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Was Manning police chief really fired?

Council disbands committees, then abolishes its vote; *Item* reporter challenges executive session



BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

In a full-circle round of voting Monday night centering on the firing of Blair Shaffer as Manning's police chief, a 4-1 vote by

Manning City Council to disband all the city's committees, including the Public Safety Committee that voted to fire Shaffer last week, was blocked after an executive session.

The vote to disband the

committees was abolished after Mayor Julia Nelson and council members returned from executive session and stated the matter was not on the agenda and, therefore, according to attorneys from Boykin and

Davis LLC, could not be taken up. If it had stood, it seemed likely the firing would have been voided.

Blair Shaffer was fired from the position he held for eight years and replaced with retired South

Carolina Highway Patrol Capt. Anthony K. Grice as interim police chief.

Discussion on disbanding the committees was heated during the council meeting,

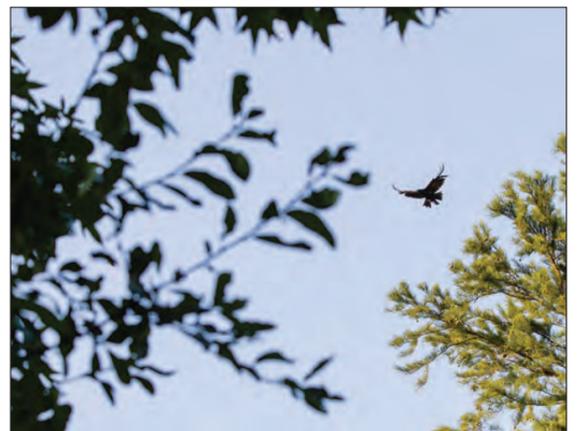
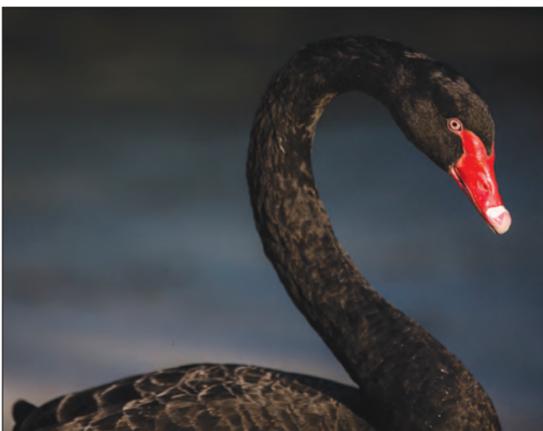
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A summer evening at the lake



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Animal residents of Swan Lake-Iris Gardens were out in droves Saturday around sunset, and passersby even witnessed a duckling sighting near the "Recovery" sculpture. See more photos from the lake on page A6.



Trump questions U.S. intel, not Putin, on election meddling

BY JONATHAN LEMIRE, JILL COLVIN and VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV
The Associated Press

HELSINKI — Standing next to Russia's Vladimir Putin, President Donald Trump openly questioned his own intelligence agencies' conclusions that Moscow was to blame for meddling in the 2016 U.S. election to Trump's

benefit and seemed to accept Putin's insistence that Russia's hands were clean.

Trump's comments, at a joint news conference Monday after summit talks with Putin, drew heavy criticism back in the U.S., including from prominent Republicans. Sen. John McCain was most outspoken, declaring that Trump made a "conscious choice to defend a tyrant" and achieved "one of

the most disgraceful performances by an American president in memory." Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee said Trump made the U.S. "look like a pushover."

In Helsinki, Putin said he did indeed want to Trump to win in 2016 — because of his policies — but took no action to make it happen.

"I have great confidence in my intelligence people, but I

will tell you that President Putin was extremely strong and powerful in his denial today," said Trump, repeatedly denouncing the special counsel investigation into Russian interference efforts, which intelligence officials warn are ongoing.

"I don't see any reason why Russia would interfere in the 2016 election," Trump said.

It was an extraordinary

press conference closing out the Trump-Putin summit, in which the American president delivered what amounted to a warm embrace of the man who for years has been isolated by the U.S. and Western allies for Russia's activities in Ukraine, Syria and beyond.

Trump said he and Putin "spent a great deal of time"

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Gov. McMaster to Medicaid: Cover medical care, not abortion clinics

COLUMBIA (AP) — South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster has ordered the state's Medicaid agency to continue covering "necessary medical care and important women's health and family planning services" but also "to terminate abortion clinics as Medicaid providers."

The executive order, directed at the state Department of Health and Human Services late last week, comes after the Republican vetoed \$16 million in family planning funds from the state budget.

Federal laws mandate that Medicaid patients may seek family planning services at health care clinics of their own choosing. Federal money may not be used to pay for abortion, except in cases of rape, incest or when a mother's life is in danger. But hundreds of thousands of low-income South Carolinians qualify for family planning benefits like pelvic exams through the state

Medicaid agency.

Spokesman Brian Symmes told media outlets McMaster intended to impact as few of them as possible in his bid to stop government money from flowing to Planned Parenthood.



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To exclude abortion providers from the Medicaid family planning provider network, the agency must establish that the clinics were otherwise disqualified for some legitimate reason, such as billing fraud. State Medicaid spokeswoman Colleen Mullis told the *Post and Courier* of Charleston last week the governor's actions "result in abortion clinics no longer being qualified to provide family planning services to South Carolina Medicaid beneficiaries."

She did not elaborate on whether the

clinics had violated any state or federal rules.

Lawmakers will return to Columbia this fall to address McMaster's budget vetoes, including his removal of \$16 million for health care from the state's \$8 billion spending plan. In slashing the funding, McMaster — who is campaigning this year for his first full term in office — said he was keeping a promise he has made repeatedly, disagreeing with Democrats and some Republicans who said Planned Parenthood gets less than \$100,000 of the money and all of it goes for family planning and not abortion.

Planned Parenthood called the veto a "political stunt" and the practical effect will be to remove birth control, testing for sexually transmitted diseases and even cancer screenings for hundreds of thousands of poor women on Medicaid.

Broad Street Waffle House regains A grade

BY KAYLA ROBINS

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After four food grades inspections that included two "As", one "B" and one failing "C" grade, a Broad Street Waffle House has regained its "A" grade standing after a July follow-up inspection.

An inspection on July 9 at 1041 Broad St. resulted in a 99 percent overall score and no need for another follow-up.

The eatery failed in June after multiple reports of cockroaches and dirty utensils in the kitchen.

The only point that was taken off was for nonfood contact surfaces of the cook line equipment having an "accumulation of grease, carbon and debris." That violation was not a priority foundation violation.

Scores are based on a 100-point scale and are assigned a letter grade that is posted at each facility based on the calculated numerical score and the establishment's past scores and any repeated major violations, called priority foundation violations.

A "C" grade is considered failing. There may be times when the posted letter grade differs from the numerical score of the most recent inspection, according to DHEC.

Routine inspections are unannounced and generally range from one to four times a year, and follow-up inspections are conducted within 10 days of a routine inspection that requires further verification.

LOCAL & STATE BRIEFS

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

City council to consider final vote on food trucks today

Sumter City Council will meet today at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St., to consider:

- Second and final reading of an ordinance to amend portions of the city's zoning and development standards to make food trucks a temporary use, subject to annual review, in certain districts;
- Final reading of an ordinance to rezone .99 acres at 835 S. Harvin St. from residential-6 to general commercial;
- Final reading of an ordinance to annex 7.12 acres on Old Field Road into the city;
- First reading of a request to rezone approximately 30 acres at 702 N. Main St. from residential-6 to general commercial. A public hearing will be held at 6 p.m. prior to council's vote;
- First reading of an ordinance to authorize two lease agreements with the South Carolina Educational Television Foundation about real property and infrastructure at 18 N. Harvin St.;
- A resolution to authorize a contract for the Manning Avenue and North Main Street Sewer Lining Project; and
- A resolution to approve the acquisition of the temporary construction easement by the city of Sumter in connection with the town of Mayesville Pump Sta-

tion and Force Main Project.

Job fair in Bishopville to feature almost 40 employers

BISHOPVILLE — The Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments and SC Works and its business partners are hosting a job fair in Bishopville on Wednesday, Aug. 8, at Old Bishopville High School Gymnasium, 121 E. College St. Doors will be open to veterans only from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The general public will be allowed inside starting at 9:30 a.m. The job fair will end at 1 p.m.

Many area employees, including Coca-Cola, International Paper, Continental Tire the Americas, Palmetto Corp., Sykes Enterprises, Carolina Metal Finishing and South Carolina Department of Corrections are among the almost 40 employers who are expected to participate.

This event provides an opportunity for job seekers and employers to match the supply of skilled individuals with the demand for positions that will improve the economic vitality of the region while also boosting key quality-of-life factors.

For more information, contact Steve Berger at SC Works at (803) 774-1306 or sberger@slcog.org.

Mayor: 68-year-old man killed after shooting at police first

FLORENCE — Authorities say a man shot by a police officer in the parking lot of a South Carolina hotel has died.

Florence Mayor Stephen Wukela said the man fired at the officer first at the Hilton Garden Inn around 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

Florence County Coroner Keith von Lutcken said 68-year-old Jethro Benjamin died a few hours later at the hospital.

Wukela said in a statement that officers came to the hotel because of a 911 call about a man with a gun, and Benjamin was ordered to drop the weapon before he fired. SLED is investigating.

Missing man died of heat stroke at home near Camden

CAMDEN — A coroner in South Carolina says a man reported missing died of heat stroke last week.

Kershaw County Coroner David West said in a news release the victim was 77-year-old George James Clark, who lived alone at his home near Camden.

Sheriff's deputies found the body Saturday afternoon after family members had been unable to reach him.

The coroner says Clark had been cutting trails behind his home and apparently went into the woods and sat down before he collapsed and died.

37-year-old woman dies when thrown from boat, run over

ISLE OF PALMS — A woman has died after she was thrown from a boat and run over.

The Charleston County Coroner's Office told news outlets that 37-year-old Stephanie Rehtin of Mount Pleasant died in the boating crash Saturday.

The Department of Natural Resources said Rehtin was thrown from the boat when the craft struck what appeared to be an oyster bed.

CORRECTION

A story in Friday's paper announcing the candidacy of Barbara Bowman for the Area 1 seat on the Sumter School District Board of Trustees inaccurately stated she has lived in Mayesville since 1997. Bowman lives in Cherryvale, which is in the Area 1 district boundaries.

S.C. joins 4 other states in speed enforcement campaign

BY DANNY KELLY

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The South Carolina Department of Public Safety will join five Southeastern states for Operation Southern Shield to try to reduce speeding and speed-related collisions, which, in some instances, result in death. The campaign began July 15 and will go until July 23.

Now in its second year, the



operation focuses on law enforcement agencies cracking down on speeding, distracted

driving, seatbelt violations and driving under the influence, according to a news release from the state public safety department.

The other four states involved are Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Tennessee, which all make up the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Region 4 that developed the operation in 2017 to focus on the heavy summer travel period when the "rate

of fatal and injury crashes within the Southeastern United States is higher than any other time of the year."

Only 16 people died on South Carolina roads during the 2017 week of enforcement, as opposed to 21 people during a comparable week in 2016.

South Carolina also saw a reduction in speed-related fatalities during that period, going from nine to six, ac-

ording to the SCDPS.

SCDPS reported there have been 507 people who died on South Carolina roads so far this year, compared to 556 last year. Of those deaths, 10 have been in Sumter County this year compared to 12 last year.

There were 45,156 speed-related collisions on state roadways in 2017, and almost 38 percent of all fatal roadway collisions in South Carolina were speed-related.

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'Sheltering wings': Charleston memorial plan conveys solace

BY JONATHAN DREW
Associated Press

Designs for a memorial to nine black worshippers slain at a South Carolina church began not at a drafting table, but with questions from grieving family members to prospective architects. They didn't want to see any drawings until they sat down with the eventual designer to discuss how best to honor loved ones lost in the racist attack at Emanuel AME Church.

The result of those conversations, the planners say, will be less of a solemn monument and more of a heavenly embrace to those visiting the historic Charleston church.

Church officials unveiled detailed plans Sunday afternoon for the permanent tribute designed by the architect behind the 9/11 Memorial in New York. The announcement, coinciding with the 200th anniversary of the church known as "Mother Emanuel," will be followed by a push to raise the money needed to build the memorial and prayer garden.

Church officials say the design conveys both solace and resiliency. A marble fountain with carvings of the victims' names will be flanked by curved stone benches that rise above visitors' heads and cradle the space "like sheltering wings," according to a news release.

"When you walk into the memorial, it's going to give you the feeling of being



The men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. lead a crowd of people in prayer on June 19, 2015, outside the Emanuel AME Church in Charleston.

embraced, just embraced with warmth," said City Councilman William Dudley Gregorie, a church trustee who lost a loved one in the June 2015 attack.

The nine worshippers were shot during Bible study by a man who said he intended to kill people at the historic church to stoke racial tensions. He's been sentenced to death.

In honoring the victims, architect Mi-

chael Arad said the project also will pay homage to the church's history as a living community, not just a geographic location.

"At the heart of the design of the new memorial is the notion of congregation — of creating a place that fosters a sense of community that invites people in," Arad said in an interview.

The church, among the oldest black

congregations in the South, has stood as a beacon for the past two centuries despite adversity. It was torched by whites in its early years after a failed slave revolt, and since then, it has been rebuilt or repaired after natural disasters.

Thus, Gregorie said, the memorial and prayer garden will also give visitors a "sense of resiliency and survival."

Discussions about a permanent tribute to the victims began in the months after the shooting, said local businessman John Darby, who helped set up a memorial fund for the church. Darby estimated it could take more than \$15 million for construction and an endowment to maintain the memorial.

At the outset, prospective architects were asked not to submit designs but to answer written questions about their emotional reaction to the shootings, Arad said.

Arad, announced as architect in June 2017, began developing the designs through further conversations with the victims' loved ones, other congregants and a church committee.

"It was really about bringing things to the table and discussing them with the group and hearing responses and understanding what resonated," he said.

The design process was often intertwined with grief.

"There were days we just passed around a tissue box," Darby said.



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Survey of economists shows U.S. sales and employment likely to grow in next 3 months

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN
AP Business Writer

DETROIT — Most U.S. business economists expect corporate sales to grow during the next three months and hiring and pay to rise with them.

But a majority of the economists surveyed by the National Association for Business Economics say the corporate tax cuts that the Trump administration pushed through Congress have yet to affect their plans for hiring or investment. The administration had promoted its tax cuts, which were heavily tilted toward corporations and wealthy individuals, as likely to raise worker pay and promote corporate investment and expansion over time.

The NABE also said a majority of respondents from goods-producing companies said their companies were delaying investment, raising prices or taking other steps in response to the Trump administration's trade conflicts with other nations.

The results of the quarterly survey being released Monday reflect responses from 98 of the NABE's members between June 14 and June 27.

Sixty-eight percent of the business economists said they foresee sales growing during the next three months.

And for a third-straight quarter, a higher proportion of respondents reported rising sales at their companies. All the panelists expect the U.S. economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, to expand

over the next 12 months.

Goods producers — a category that includes manufacturers, farmers and construction — are most optimistic, with 94 percent saying they expect sales to rise during the next three months.

Fifty-one percent of the economists said wages rose at their companies between April and June, and they expect pay to keep rising during the next three months. It was the first time since the NABE began analyzing such data in 1982 that it has reported such strong wage growth over two quarters. Forty-one percent of respondents said their companies expect to hire in the next three months.

"Labor market conditions are tight, with skilled labor shortages driving firms to raise pay, increase training and consider additional automation," Sara Rutledge, chair of the NABE's Business Conditions Survey, said in a statement.

Overall, the respondents reported little impact so far



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A member of a construction team works on the site of Gables Station, a mixed-use project featuring apartments, retail, a hotel and cafes, in Coral Gables, Florida, in June. Most U.S. business economists expect corporate sales to grow during the next three months and hiring and pay to rise with them.

from the Trump administration's tariffs against China, the European Union, Canada and Mexico. A majority — 65 percent — said the trade disputes haven't led their companies to change hiring, investing or pricing so far.

But among goods-producing companies — which are directly affected by the tariffs and the counter-tariffs by America's trading partners — a majority said they had made one or more such

changes. Twenty-six percent of the goods-producing companies said they had de-

layed investments, and 16 percent said they had raised prices.

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Struggling farmers find more to worry about

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Even before the specter of a trade war with China and other countries threatened to cost them billions of dollars, American farmers were feeling the squeeze from fluctuating crop prices and other factors that have halved their overall income in recent years.

The threat of counter-tariffs on U.S. farm goods and the impact of President Donald Trump's other policies on immigration and biofuels, though, have some farmers more worried than ever about their ability to continue eking out an existence in agriculture.

"No matter where you look in

ag right now, you see storm clouds on the horizon, and some of those are a lot closer overhead than we'd care for," said Chad Hart, an agricultural economist with Iowa State University.

Trump's tariff threats earlier this year against China, Mexico, Canada and European Union elicited quick retaliatory measures that depressed the prices of certain U.S. agricultural products, including corn, soybeans and pork. When \$34 billion worth of tariffs against China took effect July 6 and China responded with tariffs of its own, U.S. farmers were already feeling the squeeze from

lower crop prices, higher land prices and other factors.

The Department of Agriculture predicted before the threat of tariffs and counter-tariffs that U.S. farm income would drop this year to \$60 billion, or half the \$120 billion of five years ago. That projection is likely high, given what's transpired since.

Don Bloss, who grows corn, soybeans, sorghum and wheat on his farm in the southeastern Nebraska community of Pawnee City, said he's already seen a few neighbors quit farming as they struggled to make a profit even before the tariff battle began this year.

"They aren't making money. One has said the banker is giving up on them," said Bloss.

John Weber, who raises pigs and grows corn and soybeans with his son about 100 miles northeast of Des Moines, near Dysart, said many farmers' budgets were already tight going into this growing season, and the impact of tariffs has made it worse.

"Some were given the go-ahead for another year, but boy, you start looking at these lower prices and the extra costs that are out there now it gets tough. It just doesn't work," he said.

Per-bushel soybean prices have fallen 19 percent since

early May to a 10-year low and corn is down more than 15 percent. At current prices, most farmers lose money on corn, soybeans and pigs.

U.S. pork producers stand to lose more than \$2 billion per year because of plunging hog futures prices, the result of the Chinese retaliatory tariffs, according to Iowa State University economists' projections.

"That means less income for pork producers and, ultimately, some of them going out of business," said Jim Heimerl, a pig farmer from Johnstown, Ohio, and president of the National Pork Producers Council, an industry trade group.

Judge temporarily halts deportation of reunified families

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A federal judge on Monday ordered a temporary halt to any deportations of reunited families who were separated by the Trump administration after crossing the southwest border.

The American Civil Liberties Union had asked Judge Dana Sabraw to delay deportations a week after reunification. The ACLU said in a court filing that its request is a response to "persistent and increasing rumors ... that mass deportations may be carried out imminently and immediately upon reunification."

The ACLU said parents need a week after being reunified with their children to decide whether to pursue asylum.

The decision "cannot be made until parents not only have had time to fully discuss the ramifications with their children, but also to hear from the child's advocate or counsel, who can explain to the parent the likelihood of the child ultimately prevailing in his or her own asylum case if left behind in the U.S. (as well as where the child is likely to end up living)," the ACLU says.

Sabraw said he would temporarily halt deportations until the Justice Department could file a response to the ACLU's documents. He gave the government attorneys one week and said he'd formally rule after that. Justice attorneys opposed halting the deportations.

The request by the ACLU followed a flurry of weekend activity in the case. The judge said late Friday that he was

having second thoughts about whether the government was acting in good faith. He was responding to an administration plan to reunite more than 2,500 children ages 5 and older by July 26.

The administration's reunification plan uses "truncated" procedures to verify parentage and perform background checks, excluding DNA testing and other steps it took to reunify children under 5. The administration said the abbreviated vetting puts children at significant safety risk but is needed to meet the deadline.

During a hastily scheduled hearing after the plan was released Friday, Sabraw said the government was presenting a "parade of horrors" that misrepresented his orders. He insisted that the deadline be met.

"The task is laborious, but can be accomplished in the time and manner

prescribed," he wrote in a subsequent order.

Sabraw has scheduled four hearings over the next two weeks, including one Monday, to ensure compliance with his order.

Evelyn Stauffer, a spokeswoman for the Health and Human Services Department, said Saturday that the administration proposed its plan "in the interests of transparency and cooperation" after concluding that the abbreviated vetting was necessary to make the deadline.

"Within the time the court allows, we will strive to implement the most comprehensive procedures possible to ensure child welfare," she said. "We look forward to continuing our close work with the court to accomplish the goals we share of safe, expeditious reunification."

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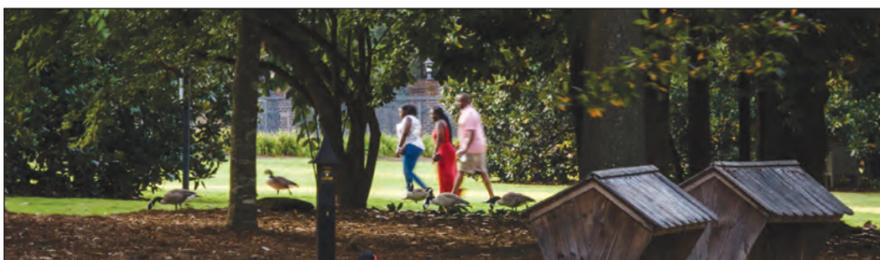
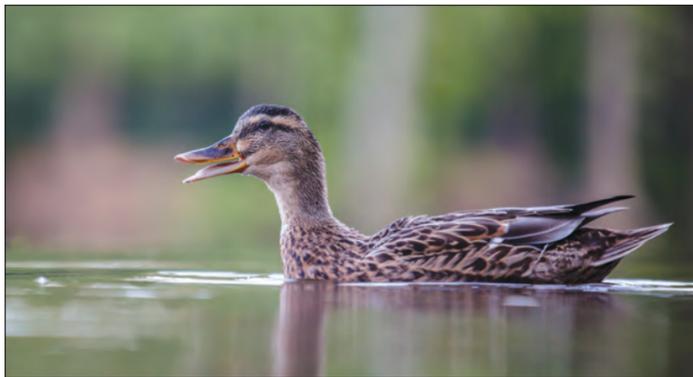
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COUNCIL

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including when Manning Mayor Julia Nelson asked to discuss the matter in executive session. *The Sumter Item* freelance reporter Sharron Haley challenged the mayor on the legality of holding a vote in secrecy and discussing something in executive session that was not on the agenda, leading the council to vote in open session.

What they ended up talking about in executive session was also not on the agenda. The only matter on the agenda for executive session for Monday's council meeting was discussion of the Public Safety Committee — not Monday's motion and vote. Yet, they were advised by attorneys on Monday's motion and vote and came out of it to void the vote.

Councilman Ervin Davis

made the motion to disband all committees within the city of Manning, including the Public Safety Committee. It was seconded by Councilman Julius Dukes and eventually passed 4-1 with Councilman Johnny Gordon and Councilwoman Diane Georgia also voting in favor. The one vote in opposition came from Councilman Clayton Pack, who was also a member of the Public Safety Committee, which voted to fire Shaffer.

During the vote, Nelson

asked who was in opposition of the motion four times. Before the final vote, she miscounted the tally as 3-to-2, when it was always a 4-1 vote.

Davis questioned the authority of the committee to hire and fire the city's police chief and why the council was not the governing body handling the decision whether to fire Shaffer. The first reading of an ordinance giving the committee the ability to fire the chief was read and passed June 5 at a budget meeting.

The second and final reading of the motion was read and passed at a regular council meeting on June 18, at which Davis was not in attendance. The votes for those two instances were not immediately clear and were not reshaped at Monday's meeting.

The agenda for the June 5 budget meeting is not currently posted on the city's website.

Shaffer had been employed by the city's police department for more than 25 years.

Nelson cited the "safety of our residents, guests and community" when she announced Shaffer's firing on Thursday but declined to comment further, stating it was a "personnel matter."

This remains a developing story. Go online to www.theitem.com to read more.

The Sumter Item freelance reporter Sharron Haley, Executive Editor Kayla Robins, Newsroom Manager Rhonda Barrick and Melanie Smith contributed to this report.

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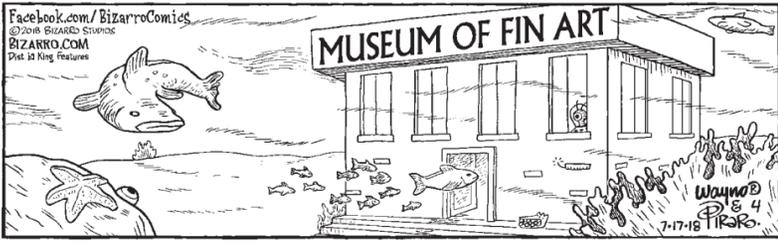
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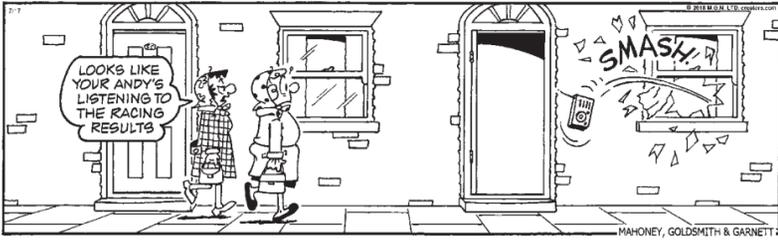
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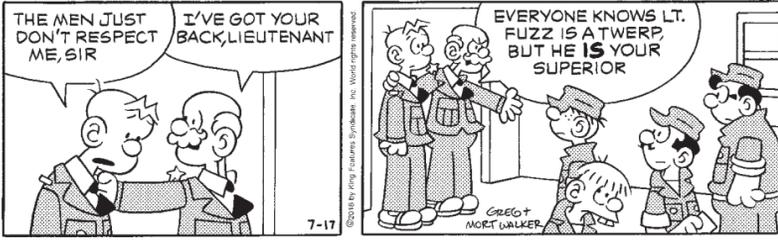
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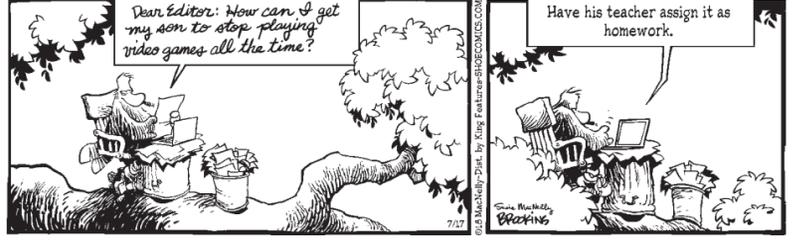
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Food-loving family less than accepting of special diet



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — I am a diagnosed narcoleptic. Medication helps with the symptoms, but not entirely. I looked into alternative options and found a fantastic diet. I recently

went on it with amazing results. My dad's side of the family is Italian, and a huge part of the culture is food. During celebrations, it's considered offensive to refuse food, and my family has always looked down on diets. If a family member is on one, they'll argue that it's a spe-

cial occasion and it's only for one day. Abby, I'm exhausted at family gatherings. If I try to turn something down, I get attacked because "Grandma made it," or "It's your favorite and we made it for you." I have tried explaining to them that I don't want them to alter their dinner arrangements to accommodate me, but I should be allowed to forgo eating foods that will make me feel like a zombie. They just don't get it, and it has caused arguments. How do I re-open this discussion without offending anyone?
Panicked over pasta

DEAR P. OVER P. — Do it BEFORE the celebration by calling your hosting family member and explaining that there are now foods you can-

not eat because of your diagnosed medical condition. Explain that you know they would not feed certain foods to a diabetic, and you need the same dispensation. Ask them to kindly not put you in the embarrassing position of having to refuse their delicious food, and if they feel it will cause a problem, they should excuse you from the event.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

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SUDEO

SLEDOC

BLLOGA

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



(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SIXTY BERTH BRONCO JINGLE
Answer: When it came to showing off his ability, the pool player was a — BIG SHOT

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

1	2	7	8	3	5	9	4	6
3	9	4	2	1	6	5	8	7
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7	8	2	9	6	4	3	5	1
4	5	1	3	8	2	6	7	9
5	7	9	6	2	1	8	3	4
2	1	8	4	9	3	7	6	5
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Craig Stowe 7/17/18

- ACROSS**
- 1 Excites, with "up"
 - 5 Programs opened with a fingertip
 - 9 Furtive attention-getters
 - 14 When doubled, a fish
 - 15 Computer folder item
 - 16 Musical eightsome
 - 17 "Air Force topper"
 - 19 Go halvesies
 - 20 Creator of the Hundred Acre Wood
 - 21 Onetime comm. giant
 - 23 Concerning
 - 24 *Subconscious revelation
 - 28 Unethical
 - 31 brulée:
 - 32 Wild hog
 - 33 Excite, with "up"
 - 35 Up to now
 - 38 Pipe shape
 - 39 *Solution for an itchy Spot?
 - 42 -Magnon
 - 43 Hooking birds
 - 45 Cookie container
 - 46 Woman in a family tree
 - 10 Deep divides
 - 11 Hockey trophy
 - 12 Purple-haired twin on "The Simpsons"
 - 13 Brew
 - 18 German gent
 - 22 Shingle sealant
 - 25 Royal wedding guest, perhaps
 - 26 Peter Fonda's beekeeper
 - 27 Tide type
 - 28 "your pardon"
 - 29 Spy story staple
 - 30 Like evildoers
 - 34 Laundry tub
 - 36 Shore bird
 - 37 Youngsters
 - 39 Charges for members
 - 40 Part of DJ
 - 41 Really enjoying, as a hobby
 - 44 Unexpected hit
 - 46 Name officially, as to a position
 - 48 Sci-fi invaders
 - 49 Robberies
 - 51 Seemingly forever
 - 52 Monastery figure
 - 53 Jessica of "American Horror Story"
 - 54 Panache
 - 58 Thought
 - 59 Hems, but doesn't haw
 - 60 To be, to Brutus
 - 62 Word before time or piece
 - 64 Like an "if looks could kill" look
 - 65 Quaint curse

Previous Puzzle Solved

R	A	S	P	B	E	A	D	P	E	S	T	S			
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RUSSIA

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discussing allegations of Russian election meddling as they met for several hours Monday. But Trump declined the opportunity to denounce Putin for the interference efforts, which U.S. intelligence agencies insist did occur, including hacking of Democratic emails, the subject of last week's indictment of 12 Russians.

Trump said, as he has countless times, that there was "no collusion" between his campaign and the Russians.

"We ran a brilliant campaign, and that's why I'm president," he said.

Putin also suggested Monday that Moscow and Washington could jointly conduct criminal investigations into a dozen Russian intelligence officials accused of hacking during the 2016 U.S. election campaign — an idea Trump hailed as an "incredible offer."

Asked if Russia could extradite the 12 Russian military intelligence officers, Putin challenged the U.S. to take advantage of a 1999 agreement envisaging mutual legal assistance.

He said the agreement would allow U.S. officials to request that Russian authorities interrogate the 12, adding that U.S. officials could request to be present in such interrogations.

Putin noted that Russia would expect the U.S. to return the favor and cooperate in the Russian probe against William Browder, a British investor charged with financial crimes in Russia. Browder was a driving force behind a U.S. law targeting Russian officials over human rights abuses.

The summit began just hours after Trump blamed the United States — and not Russian election meddling or its annexation of Crimea — for a low point in U.S.-Russia relations.

"Our relationship with Russia has NEVER been worse," Trump tweeted Monday morning, blaming "many years of U.S. foolishness and stupidity and now, the Rigged Witch Hunt!"

The Russian foreign ministry



U.S. President Donald Trump, left, and Russian President Vladimir Putin shake hands at the beginning of a meeting at the Presidential Palace in Helsinki, Finland, on Monday.

responded by liking Trump's tweet and then replying: "We agree."

Asked about the tweet and whether he held Russia responsible for anything, Trump said

he held "both countries responsible" and thinks the United States has been "fooling" and that "we're all to blame."

"The probe is a disaster for our country. There was no col-



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lusion at all."

Putin, speaking through an interpreter, once again denied what he described as "so-called interference of Russia." He called it "nonsense" and insisted the Russian state had never interfered and would never interfere in the American electoral process.

The pair had opened their long-awaited summit Monday with a wink and slouch, respectively, then talked one on one behind closed doors for two-plus hours before the American leader declared their meeting was off to a "very, very good start for everybody."

"We have not been getting along well for the last number of years," Trump said after arriving at the Presidential Palace in Finland's capital, where the leaders are meeting. "But I think we will end up having an extraordinary relationship. ... I really think the world wants to

see us get along."

Putin, for his part, said he and Trump have maintained regular contact through phone calls and meetings at international events but "the time has come to have a thorough discussion on various international problems and sensitive issues." He added: "There are quite a few of them for us to pay attention to."

The summit, which was closely watched around the world, was not the first time Trump and Putin have held talks. They met on the sidelines of world leader meetings in Germany and Vietnam last year. But Monday's session was condemned in advance by members of Congress from both parties after the U.S. indictment last week of 12 Russian military intelligence officers accused of hacking Democrats in the 2016 election to help Trump's campaign.

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COMMENTARY

Thailand's watery cave — something we can learn from

The world celebrated the rescue of 12 Thai soccer boys from a flooded cave in Mae Sai, Thailand. We grieved over the loss of one brave man, Saman Kunam, who sacrificed his life to deliver supplies to the trapped boys. Many of us watched the media reports fearfully, prayed and hoped for a miracle.

Glenn Mollette

The deliverance of all 12 young boys at the hands of skilled divers was something we jointly cheered about. Reports have indicated that time was running out for them. More flooding was coming; oxygen and food were in dismal supply. Yet, reports are

that 10,000 people participated in the rescue effort, including 2,000 soldiers, 200 divers and representatives from 100 government agencies.

We don't want scenarios like what happened in Thailand to ever occur. Such a scenario was a global nightmare but was something that no political group, religious entity or anyone would surely debate. Everything possible would be done to save those young Thai boys.

Yet every day on this planet there are desperate plights playing out around the globe. Young children in Syria still live lives of daily desperation. Families in Iraq and Afghanistan do not face a day without the fear of who may invade their homes to rape, pilfer and murder their families. There are a lot of problems around the world. Hunger, clean

water shortages, medical care availability and violence exist to some degree almost everywhere it seems.

We have all the above and more in America. Employment is better, the stock market is up, and the military is stronger than it has been in a long time, yet with all we have going for us, how many people emotionally feel like they are in a watery cave and their time is running out?

Throughout our country people still struggle with health care. Insurance companies continue to call the shots on procedures and treatments. Doctors order what they feel like the insurance company will agree to or pay for. Is this always in the best interest of the patient, or is it always in the best interest of the insurance company? How many Americans are on the verge of drowning from inad-

equate medical care and are also up to their necks in debt from medical costs? Surely this is a call for national concern, prayer, but more than anything it's a tremendous alarm for us to continue to work together to do something.

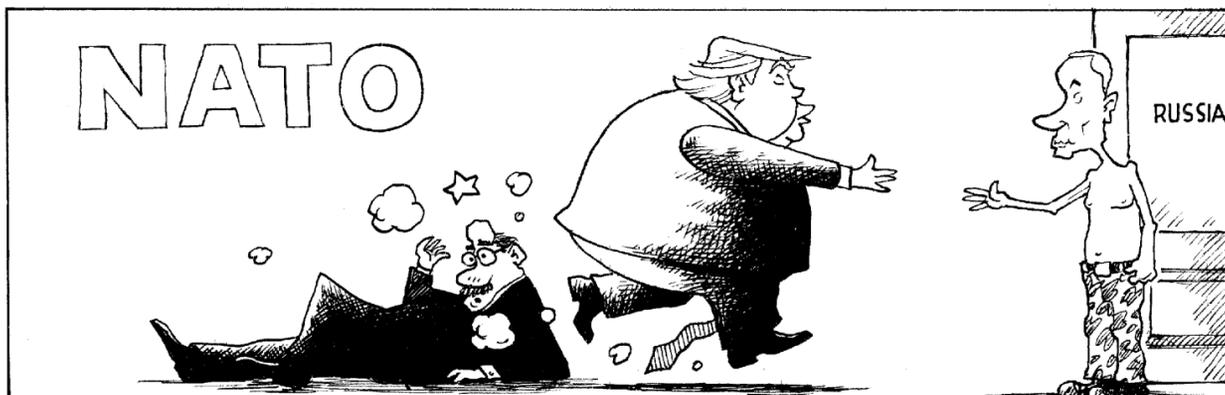
The recent shooting in Annapolis, Maryland, reminded us again that we have a violence issue, mental issues and gun availability issues in this nation. Everybody should not have a gun in America. Do we not feel like we have all died again every time there is a school or random community shooting? We have to quit arguing about "your gun" and "my gun" and work together to fix all of this, and it's a lot to fix.

Of course, we still have rampant poverty in America. We have too many communities who are afraid to drink

their water. Kids are still bullied at school. Nursing homes are still nightmares emotionally and financially, and there is always another hurricane, tornado, flood or fire just around the corner.

There is so much about our everyday world that strains us and keeps us fighting for survival. Maybe we can all learn something from the divers and many people from all over the world who came together to rescue those young men from a watery grave. If we don't fight each other and work together for solutions, we might solve more of our problems that are about to end our existence.

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EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Recent editorials from South Carolina newspapers:

THE POST AND COURIER

July 9

McMaster's decision will lead to more abortions in S.C.

If you want to reduce the number of abortions performed each year, a logical starting point would be to protect access to birth control and other family planning services.

But if you're a politician looking to score points during an election year, common sense doesn't figure into such equations.

Gov. Henry McMaster proved that Thursday when he vetoed nearly \$16 million intended to fund birth control, prenatal care and annual exams for poor South Carolinians — all in the name of blocking a sliver of that money from going to abortion provider Planned Parenthood.

It's a bad decision that, if it holds, likely will lead to even more abortions. The Legislature needs to override the governor's veto as soon as possible.

The state's former Medicaid director, Tony Keck, was one of the first to point out the flawed logic in Mr. McMaster's decision.

"Reducing access to birth control will increase unwanted pregnancies and increase abortions," said Mr. Keck, who was Medicaid director under then-Gov. Nikki Haley. "You can't have it both ways."

The veto, which struck \$2.2 million in state Medicaid money and the accompanying \$13.6 million in federal funds, was decied as partisan politics by abortion advocates. South Caroli-

na's Medicaid agency has spent more than \$40 million on family planning services since 2015. Planned Parenthood has received between \$32,000 and \$83,000 of that annually.

Opposing Planned Parenthood is one thing. But federal law prohibits using tax money to fund abortions except in cases of rape, incest or saving the mother's life. In the few abortions funded under those situations in South Carolina, none of them were done at a Planned Parenthood clinic.

Since there is not a line item for Planned Parenthood in South Carolina's \$8 billion budget for 2018-19, the veto served a political, rather than a practical, purpose. And low-income women would be hurt by it.

The veto appears to be another unfortunate solution in search of a problem. Mr. McMaster was a cheerleader for a bill outlawing "sanctuary cities" despite the fact that none exist in South Carolina and — unlike liberal states such as California — it is extremely unlikely any would be established here.

It's too bad that Mr. McMaster has chosen this road. He has demonstrated leadership on some critical issues since succeeding Ms. Haley, including his responses to the opioid abuse crisis and the nuclear plant fiasco. But it would be more helpful if he would leave the pandering behind and devote even more time and political capital to addressing the myriad real problems facing South Carolina.

For now, it's likely that some of the increased number of women cut off from birth control by the governor's action would likely become pregnant and be forced into making the heart-breaking decision of whether to seek an abortion. The action also gives fuel to political opponents' claims that he's specifically attacking poor people, which is unlikely. They just happen to be the collateral damage of politics.

Perhaps Mr. McMaster is counting on the Legislature to override his veto,

so he can say he kept his campaign promise to cut off funds to Planned Parenthood but was stymied by state lawmakers.

What is clear is that in his rigid adherence to an ill-conceived campaign promise, a governor who professes to oppose abortion likely has created the conditions for even more of them to occur.

The Legislature must step in to prevent this potential tragedy.

THE TIMES AND DEMOCRAT

July 10

S.C. worst state for fatalities per 100M miles traveled

South Carolina doesn't do well in rankings for personal safety.

A study by the personal-finance website *WalletHub.com* ranked the state as the 10th least safe. (<https://wallethub.com/edu/safest-states-to-live-in/4566/>)

WalletHub compared the 50 states across 48 metrics. The data set ranges from assaults per capita to unemployment rate to total loss amounts from climate disasters per capita.

With a ranking of 1 being safest and 25 as average, here's where the Palmetto State ranks:

- 16th — Bullying incidence rate
- 18th — Job security
- 18th — Law enforcement employees per capita
- 32nd — Fatal occupational injuries per 100,000 full-time workers
- 36th — Loss amounts from climate disasters per capita
- 38th — Share of uninsured population
- 43rd — Murders and non-negligent manslaughters per capita

• 43rd — Assaults per capita

As distressing as the rankings are, the most distressing is from the road. South Carolina is 50th, the worst in the nation, for fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles of travel. Already this year, nearly 500 people have been killed on the state's roads.

If the rankings and the death totals are not enough to convince you, we restate: The risks are real.

And here is another sobering statistic. Allstate Insurance used 2013 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration records to provide a different perspective, finding that drivers average about one accident per decade.

There are simple steps that can be taken to reduce your risks.

Buzzed driving: The sobering reality of drunken driving is that it is obviously a dangerous behavior, yet too often drivers get behind the wheel with alcohol in their bloodstream, impairing judgment and slowing reaction time. Don't do it.

Distracted driving: Commute in any populated area, and you're bound to see people driving too slowly, occasionally weaving while talking on the phone. Don't do it.

Speed: A speed limit exists for a reason, and it isn't just to be a broken. Obey the law.

Parking lots: It's important to be on alert when you're driving in the parking lot. Most people behind the wheel are so focused on finding a parking spot that they aren't watching what else is going on. Don't be one of them.

Drive the right car: In addition to being conscientious with your driving behavior, choosing a good-performing car with excellent safety marks and proven reliability can further reduce your risks. Do it.

The key points are to obey traffic laws, be predictable, avoid distractions, drive rested, and steer clear of alcohol and drugs. Do these, and you'll help make the roads safer for all.

AROUND TOWN

The American Red Cross is issuing an urgent call for blood donors of all blood types, especially type O. Schedule your donation appointment by using the free Blood Donor App, by visiting www.redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Help save a life by participating in one of the following American Red Cross blood donation opportunities: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, Shaw Air Force Base, Community Activities Center, 413 Recreation St.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, July 24, Central Carolina Technical College, 506 N. Guignard Drive; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, July 26, SAFE Federal Credit Union, 160 W. Wesmark Blvd.; and 2-7 p.m. Thursday, July 26, Grace Baptist Church, 219 W. Calhoun St.

The Carolina Coin Club will meet at 7 p.m. today at the Parks and Recreation Department building, 155 Haynsworth St. The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month and visitors are always welcome. Call (803) 775-8840 for more information.

The General George L. Mabry Jr. Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 19, at the Sumter Combat Veterans Group building, 529 N. Wise Drive. All Purple Heart recipients and those interested in association membership are invited. Life membership is available for only \$25. For more information, call (803) 773-0658.

The Sumter Combat Veterans Group will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 20, at the headquarters building, 529 N. Wise Drive. All veterans are invited to attend.

The Sumter Branch NAACP will meet at 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 22, at Congruity Presbyterian Church, 3750 Congruity Road, Gable.

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

The Fourth Annual Unity Prayer Breakfast, hosted by One Sumter Community, will be

held at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4, at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church Enrichment Center, 315 W. Fulton St. Tickets are \$10 each. Call Joshua Dupree at (803) 795-3600 or Calvin Hastie at (803) 774-7776 for tickets.

The Sumter Combat Veterans Group will host a veterans helping veterans seminar 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 7, at the Birnie HOPE Center, 210 S. Purdy St. This event will focus primarily on VA claims. All area veterans are invited and encouraged to attend. If you are having problems with your claims, there will be someone at this meeting with information and answers to your questions.

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

The Sumter Branch NAACP's Annual Health Fair will be held 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18, at the M.H. Newton Life Center, 415 Manning Ave.

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

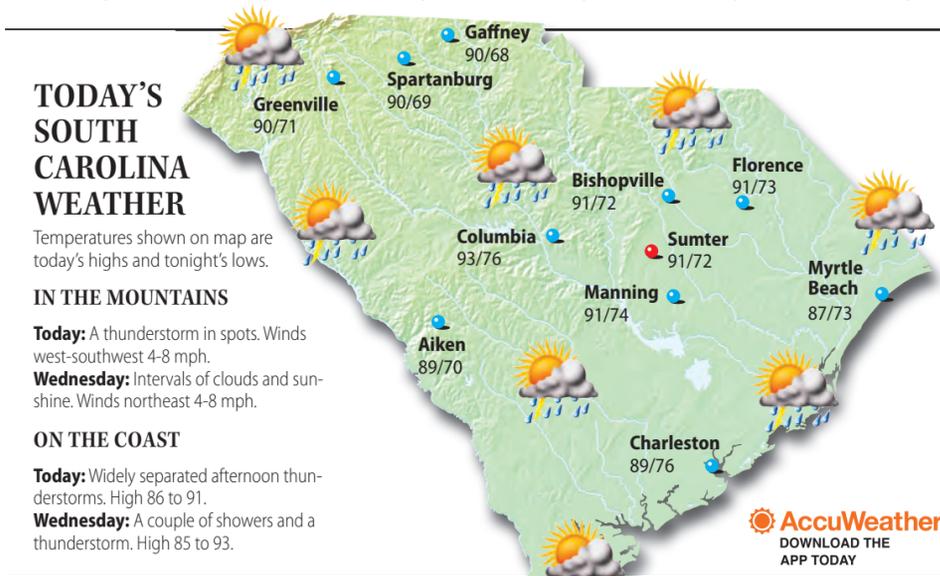
The 12th Annual Art in the Park will be held 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22, at Memorial Park. Art and craft, community corner and children's craft center vendor applications can be downloaded at HSNASumtersc.com.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
A t-storm around in the p.m.	An evening t-storm in spots	A shower and t-storm around	A stray afternoon thunderstorm	A thunderstorm possible	Partly sunny and beautiful
91°	72°	91° / 71°	89° / 70°	88° / 70°	90° / 72°
Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 45%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 45%	Chance of rain: 30%	Chance of rain: 25%
SW 7-14 mph	SW 6-12 mph	NNE 4-8 mph	ESE 6-12 mph	E 6-12 mph	WNW 6-12 mph



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
	89°	72°	91°	70°	100° in 1988	61° in 1967

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date	Last year to date	Normal year to date
	0.00"	0.47"	2.60"	18.08"	25.20"	25.39"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.78	-0.02
Marion	76.8	75.44	-0.01
Moultrie	75.5	75.31	-0.01
Wateree	100	97.62	+0.04

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	3.03	-0.22
Congaree River	19	3.30	-1.72
Lynchies River	14	1.66	-0.16
Saluda River	14	2.34	-0.09
Up. Santee River	80	76.56	+0.16
Wateree River	24	6.23	-0.03

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:23 a.m.	Sunset	8:33 p.m.
Moonrise	11:26 a.m.	Moonsset	none

First	Full	Last	New
July 19	July 27	Aug. 4	Aug 11

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	1:04 a.m.	3.5	8:03 a.m.	-0.4
	1:45 p.m.	3.1	8:21 p.m.	-0.2
Wed.	1:57 a.m.	3.3	8:55 a.m.	-0.3
	2:42 p.m.	3.1	9:20 p.m.	0.1

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	90/73/t	91/72/pc
Chicago	81/64/s	80/62/pc
Dallas	104/80/s	105/82/s
Detroit	83/62/s	81/62/s
Houston	97/77/s	98/78/pc
Los Angeles	85/69/pc	86/69/pc
New Orleans	94/79/t	90/79/t
New York	87/70/t	86/66/s
Oriando	91/76/t	88/76/c
Philadelphia	90/70/t	87/64/s
Phoenix	106/86/pc	105/87/pc
San Francisco	75/60/pc	77/59/pc
Wash., DC	90/71/t	87/69/s

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	85/67/t	84/65/pc	Florence	91/73/t	91/72/t
Athens	89/72/t	90/71/pc	Gainesville	88/74/t	87/74/t
Augusta	91/74/t	91/72/t	Gastonia	91/69/t	89/68/pc
Beaufort	91/77/t	93/76/t	Goldsboro	92/71/t	91/69/pc
Cape Hatteras	85/75/pc	84/74/t	Goose Creek	89/75/t	88/74/t
Charleston	89/76/t	90/75/t	Greensboro	88/69/t	88/67/pc
Charlotte	91/72/t	91/70/pc	Greenville	90/71/t	88/69/pc
Clemson	90/72/t	90/73/pc	Hickory	88/68/t	87/67/pc
Columbia	93/76/t	93/73/t	Hilton Head	88/77/t	88/75/t
Darlington	90/73/t	90/70/t	Jacksonville, FL	88/74/t	88/73/t
Elizabeth City	89/73/t	87/67/t	La Grange	90/74/t	91/69/t
Elizabethtown	89/74/t	87/69/t	Macon	91/73/t	92/72/t
Fayetteville	90/73/t	91/69/pc	Marietta	89/72/t	90/70/pc
			Marion	87/65/t	85/66/pc
			Mt. Pleasant	88/77/t	88/75/t
			Myrtle Beach	87/73/t	88/72/t
			Orangeburg	90/73/t	89/71/t
			Port Royal	88/76/t	88/75/t
			Raleigh	89/72/t	89/67/pc
			Rock Hill	91/71/t	89/69/pc
			Rockingham	92/71/t	89/67/pc
			Savannah	89/75/t	91/74/t
			Spartanburg	90/69/t	88/69/pc
			Summerville	89/74/t	88/73/t
			Wilmington	86/73/t	88/71/t
			Winston-Salem	88/68/t	87/67/pc

PUBLIC AGENDA

SUMTER CITY COUNCIL
Today, 5:30 p.m., Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St.

CLARENDON COUNTY PLANNING & PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Today, 6 p.m., planning commission office, Manning

CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2
Today, 6:30 p.m., district office

CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 3
Thursday, 7:30 p.m., district office, Turbeville

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get involved, participate and make a

difference. Use your voice to bring about change. Share and make suggestions, but be willing to listen to what others have to contribute. Much can be accomplished if you are a team player.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A little downtime will do you good. A change of scenery or a shopping spree will give you some great ideas for ways to update your image or lifestyle. Express how you feel by doing something nice for someone you love.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't take anything or anyone for granted. Offer what you can and be honest about what you are willing to take on. Expect to face delays and the need to backtrack in order to finish what you start.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Personal improvements can be made. Whether it's a quick makeover or starting a fitness and health routine, you'll be happy with the results, and you'll feel good about what you accomplish. Show someone special how much you care. A romantic gesture is encouraged.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take your time and live within your means. Trying to do too much will put you in a vulnerable position. Aim to stabilize your situation, not complicate matters. Live up to your promises and take care of your responsibilities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Set up a plan and follow through. Your ability to bring about positive change in a practical way will be impressive. A partnership will lead to unexpected opportunities. Change will result in greater

stability. Physical improvements are favored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take care of your chores and focus on what you can do for others. Your assistance will be welcomed but may not be appreciated with the rewards you expect. Don't make a fuss; be thankful for what you receive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make sure you have everything in order before you get started. Being ill-prepared will make others question your ability. Keep your life and activities simple, affordable and moderate. Added discipline will help curb bad habits.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll need to take a closer look at your spending habits and consider who is taking advantage of you and your generosity. Helping someone who is undeserving will cause you to fall short when it comes to your personal responsibilities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll be tempted to express yourself emotionally. Before you do, make sure you have your facts straight. Someone is likely to stand up to you if you get into an emotional discussion that reveals too much personal information.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put more time and effort into saving and building your equity. If you are excessive, it will leave you in an awkward position that could disrupt your relationship with someone close to you. Cut corners instead of adding to your expenses.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your unusual way of looking at situations will help you come up with the right tools to turn a negative into a positive. Romance or making a personal improvement will boost your morale.

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PICTURES FROM THE PUBLIC



James D. Olsen, community planner, 20 CES/CENPL Building 250, Shaw Air Force Base, comments on his photo submission, "I recently traveled to France to visit the grave of 1 Lt. Ervin Shaw. The 100th anniversary of his death was this July 9th. I wanted to pay my respects and let him know that the airmen of the 20th Fighter Wing are honored to carry on his legacy at Shaw Air Force Base."

HAVE YOU TAKEN PICTURES OF INTERESTING, EXCITING, BEAUTIFUL OR HISTORICAL PLACES? Would you like to share those images with your fellow *Sumter Item* readers? E-mail your hi-resolution jpegs to sandra@theitem.com, or mail to Sandra Holbert c/o *The Sumter Item*, P.O. Box 1677, Sumter, SC 29150. Include clearly printed or typed name of photographer and photo details. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of your photo. Amateur photographers only please. Photos of poor reproduction quality may not publish. With the exception of pictures that are of a timely nature, submitted photos will publish in the order in which they are received.

PREP SPORTS

Smith happy to be head coach, AD at Scott's Branch

BY DANNY KELLY
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Brian Smith has coached in the smallest classification of high school football in the state of South Carolina, and he's coached at highest classification as well. Now he's back at the smallest level, but that doesn't matter to Smith at all.



SMITH

"Football is football; there's no difference between 1A and 5A," said Smith, who was recently hired as the football head coach and

athletic director at Scott's Branch High School in Summerton. "It's just less kids on your team that you're dealing with."

Smith coached at C.E. Murray in Greeleyville for five years, turning one of the most moribund programs in 1A into one of the best. He left there for 5A Blythewood, where he went 3-7 last season. He was relieved of his duties following the season as the school chose not to bring him back.

Smith replaces Wayne Farmer, who left Scott's Branch after four years to take over at Calhoun County in St. Matthews. Farmer was 15-28 with the Eagles, going 5-6 in each of his last two seasons.

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PRO BASEBALL

Shifting culture

Baseball's varying defensive alignments set to play out in All-Star Game

BY BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

WASHINGTON — David Ortiz can now laugh, sort of, at the shifting culture of baseball. For J.D. Martinez, Nolan Arenado, Aaron Judge and every other All-Star hitter, dealing with different defensive alignments is just part of the game.

Tune in tonight, and there's no telling where you will see fielders. Especially in what's become merely an exhibition — why not try a five-man outfield?

To Big Papi, these overloaded infields are reshaping the sport. Not in a good way, either.

"It seems crazy, it seems like it's taking some fun part of the game away," the retired Red Sox slugger said Sunday at Nationals Park, site of this week's All-Star action.

"It seems like there are 20 guys playing defense against you," Ortiz said, playfully estimating shifts took away "like 500 hits away from me."

His idea: "So I would take my chances, if MLB wanted to. Just saying to play normal, like the game is supposed to be played since Day One, just to see how that plays out."

Of course, Max Scherzer, Jacob deGrom, Luis Severino and other aces



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New York Yankee outfielder Aaron Judge, left, is one of many All-Stars who has to face defensive alignment shifts every time he bats.

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AUTO RACING



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Martin Truex Jr. celebrates following his victory in the Quaker State 400 on Saturday at Kentucky Speedway in Sparta, Ky. It was Truex's third victory in the last six Monster Energy Cup Series races.

Truex seeking more success after 3rd win in 6 NASCAR races

SPARTA, Ky. (AP) — Martin Truex Jr. is feeling confident after his most dominant performance this season.

That's understandable, considering the defending Cup Series champion and his Furniture Row Racing team are slightly ahead of last season's pace, with signs of even better things to come.

"I feel great about where we're at," Truex said Saturday night after leading 174 laps from the pole to repeat as winner of Kentucky Speedway's 400-mile race. "Most importantly, I feel like as a team we're getting dialed in more so like we were last year."

"I feel like we're getting closer, getting more dialed in to what we're doing, to what the car wants with the new rules and things. And that's how I

felt like we were last year."

Truex's fourth victory and 13th top-10 of 2018 in the No. 78 Toyota Camry are each one better than after this event a year ago, though this race was run a week later. He still trails points leader Kyle Busch and Kevin Harvick but cut his deficit to Busch from 120 points to 110.

Busch and Harvick fished fourth and fifth, respectively, at Kentucky to maintain their positions. But Truex is serving notice if being the driver to beat when the playoffs begin in September.

Truex won his third race in six starts and posted his eighth top-four in the past nine. His mastery of Kentucky's 1.5-mile layout ought

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WIMBLEDON

Djokovic, Kerber, Williams each make comeback at Wimbledon

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

LONDON — From champions Novak Djokovic and Angelique Kerber, to runner-up Serena Williams, this edition of Wimbledon was all about comebacks of various sorts.

When Djokovic won his fourth title at the All England Club and first at a Grand Slam tournament in more than two years by beating Kevin Anderson 6-2, 6-2, 7-6 (3) on Sunday, it was the culmination of what he called a "journey" and a "process" as he returned from surgery to his right elbow.

Kerber collected her first Wimbledon championship with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Williams on Saturday to mark a turnaround from a rough 2017 that saw her slip from No. 1 in the rankings and deal with two first-round exits at majors.

"I'm still sure," said Kerber's coach, Wim Fissette, "that we haven't seen the best Angie."

And while Williams didn't win what would have been her eighth Wimbledon singles trophy, her run to the final just 10½ months after a difficult childbirth and complications involving blood clots served as, in Kerber's words, "such an inspiration for everybody, for all of us, for every person watching you."

Williams' loss left her with 23 Grand Slam titles, the most in the half-century of professional tennis and only one short of Margaret Court's record.

She can take a crack at



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Novak Djokovic kisses the trophy he received for winning the men's singles final match in the Wimbledon Championships on Sunday in London. Djokovic beat Kevin Anderson by the scores of 6-2, 6-2, 7-6 (3).

that mark at the U.S. Open, which begins on Aug. 27 in New York.

"I didn't know a couple of months ago where I was, where I would be, how I would do, how I would be able to come back. It was such a long way to see light at the end of the road, kind of," Williams said. "So I think these two weeks have really showed me that, 'OK, I can compete.' Obviously I can compete for the long run in a Grand Slam."

Here is what else we learned at Wimbledon in 2018:

TIEBREAKER TIME?

Anderson's 26-24 victory in the fifth set against John Isner in a semifinal that lasted more than 6½ hours was the second-longest Grand Slam match ever and

renewed a debate about the rules: Should Wimbledon adopt a fifth-set tiebreaker? Currently, the U.S. Open is the only major that decides matches that way. "It absolutely needs to change," said Anderson's coach, Brad Stine.

WTA DEPTH

There's no question the depth in the women's game is as great as ever and there is a lot more room for trophy-collecting at the majors. Kerber's victory ended a stretch in which seven players split the previous seven Grand Slam titles, including first-time champs Simona Halep, Caroline Wozniacki, Sloane Stephens and Jelena Ostapenko. For the first time since Wimbledon

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WORLD CUP



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Goalkeeper Hugo Lloris of France holds the trophy his team received for winning the World Cup after arriving at Charles de Gaulle Airport on Monday in Roissy, north of Paris. France beat Croatia 4-2 on Sunday in Moscow to win its second World Cup.

France wins 2nd World Cup

MOSCOW (AP) — Taking turns sliding across the rain-soaked turf holding the World Cup trophy tight, teenager Kylian Mbappe and the rest of France’s players acted like the youthful bunch they are.

Nothing, not a Pussy Riot protest nor a post-game downpour that soaked Russian President Vladimir Putin, was going to stop the party.

It carried on long after a thrilling 4-2 win over Croatia on Sunday. In the locker room with French President Emmanuel Macron striking poses with players, then a champagne-spraying, water-splashing interruption of the coach Didier Deschamps’ news conference.

“Sorry! They’re young and they’re happy,” said Deschamps, like a proud father.

Deschamps had good reason to indulge them. His team is mostly aged 25 or under and can return almost intact to defend their title in 2022 in Qatar.

“Our children are going to be very proud,” forward Antoine Griezmann said. “The World Cup, it’s a lot.”

The 19-year-old Mbappe became only the second teen after Pele to score in a World Cup final.

Mbappe had just shown his electrifying speed in the 52nd minute when play was held up by four protesters who ran onto the field. Russian punk band Pussy Riot later took credit for the incident — watched

from the VIP seats by Putin, whose government once jailed members of the activist group. Charges were filed against the group Sunday, too.

Putin was later on the field to award medals to the players in a ceremony soon drenched in rain and joy. As thunder pealed and lightning cracked, FIFA president Gianni Infantino handed France captain Hugo Lloris the gold World Cup trophy.

Gold confetti stuck to the soaked Les Bleus as they paraded the trophy around the Luzhniki Stadium, a final act of an enthralling tournament in which Croatia reached its first final while powers Brazil, Germany and Argentina went home early.

PRO BASEBALL

Braves go into break with 5-1 win over Arizona

ATLANTA (AP) — Freddie Freeman likes how the Atlanta Braves are positioned with the first half the season complete.

“It’s nice to have a winning record at the break,” the All-Star first baseman said. “It’s been a few years. This is right where we need to be. Get some rest and hope to come out with a bang.”

Julio Teheran pitched six-plus scoreless innings, and the Braves used a four-run third inning to beat Patrick Corbin and the Arizona Diamondbacks 5-1 on Sunday.

It was a needed confidence boost before the All-Star break for Atlanta, which had lost eight of 10 and dropped to second in the NL East after leading the division for nearly six weeks. Atlanta goes into the break one-half game behind the Philadelphia Phillies.

Teheran (7-6) allowed four hits and three walks, striking out six, before Jesse Biddle replaced him with one out in the seventh and stranded two runners.

Arizona has lost 10 of 16. Still, the Diamondbacks headed home with their 17th series win with a minimum of three games, tied for the most before the All-Star break in club history. They also matched last year’s franchise record with 53 wins at the season’s halfway mark.

Corbin (6-4) extended his winless streak to seven starts

after he gave up six hits, four runs and one walk in six innings. The left-hander struck out three, a season low.

The Braves went ahead 4-0 in the third. Johan Camargo singled and scored from first on Dansby Swanson’s double down the third-base line. Swanson advanced to third on Teheran’s bunt and scored on Ozzie Albies’ infield single.

Albies advanced to third on his single when third baseman Jake Lamb threw errantly to first. Albies then scored on Freeman’s double, and Freeman scored on Nick Markakis’ bloop single.

“They had a couple of hits there, and I left a couple of balls up to Freeman and Markakis — I thought I made a good pitch inside that just fell in — and we had the tough roller there,” Corbin said. “That was the only inning I really had to work.”

Preston Tucker’s pinch-hit homer in the seventh off Randall Delgado put the Braves up 5-0. John Jay homered off Dan Winkler in the eighth to make it 5-1. Teheran pitched around a leadoff double by Daniel Descalso in the third and a leadoff single by Paul Goldschmidt in the fourth.

He got an assist in the third when catcher Kurt Suzuki fielded Corbin’s bunt in the batter’s box and threw out Descalso at third to begin a double play.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
5 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Swedish Open Early-Round Matches and Hall of Fame Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).
7:30 a.m. — International Lacrosse: FIL World Lacrosse Championship Match from Netanya, Israel — Australia vs. Canada (ESPN).
7:30 a.m. — International Cycling: Tour de France from Le Grand-Bornand, France (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8:30 a.m. — College Football: SEC Media Days from Atlanta (SEC NETWORK).
10 a.m. — College Football: Big 12 Media Days from Dallas (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, FOX SPORTS 2).
11 a.m. — International Lacrosse: FIL World Lacrosse Championship Match from Netanya, Israel — England vs. United States (ESPN).
Noon — Professional Tennis: Swedish Open Early-Round Matches and Hall of Fame Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).
12:30 p.m. — College Football: SEC Media Days from Atlanta (SEC NETWORK).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXV-FM 105.9, WDXV-AM 1240).
6:30 p.m. — American Legion Baseball: State Playoffs Second-Round Series Game 2 — Camden at Sumter (WWHM-FM 92.3, WWHM-FM 93.3, WWHM-AM 1290).
8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: MLB All-Star Game from Washington (WACH 57).
10:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Playoffs Championship Game from Las Vegas (ESPN).
5 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Swedish Open Early-Round Matches and Hall of Fame Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).

AMERICAN LEGION PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
Best-of-5 Series
Midlands Region
 Sumter vs. Hartsville
Monday
 Sumter 10, Hartsville 0
Tuesday
 Sumter 12, Hartsville 5
Wednesday
 Sumter 8, Hartsville 3, Sumter wins series 3-0
 Camden vs. Lexington
Monday
 Camden 6, Lexington 5
Tuesday
 Lexington 8, Camden 4
Wednesday
 Camden 9, Lexington 5
Thursday
 Lexington 10, Camden 9
Friday
 Camden 10, Lexington 0, Camden wins series 3-2
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
Thursday
 Fort Mill 10, Spartanburg 5, Fort Mill wins series 3-1
Upstate Region
 Greenville vs. Greenwood
Monday
 Greenville 7, Greenwood 4
Tuesday
 Greenville 9, Greenwood 8
Wednesday
 Greenwood 11, Greenville 2
Thursday
 Greenwood 2, Greenville 1, Greenwood wins series 3-1
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
Coastal Region
 Florence vs. Charleston/Goose Creek
Piedmont Region
 Gaffney vs. Fort Mill
Upstate Region
 Greenwood vs. Chapin/Newberry
STATE TOURNAMENT
July 24
 Game 1 — Midlands winner at Coastal winner, TBA
 Game 2 — UpStater 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

BASEBALL LEADERS

By The Associated Press
AMERICAN LEAGUE
BATTING — Betts, Boston, .359; Altuve, Houston, .332; Martinez, Boston, .328; Segura, Seattle, .323; Duffy, Tampa Bay, .317; Machado, Baltimore, .315; Simmons, Los Angeles, .313; Rosario, Minnesota, .311; Trout, Los Angeles, .310; Gurrriel, Houston, .310.
RUNS — Lindor, Cleveland, 85; Betts, Boston, 79; Martinez, Boston, 72; Trout, Los Angeles, 71; Benintendi, Boston, 68; Ramirez, Cleveland, 68; Bregman, Houston, 67; Judge, New York, 66; Segura, Seattle, 66; Springer, Houston, 65.
RBI — Martinez, Boston, 80; Ramirez, Cleveland, 70; Haniger, Seattle, 67; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 65; Machado, Baltimore, 65; Bogaerts, Boston, 64; Bregman, Houston, 64; KDavis, Oakland, 64; Gattis, Houston, 63; 2 tied at 62.
HITS — Altuve, Houston, 129; Segura, Seattle, 120; Rosario, Minnesota, 117; Martinez, Boston, 116; Castellanos, Detroit, 115; Machado, Baltimore, 115; Lindor, Cleveland, 113; Merrifield, Kansas City, 109; Betts, Boston, 108; Ramirez, Cleveland, 108.
DOUBLES — Escobar, Minnesota, 35; Bregman, Houston, 31; Lindor, Cleveland, 30; Merrifield, Kansas City, 30; Castellanos, Detroit, 29; Abreu, Chicago, 27; Andujar, New York, 27; Pillar, Toronto, 27; 3 tied at 26.
TRIPLES — Sanchez, Chicago, 9; Hernandez, Toronto, 6; Benintendi, Boston, 5; Moncada, Chicago, 5; Smith, Tampa Bay, 5; Jones, Detroit, 4; Moreland, Boston, 4; Profar, Texas, 4; Wendle, Tampa Bay, 4; 15 tied at 3.
HOME RUNS — Martinez, Boston, 29; Ramirez, Cleveland, 29; Judge, New York, 25; Lindor, Cleveland, 25; Trout, Los Angeles, 25; Machado, Baltimore, 24; Betts, Boston, 23; Stanton, New York, 23; 3 tied at 22.
STOLEN BASES — Gordon, Seattle, 22; Anderson, Cleveland, 21; Ramirez, Cleveland, 20; Betts, Boston, 18; Benintendi, Boston, 17; Merrifield, Kansas City, 17; RDavis, Cleveland, 16; DeShields, Texas, 16; Smith, Tampa Bay, 16; Trout, Los Angeles, 15.
PITCHING — Severino, New York, 14-2; Kluber, Cleveland, 12-5; Snell, Tampa Bay, 12-5; Carrasco, Cleveland, 11-5; Morton, Houston, 11-2; Porcello, Boston, 11-4; Rodriguez, Boston, 11-3; 6 tied at 10.
ERA — Sale, Boston, 2.23; Bauer, Cleveland, 2.24; Snell, Tampa Bay, 2.27; Verlander, Houston, 2.29; Severino, New York, 2.31; Cole, Houston, 2.53; Skaggs, Los Angeles, 2.57; Kluber, Cleveland, 2.76; Morton, Houston, 2.96; Gonzales, Seattle, 3.42.
STRIKEOUTS — Sale, Boston, 188; Cole, Houston, 177; Kevin Gausman, Toronto, 175; Verlander, Houston, 172; Paxton, Seattle, 155; Morton, Houston, 146; Severino, New York, 144; Snell, Tampa Bay, 134; Kluber, Cleveland, 132; Berrios, Minnesota, 127.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BATTING — Gennett, Cincinnati, .326; Markakis, Atlanta, .323; Almona, Chicago, .319; Freeman, Atlanta, .315; Suarez, Cincinnati, .312; Arenado, Colorado, .312; Realmuto, Miami, .310; Kemp, Los Angeles, .310; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, .306; Aguilar, Milwaukee, .298.
RUNS — Albies, Atlanta, 74; Blackmon, Colorado, 73; Arenado, Colorado, 63; Hernandez, Philadelphia, 63; Baez, Chicago, 61; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 61; Pham, St. Louis, 60; Yelich, Milwaukee, 60; Freeman, Atlanta, 59; Gennett, Cincinnati, 59.
RBI — Baez, Chicago, 72; Suarez, Cincinnati, 71; Aguilar, Milwaukee, 70; Arenado, Colorado, 68; Story, Colorado, 68; Gennett, Cincinnati, 63; Freeman, Atlanta, 61; Markakis, Atlanta, 61; Rizzo, Chicago, 61; 2 tied at 60.
HITS — Markakis, Atlanta, 120; Gennett, Cincinnati, 115; Albies, Atlanta, 114; Freeman, Atlanta, 114; Castro, Miami, 112; Anderson, Miami, 109; Peraza, Cincinnati, 108; Arenado, Colorado, 107; Story, Colorado, 107; Blackmon, Colorado, 105.
DOUBLES — Albies, Atlanta, 29; Markakis, Atlanta, 29; Carpenter, St. Louis, 28; Story, Colorado, 27; Baez, Chicago, 25; Freeman, Atlanta, 25; Rendon, Washington, 25; Anderson, Miami, 23; Hosmer, San Diego, 23; 7 tied at 22.
TRIPLES — KMarte, Arizona, 8; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 8;

Baez, Chicago, 6; Nimmo, New York, 6; Contreras, Chicago, 5; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, 5; Hamilton, Cincinnati, 5; Rosario, New York, 5; Story, Colorado, 5; 10 tied at 4.
HOME RUNS — Aguilar, Milwaukee, 24; Arenado, Colorado, 23; Harper, Washington, 23; Muncy, Los Angeles, 22; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 21; Albies, Atlanta, 20; Story, Colorado, 20; 5 tied at 19.
STOLEN BASES — SMarte, Pittsburgh, 25; MTaylor, Washington, 24; Inciarte, Atlanta, 23; Hamilton, Cincinnati, 22; Turner, Washington, 22; Baez, Chicago, 18; Cain, Milwaukee, 18; Peraza, Cincinnati, 17; Dyson, Arizona, 16; 3 tied at 14.
PITCHING — Lester, Chicago, 12-2; Nola, Philadelphia, 12-3; Scherzer, Washington, 12-5; Godley, Arizona, 11-6; Greinke, Arizona, 10-5; Mikolas, St. Louis, 10-3; 10 tied at 8.
ERA — deGrom, New York, 1.68; Stripling, Los Angeles, 2.08; Nola, Philadelphia, 2.30; Scherzer, Washington, 2.41; Lester, Chicago, 2.58; Foltyniewicz, Atlanta, 2.66; Mikolas, St. Louis, 2.79; Freeland, Colorado, 3.11; Greinke, Arizona, 3.18; Guerra, Milwaukee, 3.23.
STRIKEOUTS — Scherzer, Washington, 182; Corbin, Arizona, 149; deGrom, New York, 149; Nola, Philadelphia, 131; Gray, Colorado, 125; Greinke, Arizona, 124; Foltyniewicz, Atlanta, 120; Pivetta, Philadelphia, 113; Velasquez, Philadelphia, 110; 4 tied at 108.

MLB STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	53	42	.558	—
Atlanta	52	42	.553	½
Washington	48	48	.500	5½
Miami	41	57	.418	13½
New York	39	55	.415	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	55	38	.591	—
Milwaukee	55	43	.561	2½
St. Louis	48	46	.511	7½
Pittsburgh	48	49	.495	9
Cincinnati	43	53	.448	13½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	53	43	.552	—
Arizona	53	44	.546	½
Colorado	51	45	.531	2
San Francisco	50	48	.510	4
San Diego	40	59	.404	14½

SUNDAY'S GAMES
 Miami 10, Philadelphia 5
 Washington 6, N.Y. Mets 1
 Atlanta 5, Arizona 1
 Pittsburgh 7, Milwaukee 6, 10 innings
 St. Louis 6, Cincinnati 4
 Colorado 4, Seattle 3
 Oakland 6, San Francisco 2
 Chicago Cubs 7, San Diego 4
 L.A. Dodgers 5, L.A. Angels 3

TODAY'S GAMES
 NL (TBD) vs. AL (TBD) at Washington, D.C., 8:00 p.m.
 Thursday's Games
 St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 7:05 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
 Atlanta at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
 San Diego at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
 Miami at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
 San Francisco at Oakland, 9:35 p.m.
 Colorado at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	68	30	.694	—
New York	62	33	.653	4½
Tampa Bay	49	47	.510	18
Toronto	43	52	.453	23½
Baltimore	28	69	.289	39½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	52	43	.547	—
Minnesota	44	50	.468	7½
Detroit	41	57	.418	12½
Chicago	33	62	.347	19
Kansas City	27	68	.284	25

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	64	35	.646	—
Seattle	58	39	.598	5
Oakland	55	42	.568	8
Los Angeles	49	48	.505	14
Texas	41	56	.423	22

SUNDAY'S GAMES
 Baltimore 6, Texas 5
 Boston 5, Toronto 2
 Cleveland 5, N.Y. Yankees 2

Chicago White Sox 10, Kansas City 1
 Detroit 6, Houston 3
 Minnesota 11, Tampa Bay 7, 10 innings
 Colorado 4, Seattle 3
 Oakland 6, San Francisco 2
 L.A. Dodgers 5, L.A. Angels 3

TODAY'S GAMES
 NL (TBD) vs. AL (TBD) at Washington, D.C., 8:00 p.m.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
 N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
 Baltimore at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
 Boston at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.
 Miami at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
 Cleveland at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 Minnesota at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.
 San Francisco at Oakland, 9:35 p.m.
 Houston at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

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Francesco Molinari (184), \$382,800	65-66-70-64=265	-19
Sam Ryder (184), \$382,800	66-66-67-66=265	-19
Harold Varner III (100), \$208,800	67-65-66-68=266	-18
Chad Campbell (80), \$168,780	66-70-66-66=268	-16
John Huh (80), \$168,780	67-63-69-66=268	-16
Keith Mitchell (80), \$168,780	67-68-66-67=268	-16
Andres Romero (80), \$168,780	64-71-64-69=268	-16
Kevin Streelman (80), \$168,780	66-71-66-65=268	-16
Scott Brown (59), \$117,450	65-72-63-67=269	-15
Tyler Duncan (59), \$117,450	66-72-63-68=269	-15
Matt Jones (59), \$117,450	68-63-66-72=269	-15
Steve Wheatcroft (59), \$117,450	62-68-71-68=269	-15
Mackenzie Hughes (47), \$81,366	72-65-68-65=270	-14
Zach Johnson (47), \$81,366	69-70-67-64=270	-14
Whee Kim (47), \$81,366	65-68-70-67=270	-14
David Hearn (47), \$81,366	66-64-70-70=270	-14
Parker McLachlin (47), \$81,366	66-66-70-68=270	-14
Seamus Power (47), \$81,366	68-68-65-69=270	-14
Johnson Wagner (47), \$81,366	64-66-70-70=270	-14
Dominic Bozzelli (34), \$48,886	67-65-71-65=271	-13
John Merrick (34), \$48,886	66-70-70-65=271	-13
Joachim Niemann (34), \$48,886	69-69-68-65=271	-13
Derek Fathauer (34), \$48,886	68-67-68-68=271	-13
Fabián Gómez (34), \$48,886	66-70-67-68=271	-13
Chris Kirk (34), \$48,886	66-72-66-67=271	-13
Richy Werenksi (34), \$48,886	68-69-67-67=271	-13
Jason Bohn (26), \$36,830	69-66-68-69=272	-12
Robert Garrigus (26), \$36,830	68-64-68-72=272	-12
Patton Kizzire (26), \$36,830	70-69-66-67=272	-12
Chris Stroud (26), \$36,830	68-68-67-69=272	-12
Hunter Mahan (18), \$27,453	70-67-69-67=273	-11
C.T. Pan (18), \$27,453	68-71-66-68=273	-11
Vaughn Taylor (18), \$27,453	70-70-68-68=273	-11
Austin Cook (18), \$27,453	69-69-66-69=273	-11
Cody Gribble (18), \$27,453	72-66-65-70=273	-11
J.J. Henry (18), \$27,453	68-66-69-70=273	-11
Denny McCarthy (18), \$27,453	65-69-66-73=273	-11
John Senden (18), \$27,453	72-66-67-68=273	-11
Nick Taylor (18), \$27,453	64-71-68-70=273	-11
Blayne Barber (11), \$18,096	69-69-68-68=274	-10
Ricky Barnes (11), \$18,096	70-69-67-68=274	-10
Nick Hardy, \$18,096	66-73-69-66=274	-10
Troy Merritt (11), \$18,096	72-67-68-67=274	-10
Dylan Meyer, \$1		

ALL-STARS FROM PAGE B1

might see it a bit differently. Besides, no manager employs more shifts than AL skipper A.J. Hinch of Houston, so look for second baseman Jose Altuve and shortstop Manny Machado to be moving around when Bryce Harper, Freddie Freeman and the rest of the NL boppers come to bat.

And remember, despite all the top talent at the plate, All-Star Games rarely turn into run-fests. They're often limited by the strong stable of pitchers each team brings, boosted by dominant relievers such as Craig Kimbrel, Josh Hader and Kenley Jansen ramped up to throw one inning apiece.

The AL won last year 2-1 at Miami on Robinson Cano's homer in the 10th inning. Not since 2007, in fact, have both teams scored more than three runs in a game.

That's the trend across baseball these days. Going into the break, there have been more strikeouts than hits in the majors. Batting averages are in the mid-.240s, possibly on track to be the lowest in nearly a half-century.

The decrease on the scoreboard has increased calls for more radical changes — outlawing shifts, lowering the mound, forcing relievers to face more than one batter.

No one has suggested cutting the bases to 88 feet or stretching the mound-to-plate distance beyond 60 feet, 6 inches.

Meanwhile, home runs continue to rise at a record rate. Strikeouts, too.

Former star outfielder Torii Hunter is no fan of the fanning zone.

"A lot of guys really don't care about strikeouts and it's kind of our fault in the front office," he said. "We don't tell them, 'Hey, don't strike out. Try not to strike out.' And people



Boston's J.D. Martinez connects for a solo home run against the Toronto Blue Jays on Saturday in Boston. Martinez will be playing in the MLB All-Star Game today in Washington.

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don't really care about strikeouts anymore. But they are very pivotal because if you strike out, nothing happens. You're walking back to the dug-out, you can't make the guy create an error. ... Anything can happen if you make contact."

Longtime pals, Ortiz and Hunter managed against each other in the All-Star Futures Game on Sunday. There were no shifts in the minor league showcase.

There's been talk that Major League Baseball, concerned that less action in the field could translate to fewer fans in the stands, might consider a rule regarding shifts.

Maybe it would mean only two infielders on each side of the diamond. Or perhaps they'd all be required to stay on the dirt.

"I think taking a hit on a play with somebody diving is different than sitting down and waiting in the right field grass or the left field grass," Ortiz said.

"I heard MLB is trying to do something about it, but I doubt that they do something different because it seems like, percentage-wise, winning and losing the games, how a manager positions his players, it seems like they're getting the benefit of winning," he said.

SMITH FROM PAGE B1

Smith said the transition has gone well, thanks in part to help from the administration and the school board and district.

Smith also said the team will be aided by star players, including rising senior Amonte Brown, who plays both quarterback

and defensive back.

"He's one of the better players in the state, no doubt about it, so we expect huge things from him," Smith said.

Scott Branch will also have tough offensive and defensive lines. "We'll probably be one

of the bigger teams in the state on the two lines," Smith said.

Smith was 32-24 in his five years at C.E. Murray. CEM's best season under Smith came in 2015, when it went 12-2 and was the 1A Division II state runner-up.

Smith graduated from The Citadel in 2000 where

he was a member of the football team. Smith was an assistant coach at both Laurence Manning Academy and Manning High before taking over at C.E. Murray.

TRUEX FROM PAGE B1

to boost confidence at the handful of similar-length ovals that comprise half the playoff schedule.

His Denver-based team, meanwhile, looks to build on encouraging efforts across all tracks.

"We're just continuing to try and get better and it's been a lot of hard work," crew chief Cole Pearn said. "I don't know if it's the same as last year or not, but I think we've kind of thrown that away and just focused on the moment. We'll see where the future takes us."

Truex's immediate focus is closing the deal Sunday at Loudon, New Hampshire, where he led three times for 137 laps before finishing third last July. He'll try to repeat on Watkins Glen's road course a couple of weeks later.

"We've got some good tracks coming up," Truex said. "We'll just see. It's important to

carry momentum through these summer months and get ready for the playoffs."

Kentucky will stand out for Truex, and not just because his car rolled away from him during a post-race interview. He swept every stage and frequently picked off challengers before putting distance between them.

The same can be said for the standings, where he, Busch and Harvick are separating themselves from the field.

"Is it good for the sport? I don't know. I really don't care," Truex said. "My job is to go win races. My job is to win championships. That's what I'm here to do."

"With that being said, you never know when it's going to change. ... The sophistication behind setting these cars up, the simulation, our engineers, the job Cole does and all those things pulled together is just — it's crazy how good it's been working. Hopefully we can keep it going."

WIMBLEDON FROM PAGE B1

began seeding players in the 1920s, none of the top 10 seeds reached the quarterfinals. It was also the first time that happened at any Grand Slam tournament in the Open era.

a pair of men older than 30. Add in Nadal, 32, and Isner, 33, and it was the first quarter of thirtysomething semifinalists at any major in the past 50 years. Which means

they all deserve kudos, but also raises the question: Where are all the young guys? No up-and-comers reached the quarterfinals. One breakthrough did come from Stefanos Tsitsipas, a 19-year-old from Greece who made it to the fourth round.

THE BIG 3

Men's tennis is back to having its Big 3 of Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Djokovic. Federer and Nadal had combined to win six majors in a row until Djokovic got back in on the action. Each member of that trio has been counted out in recent years, but they just keep on winning. All can excel on hard courts, Djokovic's best surface. So the next couple of months should be entertaining.

OLD GUYS

Djokovic, 31, and Anderson, 32, made this Wimbledon final the first in the Open era with

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OBITUARIES

DOROTHY J. CLARK DEAS

Dorothy J. Clark Deas, wife of James Deas, departed this life on Sunday, July 15, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

She was born on Aug. 9, 1948, in Aliceville, Alabama, a daughter of the late Edward and Annie Mae Clark.

The family will receive friends at the home, 3910 Third St., Mayesville, SC 29104.

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

LARRY GRANTHAM

Larry Grantham, beloved husband of Madell Grantham, died on Sunday, July 15, 2018.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.



HEZEKIAH GIBSON JR.

COLUMBIA — On Saturday, July 14, 2018, Hezekiah Gibson Jr., husband of Frances Benton Gibson, exchanged time for eternity at Palmetto Health Richland.

Born on Nov. 1, 1945, in Alcolu, he was a son of the late Rev. Hezekiah Sr. and Kate B. Hilton Gibson.

The family is receiving relatives and friend from 4 to 7 p.m. at the residence, 1257 Loblolly Drive, located in the Pine Knoll subdivision of Manning.

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

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REBECCA R. SYLVESTER

Rebecca Reyes Sylvester, age 71, beloved wife of 50 years to William Fredrick Sylvester, died on Saturday, July 14, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.



SYLVESTER

Rebecca was a daughter of the late Vincente and Felisa Avelino Reyes. Born and raised in the Philippines, Rebecca married William in 1968.

They moved to the United States in 1970 and, in 1990, Rebecca became a naturalized citizen. This was an accomplishment that she was very proud of. She had a deep love for her family and will be remembered as a very loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

In addition to her husband, William, Rebecca is survived by one daughter, Jocelyn Sylvester of Lake City; one sister, Conestancia Maranan of the Philippines; three grandchildren, De'Anna, Levi and Mark Jr.; and three great-grandchildren, Isaiah, Peyton and Sawyer.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery with Fr. Noly Berjuega, CRM officiating.

Memorials may be made to Rebecca R. Sylvester, c/o Bullock Funeral Home, Sumter, SC 29150.

You may go to www.bullockfuneralhome.com and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

**WILMA JEAN N. TAYLOR**

MANNING — Wilma Jean Nipper Taylor, 83, wife of L.W. "Dub" Taylor, died on Monday, July 16, 2018, at her home.

Born on May 29, 1935, in Nicholls, Georgia, she was a daughter of the late Jesse and



TAYLOR

Oleph Kirkland Nipper. She was the second of a dozen children. She was a retired registered nurse. She was a graduate of Nicholls High School and received her

Bachelor of Science in Nursing and nurse practitioner degree from Georgia Medical College. She was a member of Manning First Baptist Church, where she was a volunteer with the church's Friendship House ministry. She also volunteered with Caregivers Hospice. She was known as "a lady who was always doing something for somebody."

She is survived by her husband of 65 years; one daughter, Marie Benton of Canton, Georgia; one grandson, Derek Williams of Lexington; and several other family members.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

The family requests memorials be made to Manning First Baptist Church, 49 W. Boyce St., Manning, SC 29102.

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

RICHARD LEE BROOKES

Richard "Dick" Lee Brookes, age 81, beloved husband of Jean Brookes, died on Sunday, July 15, 2018, at Sumter Health and Rehab.



BROOKES

Dick was born on March 6, 1937, in Morgantown, West Virginia. He was a son of the late James Allen Brookes and Hillis Clark Brookes. Dick served during the Vietnam War era as a member of the United States Army. He later served as a radio announcer for the Sumter P-15 baseball program, Wilson Hall football and several other high schools in the Sumter area. He was an avid Pitts-

burgh Pirate and South Carolina Gamecock fan. He will be remembered as a very loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his wife, Jean, Dick is survived by two sons, Richard Lee Brookes Jr. of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and James A. Brookes II and his wife, Michele, of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania; one daughter, Samantha Brookes of Carlisle; six grandchildren, Johnathan Brookes, Nora Brookes, Samuel Keller, Ethan Brookes, Katlyn Stitley and Samantha Dougherty; three stepchildren, Rodney Spertzel and his wife, Penny, of New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, Julie Manning of Marysville, Pennsylvania, and Susan Warter and her husband, Michael, of Leesburg, Virginia; and seven step-grandchildren, Courtney Spertzel, Samantha Spertzel, Sarah Manning, Hunter Manning, Cameron Warter, Meredith Warter and Jillian Warter.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday in the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Chuck Staggs officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service from 10 to 11 a.m. at Bullock Funeral Home.

Interment will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 23, at the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in Annville, Pennsylvania.

Memorials may be made to Swan Lake Presbyterian Church, 912 Haynsworth St., Sumter, SC 29150.

You may go to www.bullockfuneralhome.com and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

**HOMER MCLAURIN RIDGEWAY**

Homer McLaurin "Mac" Ridgeway, 64, died on Sunday, July 15, 2018, at his home.

Born in Sumter, he was a son of Mary Elizabeth Bryant Ridgeway and the late William Reuben Ridgeway. Mr. Ridgeway was a member of Eastside Baptist Church. Mac had been a quadriplegic since 1978, after a football injury, and had been an inspiration to his family and to all who knew him.

Surviving are his mother of Sumter; a brother, Ray Ridgeway of Sumter; a sister, Jane Ferguson (George) of Sumter; a special niece, Mandy Wilson (Bruce) of Virginia; two special nephews, Bryan Ridgeway (Emily) and Chase Ferguson (Ashley), both of Sumter; two special great-nieces, Kaylee Wilson and Ella Ridgeway; and a special great-nephew, Will Wilson.

In addition to his mother being his primary caregiver, the family would like to thank his special caregiver of 26 years, Gaile Andrews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday in the chapel of Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home with the Rev. James Baker and the Rev. George Smith officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Kenny Mixon, Jay Hodge, Kenny Bryant, Roy Bryant, Steve Ridgeway and Erik Ridgeway.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. E. MacDonald DuBose and cousins.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home and other times at the home, 3050 U.S. 15 South.

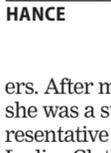
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**LINDA GOODSON SHARP HANCE**

COLUMBIA — Linda Hance, wife of retired U.S. Army Col. Carl W. Hance Sr., died on Saturday, July 14, 2018, at the age of 75.

She was born on April 20, 1943, in Catawba, a daughter of the late Louis Fairey Goodson and Lella Lindler Goodson. As a teenager, Linda moved to Sumter, where she graduated from Edmunds High School and later earned a degree from USC Sumter. She worked early on as a telephone operator and later at Galloway and Moseley Jewelers.



HANCE

After moving to Columbia, she was a successful sales representative for the Doncaster Ladies Clothing Line. However, her favorite career was being a mother, wife, grandmother and friend to her adoring family. She was a member of the First Church of God in Sumter and currently attended Trenholm Road United Methodist Church in Columbia.

Her outward beauty was surpassed only by her inward beauty, her love for God and family and an absolute zeal for life. She brought encouragement and joy to any who knew her. She loved to shag, was an avid bridge player and an accomplished artist.

In addition to her husband of Columbia, she is survived by four daughters, Cindy Scheele (Larry) of Sumter, Rea Maynard (Kevin) of Aiken, Alison Watford (Kevin) of Sumter and Bobbie Owens (Jake) of Sumter; one sister, Fairey Ann Hatfield (Bryan) of Sumter; one brother, Don Goodson (Ebbie) of Sumter; her stepmother, Jane Goodson of Sumter; nine grandchildren, Harold Turner (Katie), Caroline Turner Cromer (Justin), Sharp Turner, Rebecca Glancy, Kaitlind Glancy, Sam Watford, Lindy Watford, Madeline Owens and Hall Owens; and one great-granddaughter, Sutton Turner.

She is also survived by her stepchildren, Wayne Hance (Georgina), Pamela Dunn (Bill) and Michael Hance (Ashley); step-grandchildren, Carl Hance (Cherihan), Christopher Hance (fiancée Chelsea), Courtney Hance, Coulson Hance, Emily Letourneau (BJ), Ashley Dalpiaz (Alex), William Dunn, Michael Hance, Lauren Hance, Michael Scheele and Betsy Shlon (Andy); and step-great-grandchildren, Wyatt Letourneau and Brodie Dalpiaz.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Trenholm Road United Methodist Church in Columbia and also from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday at First Church of God, 1835 Camden Road, Sumter, SC 29150. The family will receive friends at other times at the home of her daughter, 709 Henderson St., Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at First Church of God in Sumter with the Rev. Ron Bower, Dr. William R. Bouknight and the Rev. Larry Mobley officiating. Burial will follow at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of Spirit of Fellowship Sunday School class at Trenholm Road United Methodist Church and her step-grandsons.

Memorials can be made to Sumter First Church of God, 1835 Camden Road, Sumter, SC 29150; to Trenholm Road United Methodist Church, 3401 Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC 29204; or Hospice Care of Tri-County, 166 Stoneridge Drive No. 100, Columbia, SC 29210.

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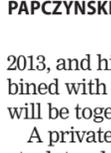
**LORETTA N. PAPCZYNSKI**

Loretta N. Papczynski, age 95, died on Sunday, July 15, 2018, at the home of her daughter, Lynn Hudak.

Loretta was born in Chicago, to the late Joseph and Clara Brajcki. They moved to South Bend, Indiana, when

she was seven years old. Loretta met her husband and it was love at first sight. They were married on Nov. 25, 1943, in South Bend.

They raised two loving children, James Papczynski and his wife, Judy, of LaPorte, Indiana, and Lynn Hudak of Sumter; and a grandson, Brian Hudak and his wife, Nikki, of Lugoff.



PAPCZYNSKI

Mr. Papczynski died on July 4, 2013, and his ashes will be combined with his wife and they will be together forever.

A private burial will be held at a later date.

You may go to www.bullockfuneralhome.com and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

**EDWIN B. MCDILL**

Edwin Brandao McDill, age 82, beloved husband of the late Lucinda Lanning McDill, died on Thursday, July 12, 2018.

Born in New Orleans, he was a son of the late James Delph McDill and Esther Mary Brandao McDill. He was a loyal member of St. Anne and St. Jude Catholic Church since 1984 and a member of the Curtillo Group for many years. He also participated in the Kairos Prison Ministry. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He loved and owned many cats throughout his life. He was an avid P-15 and Atlanta Braves fan as well as a lifelong Gamecock fan.

Surviving are his daughter, Lucinda Amy Bradley and her husband, Tracy Dwayne; three grandchildren, Thomas Bradley, Angel Marie Lupori and Matthew Ryan Proctor; four great-grandchildren, Daulton Trayce Lupori, Nathan Hunter Lupori, Brayden Scott Lupori and Corbin Michael Rogers; and special friends, Ernest Ridle and Sal and Cindy Macias.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, James Delph McDill Jr.; and a grandson, Michael Braxton Proctor.

A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Jude Catholic Church. Interment will be held at a later date in North Carolina.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Anne and St. Jude Catholic Church, 521 Account, 611 W. Oakland Ave., Sumter, SC 29150.

You may go to www.bullockfuneralhome.com and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

**NANCY C. SPOR**

Nancy Ruth Clayton Spor, age 76, beloved wife of 15 years to Rodney Spor, died on Saturday, July 14, 2018, at her residence, after an extended illness.

You may go to www.bullockfuneralhome.com and read the full obituary and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

**THOMAS LEWIS G. FAW**

Thomas Lewis Garson Faw, 78, husband of Jerrie Menscer Faw, died on Saturday, July 14, 2018, at his home.

Born in High Point, North Carolina, to the late Thomas L.G. Faw and Rosa Jean Smith, Mr. Faw served in the U.S. Marine Corps but retired from the U.S. Air Force. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Marine Corps League, VFW and Toys for Tots.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Amanda L. Faw of Sumter and Pamela Jo Berard of Dalzell; two granddaughters, Chrishaunda Berard of Rembert and Alannah Berard of Dalzell; a grandson, Wesley Kyle Cail Faw (Devina Bramdeo) of Fayetteville, North Carolina; a niece, Ellen B. Clodfelter (Tom) of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; two great-grandchildren; and an aunt, Betty Beck of High Point.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday in the chapel of Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. David Richardson officiating. Burial will be private.

The family will receive friends following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Gift Processing Administrator, 18251 Quantico Gateway Drive, Triangle, VA 22172.

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**ANTHONY E. PRINGLE**

Anthony Eugene Pringle, 63, died on Friday, July 13, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born in Sumter County, he was a son of the late Manning and Juanita Glover Pringle.

The family will receive friends at the residence, 7 Golfair Court, Sumter.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.

**ROWENA REESE PRATT**

Rowena Reese Pratt, 96, widow of Marshall C. Pratt, died on Monday, July 16, 2018, at Covenant Place.

She was a daughter of the late Joseph Earle Reese and Dona Black Reese. Mrs. Pratt was a member of Dilworth United Methodist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she served in the choir. She was retired from Sears & Roebuck as an interior decorator and was a longtime member of the Order of Eastern Star and was a former Grand Worthy Matron. She was a volunteer member of the Sew & Sewing Club who made clothing for premature babies.

Surviving are one daughter, retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Sylvia D. Pratt of Fort Mill; one sister, Rhidona Woodward of Sumter; two sisters-in-law, Carol Reese of Sumter and Jackie Reese of Greenwood; and one son-in-law, Gerald Muckenfuss of Mount Pleasant.

She was predeceased by a daughter, Muriel Rowena Muckenfuss.

The family would like to thank the staff of Covenant Place and Caris Hospice for their loving care.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Sumter Cemetery with the Rev. Angela Marshall officiating.

The family will receive friends at the home of her sister, 811 Gordonia Drive.

Memorials may be made to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) in care of Trinity United Methodist Church, 226 W. Liberty St., Sumter, SC 29150.

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SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM		
LOCAL CHANNELS														
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	America's Got Talent "Judge Cuts 1" (N)			World of Dance "The Qualifiers 7" Dance acts showcase their artistry. (N)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon David Spade; Lily James; Charlie Puth. (N)			
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	NCIS "Family Ties" A high schooler witnesses a hit-and-run. (DVS)		Bull "No Good Deed" Bull is asked to help a teacher.	NCIS: New Orleans "Monster" Percy reconnects with her ATF partner. (DVS)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert			
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Best Friends"	Jeopardy! (N)	The Middle Dr. Goodwin shows his dark side.	The Middle Brick asks Cindy to the prom.	blackish Dre helps Junior plan a party for Pops.	blackish "Elder. Scam." Ruby gets scammed.	The Last Defense "Julius Jones: The Trial" Prosecution's star witness testifies. (N)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		
WRJA	27	11	14	Making It Grow Amanda McNulty and Master Gardeners answer viewers' gardening questions.	10 Monuments That Changed America: Original American monuments.		No Passport Required "New Orleans" Vietnamese cuisine in New Orleans. (N)		Frontline "Blackout in Puerto Rico" Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria.	Amanpour on PBS (N)	BBC World News	10 Monuments That Changed America		
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Separation Agitation"	MLB on FOX Pre-game (N) (Live)	2018 MLB All-Star Game American League at National League. Nationals Park in Washington, D.C., is the venue for MLB's 89th All-Star Game. The Nationals are hosting the Midsummer Classic for the first time ever. Jose Altuve of the Houston Astros and the Atlanta Braves' Freddie Freeman received the most votes. (N) (Live)			Frontline "Blackout in Puerto Rico" Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria.	This Year in the SEC: College Football 2018	DailyMailTV	TMZ (N)		
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing "School Merger"	Last Man Standing "Mike Advises Mandy"	The 100 "The Warriors Will" Abby's health continues to deteriorate. (N)		The Outpost "Two Heads Are Better Than None" Talon learns deep secrets about herself. (N)	The X-Files "Within" Scully searches for Mulder. (Part 1 of 2)	The X-Files "Without" The search for Mulder continues. (Part 2 of 2)	The Game Melanie finds the perfect wedding dress.			
CABLE CHANNELS														
A&E	46	130	The First 48 "The Graveyard Shift" The killing of a Cleveland store clerk.	The First 48 A parking lot drug deal turns deadly.	The First 48 A woman is beaten and stabbed to death.		(:01) Born Behind Bars Brandi may risk losing her daughter.		(:04) The First 48 "Killer Contact" A young man shot dead in his van.		(12:03) The First 48			
AMC	48	180	(6:00) ** "The Day the Earth Stood Still" (Fiction) Keanu Reeves, Jennifer Connelly.	** "Snitch" (2013, Crime Drama) Dwayne Johnson, Barry Pepper, Jon Bernthal. A man infiltrates a drug cartel to save his son from prison.	River Monsters "Bone Crusher"		River Monsters: Monster Journeys (N)		Extinct or Alive: Recovered Evidence Hit the Floor "Beast Mode" (N)		Wild Things With Dominic Monaghan River Monsters			
ANPL	41	100	I Was Prey	River Monsters "Bone Crusher"	River Monsters: Monster Journeys (N)		Extinct or Alive: Recovered Evidence Hit the Floor "Beast Mode" (N)		Wild Things With Dominic Monaghan River Monsters		River Monsters			
BET	61	162	(5:00) ** "House Party 2" (1991)	** "Daddy's Little Girls" (2007, Romance) Gabrielle Union, Idris Elba, Louis Gossett Jr. A poor mechanic and an attorney share an unexpected romance.	Below Deck Mediterranean Joao earns the praise of Captain Sandy.		Below Deck Mediterranean Joao solidifies the love triangle. (N)		Million Dollar Listing New York Fredrik launches a risky campaign. (N)		Watch What Happens Live Below Deck Mediterranean Joao solidifies the love triangle.			
BRAVO	47	181	Below Deck Mediterranean Brooke and Kasey confront Joao.	Below Deck Mediterranean Joao earns the praise of Captain Sandy.	Shark Tank A new recreational sport.		Shark Tank A fire-starting solution.		The Profit "Hangout Lighting" (N)		Shark Tank			
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank	Shark Tank A new recreational sport.	Cuomo Prime Time (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)			
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	(6:50) The Office	(:25) The Office "St. Patrick's Day"	Drunk History "Chicago"	Drunk History	Drunk History "New Jersey"	Drunk History "Spies"	Drunk History "Death" (N)	The Jim Jefferies Show (N)	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	(:31) The Office "Office Olympics"	(12:01) South Park "It Hits the Fan"
COM	57	136	Bunk'd	Bug Juice: My Adventures at Camp	Andi Mack	Raven's Home	(:07) Big City Greens	Stuck in the Middle	Bizaardvark	Bug Juice: My Adventures at Camp	Andi Mack	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd
DISN	18	200	Deadliest Catch: On Deck (N)	Deadliest Catch: The Bait (N)	Deadliest Catch "Supermoon Storm"		(:01) Expedition Unknown Josh seeks out Columbus' burial site. (N)		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch			
DSC	42	103	Baseball Tonight	Johnsonville Cornhole Championships From Cherokee, N.C. (N)	Jalen & Jacoby		NBA Summer League Basketball Final: Teams TBA. From Las Vegas. (N)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N)			
ESPN	26	35	2018 World Series of Poker Big One for One Drop. From Las Vegas.	Chopped "Epic Eats"	Chopped "Leftover Takeover"		Chopped Firefighter cooks compete.		Chopped "Hush Puppy Love"		Chopped "Blue Plate Fate"		Chopped	
ESPN2	27	39	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)		The 700 Club		SportsMoney		Future Phenoms	WNBA Basketball		
FOOD	40	109	(6:00) *** "Despicable Me" (2010) Voices of Steve Carell.	The Bold Type "Betsy" Adena's suggestion shocks Kat. (N)	(:01) ** "Paul Blart: Mall Cop" (2009, Comedy) Kevin James, Jayma Mays. A security officer confronts bad guys at a suburban New Jersey mall.		The Middle "The Sit Down"		The Middle "Leap Year"	The Middle "The Paper Route"	The Middle "The Paper Route"	The Golden Girls		
FOXN	37	90	Fixer Upper A home in Waco, Texas.	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper		Hidden Potential		Seaside Reno	House Hunters	House Hunters	Fixer Upper		
FREE	20	131	(6:00) *** "Switched for Christmas" (2017, Drama) Candace Cameron Bure.	"The Mistletoe Inn" (2017, Romance) Alicia Witt, David Alpay, Casey Manderson. An aspiring author signs up for a romance writing retreat.	The Middle "The Sit Down"		The Middle "Leap Year"	Hidden Potential	Seaside Reno	House Hunters	House Hunters	Fixer Upper		
FSS	21	47	Fixer Upper A home in Waco, Texas.	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper		Hidden Potential		Seaside Reno	House Hunters	House Hunters	Fixer Upper		
HALL	52	183	Forged in Fire "The Rhomphaia"	Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper (N)	Forged in Fire "Wind and Fire Wheels"		(:03) Counting Cars "Bye Bye Baby"		(:05) Forged in Fire "The War Hammer"		Forged in Fire			
HGTV	39	112	Criminal Minds "Hell's Kitchen" The BAU investigates an urban vampire.	Criminal Minds "True North" Victims are tied to stakes in a desert.	Criminal Minds "Unforgettable" Reid anxiously awaits his trial date.		Criminal Minds "Green Light" Reid fears his mother has been abducted.		(:03) Seven Year Switch Experimental marriage with a stranger.		(:06) Seven Year Switch Experimental marriage with a stranger.		(12:01) Married at First Sight	
HIST	45	110	Married at First Sight (N)	Married at First Sight (N)	Married at First Sight "Who Did I Marry?" Brunch with the new in-laws.		(:03) Seven Year Switch Experimental marriage with a stranger.		(:06) Seven Year Switch Experimental marriage with a stranger.		(12:01) Married at First Sight			
ION	13	18	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word		The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)		Rachel Maddow			
LIFE	50	145	The Loud House	Double Dare (N)	Double Dare		** "Alvin and the Chipmunks" (2007) Jason Lee, David Cross.		Friends		(:35) Friends	(12:10) Friends		
MSNBC	36	92	Friends	Friends	** "Overboard" (1987, Comedy) Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell, Edward Herrmann.		Futurama (Part 1 of 4)		Futurama (Part 2 of 4)	Futurama (Part 3 of 4)	Futurama (Part 4 of 4)	Futurama "Proposition Infinity"		
NICK	16	210	*** "A Nightmare on Elm Street" (1984, Horror) John Saxon, Ronee Blakley. Razor-clawed Freddy Krueger kills teens in their dreams.	Face Off "Maritime Monsters" Artists create original sea monsters. (N)	Futurama (Part 1 of 4)		Futurama (Part 2 of 4)	Futurama (Part 3 of 4)	Futurama (Part 4 of 4)	Conan Eva Longoria; Luke Hemsworth.	Brooklyn Nine-Nine "Payback"			
NBC	64	153	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory			
PARMT	64	153	*** "They Drive by Night" (1940, Drama) George Raft.	*** "The Music Man" (1962, Musical Comedy) Robert Preston, Shirley Jones, Buddy Hackett. A glib traveling salesman works his charm on an Iowa town.	(:45) *** "Meet Me in St. Louis" (1944) Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien. A disappointed St. Louis family may miss the World's Fair. (DVS)		(:06) Outdaughered		Law & Order "Open Season" Acquittal leads to attorney's murder.		Law & Order "Asterisk"			
SYFY	58	152	Outdaughered Adam goes shopping for Halloween. (N)	Animal Kingdom "Incoming" The weed heist goes awry. (N) (DVS)	Animal Kingdom "Incoming" The weed heist goes awry. (DVS)		Paid-Torpey		Hack My Life (N)	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Paid-Torpey		
TBS	24	156	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers		Paid-Torpey		Hack My Life (N)	Impactical Jokers	Impactical Jokers	Paid-Torpey		
TCM	49	186	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond		Love-Raymond		Younger (N)	(:36) Teachers (N)	King of Queens	King of Queens		
TLC	43	157	*** "Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth. (DVS)	WWE SmackDown! Extreme Rules PPV results. Find out if Rusev defeated AJ Styles for the WWE title. (N) (Live)	Law & Order "Mad Dog"		Law & Order "Double Down"		Law & Order "We Like Mike"	Law & Order "Passion"	Law & Order	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		
TNT	23	158	Law & Order "Showtime"	Cops "Arizona"	Cops "Arizona"		Cops "Arizona"		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops		
TRUTV	38	129	Law & Order "Showtime"	Cops "Arizona"	Cops "Arizona"		Cops "Arizona"		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops		
TV LAND	55	161	Law & Order "Showtime"	Cops "Arizona"	Cops "Arizona"		Cops "Arizona"		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops		
USA	25	132	Law & Order "Showtime"	Cops "Arizona"	Cops "Arizona"		Cops "Arizona"		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops		
WE	68	166	Law & Order "Showtime"	Cops "Arizona"	Cops "Arizona"		Cops "Arizona"		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops		
WGNA	8	172	Law & Order "Showtime"	Cops "Arizona"	Cops "Arizona"		Cops "Arizona"		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops		

MLB All-Star Game returns to D.C. after nearly 50 years

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

You can't say we're not fixed for big sporting events. Between last weekend's World Cup final, Wimbledon tennis and the ongoing 2018 Tour de France (8 p.m., NBCSN), it's been quite a menu.

Tonight brings the 89th Annual Major League Baseball All-Star Game (8 p.m., Fox), live from our nation's capital. This marks the first time the game has been played in Nationals Park, which opened in 2008. The last time the All-Star Game was played in Washington, D.C., was in 1969, at RFK Stadium, home of the Washington Senators.

That team would depart the city in 1971 to become the Texas Rangers. Baseball would only return to Washington in 2005, when the Montreal Expos left Canada and became the Nationals.

The Nationals have enjoyed more winning success than either the old Expos or either versions of the Senators (1901-1960 and 1961-71). The Senators' perennial doormat status produced the old quip: "Washington — first in war, first in peace and last in the American League." The Senators' lingering failures also inspired the 1955 Faustian musical "Damn Yankees."

The 1958 movie version of "Yankees" would star screen heartthrob Tab Hunter, who died on July 8. TCM has revamped its schedule to air a daylong marathon of Tab Hunter movies on Friday, July 20.

- Not a fan of baseball? Catch Dwayne Johnson and Susan Sarandon in the 2013 thriller "Snitch" (8:30 p.m., AMC, TV-14). Or Will Smith in the 2005 comedy "Hitch" (8 p.m., CMT, TV-PG). Not to be confused with "Seven Year Switch" (10 p.m., Lifetime). This series enters its third season of reality TV marriage counseling, inviting troubled spouses to part and live with a complete stranger for a two-week "experiment."
- "Bizarre Foods" (9 p.m., Travel) host Andrew Zimmern continues to connect the dots linking history and cuisine. Tonight, he visits Hawaii to feast on lau lau, breadfruit and poke as he walks in the footsteps of British naval officer Captain James Cook, the man who brought back news of the Hawaiian archipelago to Europe.
- "10 Monuments That Changed America" (8 p.m., PBS, TV-G, check local listings) re-

calls efforts to honor the past that continue to impact our national conversation. Choices include the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington and various monuments to the Confederate dead.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- A hidden gun sparks a conversation on "The Bold Type" (8 p.m., Freeform, TV-14).
- A controversial teacher needs a good lawyer on "Bull" (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).
- "Strange Evidence" (9 p.m., Science, TV-PG) enters a second season of discussing and debunking seemingly mystical events captured on video.
- Talents audition on "World of Dance" (10 p.m., NBC, TV-PG).
- A key prosecution witness may be discredited on "The Last Defense" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-14).
- A street magician named

"Smoothini" entertains and amazes celebrity guests, including Fat Joe and A\$AP Ferg, on the new series "Hip-hop Houdini" (10 p.m., Fuse).

CULT CHOICE

When a charming stranger (Robert Preston) tries to bamboozle small-town Iowa folk out of their money, only a fetching librarian (Shirley Jones) seems to smell a rat in the popular 1962 adaptation of the Broadway musical "The Music Man" (8 p.m., TCM), written by Meredith Wilson.

SERIES NOTES

A murder witness is only in high school on "NCIS" (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-PG) * Acts audition on "America's Got Talent" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG) * On two helpings of "The Middle" (ABC, TV-PG), a brittle character (8 p.m.), prom dates (8:30 p.m.) * Abby's ailments abound on "The 100" (8 p.m.,

CW, TV-14) * On two helpings of "Blackish" (ABC, r, TV-14), Pops' past reconsidered (9 p.m.), a scam artist (9:30 p.m.) * Talon discovers her destiny on "The Outpost" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14) * Percy's past returns in a hurry on "NCIS: New Orleans" (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

Eva Longoria, Luke Hemsworth, Ben Harper and Charlie Musselwhite appear on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS, r) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes David Spade, Lily James and Charlie Puth on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Joel McHale, Beth Ditto, Nimesh Patel and Emmanuelle Caplette visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) * Will Ferrell, Eva Longoria and Jo Koy appear on "The Late Late Show With James Cordeiro" (12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

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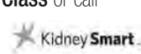
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Summons & Notice

SUMMONS AND NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 2018-CP-43-00651

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Cathlene S. Smoot, Plaintiff,

-vs- Kristia M. Otis, Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT: Kristia M. Otis

Summons & Notice

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint for damages in an automobile accident, the original of which has been filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, on the 13th day of April, 2018, a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request; and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff, John D. Clark at the Clark Law Firm L.L.C., at Post Office Drawer 880, 22 E. Liberty Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29151-0880, within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time stated, Plaintiff will move for an Order declaring you, the Defendant in default on the ground that Defendant failed to timely answer or otherwise submit responsive pleadings to the Complaint filed with this Court on April 13, 2018. In addition, the Plaintiff will seek the relief requested in the Complaint previously filed in this matter.

John D. Clark, Esquire Attorney for Plaintiff 22 East Liberty Street P.O. Drawer 880 Sumter, SC 29151

SUMMONS (Deficiency Judgment Waived) (Mortgage Foreclosure) (Mobile Home Repossession) Non-Jury

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CASE NO. 2018-CP-43-01016

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

21st Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff,

-vs- Latisha Billingsley; Midland Funding LLC; W S Badcock Corporation, Defendant(s)

TO THE DEFENDANT(S), LATISHA BILLINGSLEY

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 1640 St. Julian Place, Columbia, South Carolina 29202, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for a judgment by default granting the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint in the above-captioned action were

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filed on June 1, 2018, in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina.

Crawford & von Keller, LLC. PO Box 4216 1640 St. Julian Place (29204) Columbia, SC 29204 Phone: 803-790-2626 Attorneys for Plaintiff

Estate Notice Sumter County

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

Persons having claim against the following estates are required to deliver or mail their claims to the indicated Personal Representatives, appointed to administer these estates, and to file their claims on Form #371PC with the Probate Court of Sumter County Courthouse, N. Main Street, Sumter, SC, 29150, on or before the date that is eight months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors. (Unless previously barred by operation of Section 62-3-803), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements, indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the amount claimed and the date when due, and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate/Henry Franklin Allen, Sr. #2018ES4300369

Personal Representative Henry F. Allen, Jr. C/O Henry J. Sheheen P.O. Box 10 Camden, SC 29021

Estate/Louise M. Vaughn #2018ES4300389

Personal Representative William D. Vaughn 1107 Daisy Dr. Sumter, SC 29150

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Personal Representative Franklin D. Rogers 840 Pierson Rd. Sumter, SC 29150

Estate/Erma McCabe Prescott #2018ES4300370

Personal Representative William E. Prescott 2395 Watersong Rd. Sumter, SC 29150

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Personal Representative Patricia Sanders 2825 Remington Dr. Sumter, SC 29154

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Estate/Joyce Lynn Conyers #2018ES4300376

Personal Representative Brandon Conyers C/O Thomas E. Player, Jr. P.O. Box 3690 Sumter, SC 29151

Estate/Elizabeth Virginia-Carter #2018ES4300093

Personal Representative Kelley Carter CMR 445 Box 142 APO AE 09046

Estate/Lee Clinton Knuckles, Sr. #2018ES4300382

Personal Representative Lee Clinton Knuckles, Jr. 533 Wilkinson Ln. Columbia, SC 29229

Estate/Velma Cofield Vest #2018ES4300373

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Personal Representative Rena Boone 120 Antler Way Columbia, SC 29229

Estate/Donald L. Bowen #2018ES4300387

Personal Representative Linda D. Bowen 4080 Broad St. Sumter, SC 29154

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