

'We tried so hard to get them all out of there.'



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Stephanie Dahl, who lives next door to the home where a family of five was injured in a house fire on July 28, said other neighbors have started putting stuffed animals outside the home after her son placed teddy bears there. Lorenzo Gutierrez, 36, died on Sunday from injuries sustained in the fire.

Fire that injured family of 5 claims father

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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A father who was pulled with his three children and wife from their burning home in Sumter last month has succumbed to his injuries sustained in the blaze.

Lorenzo Gutierrez, 36, died Sunday at Joseph M. Still Burn Center in Augusta, Georgia, nearly a week and a half after Sumter firefighters rescued him, a 3-year-old boy, a 7-year-old girl, a 9-year-old boy and the 32-year-old mother from a 1,600-square-foot duplex in the 300 block of Bowman Drive near Crosswell Drive Elementary School just before midnight.

Sumter County Coroner Robbie Baker said in a news release that an autopsy was scheduled for Monday in Newberry.

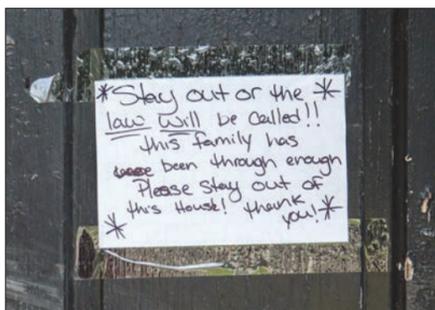
Stephanie Dahl lives next door and said a friend woke her up when she heard screams and saw flames coming from the home.

"All I could hear was the baby screaming and crying from behind the door. There were flames coming out the front window," Dahl said.

She said she and her friends used metal poles from her son's unassembled trampoline to break windows. They were able to get an adult male out uninjured. Dahl said he is a cousin to the victim's family.

Dahl said her son had been playing with the children just a couple hours earlier. There is a language barrier, she said, but her son always calls the oldest sibling "my buddy."

"We tried so hard to get them all out of there," Dahl said.



Neighbors who tried to get a family of five out during a house fire have been keeping an eye out on the home because people have reportedly been stealing items after a blaze injured the entire family, killing the father, on July 28.



The three children and Gutierrez were flown to burn centers, at least one of them being critically injured, according to Battalion Chief Joey Duggan at the time. Three were taken to Augusta, and one was

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Committee says Shaffer should get his job back

After grievance hearing, group recommends fired Manning police chief's reinstatement

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

MANNING — Manning's Grievance Committee sided with Blair Shaffer on Monday afternoon by recommending his job as the city's police chief be reinstated, going against the mayor and two city council members who make up the Public Safety Committee that voted last month to fire him.



SHAFFER

"Due to the lack of notice of deficiencies to Mr. Shaffer prior to termination, it is the recommendation of this committee that Mr. Shaffer be reinstated to his position retroactively, which reinstatement should include all compensation and benefits as provided prior to the termination, subject to a two-week suspension without pay," Committee Chairman Jason Montgomery said in the recommendation, which was unanimous.

The committee's recommendation was met with clapping and a few cheers from those in attendance. Following the

meeting, Shaffer was surrounded by his family and friends, many of whom have been present throughout the various public meetings leading up to Monday's decision.

"I'm extremely happy with their decision," Shaffer said immediately following the committee's ruling. "The members of the committee are city employees. They're my peers. They recognized that what was done to me was wrong. Now, I would just hope that the members of council will see that, too."

Montgomery said the committee considered the Aug. 2 oral presentations from Shaffer and Manning City Administrator Scott Tanner and the 113 pages of related documents in rendering its decision.

As the Grievance Committee serves as a recommending body, the decision on whether Shaffer gets his old job back remains in the hands of Manning City Council. A special called meeting is planned for 6 p.m. today at Manning City Hall. Items on the agenda, which was distributed to

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McQuilla will not run for re-election to school board

Says she is ready for new chapter, family time

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Sumter School District Board of Trustees member Lucille McQuilla announced she will not be seeking re-election to the Area 3 seat on the board.



MCQUILLA

Reading from a prepared statement on Friday, McQuilla said she enjoyed serving the children of Sumter County as a public educator for more than 30 years and now for four years as a board member but that she will not be filing for the non-partisan seat in the November general election.

In her actions as a board member, McQuilla said she made each decision in the best interest of children and showed no special allegiance to former district Superintendent Frank Baker, who was previously her boss when she was an employee in the former Sumter School District 2.

That accusation of favoritism by board members to Baker was made early last

THE RACE TOWARD NOVEMBER

Filing closes for the non-partisan Sumter School Board and Sumter City Council seats next week on Aug. 15.

Filing is held at the Sumter County Voter Registration Office, 141 N. Main St., in the former county courthouse building.

year by black pastors who are members of the Concerned Clergy of Sumter County after the revelation of the district's financial crisis.

In December 2016, the fiscal 2016 audit report showed the district overspent by \$6.2 million that year and had an ending general fund balance on June 30, 2016, of \$106,449 — a critically low level, according to the district's auditor at the time.

After the financial difficulties, some pastors said board members were trying to save Baker's job.

"Contrary to what was said

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THIS MONTH IN S.C. HISTORY

Author DuBose Heyward is born

BY THE S.C. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Aug. 31, 1885, DuBose Heyward was born in Charleston to Edwin Watkins Heyward and Jane Screven DuBose. Jane was from St. John's Berkeley, and Edwin claimed Thomas Heyward, signer of the Declaration of Independence, among his ancestors. Their only child was Edwin DuBose, and Jane decided to call him by his middle name as a reminder of his Huguenot lineage. The Heywards struggled financially, and their son was a sickly child. When DuBose was 3, Edwin died. Jane took in sewing and ran a boarding house to support herself and her son. Jane also began to write and perform the Gullah stories that she learned as a child.



FROM THE COLLECTIONS OF THE S.C. HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Dorothy, DuBose Heyward

As a young man, Heyward joined a Charleston insurance company, and a steady income enabled him to pursue his passion, which at that time was poetry. He and John Bennett joined Hervey Allen to form the Poetry Society of South Carolina, which according to Heyward's biographer James Hutchinson "initiated the great southern literary renaissance of the early twentieth century." Three years later, Heyward married playwright Dorothy Kuhns, who encouraged him to devote his time to writing. In 1925, he published his first novel, "Porgy," which was based on black life in Charleston. The book gained notoriety, and a nonmusical theatrical version of the story broke ground for providing dramatic roles for black actors.

While Heyward made many other contributions to literature, he is most remembered for "Porgy," which was adapted as an opera titled "Porgy and Bess" in 1935. Heyward, along with Ira Gershwin, wrote the lyrics for many of the songs featured in the production. He also worked with George Gershwin on the script, and he and his wife, Dorothy, oversaw many of the details of the performance. Sadly, Porgy and Bess was not a terrific success in New York, and the Heywards returned to a relatively quiet life in Charleston. He was named resident dramatist of the Dock Street Theatre and died in North Carolina in 1940.

Although "Porgy and Bess" was not performed in Charleston until 1970, it did gain worldwide acclaim. In the 1950s, a revised version premiered in London and then toured Europe. After returning to Broadway in 1953, the production returned to Europe and was seen in Belgium, Germany, Greece and Yugoslavia. Two years later, it was performed in the Middle East, Russia, Africa and Latin America.

In 1976, the Houston Grand Opera presented the opera based on Gershwin's original full score. This production won the Houston Grand Opera both a Tony and a Grammy Award. It is now considered one of the most important American musical works of the twentieth century, and we owe its origin to South Carolina author DuBose Heyward.

Sumter Fire Department starts employee of the quarter award

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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The Sumter Fire Department started a new program to honor its employees.

Master Firefighter Jason Capell was nominated for and won the Sumter Fire Department Firefighter of the Quarter award Monday at a ceremony where he received a plaque.

"Jason is a dynamic individual with a wonderful moral compass, positive attitude and tireless work ethic. Moreover, his personality has been instrumental in making the team members around him grow and possess positive infectious attitudes," Steven Dara wrote in a nomination letter. "Jason is well-known throughout the fire department for his compassion, energy and smile. He is always courteous and helpful to others. He is highly respected by his peers and appreciated by his officers because of the way he treats others."

Capell joined the fire department as a full-time employee on Aug. 17, 2016, and was promoted to master firefighter on March 14.



PHOTO PROVIDED
Master Firefighter Jason Capell was honored as Firefighter of the Quarter on Monday.

Other reasons he was chosen for this inaugural honor included being on time with tasks, his "high ethical standards," his ability to mentor others and be a role model and his effort to problem

solve and strive for excellence. Battalion Chief Joey Duggan said the award program was started with a goal to highlight the good work of those who work in the department.

Sumter City Council to consider leases, subdivision expansions

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sumter City Council will meet at 1 p.m. today in City Council Chambers, Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St., to consider:

- Second and final reading of an ordinance to authorize two lease agreements — for a building and tower — with South Carolina Educational Television Foundation for real property at 18 N. Harvin St.;
- Final reading of an ordinance to authorize a lease agreement with Santee Print Works for real property and infrastructure located near Industrial Road. Council gave first reading of the ordinance during its meeting on July 17 after a motion was made during an executive session;
- First reading of an ordinance to authorize the sale of certain city-owned properties in the Central Business District;
- Acceptance of a maintenance guarantee and deed of dedication for phase IV of Stafford Meadows Subdivision; and
- Acceptance of a maintenance guarantee and deed of dedication for a portion of phase I-B of Heritage Bay Subdivision.

City council will also have a public hearing, as soon as possible after the meeting begins, during which it will receive comments from the public regarding the Justice Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Alabama man, 23, dies in Lee wreck

A 23-year-old Alabama man died during a wreck in Lee County on Sunday afternoon when his vehicle struck the back of a tractor trailer while traveling westbound on Interstate 20.

South Carolina Highway Patrol Lance Cpl. Davis Jones said the driver — identified by Fernando Rafael Vizcarra-Garciadarosa by Lee County Coroner Larry Logan — and the driver of the tractor trailer were both wearing seat belts.

Both vehicles were traveling westbound on the interstate when Vizcarra-Garciadarosa's 2015 Jeep ran into the back of the 2012 tractor trailer as the larger vehicle slowed down for traffic, according to Jones.

Vizcarra-Garciadarosa died at the scene, he said.

The wreck is still under investigation by SCHP.

Get ready for school at Crosswell Park

Sumter Police Department will host its annual Back to School Bash from 9 a.m. to noon on Aug. 14 at Crosswell Park, North Lafayette Drive.

There will be music, food, balloon artists and face painting, and visitors will also have access to the spray park.

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years of age or older at all times.

Numerous partners for the event will provide school supplies, safety information and other resources for students and parents.

A rain date for the event is Aug. 15.

Flow tests set for Wednesday, Thursday

The City of Sumter will perform fire hydrant flow tests on Curlew Circle between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. Water customers in the surrounding area may experience temporary discolored water. Call (803) 436-2558 with any questions.

Restaurant news

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Police blotter

Sumter man arrested for pointing, presenting firearm at multiple people

Sumter County Sheriff's Office arrested a 26-year-old man on Sunday for allegedly pointing a firearm at multiple people in the previous month.

According to a news release, Kelly Lynn Sheesley III, of Pantego Drive, pointed the firearm at the victims while at a location in the 4100 block of Pantego Drive on July 22.

Jewelry thief caught in the act on Broad Street

Marquis Tyquan Porcher, 24, of Copeland Street, was arrested on Monday and charged with second-degree burglary and possession of burglary tools after he allegedly took an unknown amount of jewelry from a business in the 1100 block of Broad Street.

However, a Sumter police officer caught Porcher in the act of running out of the business with a handful of jewelry before he was able to get far.

In an incident report, the responding officer stated he saw the subject, later identified as Porcher, run out of the broken front glass door carrying jewelry a little before 1 a.m.

Porcher was located about 20 minutes later hiding behind a wooden wire wheel behind Brewers Bar and Grill on Wesmark Boulevard with miscellaneous jewelry on the ground beside him.

He was taken to Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center.

\$15K worth of items stolen after alleged domestic assault

A woman reported that her live-in ex-boyfriend took approximately \$15,450 worth of items — a TV valued at \$200; a white MacBook valued at \$250; a rose gold iPhone 8 Plus valued at \$1,000; a wallet containing identification cards; all of her clothing, valued at \$1,000; and her silver 2016 Toyota Corolla, valued at \$13,000 — after he physically attacked her while in the 900 block of Miller Road about 10:50 a.m. on Saturday.

Responding officers photographed swelling, cuts and red marks on the woman's face, neck, arms and back.

Officers were unable to make contact with the suspect after arriving at the scene.

Cash stolen during fight at Sumter Mall

Approximately \$3,200 in cash was stolen from a shopper after someone "unintentionally" grabbed her purse during a physical altercation at a shoe store in the mall, spilling the contents onto the floor, states an incident report from Sumter Police Department.

Surveillance video from the store shows two physical altercations starting at the same time and one person picking up what appears to be cash after several items are knocked onto the floor. The person then exited the store.

All people involved in the altercations had already left the scene by the time a Sumter police officer arrived.

No tag, no license, no insurance, no drive

Sumter Police Department arrested a 56-year-old man who was driving with an expired tag, suspended license and no proof of insurance on Sunday.

A police officer gave Michael Jerome Moses Sr., of Malone Drive, a ride to Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center on Sunday evening after he failed to present proof of insurance, vehicle registration and a valid license during a traffic stop.

Moses was pulled over while traveling on Calhoun Street after the officer discovered the license tag attached to Moses' white Infiniti had expired in March 2017. He also has an open warrant from Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

Moses is charged with driving under suspension, first offense, and received a courtesy summons for not having proof of insurance and improper use of dealer tags.

Man, 58, arrested after Mayesville break-in

On Thursday, Sumter County Sheriff's Office charged a man, 58, with allegedly kicking in a door during an apparent burglary on Aug. 1.

John Wesley Moses, of Jerry Street, is accused of entering a residence in the 2000 block of Avenue B in Mayesville without consent.

Once inside, Moses reportedly fled the property when he saw the homeowner.

Moses is charged with second-degree burglary.

2 vehicles, more than \$3,000 in damage

A woman reported about \$3,260 worth of damage to her two vehicles while they were parked at her residence on South Sumter Street between 10 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Approximately \$1,600 in damage was caused to the woman's gold 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe when the rear right tire was cut and scratches were made on the left side doors; and \$1,660 in damage was caused to her black 2008 Dodge Charger when both rear right tires were cut and scratches were made on the left side and hood of the vehicle.

— Compiled by Adrienne Sarvis

STATE BRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Sheriff: Homeless man propositioned teen girl

YORK — A South Carolina man who was given shelter from the rain is accused of propositioning the homeowner's 13-year-old daughter.

Citing a York County Sheriff's Office incident report, the *Herald* of Rock Hill reported the homeowner told authorities she let Leonard Dale Dover stay at her home because he was homeless and it was raining. The report says that while she was at the store, Dover offered her daughter money for several sexual acts as he performed sex acts on himself.

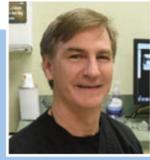
The girl used her cellphone to record some of Dover's actions.

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Hiroshima remembers atomic bombing

TOKYO (AP) — Hiroshima marked the anniversary of the Aug. 6, 1945, atomic bombing of the city with a somber ceremony Monday to remember those killed and injured and a call to eliminate nuclear weapons amid hopes of denuclearizing North Korea.

Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui opened his speech by describing the hellish scene of the blast that morning 73 years ago and the agony of the victims, telling the audience to listen "as if you and your loved ones were there." Then he raised concerns about the global rise of egocentrism and tensions, and urged Japan's government to take more leadership toward achieving a truly nuclear-free world.

"Certain countries are blatantly proclaiming self-centered nationalism and modernizing their nuclear arsenals, rekindling tensions that had eased with the end of the Cold War," Matsui said, without identifying the nations. Nuclear deterrence and nuclear umbrellas are "inherently unstable and extremely dangerous" approaches that seek to maintain

international order by only generating fear in rival countries, he said, urging world leaders to negotiate in good faith to eliminate nuclear arsenals instead.

The U.S. attack on Hiroshima killed 140,000 people, and the bombing of Nagasaki killed more than 70,000 three days later, leading to Japan's surrender and ending World War II.

Matsui said in his speech that Japan's government should do more to achieve a nuclear-free world by helping the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons take effect. Japan, which hosts U.S. troops and is covered by the U.S. nuclear umbrella protecting it from attack, has not signed the treaty.

Japan should live up to the spirit of its pacifist constitution to lead the international community "toward dialogue and cooperation for a world without nuclear weapons," Matsui said.

About 50,000 people, including Hiroshima residents and representatives from 58 countries, including U.S. Ambassador William Hagerty, attended this year's ceremony.

11 dead, nearly 70 wounded in weekend violence in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — At least 11 people were shot to death and about 70 wounded in a weekend burst of violence in Chicago.

Police on Monday attributed the dozens of shootings to gangs, the illegal flow of guns and sweltering August heat that drew more people outside.

The victims ranged in age from 11 to 63, according to police. One teenage girl died after being shot in the face. A teenage boy was fatally shot riding a bike Sunday afternoon. Other shootings took place at a block party and a funeral.

Even for Chicagoans all too accustomed to violence in parts of the city, the weekend stood out. By way of comparison, at least seven people were killed and 32 wounded during the long Memorial Day weekend, the *Chicago Tribune* reported.

"Our souls are burdened,"



Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson, with Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, left, speaks at a news conference in Chicago on Monday.

COLIN BOYLE / CHICAGO SUN-TIMES VIA AP

Mayor Rahm Emanuel said. "It is unacceptable to happen in any neighborhood of Chicago. We are a better city."

Most of the shootings happened in poor neighborhoods on the West and South Sides where gangs are entrenched, Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson said at a conference on Monday.

Johnson noted that homicides in the city are down by around 20 percent from last year. But he said gang members and others arrested on

gun charges aren't dealt with harshly enough.

"It is the same people who are pulling the triggers," he said. "This is a small subset of individuals who think they can play by their own rules because they continue to get a slap on the wrist when we arrest them."

Days before the attacks, some 200 protesters marched through a well-to-do North Side neighborhood and briefly closed Lake Shore Drive, calling for more resources to stem violence in poor areas.

Teenage lemonade stand robber on the run

MONROE, N.C. (AP) — Authorities say a teenager who held up a North Carolina lemonade stand for \$17 is still at large. They're hoping to track him down through surveillance footage and possible DNA and fingerprint tests.

Union County Sheriff's Office Spokesman Tony Underwood said Monday that investigators are still looking for the suspect, who the 9-year-old lemonade vendor said pointed a black gun at him and took his cash box.

Underwood says deputies have asked neighbors to check their home cameras for clues.

He says a camouflage hat and BB pistol found nearby may be checked for fingerprints and DNA.

The stickup happened Saturday steps from the boy's home in Monroe, about 30 miles southeast of Charlotte.

Neighbor Kelly Smith says the boy opened his stand at the neighborhood pool Sunday.

Mothers of 11 children found at New Mexico compound arrested

TAOS, N.M. (AP) — Three women thought to be the mothers of 11 children found hungry and living in a filthy makeshift compound in rural northern New Mexico have been arrested, following the weekend arrests of two men, authorities said Monday.

A message that people were starving, thought sent by someone inside the compound, led to the discovery of the children. A boy last seen in Alabama in December traveling with one of the men who was arrested has not been found.

Taos County, New Mexico, Sheriff Jerry Hogrefe said that the women and the two men face charges of child abuse. He identified the women as Jany Leveille, 38-year-old Hujrah Wahhaj and 35-year-old Subhannah Wahha. They were arrested in the town of

Taos and booked into jail.

The children ranging in age from 1 to 15 were removed from the compound in the small community of Amalia near the Colorado border and turned over to state child-welfare workers.

Police are still are looking for AG Wahhaj, reported missing from Georgia's Clayton County, Hogrefe said.

The boy's mother told police he left with his father, Siraj Ibn Wahhaj, for a trip to a park and never returned. The child was 3 at the time.

Siraj Ibn Wahhaj was detained on an outstanding warrant in Georgia alleging child abduction. Lucas Morten was jailed on suspicion of harboring a fugitive, Sheriff Jerry Hogrefe said.

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Trump reimposes sanctions to levy pressure on Iran

BY ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump signed an executive order Monday reimposing many sanctions on Iran, three months after pulling out of the Iran nuclear deal, saying the U.S. policy is to levy "maximum economic pressure" on the country.

In a statement, Trump said the 2015 international accord to freeze Iran's nuclear program in return for lifting sanctions was a "horrible, one-sided deal" and said it left the Iranian government flush with cash to use to fuel conflict in the Middle East.

"We urge all nations to take such steps to make clear that the Iranian regime faces a choice: either change its threatening, destabilizing behavior and reintegrate with the global economy, or continue down a path of economic isolation," Trump said.

Trump warned that those who don't wind down their economic ties to Iran "risk severe consequences" under the reimposed sanctions.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo says renewed U.S. sanctions on Iran will be rigorously enforced and remain in place until the Iranian government radically changes course.

Speaking to reporters en route from a three-nation trip to Southeast Asia, Pompeo said Monday's reimposition of some sanctions is an important pillar in U.S. policy toward Iran. He said the Trump administration is open to looking beyond sanctions but that would "require enormous change" from Tehran.

"We're hopeful that we can find a way to move forward, but it's going to require enormous change on the part of the Iranian regime," he said Sunday. "They've got to behave like a normal country. That's the ask. It's

pretty simple."

European foreign ministers said Monday they "deeply regret" the reimposition of U.S. sanctions.

A statement by European Union foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini and foreign ministers of France, Germany and the United Kingdom insisted that the 2015 Iran nuclear deal "is working and delivering on its goal" of limiting Iran's nuclear program.

The ministers said the Iran deal is "crucial for the security of Europe, the region and the entire world."

A senior administration official said the United States is "not particularly concerned" by EU efforts to protect European firms from the reimposition of sanctions.

The official was not authorized to discuss the matter by name and spoke Monday on condition of anonymity.

The European Union issued a "blocking statute" Monday to protect

European businesses from the impact of the sanctions.

The official says the U.S. will use the sanctions aggressively and cited Iran's severe economic downturn this year as evidence the sanctions would prove to be effective despite opposition from the EU, China and Russia.

Pompeo called the Iranian leadership "bad actors" and said Trump is intent on getting them to "behave like a normal country."

A first set of U.S. sanctions that had been eased by the Obama administration under the terms of the landmark 2015 Iran nuclear deal took effect on Monday, following Trump's May decision to withdraw from the accord. Those sanctions target Iran's automotive sector as well as gold and other metals. A second batch of U.S. sanctions targeting Iran's oil sector and central bank will be reimposed in early November.

Idaho agribusiness lands gene editing licensing rights

BY KEITH RIDLER
Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — A multinational agricultural company based in Idaho has acquired gene editing licensing rights that could one day be used to help farmers produce more crops and make grocery store offerings such as strawberries, potatoes and avocados stay fresher longer.

J.R. Simplot Company on Monday announced the agreement with DowDuPont Inc. and the Broad Institute of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University, developers of the nascent gene editing technology. Simplot is the first agricultural company to receive such a license.

"We think this is a transformative technology — it's very powerful," said Issi Rozen, chief business officer of the Broad Institute. "We're delighted that Simplot is the first one to take advantage of the licensing."

J.R. Simplot officials declined to say how much the company paid for the licensing rights acquired through a process intended to prevent the technology from being used unethically. The technology allows scientists to make precise changes to the genome of living organisms and has wide-ranging applications for improving plant food production and quality. "The issues are about getting the right kind of food produced in the right kind of way," said Neal Gutterson, chief technology officer at Corteva Agriscience, DowDuPont's agriculture division. "It's important to be able to produce enough food for the nine to 10 billion people who will be on the planet in 30 years."

The gene editing technology is called CRISPR-Cas9, the first part an acronym for "clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats." The technology speeds up the traditional process of breeding generation after generation of plants to get a certain desirable trait, saving years in developing new varieties that are as safe as traditionally developed varieties, scientists say.

Essentially, if an organism's genome is made analo-

gous to a large manuscript, CRISPR-Cas9 allows scientists to edit specific words in the manuscript using a "search and replace" function. One of the remaining challenges, scientists say, is getting the complete genome for particular food crops. Or, to use the analogy, to not only have the complete manuscript but to have it translated so scientists know where to make the edits.

The CRISPR-Cas9 technology is so new that in March the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which regulates how

food is produced, issued a statement clarifying its oversight of foods produced with gene editing. "Under its biotechnology regulations, USDA does not regulate or have any plans to regulate plants that could otherwise have been developed through traditional breeding techniques," the agency said.

Simplot markets products in more than 40 countries, and it has major operations in the United States, China, Canada, Australia and Mexico. The company, which is a top producer of avocados

grown in Mexico and sold in the U.S., is perhaps best known for potatoes.

The company has already used other genetic techniques to adapt genes from wild and cultivated potatoes to produce commercially sold potatoes that resist bruising and late blight, which caused the Irish Potato Famine and continues to cause problems for potato farmers. Gene editing is expected to further the company's expertise in potatoes.

"That's part of our vision for Simplot — to be the

knowledge leader for potatoes," said Susan Collinge, vice president of plant sciences at Simplot, where she supervises about 95 plant scientists.

Idaho produces 13 billion pounds of potatoes annually — a third of the nation's potatoes — worth about \$1.2 billion.

Gene editing likely wouldn't result in new varieties of potatoes for at least five years, and probably longer before the potatoes could be sold commercially, Collinge said.

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SHAFFER

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media at 4 p.m. on Monday, include an executive session to discuss a personnel matter in the Public Safety Department and the receipt of legal advice regarding a personnel matter.

The agenda does not list which department will receive the legal advice, though; according to state Freedom of Information Act laws on open meetings, it should. The agenda also lists "possible action following executive session."

Two members of Manning City Council have already voted once to terminate Shaffer — Sherry A. Welle and Clayton Pack, along with Mayor Julia Nelson, comprise the three-member Public Safety Committee that fired Shaffer in a letter signed by Nelson dated July 11.

That leaves Ervin Davis Sr., Julius Dukes Jr., Diane Georgia and Johnny Gordon as the four other council members who have not

voted on Shaffer's employment.

In the termination letter, Tanner cited Shaffer "yelling and speaking in harsh tones" to a city official; raising his voice to a judicial officer; failing to follow the city policies in promoting officers in his department; and asking police officers to sign a letter affirming they understood the department's "chain of command" as reasons for his firing.

The termination letter was among more than 70 pages of Shaffer's personnel file and other documents *The Sumter Item* obtained on July 19 in response to a FOIA request. Anything hinting at a record of Shaffer yelling at other city or judicial employees or the letter he reportedly asked his officers to sign were not included.

At the initial Grievance Committee hearing on Aug. 2, Tanner admitted he signed off on the promotions in question but that he was unaware of an internal policy from 2011 that made them in violation.

A statement from an officer Shaffer wanted to fire on disciplinary grounds was also not included in the FOIA response. Shaffer said at the hearing his firing was retaliation for attempting to terminate the officer despite what he said was Nelson telling him not to.

During the Aug. 2 hearing, Davis said he walked into the room to listen to the hearing but was asked to leave by one of the city's attorneys, Kenneth Davis. Councilman Davis said the attorney told him that should he remain in the hearing, he may be asked to recuse himself from voting when the matter appears before council for a final decision.

Manning operates on a weak mayor/strong council form of governance, meaning the council has voting authority, and the mayor only votes to break a tie.

"If I had known that Mayor Julia Nelson was in the room, I'd have stayed," Councilman Davis said. "When the vote comes to council, she should recuse herself if the vote is tied."

FIRE

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transported to the Medical University of South Carolina. The mother was taken to Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Dahl said she and her neighbors have been trying to keep an eye on their house because they have seen people going inside to steal items.

"My son got some teddy bears and started putting them out in front of their door, and now the neighbors started putting things here and there for them. There's balloons and flowers," she said.

She said on Monday that her husband was planning to make a Go Fund Me ac-

count for the mother and children when he got home from work that afternoon.

"They don't even have a home to go to now," she said.

According to Duggan and a fire department report, 100 apparatus and 18 personnel responded from the department to the blaze. They arrived three minutes after the alarm came in.

Duggan said the fire started in the living room and is not thought to be suspicious.

There was no working smoke detector and no automatic extinguisher system in the house, he and the report said.

No occupants in the other side of the duplex were injured.



A Go Fund Me page is being set up online for a family who lost their husband and father on Bowman Drive.

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McQUILLA

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in *The Item* by a few of the Concerned Clergymen, I have given my life to public education and the children of Sumter County," McQuilla said. "I owe no allegiance to any special-interest group or persons in Sumter. My primary interest has been, and will continue to be, what is best for the children in Sumter County."

It was determined by an

outside consultant last year that the crisis was because of unbudgeted hiring and a lack of proper communication between the district's finance and human resources departments.

Since then, the district has created a new chief financial

officer position, a new interim superintendent is in the place, and the district has improved its financial position with an estimated fund balance now of about \$6 million.

McQuilla said she's happy the district is back on sound financial footing and hopes

competent people will always be employed in the district's business office and schools.

"I'm prepared for another chapter in my life," McQuilla said. "Also, I would like to spend more time with my grandchildren who live in Maryland because a month

after I was elected to the school board [four years ago], my only child passed away."

As of press time, three candidates have filed for the Area 3 seat on the board: Josh Coleman, John Shipman and Matthew "Mac" McLeod.

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Portugal tames wildfire; French cities ban cars

BY BARRY HATTON
Associated Press

LISBON, Portugal — Firefighters in Portugal were close to bringing a major, four-day wildfire near a popular tourist area under control Monday as sweltering weather gripped much of Europe.

The Portuguese Civil Protection Agency said firefighters had contained 95 percent of the blaze in rolling hills by the country's southern Algarve coast, though they were wary of reignitions and changes in the wind.

The news brought relief for locals and tourists who spent tense hours after dark Sunday as the huge blaze passed by the outskirts of Monchique, a town of 2,000 people, 155 miles south of Lisbon.

High plumes of black smoke from the wildfire could be seen from the famous beaches of Portugal's Algarve region.

As the smoke gradually cleared Monday, 13 aircraft swung into action, including two large Canadair water-dropping planes sent by Spain. More than 1,100 firefighters were deployed to fight the blaze.

Authorities said 44 people required medical assistance, including a 72-year-old woman who was seriously hurt.

The blaze erupted amid a heatwave caused by a mass of hot air from North Africa that sent temperatures in Portugal and Spain over 113 Fahrenheit over the weekend.

The rest of Europe has also felt the torrid recent weather.

In France, where four nuclear reactors have been temporarily closed due to the heat, three cities banned the most polluting cars from the roads because of heat-linked ozone pollution. In Paris and Strasbourg, the ban concerned vehicles that are 12 years and older, while in Lyon only cars with a clean air sticker were allowed.

The heat wave in France was expected to last until Thursday, with temperatures peaking today.

In Germany, the grape harvest started on its earliest date yet amid an exceptionally hot summer. The first grapes are used to make Federweisser, a young wine that gives the first hints about the year's potential quality. The main harvest is

expected to start in late August or early September.

In Norway, authorities warned motorists to watch out for reindeer and sheep taking shelter from the heat in highway tunnels. The country has an estimated 220,000 reindeer and more than 800,000 sheep.

Neighboring Sweden has been fighting an uncommon number of wildfires this summer, even above the Arctic Circle, and a European Union official pointed his finger at climate change.

"We are facing a new reality," EU Humanitarian Aid Commissioner Christos Stylianides said. As a result, the EU must become "collectively better prepared and stronger in responding to multiple disasters across the continent."

Over the weekend, Lisbon broke a 37-year-old record to notch its hottest temperature ever, and new heat records were set in 26 places around Portugal.

That extreme heat was easing a bit Monday, but parts of south and northeast Portugal remained at "extreme risk" of wildfires, according to the national weather agency.

Thousands left homeless by quake on Indonesian island

SENGGIGI, Indonesia (AP) — Thousands left homeless by a powerful quake that ruptured roads and flattened buildings on the Indonesian tourist island of Lombok sheltered Monday night in makeshift tents as authorities said rescuers hadn't yet reached all devastated areas and expect the toll of 98 dead to climb.

It was the second deadly quake in a week to hit Lombok, a less-developed island compared with its more famous neighbor Bali, where the strong tremors caused panic and damaged buildings.

A July 29 quake killed 16 people and damaged hundreds of houses on Lombok, some of which collapsed in Sunday evening's quake, measured at magnitude 7.0 by Indonesian authorities and 6.9 by the U.S. Geological Survey.

Damage was "massive" in mountainous northern Lombok, where the quake was centered, said National Disaster Mitigation Agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho. In several districts, more than half the homes were destroyed or severely damaged.

A large mosque collapsed on worshippers in northern Lombok's Lading-Lading village, and rescuers used a backhoe to search the debris. The number of victims was unknown.

Some areas still hadn't been reached 24 hours after the quake because of collapsed bridges, blocked and ruptured roads and the loss of power and communications.

Nugroho said the death toll had risen to 98 and warned it will continue to increase. All but two were killed on Lombok; the oth-



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A doctor examines children injured in the earthquake at a makeshift hospital in Tanjung on Lombok Island, Indonesia, on Monday.

ers died on Bali.

More than 230 people were seriously injured. Thousands of homes and buildings were damaged, and those displaced camped wherever they could — in sports fields and on roadsides, cobbling together ramshackle shelters and building campfires for warmth.

Sahril, who uses one name, said he escaped his collapsing house in North Lombok with his immediate family, but his older brother is buried in his flattened home in the village of Cubek.

"He was serving customers when the earthquake happened. The customers managed to escape, but he himself didn't," Sahril said. "His two-story house collapsed and buried him. He had no chance to scream (for) help."

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COMMENTARY

We have model for improving S.C. education

We just need to follow it

As the final moments of an 18-day ordeal unfolded before him, Citadel graduate and Air Force Maj. Charles Hodges felt a sense of relief, the same one felt the world over.

Twelve boys and their soccer coach, stranded in a cave in northern Thailand, had been rescued. Maj. Hodges' unit was part of a multinational effort to save the boys.

"It took every single one of us, putting our heads together and pushing aside any sort of political or cultural differences, and doing our best to find a solution to do this," Hodges said. "What I take away from this is how much can be accomplished from teamwork."

It is said that Americans are great at responding to a fire in their neighbor's attic, but not so much on termites in his basement.

Today South Carolinians face an increasingly urgent call to action from a broad array of education advocacy groups. Current headlines

about education in South Carolina are not at all positive.

It wasn't always that way, and it doesn't have to be that way in the future. You might be surprised by the headlines that were written about the S.C. Education Improvement Act:

- "They said it couldn't be done, but (Gov. Dick) Riley worked a miracle" (*The State*, July 1, 1984).

- "Once near the bottom, (S.C.) state schools rank first in improvement" (*Chicago Tribune*, May 6, 1986).

- "South Carolina implemented the broadest reforms of any state in the South" (*USA Today*, October 29, 1987).

- "South Carolina scores high marks as states act to improve their educational standards" (*The Wall Street Journal*, June 10, 1988).

The foundation of new funding, education reforms and educator-parent-business partnerships that was created by the EIA paved the way for positive changes that lasted into the 1990s and early 2000s.

That experience made it clear that major educational improvements are possible in South Carolina.

As a result, South Carolina ranked fifth among all the states in the composite gains in math, reading and science from 1992 through 2011 in 4th and 8th grades on the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

I was part of a broad-based coalition that had the opportunity to be in the middle of developing, promoting and monitoring the many education improvements in the EIA. What we saw was a remarkable coming together of this coalition of classroom teachers, administrators, parents and business and civic leaders to analyze the education problems of that time.

These diverse interests developed a comprehensive set of strategies that positively impacted our students from preschool through high school and from struggling students to gifted students. And we saw a willingness to fund all the reforms and phase them in over a reasonable period of time.

The key to making this happen was the leadership of then-Gov. Richard W. Riley. He worked tirelessly at gaining local input and promoting the needed education changes by visiting several hundred schools and neighborhoods and hosting countless meetings in the governor's office and the Governor's Mansion.

After 35 years, we need to do this again. Our 750,000 students in South Carolina need and deserve such dramatic educational improvements.

The pace of change has increased dramatically since passage of the EIA, but the essential leadership

characteristics modeled by Gov. Riley are timeless:

1. The vision to see a problem or condition in terms of what it could become if we do not change.
2. The ability to articulate the need to change.
3. The ability to know when to act.
4. The ability to enlist others into the fray.
5. And the practicality required to translate vision into reality.

You can learn more about this effort and Gov. Riley's leadership style by visiting the "Richard W. Riley: Statesman of Education" exhibit, which opened Monday in USC's Hollings Special Collections Library.

Of the exhibit, Gov. Riley has said, "I hope they will learn that a good public servant will be positive and respectful, willing to listen, hear both sides of an issue, collaborate, make fair and principled decisions, have high integrity and a strong work ethic and care deeply about all people, even those who might be different or with whom one might disagree."

Wise words indeed.

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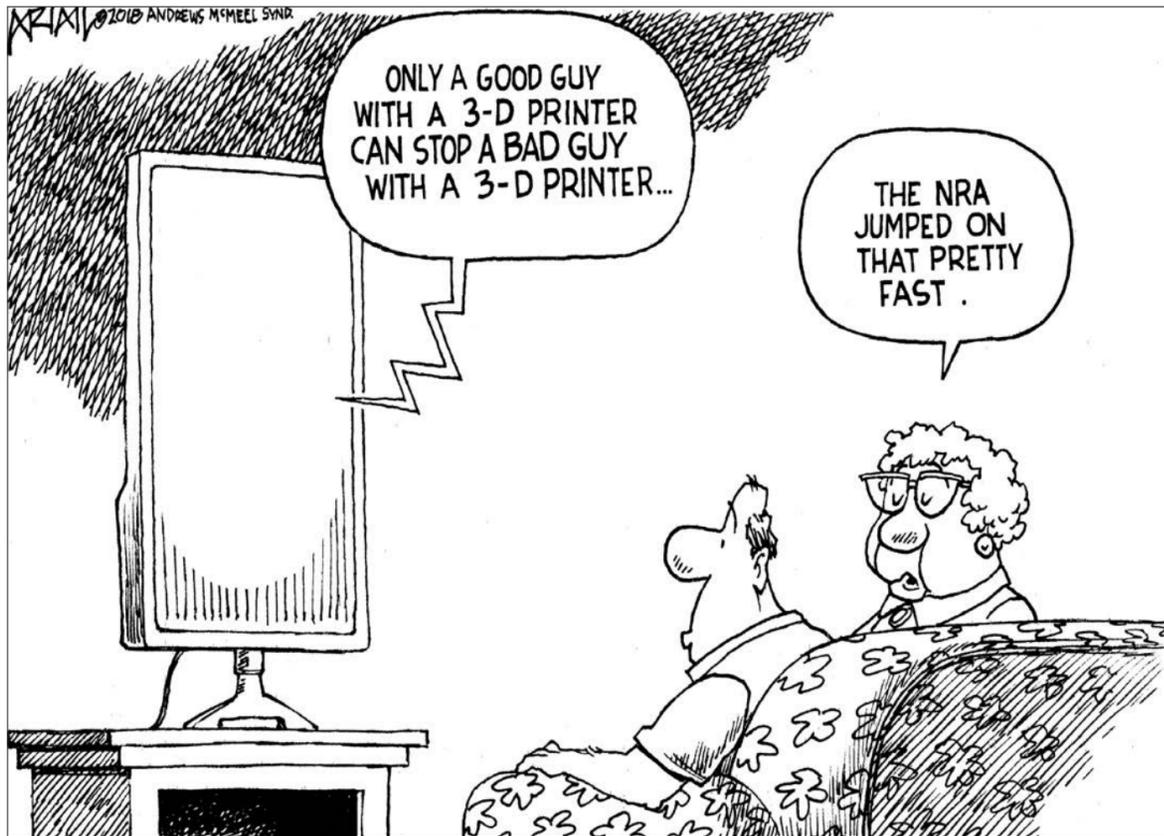
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

IMPACT OF COLLEGE CHAOS WILL LEAD TO NATION'S COLLAPSE

As a professor in a college setting for over 30 years, I have had direct contact with the college classroom setting and have personally observed some negative trends in the college and university environment. What was once the center of intellectual and cultural enrichment, colleges and universities today have eroded and have simply surrendered their historic position. Today a tsunami of offended and illogical student groups and teachers have expressed their ire, fear and frustration on the institution and have essentially eviscerated any concept of free speech and intellectual liberty. Many students would like to develop their intellectual skills and talents but are often overwhelmed by screaming elements of the offended. Thus, chaos at many colleges dictates the direction of learning and decorum. This has been evolving over the last 50 years but now has reached a climax, and unless some sense of logic and reason is restored, higher education is doomed. The impact of this has reverberated in all directions of our society and will only lead to the collapse of our nation itself.

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COMMENTARY

Liberals are actually against freedom of conscience

Why is it considered "liberal" to compel others to say or fund things they don't believe? That's a question raised by three Supreme Court decisions this year. And it's a puzzling development for those of us old enough to remember when liberals championed free speech — even advocacy of sedition or sodomy — and conservatives wanted government to restrain or limit it.



Michael Barone

The three cases dealt with quite different issues. In *National Institute of Family Life Advocates v. Becerra*, a 5-4 majority of the court overturned a California statute that required anti-abortion crisis pregnancy centers to inform clients where they could obtain free or inexpensive abortions — something the centers regard as homicide.

The same 5-4 majority in a second case, *Janus v. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees*, re-

versed a 41-year-old precedent and ruled that public employees don't have to pay unions fees that cover the cost of collective bargaining. Echoing a position taken by then-President Franklin Roosevelt in the 1930s, the court reasoned that collective bargaining with a public employer is inevitably a political matter and that forcing employees to finance it is compelling them to subsidize political speech with which they disagree.

In the third case, *Masterpiece Cakeshop Ltd. v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission*, the court avoided a direct decision on whether a baker, whose Christian belief opposed same-sex marriage, could refuse to design a custom wedding cake for a same-sex couple, contrary to a state law that bars discrimination against gays. Seven justices ruled that the commission showed an impermissible animus against religion, but the four liberal justices endorsed a separate opinion indicating they'd rule against the baker otherwise.

Rational arguments can now be made for the dissenters' positions. In *Becerra*, they argued that the law simply prevented misleading advertising; in *Janus*, they argued that union

members should pay for services rendered; in *Masterpiece Bakery*, they argued that selling a cake is a routine service, not a form of expression. You may not agree, but you can see why others might make these arguments. But are they "liberal"? That word comes from a Latin root that means "free."

And "free" is the keyword in the First Amendment to the Constitution, which bars Congress from passing laws "prohibiting the free exercise" of religion or "abridging the freedom of speech or of the press."

The Supreme Court First Amendment jurisprudence got its start almost exactly 100 years ago, in cases challenging laws passed by a Democratic Congress and endorsed by a Democratic administration, prohibiting opposition to the government and, specifically, American participation in World War I.

The justices hesitated to block such prosecutions, but those considered "liberal" — Republican appointee Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes and Democratic appointee Justice Louis Brandeis — were most likely to look askance. The American Civil Liberties Union was founded in 1920 to defend the free speech rights of every-

one, even vile extremists.

Unhappily, the ACLU today subordinates free speech to other values, like defending the sensibilities of certain students on campuses. And other liberals have been moving in the same direction. It's less important for them that people say what they think and more important that they say what the government requires.

In his Bagehot blog, the Economist's Adrian Wooldridge describes the process. Historically, he says, liberals understood that conflict was inevitable and tried to foster freedom based on their distrust of power, faith in progress and belief in civic respect. But today, Wooldridge writes, "liberalism as a philosophy has been captured by a technocratic-managerial-cosmopolitan elite." They have moved from making "a critique of the existing power structure" to becoming "one of the most powerful elites in history." In response, we see "a revolt of the provinces against the city": Brexit, Donald Trump. In counter-response, as Niall Ferguson puts it in a column for *The Atlantic*, "liberals" are increasingly authoritarian.

Like the "liberal" Supreme

Court justices, who don't see a constitutional problem with compelling crisis pregnancy centers to send messages they find repugnant, or requiring union members to subsidize political speech they disagree with, or forcing people to participate in ceremonies prohibited by their religion.

In the process, they are providing support for Friedrich Hayek's argument in "The Road to Serfdom" that moving toward socialism means moving toward authoritarianism. And they seem to not have noticed Yale Law Professor Stephen Carter's observation, as quoted in *The Atlantic*, that "every law is violent" because "Behind every exercise of law stands the sheriff."

Carter calls for "a degree of humility" in passing and enforcing laws that compel speech against conscience — something today's "liberals" seem to have forgotten.

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AROUND TOWN

The American Red Cross is issuing an urgent call for blood donors of all blood types, especially type O. Schedule your donation appointment by using the free Blood Donor App, by visiting www.redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Help save a life by participating in one of the following American Red Cross blood donation opportunities: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 230 Alice Drive; 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, YMCA of Sumter, 510 Miller Road; and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, Shaw Air Force Base BX Exchange Building, 370 Rhodes Ave., Building 1403, Shaw AFB.

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

The Sumter Satellite James R. Clark Memorial Sickle Cell Foundation will host a back-to-school giveaway from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 8, at South Sumter Resource Center, 337 Manning Ave. There will be door prizes, lunch and fun and games.

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

The Mayesville Area Community Coalition's 12th annual back-to-school event will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11, at Mayesville Elementary School. You must have a completed application turned in no later than Aug. 6 to a coalition member or the local church to qualify for basic school supplies and free backpack. Applications are available at Mayesville local churches and The Station. Children must be present to pick up items. Ages

3-18 (no college students) may participate. Call Dr. Deborah L. Wheeler at (803) 983-7221, Margie Jefferson at (803) 453-5441 or Neola Davis at (803) 453-6078 for more information.

The Sumter Police Department's Annual Back-to-School Bash will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Aug. 14, at Crosswell Park, North Lafayette Drive. Event will feature DJ Howie, food, balloon artists, face painting, a water park and more. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years of age or older.

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

The Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association (LH-SPAA) will meet at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 19, at 26 Council St. Call the alumni office 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays or Wednesdays at (803) 775-0444.

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

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

PUBLIC AGENDA

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

BISHOPVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Today, 6:30 p.m., Colclough Building

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

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Look inward and assess what you see.

Personal changes will help you conquer the qualities you don't like about yourself. Set new expectations and strive to reach them. Proper diet and a safe fitness regimen are encouraged.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Go over your plans in detail. Don't leave anything to chance. Listen carefully to what others have to contribute, and stick to a strategy that is realistic. Positive changes can be achieved if you incorporate moderation into your everyday routine.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Share your thoughts and feelings and you will make a difference to someone who shares your concerns. Personal physical and emotional changes can be made that will improve your outlook as well as your life. Social events and travel are favored.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't share too much information about your financial, legal or medical status. Listen to what others have to say; you will gain valuable information that will give you the edge in a competitive situation. Keep your life moderate and simple.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Trust your intuition when it comes to joint ventures. Don't get in over your head financially. Cut your overhead instead of adding to it. Listen, ask questions, but do not overreact or you will never get your way. Look for workable solutions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Before implementing a change, go over all the pros and cons. Explore the possibilities and use past experience or the advice of an expert to spare you taking on too

much or overspending when it's not necessary.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put more physical energy into the things you want to accomplish. Whether it's learning something new or making changes at home that will add to your comfort or convenience, the more you are willing to do yourself, the better the results.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take a moment to observe what others are doing. Someone may try to set you up for a fall if you are too trusting or willing to let someone else speak on your behalf. Use your imagination and focus on creative endeavors.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotions will be difficult to control. Speak up about your plans, but keep a positive attitude and present a welcome picture to the people you look to for support. A physical change will boost your ego. Romance is highlighted.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take better care of your health. Don't overdo it physically or take on an emotional challenge that isn't necessary. Bring about a positive change at home or to the way you live. Discipline will be required when temptation arises.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Networking may be your intent, but someone close to you will be jealous of your connection to some of the people you deal with at work. Overreacting will only make matters worse. Share your thoughts and feelings.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You are better off doing your own thing and looking for opportunities to make positive changes to your income and ability to advance. Don't let an emotional incident cause you to miss out on a good deal.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
92°	74°	95° / 75°	93° / 74°	91° / 73°	90° / 73°
Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 65%
SW 4-8 mph	SSW 4-8 mph	WSW 6-12 mph	WSW 6-12 mph	WSW 4-8 mph	SW 4-8 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

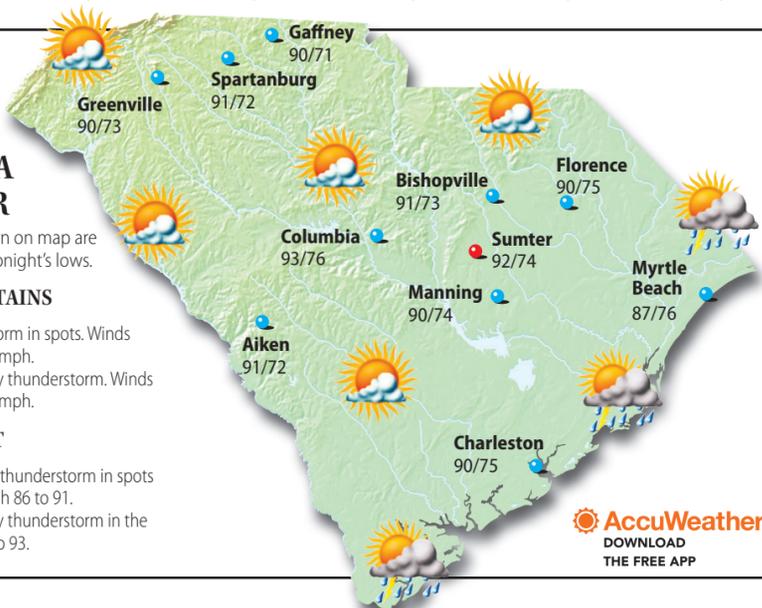
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

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

ON THE COAST

Today: A shower or thunderstorm in spots in the afternoon. High 86 to 91.
Wednesday: A stray thunderstorm in the afternoon. High 89 to 93.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
92°	92°	72°	90°	69°	102° in 1980	58° in 1948

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date	Last year to date	Normal year to date
0.02"	0.02"	0.70"	1.18"	22.61"	26.57"	29.52"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	358.15	+0.07
Marion	76.8	75.57	-0.02
Moultrie	75.5	74.91	-0.30
Wateree	100	97.00	none

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	8.39	+0.17
Congaree River	19	6.73	-0.96
Lynches River	14	3.50	-0.51
Saluda River	14	6.98	-0.01
Up. Santee River	80	79.69	+0.31
Wateree River	24	13.03	+3.42

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:38 a.m.	Sunset	8:17 p.m.
Moonrise	2:31 a.m.	Moonsset	4:52 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Aug. 11	Aug. 18	Aug. 26	Sep. 2

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	5:29 a.m.	2.8	12:20 a.m.	0.5
	6:09 p.m.	3.5	12:27 p.m.	-0.2
Wed.	6:34 a.m.	2.9	1:24 a.m.	0.3
	7:12 p.m.	3.7	1:29 p.m.	-0.4

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	92/75/pc	91/73/t
Chicago	81/67/t	85/69/s
Dallas	98/79/s	95/76/t
Detroit	83/68/t	84/65/pc
Houston	91/75/t	92/74/t
Los Angeles	96/72/s	95/69/s
New Orleans	91/77/pc	90/74/t
New York	90/76/pc	88/74/t
Orlando	90/75/t	92/76/t
Philadelphia	91/77/pc	90/74/t
Phoenix	111/88/pc	104/84/pc
San Francisco	69/55/pc	68/54/pc
Wash., DC	93/77/pc	93/74/t

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	85/68/pc	85/67/t	Florence	90/75/pc	94/75/t
Athens	92/73/pc	92/72/t	Gainesville	93/74/pc	92/74/t
Augusta	93/73/pc	95/74/t	Gastonia	92/72/pc	93/71/t
Beaufort	91/76/pc	93/78/t	Goldensboro	91/75/pc	93/75/t
Cape Hatteras	87/79/pc	87/79/t	Greensboro	89/75/pc	92/76/t
Charleston	90/75/pc	92/77/t	Greensboro	90/73/pc	91/70/pc
Charlotte	93/72/pc	95/73/t	Greenville	90/73/pc	91/72/t
Clemson	92/72/pc	91/72/t	Hickory	91/69/pc	91/69/t
Columbia	93/76/pc	96/77/t	Hilton Head	88/78/pc	90/78/t
Darlington	91/74/pc	94/74/t	Jacksonville, FL	93/74/pc	93/74/t
Elizabeth City	90/75/pc	92/73/t	La Grange	94/74/pc	91/73/t
Elizabethtown	89/74/pc	93/75/t	Macon	95/74/pc	94/73/t
Fayetteville	91/75/pc	94/75/t	Marietta	92/74/pc	90/72/t
			Marion	89/68/pc	88/67/t
			Mt. Pleasant	89/77/pc	91/78/t
			Myrtle Beach	87/76/pc	90/77/t
			Orangeburg	91/74/pc	94/74/t
			Port Royal	89/77/pc	91/77/t
			Raleigh	92/75/pc	94/73/t
			Rock Hill	92/72/pc	94/71/pc
			Rockingham	91/73/pc	95/73/t
			Savannah	92/75/pc	94/76/t
			Spartanburg	91/72/pc	92/71/t
			Summerville	89/74/pc	91/75/t
			Wilmington	88/75/pc	90/76/t
			Winston-Salem	90/72/pc	92/70/t

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PICTURES FROM THE PUBLIC



Kelly Reardon shares this photo taken at the Santee National Wildlife Refuge, Cuddo Unit, of a painted bunting.

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PRO FOOTBALL



JEFF SENER / THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER VIA AP

Carolina linebacker Thomas Davis, who will be an unrestricted free after this season, said on Monday he would like to stay with the Panthers.

Davis wants to keep playing for Panthers

BY STEVE REED
AP Sports Writer

SPARTANBURG — Linebacker Thomas Davis wants to play for the Panthers beyond this season — if the team will have him back.

The 35-year-old Davis, who is entering his 14th season with Carolina, will be an unrestricted free after this season.

"If the team is willing to have me back, I will be back," Davis said Monday following training camp practice at Wofford College.

Davis, the Panthers' all-time leading tackler, will begin the season serving a four-game NFL-imposed

suspension after testing positive for a banned performance-enhancing substance — a blemish on an otherwise stellar NFL career that has included returning from three torn ACLs in the same knee to earn All-Pro in 2015, three Pro Bowls selections (2015-17) and the Walter Payton Man of the Year award.

He doesn't want to end his career serving a suspension during his final season.

"I just look at the way things transpired this offseason and I think back to my legacy and the things I have been able to do as a football player and I don't want to leave on a sour note," Davis said. "You never want to

walk away from the game knowing you served a four-game suspension. That is really my mindset right now. So as long as I am able to continue to play football I will do that."

With Davis sitting out the first four games, Shaq Thompson will fill Davis' spot at weak side linebacker and David Mayo is expected to start at strong side linebacker. It's unclear at this point if Davis would be in the starting lineup when he returns.

Davis is allowed to participate in all practices and preseason games, but must step away from the team altogether on Sept. 3. He plans to spend

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LEGION BASEBALL

Winding it down

P-15's standout pitcher Williamson won't play beyond American Legion

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Rylan Williamson's days of playing baseball will be coming to an end in the next couple of weeks. The right-handed pitcher and first baseman is in his final year with the Sumter P-15's, and it could end this week in the Southeast Region Tournament in Asheville, North Carolina. He's hoping though that it ends the following week in Shelby, North Carolina in the American Legion World Series.

However, it doesn't have to be the end of his baseball career. Williamson has plenty of offers to play at the collegiate level, but he's decided that when the P-15's are done, he's done.

"I just see myself working the rest of my life, not playing baseball," said Williamson, who will be on the field when the P-15's take on Troy, Alabama, in its opening game of the Southeast Regional at approximately noon on Wednesday at McCrary Park. "I made my decision, and I'm OK with it."

Williamson is in college; he is preparing for his sophomore year at the University of South Carolina Sumter. He chose not to play for the Fire Ants as a freshman even though USCS head coach Tim Medlin wanted him to play.

Williamson chose not to play, and even after a successful summer with the P-15's, that hasn't caused him to change his mind.

"It comes back to the same thing for me," said Williamson, who is studying public health and wants to focus his attention on academics. "I'm confident with my decision."

Along with USC Sumter, Florence-Darlington Technical College, The Citadel, North Greenville and College of Charleston have shown interest in Williamson, but to no avail.

Williamson has had a tremendous season with the P-15's. He owns a 6-1 win-loss record and has a team best 1.68 earned run average. In 50 innings of work, Williamson has 51 strikeouts against just 13 walks. He's allowed just 48 hits.

Williamson said he didn't do any offseason work in preparation for playing for the P-15's. He didn't really do any work until May, yet his velocity has increased this season. Williamson has consistently thrown in the upper 80s this year after throwing in the mid 80s last season.

Williamson's explanation? "I think having a lot of rest had something to do with it," he said. "I think taking that

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THE SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Sumter pitcher Rylan Williamson said he will be playing his final games of baseball with the P-15's either in the Southeast Region Tournament or the American Legion World Series. While he has offers to play baseball at the collegiate level, Williamson doesn't plan to do so.

PRO GOLF

U.S. majors rarely have champions beyond 40

BY DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

One news story from 50 years ago at the PGA Championship might explain why no one has touched a record set that day.

Julius Boros had to watch in front of him as Arnold Palmer made one last charge in the 1968 PGA Championship. Palmer thrashed a 3-wood out of the rough to 8 feet on the 18th hole at Pecan Valley in San Antonio, only to miss the birdie putt to tie for the lead in the only major he never won.

Boros needed par to win, and he left his approach 45 yards short.



AP FILE PHOTO

Vijay Singh holds up the Wanamaker Trophy after winning the 86th PGA Championship in 2004. Singh is the only player in his 40s to have won the PGA Championship since 1984.

Nerves? Not at all. "With the heat at 103, the pressure on full force, and 14,000 spectators jammed around the 18th green, Boros nonchalantly chipped to within 3 feet of the pin and popped the winning putt into the cup," the story said.

Boros was 48, making him

the oldest major champion, then and now.

Tom Watson was an 8-foot putt away from winning the 2009 British Open at Turnberry at age 59. A year earlier, Greg Norman was 53 when he took the lead into the final

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AUTO RACING

Elliott gets first career victory at Watkins Glen

BY JOHN KEKIS
AP Sports Writer

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — Like father, like son.

Mired in a confounding losing streak since the start of his NASCAR Cup career in 2016, Chase Elliott finally broke into the win column Sunday, holding off road course ace Martin Truex Jr. at Watkins Glen.

The son of Hall of Famer Bill Elliott, who also won his first Cup race on a road course (Riverside in 1983 in his 124th start), Chase celebrated a triumph he will cherish forever. Out of fuel after the finish, he was pushed to victory lane by

the banged-up No. 48 Chevy of seven-time Cup champion Jimmie Johnson, a teammate and one of his staunchest supporters, as his father raced to join the celebration after spotting.

Toss in the raucous cheers of the sellout crowd and it doesn't get much better than that.

"It's something I'll never forget," said Elliott, who has finished second eight times in Cup. "I was going to do a burnout, but I ran out of gas. Certainly glad that we were on the front end today."

Elliott's victory came in his 99th Cup start and was the 250th win for Hendrick Motorsports, breaking a 37-race losing streak for one of NASCAR's signature

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ELLIOTT

PRO BASEBALL

Markakis homers in 10th, Braves rally to beat Mets 5-4

NEW YORK (AP) — Sure, Julio Teheran had perfected his home run celebration. Plenty of times, clowning with Atlanta pitchers during batting practice.

He just never got to trot it out. Teheran hit his first big league homer to begin Atlanta's comeback, and Nick Markakis homered in the 10th inning to send the Braves over the New York Mets 5-4 Sunday.

Long a Mets nemesis on the mound, Teheran found a new way to torment them. He stepped up in the fifth as a career .153 hitter, clubbed a high fastball over the left-field wall, and took a leisurely jog.

"You don't know when you're going to hit one," he said, adding: "It's a homer, you enjoy it."

Now in his eighth season in the majors, the two-time All-Star said his last home run came in high school. Not much at the plate since then.

"I didn't feel like running the bases," he kidded.

He got the ball, too, a nice souvenir on an afternoon when a lot of Atlanta players contributed.

Markakis finished with four hits and took over the NL lead from teammate Freddie Freeman. Ender Inciarte also homered and Ronald Acuna Jr. delivered a key single as the Braves posted their sixth victory in seven games.

The NL East contenders took three of four at Citi Field for their first winning road series in more than a month.

Teheran continued to have control trouble and walked four in 5 2/3 innings. His solo home run off rookie Corey Oswalt came with Atlanta trailing 3-0.

"He kept us in the game. He got us back in the game," manager Brian Snitker said.

Devin Mesoraco hit a tying home run in the Mets ninth — he was standing at second



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Atlanta's Nick Markakis hits a home run during the 10th inning of the Braves' 5-4 victory over the New York Mets on Sunday in New York.

base when a replay review showed the ball cleared the wall, making it 4-all.

"I couldn't quite tell the first view. But then the second one, I knew it was," Mesoraco said.

A.J. Minter (4-2), who had been 8 for 8 in save chances this year, got the win despite giving up Mesoraco's solo drive with one out.

Braves rookie Jesse Biddle worked around Wilmer Flores' leadoff double in the 10th for his first big league save. Jose Bautista, in an 0-for-23 slump, and Todd Frazier grounded out with Flores on third to end it.

New York rookie Tyler Bashlor (0-1) was tagged for Markakis' 13th homer with one out. The Mets have lost five of six, and fell to 4-12 against Atlanta this season.

Acuna hit an RBI single with two outs in the ninth that put Atlanta ahead 4-3.

SPORTS ITEMS

NASCAR'S France taking leave after DWI, drug arrest

SAG HARBOR, N.Y. — NASCAR chairman and CEO Brian France announced Monday he was taking an indefinite leave of absence a day after his arrest in New York's Hamptons on charges of driving while intoxicated and criminal possession of oxycodone.

France had a blood-alcohol content that was more than twice the legal limit, smelled of booze and slurred his words after he was seen blowing through a stop sign in Sag Harbor on Sunday, police said.

"I apologize to our fans, our industry and my family for the impact of my actions last night," France said in a statement Monday. "Effective immediately, I will be taking an indefinite leave of absence from my position to focus on my personal affairs."

France has been NASCAR's chairman and CEO since 2003. His uncle, Jim France, a vice chairman and executive vice president, will take over those roles on an interim basis.

France, 56, was arraigned at Sag Harbor Village Justice Court after spending the night in jail. He was released on his own recognizance and is due back in court Sept 14.

His lawyer referred reporters to a NASCAR statement on the matter. The organization said it takes France's arrest "as a serious matter and will issue a statement after we have all of the facts."

France, 56, was pulled over and arrested at about 7:30 p.m. Sunday after police said they saw his 2017 Lexus roll through a stop sign near the Sag Harbor waterfront.

Thomas Bridgestone championship winner

AKRON, Ohio — Justin Thomas took all the drama out of the final World Golf Championship at Firestone on Sunday, never letting anyone closer than two shots and closing with a 1-under 69 to win the Bridgestone Invitational for his third PGA Tour title this season.

Sweeter than capturing his first World Golf Championship was the sight behind the 18th green Sunday. His grandparents, Paul and Phyllis Thomas, watched him win in person for the first time on the PGA Tour. Paul Thomas was a career club professional and played at Firestone in the 1960 PGA Championship, missing the 54-hole cut. His son, Mike Thomas, also is a career club pro in Kentucky and a former PGA of America board member. They saw a one-man show.

Playing in the final group with Rory McIlroy, the 25-year-old Thomas made only two birdies. That was all he needed on a day when just about everyone within range was making all the mistakes.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
11 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Early-Round Matches from Toronto (TENNIS).
1 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Washington Doubleheader Game 1 (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
3 p.m. — International Soccer: International Champions Cup Match from London — Chelsea vs. Lyon (ESPN3).
3:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Houston at San Francisco (MLB NETWORK).
5 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Early-Round Matches from Toronto (TENNIS).
6 p.m. — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Southeast Regional Semifinal Game from Warner Robins, Ga. (ESPN2).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXV-AM 1240).
6:30 p.m. — Youth Basketball: Jr. NBA World Championship 14-Under U.S. International Pool Play Game from Kissimmee, Fla. (FOX SPORTS 1).
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Washington Doubleheader Game 2 (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
7 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Las Vegas at Atlanta (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Minnesota at Cleveland or Atlanta at Washington (MLB NETWORK).
7 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Seattle at Indiana (NBA TV).
7:45 p.m. — Youth Basketball: Jr. NBA World Championship 14-Under U.S. International Pool Play Game from Kissimmee, Fla. (FOX SPORTS 1).
8 p.m. — International Soccer: International Champions Cup Match from East Rutherford, N.J. — Real Madrid vs. AS Roma (ESPN, ESPN3).
8 p.m. — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Southwest Regional Semifinal Game from Waco, Texas (ESPN2).
9 p.m. — Youth Basketball: Jr. NBA World Championship 14-Under U.S. International Pool Play Game from Kissimmee, Fla. (FOX SPORTS 1).
10 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Washington at Phoenix (NBA TV).

MLB STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	63	48	.568	—
Atlanta	60	48	.556	1½
Washington	57	54	.514	6
New York	45	64	.413	17
Miami	46	67	.407	18

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	64	47	.577	—
Milwaukee	65	50	.565	1
St. Louis	58	54	.518	6½
Pittsburgh	57	55	.509	7½
Cincinnati	49	63	.438	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	62	51	.549	—
Los Angeles	62	51	.549	—
Colorado	59	52	.532	2
San Francisco	57	56	.504	5
San Diego	44	70	.386	18½

SUNDAY
 Atlanta 5, N.Y. Mets 4, 10 innings
 Philadelphia 5, Miami 3
 St. Louis 2, Pittsburgh 1
 Washington 2, Cincinnati 1
 Colorado 5, Milwaukee 4, 11 innings
 San Diego 10, Chicago Cubs 6
 L.A. Dodgers 3, Houston 2
 San Francisco 3, Arizona 2

TODAY
 Atlanta (Fried 1-4) at Washington (TBD), 1:05 p.m., 1st game
 Houston (Keuchel 9-9) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 4-4), 3:45 p.m.
 Atlanta (Newcomb 10-5) at Washington (Milone 1-0), 7:05 p.m., 2nd game
 Cincinnati (Romano 6-9) at N.Y. Mets (Vargas 2-7), 7:10 p.m.
 St. Louis (Mikolas 11-3) at Miami (Lopez 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
 San Diego (Richard 7-10) at Milwaukee (Anderson 7-7), 8:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 3-4) at Kansas City (Keller 4-4), 8:15 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Taillon 8-8) at Colorado (TBD), 8:40 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Pivetta 6-9) at Arizona (Greinke 12-6), 9:40 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Hill 4-4) at Oakland (Manaea 10-7), 10:05 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
 Cincinnati at N.Y. Mets, 12:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Arizona, 3:40 p.m.
 Atlanta at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
 St. Louis at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 San Diego at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	79	34	.699	—
New York	68	42	.618	9½
Tampa Bay	56	56	.500	22½
Toronto	51	60	.459	27
Baltimore	34	78	.304	44½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	61	49	.555	—
Minnesota	52	58	.473	4
Detroit	47	65	.420	15
Chicago	41	70	.369	20½
Kansas City	34	77	.306	27½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	71	42	.628	—
Oakland	67	46	.593	4
Seattle	64	48	.571	6½
Los Angeles	55	58	.487	16
Texas	49	64	.434	22

SUNDAY
 Chicago White Sox 8, Tampa Bay 7
 Cleveland 4, L.A. Angels 3
 Minnesota 6, Kansas City 5
 Baltimore 9, Texas 6
 Oakland 6, Detroit 0
 L.A. Dodgers 3, Houston 2
 Seattle 6, Toronto 3
 Boston 5, N.Y. Yankees 4, 10 innings

TUESDAY
 Houston (Keuchel 9-9) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 4-4), 3:45 p.m.
 Boston (Pomeranz 1-5) at Toronto (Stroman 4-8), 7:07 p.m.
 Baltimore (Cobb 3-14) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 7:10 p.m.
 Minnesota (Mejia 1-0) at Cleveland (Carrasco 13-5), 7:10 p.m.
 Seattle (Hernandez 8-9) at Texas (Colon 5-10), 8:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 6-4) at Chicago White Sox (Lopez 4-9), 8:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 3-4) at Kansas City (Keller 4-4), 8:15 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Hill 4-4) at Oakland (Manaea 10-7), 10:05 p.m.
 Detroit (Fiers 7-6) at L.A. Angels (Heaney 6-7), 10:07 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
 Seattle at Texas, 2:05 p.m.
 Detroit at L.A. Angels, 4:07 p.m.
 Boston at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
 Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
 Minnesota at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

BARRACUDA CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES

Sunday
At Montreux Golf & Country Club
Reno, Nev.
Purse: \$3.4 million
Yardage: 7,472; Par: 72

Final
 Note: Tournament uses the modified Stableford scoring format, with 8 points for an albatross, 5 points for an eagle, 2 points for a birdie and zero points for a par. One point is subtracted for a bogey, and 3 points are subtracted for a double bogey or worse.

Andrew Putnam (300), \$612,000	6	17	15	9-47
Chad Campbell (165), \$367,200	6	4	22	11-43
John Oda, \$197,200	7	9	13	8-37
J.J. Spaun (93), \$197,200	7	12	10	8-37
Ollie Schniederjans (65), \$136,000	17	8	1	10-36
William McGirt (60), \$122,400	6	2	7	20-35
Sam Saunders (53), \$109,650	10	13	12	-1-34
Chris Stroud (53), \$109,650	7	6	13	8-34
Brandon Harkins (43), \$95,200	5	13	3	12-33
Vaughn Taylor (43), \$95,200	2	6	10	15-33
Derek Fathauer (34), \$74,800	6	14	5	7-32
C.T. Pan (34), \$74,800	7	8	6	11-32
Ben Silverman (34), \$74,800	11	8	3	10-32
Hudson Swafford (34), \$74,800	12	10	-1	11-32
Matt Jones (29), \$51,000	10	10	4	7-31
Martin Laird (29), \$51,000	9	8	9	5-31
Shane Lowry (29), \$51,000	10	12	8	1-31
John Merrick (29), \$51,000	11	12	-3	11-31
Michael Thompson (29), \$51,000	10	3	13	5-31
Ethan Tracy (29), \$51,000	9	6	8	8-31
D.J. Trahan (29), \$51,000	8	10	-3	16-31

Scott Stallings (26), \$38,080	9	9	6	5-29
Doug Ghim, \$32,640	6	3	11	8-28
Hunter Mahan (23), \$32,640	7	12	0	9-28
Kevin Tway (23), \$32,640	8	8	1	11-28
Aaron Baddeley (20), \$25,670	14	12	0	1-27
Lanto Griffin (20), \$25,670	8	5	5	9-27
Ryan Palmer (20), \$25,670	12	6	0	9-27
Johnson Wagner (20), \$25,670	6	2	12	7-27
Stuart Appleby (16), \$21,114	3	10	10	3-26
Zac Blair (16), \$21,114	0	12	12	2-26
Alex Cejka (16), \$21,114	10	6	7	3-26
Nick Hardy, \$21,114	6	4	6	10-26
Dicky Pride (16), \$21,114	8	1	7	10-26
Tom Hoge (13), \$18,360	5	8	10	2-25
Denny McCarthy (12), \$17,510	14	3	1	6-24
Ricky Barnes (11), \$15,300	-1	15	2	7-23
Sulman Raza, \$15,300	2	14	-4	11-23

BRIDGESTONE INVITATIONAL SCORES

Sunday
At Firestone CC (South)
Akron, Ohio
Purse: \$10 million
Yardage: 7,400; Par: 70

Final
 Justin Thomas (550), \$1,700,000
 65-64-67-69—265
 Kyle Stanley (315), \$1,072,000
 63-68-70-68—269
 Dustin Johnson (170), \$510,000
 69-71-66-64—270
 Thorbjørn Olesen, \$510,000
 71-67-68-64—270
 Brooks Koepka (115), \$357,000
 66-70-68-67—271
 Patrick Cantlay (93), \$241,375
 64-72-68-68—272
 Anirban Lahiri (93), \$241,375
 65-70-69-68—272
 Rory McIlroy (93), \$241,375
 65-67-67-73—272
 Aaron Wise (93), \$241,375
 67-71-67-67—272
 Jason Day (71), \$160,875
 65-66-69-73—273
 Tony Finau (71), \$160,875
 68-66-71-68—273
 Si Woo Kim (71), \$160,875
 64-68-72-69—273
 Ian Poulter (71), \$160,875
 62-67-70-74—273
 Tommy Fleetwood (59), \$128,250
 66-63-74-71—274
 Matt Kuchar (59), \$128,250
 68-70-67-69—274
 Marc Leishman (59), \$128,250
 65-69-67-73—274
 Rafa Cabrera Bello (51), \$104,250
 68-67-69-71—275
 Ross Fisher (51), \$104,250
 67-68-71-69—275
 Rickie Fowler (51), \$104,250
 63-74-65-73—275
 Zach Johnson (51), \$104,250
 69-70-67-69—275
 Jon Rahm (51), \$104,250
 64-70-68-73—275
 Gary Woodland (51), \$104,250
 67-71-69-68—275
 Cameron Smith (44), \$92,250
 70-70-69-67—276
 Luke List (39), \$87,250
 65-68-71-73—277
 Phil Mickelson (39), \$87,250
 66-69-72-70—277
 Louis Oosthuizen (39), \$87,250
 68-66-69-74—277
 Webb Simpson (39), \$87,250
 69-65-71-72—277
 Tyrrell Hatton (34), \$81,250
 68-67-72-71—278
 Patrick Reed (34), \$81,250
 66-70-70-72—278
 Bryson DeChambeau (32), \$79,250
 75-69-68-67—279
 Kiradech Aphibarnrat, \$74,750
 70-70-69-71—280

WOMEN'S BRITISH OPEN SCORES

Sunday
At Royal Lytham & St. Annes
Lytham St. Annes, England
Purse: \$3.25 million
Yardage: 6,585; Par: 72

Final
 a-amateur
 Georgia Hall, \$490,000
 67-68-69-67—271
 Pornanong Phatlum, \$300,388
 67-67-69-70—273
 So Yeon Ryu, \$217,910
 69-69-67-70—275
 Sei Young Kim, \$138,420
 71-71-71-66—279
 Ariya Jutanugarn, \$138,420
 71-70-69-69—279

Mamiko Higa, \$138,420	66-69-71-73—279
Shanshan Feng, \$82,505	71-71-69-69—280
Carlotia Ciganda, \$82,505	69-73-68-70—280
Yu Liu, \$82,505	69-72-68-71—280
Minjee Lee, \$66,606	65-70-71-75—281
Jeong Eun Lee, \$55,956	73-70-71-68—282
Thidapa Suwannapura, \$55,956	72-71-67-72—282
Lydia Ko, \$55,956	68-71-70-73—282
Brooke M. Henderson, \$55,956	69-70-69-74—282
Jaye Marie Green, \$43,088	74-69-73-67—283
Su Oh, \$43,088	73-70-72-68—283
Brittany Altomare, \$43,088	70-70-70-73—283
Teresa Lu, \$43,088	67-69-73-74—283
Sung Hyun Park, \$43,088	67-70-69-77—283
Haeji Kang, \$37,168	72-72-70-70—284
Madelene Sagstrom, \$37,168	69-70-74-71—284
Aditi Ashok, \$32,070	72-72-73-68—285
Ryann O'Toole, \$32,070	72-71-72-70—285
Sandra Gal, \$32,070	68-74-72-71—285
Hyo Joo Kim, \$32,070	72-69-72-72—285
Pannarat Thanapolboonyaras, \$32,070	73-71-69-72—285
Phoebe Yao, \$32,070	71-71-67-76—285
Mi Hyang Lee, \$24,856	67-74-76-69—286
Ally McDonald, \$24,856	71-74-71-70—286
Marina Alex, \$24,856	71-73-71-71—286
In Gee Chun, \$24,856	72-70-72-72—286
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teams. It also assured Elliott a spot in the playoffs as he became only the fifth driver to win a race outside of the "Big 3" of Kyle Busch, Kevin Harvick and Truex, who have combined to win 16 of 22 races.

Truex ran second to Elliott for most of the final stage and began to steadily close as both drivers tried to save enough gas to reach the end of the 90-lap race. It was a two-car breakaway as the rest of the field was more than 11 seconds back.

Truex closed to the back bumper of Elliott's No. 9 Chevy as his car bobbed slightly out of the first turn on the final lap around the 2.45-mile natural terrain layout. But Truex's No. 78 Toyota skidded, Elliott regrouped and pulled away and Truex sputtered home, out of fuel.

"I just tried all I could to chase him down, and I got there with plenty of time," Truex said. "It's just every time I'd start putting together some good corners and get close enough to him to even think about making a move, I'd get sideways behind him. He did a good job of putting his car exactly where it needed to be and not making a mistake."

Truex was bidding to become the first Cup driver to win three straight road races since Tony Stewart accomplished



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Chase Elliott celebrates after winning the first Monster Energy Cup Series race of his career on Sunday in Watkins Glen, New York.

the feat just over a decade ago (2004-05). Kyle Busch finished third, 20 seconds behind, followed by Daniel Suarez and Erik Jones, a triumvirate of Joe Gibbs Racing Toyotas. Pole-sitter Denny Hamlin finished 13th.

The race promised to turn into a fuel mileage race as the laps wound down, and nobody has been better with the strategy than Truex and crew chief Cole Pearn. All three of Truex's road course wins were won with strategy, including last year at The Glen and this

GOBOWLING AT THE GLEN RESULTS

By The Associated Press

Sunday
At Watkins Glen International
Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Lap length: 2.45 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (3) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 90.
2. (4) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 90.
3. (2) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 90.
4. (21) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 90.
5. (9) Erik Jones, Toyota, 90.
6. (5) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 90.
7. (14) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 90.
8. (16) William Byron, Chevrolet, 90.
9. (36) Kurt Busch, Ford, 90.
10. (15) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 90.
11. (18) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 90.
12. (11) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 90.
13. (1) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 90.
14. (22) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 90.
15. (8) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 90.
16. (23) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 90.
17. (17) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 90.
18. (12) Michael McDowell, Ford, 90.
19. (19) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 90.
20. (20) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 90.
21. (10) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 90.
22. (7) Aric Almirola, Ford, 90.
23. (30) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 90.
24. (27) Parker Kligerman, Toyota, 90.
25. (29) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 89.
26. (25) David Ragan, Ford, 89.
27. (24) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 89.
28. (37) Paul Menard, Ford, 89.
29. (26) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 89.
30. (13) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 89.
31. (35) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 88.
32. (32) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, Suspension, 77.
33. (28) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 75.
34. (31) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 73.
35. (34) Spencer Gallagher, Toyota, 73.
36. (33) Josh Billicki, Ford, Electrical, 69.
37. (6) Joey Logano, Ford, Accident, 1.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 98.928 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 13 minutes, 44 seconds. Margin of Victory: 7.560 Seconds.
Caution Flags: 4 for 11 laps.
Lead Changes: 9 among 5 drivers.
Lap Leaders: D. Hamlin 1; Kyle Busch 2-17; M. Truex Jr. 18-21; J. Johnson 22; Kyle Busch 23-26; C. Elliott 27-44; Kyle Busch 45-54; D. Hamlin 55; Kyle Busch 56; C. Elliott 57-90.
Leaders Summary: (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): C. Elliott 2 times for 52 laps; Kyle Busch 4 times for 31 laps; M. Truex Jr. 1 time for 4 laps; D. Hamlin 2 times for 2 laps; J. Johnson 1 time for 1 lap.

year at Sonoma in California's wine country.

"You feel satisfied," Elliott said. "It's a huge deal. It has not been an easy year. We were getting closer, closer, closer and finally got it done."

Elliott won the race's second stage and brought the crowd to

its feet with a pass of Busch. Elliott pulled out to a half-second lead while Truex was fighting to get back to the front after a restart mired him in 12th.

Midway through the segment, the Big 3 were running in the top 10, but Elliott dominated and beat Busch by 1.3 seconds.

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round at Royal Birkdale and shot 77. Norman did that when he was younger, too.

Links golf, which leans more on skill and creativity than youthful power, seems to expand the age limits for winning majors.

American majors are different.

Only two players in their 40s have won the last 80 majors over two decades on U.S. soil. Vijay Singh, who holds the PGA Tour record for most victories (22) in his 40s, won the 2004 PGA Championship at age 41. Payne Stewart was 42 when he won the 1999 U.S. Open at Pinehurst No. 2, four months before he died in a plane crash.

No one would be surprised if a player in his 40s won the PGA Championship at Bellerive Country Club in St. Louis, which starts Thursday. Phil Mickelson, Tiger Woods, Paul Casey and Matt Kuchar are all in their 40s. Five players in their 40s have won on the PGA Tour this year. Four of them won last year.

There's just not much recent history to suggest it will happen in an American major.

"Sometimes it's almost like a younger player can be naive about what they're achieving," Paul Azinger said. "Younger players have the ability to swing the club like a kid without a care in the world, versus an older player who feels like he's playing with his last ball."

Mark Calcavecchia won the Canadian Open when he was 45. He won at Innisbrook in Florida when he was 46. He had two chances on Sunday in the majors after turning 40, and he didn't break par either time.

"It should be the same as a regular tour event," Calcavecchia said. "There's more pressure in a major. Maybe the older you get, you don't handle the pressure as well. I don't know. That's a hard one to figure out."

There have been plenty of close calls, mostly involving Mickelson, who is among the best to ever play. Mickelson won the British Open in 2013 at Muirfield. He lost the 54-hole lead in the U.S. Open at Merion that same year at 43, and he finished runner-up in the PGA Championship at Valhalla when he was 44.

Kenny Perry was 48 when he lost a two-shot lead with two holes to play in the 2009 Masters, and then lost in a playoff to Angel Cabrera. Four years later, Cabrera was 43 when he lost the Masters in a playoff to Adam Scott. Stephen Ames was 43 when he played in the final group of the 2007 PGA Championship with Woods,

which was never going to end well. Jim Furyk was 42 when he fell out of the lead with three holes to play in the 2012 U.S. Open.

"If you look at soccer, tennis, it seems like the better players are all playing later," Rory McIlroy said. "There's more knowledge out there, you learn to pace yourself, longevity, all that stuff. They still have chances. ... But when you play for so long, maybe it's the weight of expectations. You start playing more careful. With the innocence of youth, you don't see the negatives."

"I don't have a good answer," the 29-year-old McIlroy said. "I'll tell you in 11 years."

It's also a numbers game.

One reason for European-born players going 78 years without winning the PGA Championship was because for many years, hardly any Europeans were invited to play. Likewise, the field at Bellerive features only 21 out of 136 players (excluding the 20 club pros) in their 40s.

Each year brings more youth, and they are better than ever.

"Guys are good when they come out of college," said 28-year-old Brooks Koepka, the back-to-back U.S. Open champion. "They're ready to win. There's way more guys that are competing between 22 to 28. Myself and Rory are on the old end."

Ernie Els contemplated this question a decade ago, when modern equipment was closing the distance gap and players in their 40s had plenty of length and loads of experience. Els felt they were hitting the ball even better, but "I think eventually your short game is not as sharp as maybe the guys in their 20s."

"When it's really tough, when the greens are firm and fast, I think eventually the nerves," he said, pausing to offer a knowing glance before adding, "it's there."

Jack Nicklaus set the Masters record when he won at age 46, which seemed more ancient in 1986 than it does now. The British Open record still belongs to Old Tom Morris, who was 46 when he won in 1867. Hale Irwin holds the U.S. Open record by winning in 1990 at age 45.

Boros topped them all.

Not only did he win the 1968 PGA Championship at 48, he lost the Westchester Classic in a playoff when he was 55. He died in 1994, and author and golf historian Herbert Warren Wind offered this assessment of Boros to The New York Times.

"He was the most relaxed guy," Wind said. "He seemed to have no nerves, and that made him very dangerous."

Younger players have the ability to swing the club like a kid without a care in the world, versus an older player who feels like he's playing with his last ball.

PAUL AZINGER

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that time staying in shape and watching his sons play youth football.

He also has "a couple of offers" to do some other things during the first four weeks of the season, but would not elaborate on whether those opportunities television-related.

Davis has been a productive player for the Panthers despite suffering the three knee injuries in consecutive seasons — 2009, 2010 and 2011 — which

limited him to nine games and threatened to end his career.

But he persevered and followed that up with five straight 100-tackle seasons and three Pro Bowls.

However, his numbers dropped off last year. Davis registered 76 tackles, 2 1/2 sacks and no interceptions as Thompson took on a bigger role in the defense.

Panthers coach Ron Rivera did not address Davis' future beyond this season, saying only "Thomas has been a great player for us. And I look for-

ward to Thomas playing for us."

Panthers general manager Marty Hurney was not immediately available for comment.

With his future beyond this season up in the air, Davis said he is enjoying every moment of training camp despite the sweltering heat.

"I come out and embrace it every day, talking trash at a high level every day to Cam (Newton) daily and just coming out and competing and having fun with my teammates," Davis said.



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time off helped."

So why did Williamson come back to play for the P-15's after choosing to bypass baseball in college?

"Because this is my last year of baseball," he said. "I've been playing with these guys since we were kids, and this is the last time I'll get to do it."

Sumter and Troy will take on the winner and

loser of the game between Lyon County, Kentucky, and Parkersburg, West Virginia on Thursday in the 8-team, double-elimination tournament. If the P-15's win on Wednesday, they will play at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday. If they lose, they will play at 9:30 a.m.

The championship round is scheduled for Sunday.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL

Wednesday-Sunday
at McCrary Park in Asheboro, North Carolina

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 8

- Game 1 — Lyon County, Kentucky, vs. Parkersburg, West Virginia, 9:30 a.m.
- Game 2 — Troy, Alabama, vs. Sumter (doubleheader)
- Game 3 — Tallahassee, Florida, vs. Wilmington, North Carolina, 4:30 p.m.
- Game 4 — Chapin/Newberry vs. Randolph County, North Carolina, (doubleheader)

THURSDAY, AUG. 9

- Game 5 — Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 3, 9:30 a.m.
- Game 6 — Loser Game 2 vs. Loser Game 4 (doubleheader)
- Game 7 — Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 3, 4:30 p.m.
- Game 8 — Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 4 (doubleheader)

FRIDAY, AUG. 10

- Game 9 — Winner Game 6 vs. Loser Game 7, 12:30 p.m.
- Game 10 — Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 8, 4:30 p.m.
- Game 11 — Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8 (doubleheader)

SATURDAY, AUG. 11

- Game 12 — Winner Game 9 vs. Loser Game 11, 4:30 p.m.*
- Game 13 — Winner Game 10 vs. Winner Game 11, 7:30 p.m.*

SUNDAY, AUG. 12

- Game 14 — Winner Game 12 vs. Winner Game 13, 1:30 p.m.**
- Game 15 — If Necessary
- *Pairings for games 12 and 13 will not match previous opponents against each other unless absolutely necessary
- **If three teams remain after Game 13, the winner of Game 11 automatically draws the bye for Game 14

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UCF seeks to deliver encore performance with new coach

BY STEVE MEGARGEE

AP Sports Writer

Central Florida is trying to follow up on its undefeated season with a new coach, a new defensive cornerstone and the same old high expectations.

The Knights head the list of Group of Five teams with reason for optimism this season. New coach and former Missouri offensive coordinator Josh Heupel inherits a group that includes star quarterback McKenzie Milton, who is making sure the Knights enter this season with the right attitude.

The Group of Five refers to conferences that aren't part of the Power Five (the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12 and Southeastern Conference).

ARKANSAS STATE

Conference: Sun Belt

Notes: The Red Wolves have earned at least a share of the Sun Belt title five of the last seven years and are the pre-season pick to win it again. Arkansas State had six first-team preseason all-Sun Belt selections and quarterback

Justice Hansen was named preseason offensive player of the year. Arkansas State went 7-5 last season and lost the Camellia Bowl in its seventh straight bowl appearance. Other Sun Belt teams to watch include defending co-champions Appalachian State and Troy.

BOISE STATE

Conference: Mountain West

Notes: MWC preseason offensive player of the year Brett Rypien has thrown for 9,876 yards, the highest total of any active Football Bowl Subdivision player. The Broncos also return Alexander Mattison, who ran for 1,086 yards and 12 touchdowns last season as Boise State went 11-3 with an MWC title and a Las Vegas Bowl victory over Oregon. Boise State beat Fresno State in last season's MWC championship game, and those two teams figure to face off for the title again this year.

UCF

Conference: American Athletic

Notes: UCF owns a 13-game winning streak after ending last season as the lone unbeaten FBS team. UCF re-

turns much of its offense from last season and is led by quarterback Milton, who finished eighth in the Heisman Trophy balloting last year. UCF figures to battle in-state rival South Florida for the East Division crown. The Knights' nonconference schedule includes a trip to North Carolina and home dates with Florida Atlantic and Pittsburgh.

FLORIDA ATLANTIC

Conference: Conference USA

Notes: Lane Kiffin orchestrated a remarkable turnaround at Florida Atlantic last season. FAU went from 3-9 in 2016 to 11-3 in 2017 and closed the year on a 10-game winning streak that included a Conference USA title and Boca Raton Bowl victory. Florida Atlantic has Conference USA's preseason offensive player of the year (running back Devin Singletary) and defensive player of the year (linebacker Azeez Al-Shaair). The schedule includes trips to Oklahoma and UCF.

MEMPHIS

Conference: American Athletic

Notes: We've included two teams from the American, which has emerged as the strongest of the Group of Five leagues. Memphis loses star quarterback Riley Ferguson and receiver Anthony Miller from a team that went 10-3 last season, but Darrell Henderson is back after rushing for 1,154 yards and nine touchdowns a year ago. The Tigers figure to battle Houston and Navy for the West Division title. Memphis has only one game against a Power Five opponent, an Oct. 20 trip to Missouri.

OHIO

Conference: Mid-American

Notes: Although Ohio has reached a bowl game eight of the last nine seasons, the Bobcats haven't won a MAC title since 1968. This could be the year. Ohio went 9-4 and won the Bahamas Bowl last year with an offense that averaged 37.4 points. Quarterback Nathan Rourke rushed for 21 touchdowns last season, while running back A.J. Ouellette ran for over 1,000 yards. Ohio and Northern Illinois look like the MAC's top teams.

OBITUARIES

MARIA D. WINFIELD

Maria De Jesus Winfield, age 82, died on Friday, Aug. 3, 2018, at Agape Hospice House of Lexington.



WINFIELD

Born in Puerto Rico, she was a daughter of the late Jose and Edith De Jesus. She was a devoted mother to her sons. She will be remembered as

loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. All that knew her will dearly miss her. "May the force be with you!"

Surviving are three sons, Joseph Winfield, Ronnie Winfield and David Winfield, all of Sumter; one brother, David De Jesus of New Mexico; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Robbie Winfield; and two brothers, Joseph De Jesus and Robert De Jesus.

Services will be private.

Memorials may be made to the Agape Hospice House of Lexington, 128 Library Hill Lane, Lexington, SC 29072 or online at www.agapehospice.com/donate.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



PAUL B. JUSTICE JR.

LONGS — Paul Britton Justice Jr., 74, died Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018, at Grand Strand Medical Center.



JUSTICE

Born March 20, 1944, in Charleston, he was a son of the late Paul Britton Justice Sr. and the late Janet Lucille Warren Justice. He was a

U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association.

He is survived by: three daughters, Paula Rutledge (John) of North Myrtle Beach, Britton Johnson (Ric) of Portland, Oregon, and Sarah Thomas (Allan) of North Myrtle Beach; two brothers, James Warren "Choo Choo" Justice (Diane) of Cross and Troy Kidwell of Manning; three sisters, Beverly Horton (John) of Kershaw, Stephany Justice of Manning and Paulette Sterba (Lloyd) of Lincoln City, Oregon; five grandchildren, Tyra Lilly, Hank and Amelia Johnson, Espen and Declan Thomas; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Paul Britton Justice III; a brother, David "Poncho" Justice; and a sister, Pamela Rath.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday in the chapel of Stephens Funeral Home with the Rev. Dale Warren officiating.

The family will receive friends immediately following the memorial service.

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

STEVEN MILLS

ATLANTA — Celebration of life for Steven Mills, who died on Monday, July 30, 2018, will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at St. Philip AME Church, 240 Candler Road, Atlanta, GA 30317, with the Rev. William D. Watley, Ph.D., pastor.

His remains will be placed in the church from noon until the hour of service.

Burial will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at St. Luke AME Church Cemetery, Sumter.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today with family hour from 6 to 8 p.m. at Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway, Decatur, GA 30034, (404) 241-5656.

Please visit our website to extend condolences at www.levettfuneralhome.com

ALICIA WRIGHT

Alicia Wright, daughter of Floryetta Wright Savage, died on Sunday morning, Aug. 5, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time but will be announced later by the staff of Sumter Funeral Service Inc.

The family will receive friends at the home of her aunt, Gladys Gooden, 2220 Emil Road, Wedgefield.

WILLIAM W. WHEELER JR.

HARTSVILLE — William Walter "Bill" Wheeler Jr., 67, passed away on Friday, Aug. 3, 2018.

Born on Aug. 3, 1951, in Sumter, he was a son of William Walter "Walt" Wheeler Sr. and Janet Olsen Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler was a Mason and a member of First Presbyterian Church in Sumter. He retired from the S.C. Forestry Commission.

Survivors include his parents of Sumter; two children, William Walter "Will" Wheeler III (Keyes) of Bishopville and Ashleigh Newsome (Will) of Hartsville; four grandchildren, Maddie Wheeler, Jack Wheeler, Connor Newsome and Elliott Newsome; a brother, Richard D. Wheeler (Dani) of Sumter; and a nephew, Kenton Wheeler.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Suzanne Walker officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 10:30 to 11 a.m. on Thursday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 950 W. Farris Road, Greenville, SC 29605.

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

GENE H. WEATHERLY

WEDGEFIELD — Gene

Harold Weatherly, 78, husband of Joyce Foxworth Weatherly, died on Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018, at his home.

Born on April 12, 1940, in Sumter, he was a son of the late Erasmus A. and Tannie Singleton Weatherly. He attended Alice Drive Baptist Church and retired from Carolina Furniture Works after 40 years of service.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years; a daughter, Gayle Weatherly Miles (Swain); two grandchildren, Cristin Coleman (Josh) and McSwain Miles (Natalie); two great-grandchildren, Caroline Coleman and Taylor Coleman; and a sister, Lillian Weatherly Revenaugh.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Ervin Weatherly, Robert Weatherly and Hubert A. Weatherly; and a sister, Helen Weatherly McGee.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday at the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Dr. Clay Smith, the Rev. Al Sims and Bobby Richardson officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Swain Miles, McSwain Miles, Josh Coleman, Harwood Weatherly Jr., Abel Vasquez and Randy Simpson.

Honorary pallbearers will be Cray Weeks, David Dreier, Don Windham, Pete Mixon, Dan Lyles and Norman Partin.

The family will receive

friends from 2:30 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Alice Drive Baptist Church, 1305 Loring Mill Road, Sumter, SC 29150 or to a charity of one's choice.

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

KENDRA CONNER

Kendra Conner, 39, died on Monday, Aug. 6, 2018, in Sumter County.

Born on May 7, 1979, in Sumter, she was a daughter of Elizabeth Pringle Conner and the late Robert Conner.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 117 Armstrong Blvd.

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

ANTHONY L. SMITH SR.

Anthony L. Smith Sr., 58, husband of Wanda Ballard Smith, departed this life on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

He was born on Dec. 21, 1959, in Sumter, a son of Rosa Lee L. Smith and the late Claude Smith.

The family will receive friends at the home, 100 Hoyt Heights.

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

DOROTHY J. TAYLOR

Dorothy James Taylor, 70,

wife of Larry Taylor, departed this life on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018, at Opus Post Acute Rehab, West Columbia.

She was born on Dec. 11, 1947, in Sumter County, a daughter of the late English and Rebecca Williams James.

The family will receive friends at the home, 401 Wildsmere Ave., Columbia, SC 29203.

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

ALICE WOODS

Alice Woods, 71, wife of Covell Woods, departed this life on Monday, Aug. 6, 2018, at Regency Hospital in Florence.

She was born on Aug. 5, 1947, in Lee County, a daughter of the late Johnson Sr. and Willie Mae G. McKnight.

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

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

THOMAS MOORE

Thomas "Johnny" Moore, 85, was born on Aug. 13, 1932, in Silver, Clarendon County, to the late William and Laura Brown Moore.

He departed this life on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018, in Sumter.

The family is receiving friends at 404 Church St.

Services are incomplete and will be announced later by Whites Mortuary LLC of Sumter.



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LOCAL CHANNELS													
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	America's Got Talent "Judge Cuts 4" (N)			Making It "Home Sweet Home" The makers create kids' forts and toys. (N)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Seth Rogen; Spike Lee; Big Boi performs. (N)		
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	NCIS "Handle With Care" A retired Marine's name must be cleared. (DVS)	Bull "Kill Shot" A widow hires Bull.	NCIS: New Orleans "The Last Mile" Raymond Isler asks Pride for help. (DVS)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert			
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Great American Cities"	Jeopardy! "Tournament of Champions: Week 2"	Bachelor in Paradise (Season Premiere) Chris Harrison greets the cast members. (N)			Castaways "Abandoned" (Series Premiere) Twelve everyday people must survive. (N) (DVS)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)		
WRJA	27	11	14	Making It Grow Viewers' gardening questions.	10 Towns That Changed America: Influential towns across the U.S.	No Passport Required "Miami" The Haitian community in Miami. (N)	Frontline "Documenting Hate: Charlottesville" Violence in Charlottesville, Va. (N)	Amanpour on PBS (N)	BBC World News	10 Towns That Changed America			
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Bat Jar Conjecture"	The Big Bang Theory "The Gorilla Dissolution"	Beat Shazam "Episode Nine" Teams compete; R&B group TLC. (N)	Love Connection "Vaughn & Josh" A software developer; a project manager. (N) (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV	TMZ (N)		
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Mike tries to cheer Eve up.	Last Man Standing Mike thinks Kyle is going to propose.	The 100 "Damocles - Part Two" (Season Finale) Clarke and her friends risk everything. (N) (Part 2 of 2)	The Outpost "Bones to Pick" Wythers blackmails Gwynn. (N)	The X-Files "Vienen" Agents Mulder and Doggett team up.	The X-Files "Trust No. 1" A stranger has information about Mulder.	The Game Derwin suffers consequences.			
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130	The First 48 "The Ties That Bind" A man is gunned down in his home.	The First 48 "Fatal Mistake" A night out leaves an innocent man dead.	The First 48 "Runner Runner" Quick-money scam leads to double murder.	(:01) The First 48 A Tulsa, Okla., man is shot and killed.			(:04) The First 48 A teen is killed in a robbery gone bad.			(12:03) The First 48	
AMC	48	180	(5:00) **** "Unforgiven" (1992) Clint Eastwood, Gene Hackman.	**** "The Godfather" (1972, Drama) Marlon Brando, Al Pacino, James Caan. A mafia patriarch tries to hold his empire together.							(12:05) **** "Unforgiven"		
ANPL	41	100	Australia's Deadliest Animals	Fear Island: Hunt for the Mega Bear: The largest bear on Earth.	Weird, True & Freaky (N)	Living with Man Eaters							
BET	61	162	**** "Baby Boy" (2001, Drama) Tyrese Gibson, Omar Gooding, A.J. Johnson. A man juggles womanizing with fighting his mother's boyfriend.	Below Deck Mediterranean Hannah disobeys a direct order.	Below Deck Mediterranean Brooke and Kasey air their grievances. (N)	Million Dollar Listing New York Ryan and Emilia search for a dream home.	Watch What Happens Live	Below Deck Mediterranean Brooke and Kasey air their grievances.	(12:05) Martin "The Ex-Files"				
BRAVO	47	181	Below Deck Mediterranean Hannah crosses a line with Sandy.	Shark Tank A dance fitness program.	Shark Tank (Part 1 of 2)	The Profit (N)	Shark Tank						
CNBC	35	84	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	Shark Tank	Anderson Cooper				
CNN	3	80	(6:50) The Office	(25) The Office "Customer Survey"	Tosh.0 An old person on Instagram.	Tosh.0 "Bear Attack"	Tosh.0 "WinDgoe"	Tosh.0 "Ticket Girl"	Jeff Ross Presents Roast Battle (N)	The Jim Jefferies Show (N)	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	(:31) The Office "Valentine's Day"	(12:01) King of the Hill
COM	57	136	Bunk'd	Andi Mack	Raven's Home	Stuck in the Middle	Big City Greens	Bizaardvark	Bug Juice: My Adventures at Camp				
DISN	18	200	Deadliest Catch: On Deck (N)	Deadliest Catch: The Bait (N)	(:01) Deadliest Catch "Turf Wars" (N)	(:02) Hard to Kill "American Bullfighter"	(:04) Deadliest Catch "Turf Wars"	(12:05) Hard to Kill					
DSC	42	103	SportsCenter (N)	ESPN FC (N)	International Champions Cup Soccer Real Madrid vs AS Roma. (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)						
ESPN	26	35	Little League Baseball	Little League Baseball Southwest Regional, Second Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N)	College GameDay (N)	Vans Park Series (N)	Underdog Stry						
ESPN2	27	39	Chopped "Chopped All-Stars Finale"	Chopped "Gimme Gator"	Chopped Barbecue rivals battle it out.	Chopped "Plum Luck"	Chopped "Bowled Over"	Chopped					
FOOD	40	109	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News at Night with Shannon	Tucker Carlson					
FOXN	37	90	(5:30) ** "Just Go With It" (2011) Adam Sandler, Nicole Kidman.	The Bold Type (Season Finale) Sutton attends Fashion Week in Paris. (N)	(:01) * "The Waterboy" (1998, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates, Henry Winkler. A simpleton's angry outbursts lead to gridiron glory.	Braves Live! Post.	Epic Trails	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Washington Nationals.					
FREE	20	131	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Washington Nationals. From Nationals Park in Washington, D.C. (N) (Live)	Summer Love (2016, Romance) Rachael Leigh Cook, Lucas Bryant, Travis Milne. A widowed mom struggles to adjust to a new fast-paced job.	The Middle (Part 1 of 2)	The Middle (Part 2 of 2)	The Golden Girls "Miles to Go"	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls				
FSS	21	47	(6:00) "Summer of Dreams" (2016) Debbie Gibson, Robert Gant.	Fixer Upper	Desert Flippers (N)	Desert Flippers	Hidden Potential	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	Desert Flippers		
HALL	52	183	Forged in Fire "The Kabyle Flyssa"	Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper (N)	Forged in Fire "The Kilji" (N)	(:03) Counting Cars "Dad's T-Bird" (N)	(:05) Forged in Fire "The Cutlass"	Forged in Fire					
HGTV	39	112	Criminal Minds "Internal Affairs" Undercover DEA agents are murdered.	Criminal Minds "Future Perfect" Fixation on medical experimentation.	Criminal Minds "Entropy" A plan to take down the Dirty Dozen.	Criminal Minds "Drive" Corpses are discovered in public places.	Private Eyes Investigating a pro-bono medical clinic.	Private Eyes "Disappearing Act"					
HIST	45	110	Married at First Sight The couples get to know each other.	Married at First Sight (N)	Married at First Sight (N)	Married at First Sight The couples must decide where to live. (N)	(:03) Married at First Sight The couples must decide where to live.	(12:01) Married at First Sight					
ION	13	18	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow					
LIFE	50	145	The Loud House	Henry Danger	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	(:35) Friends	(12:10) Friends	
MSNBC	36	92	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
NICK	16	210	Face Off "Immortals Interrupted" Artists create vampires based on bats.	Face Off "Through the Looking Glass, Part 1" Part one of the finale.	Face Off "Through the Looking Glass, Part 2" One artist is crowned champion.	Futurama	Futurama "Bendless Love"	Futurama	Futurama "That's Lobsterstainment!"	Futurama			
NICK	16	210	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Wrecked "Bush Man"	(:31) Drop the Mic	Conan Actor Kevin Nealon.	Wrecked "Bush Man"		
NICK	16	210	*** "London Has Fallen" (2016, Action) Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart. A Secret Service agent must save the captive U.S. president. (DVS)	Outdaughered (N)	Outdaughered (N)	Animal Kingdom "Jackpot" J steps up for the family. (N) (DVS)	(:03) Rattled "Nightmare Labor" (N)	(:06) Outdaughered	*** "The Freshman" (1925) Harold Lloyd, Jobyna Ralston. Silent. A college nerd wins a big football game.	*** "London Has Fallen" (2016, Action) Gerard Butler. A Secret Service agent must save the captive U.S. president.	(12:06) Rattled		
PARMT	64	153	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	
SYFY	58	152	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	
TBS	24	156	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	
TCM	49	186	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live)	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live)	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live)	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live)	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live)	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live)	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live)	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live)	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live)	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live)	
TLC	43	157	Modern Family "Fight or Flight"	Modern Family "Connection Lost"	Law & Order "Tabula Rasa"	Law & Order "Empire"	Law & Order "Ambitious"	Law & Order "Admissions"	Law & Order "Admissions"	Law & Order "Admissions"	Law & Order	Law & Order	
TLN	23	158	Law & Order "Juvenile"	Law & Order "Tabula Rasa"	Law & Order "Empire"	Law & Order "Ambitious"	Law & Order "Admissions"	Law & Order "Admissions"	Law & Order "Admissions"	Law & Order "Admissions"	Law & Order	Law & Order	
TNT	23	158	Cops	*** "Pretty Woman" (1990, Romance-Comedy) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts, Ralph Bellamy.	Carter "Koji the Killer"	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	
TRUTV	38	129	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	
TV LAND	55	161	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	
USA	25	132	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	
WE	68	166	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	
WGNA	8	172	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	

Summer offers no shortage of island getaways

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Every time I wonder how anybody in their right mind would watch three hours of "The Bachelorette," I remind myself of the untold hours I have squandered watching my beloved Mets lose another game.

Reality television and its similarity to sports comes to mind as several brazen imitations arrive, along with an annual preseason football fixture.

"Bachelor in Paradise" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-14) enters its fifth season. The title pretty much sums things up, as the contrived mating ritual between camera-savvy exhibitionists is relocated from a fake mansion to palmy shores.

"Paradise" is followed by the premiere of "Castaways" (10 p.m., TV-PG), which shad-ows a dozen regular Joes and Janes dropped down on remote locations off the coast of Indonesia. ABC tells us that the accent here is on survival itself, as opposed to outwitting, outlasting and all the other trademarked hall-marks of "Survivor."

Three dozen seasons of "Survivor" since 2000 have inspired any number of par-odies, imitations, spinoffs and homages. Yet "Survivor" has no monopoly on a nar-rative dating back to "Robinson Crusoe" by way of "Gilli-gan's Island."

The CBS reality competi-tion series debuted the very same year as the Tom Hanks film "Cast Away" hit the-aters. That Robert Zemeckis drama in turn inspired the ABC head-scratcher "Lost," then in turn inspired the spoof series "Wrecked" (10 p.m., TBS, TV-MA), now en-tering its third season. Look for aspiring comedians spouting over-the-top dia-logue drenched in pop cul-ture references. Don't expect subtlety to survive when you send up this seemingly inex-haustible genre.

- The sports documentary series "Hard Knocks" (10 p.m., HBO, TV-MA) enters its 13th NFL preseason, following the preparations of the Cleve-land Browns under coach Hue Jackson, who juggles a roster combining fresh new faces and veterans.
- WGN imports the Canadi-an police crime drama "Cart-er" (10 p.m., TV-14). Jerry O'Connell stars as the scan-dal-plagued star of a U.S. po-lice show who retreats to his Ontario town to escape the limelight, only to be em-broiled in a murder mystery.
- "Frontline" (10 p.m., PBS, check local listings) exam-ines the neo-Nazi groups that organized the 2017 rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, and their subsequent ability to foment racial hatred and vio-lence relatively unmolested by law enforcement.



Lola Flanery, left, stars as Madi and Marie Avgeropoulos as Octavia in the "Damocles — Part Two" fifth season finale of "The 100," airing at 8 p.m. today on The CW.

Sutton attends fashion week in Paris on the second season finale of "The Bold Type" (8 p.m., Freeform, TV-14).

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- A battle for survival en-sues on the season finale of "The 100" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14).
- "10 Towns That Changed America" (8 p.m., PBS, TV-G, check local listings) visits lo-calities that pioneered new

approaches to planning and suburban design.

- Amy Poehler and Nick Offerman host an episode of "Making It" (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14) focusing on children's toys and games.
- Yasir worries about his son's home environment on "Love Is ..." (10 p.m., OWN, TV-MA).

SERIES NOTES

Evidence implicates a ma-rine on "NCIS" (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-PG) * Acts audition on

"America's Got Talent" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG) * Jamie Foxx hosts "Beat Shazam" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-PG) * A black widow needs a good defense on "Bull" (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Andy Cohen hosts "Love Con-nection" (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * Blackmail on "The Outpost" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14) * Stolen opioids on "NCIS: New Or-leans" (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

Kevin Nealon, Yvonne Strahovski and Allen Strick-land Williams appear on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS, r) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Seth Rogen, Spike Lee and Big Boi on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Joe Manganiello and Sen. Cory Booker (D-New Jersey) are booked on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Taylor Schilling, Brendan Gleeson, Jason Kander and Joey Castillo visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) * Kris Jenner and Ben Schwartz appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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LEGAL NOTICES

Summons & Notice

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS C/A NO.: 2018-CP-43-00004

COUNTY OF SUMTER STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

LongBridge Financial, LLC Plaintiff,

vs.

The Estate of Inez Ward Fleming a/k/a Inez E. Fleming, and the Personal Representative of the Estate of Inez Ward Fleming a/k/a Inez E. Fleming if any, and any other heirs-at-law or Distributes of Inez Ward Fleming a/k/a Inez E. Fleming; her heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns and Spouses, if any they have, and all other persons entitled to claim under them or through them, all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in and to the real estate described herein; also any unknown adults and those persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, all of them being designated as "John Doe"; and any unknown infants or persons under a disability being a class designated as "Richard Roe"; The United States of America acting by and through its agent, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and Rebecca K. Elmore, Defendant(s).

SUMMONS AND NOTICES (Non-Jury) FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED

and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices at: 508 Hampton Street, Suite 301, Columbia, SC 29201, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference or the Court may issue a general Order of Reference of this action to a Master-in-Equity/Special Referee, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.

TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY:

YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by Attorney for the Plaintiff.

LIS PENDENS

Summons & Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

an action has been or will be commenced in this Court upon complaint of the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendant(s) for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage of real estate given by Inez Ward Fleming to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Longbridge Financial, LLC dated December 24, 2016 and recorded on May 19, 2017 in Book 1233 at Page 323, in the Sumter County Registry (hereinafter, "Subject Mortgage"). Thereafter, the Subject Mortgage being transferred to the Plaintiff by assignment. The premises covered and affected by the said Mortgage and by the foreclosure thereof were, at the time of the making thereof and at the time of the filing of this notice, more particularly described in the said Mortgage and are more commonly described as: All that piece, parcel or tract of land in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina consisting of four acres with the buildings and improvements thereon situate and lying on the South Side of County road leading from Sumter to Cain's Mill and bounded as follows: North by County road and measuring thereon two hundred eighty five (285) feet; East by other lands of Grantor and measuring thereon six hundred thirty seven and four-tenths (637.4) feet, South by lands of J.F. Jackson and measuring thereon two hundred eighty one (281) feet, and West by land by H.F. Jackson and measuring thereon six hundred fourteen (614) feet. Be all of said measurements a little more or less. Same being more fully shown by plat made by Palmer and Malone, C.E. dated February 28, 1948.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land together with improvements thereon, lying and being in Privateer Township of Sumter County, South Carolina, containing one acre according to a plat thereof prepared by William E. Lindler, Jr., PLS dated November 11, 2002, filed for record December 17, 2002 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Sumter County in Plat Book 2002, Page 701 and incorporated herein by reference pursuant to Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976 (see amended). Together with a 30-foot wide easement for ingress and egress shown on the aforesaid plat. Together with all and singular rights, members, Hereditaments and Appurtenances to the said premises belonging, or in anywise incident or appertaining. Parcel No. 209-00-01-010 Property Address: 2700 Caine Mill Road, Sumter, SC 29154

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY FOR UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS IN MILITARY SERVICE

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, upon reading the filed Petition for Appointment of J. Marshall Swails, Esquire as Guardian ad Litem for known and unknown minors, and for all persons who may be under a disability, and it appearing that J. Marshall Swails, Esquire has consented to said appointment, it is

FURTHER upon reading the Petition filed by Plaintiff for the appointment of an attorney to represent any unknown Defendants who may be in the Military Service of the United States of America, and may be, as such, entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act, and any amendments thereto, and it appearing that J. Marshall Swails, Esquire has consented to act for and represent said Defendants, it is

ORDERED that J. Marshall Swails, Esquire 8 Williams Street, Greenville, South Carolina 29601 phone (864) 233-6225, be and hereby is appointed Guardian ad Litem on behalf of all known and unknown minors and all unknown persons who may be under a disability, all of whom may have or claim to have some interest or claim to the real property commonly known as 2700 Cains Mill Road, Sumter, SC 29154; that he is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent said Defendants, unless said Defendants, or someone on their behalf, shall within thirty (30) days after service of a copy hereof as directed, procure the appointment of Guardian or Guardians ad Litem for said Defendants.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that J. Marshall Swails, Esquire of 8 Williams Street, Greenville, South Carolina 29601 phone (864) 233-6225, be and hereby is appointed Attorney for any unknown Defendants who are, or may be, in the Military Service of the United States of America and as such are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act aka Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, and any amendments thereto, to represent and protect the interest of said Defendants.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be forth with served upon said Defendants by publication in Item, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, together with the Summons and Notice of Filing of Complaint in the above entitled action.

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the original Complaint, Cover Sheet for Civil Actions and Certificate of Exemption from ADR in the above entitled action was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on January 2, 2018.

J. Martin Page, SC Bar No. 100200 508 Hampton Street, Suite 301 Columbia, SC 29201 Phone (803) 509-5078

LIS PENDENS

Summons & Notice

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS C/A NO.: 2017-CP-43-01585

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC Plaintiff,

vs.

The Estate of Gloria K. Ford, John Doe and Richard Roe, as Representatives of all Heirs and Devises of Gloria K. Ford, Deceased, and all persons entitled to claim under or through them; also, all other persons or corporations unknown claiming any right, title, interest in or lien upon the real estate described herein, any unknown adults, whose true names are unknown, being as a class designated as John Doe, and any unknown infants, persons under disability, or persons in the Military Service of the United States of America, whose true names are unknown, being as a class designated as Richard Roe, Clinton Karl Ford, Individually & as Personal Representative of Gloria K. Ford, Wendi Bowman, The United States of America, acting by and through its agency, The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Defendant(s).

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LIS PENDENS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an action has been or will be commenced in this Court upon complaint of the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendant(s) for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage of real estate given by Gloria K. Ford to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Residential Finance Corporation dated December 31, 2013 and recorded on January 6, 2014 in Book 1197 at Page 003670, in the Sumter County Registry (hereinafter, "Subject Mortgage"). Thereafter, the Subject Mortgage being transferred to the Plaintiff by assignment recorded July 10, 2017 in Book 1234 at Page 4823. The premises covered and affected by the said Mortgage and by the foreclosure thereof were, at the time of the making thereof and at the time of the filing of this notice, more particularly described in the said Mortgage and are more commonly described as: All that certain piece, parcel, lot or tract of land, containing 0.43 acre(s), more or less, together with any and all improvements thereon, lying, being and situate in Sumter Township, the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and delineated as Lot No. 38 of Ashley Creek Village Subdivision on that certain plat by H.S. Willson, RLS, dated December 31, 1965, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for 2-22 Country in Plat Book 119. Pursuant to Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), reference to said plat(s) is hereby craved for particulars of the boundaries, metes, courses, and/or distances of the property delineated thereon. This property is represented as Tax Map Parcel No. 208-02-01-004 upon the records of the Sumter County Auditor, and is known as 2179 Tanglewood Road, Sumter, SC. This being the identical property heretofore conveyed unto H. Clinton Ford and Gloria K. Ford, by Deed from Trotter Company recorded August 18, 1967 in said Register's Office in Deed Book W-9 at Page 469. Clinton Ford a/k/a H. Clinton Ford a/k/a H.C. Ford conveyed his right, title and interest to Gloria K. Ford by Deed recorded August 1, 1985, said Register's Office, in Deed Book 410 at Page 45. On May 18, 2011 Gloria K. Ford conveyed the herein referenced property to herself and Herbert C. Ford (a/k/a H. Clinton Ford, etc.) by right-of-survivorship deed recorded in Deed Book 1154 at Page 2493, said Register's Office. Herbert C. Ford's interest passed to Gloria K. Ford upon his death on June 26, 2012.

ORDERED that J. Marshall Swails, Esquire 8 Williams Street, Greenville, South Carolina 29601 phone (864) 233-6225, be and hereby is appointed Guardian ad Litem on behalf of all known and unknown minors and all unknown persons who may be under a disability, all of whom may have or claim to have some interest or claim to the real property commonly known as 2700 Cains Mill Road, Sumter, SC 29154; that he is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent said Defendants, unless said Defendants, or someone on their behalf, shall within thirty (30) days after service of a copy hereof as directed, procure the appointment of Guardian or Guardians ad Litem for said Defendants.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be forth with served upon said Defendants by publication in Item, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, together with the Summons and Notice of Filing of Complaint in the above entitled action.

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT

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LIS PENDENS

Summons & Notice

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FURTHER upon reading the Petition filed by Plaintiff for the appointment of an attorney to represent any unknown Defendants who may be in the Military Service of the United States of America, and may be, as such, entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act, and any amendments thereto, and it appearing that J. Marshall Swails, Esquire has consented to act for and represent said Defendants, it is

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Estate Notice Sumter County

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

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

Estate: John William Scarborough #2018ES4300410
Personal Representative Marie C. Scarborough C/O Khariminn Dessow Attorney at Law 425 North Main St. Sumter, SC 29150

Estate:Beauregard Brock #2018ES4300431
Personal Representative Tracy Brock C/O Larry C. Weston P.O. Box 1571 Sumter, SC 29151

Estate:Robert W. Boykin #2018ES4300432
Personal Representative Kathleen G. Boykin 650 St. Ives Way Zelenople, PA 16063

Estate:Oneita Lynn Williams #2018ES4300423
Personal Representative Dwayne G. Williams 115 Elmwood Ave. Pinewood, SC 29125

Estate:Mary Lou Achziger #2018ES4300403
Personal Representative Harvey W. Achziger, Sr. C/O Marvin E. McMillan, Jr. P.O. Box 3690 Sumter, SC 29151

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Estate:Sam W. Goins, Sr. #2018ES4300430
Personal Representative Sheryl B. Goins 107 Wactor St. Sumter, SC 29150

Estate:Fannie B. Green #2018ES4300415
Personal Representative Oliver M. Green 3180 Furman Rd. Sumter, SC 29154

Estate:Mary Rowena Reese Pratt #2018ES4300428
Personal Representative Carol F. Reese 605 Portsmouth Dr. Sumter, SC 29150

Estate:Shirley P. Bradley #2018ES4300421
Personal Representative Velma P. Rose 235 Curtis Dr. Sumter, SC 29153

Estate:John K. Foisey #2018ES4300438
Personal Representative Debra M. Foisey 4584 Wrangler Trl. Sumter, SC 29150

Estate:Cheryl Lynn Green #2018ES4300402
Personal Representative Rochell Green 70 Abiathar Ct. Sumter, SC 29154

Estate:Charles Moody Cobb #2018ES4300407
Personal Representative Ronny L. Lowder 910 Oak Brook Blvd. Sumter, SC 29150

Estate:Ruth A. Young #2018ES4300412
Personal Representative Geneva Williams 159 Ponderosa Dr. Ladson, SC 29456