



## F45 Training gym opens downtown

Company founded in Australia finds a home in Sumter, too A2

### 7 billion

Hot dogs are consumed in the U.S. from Memorial Day to Labor Day

### 19.4 million

Hot dogs and sausages sold in U.S. baseball parks in 2016

### 74

Nathans Famous International Hot Dog Eating Contest record for wieners eaten by a man, Joey Chestnut.

### 45

The contest record for wieners eaten by a woman, Sonya Thomas.

### THE HISTORY OF HOT DOGS

Is a hot dog filled with mystery meat? No.

Hot dogs are cured and cooked sausages containing combinations of pork, beef, chicken and turkey. Some brands sell all-beef hot dogs. Hot dog meat is from the muscle of the animal that is combined with water, curing ingredients and spices.

Why are there usually 10 hot dogs but only eight buns in a pack?

Grocery stores started selling them in uniform packaging of 10 per pack in the 1940s. Sandwich rolls and hot dog buns often come with eight in each pack because buns used to be baked in clusters of four in pans designed to hold eight. Now, baking pans vary more.

What's the link between hot dogs and baseball?

Legend says frankfurters were called hot dogs by a Hearst newspaper cartoonist in 1906 who heard a vendor shout "Get your red-hot dachshund sausages" at a baseball game in New York City. He supposedly sketched a cartoon of a real dachshund in a bun covered in mustard but could not spell dachshund, so he wrote "get your hot dogs" instead.

Source: National Hot Dog and Sausage Council

# every dog

has its

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That's today!  
It's National Hot Dog Day

BY KAYLA ROBINS  
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As official as these things can be, Americans on this hot summer day are celebrating — knowingly or not — National Hot Dog Day.

Hot dogs are synonymous with summer and are on any sane person's list of the most iconic American foods. They can be topped with just about anything, from the standard condiments like ketchup, mustard and relish to outlandish dollops of chili, onion, cheese, pickles and other vegetables and meats.

The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council, created in 1994 by the American Meat Institute, designates July as National Hot Dog Month and changes the specific day each year they are celebrated. We've compiled some hot-doggone interesting facts and stats about America's tubular meal you can read while the grill is firing up or the buns are toasting.

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Most popular hot dog: Chili-cheese Coney

The Chili-cheese Coney is definitely one of the most popular and well-known hot dogs, said Sam McLeod, owner of Sonic on Broad Street.

It's an American classic, said Grace Bethea, assistant manager at Sonic on McCrays Mill.

— Adrienne Sarvis

### FAVORITE HOT DOG TOPPINGS BY THE REGION

**Atlanta / The South:** Getting a typical dog to watch an Atlanta Braves game or in the South means topped with coleslaw.

**New York City:** The standard is served with onions and deli-style mustard.

**Chicago:** Topped with mustard, relish, onion, pickles, peppers, tomatoes and

celery salt on a poppy seed bun.

**Kansas City:** Served with sauerkraut and melted Swiss cheese.

**Colorado:** The Rockie Dog is a foot-long with grilled peppers, kraut and onions.

**Boston:** The Fenway Frank is boiled and grilled and topped with mustard and relish

and even baked beans.

**Southwest:** Grilled and wrapped in bacon with pinto beans, grilled onions and green peppers, topped with tomatoes, relish, tomatillo jalapeno salsa, mayo, mustard and shredded cheese.

**Texas:** Chili, cheese and jalapenos

**Michigan:** Chili sauce, mustard and onion

**Seattle:** Dogs are split in half and grilled before being topped with cream cheese and grilled onions.

**Alaska:** Made from caribou and served with grilled onions, sometimes sauteed in Coca-Cola.

## Man grateful for discovering ministry's free medical clinic

BY JACQUELINE BUTLER  
Special to The Sumter Item

Imagine working as a commercial truck driver with an untreated dental abscess, chronic lower-back pain and untreated hypertension — with few options for treatment. This was life for Chris-



BUTLER

tian Castner before he became a patient at Sumter United

Ministries' Medical Clinic.

Castner said he moved his family to Sumter County from Pennsylvania to find a better environment for them.

He readily talks about how he's turned his life around and how he's changed as a person. When you first see Castner, you see a man cov-

ered in tattoos who looks as if he could have held his own in his younger days at any biker bar.

He said he believes God led him to the ministries' free medical clinic.

After moving here, Castner said he was receiving primary medical care, but that stopped

in May 2017 when he was no longer able to afford it out of pocket.

He recently developed a painful dental abscess and went to a dentist for treatment. The dentist declined to treat him due to his elevated

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## No 2 workouts ever same at new gym studio

F45 has technology, community focus, general manager says

BY BRUCE MILLS  
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It's a new workout regimen that's a mix of technology, science and community and is growing worldwide, across the U.S. and now in Sumter.

Ashley Schwedler, co-owner and general manager of F45 Training, 20 W. Liberty St., recently discussed the operation of her new workout studio, which opened in the downtown area about three weeks ago.

The name, F45, stands for 45 minutes of "functional" training, which is a mixture of cardio, body weight and weight exercises designed to burn fat and build lean muscle, she said.

The movements in functional training are regular, daily movement patterns, such as walking, running, twisting and bending.

"Functional training just improves your everyday living," Schwedler said. "Those movements we do on a daily basis — this is improving your quality of life. It's how we should all train."

The use of new technology makes F45 a unique workout experience, she said. Daily workout sessions are created from U.S. headquarters in Los Angeles from a database of more than 3,000 different exercises, which are combined for a routine, and no two workouts are ever the same.

The workout sessions are then loaded and piped in via Smart-phone app technology to F45 TV monitors in each of the franchise's studios.

Sumter's downtown studio has seven mounted HD TVs that create a visual workout environment for studio members. It's "team training" and a "family type atmosphere," Schwedler said, where everyone tries to motivate one another.

The 45-minute sessions include interval-based training (with a workout/rest time ratio), and members move station to station during a session.

Class sizes are currently running 10 to 15 people, Schwedler said, but



F45 Sumter General Manager Ashley Schwedler works out in her new gym in the downtown area on Monday.

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### F45 TRAINING STUDIO

WHERE: 20 W. Liberty St.

*'We're unique because of the technology behind every single workout and the community atmosphere.'*

ASHLEY SCHWEDLER

can go up to 27 members.

The same class workout session is repeated throughout the day, with seven classes on Monday through Thursday — the first at 5:15 a.m. and last at 6 p.m. Fridays have six sessions — also starting at 5:15 a.m., but with only one late-afternoon session at 4:45 p.m.

Currently on Saturdays, there are just two, 60-minute sessions, starting at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m., but that

could expand based on demand, Schwedler said.

Each day is a different workout session though, so no two days are ever the same.

"You never repeat the same workout twice, unless you do 'two-a-days,'" Schwedler said.

F45 Sumter has four fitness instructors, including Schwedler, and a total of five employees.

F45 was founded in Australia.

There are 1,000 franchises worldwide, and 350 have started in the U.S. in about the last five years.

Sumter is just the second site for F45 so far in South Carolina, she said. The first F45 studio in the state opened in 2016 in Mount Pleasant in Charleston County. Another is about to open soon in the West Ashley community of Charleston.

"It's just really hit the U.S. and is expected to grow quickly," Schwedler said. "In Australia, they're saturated. That's the home, and it's like Starbucks — there's an F45 pretty much on every corner there."

F45 offers different membership options, from a weekly rate to an annual rate of \$1,599. Prices may seem expensive to some, but Schwedler said everyone who's interested in F45 can have a two-week free trial — with no obligations.

She said she thinks that can change people's outlooks.

"This is not like any other gym," Schwedler said. "We're unique because of the technology behind every single workout and the community atmosphere. You're like a family here."

F45 Sumter currently has about 40 members, she said, but about 170 people are in their two-week trial period or will be soon.

## Michalik not running for re-election; Alston, McQuilla still undecided

BY BRUCE MILLS  
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With a relatively light agenda, the biggest news from Sumter School District's Board of Trustees' meeting Monday might actually have been afterward when Vice Chairwoman Karen Michalik said she would not be seeking re-election in November.

Michalik has represented Area 2 on the school board since the consolidated district's formation in 2011.

She said her family's name will still be on the November ballot because her husband, John, has decided to run for the seat and filed Monday with the Sumter County Voter Registration and Elections office.

For the past several years, John Michalik has served as principal at Lakewood High School but retired from the district as an educator this spring.

Seats on the Sumter School Board are non-partisan. Filing started Monday and con-

tinues through Aug. 15.

After Monday's meeting, board members Linda Alston (Area 1) and Lucille McQuilla (Area 3) said they are still undecided on whether they will run for re-election.

Six seats on the nine-member board are up for election in November. Area 4 Trustee Johnny Hilton and at-large board member Bonnie Disney have filed, and at-large board member William Byrd has previously announced his intention to run.

Before being elected to the

consolidated board, Karen Michalik was a Sumter School District 2 board member from 2002-11.

### OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

In other news from Monday's meeting:

- District Assistant Superintendent Brenda Hafner announced the district's theme for the upcoming school year is "Energetic and Powerful" and that it will be unveiled Monday at a leadership meeting at Crestwood High

School. Hafner provided the interim superintendent's report in place of Debbie Hamm, who was absent due to health reasons, according to board Chairman the Rev. Daryl McGhaney; and

- The district's annual back-to-school meeting for teachers and staff is set for Wednesday, Aug. 15, at 1:30 p.m. at Sumter County Civic Center. As is the norm, the district's teacher of the year for the upcoming year will be announced at that meeting.

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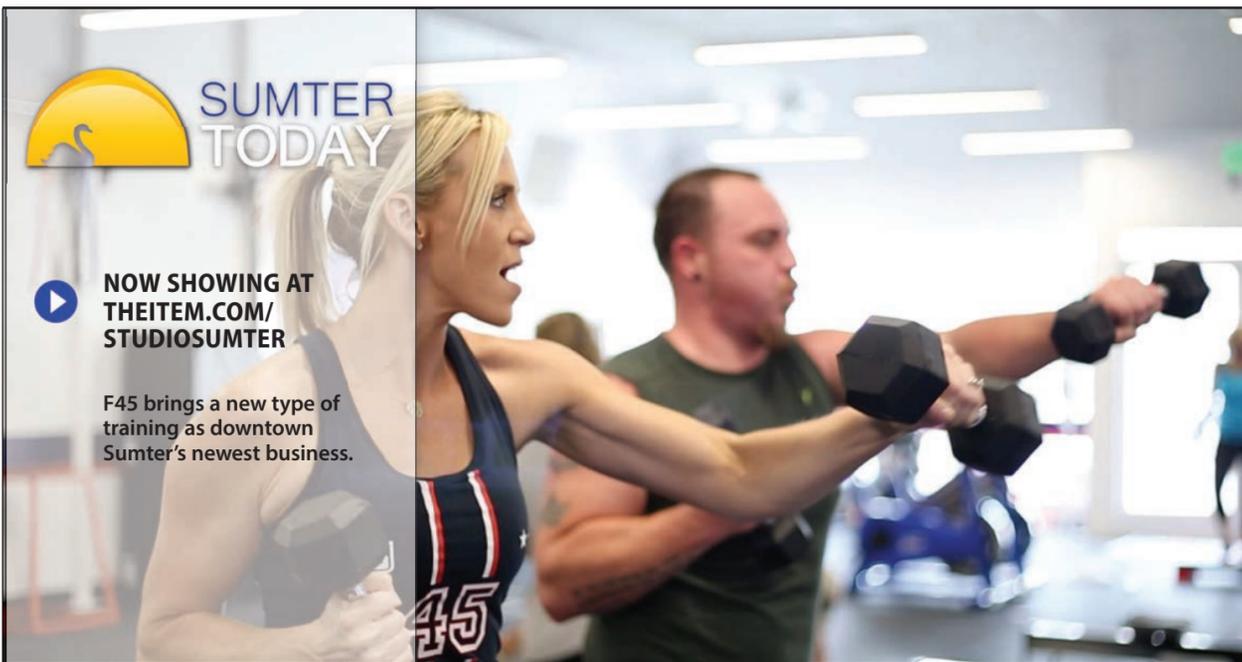
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## State hunting, fishing license purchases will be unavailable this weekend

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

If you are planning an outdoor activity this weekend that requires a state hunting or fishing license, you need to make that purchase now.

Because of a necessary security upgrade and installation, South Carolina Interactive — the technology company that operates official state agency websites and facilitates online transactions for many state and local government agencies in S.C. including SCDNR — will be shutting down the computer networks that run these transactions beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday and potentially lasting through Sunday night, according to a news release from SCDNR.

License purchases normally available through SCDNR offices, online, through the toll-free call center or via third-party vendors such as sporting goods stores, bait and tackle shops or Walmart stores will not be available this weekend.

Those most likely to be affected are residents or non-residents who plan on going fishing this weekend and who will need to purchase a recreational fresh or saltwater fishing license to do so legally. If you are planning a trip or vacation this weekend that involves fishing, double-check to make sure you have



the required license prior to Friday afternoon.

The planned work by SCI may also impact services offered by other state and local government agencies in South Carolina who offer on-line transactions facilitated by SCI such as the SCDMV, S.C. Elections Commission and others.

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## Students awarded scholarship in memory of slain officer



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Winners of the 2018 Charlie Kubala Memorial Scholarship, from left (holding checks), are Liam Miller of Thomas Sumter Academy, Abby Zilch of Wilson Hall and Sarah Richardson of Sumter High School. Standing with students are Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis, third from left, and members of the board and the sheriff's department. Sgt. Kubala was a 13-year veteran of the sheriff's office when he was killed in the line of duty in 1996.

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blood pressure, Castner said. He knew he needed to be treated, searched the web and learned of our medical clinic. Castner successfully completed his qualification interview to become a patient and was seen at the clinic the next week.

At his first appointment, Castner's blood pressure was 210/130. Clinic doctors prescribed medication for his malignant hypertension and chronic lower-back pain. He also was given a dental referral and was started on antibiotics for the abscess.

All of his prescriptions were filled at no charge by United Ministries' pharmacy.

At that same initial appointment, Castner was also able to meet with a state Vocational Rehabilitation representative to see if that agency could assist him.

Vocational Rehab opened a case on him, and Castner is receiving services through the agency.

I spoke with Castner recently, and

## FREE MEDICAL CLINIC TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE ON FRIDAY

If anyone is interested in learning more about United Ministries' free medical clinic, Jacqueline Butler said the clinic's staff will be holding an Open House on Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. Individuals interested in becoming a patient with the clinic are invited to attend to learn more, and refreshments will be served.

To qualify for the clinic: Individuals must be Sumter County residents without health insurance, ages 19 to 64, working at least 20 hours per week and earning below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. If individuals think they may qualify, they may contact United Ministries to have a qualification interview.

— Bruce Mills

he said he thanks God for us.

He's the primary breadwinner in his family, and people depend on him. He said he's convinced he might be dead by now if he'd not received treatment.

He gives his gratitude for the medical clinic, its staff and volunteers.

He knows he's still a work in progress though.

Castner continues to work on losing weight and quitting smoking. At his most recent clinic appointment, his blood pressure was 120/78, and his dental abscess had been treated. He also continues to work with a Vocational Rehab counselor.

We are so grateful for all the donations through Summer of Caring. They make such a big difference in the lives of our patients. Please consider donating to the Summer of Caring.

Jacqueline Butler is Sumter United Ministries' medical clinic director.

Sumter United Ministries' services include the free medical clinic, an emergency shelter, construction and home repair, financial aid for bills, primary health care and education assistance.

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For more information about United Ministries and other ways to get involved with the ministry, go to [www.sumterunitedministries.org](http://www.sumterunitedministries.org) or call (803) 775-0757 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Donations last week through Monday include: in memory of W.M. (Boots) Tisdale by Jane F.K. Tisdale, \$200.

Donations received this week: \$200  
Total donations received year to date: \$300  
Total donations received last year: \$3,555  
Total donations received since 2014: \$21,472

# Trump says he misspoke on meddling

BY ZEKE MILLER and LISA MASCARO

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Blistered by bipartisan condemnation of his embrace of a longtime U.S. enemy, President Donald Trump sought Tuesday to "clarify" his public undermining of American intelligence agencies, saying he had misspoken when he said he saw no reason to think Russia had interfered in the 2016 U.S. election.

"The sentence should have been, 'I don't see any reason why I wouldn't, or why it wouldn't be Russia' instead of 'why it would,'" Trump said, in a rare admission of error by the U.S. leader. His comment came — amid rising rebuke by his own party — about 27 hours after his original, widely reported statement, which he made at a Monday summit in Helsinki standing alongside Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"I accept our intelligence community's conclusion that Russia's meddling in the 2016 election took place," Trump said Tuesday. But he added, as he usually does, "It could be other people also. A lot of people out there. There was no collusion at all."

Moments earlier, Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell issued a public reassurance to U.S. allies in NATO and Europe with whom Trump clashed during his frenzied Europe trip last week.

"The European countries are our friends, and the Russians are not," McConnell said.

The scripted cleanup dealt with only the latest of Trump's problematic statements during his week-long trip, in which he sent the NATO alliance into emergency session and assailed British Prime Minister Theresa May as she was hosting him for an official visit.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said Trump was trying to "squirrel away" from his comments alongside Putin. "It's 24 hours too late and in the wrong place," he said.

Trump still maintained that his meetings with NATO allies went well and his summit with Putin "even better."

This reference to diplomatic success carried an edge, too, since the barrage of criticism and insults he delivered in Brussels and London was hardly well received.

And the reaction back home has been immediate and visceral, among fellow Republicans as well as usual Trump critics. "Shameful," "disgraceful" and "weak" were a few of the comments. Makes the U.S. "look like a pushover," said GOP Sen. Bob

Corker of Tennessee.

On Capitol Hill, top Republican leaders said they were open to slapping fresh sanctions on Russia but showed no signs of acting any time soon.

"Let's be very clear, just so everybody knows: Russia did meddle with our elections," House Speaker Paul Ryan said. "What we intend to do is make sure they don't get away with it again and also to help our allies."

In the Senate, Schumer called for Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and other top officials to appear before Congress and tell exactly what happened during Trump's two-hour private session with Putin.

Schumer also urged the Senate to take up legislation to boost security for U.S. elections and to revive a measure passed earlier by the Judiciary Committee to protect Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian election interference.

But minority Democrats have few tools to push their priorities.

In the House, Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi planned a vote Tuesday in support of the intelligence committee's findings that Russia interfered in the 2016 election.

Senators had floated a similar idea earlier, but the No. 2 Republican, Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, said sanctions may be preferable to a nonbinding resolution that amounts to "just some messaging exercise."

Corker, the chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said the first step was to get Pompeo to appear, "hopefully" next week.

Trump's meeting with Putin in Helsinki was his first time sharing the international stage with a man he has described as an important U.S. competitor — but whom he has also praised as a strong, effective leader.

His remarks, siding with a foe on foreign soil over his own government, were a stark illustration of Trump's willingness to upend decades of U.S. foreign policy and rattle Western allies in service of his political concerns. A wary and robust stance toward Russia has been a bedrock of his party's world view. But Trump made clear he feels that any acknowledgement of Russia's election involvement would undermine the legitimacy of his election.

Standing alongside Putin, Trump steered clear of any confrontation with the Russian, going so far as to question American intelligence and last week's federal indictments that accused 12 Russians of hacking into Democratic email accounts to hurt Hillary Clinton in 2016.



U.S. President Donald Trump, left, tosses a soccer ball to his wife, first lady Melania Trump, after Russian President Vladimir Putin presented it to him during a press conference after their meeting at the Presidential Palace in Helsinki, Finland, on Monday.

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# Beachcombers find woman who was stranded for a week

## She thought rescuers were a dream

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A self-described beachcomber says it was her luckiest find yet: A woman who survived a 250-foot car plunge off a cliff and a week stranded on a remote California beach.

"We freakin' love that beach, and we're so glad she's alive," Chelsea Moore said Monday as she described the afternoon last Friday when she and her husband found 23-year-old Angela Hernandez of Portland.

Hernandez had been driving to her sister's home in Lancaster, near Los Angeles, on July 6 when a small animal crossed in front of her, causing her to swerve and lose control of her car, she wrote from her hospital bed Sunday in a Facebook account.

"The only thing I really remember after that was waking up," Hernandez wrote. "I was still in my car, and I could feel water rising over my knees. My head hurt, and when I touched it, I found blood on my hands."

Hernandez said she broke a window of her car, jumped into the ocean and swam ashore. She fell asleep on the beach and realized what had happened after she woke up.

Moore, 34, and her husband, Chad, 31, of Morro Bay were camping above an ocean-side cliff in the rugged Big Sur area of Monterey County when they decided to climb down a cliff to a remote beach to find some good surfing and fishing spots — and a little adventure.

"We're avid beachcombers. We get excited about sea glass and abalone shells," Moore said.

Instead, they came on a car bumper and a short time later spotted a rusty and wrecked Jeep. Nobody was in it.

The couple took the license plate to show authorities. They also saw items scattered around that they also collected, among them, a

poster for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Ohio, Moore said.

"In my head, I thought that maybe someone had died and we would give these items to the next of kin," she said. "We both agreed that there weren't survivors."

But just in case, they walked farther along the beach.

After another quarter-mile, the Moores heard a cry for help and then another.

Then they saw Hernandez. "She was really happy, and she wasn't sure we were real," Moore said. "She told us we were the first people she had seen in days, but she didn't know how many days exactly. We told her we were going to help her and get her off that beach."

Hernandez had two black eyes and burst blood vessels in her eyes.

"Her clothes were in tatters. Her socks were in scraps" and she was shoeless, Moore said. "She was very wet. At high tide there's no beach. She said sometimes she'd been sleeping, and she'd wake up at night with waves smacking her."

"I found a high spot I was able to climb up to and found myself there almost every day," Hernandez wrote. "I could see cars driving across the cliff and felt like if I could yell just loud enough, that one could hear or see me. That's all it would take to make it back to my family. Just one person noticing me."

By the third day, she made her way back to her wrecked car, found a 10-inch radiator hose and eventually used it and her hands to collect water.

Hernandez said she developed a daily ritual of walking the beach in search of new high ground, screaming for help at the top of her lungs and collecting fresh water.

Everything changed on Friday, when Hernandez

woke up and saw a woman walking across the shore.

"I thought it was a dream," Hernandez wrote.

While her husband stayed with Hernandez, Moore raced and slogged her way through water and poison oak, scrambled up a rugged cliff trail to the top to get help from the camp's host

and brought back down a pack of food and clothing.

"She chose a peanut butter granola bar. We wrapped her in blankets ... tried to keep her comfortable and talking."

Hours later, rescuers were able to take Hernandez back up the cliff and helicopter her to a hospital.

"We're just really lucky

beachcombers," Moore said. "She's the hero."

Moore and her husband spoke to Hernandez and her sister by phone in the hospital on Sunday night.

"She told us she wants to name her kids after us," Chelsea said. "We're like equally in awe of each other. It's kind of cool."

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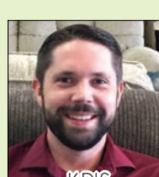
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# Officials: In policy shift, U.S. open to meeting with Taliban

BY MATTHEW PENNINGTON AND KATHY GANNON  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States is open to holding direct talks with the Taliban to encourage negotiations between the militant group and the Afghan government to end 17 years of war, U.S. officials said.

That marks a tactical shift by the Trump administration, which has previously only appeared willing to participate in discussions with the Taliban if those talks also involve the Afghan government. The U.S. officials said Monday that Afghan-to-Afghan negotiation remains the goal of any engagement with the militants.

The officials were not authorized to speak to media and requested anonymity.

The Taliban have long refused direct talks with the Afghan government, demanding instead to negotiate with Washington. The militants have persisted in that stance despite Afghan President Ashraf Ghani's unilateral extension of a holiday cease-fire last month in hopes of encouraging the militants to come to the bargaining table. With the Taliban continuing to mount deadly attacks, Ghani ordered government forces to resume military operations this month.

The unprecedented, three-day cease-fire by both sides had offered a rare glimpse of peace for Afghans during which militants fraternized with security force members.

A Taliban official in the small Gulf Arab nation of Qatar told The Associated Press on Monday that no American official or intermediary has been in touch with them to start direct talks, and it had only heard of it in the media. The administration's willingness to hold direct talks with the Taliban was first reported by *The New York Times* on Sunday.

The Taliban official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to journalists, said, "We wait for them to officially inform us." But he added that if the U.S.

is interested in talks, it should take steps to get Taliban leaders off a sanctions blacklist and support the formal opening of the Taliban office in Qatar where its political representatives reside. The official reiterated the Taliban's call for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan.

Asked if the U.S. was willing to hold direct talks with the Taliban, the State Department said Monday the United States "is exploring all avenues to advance a peace process in close consultation with the Afghan government."

The department added that "any negotiations over the political future of Afghanistan will be between the Taliban and Afghan government."

Last August, President Donald Trump launched an Afghanistan strategy that centered on boosting the capabilities of Afghan security forces and aiming — with help from Pakistan and other interested nations — to compel the militants to negotiate. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo visited Afghanistan last week to reinforce its support for talks.

"The United States will support, facilitate and participate in these peace discussions, but peace must be decided by the Afghans and settled among them. We expect that these peace talks will include a discussion of the role of international actors and forces," Pompeo said after meeting Ghani in Kabul on July 9.

The U.S. invaded Afghanistan following the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, and ousted the Taliban government that had hosted al-Qaida. It has about 15,000 troops in Afghanistan, mostly for training government forces.

The conflict appears stalemated, with insurgents controlling or contesting more than 40 percent of the country. The U.N. mission in Afghanistan said Sunday that 1,692 civilians were killed in violence in the first six months of this year, the highest six-month death toll since the systematic documentation of civilian casualties started in 2009.

# Afghan officials: IS bomber kills 20, Taliban kill 9 police

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — An Islamic State suicide bomber killed 20 people in northern Afghanistan on Tuesday, including a Taliban commander, while in southern Helmand province, a government commando unit freed 54 people from a Taliban-run jail, officials said. In southern Kandahar province, the Taliban at-

tacked a police checkpoint in Arghistan district late on Monday night, killing nine policemen and wounding seven, according to Daud Ahmadi, the spokesman for the provincial governor. Zia Durrani, the provincial police spokesman, said 25 Taliban fighters were killed and 15 were wounded in the ensuing battle in Arghistan, a

violent districts close to the Pakistani border. Afghanistan has faced intense attacks by both the Taliban and the country's Islamic State affiliate recently, even as Washington considers a Taliban demand for direct talks in hopes of jump-starting a negotiated end to what is now the longest military engagement by U.S. forces.

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## COMMENTARY

# Trump calls off Cold War II at his summit

**B**eginning his joint press conference with Vladimir Putin, President Trump declared that U.S. relations with Russia have “never been worse.”

He then added pointedly, that just changed “about four hours ago.”

It certainly did. With his remarks in Helsinki and at the NATO summit in Brussels, Trump has signaled a historic shift in U.S. foreign policy that may determine the future of this nation and the fate of his presidency.

He has rejected the fundamental premises of American foreign policy since the end of the Cold War and blamed our wretched relations with Russia not on Vladimir Putin but squarely on the U.S. establishment.

In a tweet prior to the meeting, Trump indicted the elites of both parties: “Our relationship with Russia has NEVER been worse thanks to many years of U.S. foolishness and stupidity and now, the Rigged Witch Hunt!”

Trump thereby repudiated the records and agendas of the neocons and their liberal interventionist allies, as well as the archipelago of War Party think tanks beavering away inside the Beltway.

Looking back over the week, from Brussels to Britain to Helsinki, Trump’s message has been clear, consistent and startling.

NATO is obsolete. European allies have freeloaded off U.S. defense while rolling up huge trade surpluses at our expense. Those days are over. Europeans are going to stop stealing our markets and start paying for their own defense.

And there will be no Cold War II.

We are not going to let Putin’s annexation of Crimea or aid to pro-Russian rebels in Ukraine prevent us from working on a rapprochement and a partnership with him, Trump is saying. We are going to negotiate arms treaties and talk out our differences as Ronald Reagan did with Mikhail Gorbachev.

Helsinki showed that Trump meant what he said when he declared repeatedly, “Peace with Russia is a good thing, not a bad thing.”

On Syria, Trump indicated that he and Putin are working with Bibi Netanyahu, who wants all Iranian forces and Iran-backed militias kept far from the Golan Heights. As for U.S. troops in Syria, says Trump, they will be coming out after ISIS is crushed, and we are 98 percent there.

That is another underlying message here: America is coming home from foreign wars and will be shedding foreign commitments.

Both before and after the Trump-Putin meeting, the cable news coverage was as hostile and hateful toward the president as any this writer has ever seen. The media may not be the “enemy of the people” Trump says they are, but many are implacable enemies of this president.

Some wanted Trump to emulate Nikita Khrushchev, who blew up the Paris summit in May 1960 over a failed U.S. intelligence operation — the U-2 spy plane shot down over the Urals just weeks earlier.

Khrushchev had demanded that Ike apologize. Ike refused, and Khrushchev exploded. Some media seemed to be hoping for just such a confrontation.

When Trump spoke of the “foolishness and stupidity” of the U.S. foreign policy establishment that contributed to this era of animosity in U.S.-Russia relations, what might he have had in mind?

Was it the U.S. provocatively moving NATO into Russia’s front yard after the collapse of the USSR?

Was it the U.S. invasion of Iraq to strip Saddam Hussein of weapons of mass destruction he did not have that plunged us into endless wars of the Middle East?

Was it U.S. support of Syrian rebels determined to oust Bashar Assad, leading to ISIS intervention and a seven-year civil war with half a million dead, a war which Putin eventually entered to save his Syrian ally?

Was it George W. Bush’s abrogation of Richard Nixon’s ABM treaty and drive for a missile defense that caused Putin to break out of the Reagan INF treaty and start deploying cruise missiles to counter it?

Was it U.S. complicity in the Kiev coup that ousted the elected pro-Russian regime that caused Putin to seize Crimea to hold onto Russia’s Black Sea naval base at Sevastopol?

Many Putin actions we condemn were reactions to what we did.

Russia annexed Crimea bloodlessly. But did not the U.S. bomb Serbia for 78 days to force Belgrade to surrender her cradle province of Kosovo?

How was that more moral than what Putin did in Crimea?

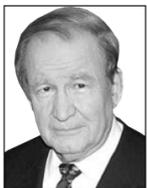
If Russian military intelligence hacked into the emails of the DNC, exposing how they stuck it to Bernie Sanders, Trump says he did not collude in it. Is there, after two years, any proof that he did?

Trump insists Russian meddling had no effect on the outcome in 2016 and he is not going to allow media obsession with Russiagate to interfere with establishing better relations.

Former CIA Director John Brennan rages that, “Donald Trump’s press conference performance in Helsinki ... was ... treasonous. ... He is wholly in the pocket of Putin. Republican Patriots: Where are you???”

Well, as Patrick Henry said long ago, “If this be treason, make the most of it!”

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## COMMENTARY

# Our rules of the game: U.S. Constitution

**J**ustice Anthony Kennedy’s retirement, leading to President Donald Trump’s nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, has thrown progressives, the Democratic Party and the news media into an out-and-out tizzy. The online magazine Slate declared, “Anthony Kennedy Just Destroyed His Legacy as a Gay Rights



**Walter Williams**

Hero.” *The New York Times*’ editorial board said about a second Trump court appointment, “It is a dark moment in the history of the court and the nation, and it’s about to get a lot darker.”

It’s indeed a “dark moment” for those who’ve for decades used the courts to accomplish what would have been impossible through federal and state legislatures — such as same-sex marriage, abortion and preferences with regard to race and sex. With this Supreme Court pick — and possibly another during his term — President Trump can return us to the Framers’ vision of the judiciary — a vision that’s held in contempt by many liberals and conservatives.

The U.S. Constitution represents our “rules of the game.” Supreme Court justices should be seen as umpires or referees, whose job is to enforce neutral rules. I’ll give a somewhat trivial example of neutral rules from my youth; let’s call it Mom’s Rule. On occasion, my sister and I would have lunch in my mother’s absence. She’d ask either me or my younger sister to divide a last piece of cake or pie. More often than not, an

*That’s the kind of rule we need for our society — the kind whereby you’d be OK even if your worst enemy were in charge. By creating and enforcing neutral rules, we minimize conflict.’*

argument would ensue about the fairness of the cut. Those arguments ended when Mom came up with a rule: Whoever cuts the cake lets the other take the first piece. As if by magic or divine intervention, fairness emerged, and arguments ended. No matter who did the cutting, there was an even division.

That’s the kind of rule we need for our society — the kind whereby you’d be OK even if your worst enemy were in charge. By creating and enforcing neutral rules, we minimize conflict. Consider one area of ruthless competition where that’s demonstrated — sports. The 52nd Super Bowl featured the Philadelphia Eagles and the New England Patriots. A lot was at stake. Each player on the winning team would earn \$112,000; losers would get half that. Plus, each winner would get a Super Bowl ring that might cost as much as \$40,000.

Despite a bitterly fought contest and all that was at stake, the game ended peaceably, and winners and losers were civil to one another. How is it that players with conflicting interests can play a game, agree with the outcome and walk away as good sports? It’s a miracle of sorts. That “miracle” is that it is far easier to reach agreement about the game’s rules than the game’s outcome. The rules are known and durable. The referee’s only job is evenhanded enforcement of those rules.

Suppose football’s rules were “living” and the ref-

eree and other officials played a role in determining them. The officials could adjust the applications of the rules. Suppose the officials were more interested in the pursuit of what they saw as football justice than they were in the unbiased enforcement of neutral rules. In the case of Super Bowl LII, officials might have considered it unfair that the Eagles had never won a Super Bowl and the Patriots had won five. If officials could determine game rules, team owners, instead of trying to raise team productivity, would spend resources lobbying or bribing officials. The returns from raising team productivity would be reduced. Also, I doubt that the games would end amicably. The players probably wouldn’t walk off the field peaceably, shaking hands and sharing hugs, as they do now.

We should demand that Supreme Court justices act as referees and enforce the U.S. Constitution. If they don’t and play favorites with different groups of Americans, as we’ve seen, the potential for conflict among the American people is enhanced. Who is appointed to the high court becomes the all-consuming issue. The question is not whether a justice would uphold and defend the Constitution but whether he would rig the game to benefit one American or another.

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Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 70%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 55%
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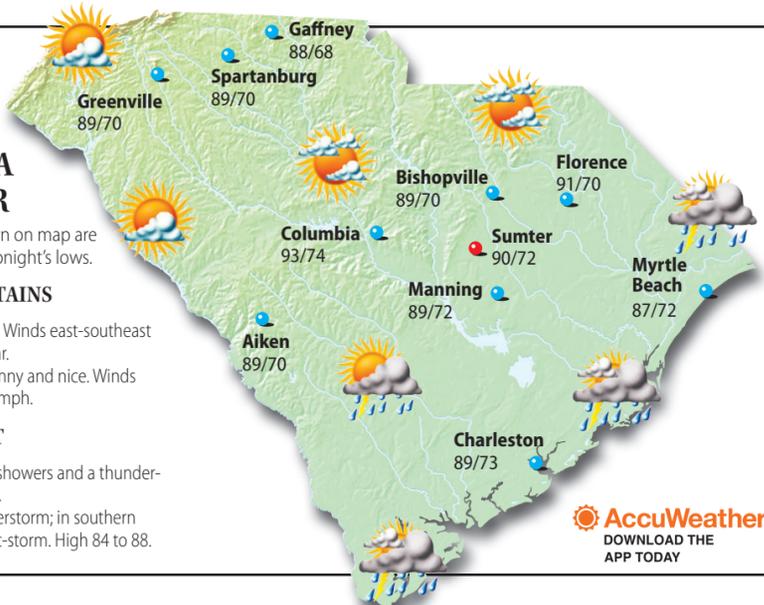
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**Thursday:** Partly sunny and nice. Winds east-northeast 6-12 mph.

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Murray	360	357.77	-0.01
Marion	76.8	75.51	+0.07
Moultrie	75.5	75.50	+0.19
Wateree	100	97.59	-0.03

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River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	2.85	-0.18
Congaree River	19	2.73	-0.57
Lynchies River	14	1.64	-0.02
Saluda River	14	2.54	+0.20
Up. Santee River	80	76.63	+0.07
Wateree River	24	8.38	+2.15

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	2:42 p.m.	3.1	9:20 p.m.	0.1
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	3:40 p.m.	3.1	10:21 p.m.	0.3

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Los Angeles	86/70/pc	87/69/pc
New Orleans	91/79/t	93/80/s
New York	86/64/s	84/68/s
Oriando	89/74/c	89/75/t
Philadelphia	87/62/s	86/65/s
Phoenix	104/87/pc	107/87/pc
San Francisco	76/58/pc	79/61/pc
Wash., DC	87/68/s	87/67/s

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	86/65/pc	80/67/pc	Florence	91/70/t	90/68/pc
Athens	91/71/pc	87/71/pc	Gainesville	87/76/t	87/72/t
Augusta	91/73/t	89/72/t	Gastonia	90/69/pc	87/69/pc
Beaufort	91/76/t	88/74/t	Goldsboro	91/68/pc	90/67/pc
Cape Hatteras	84/73/t	85/74/pc	Goose Creek	89/73/t	87/72/t
Charleston	89/73/t	86/71/t	Greensboro	87/65/pc	85/66/pc
Charlotte	90/70/pc	87/70/pc	Greenville	89/70/pc	85/69/pc
Clemson	90/73/pc	87/71/pc	Hickory	89/67/pc	83/68/pc
Columbia	93/74/t	92/72/pc	Hilton Head	89/76/t	87/75/t
Darlington	90/70/t	91/68/pc	Jacksonville, FL	89/75/t	87/74/t
Elizabeth City	87/69/t	86/69/pc	La Grange	92/71/t	93/73/t
Elizabethtown	88/70/t	89/67/pc	Macon	93/72/t	91/72/t
Fayetteville	91/71/pc	91/69/pc	Marietta	91/70/pc	89/72/pc
			Marion	86/64/pc	81/66/pc
			Mt. Pleasant	88/75/t	87/74/t
			Myrtle Beach	87/72/t	87/71/t
			Orangeburg	89/72/t	89/70/t
			Port Royal	88/76/t	86/75/t
			Raleigh	89/67/pc	88/67/pc
			Rock Hill	90/70/pc	87/68/pc
			Rockingham	89/68/pc	90/66/pc
			Savannah	91/75/t	86/74/t
			Spartanburg	89/70/pc	85/68/pc
			Summerville	88/72/t	87/71/t
			Wilmington	87/72/t	87/72/pc
			Winston-Salem	87/66/pc	85/67/pc

# PUBLIC AGENDA

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

## The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Constructive criticism can help you make

an adjustment that will put you in the running for something special. Pitch in and help someone who can offer you something in return. A personal change will improve your emotional outlook.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Live and learn. What you experience or observe today will help you initiate the personal changes you want to make in your personal life or to the way you take care of yourself physically. A change in status or reputation will follow.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Get emotional issues out of the way. Discussing what you'd like to see happen will clear the way for better days ahead. Expand your options and be willing to make concessions if it will help you get what you want.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Don't lose sight of what you want to achieve. Much can be accomplished if you set emotions aside and concentrate on how best to get along with those who can help you make your dreams come true.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Take care of emotional matters concerning a partner or relative. Listen and respond to what others have to say. Making a fuss will not solve anything. Compromise. An item you thought you lost will be found.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't put too much onus on what others are doing. Follow through with plans, and make the changes that support your efforts. A physical improvement will boost your confidence. Romance will bring you closer to someone you love.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Consider how best to use your energy. Fixing or rearranging something that will improve your living or working conditions will ward off criticism or complaints. Make your plans simple, effective and, most of all, affordable. Keep the peace.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't jump to conclusions or make statements or assumptions that will lead to an argument. Stay focused on what you want to accomplish and the changes you want to incorporate into your everyday routine. Be creative and use your imagination.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Look for ideas that have substance and can offer the kind of return you need to make it worth your while to explore. Insight, experience and knowledge will help you uncover exactly what's needed to succeed.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be careful how you word things. Someone will get the wrong impression, causing emotional fallout if you aren't diplomatic in the way you approach sensitive subjects. Romance and commitment will lead to personal stability and positive change.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't forget to tuck away some money for something you want. Investing time and money in the future will bring better results than squandering your money by trying to keep up with someone who isn't the best influence. Be practical.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Look for a creative outlet that will give you the opportunity to use your skills. What you come up with will surprise others and bring you the recognition you desire. Socialize with people who show support. Celebrate with someone you love.

# SUMTER ANIMAL CONTROL PETS OF THE WEEK



**TOP:** Our little miss Paris is just about the most precious little girl you will find. This 2-year-old girl lost her home through no fault of her own, and she misses her comfy bed and family. She is looking for a forever home with someone who will give her the wonderful life she deserves. Dainty, gentle and just waiting to be loved and cherished, Paris is in the puppy room at Sumter Animal Control, 1240 Winkles Road.

**BELOW:** Ariel and Jasmine were surrendered from a home that could no longer care for them and are available to approved adopters. These adorable sisters can be adopted individually. Ariel, in kennel 42, is exuberant, playful and quite the character. Jasmine, in kennel 41, is a thoughtful, playful, stunning young girl. You really must meet them both to determine which of these two 4-month-old pups would be your soul mate.

If you would like to meet Paris, Ariel or Jasmine at Sumter Animal Control, 1240 Winkles Road, call the adoption coordinator at (803) 774-3232 or email [rescuesumtersc@gmail.com](mailto:rescuesumtersc@gmail.com). As with all of our adoptable dogs, we do require a spay or neuter agreement, and it is strictly enforced. Proof of spay/neuter after adoption will be required. We have many other adoptable dogs as well as animals who were found and are waiting for their owners to claim them. Check Sumter Animal Control on Facebook.

**CAN'T ADOPT BUT WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN SOME WAY?** Sumter Animal Control accepts donations of the following: Capstar flea control pills (at Petco or Tractor Supply), bleach (gallons or spray bottle), metal food and water bowls in all sizes, towels, waterless pet shampoo, dog cologne, kibble, puppy food, newspapers and leashes and collars. Tax-deductible donations can be made via PayPal at [sumterstrays@gmail.com](mailto:sumterstrays@gmail.com). One hundred percent of your donation will be used for the animals at Sumter Animal Control.

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## AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL



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Sumter's Dustin Kennedy delivers a pitch during the Junior P-15's 3-1 victory over Camden on Monday at Riley Park. Sumter took a 1-0 lead in the state playoff series and the teams were playing Game 2 in Camden on Tuesday.

## Kennedy pitches Junior P-15's to 3-1 victory over Camden in series opener

BY DENNIS BRUNSON  
dennis@theitem.com

Dustin Kennedy has been the ace of the pitching staff for the Sumter Junior P-15's this season. That's why he was called to toe the rubber in the opening game in the second-round series of the American Legion baseball junior

state playoffs against Camden on Monday at Riley Park.

The right-handed Kennedy had far from his best stuff on Monday, but you could never tell from the final score. He allowed nine hits and only had one 1-2-3 inning, but Kennedy held Post 17 to just one run in a 3-1 victory.

"I was talking to the team

after the game, and I told them they saw a pitcher pitch tonight," Junior P-15's head coach Robby Coker said of Kennedy. "He just went out there and battled and competed. He never got rattled, and he kept going after them."

The victory improved Sumter's record to 18-2-1 on the season. Post 17 fell to 12-8.

The Junior P-15's were trying to wrap up the best-of-3 series with a win on Tuesday at Legion Field in Camden. Should a third game be needed, it will be played today at Riley Park at 5:30 p.m. with Game 2 of the Senior series between Sumter and Camden to follow. That game was postponed due to rain on Tuesday.

The series winner advances to the state tournament.

Along with the nine hits he allowed, Kennedy hit a batter. However, he didn't walk any and he struck out eight. Still, Camden left nine runners on base, six of them in scoring position.

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## AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

# P-15's fall 10-9, Game 2 rained out

BY TOM DIDATO  
Special to The Sumter Item

The second game of the American Legion baseball state playoffs second-round series between Sumter and Camden scheduled for Tuesday at Riley Park was postponed due to the heavy thunderstorm that rolled through Sumter.

The game has been rescheduled for today at Riley tentatively for 7 p.m. However, if the Sumter Junior P-15's lost to Camden on Tuesday and a third game is needed in their second-round playoff series, it will be played at Riley today at 5:30 p.m. with the Senior game being played afterward.

In Monday's first game at Legion Field in Camden, Post 17 scored the winning run on a wild pitch in the bottom of the ninth inning for a 10-9 triumph.

As Josh Boone was getting his lead from third base in the bottom of the ninth inning in the 9-9 contest, Camden head coach Stephen Carmon was in his base runner's ear.

### AMERICAN LEGION STATE PLAYOFFS

#### MIDLANDS REGION

##### Sumter vs. Camden

##### Monday

Camden 10, Sumter 9, 9 innings, Camden leads series 1-0

##### Tuesday

Camden at Sumter (rained out)

##### Today

Camden at Sumter (after 5:30 Junior P-15's game)

##### Thursday

Sumter at Camden

##### Friday

Camden at Sumter (if necessary)

##### Saturday

Sumter at Camden (if necessary)

"I said, 'I want you to be super-aggressive on a ball in the dirt. I'm right behind you, helping you. If you hear me say go, you go and you score,'" the first-year Post 17 boss told Boone.

"Boone is one of the fastest, if not the fastest, guy on our team. If he sees a ball that bounces in the dirt, we've got a good chance of scoring."

Boone, who was on third with the bases loaded, followed Carmon's instructions as Daniel Twitty's one-out pitch to Jake Laffin skidded in the dirt.

P-15's catcher Daulton Dabbs bounced to his right to retrieve the ball and his throw to Twitty covering the plate was just a tad late as Boone slid head-first to score the game-winning run.

Sumter, which fell to 18-10 on the season, was forced to play from behind from the get-go as Camden scored the game's first six runs, including two in the bottom of the first inning off of P15's starter Lathan Todd. The right-hander threw 58 pitches in two innings of work before being pulled from the mound, trailing 4-0. Todd threw 38 of those pitches in a bottom of the first in which Camden, which improved to 21-5, scored two runs without the benefit of a hit while taking advantage of an error, three walks and a hit batter.

It was an uncharacteristic start for Todd said Sumter head coach Curtis Johnson, who used four pitchers in the 3-hour plus contest with Twitty working the final 3 1/2 innings.

"It was all right. We were just trying to piece it together," Johnson said of

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Georgia reloads for run at SEC championship under Smart

BY CHARLES ODUM  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Even six months later, there was no way for Kirby Smart to dodge the question.

The Georgia coach just knew he'd be asked if he has recovered from the Bulldogs' loss to Alabama in the national championship game.

"Everybody wants to ask that question," Smart said Tuesday at the Southeastern Conference's annual preseason media gathering. "It's not like I have nightmares about it, no," Smart added.

Georgia enjoyed memorable highlights in Smart's second season, including the Bulldogs' first SEC championship since 2005, a win at Notre Dame and a national semifinals victory over Oklahoma in the Rose Bowl.

The Bulldogs lost their chance for their first national championship since 1980 when Alabama's Tua Tagovailoa completed a dramatic 41-yard touchdown pass to DeVonta Smith in overtime.

It was a crushing disappointment, but Smart said it shouldn't overshadow the season's other accomplishments.

"I think we grow from it," Smart said. "I think the entire season is a learning experience. It was a confidence builder for a lot of guys on our team."

The Bulldogs must replace such 2017 leaders as tailbacks Nick Chubb and Sony Michel and linebacker Roquan Smith. Even so, there are expectations for another big season.



SMART

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## CLEMSON FOOTBALL

# Tigers using Tide loss as motivation

SUNSET (AP) — Clemson's disappointing loss in the College Football Playoff to Alabama last January is never far from players' minds as they prepare for the upcoming season.

"It definitely helps," kicker Greg Huegel said of the setback. "It's something in the back of your mind to help you push through."

If that's the case, the Tigers have received plenty of motivation from the Crimson Tide the past few seasons.

After coming close in a 47-42 loss to Alabama in the national title game following the 2015 season, the Tigers bounced back the next year with a thrilling, 35-31 win in a CFP championship re-



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Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant (2) is sacked by Alabama defensive lineman Da'Shawn Hand (9) in the Tigers' College Football Playoff loss last season. Clemson is hoping to use that loss as motivation for the upcoming season.

match.

Part three of the playoff drama took place this past

New Year's Day with Alabama defenders accounting for a pair of third-quarter

TDs to break out of a tight game on the way to a 24-6 defeat.

It may be Clemson's time to rally from a playoff loss.

"They'll be reminded of the shortcomings," co-offensive coordinator Tony Elliott said about Clemson players on Tuesday. "We don't want to focus on the disappointments, but we also have make sure that we own them, that we're honest about them."

Most of Clemson's problems last year came on offense where new quarterback starter Kelly Bryant showed poise and toughness on the ground, but inconsistency through the air.

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PRO GOLF

# Masters champion Reed has eye on 2nd major win at British Open

BY TIM DAHLBERG  
The Associated Press

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland — Patrick Reed would figure to be a player British fans love to hate, largely due to his passionate play for the other side in the Ryder Cup.

But at least one Scot found something to like Tuesday as the Masters champion tried a variety of shots in a British Open practice round on the links of Carnoustie before hitting a Scottish-like punch 6-iron that ran some 100 yards on the ground before ending up next to the pin on the 16th green.

"That's the one!" the fan shouted, drawing a smile and a thumbs-up from Reed.

The shot was another indication that the baked-out links of Carnoustie plays entirely different than the lushly manicured fairways of Augusta National, where Reed had his breakthrough win in April to claim the green jacket.

But it's not like Reed believes he's not prepared to win a second major and establish himself as one of the big threats in golf. He talked after his practice round about his wife and the team he has put together to do just that.

"I just know that we're on the right path and what we're doing is the right thing, and we just need to keep grinding and keep on going," Reed said. "And hopefully add a claret jug and all the majors as well, and hopefully win the career Grand Slam at some point."

Big goals, but Reed's win at the Masters showed he is capable of accomplishing big things. No longer just a Ryder Cup hero for the U.S., Reed is



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Masters champion Patrick Reed goes through a practice round for the 147th British Open on Tuesday in Carnoustie, Scotland. The tournament begins on Thursday.

now a major champion.

Along the way he's acquired a firm belief about how to play in major tournaments.

"The biggest thing is I treat them like they're normal events," Reed said. "I've always kind of gone in majors, put too much pressure on myself, having to go play well, having to do this, having to make birdie here. And now I go in there and try to play golf and keep in the mindset of, hey, it's just another day on the golf course. Let's just go play. I've been able to stay in that mindset the past three, and I've played pretty well in all three of them."

That's an understatement, because a quick glance at Reed's record shows he should be considered one of the favorites this week to hoist the claret jug.

Reed finished tied for second at the PGA Championship last year, won the Masters in April and finished fourth last month at the U.S. Open.

And though he hasn't had much success in four British Opens — missing the cut twice — he's playing with the confidence of someone who knows how to win big tournaments. And he believes — just like the Scottish fan watching him on No. 16 — that he knows how to play a Carnoustie course where the ball can roll on the ground for a hundred yards or more.

"Just have fun with it and go out and play golf and see how far I can hit some of the irons off the tees into fairways," Reed said. "And see if I can have fun and play creative golf because I think that's what it's going to take out here."

PRO GOLF

# Woods says Carnoustie best shot at major title

BY DOUG FERGUSON  
The Associated Press

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland — Tiger Woods doesn't feel as old as the oldest championship in golf.

Back at the British Open for the first time in three years, Woods broke from his tradition on Tuesday morning. Instead of being among the first on the tee for practice, he didn't show up at Carnoustie until his news conference just before lunch. Then, he played nine holes with Masters champion Pat-



WOODS

rick Reed and Bryson DeChambeau.

This was not a case of a 42-year-old needing his rest.

Entering the year having not played any major since the end of 2015 and the start of three back surgeries, Woods has been feeling better as 2018 has gone on. And there's something about links golf that inspires him.

"It's my favorite type of golf to play," Woods said. "I love playing here, this type of links golf, or a style of links golf down on the Aussie sand belt ... because it is creative. We're not going to get the most perfect bounces. And I think that's the fun challenge of it."

He made his links debut at Carnoustie in 1995 as an amateur at the Scottish Open, a week before his British Open debut at St. Andrews. He hasn't contended on the back nine in the previous Opens at Carnoustie, in 1999 and 2007, though he wasn't far from a playoff.

Might this be his best shot at winning another major?

"Not to be smart, but it is the next major I'm playing," Woods said with a laugh.

But over time, he thinks it might be his best chance because of history. Woods recalls 53-year-old Greg Norman playing in the final group at Royal Birkdale in 2008, a major Woods missed because of knee surgery. The following year, Woods missed the cut for the first time at the British Open when 59-year-old Tom Watson was one putt away from winning at Turnberry.

"You don't have to be long to play on a links-style golf course," Woods said. "You get to places like Augusta National, where it's just a big ballpark, and the golf course outgrows you, unfortunately. That's just the way it goes. But a links-style golf course, you can roll the ball. Distance becomes a moot point."

That said, distance is everything at Carnoustie this year, which Woods discovered when he arrived Sunday.

How far the ball travels in the warm, dry air is not the issue. It's how far it travels once it gets on the baked turf.

Dustin Johnson discovered that when he arrived on Saturday and reached the 499-yard 18th hole, with a stiff breeze at his back and fairways running only slightly slower than they did on the weekend at Shin-ecock Hills.

He hit driver into the burn. The next day, his drive was a few yards short of the burn.

"I hit some irons, and depending on the wind, I'll probably hit anywhere from ... I've hit 3-wood, 3-iron and 4-iron off the tee," Johnson said. "I like all of them."

With the wind at his back on the 513-yard 14th hole, Johnson hit 3-iron and wedge.

One thing hasn't changed about links golf — it's best to keep the ball out of the pot bunkers, which effectively are a one-shot penalty. The question for so many players is whether that means going down to as little as a 7-iron off the tee (such as the 350-yard third hole) or smashing driver over all the trouble.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

**TODAY**  
**5 a.m.** — Professional Tennis: Swedish Open Early-Round Matches and Hall of Fame Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).  
**8 a.m.** — International Cycling: Tour de France Stage 11 from La Rosiere Espace San Bernardo, France (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**Noon** — Professional Tennis: Swedish Open Early-Round Matches and Hall of Fame Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).  
**1 p.m.** — WNBA Basketball: Indiana at Minnesota (NBA TV).  
**4:30 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series Eldora Dirt Derby Pole Qualifying from Rossburg, Ohio (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**6:05 p.m.** — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).  
**6:30 p.m.** — American Legion Baseball: State Playoffs Second-Round Series Game 3 — Sumter at Camden (WVHM-FM 92.3, WVHM-FM 93.3, WVHM-AM 1290).  
**7 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series Eldora Dirt Derby Heat Races from Rossburg, Ohio (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**7 p.m.** — Minor League Baseball: Triple-A All-Star Game from Columbus, Ohio (MLB NETWORK).  
**8 p.m.** — USL Soccer: Charlotte at Cincinnati (ESPN2).  
**9 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series Eldora Dirt Derby from Rossburg, Ohio (FOX SPORTS 1, WEGX-FM 92.9).  
**1:30 a.m.** — PGA Golf: British Open First Round from Angus, Scotland (GOLF).

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

STATE PLAYOFFS

SECOND ROUND

**Best-of-5 Midlands Region Sumter vs. Camden Monday**  
 Camden 10, Sumter 9, 9 innings, Camden leads series 1-0  
**Tuesday**  
 Camden at Sumter (late)  
**Today**  
 Sumter at Camden  
**Thursday**  
 Camden at Sumter (if necessary)  
**Friday**  
 Sumter at Camden (if necessary)  
**Coastal Region Florence vs. Charleston/Goose Creek Monday**  
 Charleston/Goose Creek 3, Florence 1, Charleston/Goose Creek leads series 1-0  
**Tuesday**  
 Florence at Charleston/Goose Creek (late)  
**Today**  
 Charleston/Goose Creek at Florence  
**Thursday**  
 Florence at Charleston/Goose Creek (if necessary)  
**Friday**  
 Charleston/Goose Creek at Florence (if necessary)  
**Piedmont Region Gaffney vs. Fort Mill Monday**  
 Gaffney 10, Fort Mill 0, Gaffney leads series 1-0  
**Tuesday**  
 Gaffney at Fort Mill (late)  
**Today**  
 Fort Mill at Gaffney  
**Thursday**  
 Gaffney at Fort Mill (if necessary)  
**Friday**  
 Fort Mill at Gaffney (if necessary)  
**Upstate Region Greenwood vs. Chapin/Newberry Monday**  
 Greenwood 6, Chapin/Newberry 4, Greenwood leads series 1-0  
**Tuesday**  
 Chapin/Newberry at Greenwood (late)  
**Today**  
 Greenwood at Chapin/Newberry  
**Thursday**  
 Chapin/Newberry at Greenwood (if necessary)  
**Friday**  
 Greenwood at Chapin/Newberry (if necessary)  
**State Tournament July 24**  
 Game 1 -- Midlands winner at Coastal winner, TBA  
 Game 2 -- UpState winner at Piedmont winner, TBA at Spirit Communications Park (in Columbia)  
**July 25**  
 Game 3 -- Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 3 p.m.  
 Game 4 -- Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7 p.m.  
**July 26**  
 Game 5 -- Game 4 loser vs. Game 3 winner, 7 p.m.  
**July 27**  
 Game 6 -- Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, TBA  
 Game 7 -- If necessary

MLB STANDINGS

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	.567	8
Los Angeles	49	48	.505	14
Texas	41	56	.423	22

SUNDAY

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

TUESDAY

NL vs. AL at Washington, D.C., 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

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.

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

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

TUESDAY

NL vs. AL at Washington, D.C., 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 7:05 p.m.

FRIDAY

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.

MLB LEADERS

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; Gurrill, 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, Chicago, 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; Bauer, Cleveland, 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; Almora, Chicago, .319; Freeman, Atlanta, .315; Suarez, Cincinnati, .312; Arenado, Colorado, .312; Kemp, Los Angeles, .310; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, .306; Aguilar, Milwaukee, .298; Parra, Colorado, .297.  
**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; 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; Arrieta, Philadelphia, 3.23; Corbin, Arizona, 3.24.  
**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.

WNBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	13	9	.591	—
Atlanta	12	9	.571	½
Connecticut	12	10	.545	1
Chicago	7	15	.318	6
New York	7	15	.318	6
Indiana	2	20	.091	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	16	6	.727	—
Phoenix	15	8	.652	1½
Los Angeles	14	9	.609	2½
Dallas	13	9	.591	3
Minnesota	12	10	.545	4
Las Vegas	10	13	.435	6½

TUESDAY

Dallas 104, New York 87  
 Atlanta at Connecticut, 7 p.m.

TODAY

Seattle at Chicago, 12 p.m.  
 Indiana at Minnesota, 1 p.m.

THURSDAY

New York at Atlanta, 7 p.m.  
 Washington at Dallas, 8 p.m.  
 Las Vegas at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

## PRO BASEBALL

# Nationals' Harper wins Home Run Derby in thriller

WASHINGTON (AP) — The ball cleared the center field wall, and the sellout crowd roared. Bryce Harper threw his bat in the air, thrust both index fingers skyward and yelled with delight as a shower of streamers rained upon the crowd of 43,698.

It could have been a scene from a playoff game. That it was merely the All-Star Home Run Derby mattered not to Harper or the Washington Nationals fans, who were thrilled to see their hometown hero deliver the night's final longball Monday.

In the midst of it all — and in the middle of trying season — Harper grabbed the microphone and said: "This crowd: Wow! Washington Nationals, baby!"

With an exceptional display of power and clutch hitting, Harper rallied in the final round, connecting on pitches from his father to beat Kyle Schwarber of the Chicago Cubs 19-18.

Harper hit the contest-winning blast in extra time, the reward for hitting two homers at least 440 feet during the 4 minutes of regulation. After he connected with the game winner, the Nationals star immediately went into celebration mode.

"We have some of the best fans in all of baseball, and to be able to do that with my family out there, that's an incredible moment, not only for me but for the organization and the Nationals fans," Harper said.

Harper's teammate, Max Scherzer, the NL starter on Tuesday night, also appreciated the moment.

"It's awesome. Hometown," Scherzer said. "The crowd is behind him. He found some rhythm, kept it simple



Washington's Bryce Harper (34) reacts to his winning home run during the Major League Baseball Home Run Derby on Monday in Washington.

and just continued to hit home run after home run."

Wearing a headband that resembled the District of Columbia flag and displaying a right sleeve with stars and stripes, Harper trailed 18-9 with 1:20 left before rallying. He homered on nine of his last 10 swings before enter-

ing extra time.

The six-time All-Star arranged to have his dad, Ron, pitch to him in the annual contest on the eve of the All-Star Game. That made the victory even sweeter.

"I'm only as good as my BP guy," Harper said with a grin.

## P-15'S FROM PAGE B1

the P-15's having to go to their bullpen early and often.

"Both teams competed. They're well-coached, they have a bunch of good players and, I thought, they did a good job."

While Sumter was trying to find someone to slow down the Camden offense, Post 17 starter Zac Branham was provided with a 6-0 lead after three innings in which the hosts scored twice in each frame. In the second, the hosts scored twice to make it 4-0 as Todd Mattox hit a booming 2-out double off the fence in left-center field, some 375 feet away. Mattox scored the third run when Jake Laffin singled to center before Laffin scored from first on a William Cobb opposite-field double to right-center.

Boone drove in the fifth run an inning later with a sacrifice fly to center, while

a Bradwin Salmond RBI single to center drove Chris Rivers home from second as Camden's lead grew to 6-0.

Having just one hit off Branham through three frames, Sumter got its offense going in the fourth, starting with Ryan Moore's leadoff single to left, which was followed by a Dabbs single to left. A Joey Pereira fly out to right moved Moore to third base for Bobby Crisp, whose ground-er to shortstop went for an error while bringing Moore home with the first P-15's run. Ryan Williamson kept the rally going with a run-scoring single to left. An error on the play allowed Crisp to score from first as the lead was cut in half to 6-3. Williamson scored the fourth run of the inning on Chandler Hunter's single through the box.

A Chase Galloway 1-out triple off Jacob Holladay in

the fourth extended the Camden lead to 7-4.

Sumter came back with a pair in the fifth to close to within a run. Holladay led off by reaching on an error and would score from first when Moore lined an RBI double into the left field corner before scoring on Crisp's 2-out single to shallow center.

Holding Camden without a run with Josh Bryant coming on to work a scoreless fifth, the P-15's came all the way back and grabbed the lead for the first time thanks to pushing across two runs in the sixth while chasing Branham from the mound in the process,

"Zac pitched great tonight," Carmon said of his right-hander's performance. "We didn't make a handful of plays for him like we should have. When you do that, teams are going to take advantage of it, especially in the playoffs. And, they did. Every time we made an error or, walked somebody, they capitalized on it. That's

why I kept on preaching to the guys that any time you're ahead, you've got to keep scoring."

Cory Blackley led off the Sumter sixth with a double to center. Branham then hit Bryant with a pitch to end his night in favor of Hunter Coleman, who hit the first batter he faced, Trey Yates, to load the bases with no outs. After Holladay tied the game with a single to bring Blackley in, Carmon pulled Coleman and brought in Jay Lynch with the bases loaded with no outs and the game knotted at 7-7.

Lynch would get off to a bumpy start as he issued a walk to Moore as Bryant walked across with the go-ahead run for an 8-7 lead. Lynch settled down and left the bags filled with a pair of strikeouts, which sandwiched a pop fly to Branham at second base.

### MORE TO THE STORY

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## JUNIORS FROM PAGE B1

"I'm just trying to throw strikes and focus on getting the next batter out," Kennedy said of his thought process when he finds himself in jams. "I'm just doing what I can do to get outs."

Camden's Matt Cassidy sent the first pitch of the game from Kennedy back up the middle for a single. Heath Stokes sacrificed Cassidy to second before Kennedy struck out Witt Branham. However, Kennedy hit the next batter before Jake Tanner doubled home Cassidy to make it 1-0.

Kennedy avoided a big inning though by striking out Cody Nelson with runners on second and third.

"I guess you could say that was a big out to get at that point," Kennedy said. "It kept them from having a real big inning and made it easier for us."

Camden had a runner on base in each of the first six innings with one being in scoring position in five of those innings. His only perfect inning came in the seventh.

"He just gives you all he has," Coker said of Kennedy, who reached the 105-pitch limit on the final batter of the game.

The Junior P-15's obviously scored two more runs than Camden, but they struggled getting runs across as well. Sumter had six hits against Stokes, Post 17's left-handed starter. He also hit five batters while walking three, but only three runners crossed the plate.

"That was a good pitcher they had



Sumter head coach Robby Coker gestures while speaking to his team after its 3-1 victory over Camden on Monday in Game 1 of their second-round state playoff series at Riley Park. Sumter took a 1-0 lead in the series and played Game 2 on Tuesday in Camden.

on the mound," Coker said of Stokes. "He was tough."

Sumter didn't score in the first but picked up two in the second. Bryce Lyons and Tanner Epps singled to start the inning and were moved up a base on a sacrifice bunt by SB DuCom. Josh Burns ripped a 2-run double down the first base line and went to third on an error. However, Burns was tagged out at home on a suicide bunt attempt. Branham fielded Seth Posey's ball with his glove and immediately tossed it to catcher Nelson, who applied the tag to Burns to keep the

score at 2-1.

The Junior P-15's picked up another run in the third without the benefit of a hit. Branham hit three batters and walked two, with the final walk to DuCom forcing in a run with the bases loaded to make it 3-1.

Sumter had a runner tagged out at home in that inning and had another put out at the plate in the fifth. With one out and the bases loaded, Posey hit a fly ball to Cassidy in center field. He made the catch and made a perfect throw home to get Epps, who had tagged up.

## TIGERS FROM PAGE B1

The Tigers finished with 3,297 yards passing, their fewest in a season since 2010.

Bryant was battered by 'Bama, held to 124 yards passing and forced into two costly interceptions.

It's an experience the rising senior has worked to overcome this offseason, according to quarterbacks coach Brandon Streeter.

Streeter challenged Bryant to grow as a leader and not to let him take a backseat to more experienced players. They've also worked on quicker reads and improvement on identifying coverages to take advantage when the defense lets open receivers through.

Kelly will be pushed this August by freshman Trevor Lawrence, an early enrollee who surpassed the Georgia prep records for total yards and touchdowns of Clemson's national championship hero Deshaun Watson.

The challenges only make Bryant dig in harder to come out on top, his position coach said.

"When Kelly's back is against the wall, he always seems to get better," Streeter said.

Tigers coach Dabo Swinney does not want to dwell on their latest season-ending loss, his second in three CFP meetings against the Crimson Tide.

"We learn from it. It's disappointing at the time," Swinney said. "But a lot of those guys aren't here anymore. It's a new team with new challenges."

Swinney, defensive end Clelin Ferrell and left tackle Mitch Hyatt will appear at Atlantic Coast Conference media days in Charlotte, North Carolina, which start Wednesday.

Right guard Sean Pollard, a junior this fall, believes his teammates must focus more on correcting the mistakes they made against Alabama instead of the final result.

"It motivated us a lot, but I don't think it's all about that loss. It's about what we did wrong," Pollard said. "We played and Alabama was better that night. It definitely fuels the fire. We're all a bunch of older guys and we all know what it takes to get to the top of the mountain."

Offensive line coach Robbie Caldwell said the coaching staff has broken down the mistakes from the CFP loss and corrected what they could during spring drills. They also sent their players off with specific guidelines on how to improve heading into fall camp on Aug. 3.

Elliott, the running backs coach along with sharing the coordinator spot with Jeff Scott, felt the disappointment of not having an answer against Alabama's defense last winter.

He's certain the players — the Tigers return 15 of 22 starters from last year's ACC champions — still feel that frustration, too, and will channel it into perhaps a fourth consecutive College Football Playoff meeting with Alabama.

And maybe another bounce back national crown forged from a disappointing loss.

"I think you saw a lot of guys decide to come back because they had some unfinished business," he said. "It be unfair to say yet that we'll have the same (championship) result, but there are a lot of similarities."

## SEC FROM PAGE B1

Senior defensive end Jonathan Ledbetter said it's important for players to understand another championship run must be earned.

"It's a little different and I will say it's a little dangerous," Ledbetter said. "That thought of complacency starts to come in there. We kind of have to push it out if we hear 'Oh yeah, they're going to win it this year.'"

Added Ledbetter: "You've got to take it one game at a time. If you start looking at the future or the past you've messed up."

As the defending SEC champion, Georgia expects to get every opponent's top effort.

"We know everyone is going to circle us on their schedule but that doesn't change our mentality," said cornerback J.R. Reed. "... We know everyone is going to be gunning for us but we can't change. We have to keep the same mentality."

SPORTS ITEMS

# Alaphilippe keeps France celebrating with Tour stage win

LE GRAND-BORNAND, France — France has a new cycling star.

Two days after the country's soccer players won the World Cup, Julian Alaphilippe became the first French winner of a stage at this year's Tour de France on Tuesday.

Fueled by previous disappointments and thoughts of his ill father watching on TV, Alaphilippe timed his break perfectly and powered to victory on the first day in the mountains, crossing the line alone, and finishing well ahead of his rivals for his first Tour win.

"I imagined winning it because it was a huge objective for me, but to win it like that, all alone ...," Alaphilippe said.

"I don't know how many kilometers I was alone - phew, it was a bit risky but I tried to up the pace and I really profited."

He finished 1 minute, 34 seconds ahead of Jon Izagirre Insausti, 1:40 ahead of Rein Taramae, and 1:44 in front of overall leader Greg Van Avermaet.

## CHURCHES CHALLENGE STILL TAKING REGISTRATION

Registration is being taken for the 19th annual Churches Challenge Golf Tournament and Praise Rally on Aug. 24-25.

The praise rally will be held at Alice Drive Baptist Church, while the tournament will be held at Sunset Country Club.

On Friday, Aug. 24, the players, their families and event sponsors will gather for fellowship, devotion, praise music and food at 5:30 p.m. at Alice Drive Baptist Church located at 1305 Loring Mill Road. A barbecue dinner with all the trimmings will be catered by Shoney's.

On Saturday, Aug. 25, at Sunset, there will be a morning flight and an afternoon flight for the golfers. Sign in for the for the morning flight is 7 a.m. with play set to begin at approximately 8 a.m. The afternoon flight will begin sign in at 11 a.m. and is scheduled for a 1 p.m. tee time.

The cost is \$45 per golfer

and includes the praise dinner on Friday as well as lunch and beverages on Saturday.

The CGA encourages female golfers and young golfers to participate in the event as well.

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

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

Sumter Junior Golf Foundation Camps

The Sumter Junior Golf Foundation will be holding two more summer camps at Crystal Lakes Golf Course.

The next camp is scheduled July 9-13. It will run Monday

through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon each day.

The final camp will be held July 23-27.

For more information, call (803) 775-1902 or (803) 773-2171.

## BELL, STEELERS FAIL TO REACH CONTRACT DEAL

PITTSBURGH — Le'Veon Bell's next season with the Pittsburgh Steelers will almost certainly be his last.

The Pro Bowl running back and the defending AFC North champions failed to reach an agreement on a new contract by Monday's deadline, meaning he will play under the franchise tag for a second straight year and hit the open market



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stage winner Julian Alaphilippe rides breakaway during the 10th stage of the Tour de France in Le Grand-Bornand, France, on Tuesday.

next spring.

Bell tweeted that he "both sides worked extremely hard"

to try and find common ground but ultimately could not.

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## America's Independence Day

### Too Bad, King George!

On July 4, 1776, people living in the American Colonies declared their independence. They wanted to be independent, or free, from the rules of King George III of England. They wanted to form their own country.

They wrote a document to send to King George. It was called the Declaration of Independence, written on July 4, 1776. This famous document says that all people are created equal and with certain rights.

**Unscramble the words to discover the rights mentioned in the Declaration of Independence.**

**EFLI** \_\_\_\_\_

**BILTEYR** \_\_\_\_\_

**PINESPHAS** \_\_\_\_\_

### Parade Puzzle

Can you find the letters L-I-B-E-R-T-Y hidden here?

How many stars can you find below?

**BONUS:**  
How many stars can you find on this page?

Extra! Extra!  
**POP! BOOM! ZING!**

**Onomatopoeia** describes words that sound like the sound they make when you say them. For example, when you say, "Pop!" it sounds a bit like a pop. Look through the newspaper. Can you find three to five examples of onomatopoeia?

Standards Link: Language Arts: Vocabulary development.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Founding Father Favorite Food

One of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence visited Europe and fell in love with pasta. He brought back a machine to make macaroni and later, he became the first president to serve macaroni and cheese as part of an official state dinner. Which Founding Father was this? Circle every fourth letter to find out!

A S D T F J K H D Z M O V W Y M L N R  
A Q M P S L W B J V C T E K O L F D Q N  
F T R Y E L O S R G B X S U T R O M B W N

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Kid Scoop Word Search

MACARONI ENGLAND SIGNERS PARADE FATHER CHEESE GEORGE PEOPLE RULES PASTA EQUAL WORDS KING FREE LIFE

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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G	S	C	E	L	D	E	A	E	
R	I	B	H	R	P	N	R	A	O
O	G	R	E	H	T	A	F	T	P
E	N	U	E	E	D	L	S	T	L
G	E	L	S	E	A	G	G	T	E
F	R	E	E	U	H	N	E	F	A
O	S	S	Q	U	I	E	F	I	L
R	T	E	H	K	S	D	R	O	W

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### We the People

The Preamble to the U.S. Constitution starts with "We the People ..." Find examples in the newspaper of people working together to improve something or accomplish a goal in your community.

Standards Link: Civics: Understand how a constitutional government has shaped America.

## OBITUARIES

### JOANNE E. WILLS

DALZELL — JoAnne Elizabeth VanHoute Wills, 71, wife of Glenn Eugene Wills, passed away on Monday, July 16, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on May 20, 1947, in Waterloo, New York, she was a daughter of the late Jacob and Agnes Murphy VanHoute. She was of the Catholic faith. She was a graduate of DeSales High School and retired from AAFES after 28 years as a military clothing sales manager.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years; a son, Jeffrey Wills (Leslie) of Hartford, Alabama; two daughters, Jo Lynne Schneider (Michael) of Guntersville, Alabama, and Lee Anna Brown of Sumter; and three grandchildren, Michael Schneider of Mobile, Alabama, Allyson Wills of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Lizbeth Wills of Dalzell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Donald VanHoute; two sisters, Carol Bliss and Ann Belote; a nephew, Ryan Dumas; and a niece, Taylor Rae Bliss.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter is in charge of the arrangements.

### DOROTHY H. BRANHAM

Dorothy Hasty Branham, 96, widow of Melvin Branham, died on Monday, July 16, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Services will be announced by Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home & Crematory, 221 Broad St., Sumter, (803) 775-9386.

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**WILLIAM CARL PENDERGRAFF**

MANNING — William Carl Pendergraft, 65, died on Thursday, July 12, 2018, at his home.



PENDERGRAFF

Born on Oct. 22, 1952, in Valiant, Oklahoma, he was a son of the late Clyde and Wanda Carter Pendergraft. Mr. Pendergraft retired from the

U.S. Air Force after 20 years of service and was a veteran of Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm.

Survivors include his partner, Donald Wilson of Manning; three daughters, Briana Harvin (Russell) of Sumter and Jessica Pendergraft and Ashley Pendergraft, both of New York; eight grandchildren, Donavon, Mikia, Russell Jr., Peyton, Jordan, Tyler, Brayden and Hailey; one brother, Clyde Pendergraft Jr. (Ermie) of Florida; and one sister, Carolyn Jackson of Oklahoma.

A memorial service with military honors will be held at 5 p.m. on Friday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home Chapel.

Entombment will be at Florence National Cemetery

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

**GREGORY B. PORTER**

A loving son, a caring brother, a good friend, a man of honor and integrity, retired



PORTER

U.S. Air Force Capt. Gregory B. Porter, 49, passed peacefully from this life on July 9, 2018, at his home in Dallas.

He was born on May 22, 1969, in Chicopee,

Massachusetts, to E. Angie Porter and Ernest J. Porter Jr. Capt. Porter received Christ during the early years of his life and maintained his membership at St. James United Methodist Church during his career and in retirement. He attended Alice Drive Elementary and graduated from Sumter High School in 1987. Capt. Porter furthered his education at South Carolina State University and graduated cum laude with his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting in 1991.

Capt. Porter was commissioned as a second lieutenant, United States Air Force, in 1992 and retired after 20 years of honorable service. He distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service to the United States as a financial analyst, comptroller and budget officer. Capt. Porter received numerous awards, such as Joint Service Commendation Medals in support of Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Southern Watch and many more for his outstanding service to the Air Force. In addition to being a Dallas Cowboys football fan, Greg was an avid music lover and collected all types of music.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories: his mother, E. Angie Porter; his father, Ernest J. Porter Jr.; his grandparents, Ernest J. Porter Sr. and Hattie Porter, all of Sumter; two sisters, Dr. Pamela Roshell (Win) of Douglasville, Georgia, and Lauren Porter of Decatur, Georgia; one brother, Kyran Porter of Sumter; one niece, Cameron Z. Roshell of Douglasville; and a host of

aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at St. James United Methodist Church, 720 Broad St., Sumter, with the Rev. Lee Johnson officiating with Elder Cheryl G. Johnson, eulogist.

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

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

Online memorials may be sent to the family at [jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com](mailto:jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com) or visit us on the web at [www.jobsmortuary.net](http://www.jobsmortuary.net).

**TERRELL O'DELL DUKE**

NEW ZION — Terrell O'Dell Duke, 64, died on Monday, July 16, 2018, at his home.



DUKE

Born on March 6, 1954, in Manning, he was a son of the late Melvin Albertus Duke and Sadie O'Dell Roberson Duke. He was a retired carpenter and was a member of Midway Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Richard Duke and Don Duke.

He is survived by two sons, Terrell B. Duke (Amie) of Columbia and Clinton O. Duke (Jax) of Richardson, Texas; his ex-wife, Joyce Taylor of Manning; two brothers, Charles Lyn Duke of Florence and Steve Duke (Robin) of Hartsville; one sister, Shirlene Blanton of Florence; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday with the Rev. Mike Lowder officiating.

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

**NANCY LEE C. CAVANAUGH**

Nancy Lee Cutsinger Cavanaugh, age 58, wife of Marcus Owen Cavanaugh, died on Saturday, July 14, 2018, at her daughter's home.



CAVANAUGH

Born on June 27, 1960, in Roanoke, Virginia, she was a daughter of the late Melvina Elizabeth Johnson

Cutsinger and Abe Cleveland Cutsinger. Mrs. Cavanaugh was a supervisor with the Sumter School District PERK program.

Survivors include a daughter, Sarah Moses and her husband, Jackie Moses, of Sumter; a brother, Abe "Butch" Cutsinger and his wife, Connie Cutsinger, of Killeen, Texas; four grandchildren, Nicholas, Natalie, Shavonta and Sharnay; and a host of many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by a son, Charles Cleveland Cavanaugh.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Thomasina Moses officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park.

Visitation services will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home of her daughter.

Memorials may be made to the Hollings Cancer Institute at MUSC, 86 Jonathan Lucas

St., Charleston, SC 29425.

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

**MATILDA FRANCIS GREEN**

Matilda Francis Green made her transition to her heavenly home on Saturday, July 14, 2018, at the home of her daughter.



GREEN

Matilda, also known as "Baby," "Aunt Baby" and "Aunt Tee," was born on April 4, 1930, in Sumter County, to the

late Henry Travis and Lillie Cornelia Williams Francis. She attended Congruity School, Boggs Academy and Morris College, obtaining a degree in early childhood education. She did additional course work at Francis Marion College and Francis Marion University. Matilda was a lifelong member of Congruity Presbyterian Church (USA), where she served as the financial secretary for many years. She was also very active in the Presbyterian Women Organization, gospel choir and Sunday school, until her health failed. She retired from Sumter County School District 2 after 30 years of service.

Matilda was married to the late Joseph Simmons Green and to this union two daughters were born.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her daughters, Carol Patricia Green of Sumter and Joanne (Michael) Green-Grayson of Pike Road, Alabama; five grandchildren, Jamaal Josef Pitts of Sumter, Nya Simone Green of Columbia, McCurtis (Britannie) Grayson of Portland, Oregon, and Alisia Grayson and Christopher Grayson, both of Montgomery, Alabama; one great-grandson, Jaxon Grayson of Portland; four brothers-in-law; one sister-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home of her daughter, 2440 Edmunds Drive, Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Congruity Presbyterian Church USA, 3750 Congruity Road, Gable, with the Rev. Alonza A. Washington, pastor, eulogist.

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

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

Burial will be at Congruity Presbyterian Churchyard cemetery.

These services have been entrusted to the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter. Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at [williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com](mailto:williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com). Visit us on the web at [www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com).

**ALLENE G. ROSS**

Allene Griffin Ross, 90, widow of George W. Ross, died on Monday, July 16, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Services will be announced by Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home & Crematory, 221 Broad St., Sumter, (803) 775-9386.



**BARBARA C. GREEN**

Barbara Copeland Green, 84, wife of Turner Augustus "Gus" Green, died on Monday, July 16, 2018, at Morningside of Sumter.

Born in Lee County, she was a daughter of the late Lonnie M. and the late Lucille Peebles Copeland. Mrs. Green was a member of Turbeville Southern Methodist Church and attended First Southern Methodist Church in Sumter. She was a nurse and retired from Sumter County Department of Health and Environmental Control. She also worked with Sumter School District 2 and Sumter Pediatrics.

Survivors include three children, Thomas M. Green of Savannah, Georgia, Robert A. Green (Beth) of Duncan and Nan G. Weeks (Cray) of Sumter; seven grandchildren, Turner Green, Thomas Green, Anna Sams Green, Millie Malone (William), McCray Weeks, Mason Weeks (Casey) and Madison Weeks; two great-grandchildren, Charlie Malone and Lucy Malone; a brother, Kenneth Copeland (Pat) of Greenwood; and three sisters, Bernice Slider (Jerry) of Maryland, Ernestine Viars of Charleston and Margaret Fletcher (Donnie) of Sumter.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Herman Copeland and Arthur Wayne Copeland.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Turbeville Southern Methodist Church with the Rev. Billy Griffith and the Rev. Ellison Evans officiating. Burial will be at Turbeville Southern Methodist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Turner Green, Thomas Green, McCray Weeks, Mason Weeks and William Malone and special

friend, Larry Causey.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday at Turbeville Southern Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to the Eastern Conference Camp Ministries of the Southern Methodist Church, 203 McClendon St., Lamar, SC 29069. Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter is in charge of the arrangements.

**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.

Viewing for family and friends will take place from 11 a.m. until noon on Thursday at Fleming & DeLaine Chapel, 222 W. Boyce St., Manning.

A memorial service will take place at a later date.

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

Fleming & DeLaine Funeral Home and Chapel of Manning is in charge of these services. Online condolences for the family may be sent to [www.flemingdelaine.com](http://www.flemingdelaine.com) or [flemingdelaine@aol.com](mailto:flemingdelaine@aol.com).

**CARL R. TOBIAS JR.**

Carl Raymond Tobias Jr., 72, husband of Deloris Hodge Tobias, died on Tuesday, July 17, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

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

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**A Sunhat for Your Yard**

Mr. B. W. Wiles, Jr., the second oldest of thirteen children, once pulled his truck into our St. Matthews driveway and tooted the horn (tooted, not blew, Mr. Wiles was the soul of courtesy and thoughtfulness). In the back of his truck were vegetable and fruits he grew from the same seeds his father had planted. A life-long friendship with a wise man began for my family.

Thin and wiry, Mr. Wiles worked with a small, old tractor. He was a true dirt farmer. Once he was talking about a brother-in-law whom he considered somewhat trifling. To illustrate this character flaw, Mr. Wiles told us that he had visited the gentleman in question recently and found him working on a car under a shade tree with a fan blowing on him. It was the fan, not that tree that Mr. Wiles found objectionable. This was during a summer that set records for high temperatures.

While working in my garden, I try to position myself to be in the areas where nearby trees are casting some shade. This lets me be on the right side of my garden in the mornings and work my way towards the back if I have the energy to venture out in the afternoon. While at Brookgreen Gardens earlier this month, we managed to enjoy the scattered sculptures by choosing paths that hugged the shade cast by the ancient oaks that dominate that property.

Make plans now to plant trees near your house this fall (fall is the best time to plant here in the South as the roots can grow during the winter while the evergreen or deciduous canopy has dramatically reduced water needs). Here is some information from a federal website. Deciduous trees with high, spreading crowns (i.e., leaves and branches) can be planted to the south of your home to provide maximum summertime roof shading. Trees with crowns lower to the ground are more appropriate to the west,

where shade is needed from lower afternoon sun angles. (Source: <https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/landscaping-energy-efficient-homes/landscaping-shade>)

Feeling like you won't be in your house long enough to enjoy the results? With proper mulching, that is a ring of mulch that extends three to six feet away from the tree trunk, the growth rate for that plant is nearly double. Mulch should not, however, touch the tree trunk, as that quickly can lead to disease and rot (do you want to wear wet socks and sneakers twenty-four seven - imagine what your feet would look like). Apply three to four inches of mulch under and beyond the tree canopy - less for a heavier material like wood chips and more for pine straw) keeping the mulch six inches from the tree trunk. Smaller trees grown in containers, five gallons or so, actually outgrow a larger tree that has lost most of its root ball when dug from the field, and they are a heck of a lot less expensive and you can easily install them yourself. <http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/care/planting/planting-and-establishing-trees.html>. This website is the most comprehensive one I have found. That shouldn't be too surprising as it is from Florida and if you think they don't take shade seriously in that state, then you have been standing in the sun too long.

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## DIRTY money is an understatement

BY JOHANNA OHM  
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**W**e live in a dirty world. Wherever we go, we are among microbes. Bacteria, fungi and viruses live on our phones, bus seats, door handles and park benches. We pass these tiny organisms to each other when we share a handshake or a seat on the plane.

Now, researchers are finding we also share our microbes through our money. From tip jars to vending machines to the meter maid — each dollar, passed person to person, samples a bit of the environment it comes from, and passes those bits to the next person, the next place it goes.

The list of things found on our dollars includes DNA from our pets, traces of drugs, and bacteria and viruses that cause disease.

The findings demonstrate how money can silently record human activities, leaving behind so-called “molecular echoes.”

### What’s on a dollar bill?

Last April, a study identified over a hundred different strains of bacteria on dollar bills circulating in New York City. Some of the most common bugs on our bills included *Propionibacterium acnes*, a bacteria known to cause acne, and *Streptococcus oralis*, a common bacteria found in our mouths.

The research team, led by biologist Jane Carlton at New York University, also discovered traces of DNA from domestic animals and from specific bacteria that are

associated only with certain foods.

A similar study recovered traces of DNA on ATM keypads, reflecting the foods people

ate in different neighborhoods. People in central Harlem ate more domestic chicken than those in Flushing and Chinatown, who ate more species of bony fish and

*Traces of cocaine can be found on almost 80 percent of dollar bills.*



mollusks. The foods people ate transferred from fingers to touchscreens, where scientists could recover a bit of their most recent meals.

We don’t leave only food behind. Traces of cocaine can be found on almost 80 percent of dollar bills. Other drugs, including morphine, heroin, methamphetamine and amphetamine, can also be found on bills, though less commonly than cocaine.

Identifying foods people eat or the drugs people use based on interactions with money might not seem all that useful, but scientists are also using these types of data to understand patterns of disease. Most of the microbes the researchers in New York identified do not cause disease. But other studies have suggested that disease-causing strains of bacteria or virus could be passed along with our currency.

Bacteria that cause food-borne illness — including *Salmonella* and a pathogenic strain of *E.coli* — have been shown to survive on pennies, nickels and dimes and can hide out on ATM machines. Other bacteria, such as methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) which causes skin infections, are found on bank notes in the U.S. and Canada, but the extent to which they could spread infections is unknown.

Try as we may to avoid exposure to germs, they travel with us and on us. Even

if disease-causing microbes can survive in places like ATMs, the good news is that most exposures don’t make us sick.

### Money laundering

Disease transmission linked to money is rare, and no major disease outbreaks have started from our ATMs. Although it doesn’t seem common for diseases to transmit through money, there are ways we could make our money cleaner.

Researchers are working on ways to clean money between transactions. Putting older bills through a machine that exposes them to carbon dioxide at a specific temperature and pressure can strip dollar bills of oils and dirt left behind by human fingers, while the heat kills microbes that would otherwise linger.

U.S. money is still made from a blend of cotton and linen, which has been shown to have higher bacterial growth than plastic polymers. Several countries are transitioning from money made of natural fibers to plastic, which may be less friendly to bacteria. Canada has had plastic money since 2013, and the U.K. transitioned to a plastic-based bank note last year.

Even if our money is not directly responsible for spreading disease, we can still use the dollar’s travel history to track how we spread disease in other ways. The website *WheresGeorge.com*, created in 1998, lets users track dollar bills by recording their serial numbers. In the almost 20 years since the site’s creation, WheresGeorge has tracked the geographic locations of bills totaling over a billion dollars.

Now, physicists at the Max Planck Institute and University of California, Santa Barbara are using data from the WheresGeorge site to track epidemics. Information on human movement and contact rates from WheresGeorge was even used to predict the spread of the 2009 swine flu.

Although we don’t know the extent to which money allows diseases to spread, mom’s advice is probably best when handling cash: Wash your hands and don’t stick it in your mouth.

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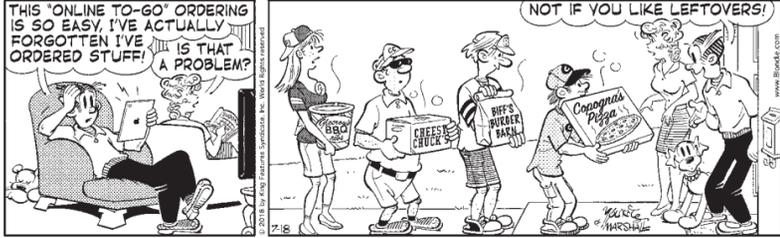
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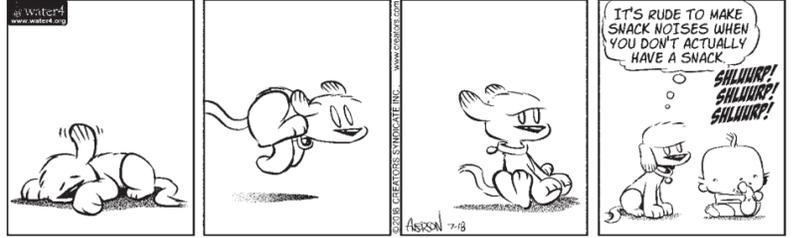
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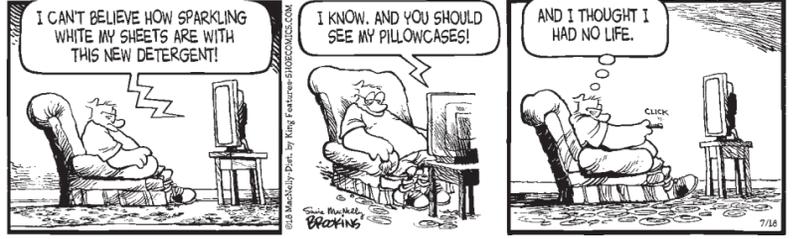
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*Grandma needs help advising grandson on dating*



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**DEAR ABBY** — I have guardianship of my 12-year-old grandson. He has recently fallen head over heels for a girl in his class and wants to date her. I'm out of touch with the younger generation, and I'm not sure how to answer his questions, like, "Does the boy or girl initiate the kiss?" I would appreciate knowing about any pamphlets or brochures you have for sale on this subject. Thank you.

*Margaret O. in Massachusetts*

**DEAR MARGARET** — Kids are ma-

turing at younger ages than when we were growing up. Part of the reason may be that television, movies and the internet have exposed them to subjects we were not when we were their age. That said, not all of the information they receive from the media and their friends is accurate. I have a booklet that may be helpful. It's titled "What Every Teen Should Know," and it's filled with information on subjects such as, "How to know when you're ready to date," "Are you ready for sex?" "How old must a boy be before he can father a child?" and "Can a girl get pregnant the first time she has sex?" A section on sexually transmitted diseases is also included. Because STDs need to be treated right away and ignoring or not recognizing the symptoms

can have lifelong consequences, there's a list of the various STDs and what to do if you have one. You can order a booklet by sending your name and address, plus check or money order for \$7 to Dear Abby Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL, 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. The Teen booklet has been distributed in doctors' offices and used to promote discussions by educators and religious leaders, as well as parents who find it hard to discuss these topics with their children. Review it BEFORE giving it to your grandson, so you can prepare to answer his questions or guide the conversation. The more information you can give him, the better prepared he will be to make intelligent decisions in the important years that lie ahead.

**JUMBLE**

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

RHUSE  
INTAG  
TUWALO  
TYSPAR

When I say, "Go!" you try to bring my wrist down to the table. But you have to keep your elbow on the surface. Got it? Got it! Let's go!

EXPLAINING THE RULES OF ARM WRESTLING IS SIMPLE BECAUSE IT'S ---

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FRONT DOUSE CLOSED GLOBAL  
Answer: When the space probe approached Pluto, mission control said — SO FAR, SO GOOD

**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

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

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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**THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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57						58				59			60	
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64						65				66				

**Jeffrey Wechsler** 7/18/18

**ACROSS**

1 Moo\_\_ pork  
4 Low-level employment  
9 Starz competitor  
12 Police  
14 Sweet text  
15 "No argument!"  
16 "Don't make \_\_ hard!"  
17 Drew (in)  
18 Backwoods possessive  
19 "\_\_, Brute?"  
20 Some ski lifts  
21 "It is the \_\_, and Juliet is the sun": Romeo  
22 "How cool!"  
24 Former JFK lander  
25 "Burnt" pigment  
26 Comic strip woman who married Irving  
27 Baja bear  
28 Mac  
29 Language suffix  
30 Prefaced  
33 Au pair's subj.  
34 Many Olympic events  
35 Wolf's (down)  
40 Vistula River city  
46 Chef's hat  
47 Little untruth

50 Ewe-ish?  
51 Uncertainty  
52 Master  
53 Medieval weapons  
54 Completes a road test maneuver ... or the answers to starred clues, as arranged  
57 Game before the finals  
58 Doughnut finish  
59 Analogy words  
61 \_\_ Il razor  
62 One wearing gloves to work  
63 Poolroom array  
64 Tax form IDs  
65 Pipsqueak  
66 Omar of "House"

7 Intimation  
8 Blossoms-to-be  
9 Subject to court judgment  
10 Common paella ingredients  
11 \*New Orleans time zone  
13 \*Deep \_\_  
15 \*Main idea  
23 Skinny toon  
25 Mysterious craft  
31 Stammering sounds  
32 Disapproving sound  
35 Criterion: Abbr.  
36 Craftsmen paid by the barrel?

37 Atlantis dweller of comics  
38 Protocols  
39 Greek cheese  
41 Tomato variety  
42 Greed  
43 Creates, as a fuss  
44 Ragtime dance  
45 Director Craven  
47 Uncultivated, as farmland  
48 Mountaineer's aid  
49 Richard of "Law & Order: SVU"  
55 Pride parade letters  
56 Heist puller  
57 City map parts: Abbr.  
60 CIA predecessor

**Previous Puzzle Solved**

A	M	P	S	A	P	P	S	P	S	T	S		
M	A	H	I	F	I	L	E	O	C	T	E		
F	L	I	G	H	T	C	A	P	S	H	A	R	E
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F	R	E	U	D	I	A	N	S	L	I	P		
I	M	M	O	R	A	L	C	R	E	M	E		
B	O	A	R	R	E	V	A	S	E	T			
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R	A	C	E	S	E	C	N	O	I	S	E		
I	N	E	P	T	F	L	I	P	S	I	D	E	S
A	G	N	E	W	T	A	C	O	N	E	S		
R	E	T	R	O	S	T	Y	X	T	A	S	E	

SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM
<b>LOCAL CHANNELS</b>												
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Ellen's Game of Games	World of Dance	Reverie "The Black Mandala" The team works to save a boy's life. (N)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Amanda Seyfried; Daveed Diggs; Swae Lee. (N)		
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	TKO: Total Knock Out (N)	Big Brother House guests vie for the power of veto. (N)	Code Black "The Business of Saving Lives" (Series Finale) A plane crashes into the hospital. (N)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Best Friends"	Jeopardy! (N)	The 2018 ESPYS Celebrating the best moments of the year in sports, from the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles. (N) (Live)		ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live			
WRJA	27	11	14	Travels With Darley "West Virginia Adventures"	Visionkeepers Programs for families and children.	Earth's Natural Wonders -- Life at the Extremes "Surviving With Animals" Animals hold the key to survival. (N)	Himalaya: Kingdoms of the Sky: Survival in the Himalayas.	NOVA "Treasures of the Earth: Metals" The unique properties of metals. (DVS)	Amanpour on PBS (N)	BBC World News	Earth's Natural Wonders -- Life at the Extremes	
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory Sheldon befriends Bill Nye.	MasterChef "The Big Not Easy" Dishes are prepared using fresh seafood. (N) (DVS)	Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back "La Serenata" A family-owned Mexican restaurant. (N) (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	This Year in the SEC: College Football 2018	DailyMailTV	TMZ (N)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing "Big Shots"	Last Man Standing "Risky Behavior"	Girl Got Game: All-women eSports team CLG Red.	The Originals "Til the Day I Die" A mysterious affliction affects Hope. (N)	Dateline "Against All Odds" A girl recovers from a gunshot wound.	Dateline "Deadly Triangle" Archie McFarland was stabbed to death.	The Game Char-donday hides her friendship.		
<b>CABLE CHANNELS</b>												
A&E	46	130	Ozzy and Jack's World Detour Welcoming a new family member.	Ozzy and Jack's World Detour Ozzy, Jack and Kelly visit New Mexico.	Ozzy and Jack's World Detour Old nemesis "Robert the Doll" returns. (N)	(:01) Wahlburgers Alma makes a Mother's Day cupcake. (N)	(:04) Ozzy and Jack's World Detour Ozzy and Kelly tour the Biosphere.	Ozzy and Jack's World Detour				
AMC	48	180	(5:55) *** "Summer Rental" (1985) John Candy, Richard Crenna.	*** "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" (1971, Children's) Gene Wilder, Jack Albertson, Peter Ostrum. A famous confectioner offers a grand prize to five children.	*** "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" (1971, Children's) Gene Wilder, Jack Albertson, Peter Ostrum. A famous confectioner offers a grand prize to five children.	*** "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" (1971, Children's) Gene Wilder, Jack Albertson, Peter Ostrum. A famous confectioner offers a grand prize to five children.	*** "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" (1971, Children's) Gene Wilder, Jack Albertson, Peter Ostrum. A famous confectioner offers a grand prize to five children.	*** "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" (1971, Children's) Gene Wilder, Jack Albertson, Peter Ostrum. A famous confectioner offers a grand prize to five children.				
ANPL	41	100	Insane Pools: Off the Deep End	Insane Pools: Off the Deep End	Insane Pools: Off the Deep End	(:02) Animal Crib	(:02) Insane Pools: Off the Deep End	Insane Pools				
BET	61	162	(4:30) *** "Boomer-ang" (1992) friends on a trip down	(:35) *** "The Wood" (1999, Drama) Omar Epps, Taye Diggs, Richard T. Jones. A missing groom sends memory lane.	(:07) Big City Greens	Stuck in the Middle	Bizaardvark	Bug Juice: My Adventures at Camp				
BRAVO	47	181	The Real Housewives of New York City Luann deals with unwanted press.	The Real Housewives of New York City Luann prepares for her cabaret show.	The Real Housewives of New York City "Wigging Out" (N)	The Real Housewives of New York City "Wigging Out" (N)	Shahs of Sunset	Watch What Happens Live	The Real Housewives of New York City "Wigging Out"			
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank (DVS)	The Deed "Too Much, Too Young" (N)	Shark Tank	Shark Tank				
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	Anderson Cooper				
COM	57	136	South Park "Sarcas-taball"	South Park "More Crap"	South Park "Over Logging"	South Park "The Cissy"	South Park "C... Magic"	South Park	South Park "Bloody Mary"	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	(:31) The Office "Fire"	(12:01) South Park
DISN	18	200	Bunk'd	Bug Juice: My Adventures at Camp	Andi Mack	Raven's Home	(:07) Big City Greens	Stuck in the Middle	Bizaardvark	Bug Juice: My Adventures at Camp	Bunk'd	Bunk'd An abandoned treehouse.
DSC	42	103	Misfit Garage "Minor Fire"	Misfit Garage: Fired Up (N)	Misfit Garage "Episode 10" (N)	Sticker Shock (N)	Misfit Garage "Episode 10"	Misfit Garage				
ESPN	26	35	2018 ESPY's Red Carpet Special (N)	2018 World Series of Poker Big One for One Drop. From Las Vegas.	Body 10: A Decade of Body Issue	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N)				
ESPN2	27	39	NFL Live	USL Soccer Charlotte Independence at FC Cincinnati. (N) (Live)	NFL Live	Vans Park Series (N)	Vans Park Series (N)	Karate (N)				
FOOD	40	109	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Games				
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Tucker Carlson				
FREE	20	131	(6:00) *** "Paul Blart: Mall Cop" (2009) Kevin James, Jayma Mays.	Young & Hungry (N)	(:31) Young & Hungry (N)	(:02) *** "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls" (1995, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Ian McNeice, Simon Callow. Goofy sleuth seeks a sacred white bat.	The 700 Club	How I Met Your Mother "Swarley"				
FSS	21	47	Running (N)	SportsMoney	Future Phenoms	ACC All-Access	Big 12	Big 12	MLS Soccer Seattle Sounders FC at Atlanta United FC.	3 Wide Life		
HALL	52	183	(6:00) *** "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" (2008, Drama)	"Coming Home for Christmas" (2017, Romance) Danica McKellar, Neal Bledsoe. A woman preps an estate for sale and one final family gala.	The Middle	The Middle "The Clover"	The Middle "The Telling"	The Middle "The Wedding"	The Golden Girls			
HGTV	39	112	Property Brothers: Buying & Selling	Property Brothers "Wishful Building"	Property Brothers: Buying & Selling (N)	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	Flipping Virgins (N)	Buying and Selling			
HIST	45	110	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Alcatraz Escape: The Lost Evidence: Looking for answers on escaped inmates.	SIX Graves embraces his dark side. (N)	SIX Graves embraces his dark side. (N)	Alcatraz Escape				
ION	13	18	Law & Order "Driven" Two murders occur near a playground.	Law & Order "Political Animal" Three roommates are found dead.	Law & Order "Quit Claim" Hit-and-run.	Law & Order "Illegal" A riot at a rally.	Law & Order "Executioner" A doctor is found murdered.	Law & Order "Tango"				
LIFE	50	145	Little Women: LA "Sideways in Solvang" Tonya professes her love to Jaa.	Little Women: LA Mika organizes a kickball game. (N)	Little Women: LA Tonya's wine launch approaches. (N)	(:03) Seatbelt Psychic (N)	(:33) Seatbelt Psychic (N)	(:03) Married at First Sight "Who Did I Marry?" Brunch with the new in-laws.	(12:01) Little Women: LA			
MSNBC	36	92	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				
NICK	16	210	The Loud House	Double Dare (N)	Double Dare	*** "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie" (2004) Voices of Tom Kenny.	Friends	(:35) Friends	(12:10) Friends			
PARMT	64	153	(5:30) *** "Titanic" (1997) Leonardo DiCaprio. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship.	Yellowstone "The Long Black Train"	(10:57) *** "Walking Tall" (2004) The Rock.							
SYFY	58	152	*** "Rush Hour" (1998, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, Tom Wilkinson. Premiere. Mismatched police partners seek a kidnapped girl. (DVS)	(:06) *** "Rush Hour 3" (2007, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, Hiroyuki Sanada. Premiere. Carter and Lee battle Chinese gangsters in Paris.	(:05) Face Off "Maritime Monsters" Artists create original sea monsters.	"Freddy's Dead-Final Nightmare"						
TBS	24	156	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee (N)	Conan Actors Bryan Cranston and Aaron Paul. (N)	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee			
TCM	49	186	(6:00) *** "Three Little Words" (1950) Fred Astaire, Vera-Ellen.	*** "Gone With the Wind" (1939, Romance) Clark Gable, Vivien Leigh, Leslie Howard. Civil War rogue Rhett Butler loves Southern belle Scarlett O'Hara. (DVS)	*** "P.S. I Love You" (2007, Romance) Hilary Swank, Gerard Butler, Lisa Kudrow.	** "Uncle Tom's Cabin"						
TLC	43	157	(:04) My 600-Lb. Life (Part 2 of 2)	My 600-Lb. Life "Lupe & Britanni" Britanni's journey; Lupe's struggle. (N)	(:04) Dr. Pimple Popper (N)	(:06) My 600-Lb. Life Britanni's journey; Lupe's struggle.						
TNT	23	158	NCIS: New Orleans A murder takes place during Mardi Gras.	*** "Mad Max: Fury Road" (2015, Action) Tom Hardy, Charlize Theron, Nicholas Hoult. Premiere. Mad Max must outrun a warlord and his men in a desert chase. (DVS)	*** "Shooter" (2007, Suspense) Mark Wahlberg, Michael Peña. A wounded sniper plots revenge against those who betrayed him. (DVS)							
TRUTV	38	129	Misfits & Monsters	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	Misfits & Monsters	ImpRACTical Jokers	Paid-Torpey	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	(:36) M*A*S*H "Li"	(:12) Everybody Loves Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens
USA	25	132	NCIS: Family First The team hunts for an escaped spy. (DVS)	NCIS "Fake It 'Til You Make It" Reeves sees his friend get kidnapped.	Suits "Right-Hand Man" Harvey and Zane grapple over the firm.	(:01) Colony "Bonzo" Will and Outliers fight to save Kynes. (N) (DVS)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A murder is connected to an old case.	Suits "Right-Hand Man"				
WE	68	166	*** "P.S. I Love You" (2007) Hilary Swank. A widow gets messages left by her husband to help her cope.									
WGNA	8	172	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Rules/Engagement

# Racing celebrity Danica Patrick hosts 2018 ESPYs

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

The 2018 ESPYs (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) honors the past year's major sports achievements, moments and performances. Danica Patrick becomes the first woman to host the awards, which have been around since 1993. Patrick, who announced that she would retire after the Indianapolis 500, has been a racing celebrity for much of this century and has been attending the ESPYS since 2005.

Over the past three decades, the ESPYs have mostly been hosted by entertainers. Last year Peyton Manning hosted, and in 2007 LeBron James hosted with Jimmy Kimmel. John Cena hosted in 2016. Is he an athlete or an entertainer?

Mixing up personalities appears to be a way to reflect the ever-changing face of sports itself. Hosts have been as varied as Dennis Miller (1993) and Samuel Jackson (2001, 2002, 2009), Jimmy Smits (2000), John Hamm (2013) and Drake (2014).

Patrick's challenge at the ESPYs is to be engaging, quick-witted and entertaining. And to be able to take a joke or two at her expense.

A plane crashes into the hospital on the series finale of "Code Black" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14). Despite the presence of the remarkable actress Marcia Gay Harden, "Black" broke no new ground for medical melodramas.

Harvey and Zane point to a new direction as "Suits" (9 p.m., USA, TV-14) enters an eighth season. This season will welcome Katherine Heigl to the cast after the departure of Patrick J. Adams and Meghan Markle. Markle has assumed a high-profile role in an "unscripted" family drama.

TCM spends the day saluting comedies and musicals starring Red Skelton, from the 1947 comedy "Merton of the Movies" (7:15 a.m.) to the 1950 musical "Three Little Words" (6 p.m.), co-starring Fred Astaire.

Wildly popular in the 1940s as a radio and movie star, Skelton became well known for "The Red Skelton Show," a comedy/variety television series that ran on both CBS and NBC at different periods from 1951-71. Skelton mixed physical pratfalls and mime with extended comedy sketches and opened with a monologue. Fu-



Danica Patrick walks on stage to present the award for best record-breaking performance at the 2017 ESPYs. Patrick will host the 2018 ESPYs at 8 p.m. today on ABC.

ture "Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson briefly served as a writer on Skelton's show.

A vestige of the World War II era, "The Red Skelton Show" wrapped up only four years before "Saturday Night Live" ushered in a new generation of comedy in 1975. By the end of its run, the show was seen as a stable of "clean" comedy. In 1969, the year of Woodstock, Skelton did an extended monologue about the Pledge of Allegiance. During a time of social and political tumult, he concluded every episode with the phrase "good night and may God bless."

Skelton was not without some edge. When asked about the large crowd attending the 1958 funeral of tyrannical Columbia studio boss Harry Cohn, Skelton quipped, "It proves what Harry always said: Give the public what they want, and they'll come out for it."

### TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- An all-woman eSports team

participates in a first-person shooter game at a tournament in Poland on "Girl Got Game" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14).

- "Himalaya: Kingdoms of the Sky" (9 p.m., PBS, TV-G, check local listings) examines how residents from Tibetan monks to snow leopards and monkeys survive on top of the world.

- Mara Leons of a dark dream world, where no rules apply, on "Reverie" (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14).

- Kynes faces imminent peril on "Colony" (10 p.m., USA, TV-14).

- John's secret side emerges on "Yellowstone" (10 p.m., Paramount, TV-MA).

### CULT CHOICE

Tom Hardy ("Taboo") stars in the well-received 2015 reboot "Mad Max: Fury Road" (8 p.m., TNT, TV-14).

### LATE NIGHT

Annie Lowrey appears on "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central) \* Bryan Cranston, Aaron Paul, Anna Gunn, Dean Norris, Betsy Brandt, R.J. Mitte, Giancarlo Esposito, Bob Odenkirk and Vince Gilligan are on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS) \* Anderson Cooper, Andy Cohen, Dominic Cooper and Beck visit "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"

(11:35 p.m., CBS) \* Jimmy Fallon welcomes Amanda Seyfried, Daveed Diggs and Wiz Khalifa featuring Swae Lee on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) \* Magic Johnson, Lakeith Stanfield and Lil Baby are on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (11:35 p.m., ABC) \* Christine Baranski, Niecy Nash, Miranda Lambert and Emmanuelle Caplette visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) \* Steven Tyler, Morena Baccarin and Kacey Musgraves are on "The Late Late Show With James Cordean" (12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

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## Make Mexican pulled pork without frying

BY AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

Traditional carnitas, Mexico's version of pulled pork, is fried in gallons of lard or oil. The results are tasty, but who wants to deal with all that hot fat?

We wanted restaurant-style carnitas — tender chunks of lightly crisped, caramelized pork, subtly accented with oregano and citrus — without frying.

Our initial recipe for carnitas started by simmering the meat (taste tests proved boneless pork butt had the best flavor) in a seasoned broth in the oven and then sauteing it in some of the rendered fat. The flavor was OK, but too much of the pork flavor was lost when we discarded the cooking liquid.

So we reduced the liquid on the stovetop (after the meat had been removed) to the consistency of a thick, syrupy glaze that was perfect for coating the meat. Broiled on a rack set over a baking sheet, the glazed meat developed a wonderfully rich flavor, and the rack allowed the excess fat to drip off.

We emulated the flavor of the Mexican sour oranges used in authentic carnitas with a mixture of fresh lime and orange juices. Bay leaves and oregano provided aromatic notes, and cumin brought an earthiness that complemented the other flavors.



This photo provided by America's Test Kitchen shows Mexican pulled pork.

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### MEXICAN PULLED PORK

Servings: 6

Start to finish: 2 hours and 30 minutes

We like serving carnitas spooned into tacos, but you can also use it as a filling for tamales, enchiladas and burritos.

Pork:

1 (3 1/2- to 4-pound) boneless pork butt, fat cap trimmed to 4/5 inch thick, cut into 2-inch chunks

1 small onion, peeled and halved

2 bay leaves

1 teaspoon dried oregano

1 teaspoon ground cumin

Table salt and ground black pepper

2 cups water

2 tablespoons juice from 1 lime

1 medium orange, halved

Tortillas and Garnishes:

18 (6-inch) corn tortillas, warmed

Lime wedges

Minced white or red onion

Fresh cilantro leaves

Thinly sliced radishes

Sour cream

Adjust an oven rack to the lower-middle position and heat the oven to 300 F. Combine the pork, onion, bay leaves, oregano, cumin, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, water and lime juice in a large Dutch oven (the liquid should just barely cover the meat). Juice the orange into a medium bowl and remove any seeds (you should have about 1/3 cup juice). Add the juice and spent orange halves to the pot. Bring the mixture to a simmer over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally. Cover the pot and transfer it to the oven; cook until the meat is soft and falls apart when prod-

ded with a fork, about 2 hours, flipping the pieces of meat once during cooking.

Remove the pot from the oven and turn the oven to broil. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the pork to a bowl; remove the orange halves, onion and bay leaves from the cooking liquid and discard (do not skim the fat from the liquid). Place the pot over high heat (use caution, as the handles will be very hot) and simmer the liquid, stirring frequently, until thick and syrupy (a heatproof spatula should leave a wide trail when dragged through the glaze), 8 to 12 minutes. You should have about 1 cup reduced liquid.

Using two forks, pull each piece of pork in half. Fold in the reduced liquid; season with salt and pepper to taste. Spread the pork in an even layer on a wire rack set over a rimmed baking sheet or on a broiler

pan (the meat should cover almost the entire surface of the rack or broiler pan).

Place the baking sheet on the lower-middle oven rack and broil until the top of the meat is well browned (but not charred) and the edges are slightly crisp, 5 to 8 minutes. Using a wide metal spatula, flip the pieces of meat and continue to broil until the top is well browned and the edges are slightly crisp, 5 to 8 minutes longer. Serve immediately with the warm tortillas and garnishes.

To warm tortillas, place them on a plate, cover with a damp dish towel, and microwave for 60 to 90 seconds. Keep tortillas covered and serve immediately.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 339 calories; 127 calories from fat; 14 g fat (5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 147 mg cholesterol; 549 mg sodium; 3 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 2 g sugar; 46 g protein.

## The secret to keeping chicken moist on the grill is brine

BY AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

Barbecuing is the perfect method for cooking fatty cuts of pork or beef, but relatively lean chicken is another story. For barbecued pulled chicken with a smoky flavor and moist, tender meat, we'd have to come up with some tricks.

Brining the birds kept the white meat moist and juicy, and arranging the chickens on the grill with the breast meat farther from the heat source than the dark meat evened out cooking times.

We tweaked our favorite barbecue sauce to better complement the chicken, increasing the vinegar to balance the sweetness and swapping the root beer for coffee to boost the smoky flavor.

### BARBECUED PULLED CHICKEN

Servings: 8 sandwiches

Start to finish: 1 hour and 30 minutes, plus 1 hour to brine chicken and 1 hour and 15 minutes to prepare sauce

Chicken:

1 cup salt

2 (4-pound) whole chickens, giblets discarded (We prefer to halve the chickens ourselves, but you may be able to buy halved chickens from your butcher.)

Pepper

2 cups wood chips, soaked in water for 15 minutes and drained

Sauce:

2 teaspoons vegetable oil

1 onion, chopped fine

4 cups chicken broth

1 1/4 cups cider vinegar

1 cup brewed coffee

3/4 cup molasses

1/2 cup tomato paste

1/2 cup ketchup

2 tablespoons brown mustard

1 tablespoon hot sauce

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

1/4 teaspoon liquid smoke

Dissolve salt in 4 quarts cold water in large container. Remove backbones from chickens and split chickens in half lengthwise through center of breastbone. Using metal skewer, poke 20 holes all over each chicken half. Submerge chicken halves in brine, cover and refrigerate for 1 hour. Remove chicken halves from brine, pat dry with paper towels, and season with pepper. Using large piece of heavy-duty aluminum foil, wrap soaked wood chips in foil packet and cut several vent holes in top.

Meanwhile, heat oil in Dutch oven over medium-high heat until shimmering. Add onion and cook until

softened, about 5 minutes. Whisk in broth, vinegar, coffee, molasses, tomato paste, ketchup, mustard, hot sauce and garlic powder and bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer until mixture is thick and reduced to 4 cups, about 65 to 75 minutes. Stir in liquid smoke; reserve 1 cup sauce for serving. (Sauce can be refrigerated for up to 2 days.)

— For a charcoal grill: Open bottom vent halfway. Light large chimney starter filled with charcoal briquettes (6 quarts). When top coals are partially covered with ash, pour into steeply banked pile against side of grill. Place wood chip packet on coals. Set cooking grate in place, cover, and open lid vent halfway. Heat grill until hot and wood chips are smoking, about 5 minutes.

— For a gas grill: Place wood chip packet over primary burner. Turn all burners to high, cover, and heat grill

until hot and wood chips are smoking, about 15 minutes. Leave primary burner on high and turn off other burner(s).

Clean and oil cooking grate. Place chicken halves skin side up on cool side of grill with legs closest to heat source. Cover and cook until breasts register 160 F and thighs register 175 F, 75 to 85 minutes. Transfer chicken to carving board, tent loosely with foil, and let rest until cool enough to handle, about 15 minutes. Remove and discard skin. Pull meat off bones, separating dark and light meat. Roughly chop dark meat into 1/2-inch pieces. Shred white meat into thin strands.

Add chicken to pot with sauce and cook over medium-low heat until chicken is warmed through, about 5 minutes. Serve on hamburger rolls, passing reserved sauce separately.