rivalry: Nadal vs. Novak Djokovic.

Friday's showdown will be their 52nd meeting overall — the most for any pair of men and 14 more installments than Federer vs. Nadal — and first at the All England Club since 2011.

That was also the last time Nadal made it past the fourth round at the grass-court major; Djokovic, who holds a 26-25 head-to-head lead, beat him in that year's final.

"We always played in important stages, important places," said Nadal, who had a far rougher go of things in the quarterfinals than Djokovic, needing more than 4½ hours to edge Juan Martin del Potro in a five-set thriller. "Friday is another important match against an opponent that is one of the most difficult ones that you can face. He's playing well. Only way to try to win it



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Rafael Nadal celebrates defeating Juan Martin Del Potro in their quarterfinal match in the Wimbledon Championships in London on Wednesday. Nadal will take on Novak Djokovic in a semifinal match today.

is (to) play very well."

The first semifinal at Centre Court, between No. 8 seed Kevin Anderson of South Africa and No. 9 John Isner of the U.S., features two powerful servers with similar games who have a lot less star power and considerably fewer Grand Slam trophies, to say the least: The Nadal-Djokovic combined count is 29, including five at Wimbledon.

There are zero major titles

so far for either Isner, 33, or Anderson, 32, who shockingly ended Federer's bid for a ninth championship at Wimbledon by erasing a match point and beating him 13-11 in the fifth set of their quarterfinal Wednesday.

At least Anderson can boast of one runner-up finish, and it was recent, against Nadal at last year's U.S. Open.

"I'm trying to get to where he's already been," said Isner,

who has won all 95 of his service games this fortnight, thanks in part to a tournament-leading 161 aces. "He wants to get back there, wants another crack at a championship."

Isner, who leads Anderson 8-3 in past meetings, is making his debut in the final four of a Grand Slam tournament in his 41st appearance at one. He'd only once before reached the quarterfinals at any major, back in 2011, and never had been past the third round at the All England Club.

Add in Nadal, 32, and Djokovic, 31, and it's the first time in the half-century of professional tennis that all four male semifinalists at any Slam are in their 30s.

That's a reflection of a trend that's been present in the men's game for quite some time.

With the increasingly physical nature of rallies, the advances in training and nutrition that help extend careers, and the dominance of a certain trio of all-time talents — Federer has 20 Grand Slam titles, Nadal 17, Djokovic 12 — it's been hard for any youngsters to elbow their way to the top.

Djokovic seems to once again be claiming his spot

among the very elite.

Since winning the 2016 French Open to complete a career Grand Slam and collect a fourth consecutive major trophy, he hasn't added to his total. He has one Slam final appearance in that span.

A significant part of the problem was a painful right elbow that forced him off the tour for the second half of 2017 after he stopped playing during his Wimbledon quarterfinal. After more than a year of trouble, Djokovic finally had surgery in February, then took a while to find his groove.

"If I have to compare the game that I've played, the level of tennis that I've had (all of) those years and today, I think it's pretty close. ... I know, as everything in life, we are evolving. I'm a different person, different player today," Djokovic said.

"I like the level of tennis that I'm playing on right now. I really do. I think with the performances I've had, I deserve to be in the semifinals," he continued. "I don't want to stop here. I hope I can get a chance to fight for a trophy."

He'll need to get past Nadal first.



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY ASHLEY WELCH

The Sumter 7-8 year-old Dixie Darlings coaches pitch all-star softball team displays the trophy and the championship flag it received after beating Byrnes 19-17 to win the state tournament on Wednesday at Shaver Complex in Seneca.

DARLINGS FROM PAGE B1

After pulling out the 1-run triumph over Byrnes in the second game, the Sumter Darlings found themselves down six runs in the third inning against Westminster before rallying for the victory. In its second meeting with Midland Valley, Sumter behind 4-0 before rallying to become the last undefeated team in the tournament.

None of those rallies compared to the one Sumter pulled off against Byrnes on Wednesday though.

The Sumter Darlings

trailed 13-10 going into the final inning of the 5-inning contest. They scored three runs in the top of the inning to tie the game and held Byrnes scoreless in the bottom of the inning to force extra innings.

Sumter scored six runs in the top of the inning and held Byrnes to just four in its at-bat to win the championship.

"I can't say enough about the way these girls played," Welch said. "They just fought back and battled and kept coming back."

AMERICAN LEGION STATE PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
Best-of-5 Series
Midlands Region
Sumter vs. Hartsville
Monday
Sumter — 10, Hartsville 0, 6 innings
Tuesday
Sumter 12, Hartsville 5, Sumter leads series 2-0
Wednesday
Sumter 8, Hartsville 3, Sumter wins series 3-0
Camden vs. Lexington
Monday
Camden 6, Lexington 5, 12 innings
Tuesday
Lexington 8, Camden 4
Wednesday
Camden 9, Lexington 5, Camden leads series 2-1
Thursday
Camden at Lexington (late)
Today
Lexington at Camden (if necessary)
Coastal Region
Florence vs. Hampton
Monday
Florence 9, Hampton 0
Tuesday
Florence 9, Hampton 2
Wednesday
Florence 6, Hampton 1, Florence wins series 3-0
Charleston/Goose Creek vs. Horry
Monday
Charleston/Goose Creek 2, Horry 0
Tuesday
Charleston/Goose Creek 2, Horry 0
Wednesday
Charleston/Goose Creek 12, Horry 6, Charleston/Goose Creek wins series 3-0
Piedmont Region
Gaffney vs. Rock Hill
Monday
Gaffney 2, Rock Hill 1
Tuesday
Gaffney 5, Rock Hill 4
Wednesday
Gaffney 7, Rock Hill 3, Gaffney wins series 3-0
Fort Mill vs. Spartanburg
Monday
Spartanburg 7 Fort Mill 0
Tuesday
Fort Mill 9, Spartanburg 1
Wednesday
Fort Mill 4, Spartanburg 3, Fort Mill leads series 2-1

Thursday
Fort Mill at Spartanburg (late)
Today
Spartanburg at Fort Mill (if necessary)
Upstate Region
Greenville vs. Greenwood
Monday
Greenwood 7, Greenville 4
Tuesday
Greenville 9, Greenwood 8
Wednesday
Greenwood 11, Greenville 2, Greenwood leads series 2-1
Thursday
Greenville at Greenwood (late)
Today
Greenwood at Greenville (if necessary)
Chapin/Newberry vs. Anderson
Monday
Anderson 10, Chapin/Newberry 6
Tuesday
Chapin/Newberry 8, Anderson 6
Wednesday
Anderson forfeits series, Chapin/Newberry wins series 3-1

SECOND ROUND
Best-of-5 Series
July 16-20
Midlands Region
Sumter vs. Camden or Lexington
Coastal Region
Florence vs. Charleston/Goose Creek
Piedmont Region
Gaffney vs. Fort Mill or Spartanburg
Upstate Region
Greenville or Greenwood vs. Chapin/Newberry

STATE TOURNAMENT
July 24
Game 1 -- Midlands winner at Coastal winner, TBA
Game 2 -- UpState winner at Piedmont winner, TBA at Spirit Communications Park (in Columbia)
July 25
Game 3 -- Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 3 p.m.
Game 4 -- Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7 p.m.
July 26
Game 5 -- Game 4 loser vs. Game 3 winner, 7 p.m.
July 27
Game 6 -- Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, TBA
Game 7 -- If necessary

CATS FROM PAGE B1

While other Junior Tennis Teams are co-ed, the Rally Cats will be competing in the single gender division for girls ages 12-18. They will be one of seven teams in their division and are scheduled to play eight matches this weekend.

A team match consists of three singles matches and two doubles matches.

"With the number of players we have, we're obviously going to have some playing in both," Carol Alan said.

Junior Team Tennis (JTT) is a program of the United States Tennis Association. It is a great complement to school tennis with a mission to provide a competitive, level-based environment that promotes individual

growth, social growth and life skills.

"Our hope is to build team tennis in our community and surrounding counties," Carol Alan said. "We want to do what we can to expose girls to tennis. There is a lot of (college) scholarship money available in tennis. We have lots of girls who play softball, volleyball and basketball. We want them to see what is available to them playing tennis."

SERENA FROM PAGE B1

Williams vs. Kerber will be a rematch of the 2016 final. Williams won that for a second consecutive Wimbledon title, then sat out the grass-court tournament last year while pregnant, part of a 16-month gap between majors.

After giving birth to daughter Olympia last September, Williams was treated for blood clots.

"I lost count after, like, four surgeries," said Williams, who has been wearing compression leggings this fortnight as a precaution.

Her first Grand Slam tournament back was the French Open, where she won three matches before withdrawing last month because of an injured chest muscle.

All of the time away pushed someone who's spent more than 300 weeks ranked No. 1 down the rankings — she began Wimbledon at 181st, but was seeded 25th on account of her past success — and no one could quite be sure how the American would fare over these two weeks.

Not even Williams knew. "This is not inevitable for me. I had a really tough delivery ... and almost didn't make it, to be honest," Williams said. "I remember I couldn't even walk to my mail box, so it's definitely not 'normal' for me to be in a Wimbledon final."

The victory over Goerges extended Williams' winning streak at Wimbledon to 20 matches, dating to the start of the 2015 edition. She's also won her past 15 Grand Slam matches since the start of the 2017 Australian Open, which she won while pregnant.

That title pushed her past Steffi Graf's record of 22 majors in the half-century professional era; Court won some of her Slams during the amateur era.

Williams' match against Goerges was even until 2-all, 30-all. Until then, Goerges, the first seeded player Williams faced these two weeks, showed she was capable of trading power from the baseline and big serves with Williams.

There were moments when watching Goerges made it easy to wonder how it could be possible she never had been past a major's fourth round until now. Or, more to the point on this afternoon, how such a stinging



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Angelique Kerber celebrates her victory over Jelena Ostapenko during their singles semifinal match in the Wimbledon Championships in London on Thursday. Kerber will face Serena Williams in the final on Saturday.

serve and groundstrokes didn't help her avoid first-round exits each of the past five years at Wimbledon.

But she couldn't keep up with Williams, who grabbed 18 of 22 points and five consecutive games to close the first set and begin the next.

"She brings her 'A game' in a lot of important moments," Goerges said. "We saw that she improved every single match she's playing here."

There was one brief blip to come: Williams got broken for the only time while serving for the match at 5-3. Immediately, though, she broke back at love to end it, placing her left fist on her chest when Goerges' last shot landed long.

Later, Williams was asked whether this has been her most trying comeback in a career that's had its share, including an earlier bout with blood clots in her lungs.

"I don't know if it's been the toughest, because I have Olympia. For me, I only see joy out of it," Williams said with a smile. "In a way, it's by far the toughest, but in a way it's by far the best."

STATE FROM PAGE B1

Hartsville Northern scored a single run in the top of the sixth to push the score back to 7-4 before Sumter rallied for four runs and the walk-off win in the bottom of the inning.

Chapell Brogdon drew a walk to lead off the inning, and consecutive singles by Kinney and Jones followed by an RBI single from Hayden Mims tied the game

at 7-7. Harris reached on a fielder's choice and advanced to second when VanPatten was hit by a pitch. Harris scored the winning run when an attempt to cut him down on a steal of third base bounced in to left field.

Harris flipped up the win on the mound, and Jones was 3-for-3 with two runs. In the bracket champion-

ship game, Sumter again trailed 3-0 after three innings but notched a single run in the fourth after a double by Mims. VanPatten doubled to lead off the fifth, and Sumter tied the game on a 2-run home run by Ben Reynolds.

Jones led off the sixth with a single and after a hit batter, scored the winning run on a double by Harris. Reynolds pitched a complete game to pick up the win.

RECRUITING CORNER

Top Palmetto State hoops stars near decisions

Two of the state's top basketball prospects are closing in on their college decisions.

Juwan Gary, a 6-foot-6-inch player from Gray Collegiate in Columbia, will make his announcement in the next few days and will be choosing from South Carolina, Clemson, Alabama, Virginia Tech and North Carolina State. Gary has visited all of his finalists in recent months. He originally had planned to announce on Nov. 15. Last season, Gary averaged 21 points and nine rebounds per game.

Josiah James, a 6-6 player from Porter-Gaud in Charleston, released a final nine of USC, Clemson, Kansas, Michigan State, Virginia, Duke, Tennessee, Arizona and Florida State. He plans to take his official visits starting in August. USC and Clemson have, of course, made James a priority.

"We all think they've done a better than normal job of getting to know the families and important people, and I think that's big for him," Porter-Gaud head coach John Pearson said. "I'm pretty sure those visits are going to happen with Clemson and Carolina. The in-state schools, he sort of has an affinity for that because it's close, and it's people he should know and all that good stuff. I think they remain high on his list of priorities."

James averaged 12 points, seven assists and six rebounds last season.

Clemson is now getting involved with 6-11 center **Brandon Stone** of Arden, N.C.

"They reached out and told me I'm what they're looking for and they're coming to watch me play this month," Stone said. "They want me to come visit when I go back to school."

Nebraska, East Carolina, South Florida and Arkansas are some other new schools on his radar. USC has been one of his top schools, but he said he hasn't heard from USC recently. Stone has taken an official visit to La Salle and has one scheduled for Penn State in late September. Pittsburgh also is involved.

FOOTBALL

USC

USC landed a commitment from a dynamic 2020 2-sport standout in outfielder and running back **Brandon Fields** of Orlando, Fla.

His baseball reputation nationally already is well established. He'll have the chance to build one in football this season as Dr. Phillips High School's top RB after being a backup last season.

Fields said from his discussions with USC head coach Will Muschamp, he'll sign a football letter-of-intent in December of '19.

"He told me I'll sign my letter of intent to play football and come on a full ride and for baseball I'll be walking on. That's how I think it's going to work," Fields said. "He's had 2-sport guys in the past, and he said that I'll be able to come in and get my feet wet a little bit when I get



Phil Kornblut

there. He just told me if I get here to get my feet wet, and we'll see where it goes from there. I think for me, talking to Muschamp and (USC baseball head coach Mark) Kingston, they were totally fine with that and had a plan on how that would work, so I think that was a big decision on committing to South Carolina."

Fields said his commitment ends his college recruiting despite having several other offers from schools willing to let him play both sports like North Carolina, Louisville, VT, UCLA, Florida Atlantic, Florida, Vanderbilt and Michigan.

However, the commitment won't end the effort of professional baseball to lure Fields, who had a .359 batting average with three home runs, 23 runs batted in and 27 stolen bases last season. On the gridiron last year, Fields only rushed the ball 58 times for 290 yards and three touchdowns. His commitment for the '20 football class gives the Gamecocks two RBs in the class.

Cornerback **Cam Smith** of Westwood High in Blythewood has made that move from off the radar to center stage in this football recruiting season. He capped his rise to prominence with notable performances in the Rivals Five Star Challenge in Atlanta and The Opening in Frisco, Texas.

That was the easy part. The hard part is deciding on his college choice, which he plans to announce on Aug. 17.

"Still weighing some things," said Smith, who has a final six of USC, Georgia, Wake Forest, FSU and Tennessee. Smith camped at USC last month and that's when Muschamp and defensive coordinator Travaris Robinson made him their offer.

"Coach Muschamp texts me and my mom every day," he said. "We talk about random things that's happening in the program. A great, building program. Right now they are rebuilding. They keep everybody in state like they had a couple of years ago."

Smith said FSU and Tennessee also are in touch daily, and Volunteers head coach Jeremy Pruitt is matching Muschamp text for text. Even though he is announcing on Aug. 17, Smith said he will take his official visits during the season, and USC "more than likely" will get one. He's undecided on the others.

Former Sumter High standout and USC defensive lineman commitment **Jahkeem Green** picked up an offer from Tennessee.

USC DL target **Jaquaze Sorrells** has set Aug. 27 for his commitment. He camped at USC in June and called USC a top school after that visit. Alabama, Texas A&M and FSU have also been recruiting him hard. He's a former UF commitment.

Offensive lineman **Warren McClen-**

don of Brunswick, Ga., told Kipp Adams of 247Sports he knows which school he will commit to and has informed that school. McClendon has taken recent visits to USC, UGA, UF and Auburn.

USC defensive back target **JR Walker** will announce a commitment on Oct. 12 or Oct. 13. He's been favoring NCSU over USC and UNC.

DB **Chris Steele** of Bellflower, Calif., who made an unofficial visit to USC during his recruiting, announced his commitment to Southern California last week.

CLEMSON

Linebacker/defensive end **Raymond Cutts** of Orlando was offered by Clemson in February and immediately put the Tigers in his top four.

"I hear from Clemson every day, every day non-stop, every day," Cutts said. "(Assistant coach) Todd (Bates) is telling me I can come in and be a factor. He's basically saying that if I come in and work hard and do what I got to do every day and grind, I can come in and play off that. They like the type of player I am, how versatile I am at both linebacker and D-end."

His first visit to Clemson will come when he takes his official visit this fall. He's anxious to see the place up close.

"I love Clemson, you know," Cutts said. "I'm going to have them in the picture when it's time (to commit)." Cutts said Louisville, Tennessee and Central Florida round out his top four, but more schools are coming on to him. He said Louisville and Tennessee also will get officials and he will make the short drive on his own dime to UCF to visit there. He does not have a favorite and is looking at the first week of fall camp for a decision. Cutts also said Bates is hard at work recruiting his teammate, LB **Marcus Tillman**, a former UF commitment. Tillman has set Aug. 10 for his commitment announcement.

He visited Clemson in March after getting his offer in February. Tillman also has a USC offer, and he visited in March. Some of his others are Kentucky, Louisville, Mississippi, Mississippi State, NCSU, VT and Ohio State.

Clemson has just one OL committed for the '19 class and that's **Hunter Rayburn** of Pensacola, Fla. The Tigers have missed on several other top OLs they have offered, but they continue to work their board and that includes **Will Putnam** of Tampa, Fla. He visited earlier this year and the contact between the two remains steady.

"I definitely hear from them probably every day or every other day, so I keep in contact with them pretty regularly," Putnam said. Putnam also has seen UF, FSU, A&M, Auburn and others in the recruiting process. Some of his other offers include Oregon, Texas, Miami and Southern Cal.

"Clemson is a school that I'm very interested in right now. I don't really have a top five, but they would definitely fall into that category, he said.

"It's definitely a school that I want to continue to keep in contact with and go from there. I'd like to make it back up to campus sometime and definitely before I make a decision. I'm still trying to decide if I want to make a decision before the season or more into the fall. It's whenever I feel ready. I don't want to rush it or drag it on."

DL **Enoch Jackson** of Mansfield, Texas, announced a final three of Clemson, Texas Tech and Arkansas. He plans to visit Clemson for the cookout at the end of this month.

Clemson is one of the top six with wide receiver **Julian Fleming** of Catawissa, Pa. The others are Ohio State, Southern Cal, VT, PSU and UGA.

Clemson is in the final five with DB **Jaden Davis** of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., along with UK, Oklahoma, PSU and Miami. He will announce a decision on Wednesday.

Clemson quarterback target **Brendon Clark** of Midlothian, Va., committed to Notre Dame. He also had UNC on his final list.

Clemson is in the top five with '20 OL **Myles Hinton** of Atlanta. The others are UGA, Michigan, Northwestern and Stanford.

CLEMSON AND USC

Mekhail Sherman, a '20 LB from Washington, has USC and Clemson in his top 10. The the others are Alabama, UGA, Auburn, ND, PSU, Ohio State, Oklahoma and Michigan.

DE **Byron Young** of Laurel, Miss., committed to Alabama. He had Clemson and USC on his short list.

OTHERS

OL **John Gelotte** of Dorman High in Roebuck committed to Duke, and LB **Jalen Miller** of Byrnes High in Duncan committed to Furman.

BASEBALL

One of USC's top signees for the '18 class, left-handed pitcher/OF **Josiah Sightler** of Swansea High, announced he will not sign with Cincinnati and will enroll in school this fall. Sightler was the Reds' 12th-round pick in the recent Major League Baseball draft. He's the highest drafted USC signee to decide to opt for school over the pros.

Clemson signee **Charles Mack** signed his contract with the Minnesota Twins. He was a sixth-round pick. **Jim Callis** of *MLB.com* reported Mack signed for \$500,000, well over the slot value for the 184th overall pick.

USC landed a commitment from '19 LHP **RJ Dantin** of Spartanburg High. He once was committed to Duke. He also drew recruiting interest from Clemson, College of Charleston, Louisiana State, Georgia Tech, NCSU, Auburn and others.

Harmon Cox, a '20 shortstop from A.C. Flora High in Columbia, committed to Clemson. Last season, Cox hit .291 with one HR and 21 RBI.

Cole Messina, a '21 infielder from Summerville High, committed to USC. He's USC's second commitment for the '21 class.

OBITUARIES

IRENE W. WRIGHT

Irene W. Wright entered eternal rest on July 9, 2018, at McLeod Hospice House, Florence.

The family is receiving friends and relatives at the residence, 620 Tolson Road, Lynchburg.

Visitation will be held from 2 until 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Funeral service will be held at noon on Saturday at Mount Pleasant African

Methodist Episcopal Church, Lynchburg, with the pastor, the Rev. Donnie McBride officiating. Interment will follow at the churchyard cemetery.

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

GREGORY B. PORTER

Gregory B. Porter, 49, departed this life on Monday, July 9, 2018, in Corinth, Texas. He was born on May 22,

1969, in Chicopee, Massachusetts, a son of Ernest and Ellen Jeter Porter.

The family will receive friends at the home of his mother, 221 N. Wise Drive, Sumter.

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

SETZER CONYERS

Setzer Conyers passed away on Wednesday, July 11, 2018.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Chapel AME Church, 1257 McLeod Court, Manning, with

burial at Sunset Sunrise Memorial Park.

Viewing for Mr. Conyers will be from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday at Chapel AME Church.

Square Deal Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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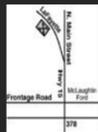
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LELAND GREEN

Leland "Slim" Green died on Sunday, July 8, 2018.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday at St. Peter AME Church in Pine-wood.



GREEN

Viewing will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Summerton Funeral Home LLC, 23 S. Duke St., Summerton, (803) 485-3755.

MARY JANE F. BARNETT

SUMMERTON — Mary Jane Louise Flynn Barnett, 84, wife of George Kenneth Barnett Sr., died on Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at her home.



BARNETT

Born on Aug. 30, 1933, in Bronx, New York, she was a daughter of the late Joseph Francis Flynn and Margaret

Walpole Flynn. She was a graduate of Cathedral High School. She received her nursing degree from St. Clare's Nursing School and her Doctor of Philosophy from St. John's College in Brooklyn, New York. She was a former assistant commissioner for disabled children for the state of New York and a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. She was a member of Hope Lutheran Church and the Love Sunday school class.

She is survived by her husband of Summerton; two sons, George K. Barnett Jr. and Gerard Joseph Barnett, both of Summerton; daughter, Peggy Margaret Mary Barnett of Mount Pleasant; and sister, Margaret Irene Goedtel of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

A memorial service will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday at Hope Lutheran Church with the Rev. Robert Beaver officiating.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday at Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the residence, 1134 Sailing Way, Summerton.

Memorials may be made to Hope Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 67, Vance, SC 29163.

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

RICHARD A. DYSON

SUMMERTON — The Rev. Richard Allen Dyson, age 57, husband of Myra Washington Dyson, entered into eternal



DYSON

rest on Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at his residence in Summerton.

Born in Clarendon County, he was a son of the late Mary G. Dyson.

The family will receive friends at the home, 17 Mayland Drive, Summerton.

Professional services entrusted to Dyson's Home for Funerals, 237 Main St., Summerton, (803) 485-4280.

DORIS S. SMITH

Doris Sheard Smith, wife of Edward Smith, was born on Oct. 21, 1936, the youngest daughter of the late Henrietta M. Sheard and Prezzie Sheard, and was raised in Santee.



SMITH

She departed this life on July 9, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

She attended Elloree Training School. After school, she moved to New York City and was employed by New York City Telephone, from which she retired after 20 years of service. She then relocated to Sumter and became a member of Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church. She extended a helping hand to family members and others with her generosity and love for all.

She is survived by her loving husband, Edward Smith; one daughter, Beverly (Kenneth) Garner of Brooklyn, New York; a granddaughter, Natalie Henry; a grandson, Elliott Sheard of Brooklyn; two sisters, Betty (Edward) Robinson of Brooklyn and Loretta (Garfield) Geddis of Melbourne, Florida; five brothers,

Nathan (Marie) Sheard, Alfred Sheard and John Sheard, all of Melbourne, the Rev. Willie Sheard of Santee and Henry Sheard of New York; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Sheard Plaier; and four brothers, Prezzie Sheard Jr., Herman M. Sheard, Steven Sheard and Richard A. Sheard.

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

The body will be placed in the church at 1 p.m. on Saturday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church, 803 S. Harvin St., Sumter, with Pastor Napoleon Bradford officiating and Pastor Marion H. Newton, eulogist.

Interment will follow at Smith Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the home, 4 King St., Sumter, SC 29150.

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.

JANIE W. WASHINGTON

Funeral services for Janie Williams Washington will be held at noon on Saturday at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 421 S. Main St., Sumter, with the Rev. Marvis L. Stewart, pastor, and the Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Bowman Sr., as eulogist. Interment will follow at Hillside Memorial Park cemetery.



WASHINGTON

The public may view from 3 to 7 p.m. today at Palmer Memorial Chapel, 304 S. Main St., Sumter.

The Alpha Pi Chi Inc. service will be held from 6 until 7 p.m.

Janie Williams Washington transitioned on Sunday, July 8, 2018, at her residence in Sumter.

Born in Sumter, she was a daughter of the late James and Corine Felder Williams. Janie received her early education at Stone Hill Elementary School and graduated in 1941 from Lincoln High School, Sumter. In 1946, she earned her Bachelor of Science degree from South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, and her master's degree from Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia. Mrs. Washington began her teaching career at Orangeburg County Training School, Orangeburg, and later moved to Sumter County. She taught at Mayesville Institute, Mayesville, Ebenezer High School and Hillcrest High School, Dalzell. She served Sumter School District 2 for 40 years as well as many other organizations. Mrs. Washington was indeed an embodiment of the motto "Lifting as We Climb." Mrs. Janie was a devoted and lifelong member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church, where she served on the administrative board, council one ministries, trustee board, finance committee, pastor parish relations, United Methodist Women, and as the Sunday school teacher for the three and four year olds. She was a member of the finance committee, United Methodist Women, stewardship committee and advisor to the soup kitchen.

Mrs. Washington was a member of the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Pi Chi Sorority Inc., Sumter, and served as president for 23 years.

Mrs. Washington leaves to cherish precious memories: her loving and devoted daughter-in-law, Lynette Dillon Washington of Columbia; her only grandson, Jason Lunde (Freed) Washington of Columbia; five great-grandchildren, Jayla, Jaquaris, Paris, Sydney and Khloe of Columbia; her loving and devoted adopted daughter, Ethel Grant Jones of Ruston, Louisiana; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Professional services rendered by Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.

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**JIMMIE NATHANIEL JR.**

Jimmie Nathaniel Jr., affectionately known as "Spur" to those who knew him, was born on Jan. 2, 1956, in Sumter County, a son of Bertie Lou McFadden and the late Jimmie Nathaniel Sr. Jimmie departed this life on Friday, July 6, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

He attended the public schools of Sumter County. He was employed by Santee Print for 17 years, and he was also an entrepreneur. He never met a stranger and really enjoyed spending time with his family. His passion was detailing cars.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Bertie Lou Thomas; two sons, Antonnial Davis and Johnquell Ford, both of Sumter; one granddaughter, M'Riyah Davis of Sumter; five brothers, Leo Williams and Ceasar Williams Jr., both of Kingstree, Perry (Sharon) Moten and Joe Moten, both of Sumter, and Eric (Monica) Moten of Florence; eight sisters, Maxine (Isaac) Ludd, Helene Mobley, Maxine Witherspoon, Gale Player, Audrey (Van) Maple, Kim (Vic) Wilson and Jamelia Abrams, all of Sumter, and Delores (Winston) Hall of Baltimore; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Winifred Nathaniel.

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

Mr. Nathaniel will be placed in the church at 10 a.m. on Saturday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Olden Chapel Union Methodist Episcopal Church, 189 Hoyt St., Sumter, with Pastor Joseph Watkins Jr. officiating. Interment will follow in Walker Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the home of his sister, Helene Mobley, 204 S. Guignard Drive, Sumter, SC 29150.

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.

SANDRA S. GOODMAN

Sandra S. Goodman, 53, wife of Steven Goodman Sr., departed this life on Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

She was born on Dec. 22, 1964, in Sumter, a daughter of Raymond Shivers Sr. and Eva Mae Gass.

The family will receive friends at the home, 1015 W. Sherwood Drive, Sumter, SC 29153.

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

DARRELL JAMES

ATLANTA — Darrell James, 47, died on July 11, 2018, at Grady Hospital in Atlanta.

He was born on Sept. 8, 1970, in Summerton, a son of Betty McDonald McGregor and the late Charles James.

The family will receive friends beginning Monday at the home of his mother, 1100 K.W. Hodge Road, Manning.

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

RELEASE M. DAVIS

BALTIMORE — Release "Big Cooter" Moses Davis, 68, widow of Barbie Lee Davis, died on Friday, July 6, 2018.

She was born on March 18, 1950, in Alcolu, a daughter of the late Anthony Peter Moses and Dora Johnson Moses.

Funeral services for Mrs. Davis will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Green Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 1260 Green Hill Church Road, Alcolu, with the Rev. Delbert H. Singleton Jr., pastor, officiating, the Rev. William J. Frierson Sr. presiding and the Rev. Delaney K. Frierson and Minister Sylvia Whitaker assisting. Burial will follow at the churchyard cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at the family home, 1228 Cooter Creek Road, Alcolu.

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

MARILYN W. CAPEHART

Marilyn Yvonne Womack Capehart was born on March 10, 1946, in Manhattan, New York, to the late Melba Grace Womack and Odell Lennon. She departed this life on July 10, 2018, at her residence.

Ms. Capehart was educated in the public schools of Manhattan. She relocated to Bronx, New York, and furthered her education at Bronx Community College in the nursing program. Ms. Capehart retired from Carolinas Hospital System in Florence in 2016 after more than 30 years of service. She moved to Sumter to be close to her family. Ms. Capehart loved the Lord and loved to study her Bible. She enjoyed meeting new people and loved talking to them about the goodness of God.

Ms. Capehart was a dedicated member of Oakland Avenue, now Shekinah Glory SDA Church, in Florence, where she was a Sabbath School Superintendent, usher, treasurer, sang with the choir and always assisted in various departments. She transferred her membership to Florence First Seventh Day Adventist Church, until her untimely death. She loved attending Berea SDA Church with her family. She loved traveling, spending time with family and tending to her plants.

Ms. Capehart's memories will forever be in the hearts of her three children, Todd Patrick (Marilyn) Womack of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Melissa Robin (Lenwood) Dixon of Sumter and Monique Yvonne Allen of Jacksonville, Florida; one sister, Valeria Rodriguez of Fayetteville; a special brother-in-law, Aladino Rodriguez of Fayetteville; her grandchildren, Katelyn Dixon, Jarel McDowell, Lenard Dixon, Malec Mathis, Terique Foster, Malayah Francis, Tyane Sparks, Tyree Womack and Patrick Womack; a loving grandniece and grandnephew, Amari Boyd and Elijah Harding; a devoted niece, Ronda (Anthony) Boyd; a nephew, Alec (Petrina) Harding; five great-grandchildren; along with

other relatives and friends.

Public viewing will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. today at Job's Mortuary.

The body will be placed in the church at noon on Sunday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday at Berea Seventh Day Adventist Church, 675 S. Lafayette Drive, Sumter, with Pastor Michael Miller officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 9 p.m. at the home of her daughter, 219 S. Wise Drive, Sumter, SC 29150. Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., Sumter, is in charge of arrangements.

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BETTY JEAN ROBINSON

Betty Jean Robinson, 65, was called home to rest in the arms of her loving Savior on Monday morning, July 9, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on June 4, 1953, in Sumter County, she was a daughter of Edmonia Wade and the late Melton Bland Wade. She was a 1972 graduate of Hillcrest High School and furthered her education at Central Carolina Technical College, majoring in early childhood education. Betty was employed for many years with Sumter School District 2. At an early age, Betty accepted Christ, was baptized and became a faithful member of Rafting Creek Baptist Church, where she was a longtime member of the musical choir and acting member of the pastor's aid ministry.

Betty was married to Thomas Calvin Robinson Sr. and from this union God blessed them with three children.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her mother, Edmonia Wade; two daughters, LaTeacha Fulton (Wesley) of Lugoff and Minister LaKeanly McNeill of the home; a daughter she raised as her own, Harmony (Brian) Gadson-Alston of Sumter; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; four brothers, James (Mary) Weathers of Delaware, Maryland, Robert (Tonya) Weathers of Chester, Pennsylvania, Benny (Mary) Weathers of Camden and Bland (Hattie) Wade of Dalzell; four sisters, Eula Mae Weathers and Maria Weathers, both of Chester, Pennsylvania, Ineather Mack of Rembert and Lottie (Leo) Jones of Sumter; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 6260 Dinkins Mill Road, Rembert.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Rafting Creek Baptist Church, 3860 S.C. 261 North, Rembert, with the Rev. Melvin Mack, pastor, eulogist.

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

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

Burial will be at Rafting Creek 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. Visit us on the web at www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com.

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Garage, Yard & Estate Sales
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Sugarplums Antiques 3304 Hwy 15 S Sat. July 14th 7:30-? Different sellers, lots of items! Many marked \$1 each. Come for great bargains.

2365 Bryson Rd Thurs, Fri., & Sun. 10-6. Estate Sale. Incredible low prices. Everything must go!!!!

2095 Hobbit Way, Beckwood Shires S/D. Sat. 7 am - 12 noon. Hsehold, electronics, tools, misc.

Multi-Family Yard Sale 245 Wildwood Ave. Sat. 7-12. Portable sewing mach., 4' loft bed, boys clothes up to sz 16 & more.

Moving Sale 4440 Bigum St. Dalzell. Sat. 7:30-2pm. Toys, clothes, holiday / home decor & more.

Yard Sale 5555 Whisperwood Dr. Sat. 7-2. Hsehold goods, electronics, New Ipad & Laptop.

Garage, Yard & Estate Sales

Yard Sale: 49 Larkin St. Sat. July 14th 6:30-11. Clothing, household, & medical equipment.

Estate/Yard Sale 11503 Pinewood Hwy, Manning. Sat. 7-12. Everything must go!

Indoor Multi-Family Yard Sale: Sat. July 14th 7-1 at 995 N. Pike (old reality center) next to Black River Electric. Toys, furniture, appliances, clothes, exercise equipment, office furniture, boat and many many more.

Big variety yard sale! 2021 Tudor St. Sat. July 14th 7am - 12 noon. Bargains! Hope to see you!

102 Chappell St. behind CVS, Sat. 7am. Best Misses s-m clothes, shoes, bike, door, storm window, light bulbs, wood shelves, hshld & more.

4605 Linnay Dr Sat July 14th 7-1. Flat screen TV, side by side refrigerator, electric range, computers and more.

2470 Drexel Dr. Dalzell. Furniture, clothes, toys, misc. Fri. & Sat. 8 am - 12 noon

Yard Sale! 1435 Malone Dr. (Meadowcroft Sub.) Sat. only, 7-?. Furniture, dishes, tools and more.

2955 Hermitage Dr. Moving Sale. furn., kitchenware, gently used f/r clothes washer/dryer, file cabinets, books, odds & ends. Sat, 7a-12p.

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For Sale: Metal storage shelving 1000ft, 3ft wide 7ft tall. \$1.00 a foot. Call 803-781-9791 or 803-513-3058

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LEGAL NOTICES

Summons & Notice

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION (NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE) C/A NO: 2018-CP-43-00843 DEFICIENCY WAIVED

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER
Ditech Financial LLC, PLAINTIFF,

vs.
James I. Dalton and if James I. Dalton be deceased then any children and heirs at law to the Estate of James I. Dalton, distributees and devisees at law to the Estate of James I. Dalton and if any of the same be dead any and all persons entitled to claim under or through them also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, interest or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein: Any unknown adults, any unknown infants or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe, and any persons in the military service of the United States of America being a class designated as Richard Roe; Michelle D. Corsi; Brent A. Dalton; Midland Funding LLC

DEFENDANT(S)

TO THE DEFENDANTS, ABOVE NAMED:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, or otherwise appear and defend, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the subscriber at his office, Hutchens Law Firm P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, except as to the United States of America, which shall have sixty (60) days, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, or otherwise appear and defend, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference of this case to the Master in Equity in/for this County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master in Equity is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this case with appeal only to the South Carolina Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1) of the SCAR, effective June 1, 1999.

NOTICE OF FILING OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT
TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Summons, along with the Complaint, was filed with the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina, on May 10, 2018.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to the South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2011-05-02-01, (hereinafter "Order"), you may have a right to Foreclosure Intervention.

To be considered for any available Foreclosure Intervention, you may communicate with and otherwise deal with the Plaintiff through its law firm, Hutchens Law Firm, P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-726-2700. Hutchens Law Firm, represents the Plaintiff in this action and does not represent you. Under our ethical rules, we are prohibited from giving you any legal advice.

You must submit any requests for Foreclosure Intervention consideration within 30 days from the date of this Notice.

IF YOU FAIL, REFUSE, OR VOLUNTARILY ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION, YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY/AGENT MAY PROCEED WITH A FORECLOSURE ACTION.

If you have already pursued loss mitigation with the Plaintiff, this Notice does not guarantee the availability of loss mitigation options or further review of your qualifications.

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, except as stated below in the instance of bankruptcy protection.

IF YOU ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT OR HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED AS A RESULT OF A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU PURSUANT TO STATUTORY REQUIREMENT AND FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES AND IS NOT INTENDED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT OR AS AN ACT TO COLLECT, ASSESS, OR RECOVER ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY.

NOTICE TO APPOINT ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT(S) IN MILITARY SERVICE TO UNKNOWN OR KNOWN DEFENDANTS THAT MAY BE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ALL BEING A CLASS DESIGNATED AS RICHARD ROE:

YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED that Plaintiff's attorney has applied for the appointment of an attorney to represent you. If you fail to apply for the appointment of an attorney to represent you within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you Plaintiff's appointment will be made absolute with no further action from Plaintiff.

YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff immediately and separately and such application will be deemed absolute and total in the absence of your application for such an appointment within thirty (30) days after the service of the Summons and Complaint upon you.

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SUMMONS AND NOTICES
IN THE PROBATE COURT CASE NUMBER: 2017-ES-43-076 2018-ES-43-060 2018-ES-43-061

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER
Deborah P. Newman, Petitioner,

IN RE:
Estate of John Denham Prince Estate of Loly Ann Prince Todd Estate of Richard A. Todd.

Please take notice that Deborah P. Newman has applied to the Sumter County Probate Court by Summons and Petitions seeking:
A. Determination of Heirs of John Denham Prince, Loly Ann Prince Todd, and Richard A. Todd, each deceased.
B. James Stoddard has been appointed Guardian ad Litem for unknown heirs or persons under disability.
Pleadings for each of these actions are on file in the Office of the Probate Court for Sumter County. A Notice of Hearing advising the date, time and place of the hearing will be filed in the Office of Probate Court for Sumter County.

A. Paul Weissenstein, Jr. Attorney for Petitioner P.O. Box 2446 Sumter, SC 29151

SUMMONS IN THE PROBATE COURT CASE NO: 2018-ES-43-00331

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER
MAGGIELEAN THOMAS Petitioner,

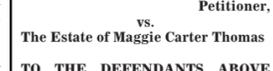
vs.
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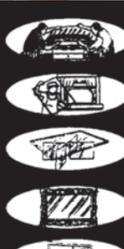
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Second US service member killed in Afghanistan in past 6 days

One American service member was killed in combat in eastern Afghanistan on Thursday, the U.S. military said.

The service member's identity was being withheld pending notification of family members. The military said one Afghan security force member also was killed and several were wounded in Thursday's incident.

It was the second U.S. military death in Afghanistan in less than a week. On Saturday, Army Cpl. Joseph Maciel, of South Gate, California, was killed in a possible attack by a member of the Afghan military.

Budget deficit totals \$74.9 billion in June, reflecting tax cut

The federal government recorded a \$74.9 billion deficit in June, a month when the government often runs a surplus, as corporate taxes dropped sharply compared to a year ago.

The Treasury Department reported Thursday that the June deficit pushed the imbalance so far this year to \$607.1 billion, 16.1 percent higher than the same period a year ago.

The Congressional Budget Office is forecasting that the deficit for the entire budget year will total \$793 billion.

Charges against Stormy Daniels dropped after strip club arrest

Hours after she was arrested at a Columbus, Ohio, strip club, charges were dismissed against adult film star Stormy Daniels.

She was arrested Thursday morning after she was accused of squeezing patrons' and undercover police officers' faces between her bare breasts at Sirens Gentlemen's Club.

Latino voters seek to challenge Alabama census lawsuit

Latino voters and civil-rights groups have asked to join a lawsuit to defend the practice of including people in the country illegally in U.S. census counts. The counts are used to configure congressional seats.

Alabama and Republican Rep. Mo Brooks sued the Census Bureau in May, arguing the predicted 2020 census numbers will cause the state to lose a congressional seat and an electoral vote to a state with a "larger illegal alien population."

Amnesty calls for 'war crimes' probe of prisons in Yemen

A human rights group on Thursday urged an investigation into alleged disappearances, torture and possible deaths in detention facilities run by the United Arab Emirates and allied militias in southern Yemen as potential war crimes.

Amnesty International said it documented "egregious violations going unchecked, including systemic enforced disappearance and torture and other ill-treatment amounting to war crimes."

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THE FUTURE OF LOVE

Sean Rossman and Ashley May
USA TODAY

Boys kissing boys. Girls saying #MeToo. Political debates over bathrooms.

Imagine being a kid. Decades of slow cultural change in gay and women's rights, plus a hyperactive internet age, seem to be culminating in front of you – just as you're starting to get your first crush and trying to pass English.

The post-millennial Gen Z-ers, people born from 1997 to 2016, are forming their views on love, and we wanted to know what they are thinking. The USA TODAY NETWORK sat down with students across the nation to talk about dating, marriage and family.

Their answers ranged from traditional to unconventional: Guys should ask out girls, but girls can, too. Kids are definitely on the table. So is marriage, as long as it doesn't interrupt school or work. Listen in.

Young love

For more on what kids are saying, visit futureoflove.usatoday.com.

"A good wife should do the same as a good husband, equally. Treat each other equally."
Taylor Zuniga, 14

"In any marriage, any man needs to be really open with their spouse and understand their emotional needs."
Francisco Fregoso, 18

"I don't think that marriage is necessary for a strong, prosperous relationship. Once you marry someone, it's just a different label for the same feelings."
Mark Masiello, 15

"Love is everlasting. ... It's complicated, and it's earned or given, not bought."
Riley Richards, 9

"When I'm in love with somebody, my heart just can't stop throbbing because they just mean everything to me."
James Cunningham, 14

"The wife doesn't have to do everything. That is what the man's there for, because he can clean. It's not that hard to put dishes in a dishwasher."
Ziaire Ewing, 14

"I never really liked kids. So I probably won't have children, but my mom said my mind will change."
Carlos Garcia, 12

"People all have the same right to their relationships, no matter if they want to date a guy, a girl, whatever they want. I think it should all be accepted."
Richie Moler, 17

"If he says that he needs to go to the restroom and he doesn't come back, then that means that it didn't go well."
Amber Garcia, 10, on dating

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USA TODAY EXCLUSIVE

Election ads get secret funding

TV spots attempt to influence midterm elections for Congress

Fredreka Schouten
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – Secret donors financed more than four out of every 10 television ads that outside groups broadcast this year to influence November's high-stakes congressional elections, according to a USA TODAY analysis of Kantar Media data.

Leading the way: organizations affiliated with billionaire industrialist Charles Koch, whose conservative donor network plows hundreds of millions of dollars into politics and policy debates each election cycle.

Two Koch-affiliated groups account for more than one-quarter of the House and Senate advertising from groups that don't disclose their donors, according to a tally of broadcast ads tracked by Kantar Media's Campaign Media Analysis Group.

Those Koch advocacy groups, Americans for Prosperity and Concerned Veterans for America, have trained their advertising fire on five Democratic senators up for re-election from red and purple states: Sens. Joe Donnelly of Indiana, Claire McCaskill of Missouri, Jon Tester of Montana, Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota and Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin.

The spending is about to soar even higher as November's general election draws closer and the ad war intensifies over President Donald Trump's Supreme Court pick, Brett Kavanaugh. Americans for Prosperity announced that week that it would spend at least \$1 million on paid advertising and voter outreach in the Supreme Court confirmation fight, much of it to pressure vulnerable Democratic senators on Kavanaugh.

In all, nearly 386,000 television spots focused on House and Senate races have aired from Jan. 1 to July 8 this year, ranging from ads by candidates to those funded by outside groups. That total surpasses the 355,464 broadcast TV spots that ran at the same point in the previous midterm elections for Congress in 2014 and underscores the battle raging for

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Ghost particle tracked to outer space origin

Doyle Rice
USA TODAY

For the first time, scientists have discovered the source of cosmic neutrinos, ghostly subatomic particles that can travel in a straight line for billions of light-years, passing unhindered through galaxies, stars and anything else in their path.

The discovery of a single neutrino was made in September by the IceCube Neutrino Observatory at the South Pole and confirmed by telescopes around the globe and in Earth's orbit.

The finding was published in a pair



In this artist's conception a distant source emits neutrinos detected below the ice by sensors. Neutrinos can travel billions of light-years in a straight line. ICECUBE/NSF

of studies Thursday in the journal Science by more than 1,100 scientists.

The neutrino originated in a blazar galaxy nearly 4 billion light-years away, in the constellation Orion. Blazars are giant, oval-shaped galaxies thought to have black holes at their center.

"This is the first evidence that we have of an active galaxy emitting neutrinos, which means we may soon start observing the universe using neutrinos to learn more about these objects," said study co-author Marcos Santander, an astronomer at the University of Alabama.

Contributing: Katharine Lackey

Goals uncertain in Trump-Putin meeting

Heads are still spinning after NATO summit

Gregory Korte
USA TODAY

LONDON – In the span of 24 hours, President Donald Trump upended a NATO gathering and expectations for his planned summit Monday in Helsinki with Russian President Vladimir Putin, raising questions about what Trump hoped to get out of the talks – and what he would be willing to give up.

At a news conference Thursday before he left Brussels for London, Trump refused to rule out halting NATO exercises in the Baltic Sea. On the issue of Russian interference in the 2016 presidential campaign, Trump said, “All I can

do is say, ‘Did you?’ and ‘Don’t do it again.’ But (Putin) may deny it.”

In Brussels, he berated NATO allies over their defense spending – only to sign a unanimous declaration acknowledging the alliance has made progress. By the end, he declared NATO “much stronger than it was two days ago.”

If the unpredictability Trump showed during the two-day NATO summit re-emerges at the Putin summit, experts said, the United States could end up making dangerous concessions.

“We still have no agenda for the Trump-Putin meeting. It’s unclear what the U.S. thinks it can get from Russia or what it even hopes it can get,” said Alina Polyakova, a Russia analyst at the Brookings Institution. “For Putin, that ambiguity is an asset. For Trump, it’s a liability.”

Such ambiguity is especially pronounced on the matter of Crimea, the Ukrainian territory Russia annexed in 2014.

“Oh, that’s an interesting question,” Trump said at the news conference in Brussels before blaming President Barack Obama for allowing Russia to take Crimea.

The Russian incursion prompted several rounds of economic sanctions from the United States and Europe. Relations hit a post-Cold War low when U.S. intelligence agencies accused Putin of directing a campaign of cybercrime and propaganda to influence the 2016 presidential election. Putin denies meddling in the election.

In Brussels, Trump signaled that U.S. recognition of Crimea as a Russian territory was not out of the question.

He suggested that Russian investments on the peninsula might weigh in Russia’s favor. “You know, people like to say, ‘Oh, Crimea.’ But the fact is, they built bridges to Crimea. They just opened a big bridge that was started years ago. They built, I think, a submarine port, substantially added billions of dollars,” Trump said.

The president would not rule out suspending NATO military exercises in the Baltic Sea, long a point of friction as Russian jets have buzzed U.S. warships. “Well, perhaps we’ll talk about that,” Trump said.

“That is not a casual comment,” said Heather Conley, who served as a deputy assistant secretary of state in George W. Bush’s administration. “That’s a really significant issue if he chooses to go down that road.”

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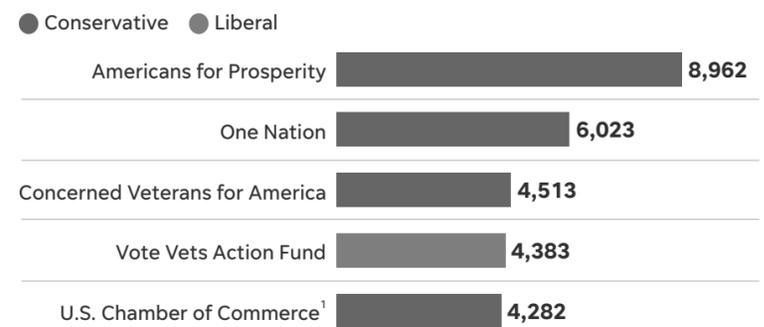
Advertising from secret-money groups has jumped, too. An analysis by the Wesleyan Media Project and the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics found a 26 percent increase in airings by “dark money” groups in federal races since the 2014 midterms.

These organizations generally operate as nonprofit advocacy groups or trade associations that do not have politics as their main purpose. Many of their commercials count as “issue ads” and are not reported to federal election regulators because they do not specifically call for the election or defeat of candidates.

Their growing role means voters know less about the interests trying to influence elections and Congress, said Robert Maguire, who tracks politically active nonprofit groups at the Center for Responsive Politics.

Outside groups ran nearly 107,000 of the broadcast ads in House and Senate races this year. Organizations identified by USA TODAY as nondisclosing accounted for nearly 47,000 of those

Top 5 ‘dark money’ groups advertising in House, Senate races, by number of broadcast TV ads sponsored



1 — The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is a nonpartisan business group, but it traditionally backs more Republican than Democratic candidates

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ads, nearly 44 percent.

Conservative-leaning groups account for four out of the five biggest secret-money advertisers.

Koch officials did not respond to requests for comment about their advertising. Koch operatives have fought efforts to unmask donors, saying disclosing that information could chill free speech.

McCaskill joined all of her fellow

Democrats in opposing the tax bill Trump signed into law last December.

In one Americans for Prosperity ad targeting McCaskill’s “no” vote, a woman touts the \$2,000 bonus she received from her company as a result of tax cuts.

In response, McCaskill spokeswoman Meira Bernstein called the tax package a “windfall” for big business and said, “No amount of dark money ... will stop Claire from speaking out about it.”

FBI agent: Opinion of Trump didn’t affect work

Erin Kelly
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – FBI Agent Peter Strzok, who exchanged anti-Trump text messages with his co-worker girlfriend, said Thursday that his political beliefs never affected his work on the Russia or Hillary Clinton investigations.

“Let me be clear, unequivocally and under oath: Not once in my 26 years of defending our nation did my personal opinions impact any official action I took,” Strzok testified before the House Judiciary Committee and the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

“This is true for the Clinton email investigation, for the investigation into Russian interference and for every other investigation I’ve worked on,” Strzok said in a chamber packed with a standing-room-only crowd. “It is not who I am, and it is not something I would ever do. Period.”

Strzok helped lead the investigations into Russia’s interference in the 2016 presidential election and into Clinton’s use of a private email server while she was secretary of state. He was removed from the Russia inquiry by special counsel Robert Mueller last summer when Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz discovered texts between Strzok and former FBI attorney Lisa Page disparaging then-candidate Donald Trump in 2016.

Republicans used Thursday’s hearing to underscore their charges of bias by the FBI and Department of Justice against Trump and in favor of Clinton. Strzok denied that he was part of any conspiracy to go after Trump.

Democrats charged that Republicans were trying to undermine Mueller’s investigation of possible collusion between the Kremlin and the Trump campaign. Republicans want Mueller’s inquiry to end before the midterm elections in November. Democrats say Mueller should not be pressured to end his investigation prematurely.

Strzok said he never revealed information about the Russia investigation that could have damaged Trump’s campaign.



FBI Deputy Assistant Director Peter Strzok testifies on Capitol Hill on Thursday. JACK GRUBER/USA TODAY

“Not once in my 26 years of defending our nation did my personal opinions impact any official action I took.”

Peter Strzok
FBI agent

“There is ... one extraordinarily important piece of evidence supporting my integrity, the integrity of the FBI and our lack of bias,” Strzok said. “In the summer of 2016, I was one of a handful of people who knew the details of Russian election interference and its possible connections with members of the Trump campaign. This information had the potential to derail, and quite possibly defeat, Mr. Trump. But the thought of exposing that information never crossed my mind.”

Strzok and Page were having an extramarital affair at the time they were texting. Rep. Louie Gohmert, R-Texas, brought up the affair during one of the most heated parts of the hearing, asking Strzok whether he gave his wife the same “innocent” look he gave Congress members.

Democrats shouted Gohmert down. Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman, D-N.J., yelled, “You need your medication.”

Strzok said he criticized Clinton, Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and others in the text messages, as well as Trump. Strzok conceded that it was “fair to say” that he and Page detested Trump and supported Clinton.

Feds reopen case of Emmett Till’s murder

Family wants ‘justice to prevail’ in 1955 slaying

John Bacon
USA TODAY

A cousin of Emmett Till, whose gruesome murder in Mississippi 63 years ago helped light a fire under the civil rights movement, said Thursday her family is “extremely pleased” the Justice Department has reopened the investigation into the black teen’s death.

“We want the process to work and we want justice to prevail for Emmett,” Deborah Watts told USA TODAY. “This cannot just be forgotten.”

Till was abducted Aug. 28, 1955, three days after Carolyn Donham, a white, 21-year-old shopkeeper in the town of Money, said the 14-year-old grabbed and wolf-whistled at her.

The battered body of Till, nicknamed “Bobo,” was found three days later in the Tallahatchie River. The viciousness of the killing rocked the nation, and the woman’s then-husband and another man were charged with murder. Both were acquitted by an all-white jury later that year.

The Justice Department said Thursday that it was reopening the investigation “after receiving new information” it did not detail. The decision was revealed to Congress in a February report, and was first reported by the Associated Press.

Till’s mother, Mamie Till Mobley, made sure her son’s casket was left open for the viewing so the public could see how badly he had been beaten. Tens of thousands of African-Americans paid their respects.

“Mamie Till’s decision to allow African-American media outlets to display her son’s battered body was one of the critical events that galvanized African-Americans to fight to end America’s racial dictatorship through the Civil Rights movement,” said Alvin Tillery, director of the Center for the Study of Diversity and Democracy at Northwestern University.



Emmett Till, a 14-year-old Chicago youth, was kidnapped, tortured and murdered in 1955 after he allegedly whistled at a white woman in Mississippi. AP

Emmett Till’s death made news last year with publication of “The Blood of Emmett Till.” The book, by Timothy B. Tyson, quotes Donham admitting in 2008 that she wasn’t telling the truth when she made the claims. Donham, now in her 80s, lives in North Carolina.

Watts, founder of the Emmett Till Legacy Foundation, said the family had been hopeful the book would lead to a “vigorous” investigation – and possibly charges against Donham.

“We always understood that she (Carolyn Donham) had lied,” she said.

USA TODAY was unable to contact Donham. The Associated Press said a man who answered her door said Donham would not comment.

Four months after the trial, Look magazine published an account of the killing they said they obtained from Donham’s then-husband, Roy Bryant, and his brother, J.W. Milam. In the article, the men admit beating Till and tossing him in the river, weighed down with a 74-pound cotton gin fan.

Milam told the magazine that the men wanted to beat and torture Till, not kill him. But when he could not be frightened, they decided to kill him, Milam said.

Contributing: Jerry Mitchell, Mississippi Clarion Ledger

NEWS

57 children reunited with parents

Judge to decide how to handle missed deadline

Alan Gomez
USA TODAY

The Trump administration said it completed the first round of reunifications Thursday of families separated at the border, but it will be up to a federal judge to decide whether government officials moved fast enough to comply with his order.

U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw imposed a series of deadlines for the administration to reunite nearly 3,000 children separated from their parents, mostly under President Donald Trump's "zero tolerance" immigration enforcement policy.

The first group, children under 5 years old, were supposed to be reunited with their parents by Tuesday.

During a hearing Tuesday, Sabraw raised the possibility of punishment for the government if those children were not reunited by the deadline "or within the immediate proximity" of it.

The Department of Health and Human Services, which has custody of the minors, and the Department of Homeland Security, which has custody of most of the adults, said in joint statements Thursday that they reunited 57 children with their parents.

Sabraw will decide whether that number is enough. The government was holding 103 children under 5 years old who were separated from their parents, but Department of Justice lawyers have been negotiating with the judge to carve out exceptions. Sabraw agreed that not all 103 children could be reunited and that certain cases were too complicated to complete within his deadlines.

American Civil Liberties Union attorney Lee Gelernt, who led a lawsuit against the administration's family separations, said he could "not be more happy" for the reunited families. He said the ACLU will recommend punish-



Roger Ardino 24, gives his son Roger Ardino Jr., 4, a kiss shortly after speaking to reporters Wednesday at a news conference in El Paso, Texas. RUBEN R. RAMIREZ/THE EL PASO TIMES VIA USA TODAY NETWORK

"Make no mistake about it: The government missed the deadline even for these 57 children."

Lee Gelernt ACLU attorney

ment against the government for being two days late.

"Make no mistake about it: The government missed the deadline even for these 57 children," Gelernt said.

According to the administration, some of the cases that were not com-

pleted include:

- 11 parents who were found to have a "serious criminal history," including charges or convictions of child cruelty, kidnapping and murder, making them a danger to their children.

- 12 parents who had already been deported. Sabraw agreed to give the government more time to identify those parents and create a system to reunify them with their children.

- 11 adults who are in federal and state custody on non-immigration, criminal charges.

- Seven adults who were determined not to be a parent. The govern-

ment has been conducting DNA tests of all alleged families to ensure that children are not released to human smugglers.

- One parent whose identity remains unknown. The Department of Justice said the child, who has been in custody for more than a year, may be a U.S. citizen.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen and Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar said in a joint statement that the 57 reunifications show the government did everything it could to comply with Sabraw's order.

'Threat teams' being proposed to prevent shootings at schools

Secret Service offers intervention guidelines

Kevin Johnson
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — The Secret Service has urged U.S. schools to establish teams that can assess threats and prevent shootings like the massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, that left 17 people dead.

In a report unveiled Thursday, the Secret Service offers schools guidance on spotting suspicious behavior and figuring out when and how to intervene. The report was prepared by the National Threat Assessment Center after the Parkland shooting Feb. 14.

The report recommends forming "threat teams" drawn from the ranks of teachers, coaches, guidance counselors, mental health authorities and law enforcement to manage central reporting systems within the schools. The teams would be tasked with flagging troubling conduct, from threatening social media posts to information about students' access to weapons.

"The threshold for intervention should be relatively low so that teams can identify students in distress before their behavior escalates to the point that classmates, teachers, or parents are concerned about their safety," the report concludes.

The 17-page document builds on agency research this year focusing on suspects linked to violence in schools and other public places. It says 64 percent of attackers showed symptoms of mental illness. In 25 percent of the cases, attackers had been "hospitalized or prescribed psychiatric medications" before the assaults.

In the Parkland case, which has driven a national debate on gun safety, social workers, mental health counselors, school officials and law enforce-



Nikolas Cruz is accused of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shootings. TAIMY ALVAREZ/AP

ment were all warned about Nikolas Cruz's deteriorating state and risk of violence. Cruz, 19, is charged with 17 counts of murder. Prosecutors seek the death penalty.

The Parkland shooting prompted the state to enact safety measures, including a mandate for individual schools to create threat teams similar to those urged by the Secret Service.

According to the Florida Department of Education, the teams would be permitted access to suspects' criminal histories.

Florida school team leaders would be required to report identified threats to administrators and the suspects' parents or guardians.

Lina Alathari, chief of the Secret Service's National Threat Assessment Center, said educators have been moving to create such teams since the attack in 2012 at an elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut, that left 26 dead.

After that assault, a survey of safety plans at 227 schools found that about 70 percent had some form of threat assessment program.

"There are some schools that have nothing," Alathari said, adding that there have been no uniform standards for evaluating threats at schools. "It's up to the schools and the (school) districts to allocate resources."

Sex addiction classified as medical condition, not a moral failure

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USA TODAY

A new classification of sex addiction as a mental disorder by the World Health Organization could shift the conversation surrounding a condition that's often deeply misunderstood.

Experts who treat sex addictions hope the classification will help change the disorder's perception from a moral failing to simply a medical issue.

"It takes it out of morality, it takes it out of religion, it just makes it about, 'Does this person have this set of issues that's affecting their lives?' And either they do, or they don't," said Robert Weiss, an addiction specialist and the author of "Sex Addiction 101" and "Always Turned On."

In its new International Classification of Diseases, the WHO defines "compulsive sexual health disorder" as a "persistent pattern of failure to control intense, repetitive sexual impulses or urges resulting in repetitive sexual behavior."

The classification means that sex addiction — a term popularized before research designated the condition as compulsive sexual health disorder — can be diagnosed based on a list of criteria, which include:

- Repetitive sexual activities becoming the focus of a person's life.

- Numerous unsuccessful efforts to reduce sexual behavior.

- Continued sexual activity despite deriving little satisfaction from it.

That shift resembles previous changes to how doctors viewed addictive disorders, such as alcoholism, drug addiction or gambling.

"There was a time when alcoholism was a fatal illness, and there was no cure, and you were going to die of alcoholism because you were a bad person," Weiss said. "We don't look at alcoholics and drug addicts and say, 'You're a bad person,' we say, 'You have a problem.'"

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Experts hope the new classification will chip away at a larger goal: destigmatizing sex addiction. Treatment can range from therapy sessions to stays at rehabilitation facilities to simpler methods such as prayer and journaling, said Carol Juergensen Sheets, a certified sexual addiction therapist — but many people don't seek it out.

"If somebody doesn't know what to call this disease, this disorder, this illness, they will not know how to get help for it; they'll continue to try to do it on their own," Sheets said.

The cost of treatment ranges from free online services to pricey inpatient rehab programs. Typically, people with sex addictions seeking treatment will be covered by insurance companies only if they're diagnosed with a concurring mental health disorder, such as anxiety or depression.

Therapists hope that could change. "We hope that ... insurance companies might be willing to now pay for treatment more directly, but that is not a given," Weiss said.

Even if sex addiction loses its stigma and treatment becomes more accessible, the disorder can carry another, more pernicious connotation: Sex addiction has frequently been cited by individuals who have committed sex offenses.

Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein and actor Kevin Spacey, who have been accused of sexual abuse and harassment, have reportedly spent time at a high-end facility for the treatment of sex addiction.

FRIDAY EVENING JULY 13

	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 Chrissy Teigen; Tom Cruise.	American Ninja Warrior "Minneapolis City Qualifiers" Minneapolis qualifiers. (DVS)			Dateline NBC (N)		WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon "Jared Leto; Alessia Cara" Jared Leto; Alessia Cara performs.	
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Whistleblower (Series Premiere) Kool Smiles; Bristol-Myers Squibb. (N)		Hawaii Five-0 "Na Keiki a Kalaihaohia" A diamond smuggler's corpse is stolen.	Blue Bloods "Legacy" Danny investigates a man's death. (DVS)		News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert	
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Quantico "No Place Is Home" The team goes on high alert. (N) (DVS)		(:01) What Would You Do? (N)	(:01) 20/20 (N)		ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	
WRJA	27	11	14	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	Museum Access Tyrannosaurus rex.	Washington Week (N)	Breaking Big Ruth Zukerman of Soul-Cycle. (N)	The Great British Baking Show "Pies" The bakers turn their attention to pies. (N)	Food Flirts Chocolate pretzel brioche bread pudding. (N)	Food Flirts "What Is a Food Incubator?" (N)	Amanpour on PBS (N)	BBC World News	Washington Week
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory "The Raiders Minimization"	The Resident "None the Wiser" The staff must perform three surgeries. (DVS)		The Orville "Krill" Ed and Gordon must get the Krill bible.	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)		Sports Zone	DailyMailTV	TMZ (N)
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Eve is asked to be a kicker.	Last Man Standing Boyd gets in trouble at a party.	Masters of Illusion Titou; Greg Frewin; Spidey; Billy Kidd.	Masters of Illusion Magicians include Rick Smith Jr.	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Penn & Teller Get Loopy" Ryan Chandler; Ryan Hayashi; Ed Riedel.	American Ninja Warrior "Indianapolis Qualifier" Competitors take on six obstacles. (Part 2 of 2)		American Ninja Warrior "Oklahoma City Qualifier" Competitors in Oklahoma City. (Part 1 of 2)	The Game Tasha accuses Kelly of betrayal.	
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130	(5:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 03.02.18" Riding along with law enforcement.	(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 127" (N)				Live PD "Live PD -- 07.13.18" Riding along with law enforcement. (N)					Live PD "Live PD -- 07.13.18"
AMC	48	180	(5:25) *** "A Bronx Tale" (1993, Drama) Robert De Niro.	*** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman, Bob Gunton. An innocent man goes to a Maine penitentiary for life in 1947.							(:05) *** "Unforgiven" (1992) Clint Eastwood. Clint Eastwood's Oscar-winning portrait of an aged gunman.		
ANPL	41	100	Insane Pools: Off the Deep End	Insane Pools: Off the Deep End	Insane Pools: Off the Deep End (N)	Treehouse	Treehouse	Treehouse	Treehouse	Treehouse	(:01) Insane Pools: Off the Deep End	Treehouse	
BET	61	162	2018 BET Awards: Celebrating achievements.					Hit the Floor "Slay" New dancers step into the arena.			(:03) Basketball 2018 BET Experience Celebrity Game. (Taped)	Treehouse	
BRAVO	47	181	(:14) Southern Charm "Ho, Ho, Ho" Patricia makes peace with Kathryn.	(:16) ** "Talladega Nights" (2006, Comedy) Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly, Sacha Baron Cohen. A NASCAR driver has a new rival.				(:38) ** "Talladega Nights" (2006, Comedy) Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly, Sacha Baron Cohen. A NASCAR driver has a new rival.					
CNBC	35	84	Undercover Boss "7-Eleven"	Undercover Boss "Johnny Rockets"	Undercover Boss "Sky Zone"	Undercover Boss "True Value"	Undercover Boss "True Value"	Undercover Boss "True Value"	Undercover Boss "True Value"	Undercover Boss "True Value"	The Job Interview	The Job Interview	The Job Interview
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)
COM	57	136	The Office "Moroccan Christmas"	(:35) The Office "The Duel"	(:10) The Office	(:40) ** "Horrible Bosses" (2011, Comedy) Jason Bateman, Charlie Day, Jason Sudeikis. Three oppressed workers plot against their employers.					The Comedy Central Roast "Rob Lowe" Celebrities roast Rob Lowe.		
DISN	18	200	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Andi Mack	Raven's Home	Stuck in the Middle	Big City Greens	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home	Andi Mack	Bunk'd	Bunk'd
DSC	42	103	BattleBots "Ice, Ice, Baby"	BattleBots "A Smashing Good Time"	Cooper's Treasure (N)	Street Outlaws "It's a Drag" (N)	Cooper's Treasure	Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws	Cooper's Treasure	Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws
ESPN	26	35	Boxing Joet Gonzalez vs. Rafael Rivera. (N) (Live)		2018 World Series of Poker Final Table. From Las Vegas. (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)
ESPN2	27	39	USA Softball International Cup	NFL Live	CFL Football Toronto Argonauts at Edmonton Eskimos. From Commonwealth Stadium in Edmonton, Alberta. (N) (Live)	College Baseball	College Baseball	College Baseball	College Baseball	College Baseball	College Baseball	College Baseball	College Baseball
FOOD	40	109	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News at Night with Shannon	Tucker Carlson					
FREE	20	131	(6:40) * "10 Things I Hate About You" (1999, Comedy) Heath Ledger, Julia Stiles. Teens set a shrewish peer up with the new boy in town.	(8:50) ** "Monster-in-Law" (2005, Romance-Comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Jane Fonda, Michael Vartan. A shrewish woman clashes with her son's fiancée.								** "Nacho Libre" (2006)	
FSS	21	47	WNBA Basketball Indiana Fever at Atlanta Dream. (N) (Live)	Power of Sports	Power of Sports	3 Wide Life (N)	Raceline (N)	Future Phenoms	ACC All-Access	WNBA Basketball			
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "The Christmas Cottage" (2017) Merritt Patterson, Steve Lund.	"Finding Santa" (2017, Romance) Jodie Sweetin. A woman rushes to find a St. Nick replacement for a parade.			"The Sweetest Christmas" (2017, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Lea Coco, Jonathan Adams. A chef makes it to finals of a national baking contest.	"Switched for Christmas" (2017)					
HGTV	39	112	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Dream Home	Dream Home	My Aloha	Dream Home	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	My Aloha
HIST	45	110	Restoration	Pawn Stars	American Pickers: Bonus Buys (N)	Evel Live: Enhanced: Travis Pastrana attempts three feats.					(:05) American Pickers (DVS)	Evel Live	Evel Live
ION	13	18	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation A mother and her child are murdered.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Singer found dead outside club. (DVS)			CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "One to Go" Grissom is leaving.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "One to Go" Grissom is leaving.					CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
LIFE	50	145	The Closer "Fantasy Date" Congresswoman's daughter.	The Closer "You Are Here" The death of a prominent judge.			The Closer "Batter Up" Brenda finds her authority undermined.	(:03) The Closer "Good Housekeeping" Search for murderer and rapist.			(:03) The Closer "The Butler Did It" The young widow of an old man dies.	(12:01) The Closer "You Are Here"	
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)			The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word			The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow	
NICK	16	210	The Loud House	The Loud House	Double Dare (N)	Double Dare	*** "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie" (2004) Voices of Tom Kenny.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
PARMT	64	153	* "Friday the 13th, Part 2" (1981, Horror) Amy Steel, John Furey.	Bellator MMA Live (N) (Live)				(:15) * "Friday the 13th: The Final Chapter" (1984)					
SYFY	58	152	(6:00) ** "Journey 2: The Mysterious Island" (2012) Dwayne Johnson.	*** "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" (2001, Children's) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson. Premiere. J.K. Rowling's student wizard has his first adventure. (DVS)				(:05) *** "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (2002) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. Premiere. (DVS)					
TBS	24	156	Bob's Burgers "A Few Gurt Men"	Bob's Burgers	** "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" (2016, Action) Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill, Amy Adams. Premiere. Batman embarks on a personal vendetta against Superman. (DVS)			ELEAGUE Street Fighter Invitational Playoffs \$250,000. Eight players remain; only one can claim the champion title. (N)					
TCM	49	186	(6:00) ** "Two on a Guillotine" (1965, Horror) Connie Stevens.	** "The Girl in White" (1952) June Allyson. Emily Dunning faces an uphill battle to become a doctor.			(:45) ** "You Belong to Me" (1941, Comedy) Barbara Stanwyck, Henry Fonda. A doctor's idly rich husband is jealous of her patients.	** "Strange Lady in Town" (1955) Greer Garson, Dana Andrews.					
TLC	43	157	I Want THAT Wedding	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? Nicole's wedding is in jeopardy. (N)			90 Day Fiancé: Outdaughered (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After?					
TNT	23	158	NCIS: New Orleans "The Abyss" A double murder on a research boat.	*** "Captain America: Civil War" (2016, Action) Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson. Captain America clashes with Iron Man. (DVS)				** "Focus" (2015) Will Smith. A con man's former protegee/lover throws him off his game. (DVS)					
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	(:45) Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Late Snack	Paid-Torpey
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens
USA	25	132	(5:10) *** "Iron Man" (2008, Action) Robert Downey Jr. (DVS)	*** "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" (2001, Children's) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson. Premiere. J.K. Rowling's student wizard has his first adventure. (DVS)				(:05) *** "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (2002) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. Premiere. (DVS)					
WE	68	166	Mama June: From Not to Hot	Mama June: From Not to Hot	Mama June: From Not to Hot (N)	Bridezillas (N)	Mama June: From Not to Hot	Bridezillas			Mama June: From Not to Hot	Bridezillas	
WGNA	8	172	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	** "Godzilla" (2014) Aaron Taylor-Johnson. Godzilla and malevolent foes battle for supremacy. (12:01) 100 Code					

USA, Syfy both offer nonstop 'Harry Potter' weekend

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Ready for a "Harry Potter Wizarding Weekend"? All eight films adapted from the novels will air on both USA and Syfy over the next three days and nights, beginning with the 2001 adventure "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" (8 p.m., TV-PG). The action will conclude on Sunday with "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" Parts 1 and 2 (5:15 p.m.).

Among the most popular young adult novels ever, the "Harry Potter" canon has inspired one of this century's most lucrative film franchises. Up until recently, these films have been exclusively available on HBO. For years, they were a staple of ABC and Disney programming.

Clearly, J.K. Rowling's books are held in great affection by generations of readers. That adoration ran into interesting corporate and legal complications last month when Warner Bros. sought to crack down on unsanctioned Harry Potter role-playing festivals and a Quidditch tournament in Philadelphia. In a written statement, the studio said it appreciated the fans' enthusiasm but worried that their activities had become too "commercial."

It's a curious and telling turn of events. Many of today's most enduring sci-fi and comic book franchises, most notably "Star Trek," were long kept alive by unauthorized gatherings and conventions that made Comic-Con a massive merchandising industry encompassing many properties and genres.

After NBC canceled "Star Trek" in 1969, Paramount didn't have a clue about its popularity until unofficial fan organizations and gatherings became too hard to ignore. A 1979 movie officially revived "Star Trek," and it's been around ever since. The "Harry Potter" franchise was hugely popular from the beginning, so perhaps Warner Bros. believes it doesn't need to indulge fans engaging in unlicensed frolics. But in doing so, it risks coming off like Voldemort if it alienates the most passionate enthusiasts.

• Having served up seasons of "Undercover Boss," CBS launches "Whistleblower" (8 p.m.), tales of everyday employees who risked their liveli-



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From left, Rupert Grint stars as Ron Weasley, Emma Watson as Hermione Granger and Daniel Radcliffe as Harry Potter in a scene from "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince." Beginning with "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" at 8 p.m. today, both USA and Syfy will air all eight movies in the film series over the next three days and nights.

hoods and even their safety to expose dangerous and illegal practices by their employers.

Former judge and police officer Alex Ferrer hosts. The first episode profiles an employee who took on the pharmaceutical giant Bristol-Myers Squibb.

• Netflix streaming the new stand-up special "Jim Jefferies: This Is Me Now" (TV-MA) and the 2013 concert "Kevin Hart: Let Me Explain"

• Hulu begins streaming the Canadian sitcom "Letterkenny," set in a quirky small town.

• Shudder, the subscription streaming service specializing in horror, thriller and supernatural movies, invites viewers to "The Last Drive-In With Joe Bob Briggs," a 24-hour marathon of 13 cult classic movies curated by the Texas-born movie critic and unabashed celebrator of exploitation movies.

CULT CHOICE

A wronged wife (Roseanne Barr) uses witchcraft to get

back at her husband (Ed Begley Jr.) and his mistress (Meryl Streep) in the 1989 comedy "She-Devil" (9 p.m., Starz Encore).

An American adaptation of "The Life and Loves of a She-Devil," a novel by Fay Weldon that had been made into a 1986 British miniseries, broadcast on the BBC more than 30 years ago.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

• "Vice" (7:30 p.m., HBO, TV-14) looks at a generation affected by opioid abuse and rising Hindu nationalism in India.

• The surgery ward is overwhelmed on "The Resident" (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-PG).

• A new threat puts family members in peril on "Quantico" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-14).

• Danny mulls a career upgrade on "Blue Bloods" (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

• "Dateline" (10 p.m., NBC) recalls the Jonestown cult and the mass suicide of its followers in 1978.

LATE NIGHT

Jimmy Fallon welcomes Jared Leto and Alessia Cara on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC, r) * Paul Rudd and Florence & the Machine visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC, r) * Tracy Morgan, Ike Barinholtz and Weezer are on "The Late Late Show With James Corden"

(12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

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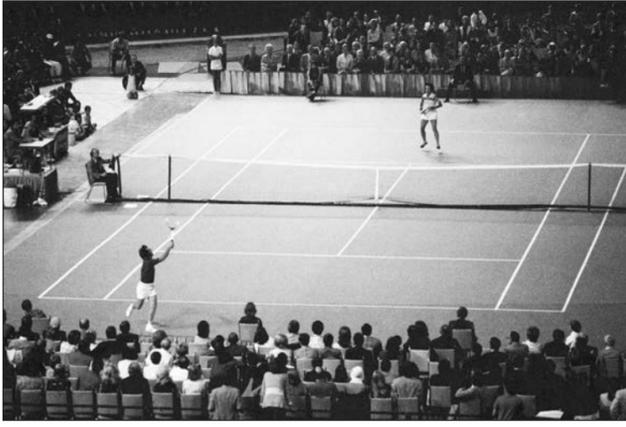
SATURDAY EVENING JULY 14

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LOCAL CHANNELS													
WIS	10	3	10	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Will & Grace (DVS)	** "Mamma Mia!" (2008, Musical Comedy) Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth. A single hotelier prepares for her daughter's wedding.			WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live "Bill Hader; Arcade Fire"			
WLTX	19	9	9	Inside Edition Weekend (N)	Paid Program Paid programming.	Me, Myself & I "Thanksgiving" (N)	Me, Myself & I Lisa invests in Alex's new invention.	Living Biblically "Thou Shalt Not Covet" (N)	Living Biblically Chip tries to get help with a charity.	48 Hours	News 19 at 11pm (N)	Blue Bloods "For the Community" An activist is in danger of deportation. (DVS)	
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Pacific Northwest"	Jeopardy!	America's Funniest Home Videos Kids react to Halloween decorations. (DVS)			Truth and Lies: The Family Manson			ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	American Ninja Warrior "St. Louis Qualifying" Three brand-new obstacles. (Part 2 of 2)
WRJA	27	11	14	Hillary "Louise" The early life of young Edmund Hillary.	Father Brown "The Jackdaw's Revenge" An old foe is released from prison.	The Doctor Blake Mysteries "All She Leaves Behind" Blake investigates a writer's murder.			Shetland Secret service pursues Perez and Tosh.	Austin City Limits "Jason Isbell & the 400 Unit; Amanda Shires" Jason Isbell & the 400 Unit.	Bluegrass Underground		
WACH	57	6	6	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Cleveland Indians. From Progressive Field in Cleveland. (N) (Live)			WACH FOX News at 10			The Simpsons (DVS)	Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back "Sherman's Restaurant" Gordon revamps Sherman's Restaurant.	FIFA World Cup Tonight (N) (Live)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing "Help Wanted"	Last Man Standing "My Name Is Rob"	Rookie Blue "Mercury Retrograde" The rookies hunt for an escaped convict.	Saving Hope "Little Piggies" Alex tries to stick up for herself. (DVS)			Leverage "The Maltese Falcon Job" The team hides in plain sight.	Impractical Jokers A game of "put-pock-et."	Impractical Jokers "Blind Justice" A rightful mess.	
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130	(5:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 02.03.18" Riding along with law enforcement.	(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 128" (N)	Live PD "Live PD -- 07.14.18" Riding along with law enforcement. (N)			Live PD "Live PD -- 07.14.18"			Live PD "Live PD -- 07.14.18"		
AMC	48	180	(5:00) *** "Unforgiven" (1992) Clint Eastwood, Gene Hackman.	*** "Open Range" (2003, Western) Robert Duvall, Kevin Costner, Annette Bening. Cattle herders battle a ruthless rancher in 1882.	(05) *** "Open Range" (2003, Western) Robert Duvall. Cattle herders battle a ruthless rancher in 1882.			(05) *** "Open Range" (2003, Western) Robert Duvall. Cattle herders battle a ruthless rancher in 1882.			(05) *** "Open Range" (2003, Western) Robert Duvall. Cattle herders battle a ruthless rancher in 1882.		
ANPL	41	100	Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet	Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet (N)	(:01) Dodo Heroes (N)			(:03) Vet Gone Wild: Even Wilder (N)			(:06) Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet		
BET	61	162	*** "Mada's Witness Protection" (2012, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Eugene Levy, Doris Roberts. Mada uses tough love on a Wall Street banker and his family.	(9:57) ** "Soul Plane" (2004, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Tom Arnold, Method Man. Passengers and crew party aboard an airliner.			(10:56) *** "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" (2005) Steve Carell. Three co-workers unite to help their buddy get a sex life.			Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns			
BRAVO	47	181	(6:40) *** "Mean Girls" (2004, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan, Rachel McAdams, Tina Fey. A teen becomes friends with three cruel schoolmates.	(8:48) *** "Mean Girls" (2004, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan, Rachel McAdams, Tina Fey. A teen becomes friends with three cruel schoolmates.			(10:56) *** "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" (2005) Steve Carell. Three co-workers unite to help their buddy get a sex life.			Dodo Heroes			
CNBC	35	84	Undercover Boss "Boston Market"	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss "Wienerschnitzel"			Undercover Boss "Tilted Kilt"			Undercover Boss "Choice Hotels"		
CNN	3	80	The Van Jones Show (N)	CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)	The 2000s "The Platinum Age of Television" Storytellers take TV to new heights.			CNN Films: American Jail: The mass incarceration crisis.			Undercover Boss		
COM	57	136	(6:15) ** "Horrible Bosses" (2011) Jason Bateman. Three oppressed workers plot against their employers.	** "Horrible Bosses 2" (2014, Comedy) Jason Bateman, Charlie Day, Jason Sudeikis. Nick, Dale and Kurt plot revenge on a thieving investor.			*** "Easy A" (2010) Emma Stone. Premiere. A high-school student uses the rumor mill to her advantage.			*** "Easy A" (2010) Emma Stone. Premiere. A high-school student uses the rumor mill to her advantage.			
DISN	18	200	(6:00) "Camp Rock" (2008)	(:45) Bunk'd	(:10) Bunk'd	(:35) Raven's Home	Stuck in the Middle	Stuck in the Middle	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Andi Mack	Bunk'd	
DSC	42	103	Street Outlaws "Deja Vu"	Street Outlaws "Cutting Out Callouts" Racers struggle to get their cars ready. (N)			Street Outlaws: Go Fish!			Street Outlaws			
ESPN	26	35	Boxing Regis Prograis vs. Juan Jose Velasco. (N) (Live)	2018 World Series of Poker Final Table. From Las Vegas. (N) (Live)			SportsCenter (N) (Live)			SportsCenter (N)			
ESPN2	27	39	NBA Summer League Basketball	NBA Summer League Basketball Second Round: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)			NBA Summer League Basketball Second Round: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)			NBA Summer League Basketball Second Round: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)			
FOOD	40	109	Chopped Four teen winners compete.	Chopped			Chopped			Chopped			
FOXN	37	90	Fox Report with Jon Scott (N)	Watters' World (N)			Justice With Judge Jeanine (N)			The Greg Gutfeld Show (N)			
FREE	20	131	(15) ** "The Waterbury" (1998, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates, Henry Winkler. A simpleton's angry outbursts lead to gridiron glory.	(:20) ** "Just Go With It" (2011, Romance-Comedy) Adam Sandler, Jennifer Aniston, Nicole Kidman. A man's careless lie spins out of control.			**** "When Harry Met Sally"			**** "When Harry Met Sally"			
FSS	21	47	(6:00) "Nossa Chape" (2018)	Fight Sports: Boxing			WNBA Basketball Indiana Fever at Atlanta Dream.			Atlanta Pregame			
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "With Love, Christmas" (2017) Emilee Ullerup, Aaron O'Connell.	"Christmas Next Door" (2017, Romance) Jesse Metcalfe, Fiona Gubelmann, Jacob Blair. A bachelor is left in charge of his niece and nephew.			"Christmas in Evergreen" (2017, Romance) Ashley Williams, Teddy Sears, Barbara Niven. A veterinarian wishes upon a snow globe for romance.			"The Mistletoe Inn" (2017)			
HGTV	39	112	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	House Hunters Renovation			Mountain Life	Mountain Life	Fixer Upper	
HIST	45	110	Mountain Men "Long Shot"	Mountain Men: Fully Loaded (Season Premiere) An early melt unleashes the local bears. (N)			Mnt. Men			Mnt. Men			
ION	13	18	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Hardwired" A boy is raped.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Slain" A man is connected to a drug cartel.			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Users" A teenage girl is murdered.			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Benson is suspected in a crime.			
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) "His Double Life" (2016) Emmanuelle Vaugier, Brian Krause.	* "My Husband's Double Life" (2001, Drama) Margaret Colin, Jay O. Sanders, Aaron Ashmore. A woman discovers her husband faked his own death.			(:03) "Murdered at 17" (2018, Suspense) Cristine Prosseri, Blake Burt, Susan Walters. Brooke's new boyfriend becomes manipulative and controlling.			* "My Husband's Double Life"			
MSNBC	36	92	The Rachel Maddow Show	The Last Word			The 11th Hour With Brian Williams			Hardball With Chris Matthews			
NICK	16	210	Henry Danger	Nicky, Ricky	Star Falls (N)	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	(:36) Friends	(12:10) Friends		
PARMT	64	153	(5:00) ** "Fast Five" (2011)	Bellator MMA Live (N) (Live)			(:15) Bellator Kickboxing Bellator Kickboxing 10: Rome. (N) (Live)			Unstoppable			
SYFY	58	152	(5:00) *** "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" (2005) Daniel Radcliffe.	*** "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" (2007, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson. Premiere. Harry prepares a group of students to fight Voldemort. (DVS)			(:41) *** "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" (2004) Daniel Radcliffe. The young wizard confronts the fugitive Sirius Black. (DVS)			*** "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" (2004) Daniel Radcliffe. The young wizard confronts the fugitive Sirius Black. (DVS)			
TBS	24	156	Seinfeld "The Checks"	Seinfeld "The Chicken Roaster"	Seinfeld George abstains from sex.	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee	** "Jumanji" (1995) Robin Williams, Bonnie Hunt. (DVS)	** "Jumanji" (1995) Robin Williams, Bonnie Hunt. (DVS)	
TCM	49	186	(6:00) *** "The First Deadly Sin" (1980) Frank Sinatra, David Duker.	** "The Odessa File" (1974, Suspense) Jon Voight, Maximilian Schell. A German reporter hunts a Nazi shielded by a power elite in 1963.			(:15) ** "Return From the Ashes" (1965, Suspense) Maximilian Schell, Samantha Eggar. A death-camp survivor returns to her money-hungry family.			(12:15) ** "Roadblock"			
TLC	43	157	Say Yes to the Dress: Atlanta	Say Yes to the Dress: Atlanta (N)			(:02) I Want THAT Wedding			(:04) Four Weddings			
TNT	23	158	(5:00) ** "Blackhat" (2015) Chris Hemsworth, Tang Wei. (DVS)	*** "Captain America: Civil War" (2016, Action) Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson. Captain America clashes with Iron Man. (DVS)			Scarlett Johansson. Captain America clashes with Iron Man. (DVS)			*** "American Gangster" (2007) Denzel Washington. A chauffeur becomes Harlem's most-powerful crime boss.			
TRUTV	38	129	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Inside Carbonaro	Inside Carbonaro	Inside Carbonaro	Misfits & Monsters	Impractical Jokers	
TV LAND	55	161	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	(:12) Everybody Loves Raymond "Italy"	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	
USA	25	132	(5:00) *** "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" (2005) Daniel Radcliffe.	*** "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" (2007, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson. Premiere. Harry prepares a group of students to fight Voldemort. (DVS)			(:41) *** "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" (2004) Daniel Radcliffe. The young wizard confronts the fugitive Sirius Black. (DVS)			*** "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" (2004) Daniel Radcliffe. The young wizard confronts the fugitive Sirius Black. (DVS)			
WE	68	166	Criminal Minds "Unknown Subject"	Criminal Minds "Snake Eyes"			Criminal Minds "Closing Time"			Criminal Minds "A Thin Line"			
WGNA	8	172	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	*** "Gran Torino" (2008, Drama) Clint Eastwood.	*** "Gran Torino" (2008, Drama) Clint Eastwood.		

'Battle of the Sexes' recalls King-Riggs tennis match

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Sometimes a really good story is not enough to find an audience. HBO premieres the 2017 period piece "Battle of the Sexes" (8 p.m. Saturday). Based on true and very publicized events, it stars Emma Stone as American tennis star Billie Jean King and Steve Carell as the aging tennis player Bobby Riggs. Playing the media buffoon and "male chauvinist pig," Riggs challenged King to a 1973 tennis match in an effort to show that even the best female star could not beat an over-the-hill man.



Tennis star Bobby Riggs, bottom, and Billie Jean King are shown in action during their 1973 tennis match at the Astrodome in Houston. The 2017 film "Battle of the Sexes," which recalls the famous match, will air at 8 p.m. Saturday on HBO.

Touching on many of the social and political hot buttons of the era, their tennis match transcended mere sport and attracted a huge television audience. "Battle of the Sexes" received good reviews, with some critics praising Carell for one of the best performances of his career. Despite such accolades, the film was a box office disappointment.

Devoted almost exclusively to comedy from the past generation, "History" treats series like "I Love Lucy" and "The Dick Van Dyke Show" as relics from the Pleistocene era, a time when you couldn't say words like "pregnant" on TV. What it doesn't discuss is how those comedies still managed to be funny, and memorably so.

Comedian Jim Norton tells us that the 1981 teen comedy "Porky's" touched some kind of universal chord and ushered in an era of sexual honesty. Funny, I seem to remember many viewers finding it aggressively witless and puerile.

Way back in 2001, ABC aired a made-for-TV movie (remember them?) called "When Billie Beat Bobby." It featured Holly Hunter as King and Ron Silver as Riggs. It was a terrific, brilliantly cast movie — smart, fun and historically resonant. Nevertheless, it received record-low ratings for an ABC TV movie at the time.

After a few nods to trailblazers, including the work of Mae West and the bawdy albums of Rusty Warren and LaWanda Page, "History" pretty much runs through a clip-by-clip account of increasingly explicit stand-up routines and movie scenes from Richard Pryor to the present. This is more exhausting than informative or even entertaining. Many of these outrageous clips represent the crescendo of a stand-up routine. To air them as an onslaught diminishes their power.

The HBO series "Sex and the City" and "Girls" are also presented as cultural breakthroughs. And perhaps they were. But "History" fails to reflect that both of those series were also passionately loathed by many — "Sex" for its reduction of New York City to a shopping mall for thoughtless cupcake consumers and "Girls" for depicting an entire generation as helpless and self-involved.

These two admirable efforts show how difficult it is to interest viewers in sports history, no matter how relevant. The story may seem too over-the-top to appeal to history buffs and lacks the overt sentimentality that is the hallmark of successful sports movies.

Not unlike "The 2000s," also airing on CNN, "Comedy" is big on its access to talent. But once you have those celebrities, you tend to praise them, or let them praise themselves. Just as Tom Hanks appeared on last week's "The 2000s" saying swell things about his own HBO series, Judd Apatow is seen here discussing the significance of his projects, "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," "Love" and "Girls."

"The History of Comedy" demonstrates what happens when you have a conversation about culture but invite only one side. Not to be confused with Discovery's "Shark Week," Nat Geo Wild offers "SharkFest," starting with "When Sharks Attack: Mayhem in Mexico" (9 p.m. Sunday, TV-14).

• Benedict Cumberbatch ("Sherlock") lends his voice to "Planet Earth: South Pacific" (9 p.m. Saturday, BBC America), a six-episode series.

• Produced by Sean Hayes ("Will & Grace"), the documentary series "The History of Comedy" (10 p.m. Sunday, CNN) enters its second season. Over six hourlong episodes, "Comedy" will look at animation, comedy duos and teams, sketch comedy and family-friendly comedy. Filled with clips, "History" also includes interviews and soundbites from famous comedians, writers and producers.

This season begins with "Carnal Knowledge," a glance at sexually explicit comedy.

SATURDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Regional coverage of **Major League Baseball** (7 p.m., Fox).
- A soon-to-be imprisoned mother must give up her baby to the sister she despises in the 2017 shocker **"A Mother's Crime"** (8 p.m., Lifetime, TV-14).
- Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth and the songs of ABBA star in the 2008 musical **"Mamma Mia!"** (8:30 p.m., NBC). A sequel arrives in theaters on July 20.
- **"Truth and Lies: The Family Manson"** (9 p.m., ABC) features the last interview with Charles Manson.

- Harlee finds more rot in the bureau on **"Shades of Blue"** (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14).

SUNDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Scheduled on **"60 Minutes"** (7 p.m., CBS, r): Confederate monuments, seaweed and a 12-year-old musical prodigy.
- Ghost and Tasha quarrel on **"Power"** (8 p.m., Starz, TV-MA).
- American forces encircle Japan on **"The Pacific War in Color"** (8 p.m., Smithsonian).
- **"Unsung"** profiles R&B singer Michelle (9 p.m., TVOne).
- **"Shark Week's 50 Best Bites"** (8 p.m., Discovery, TV-PG) features interviews with Tracy Morgan, Andy Samberg and Craig Ferguson.
- A photoshoot on an Army base ends with the death of a model on **"Endeavour"** on **"Masterpiece"** (9 p.m., PBS, TV-14, check local listings).
- **"The 2000s"** (9 p.m., CNN) recalls the attacks of 9/11 and subsequent wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.
- The House of Abundance needs a new home on **"Pose"** (9 p.m., FX, TV-MA).
- Adora (Patricia Clarkson) recoils when Camille (Amy Adams) attends a local funeral as a reporter on **"Sharp Objects"** (9 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).
- Vik declares his independence on **"The Affair"** (9 p.m., Showtime, TV-MA).

CULT CHOICE

James Bond (Sean Connery) battles Blofeld (Donald Pleasence) in the 1967 adventure **"You Only Live Twice"** (7 p.m. Sunday, Starz Encore).

SATURDAY SERIES

On two helpings of **"Me, Myself & I"** (CBS, TV-PG), a blind date (8 p.m.), investing in the future (8:30 p.m.) * Snappy banter on **"Will & Grace"** (8 p.m., NBC, r, TV-14) * Halloween frights on **"America's Funniest Home Videos"** (8 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * On two helpings of **"Living Biblically"** (CBS, TV-PG), competition and guilt (9 p.m.), habitats for humanity (9:30 p.m.) * **"48 Hours"** (10 p.m., CBS).

SUNDAY SERIES

More acts perform on **"America's Got Talent"** (8 p.m., NBC, r, TV-PG) * Bill Hader and Cecily Strong guest-voice on **"The Simpsons"** (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-PG) * Sherri Shepherd and Ian Ziering appear on **"Celebrity Family Feud"** (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * A secret room is discovered on **"Bob's Burgers"** (8:30 p.m., Fox, r, TV-PG) * On two episodes of **"NCIS: Los Angeles"** (CBS, r, TV-14), national security (9 p.m.), a killer puts on a show (10 p.m.) * Amanda Seyfried guest-voices on **"Family Guy"** (9 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) * Gary Cole participates on **"The \$100,000 Pyramid"** (9 p.m., ABC, TV-14) * The team wants respect on **"Ghosted"** (9:30 p.m., Fox, TV-PG) * Anthony Anderson hosts **"To Tell the Truth"** (10 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).

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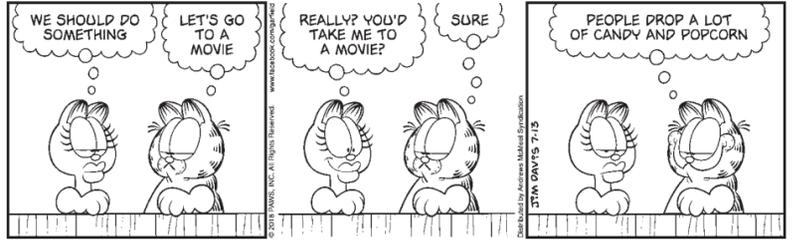
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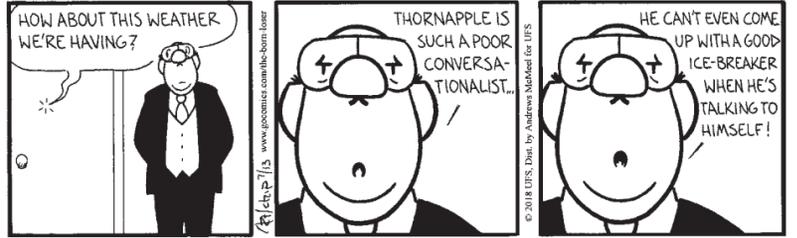
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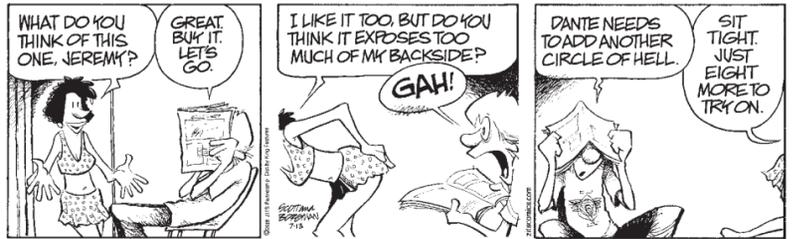
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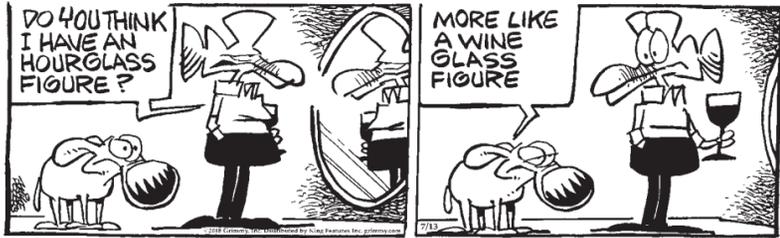
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Crush on married boss causes daily heartache



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — I'm 20 years old and have a job in retail. I've been working here for a few years and am in a higher position than most associates. I'm in a relationship with my high school sweetheart, whom I truly love, but I'm also crazy about my boss. She's beautiful, funny, and to be honest, I jumped at my promotion so I could get closer to her. I feel terrible because, while I love my girlfriend, if I were given the chance to be with my boss, I'd have a hard time saying no. Thankfully, my boss is in a long-term marriage, so I

know in my head I have no chance, but it hurts to go on every day thinking about her. I'd hate myself if I never told her how I feel. What should I do?

Really confused in retail

DEAR REALLY CONFUSED — Because you're excelling in this job, consider asking your beautiful, funny, married boss to write a positive letter of recommendation for you so you can find another job in retail — one that won't make you ache every time you clock in.

DEAR ABBY — My husband and I have been asked to be in his sister's wedding. We said yes, mostly out of obligation.

There will be three married couples in the procession. I recently learned that my sister-in-law plans to have the couples

split up and walk with others. I think it's extremely weird and rude, so much so that we want to back out. Neither of us cares to be in a memory book with us posing with other people. It's not that either of us is jealous; we've been married for 24 years. What do you think?

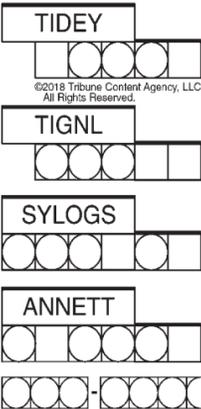
Feeling obligated in the East

DEAR FEELING OBLIGATED — I think that before you take offense and back out, you should ask your sister-in-law why she wants to do this. It could be something as simple as variations in the height of the participants and not weird or rude. Between you and me, unless you and your husband feel so strongly about this that you're willing to create a rift in the family, you should go along with his sister's fantasy of her perfect day.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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



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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: EMCEE HIKER ABSURD PUSHUP
Answer: He longed to be a bounty hunter and planned to — PURSUE HIS DREAM

SUDOKU

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

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Jim Quinlan

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Adobe extension
 - 4 Food
 - 8 Formal affirmation
 - 14 Amusement
 - 15 "Logan" superheroes
 - 16 Bib, essentially
 - 17 Cooking acronym
 - 18 Calendar model's argument?
 - 20 First word of The Beach Boys' "Kokomo"
 - 22 David Caruso starred in the Miami version
 - 23 ___ periculo: at my own risk
 - 24 Ones who curry favor in Cannes?
 - 29 Jackie portrayer on "Nurse Jackie"
 - 30 Spike TV, once
 - 31 He finished hosting "The Tonight Show" 12 years before Fallon was born
 - 34 Tool points
 - 37 Long past
 - 41 Booms in the poultry industry?
 - 44 Wrap label
 - 45 Isaac's eldest
 - 46 Extended tale
 - 47 "Just joking!"
 - 49 Narrow cut
 - 51 Northern New York gallery, say?
 - 57 Latin lover's word
 - 58 Cup holder?
 - 59 Seller of spots
 - 61 Package on the porch ... or what's been brought to 18-, 24-, 41- and 51-Across
 - 66 Main man
 - 67 Snicker
 - 68 Anticipatory times
 - 69 Beauty preceder?
 - 70 Small stock purchase
 - 71 Pudding starch
 - 72 Amount realized
 - 19 Penultimate Greek letter
 - 21 Six-pack makeup
 - 25 Picture at Cannes
 - 26 "Die Lorelei" poet
 - 27 ___ day: school contingency
 - 28 Not in the book
 - 31 Cubicle fixtures
 - 32 "I got it!"
 - 33 It's all around you
 - 35 School ___
 - 36 Unavoidable jerk
 - 38 What might reveal the answer to "Who's your daddy?"
 - 39 Custard base
 - 40 Org. that abhors leaks
 - 42 Windsor, for one
 - 43 "Star Trek" lieutenant
 - 48 Smartphone alternative
 - 50 Parental words of finality
 - 51 Decided on a diamond
 - 52 Sat
 - 53 Start to cycle?
 - 54 Wasp nest sites
 - 55 ___ Dictionary
 - 56 Road sign with a double-tailed arrow
 - 57 One on a driveway
 - 60 One who works with feet
 - 62 FedEx alternative
 - 63 Want ad abbr.
 - 64 Actress Gabor
 - 65 Gas pump spec.
- Previous Puzzle Solved**
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