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Ex-school employee sues district for \$5M

Claims defamation, forced resignation, endangerment of current job

BY BRUCE MILLS
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A former Sumter School District employee accused last year in at least one anonymous letter of misuse of programmatic funds has filed a lawsuit against the district and others in an employment case. Paul Porter, an attorney with

Cromer, Babb, Porter and Hicks LLC, of Columbia, discussed recently that Vivian "Libby" DuBose, the district's former director of early childhood education, filed a summons and complaint in late June against the district for defamation after her separation from employment in 2017. Interim District Superintendent

Debbie Hamm and Chief Human Resources Officer John Kuomus are named in the suit for defamation. The suit has claims brought against multiple defendants for different reasons. Some of the case involves conduct before DuBose's

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Train together to fight together



Officials with the Kazakhstan Army, the United States Army and the British Army listen during the closing ceremonies of joint training during Exercise Steppe Eagle at Fort Jackson on Monday.

Exercise Steppe Eagle builds bonds, armies between USARCENT and coalition forces

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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By the time the five different national anthems finished playing in a gym at the South Carolina Army National Guard's McCrady Training Center at Fort Jackson, the soldiers had gained more than military operations training. They had gained knowledge of different cultures and a brotherhood aimed at continuing peacekeeping efforts across the world.



A USO member serves food to a member of the Kazakhstan Army.

Exercise Steppe Eagle 2018 concluded after 10 days on Monday, and soldiers from the U.S. Army Central, which is headquartered at Shaw Air Force Base, the South Carolina National Guard, the Arizona National Guard, the United Kingdom, Turkey, Tajikistan and Kazakhstan gathered for a closing ceremony.

The partnership training involved "scenario-type exercises to train the Kazakhs to work through the process of peacekeeping operations they're going to have on a na-

tional level," ARCENT Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Cornelison said. The annual exercise has been held in Kazakhstan and across Europe during the last decade, but this was the first time it was held in the United States.

Exercises like Steppe Eagle are important for ARCENT, Cornelison said, because the United States is partnered with 20 countries across the region, primarily in the Middle East, "working on collaborative efforts to make all of our countries bigger, faster and strong militarily."

"What we've determined in the United States is we're not going to do anything unilaterally, militarily, ever again. It's a coalition any time we operate anything across the globe. We're stronger together," he said. "Our partners and allies, when we train together, not only do we exchange military techniques and procedures, but there's a cultural exchange, too, so we better understand each other, and,

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United States



United Kingdom



Tajikistan

Clients gain long-term perspective of hope from Crisis Relief Ministry

BY KEVIN HOWELL
Special to The Sumter Item



As the brunt of August's high temperatures makes you feel like you could fry an egg on the sidewalk and sends people running for shade, it's easy to equate the financial assistance we provide toward electric bills during the summer as simply providing air conditioning. It would be the likely first thought once someone received a final notice and wasn't able to pay it: "I can't live in a house without air conditioning in the summer!" However, Sumter United Ministries'



HOWELL

Crisis Relief Ministry often experiences a deeper response from clients every time we provide financial assistance toward an electric bill final notice. It could be summed up in the word "hope."

When a single mother of two interviewed last week for just such a request, she shared how her world was turned upside down with a cancer diagnosis. Though she's young, she has had a lifelong battle with seizures because of a growth that presses her spinal cord. Recently, she was told she had throat cancer and tumors were wrapped around her vocal chords.

After surgery was performed a few months ago, she lost her voice temporarily. When her voice returned, it wasn't the same. She receives Social Security disability income for the spinal issue but works as self-employed to supplement her income. Between the two incomes, she barely covers basic necessities. Since the surgery, her income was reduced in half since she cannot work and earn extra income. When she came in for assistance, the financial voucher from us was accompanied by lengthy counsel — from family matters to budgeting money and how to develop a long-term plan. Her immediate need was met with the voucher and, for at least one billing cycle, she could breathe again

without the stress of being without electricity and air conditioning. However, it was our holistic approach that left her knowing what needed to change in her life, steps she could take to improve her circumstances and encouragement that comes from caring people investing in her life. A material need was met, and one more family was ensured of safe temperatures at home during the hottest part of the summer. However, the client's perspective was greater. She had hope for both today and the future. We at the Crisis Relief Ministry would never have the opportunity to talk about life with clients if the financial resources were not there to assist.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Banquet to raise funds for women's facility

The Sumter Behavioral Health Services Women's Residential Facility will be hosting its annual banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Love Covenant RAUCH Banquet Room, 245 Oswego Road, Sumter.

The speaker for the evening festivities will be Rep. Wendy C. Brawley, D-Richland and Sumter counties.

This will be an evening of support for the Women's Residential Center including food, the speaker and dancing. Tickets are \$25 per person in advance, \$35 at the door. All money raised will be used to help support the women living at the residential center as they try to better their lives.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Sumter Behavioral Health Services Women's Residential Facility at (803) 436-2462.

Alice Drive flow tests scheduled for Thursday

The City of Sumter Fire Department will flow a hydrant in the Palmetto Point Apartments on Alice Drive for fire flow testing, and the City of Sumter will perform fire hydrant flow tests on Alice Drive between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Thursday.

Water customers in the surrounding area may experience temporary discolored water.

Contact the City of Sumter Public Services Office at (803) 436-2558 with any questions or concerns.

Commission to consider restaurant rebuild

Sumter City-County Planning Commission will meet at 3 p.m. today in City Council Chambers, Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St., to consider:

- A request to rezone 2.45 acres at 2800 Dock Road from general commercial and agricultural conservation to agricultural conservation;

- An amendment to the Sumter County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance to add elementary and secondary schools to the section regarding general commercial district;

- An amendment to the county zoning and development ordinance to remove used motor vehicle parts classification as a permitted, conditional or special exception use in all county zoning districts except the heavy industrial district; and

- A request for Highway Corridor Protection District Design review approval of exterior building materials for a proposal to rebuild a 2,600-square-foot fast food restaurant at 1085 Broad St.

CORRECTION

If you see a statement in error, contact the City Desk at 774-1226 or pressrelease@theitem.com.

Former Lee County sheriff's deputy charged with 5 counts of forgery

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Sumter County Sheriff's Office charged a woman, 41, Tuesday with allegedly presenting five forged checks totaling \$1,775 at a Sumter County convenience store and at a bank earlier this year.

Melissa G. Feagin, of Sierra Street, is accused of presenting forged checks in the amounts of \$225, \$210, \$240 and \$300 at a convenience store on North Kings



FEAGIN

Highway on April 22, April 27, April 28 and April 29, respectively, according to a news release from the sheriff's office.

She also reportedly presented a forged check for \$800 at a bank on Broad Street on Aug. 6.

All five forged checks were drawn from SAFE Federal Credit Union, states a release.

Feagin is charged with five counts of forgery of less than \$10,000.

She was transported to Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center where she is awaiting a first appearance hearing.

According to previous articles published by *The Sumter Item*, Feagin is a

former employee of Lee County Sheriff's Office, who was fired in May 2011 after an internal investigation determined she broke agency policy by using her patrol vehicle outside of jurisdiction while off duty.

A Greenville County sheriff's deputy reported seeing Feagin's patrol vehicle parked outside of a nightclub in Greenville County on May 20, 2011.

Feagin was suspended without pay for three days and demoted from sergeant to corporal before Lee County Sheriff Danny Simon decided to terminate her employment with the agency following the internal investigation.



SPCA reaches out to Drake

Sumter SPCA seems to be advertising to rapper Drake in its sign on Saturday. Drake sings "In My Feelings," in which he asks if Kiki loves him. The shelter has dozens of pets available for adoption. Sumter SPCA is at 1140 S. Guignard Drive, (803) 773-9292, and is open 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day except Wednesday and Sunday. Visit the website at www.sumterspcpa.com. If you can't adopt but would still like to help, the biggest needs right now are for donations of dry puppy and kitten food, wet cat food, cat litter and cleaning supplies. The following are also appreciated: newspapers, stuffed animals, heavy-duty trash bags (30 gallon or larger), dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, bleach, paper towels, sheets and comforters, baby blankets, canned dog and cat food, dry dog food, treats, leashes and collars, disinfectant spray, all-purpose cleaner, air freshener, no-scratch scrubbers, two-sided sponges for dishes, litter freshener and, of course, monetary donations are also gratefully accepted.

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Lee County bridge replacements starting Sept. 10

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Replacement of two bridges in Lee County will begin in September, according to a news release from the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

Two bridges on S-31-53 (Tram Road) near Bishopville are both structurally deficient, according to the release. The first bridge is being replaced with a new 50-foot pre-stressed concrete bridge. The second bridge will be replaced with a

new 60-foot pre-stressed concrete bridge.

The bridges will be initially closed on Sept. 10 for approximately 14 weeks. Pending any delays due to weather conditions, fabricator delays, etc., the bridge should be reopened to traffic by Dec. 21.

Due to the relatively low traffic volumes and in order to minimize the construction duration, cost and impact to property owners in the area, the road will be closed and traffic detoured

during construction. The detour will use roads S-31-44 (Vista Lane), S-31-102 (Red Top Road) and U.S. 76 (Florence Highway).

Lee County schools will be informed of the pending road closure in order to reroute school bus traffic in the area. There are no major businesses that will be impacted.

For additional information, contact District Engineering Administrator Robert C. Dickinson at (803) 737-6660.

Business news

2nd Sumter Rite Aid closing

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Sumter's second Rite Aid is closing soon.

The pharmacy at the Rite Aid store, 375 Pinewood Road, is closing Thursday, and the front of the store with general merchandise will remain open until early September, a store official said Tuesday.

Mega-retailer Walgreens officially began purchasing about 2,000 Rite Aids across the U.S. last fall, and it said at the time it would be closing some Rite Aids to ensure it had a more focused store

network and to offer the greatest value to customers, according to company spokesman Phil Caruso.

The Pinewood Road Rite Aid was acquired by Walgreens in January, along with two other Rite Aid locations in town. The Rite Aid at 225 N. Washington St. closed in July.

After Thursday, pharmacy prescriptions from the Pinewood Road location will be available across the street at Walgreens, 1990 McCrays Mill Road.

Prescriptions must be called in to Walgreens, (803) 934-0847, before pickup.



BRUCE MILLS / THE SUMTER ITEM

The Rite Aid store on Pinewood Road will be closing soon. The pharmacy's last day is Thursday, and the front of the store will close in early September, a store official said.



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Morningside of Sumter celebrates residents' 100th and 101st birthdays.



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Morningside celebrates 2 centenarians with birthdays on same day

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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Eleanor Matthews and Anne Kate Womack have seen a lot in the past century. Born in different states and leading different lives through the Great Depression, World War II and decades leading up to today, the two Sumter residents have celebrated their Aug. 18 birthday 101 and 100 times.

For the past few years, their paths have joined at Morningside of Sumter. The assisted living facility off Wilson Hall Road threw a birthday party on Monday to celebrate the centennial and centennial-plus-one birthdays of the two women, both of whom live there.

Both women were presented a proclamation from Mayor

Joe McElveen and state Sen. Thomas McElveen before residents and their families sang happy birthday, ate cupcakes and corn dogs and listened to music from their childhood.

Brown said both women are active around the facility, playing bridge and helping other residents. He has a special connection to one of them that started years before she moved in.

"Mrs. Womack, she was a kindergarten teacher in Camden, where I'm from. She was my kindergarten teacher, in fact," he said.

She taught about 2,000 children in her 40-year career at Bethesda Church of God in Camden, Brown said, but she remembered him.

"Every morning when she walks by my door, she blows me a kiss," he said.

When Womack was in her 80s, she gave Brown a deposit check.

"She had decided she wanted to move into assisted living but wasn't ready. She pulled up underneath my porch and handed me a deposit check and said, 'put me on your deposit list when I'm ready to move, but I'm not ready today,'" Brown said. "Thirteen years passed, and I had moved from [Morningside of Camden] to here and had been here for a couple years, and finally at the age of 98,



PHOTOS BY MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM
Anne Kate Womack, 100, and Eleanor Matthews, 101, celebrate their birthdays on Monday at Morningside of Sumter.



LEFT: Matthews gets ready to blow out the candle on her cake Monday.

she decided that she was ready." Matthews, who celebrated

her 101st birthday, lived across the country before moving to North Carolina,

then to Sumter. She was born in Richmond, Virginia, and grew up in Florida, where she was making 17 cents per hour working seven days a week during the Depression, said Darden Matthews, her granddaughter. When her grandmother, who raised her, told her she needed to visit her aunt in California, she went to Santa Monica. She has always been a strong-willed, independent person, her granddaughter said, so when she was told to move back to Florida she refused. She had found a job that made 25 cents an hour, Rosie the Riveter-style at Douglas Aircraft. She didn't show up at the train station and stayed, eventually meeting her husband.

"She's always had a lot of chutzpah, which I admire," her granddaughter said.

Brown said the independence and personalities of both women represent the positives of their generation.

"Anytime we can find a reason to celebrate something, our seniors mean a lot to us ... Maybe today someone came home from the hospital. Let's celebrate that," he said. "Maybe somebody had a bad day, but today is a better day. Let's celebrate that. If we can find a reason to celebrate, we do."

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An alligator that was shot by authorities on Hilton Head on Monday is seen after it attacked and killed a woman walking her dog.

Alligator kills woman trying to protect her dog

HILTON HEAD ISLAND (AP) — A woman who often walked her dog near a golf course lagoon across the street from her vacation home was killed Monday by an alligator that dragged her into the water at a private resort on the South Carolina coast.

Authorities said 45-year-old Cassandra Cline was trying to protect her border collie when she died not far from her home on Hilton Head Island.

Thomas DiMaio, who rents a house across the street from the scene of the attack, said he heard shrieks while he was in the shower but thought they were a bird. He went outside a half hour later to find a crowd gathering beside the road, where a bag of dog treats Cline had been carrying, one of her shoes and her hat dotted a trail leading to the water.

"It's really sad," said DiMaio, who often chatted with Cline as she walked her dog past the vacation home he's rented for several weeks in the

Sea Pines Resort. "She didn't have any children. The dog was her child, I guess."

He said Cline and her husband divided their time between Hilton Head and their home near Syracuse, New York. DiMaio said he would see Cline and her dog walking two or three times daily, and the woman often carried a bag of treats.

"She was a very pleasant woman," DiMaio said. "Very friendly."

The 8-foot alligator was later found and killed, said David Lucas, a spokesman for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources.

"She was walking the dog near the lagoon and the alligator came out of the water and tried to get the dog," Lucas said. "The lady tried to rescue the dog and a maintenance worker ran over to help."

Both were trying to save the dog, but the alligator dragged the woman into the water, he said.

With push from PETA, animal crackers bust out of their cages

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN
AP Business Writer

After more than a century behind bars, the beasts on boxes of animal crackers are roaming free.

Mondelez International, the parent company of Nabisco, has redesigned the packaging of its Barnum's Animals crackers in response to pressure from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

PETA, which has been protesting the use of animals in circuses for more than 30 years, wrote a letter to Mondelez in the spring of 2016 calling for a redesign.

"Given the egregious cruelty inherent in circuses that use animals and the public's swelling opposition to the exploitation of animals used for entertainment, we urge Nabisco to update its packaging in order to show animals who are free to roam in their natural habitats," PETA said in its letter.

Mondelez agreed and started working on a redesign. In the meantime, the crackers' namesake circus — Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey — folded for good. The 146-year-old circus, which had removed elephants from its shows in 2016 because of pressure from PETA and others, closed down



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The new Nabisco Barnum's Animals cracker box design was created after pressure from PETA.

in May 2017 because of slow ticket sales.

The redesign of the boxes, now on U.S. store shelves, retains the familiar red and yellow coloring and prominent "Barnum's Animals" lettering. But instead of showing the animals in cages — implying that they're traveling in boxcars for the circus — the new boxes feature a zebra, elephant, lion, giraffe and gorilla wandering side by side in a grassland. The outline of acacia trees can be seen in the distance.

"When PETA reached out about Barnum's, we saw this as another great opportunity to continue to keep this brand modern and contemporary," said Jason Levine, Mondelez's chief marketing officer for North America, in a statement.

President accuses NYC Mayor de Blasio of stealing slogan used at rallies

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is accusing New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio of ripping off his rhetoric.

Trump tweeted Tuesday that de Blasio "just stole my campaign slogan: PROMISES MADE PROMISES KEPT! That's not at all nice. No imagination!"

The mayor responded by Twitter: "The difference is that I'm not lying when I say it."

De Blasio appeared at an event Monday standing next to a sign that read "Promises Made, Promises Kept."

Trump has featured similar signs at his rallies. The Democratic mayor of

the president's hometown, de Blasio has been a critic of Trump.

The campaign mantra has been used in the past by politicians stressing their accomplishments. Former Michigan Gov. John Engler, a Republican, used the slogan when he won re-election in 1994.

Microsoft uncovers more Russian hacking ahead of midterms

BY MATT O'BRIEN
AP Technology Writer

Microsoft has uncovered new Russian hacking efforts targeting U.S. political groups ahead of the midterm elections.

The company said Tuesday that a group tied to the Russian government created fake websites that appeared to spoof two American conservative organizations: the Hud-

son Institute and the International Republican Institute. Three other fake sites were designed to look as if they belonged to the U.S. Senate.

Microsoft didn't offer any further description of the fake sites, although it has previously outlined in court filings how this hacking group operated a network of fake sites

designed to trick victims into installing malicious software.

Russian officials dismissed the company's claims as unfounded. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov cited the lack of detail on the hack and said it wasn't clear "who the hackers in question are" and how they could distort the U.S. electoral system.

The revelation of new hacking efforts arrives just weeks after a similar Microsoft discovery led Sen. Claire McCaskill, a Missouri Democrat

who is running for re-election, to reveal that Russian hackers tried unsuccessfully to infiltrate her Senate computer network.

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Colorado man tells of murder charges as wife's father sobs

GREELEY, Colo. (AP) — A Colorado man told a judge he understood he has been charged with killing his pregnant wife and two young daughters and then hiding their bodies in an oil field as his father-in-law sobbed in the courtroom Tuesday.

Christopher Watts, wearing an orange jail suit and cuffed at the wrists and ankle, stoically answered, "Yes sir," as District Judge Marcelo Kopcow formally advised him of the murder charges and that he could face life in prison or the death penalty if convicted of killing his wife, Shanann, 34, and their daughters Celeste, 3, and Bella, 4.

Shanann's father, Frank Rzucek Sr., wept with his face in his hands. Shanann's brother, Frank Rzucek Jr., rubbed his father's shoulders and glared unflinchingly at Watts. A bailiff stood between them.

Watts didn't enter a plea to three first-degree murder charges, two counts of killing a child under 12, one count of unlawful termination of a pregnancy and three counts of tampering with a deceased human body.

Shanann's body was buried in a shallow grave in an oil field north of Denver, and the girls' bodies were found submerged in nearby oil tanks, according to police arrest affidavit.

Watts told authorities his



Frank Rzucek, the father of Shanann Watts, left, and her brother, Frankie Rzucek, sit in the arraignment hearing for Christopher Watts on Tuesday in Greeley, Colorado. Watts faces numerous charges, including several counts of first-degree murder of his wife, Shanann, and his two daughters, Bella and Celeste.

wife killed the children after he told her he wanted a separation. He said he erupted in rage after seeing her strangle one of the kids on a baby monitor and then strangled their mother inside the family's home, according to court documents.

Police first visited the home on Aug. 13, after a friend asked officers to check on Shanann. She had missed a doctor's appointment and wasn't answering calls or text messages hours after returning home from a business trip, the friend said.

Police searched the house

and found Shanann's cell-phone stuffed inside a couch. Her purse was in the kitchen, and a suitcase was at the bottom of the stairs.

A detective spoke to Watts and learned about his plan to leave his wife. He said the conversation with Shanann was civil at first but that later "they were both upset and crying" and she planned to go to a friend's house, the court papers said.

When she and the girls did not return home Aug. 14, investigators ramped up their efforts with help from the FBI and Colorado Bureau of In-

vestigation. Christopher Watts was interviewed by several local television stations, saying he missed his family and wanted them back.

It wasn't until last Wednesday night that he told investigators "he would tell the truth." Watts asked to speak with his father, then acknowledged killing his wife.

In court papers released Monday, investigators said they learned that Watts was "actively involved in an affair with a co-worker," something he denied in earlier conversations with police.

According to Watts' account, Aug. 13 began with an intense conversation. He said he told his wife that he wanted a separation and then walked downstairs.

When he returned, he said he spotted a baby monitor on his wife's nightstand and saw her "actively strangling" Celeste. He said it also showed their other daughter, Bella, "sprawled out on her bed and blue."

"Chris said he went into a rage and ultimately strangled Shanann to death," the document said.

Police found surveillance video from a neighbor show-

ing Watts' truck backing into the driveway at 5:27 a.m. and then driving away from the house in Frederick, a small town on the grassy plains north of Denver where fast-growing subdivisions intermingle with drilling rigs and oil wells.

Watts, who worked as an operator for Anadarko Petroleum, said he loaded his wife and daughters' bodies into the backseat of his truck and drove to an oil work site about 40 miles east of the family's home. He buried Shanann's body and "dumped the girls inside" oil tanks, according to court documents.

Separate documents filed by Watts' defense attorney last week said the girls' bodies were submerged in crude oil for four days before police found them late Thursday. Their mother's body was found in a shallow grave nearby, prosecutors said.

The court filing says Watts gave police an aerial photograph and identified three areas where he placed the bodies. Investigators searched with a drone and spotted a bedsheet that matched other linens in the family home and fresh dirt.

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EXERCISE FROM PAGE A1

heck, it's a great way to spread democracy, too, and just our way of thinking. And we learn from them in the process, as well."

Steppe Eagle is one of 18 major exercises ARCENT participates in annually, according to Maj. Gen. David Hill, deputy commander of ARCENT, as a way to advance partnerships across the Middle East and Central Asia.

"When you train hard together, you learn a lot about each other, and these 10 days of training in demanding conditions with warm days and rainy afternoons and lots of tasks for them to get after and shared hardship and sacrifice I think builds strong teams, and we certainly were able to do that here," Hill said.

When soldiers from nations with different languages get together to train and execute missions in real-life scenarios, being able to understand one another's culture and to communicate is vital.

Aleksandr Didarov was the interpreter for Steppe Eagle and said the job is more than translating. It can involve looking out for cultural sensitivities and always involves helping the bond between coalition forces grow stronger.

"My task is to be the voice and not be seen. I don't believe an interpreter should be anything more than that, so I suggest for the person I'm working with to face the other person as if they're talking to same language," he said.

Didarov was born in Siberia in the last years of the Soviet Union and immigrated to the United States with his parents a couple months before 9/11.

"That spurred me on to give back to the country that took us in, and my parents made sure I kept the language," allowing him now to speak Russian during exercises like Steppe Eagle. "For most countries in the post-Soviet Bloc, they speak Russian, and it's easier to find a Russian linguist" than to find someone who can speak each individual country's language.

The exercise seemed to go well both for training purposes and cultural exchanges.



Maj. Gen. David Hill presents an official with the Turkish Army with a gift during closing ceremonies of the joint international training.

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LEFT: A member of the Kazakhstan Army salutes during closing ceremonies on Monday.



RIGHT: A USO member serves food to a member of the Kazakhstan Army.

"When you've lived in the field with soldiers from other armies in adverse conditions in the heat and pouring rain trying to execute missions, you form friendships. I think you form

very firm friendships very, very quickly," said Col. Lance Patterson with the British delegation at Steppe Eagle. "I think it's an excellent way of doing it. Within the modern context,

the chances of working as a sole national army are slim. If you want to fight easier, you need to train hard, and this is the way to train with coalition partners."

LAWSUIT FROM PAGE A1

separation from the district and some for conduct after her separation from employment, Porter said.

In her complaint, DuBose claims she was forced to resign from her position as director of the Early Childhood Development Program on July 31, 2017, after two anonymous letters were circulated throughout the Sumter community accusing her of fraud and abuse and mismanagement of programmatic funds.

The complaint presumes two other defendants — Kellie Gainey and Patty Wilson — either authored the letters or had knowledge of the material included in them.

After the letters were circulated, the State Law Enforcement Division took over the case to look into the allegations of misuse of district funds.

According to the suit, Gainey was a former district employee under DuBose, and Wilson was a former school district board member.

DuBose claims she is innocent on all accounts.

In her resignation last year, DuBose was advised to never return to the school district's offices, her complaint states.

Since her separation from the district, DuBose went to work with a nonprofit agency helping families with special-needs children, according to the complaint.

Hamm and Kuomus are named in the suit as individual defendants, along with the district, for conduct (defamation) after DuBose's separation from employment.

In her complaint allegations, DuBose said earlier this year one of her supervisors with her new employer contacted Kuomas regarding her new job and that he said Hamm had advised Kuomas that DuBose was not to be permitted to come onto district property or to contact anyone with the district and that she had already "cost the district enough money."

DuBose claims those allegations are false, without any factual basis and made without justification.

The complaint allegations also say DuBose is in jeopardy of losing the position she now holds as a result of the widespread and continuing public-

ity relating to the events she describes in her complaint.

DuBose's attorney said he couldn't comment on pending litigation but that he holds firmly to the complaint's allegations.

"We feel strongly about the allegations and will work hard to prove each and every allegation," he said.

Alan Smith, an attorney with Halligan, Mahoney and Williams of Columbia, is representing the district, Hamm and Kuomus in the suit.

He said Tuesday he couldn't comment on specifics in the case but did say the defense team "unequivocally deny the

allegations of wrongdoing and fully expect to defend ourselves."

The district's due date for a response to the complaint is Sept. 14. Smith said the defense team would likely file one before that date.

SLED has not announced any formal charges in the case since taking it over in June 2017.

SLED spokesman Thom Berry's only comment Tuesday to *The Sumter Item* was that "legally, I can tell you nothing."

DuBose's attorney said recently that after the district response, written discovery

and depositions will follow. He said he projects the case will be called to trial within 12 to 18 months.

The attorneys for the other defendants in the case, Gainey and Wilson, said Tuesday they couldn't comment on pending legislation and only acknowledged they were representing their clients in the case.

DuBose is asking for up to \$5 million in damages from a jury trial to offset special harm including decreased earning capacity, loss of good will, reputational loss, pain and suffering and reasonable attorney fees.

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U.S. deports former Nazi camp guard, 95, to Germany

BERLIN (AP) — The last Nazi war crimes suspect facing deportation from the U.S. was taken from his New York City home and spirited early Tuesday morning to Germany, following years of efforts to remove him from the United States.

The deportation of the 95-year-old former Nazi camp guard, Jakiw Palij, came 25 years after investigators first confronted him about his World War II past and he admitted lying to get into the U.S., claiming he spent the war as a farmer and factory worker.

Palij lived quietly in the U.S. for years, as a draftsman and then as a retiree, until nearly three decades ago when investigators found his name on an old Nazi roster and a fellow former guard spilled the secret that he was "living somewhere in America."

Palij told Justice Department investigators who showed up at his door in 1993: "I would never have received my visa if I told the truth. Everyone lied."

A judge stripped Palij's citizenship in 2003 for "participation in acts against Jewish civilians" while an armed guard at the Trawniki camp in Nazi-occupied Poland and was ordered deported a year later.

But because Germany, Poland, Ukraine and other countries refused to take him, he continued living in limbo in the two-story, red brick home in Queens he shared with his wife, Maria, now 86. His continued presence there outraged the Jewish community, attracting frequent protests over the years that featured such chants as "your neighbor is a Nazi!"

According to the Justice Department, Palij served at Trawniki in 1943, the same year 6,000 prisoners in the camps and tens of thousands of other prisoners held in occupied Poland were rounded up and slaughtered. Palij has admitted serving in Trawniki but denied any involvement in war crimes.

Last September, all 29 members of New York's congressional delegation signed a letter urging the State Department to follow through on his deportation.

Richard Grenell, the U.S. ambassador who arrived in Germany earlier this year, said President Donald Trump — who is from New York — instructed him to make it a priority. He said the new German government, which took office in March, brought "new energy" to the matter.

The deportation came after weeks of diplomatic negotiations.

Grenell told reporters that there were "difficult conversations" because Palij is not a German citizen and was stateless after losing his U.S. citizenship, but "the moral obligation" of taking in "someone who served in the name of the German government was accepted."

Video footage from ABC News showed federal immigration agents carrying Palij out of his Queens apartment on a stretcher sometime during the day Monday.

Palij, with a fluffy white beard and a brown, newsboy-style cap atop his head, was wrapped in a sheet as the agents carried him down a brick stairway in front of his home and into a waiting ambulance. He ignored a reporter who shouted, "Are you a Nazi?" and "Do you have any regrets?"

His attorney, Ivars Berzins, did not immediately return telephone or email messages.

Palij landed in the western German city of Duesseldorf on Tuesday. The local government in Warendorf county, near Muenster, said Palij would be taken to a care facility in the town of Ahlen.

Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said that "there is no line under historical responsibility," adding in comment to German daily Bild that doing justice to the memory of Nazi atrocities "means standing by our moral obligation to the victims and the subsequent generations."

German prosecutors have previously said it does not ap-

pear that there's enough evidence to charge Palij with wartime crimes.

Now that he is in Germany, Efraim Zuroff, the head Nazi-hunter at the Simon Wiesenthal Center, said he hoped prosecutors would revisit the case.

"Trawniki was a camp where people were trained to round up and murder the Jews in Poland, so there's certainly a basis for some sort of prosecution," he said in a telephone interview from Jerusalem, adding that the U.S. Department of Justice "deserves a lot of credit" for sticking with the case.

"The efforts invested by the United States in getting Palij deported are really noteworthy, and I'm very happy to see that they finally met with success."

Palij's deportation is the first for a Nazi war crimes suspect since Germany agreed in 2009 to take John Demjanjuk, a retired Ohio autoworker who was accused of serving as a Nazi guard. He was convicted in 2011 of being an accessory to more than 28,000 killings and died 10 months later, at age 91, with his appeal pending.

Palij entered the U.S. in 1949 under the Displaced Persons Act, a law meant to help refugees from post-war Europe.

He told immigration officials that he worked during the war in a woodshop and farm in Nazi-occupied Poland; at another farm in Germany; and finally in a German upholstery factory. Palij said he never served in the military.

In reality, officials say, he played an essential role in the Nazi program to exterminate Jews in German-occupied Poland, as an armed guard at Trawniki. According to a Justice Department complaint, Palij served in a unit that "committed atrocities against Polish civilians and others" and then in the notorious SS Streibel Battalion, "a unit whose function was to round up and guard thousands of Polish civilian forced laborers."

After the war, Palij maintained friendships with other Nazi guards who the government says came to the U.S. under similar false pretenses. And in an interesting coincidence, Palij and his wife purchased their home near LaGuardia Airport in 1966 from a Polish Jewish couple who had survived the Holocaust and were not aware of his past.

The Justice Department's special Nazi-hunting unit started piecing together Palij's past

after a fellow Trawniki guard identified him to Canadian authorities in 1989. Investigators asked Russia and other countries for records on Palij beginning in 1990 and first confronted him in 1993.

It wasn't until after a second interview in 2001 that he signed a document acknowledging he had been a guard at Trawniki and a member of the Streibel Battalion. Palij suggested at one point during that interview that he was threatened with death if he refused to work as a guard, saying "if you don't show up, boom-boom."

Though the last Nazi suspect ordered deported, Palij is not the last in the U.S.

Since 2017, Poland has been seeking the extradition of Ukrainian-born Michael Karkoc, an ex-commander in an SS-led Nazi unit that burned Polish villages and killed civilians during the war. The 99-year-old who lives in Minneapolis was the subject of a series of 2013 reports by the AP that led Polish prosecutors to issue an arrest warrant for him.

In addition to Karkoc, there are almost certainly others in the U.S. who have either not yet been identified or investigated.



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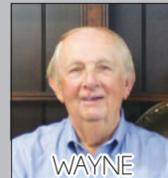
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COMMENTARY

Bad men
but good
presidents

With the continuing hysteria about Donald Trump's presidency, a few questions come to mind. The first: Can a bad man become a good president? The second: Does one's being a good man guarantee he'll be a good president? Third: Does having a good president require a good man? Is there any evidence of Lord Acton's argument that "great men are almost always bad men"?

I think former President Jimmy Carter was a good man who became a weak and bad president, both in domestic matters and in foreign affairs. President Bill Clinton was a bad man who became a reasonably good president in domestic and foreign matters. But then there was that impeachment issue that greatly tarnished his presidency.



Walter Williams

What about our current president? I think Trump's personal behavior prior to his presidency is not something we'd call high character. We might put him down as a bad

man, but what about his presidency? I think that he'd qualify for this description: a bad man but good president. The average reader might ask, "Williams, what's your evidence?" In a recent letter to me, Stephen Moore, a George Mason University graduate and a distinguished visiting fellow for the Project for Economic Growth at The Heritage Foundation, put together a list of President Trump's achievements. I recognize the possibility that they will be seen as horrible, maybe treasonous, by the nation's leftists.

Trump has appointed Neil Gorsuch and nominated Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. Both men have stellar judicial qualifications and a deep respect for the U.S. Constitution. In addition, Trump has nominated more than two dozen lower court judges who have similar respect for our Constitution and are not likely to make laws from the bench.

Trump has shepherded through Congress the largest personal and corporate tax cuts since the Reagan administration. His administration has created a 35 percent reduction in regulations. Those reductions, including the rollback of costly Environmental Protection Agency regulations, have led to the biggest energy boom in history, making the U.S. the world's No. 1 energy producer and thus ending our dependence on Middle Eastern oil producers.

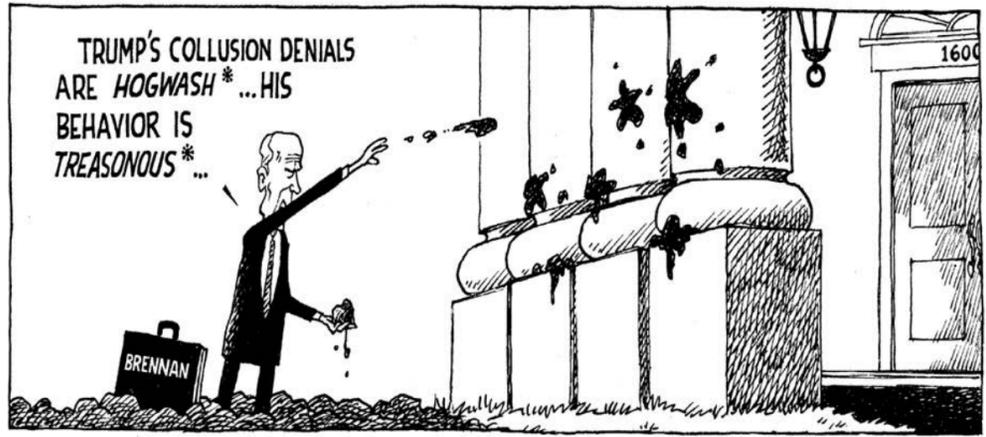
The Trump administration has ended the Obamacare mandate and reformed the very costly Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Helping with these economic matters is free marketer Larry Kudlow, whom Trump appointed as director of the National Economic Council. As a result of the gross domestic product's growth spurt, caused by tax cuts and deregulation, unemployment is less than 4 percent. Black unemployment is hovering around the all-time low at 6.6 percent. In fact, it's estimated that there are 6 million more jobs than workers. Also on the domestic front, the Trump administration is trying to push through sweeping prison and sentencing reforms.

President Trump has also made important gains in international affairs. He's gotten us out of the Paris climate accord. Aside from the fact that the agreement imposed costs and special disadvantages on the U.S., the Paris agreement should have been presented as a treaty to the U.S. Senate. Trump also got us out of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action — the Iranian nuclear deal. Aside from Iran's violation of both the letter and the spirit of the agreement, it, too, should have been presented before the U.S. Senate for approval. President Barack Obama did not present either the Paris climate accord or the Iranian nuclear deal for Senate approval. He knew neither would have passed muster and instead used his executive powers.

Also on the international front, Trump has gotten North Korean tyrant Kim Jong Un to the bargaining table to negotiate denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. He's gotten our NATO allies to cough up more money for their own defense. Trump is rebuilding our military strength, which is beginning to put the fear of God into our adversaries.

The bottom line is that President Donald Trump does not have the personal character that we would want our children to imitate but has turned out to be a good president, save his grossly misguided international trade policies.

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.



COMMENTARY

In spies battle, Trump holds the high ground

In backing John Brennan's right to keep his top-secret security clearance, despite his having charged the president with treason, the U.S. intel community has chosen to fight on indefensible terrain.

Former Director of National Intelligence James Clapper seemed to recognize that Sunday when he conceded that ex-CIA Director Brennan had the subtlety of "a freight train" and his rhetoric had become "an issue in and of itself."

After Donald Trump's Helsinki summit with Vladimir Putin, Brennan had called the president's actions "nothing short of treasonous."

The battle is now engaged. Trump cannot back down. He must defy and defeat the old bulls of the intel community. And he can.

For a security clearance is not a right. It is not an entitlement.

It is a privilege, an honor and a necessity for those serving in the security agencies of the U.S. government — while they serve.

Brennan is not being deprived of his First Amendment rights. He can still make any accusation and call the president any name he wishes.

But to argue that a charge of treason against a president is not a justification for pulling a clearance is a claim both arrogant and absurd.

Again, a security clearance is not a constitutional right.

Said Defense Secretary James Mattis: "I have taken security clearances away from people in my previous time in uniform ... a security clearance is something that is granted on an as-needed basis."

Brennan is now threatening to sue the president. Bring it on, says national security adviser John Bolton.

With 4 million Americans holding top-secret clearances,

and this city awash in leaks to the media from present and past intel and security officials, it is time to strip the swamp creatures of their special privileges.

The White House should press upon Congress a policy of automatic cancellation of security clearances, for intelligence and military officers, upon resignation, retirement or severance.

Clearances should be retained only for departing officers who can demonstrate that their "need to know" national secrets remains crucial to our security, not merely advantageous to their pursuit of lucrative jobs in the military-industrial complex.

Officials in the security realm who take clearances with them on leaving office are like House members who retain all the access, perks and privileges of Congress after they step down to earn seven-figure salaries lobbying their former congressional colleagues.

The White House statement of Sarah Huckabee Sanders on John Brennan's loss of his clearances was spot on:

"Any access granted to our nation's secrets should be in furtherance of national, not personal, interests.

"Mr. Brennan has recently leveraged his status as a former high-ranking official with access to highly sensitive information to make a series of unfounded and outrageous allegations — wild outbursts on the Internet and television — about this administration. Mr. Brennan's lying and recent conduct, characterized by increasingly frenzied commentary, is wholly inconsistent with access to the nation's most closely held secrets and facilitates the very aim of our adversaries, which is to sow division and chaos."

Trump is said to be evaluating pulling the security clearances of Clapper, ex-FBI Director James Comey, former CIA Director Michael Hayden, former Deputy FBI Director Andrew McCabe, former FBI counterintelligence official Peter

Strzok and former FBI lawyer Lisa Page.

This is a good start. Some of these individuals have been fired. Some are under investigation. Some were involved in the FBI's "get-Trump" cabal to prevent his election and then to abort his presidency.

Some have become talking heads on cable TV, exploiting the credibility of their former titles and offices to undermine an elected president.

Again, they have a First Amendment right to do this. But they should be stripped of their clearances to show the nation that the president is dealing with insiders who have joined the Resistance.

At bottom, the issue is: Who speaks for America?

Is it the mainstream media, the deep state, the permanent government, the city that gave Trump 4 percent of its votes? Or is it that vast slice of Middle America that sent Trump to drain the swamp?

Trump's enemies, and they are legion, want to see Robert Mueller charge him with collusion with Russia and obstructing the investigation of that collusion. They want to see the Democratic Party take over the House in November, and the Senate, and move on to impeach and remove Trump from office. Then they want to put him where Paul Manafort sits today.

For Trump, a truce or a negotiated peace with these people is never going to happen. But this issue of security clearances is a battlefield where the president cannot lose, if he fights wisely.

Americans sense that these are privileges that should be extended to those who protect us, not perks for former officials to exploit and monetize while they attempt to bring down the commander in chief.

Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of a new book, "Nixon's White House Wars: The Battles That Made and Broke a President and Divided America Forever."

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AA Women's Meeting — Wednesdays, 7 p.m., 1 Warren St., (803) 775-1852.

AA Spanish Speaking — Sundays, 4:30 p.m., 1 Warren St., (803) 775-1852.

AA "How it Works" Group — Mondays and Fridays, 8 p.m., 1154 Ronda St., (803) 494-5180.

441 AA Support Group — Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, 8 p.m., Hair Force, 2090-D S.C. 441.

AA Summerton Group — Wednesday, 8 p.m., town hall.

Manning Al-Anon Family Group — Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Behavioral Health Building, 14 Church St., Manning, (803) 435-8085.

C/A "Drop the Rock" Group — Thursdays, 9:30 p.m., 1154 Ronda St., (803) 607-4543.

Al-Anon "Seekers of Serenity" — Mondays, 7 p.m., 1 Warren St., (803) 720-1747

MONDAY MEETINGS:

Sumter Vitiligo Support Group — Second Monday, 5:45-6:45 p.m., North HOPE Center, 904 N. Main St., (803) 316-6763. The group is also on Facebook.

TUESDAY MEETINGS:

Celebrate Recovery — Tuesdays, 6:45 p.m. coffee / snacks, 7 p.m. meeting, Alice Drive Baptist Church, Studio 4.3 (youth building), 1305 Loring Mill Road. For help with struggles of alcohol, drugs, family problems, addictions, pornography, smoking, anxiety, etc.

Heroin Anonymous — Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 p.m., 4742 Broad St., (803) 494-5180.

Sumter Connective Tissue Support Group — First Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November, 7 p.m., 180 Tiller Circle, (803) 773-0869.

Sumter Combat Veterans Group Peer to Peer — Tuesdays, 11 a.m., South HOPE Center, 1125 S. Lafayette Drive. Veterans helping veterans with PTSD, coping skills, claims and benefits.

"The Gathering" — Second Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., North HOPE Center, 904 N. Main St. Support group for teens and adults with special needs. Call (803) 972-0051 or (803) 468-5745 or email thegathering23@aol.com.

Sumter Amputee Support Group — Second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Sumter Prosthetics & Orthotics, 259 Broad St., (803) 883-4356.

Sumter Chapter Parents of Murdered Children (POMC) — Third Tuesday, 5:30-7 p.m., Birnie HOPE Center, 210 S. Purdy St. Open to anyone who has lost a loved one to murder in a violent way.

Mothers of Angels (for mothers who have lost a child) — Third Tuesday at 6 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church, (803) 469-6059, (803) 979-4498 or (803) 316-4506.

EFMP Parent Exchange Group — Last Tuesday, 11 a.m.-noon, Airman and Family Readiness Center. Support to service members who have a dependent with a disability or illness. Call (803) 895-1252/1253 or (803) 847-2377.

WEDNESDAY MEETINGS:

Sickle Cell Support Group — Last Wednesday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., South Sumter Resource Center, 337 Manning Ave., (803) 774-6181.

Divorce Care and Grief Share — Two separate groups that meet Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Baptist Church, 2401 Bethel Church Road, (803) 481-2160.

THURSDAY MEETINGS:

TOPS S.C. No. 236 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) — Thursdays, 9 a.m., Spectrum Senior Center, 1989 Durant Lane, (803) 775-3926 or (803) 469-4789.

Alzheimer's Support Group through S.C. Alzheimer's Association — First Thursday, 6-8 p.m., National Health Care, 1018 N. Guignard Drive. Call (803) 905-7720 or the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 636-3346.

Journey of Hope (for family members of the mentally ill), Journey to Recovery (for the mentally ill) and Survivors of Suicide Support Group — Each group meets every first Thursday, 7 p.m., St. John United Methodist Church, 136 Poinsett Drive, (803) 905-5620.

Women (Only) Support Group "Moving from Bitter to Better" — Third Thursday, 7-8:30 p.m., Next Generation Church, 741 Bultman Drive, Unit 8. For ages 18 and older. Call (843) 327-0393 or email joeannaiken@yahoo.com.

FRIDAY MEETINGS:

Celebrate Recovery — Fridays, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. program, Salt & Light Church, 360 Miller Road. For help with struggles of alcohol, drugs, family problems, smoking, etc.

Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy/Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Support Group — Third Saturday, 1:30 p.m., 3785 Blackberry Lane, Lot 7, (803) 481-7521.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
89°	68°	85° / 62°	86° / 67°	87° / 69°	89° / 69°
Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 15%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 25%
W 6-12 mph	NNW 4-8 mph	NNE 7-14 mph	NE 6-12 mph	ENE 6-12 mph	NE 4-8 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS

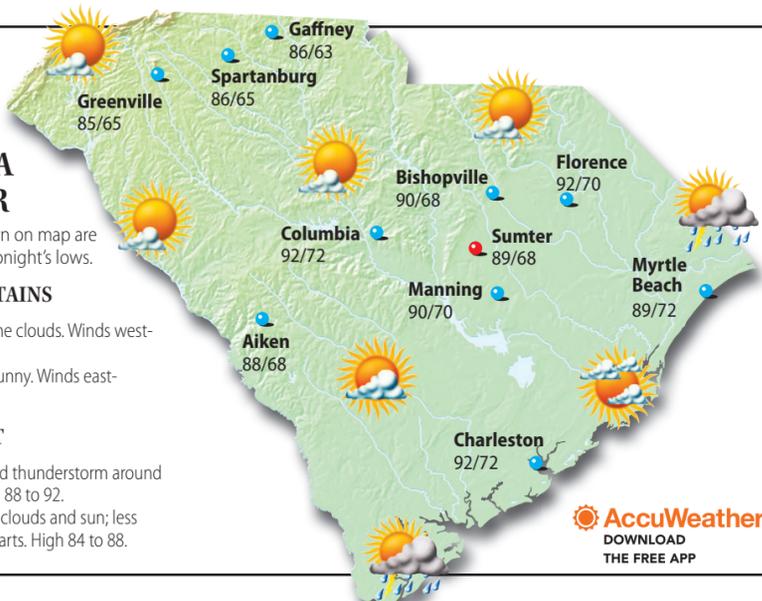
Today: Sun and some clouds. Winds west-northwest 4-8 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny. Winds east-northeast 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: A shower and thunderstorm around in central parts. High 88 to 92.

Thursday: Times of clouds and sun; less humid in northern parts. High 84 to 88.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
83°	83°	74°	88°	68°	102° in 1983	59° in 1961

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date	Last year to date	Normal year to date
0.00"	0.00"	4.85"	3.62"	26.76"	27.53"	31.96"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.34	-0.01
Marion	76.8	75.48	none
Moultrie	75.5	75.25	-0.02
Wateree	100	96.84	-0.07

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	6.67	+0.24
Congaree River	19	3.69	+0.21
Lynchess River	14	2.16	-0.33
Saluda River	14	3.44	+0.01
Up. Santee River	80	77.03	+0.04
Wateree River	24	12.48	+0.79

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:48 a.m.	Sunset	8:01 p.m.
Moonrise	5:44 p.m.	Moonset	3:17 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Aug. 26	Sep. 2	Sep. 9	Sep. 16

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	6:40 a.m.	2.7	1:33 a.m.	0.8
	7:27 p.m.	3.3	1:34 p.m.	0.5
Thu.	7:29 a.m.	2.8	2:20 a.m.	0.6
	8:12 p.m.	3.3	2:21 p.m.	0.5

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	85/66/s	84/66/s
Chicago	78/60/s	81/64/s
Dallas	95/75/s	99/79/s
Detroit	75/57/pc	80/60/s
Houston	99/76/s	98/77/s
Los Angeles	83/65/pc	81/64/pc
New Orleans	92/78/s	91/75/pc
New York	84/65/t	78/64/s
Oriando	90/73/t	90/73/t
Philadelphia	85/64/pc	79/61/s
Phoenix	99/84/pc	101/84/pc
San Francisco	71/57/pc	70/56/pc
Wash., DC	88/65/sh	82/63/s

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	79/60/pc	77/56/pc	Marion	82/58/pc	79/55/s
Athens	88/65/s	84/61/s	Mt. Pleasant	90/74/pc	86/73/pc
Augusta	91/70/s	88/66/pc	Myrtle Beach	89/72/t	84/69/pc
Beaufort	92/73/pc	88/71/t	Orangeburg	90/71/pc	86/67/pc
Cape Hatteras	85/74/t	82/71/pc	Port Royal	90/74/pc	87/74/t
Charleston	92/72/pc	88/70/t	Raleigh	88/62/pc	82/56/s
Charlotte	88/65/s	82/61/s	Rock Hill	87/65/s	82/60/s
Clemson	87/66/pc	83/63/s	Rockingham	88/66/t	84/60/s
Columbia	92/72/s	88/65/s	Savannah	92/72/pc	89/70/t
Darlington	90/68/t	85/62/s	Spartanburg	86/65/pc	81/60/s
Elizabeth City	89/69/t	82/64/pc	Summerville	90/71/pc	86/68/pc
Elizabethtown	89/69/pc	84/61/pc	Wilmington	89/71/pc	86/67/pc
Fayetteville	89/68/pc	83/61/s	Winston-Salem	85/62/pc	79/58/s
Florence	92/70/pc	87/63/s			
Gainesville	90/71/t	93/71/pc			
Gastonia	87/64/s	82/58/s			
Goldsboro	89/68/pc	83/58/pc			
Goose Creek	91/72/pc	86/70/t			
Greensboro	85/61/pc	79/57/s			
Greenville	85/65/pc	82/59/s			
Hickory	84/61/pc	79/58/s			
Hilton Head	89/75/pc	86/74/c			
Jacksonville, FL	91/73/t	93/74/pc			
La Grange	85/67/s	86/68/s			
Macon	89/67/s	88/68/s			
Marietta	84/64/pc	84/64/pc			

PUBLIC AGENDA

GREATER SUMTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Today, noon, chamber office

SUMTER CITY-COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Today, 3 p.m., fourth floor, Sumter Opera House, Council Chambers

SUMTER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Thursday, 7:45 a.m., 10 E. Liberty St.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take a practical approach to work and

dealing with peers. Don't let emotions interfere in the decisions you have to make. Get along, regardless of what others decide to do. Evaluate your relationship with children, older relatives and romantic partners.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep an open mind if you want to get things done. Your enthusiasm coupled with a thought-out plan will help you overrule any negativity someone tosses your way. Offer dedication, honesty and ambition; success will follow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Personal improvements should be made for the right reason. Don't overspend on items or products that aren't necessary or that promise the impossible. Spending time with someone will be revealing regarding his or her emotions, motives and intentions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Discuss problems you face with a loved one. Partnerships have to be handled fairly, and the desire to build a strong relationship should be your intent. Taking an unusual approach to how you handle personal and professional changes is advised.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep your expenses under control, and be willing to work with what you have. A change will end up grounding you, so don't fight the inevitable. Use experience and physical skills to your advantage; progress will be made.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Short trips, business meetings and unusual partnerships will all lead to an interesting partnership with someone who brings out the best in you. Put

your ideas into motion, and don't stop until you are satisfied with the results you get.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Not everyone will agree with the choices you make. An emotional setback is apparent if you can't get along with someone you live with or near. Don't let anger take over. Patience and fair solutions will help resolve the problem.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Set up a conference call if it will save you travel expense. Getting your point heard is important, but so is listening and coming up with a plan that will satisfy the person you are dealing with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Express your thoughts, but don't reveal personal information, passwords or financial records. Don't trust anyone to take care of something that is important to you. A commitment you make will bring about a financial change.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Turn on the charm if you want to get others to see things your way. A change of plans or surroundings will help ease stress and give you a chance to recap what's happened and what you want to see unfold.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Dealing with hospitals or financial institutions will be stressful. Try not to overreact or let the changes that take place undermine your intelligence. Make decisions based on facts. Form partnerships with those willing to meet you halfway.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Get involved in something you feel strongly about. The input you offer will lead to suggestions and help that will make a difference to the professional choices you are given. A chance to advance is within reach.

SUMTER ANIMAL CONTROL PETS OF THE WEEK



LEFT: Allie is a 1- to 2-year-old female who weighs 31 pounds. She was found wandering as a stray with Allen, and she is looking for a new home. Allie is submissive and gets along with the other dogs at Sumter Animal Control. She is friendly, full of energy, affectionate and loves attention. Allie will need a fenced-in yard where she can run and play all day.



RIGHT: Allen is a 2- to 3-year-old boy who weighs 49 pounds. He is friendly and gets along well with other dogs at Sumter Animal Control. He has a lot of energy and needs a home where he will have room to exercise every day. Allen is waiting on his forever home.

You can meet Allie in kennel 03 or Allen in kennel 05 at Sumter Animal Control, 1240 Winkles Road. We have many other adoptable dogs as well as animals who were found and are waiting for their owners to claim them. Proof of spay/neuter will be required as part of your adoption contract. Check Sumter Animal Control on Facebook. Our adoption coordinator can be reached at (803) 774-3232 or email rescuesumtersc@gmail.com for an adoption application.

CAN'T ADOPT BUT WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN SOME WAY? Sumter Animal Control accepts donations of the following:

Capstar flea control pills (at Petco or Tractor Supply), bleach (gallons or spray bottle), metal food and water bowls in all sizes, towels, waterless pet shampoo, dog cologne, kibble, puppy food, newspapers and leashes and collars. Tax-deductible donations can be made via Paypal at sumterstrays@gmail.com. One hundred percent of your donation will be used for the animals at Sumter Animal Control.

PREP FOOTBALL

Lack of respect

Local teams absent from first S.C. Prep Media polls

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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The seven local South Carolina High School League football teams are going to have to earn their respect on the field this season.

None of the teams -- Sumter in 5A, Crestwood and Lakewood in 4A, Manning in 3A, Lee Central and East Clarendon in 2A and Scott's Branch in 1A -- were in the top 10 of their respective classifications in the first regular season S.C. Prep Media Football Poll released on Tuesday.

Four of the teams -- Sumter, Lakewood, Manning and Lee Central -- did receive votes, but were unable to crack the top 10.

Lee Central was actually ranked in the 2A preseason poll, tied for eighth with Batesburg-Leesville. However, a 24-7 loss to Wade Hampton of Hampton caused the Stallions to fall out.

Sumter and Scott's Branch were the only other local teams to receive votes in the preseason poll. Scott's Branch did not receive any votes this week after losing to Manning 28-0 on Friday in a game that was shortened to just under one half



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Crestwood outside linebacker Tony Raymond (40) celebrates after breaking up a pass in the Knights' 59-47 loss to West Florence last Friday. Crestwood will travel to Sumter Memorial Stadium's Freddie Solomon Field on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

of play due to severe weather. Sumter opened its season

with a 33-23 victory over Rock Hill on Friday. It will play host to Sumter School

District rival Crestwood this Friday. Crestwood lost to West Florence 59-47 in its

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PREP SWIMMING

Wilson Hall swim teams come out strong in opening meet

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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The Wilson Hall boys and girls swim teams got their season off to a good start on Saturday, winning the Thomas Sumter Invitational at City of Sumter Aquatics Center.

Wilson Hall won with a total of 163 points. Trinity-Byrnes was second with 138, followed by Heathwood Hall with 91 points, Ben Lippen with 68, Thomas Sumter Academy with 47 and Pee Dee Academy with 22.

Both teams also had the high points for their genders as well.

In the boys meet, Steve Scholz led the way, winning the 200-meter individual medley in a time of 2 minutes, 35.38 seconds. He was second in the 500 freestyle with his time of 5:50.30. It broke the old record of 6:00.15 set by David Pyon in 2010.

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PHOTO PROVIDED BY BETH POAG

Wilson Hall's Sydnee Richardson swims in the boys 100-meter butterfly event during the Thomas Sumter Invitational on Saturday at City of Sumter Aquatics Center. Richardson finished third in the race, as the Wilson Hall boys and girls teams won their respective meets.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

4 Tigers, 1 Gamecock named to preseason All-America teams

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
The Associated Press

Clemson defensive linemen Clelin Ferrell, Christian Wilkins and Dexter Lawrence and offensive tackle Mitch Hyatt and South Carolina wide receiver Deebo Samuel are part of the The Associated Press preseason All-America football team released on Tuesday.

Heisman Trophy runner-up Bryce Love of Stanford and Outland Trophy winner Ed Oliver of Houston also highlight the team.

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FERRELL



LAWRENCE



SAMUEL



WILKINS



HYATT



AP FILE PHOTO

Clemson offensive tackle Mitch Hyatt (75) was selected to the AP Preseason All-America first team announced on Tuesday.

PREP FOOTBALL

EC's Cook likes Wolverines' effort in loss to Timmons ville

BY DANNY KELLY
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East Clarendon football head coach Scott Cook liked the effort his Wolverines gave in their season-opening game against Timmons ville that stretched over four days, but the performance has to get better.



COOK

"We played hard, but we need to work on the little things," Cook said on Tuesday of East Clarendon's 14-12 loss to the Whirlwinds in Turbeville that was completed on Monday.

"Both teams were self-destructing."

The game started on Friday in Timmons ville with Timmons ville leading 8-6 at halftime. Bad weather hit and the game was suspended before resuming on Monday.

The Whirlwinds scored first in each half, with the Wolverines matching the touchdown each time. However, they were never able to match the 2-point conversion.

The Whirlwinds opened the scoring in the second quarter with a 5-yard touchdown run from running back Fanando Jackson Jr. Running back Bryan McFadden ran in the game's lone 2-point conversion to make it 8-0.

The Wolverines struck back later in the quarter with a touchdown pass from quarterback Lane Robinson to wide receiver Treyvon Elmore to make it 8-6. A failed 2-point conversion would leave Timmons ville on top.

In the fourth quarter, Whirlwinds quarterback Jamaric Morris padded the team's lead with an 88-yard touchdown run. A failed 2-point conversion left the score at 14-6.

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PRO FOOTBALL

Carolina rookie tight end Thomas already making impact

BY STEVE REED
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — The Panthers are beginning to feel like they have hit on something big with fourth-round draft pick Ian Thomas.

The rookie tight end has carried over an outstanding performance in training camp to the preseason, where he showed an impressive burst of speed on a 27-yard catch-and-run touchdown reception from Cam Newton, and delivered a powerful seal block that helped spring Christian McCaffrey for a 71-yard touchdown in Friday night's preseason win over the Miami Dolphins.

And, he's still just learning. "He doesn't even know how good he's capable of being," Newton said of the 6-foot-4, 260-pound Thomas.

The Panthers didn't know exactly what they were getting with Thomas when they drafted him 101st overall because he hadn't seen all that much action as a receiver at Indiana. He spent two seasons with the Hoosiers and caught 28 passes, 25 of those as a senior. He spent his first two seasons at Nassau Community College.



Carolina Panthers rookie tight end Ian Thomas (80) is having a big impact in the preseason.

But Carolina's scouts became convinced Thomas has what it takes to be a playmaker, and general manager Marty Hurney was sold on him as he studied more film.

"He's kind of a little bit of an unknown because he only really played one year of major college football," Panthers coach Ron Rivera said. "We are fortunate that our

college scouts pointed him out as somebody they thought could help us."

Newton said Thomas' size and versatility as a receiver and a blocker will make him a "key asset" this season on offense.

Thomas is making a strong case for being Carolina's No. 2 tight end behind three-time Pro Bowl selection Greg

Olsen. The Panthers lost Ed Dickson to free agency and Chris Manhertz hasn't practiced since the start of training camp due to a leg injury.

Rivera said Thomas' growth has been noticeably accelerated because of the increased reps he's received with Manhertz out.

"I think as a young man, he could come in and be a very good second or third behind Greg," Rivera said. "When Chris gets back, we'll have a good combination of tight ends."

Playing alongside Olsen, an 11-year veteran, doesn't hurt either.

"I think just walking in (to the NFL) he could not have been in a better situation," Newton said. "I kind of just glance over in practice from time to time and see Greg taking him up under his wing, showing him how to practice, how to finish, how to run certain routes. He couldn't have been in a better situation, learning from him every day."

All of that is good news for Thomas, who endured plenty of heartache as a child. When he turned 8, he lost his mother Martha to kidney failure. The next year his fa-

ther Earl died of a heart attack, leaving the children's future up in the air. That's when his then-19-year-old brother Cliff Farmer stepped up to gain custody of him. Farmer raised his younger brother from that point forward.

"I want to make them happy and proud," Thomas said, adding his goal is simply to get better and keep proving himself.

Teammates are noticing. Panthers middle linebacker Luke Kuechly said Thomas could be on his way to big things in Carolina.

"He does everything the right way," Kuechly said. "He blocks, he catches well and he runs well. I think he has picked things up really well."

NOTES: Panthers starting left tackle Matt Kalil was scheduled to meet with a physician Monday after missing his second straight practice with knee soreness. Kalil has been battling issues since the middle of training camp. The team had no immediate word on the extent of that injury. The Panthers can ill afford to lose a third starter on the offensive line after right tackle Daryl Williams and left guard Amini Silatolu went down with injuries.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
11 a.m. — Professional Tennis: U.S. Open Men's and Women's Qualifying Matches from Flushing, N.Y. (TENNIS).
2 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati at Milwaukee or Minnesota at Chicago White Sox (MLB NETWORK).
3 p.m. — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Double-Elimination Game from Williamsport, Pa. — Kawaguchi, Japan, vs. Seoul (ESPN).
3 p.m. — International Soccer: UEFA Champions League Playoff First Leg Match — FC Dynamo Kyiv vs. AFC Ajax (TNT).
4 p.m. — Horse Racing: John's Call Stakes from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (FOX SPORTS 2).
4 p.m. — Professional Tennis: U.S. Open Men's and Women's Qualifying Matches from Flushing, N.Y. (TENNIS).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. — Major League Soccer: N.Y. Red Bulls at N.Y. City FC (FOX SPORTS 1).
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Pittsburgh (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Philadelphia at Washington or Cleveland at Boston (MLB NETWORK).
7:30 p.m. — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Double-Elimination Game from Williamsport, Pa. — Staten Island, N.Y., vs. Honolulu (ESPN).
10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis at Los Angeles Dodgers (ESPN).

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY
VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY
 Thomas Sumter in General Invitational, TBA
VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS
 West Florence at Camden, 5 p.m.
 Wilson Hall at Cardinal Newman, 4 p.m.
 Robert E. Lee at Carolina, 4 p.m.
VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
 Crestwood at Lee Central, 6 p.m.
VARSITY AND JV VOLLEYBALL
 Thomas Sumter at Trinity-Byrnes, 4 p.m.
B TEAM FOOTBALL
 Robert E. Lee at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY
 Thomas Sumter in Camden Invitational, TBA
Varsity Football
 Manning at Wilson, 7:30 p.m.
 Junior Varsity Football
 Sumter at Crestwood, 6 p.m.
 Lake City at Lakewood, 6:30 p.m.
 Wilson Hall at Heathwood Hall, 7 p.m.

B TEAM FOOTBALL
 Wilson Hall at Heathwood Hall, 5 p.m.
 Timmerman at Clarendon Hall, 6 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL
 Thomas Sumter at Conway Christian, 6 p.m.

VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS
 Laurence Manning at Hammond, 4:30 p.m.
 Thomas Sumter at Trinity-Byrnes, 4 p.m.

JUNIOR VARSITY TENNIS
 Cardinal Newman at Wilson Hall, 4 p.m.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
 Central at Lee Central, 5 p.m.
 Lake City at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Varsity and JV Volleyball
 Sumter, A.C. Flora at Westwood, 5 p.m.
 Wilson Hall at Cardinal Newman, 4:15 p.m.
 Hammond at Laurence Manning, 4:15 p.m.

FRIDAY
VARSITY FOOTBALL
 Crestwood at Sumter, 7:30 p.m.
 Lakewood at Lake City, 7:30 p.m.
 Lee Central at C.E. Murray, 7:30 p.m.
 Scott's Branch at East Clarendon, 7:30 p.m.
 Heathwood Hall at Wilson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
 Augusta Christian at Laurence Manning, 7:30 p.m.
 Pee Dee at Robert E. Lee, 7:30 p.m.
 Thomas Sumter at Spartanburg Christian, 7:30 p.m.
 Clarendon Hall at Beaufort Academy, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY
 Sumter in Skyhawk Invitational (at Hammond in Columbia), 8 a.m.
 Wilson Hall at Camden, TBA
VARSITY SWIMMING
 Wilson Hall, Thomas Sumter in Newberry Invitational, TBA

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE
At A Glance
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East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	88	38	.698	—
New York	78	46	.629	9
Tampa Bay	64	61	.512	23½
Toronto	56	69	.448	31½
Baltimore	37	88	.296	50½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	72	52	.581	—
Minnesota	59	65	.476	13
Detroit	51	74	.408	21½
Chicago	47	77	.379	25

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	75	50	.600	—
Oakland	75	50	.600	—
Seattle	72	54	.571	3½
Los Angeles	63	63	.500	12½
Texas	56	71	.441	20

MONDAY
 Toronto 5, Baltimore 3
 Chicago White Sox 8, Minnesota 5
 Cleveland 5, Boston 4
 Tampa Bay 1, Kansas City 0
 Oakland 9, Texas 4
 Seattle 7, Houston 4

TUESDAY
 Baltimore at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.
 Cleveland at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
 Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
 Texas at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
 Houston at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

TODAY
 Baltimore (Hess 2-7) at Toronto (Pannone 0-0), 12:37 p.m.
 Minnesota (Gibson 7-9) at Chicago White Sox (Rodon 4-3), 2:10 p.m.
 Texas (Minor 9-6) at Oakland (Jackson 4-2), 3:35 p.m.
 Houston (Morton 12-3) at Seattle (Gonzales 12-8), 4:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Lester 13-5) at Detroit (Liriano 3-8), 7:10 p.m.
 Cleveland (Carrasco 15-6) at Boston (Johnson 4-3), 7:10 p.m.
 Kansas City (Junis 6-11) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 7:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Lynn 8-8) at Miami (Richards 3-7), 7:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Despaigne 2-1) at Arizona (Buchholz 6-2), 9:40 p.m.

THURSDAY
 Cleveland at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 1:10 p.m.
 Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
 Oakland at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	69	55	.556	—
Philadelphia	68	56	.548	1
Washington	62	63	.496	7½
New York	54	70	.435	15
Miami	50	76	.397	20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	71	52	.577	—
Milwaukee	70	57	.551	3
St. Louis	69	57	.548	3½
Pittsburgh	63	63	.500	9½
Cincinnati	55	70	.440	17

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	69	56	.552	—
Colorado	68	56	.548	½
Los Angeles	67	59	.532	2½
San Francisco	62	64	.492	7½
San Diego	49	78	.386	21

MONDAY
 Atlanta 1, Pittsburgh 0
 San Francisco 2, N.Y. Mets 1, 13 innings
 Milwaukee 5, Cincinnati 2
 St. Louis 5, L.A. Dodgers 3

TUESDAY
 Atlanta at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 San Francisco at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
 San Diego at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
 St. Louis at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

TODAY
 Cincinnati (Stephenson 0-1) at Milwaukee (Peralta 5-4), 2:10 p.m.
 Atlanta (Teheran 8-7) at Pittsburgh (Williams 10-9), 7:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Eflin 9-4) at Washington (Strasburg 6-7), 7:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Lester 13-5) at Detroit (Liriano 3-8), 7:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Lynn 8-8) at Miami (Richards 3-7), 7:10 p.m.
 San Francisco (Kelly 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 8-3), 7:10 p.m.
 San Diego (Nix 1-1) at Colorado (Gray 9-7), 8:40 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Despaigne 2-1) at Arizona (Buchholz 6-2), 9:40 p.m.
 St. Louis (Flaherty 7-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 6-4), 10:10 p.m.

THURSDAY
 Philadelphia at Washington, 1:05 p.m.
 San Francisco at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
 San Diego at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.
 Atlanta at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE
East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	2	0	0	1.000	63	37
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	42	45
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	30	15

South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	33	23
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	34	34
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	38	37
Tennessee	0	2	0	.000	31	61

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	70	42
Cincinnati	2	0	0	1.000	51	40
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	37	29
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	65	65

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Chargers	1	1	0	.500	41	38
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	31	29
Kansas City	1	1	0	.500	38	31
Denver	0	2	0	.000	51	66

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	40	37
Washington	1	1	0	.500	32	39
Dallas	0	2	0	.000	34	45
Philadelphia	0	2	0	.000	34	68

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	2	0	0	1.000	55	43
Tampa Bay	2	0	0	1.000	56	38
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	39	40
Atlanta	0	2	0	.000	14	45

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	2	0	0	1.000	82	51
Minnesota	1	1	0	.500	52	42
Chicago	1	2	0	.333	67	70
Detroit	0	2	0	.000	27	46

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	2	0	0	1.000	44	32
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	37	37
L.A. Rams	1	1	0	.500	26	48
Seattle	0	2	0	.000	31	43

THURSDAY
 New England 37, Philadelphia 20
 Washington 15, N.Y. Jets 13
 Green Bay 51, Pittsburgh 34

FRIDAY
 N.Y. Giants 30, Detroit 17
 Kansas City 28, Atlanta 14
 Buffalo 19, Cleveland 17
 Carolina 27, Miami 20
 Arizona 20, New Orleans 15

SATURDAY
 Jacksonville 14, Minnesota 10
 L.A. Rams 19, Oakland 15
 Cincinnati 21, Dallas 13
 Tampa Bay 30, Tennessee 14
 Houston 16, San Francisco 13
 Chicago 24, Denver 23
 L.A. Chargers 24, Seattle 14

MONDAY
 Baltimore 20, Indianapolis 19

THURSDAY, AUG. 23
 Philadelphia at Cleveland, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 24
 New England at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
 N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets, 7:30 p.m.
 Denver at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
 Seattle at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Detroit at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
 Green Bay at Oakland, 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 25
 Kansas City at Chicago, 1 p.m.
 Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.
 Houston at L.A. Rams, 4 p.m.
 San Francisco at Indianapolis, 4:30 p.m.
 Atlanta at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
 Baltimore at Miami, 7 p.m.
 New Orleans at L.A. Chargers, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 26
 Cincinnati at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
 Arizona at Dallas, 8 p.m.

WNBA PLAYOFFS
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FIRST ROUND

TUESDAY, AUG. 21
 Dallas vs. Phoenix at Tempe, Ariz., 8:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

SECOND ROUND

THURSDAY, AUG. 23
 TBD at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
 TBD at Connecticut, 8:30 p.m.

SEMIFINALS
(x-if necessary)
(Best-of-5)
Seattle vs. TBD
 Sunday, Aug. 26: TBD at Seattle, 5 p.m.
 Tuesday, Aug. 28: TBD at Seattle, 10 p.m.
 Friday, Aug. 31: Seattle at TBD, TBA
Seattle vs. TBD
 Sunday, Sept. 2: Seattle at TBD, TBA
 Tuesday, Sept. 4: TBD at Seattle, TBA
Atlanta vs. TBD
 Sunday, Aug. 26: TBD at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
 Tuesday, Aug. 28: TBD at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
 Friday, Aug. 31: Atlanta at TBD, TBA
 Sunday, Sept. 2: Atlanta at TBD, TBA
 Tuesday, Sept. 4: TBD at Atlanta, TBA

FINALS
(Best-of-5)

SPORTS ITEMS

P-15's season-ending banquet Thursday

Sumter American Legion Post 15 will hold its season-ending baseball banquet on Thursday at the American Legion facilities located on Artillery Drive.

The banquet is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. It is open to the public, and the cost for a ticket is \$10 per person.

For more information, call (803) 968-5115.

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL JAMBOREE TUESDAY

The Sumter Middle School Volleyball Jamboree will be held on Tuesday at the Bates Middle School gymnasium beginning at 5 p.m.

There will be four scrimmages with the game being played to 20 points or the 25-minute time limit. Furman will meet Ebenezer at 5, followed by Hillcrest and Bates at 5:30, Chestnut Oaks and R.E. Davis at 6, and Alice Drive and Bates at 6:30.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCRIMMAGES SATURDAY

A middle school football scrimmage jamboree will be held Saturday, Aug. 25, at Donald L. Crolley Memorial Stadium in Dalzell beginning at 9 a.m.

There will be two scrimmages

POLLS FROM PAGE B1

Lakewood snapped an 8-game losing streak with a 33-19 victory over Colleton County on Saturday at Sumter High's Sumter Memorial Stadium. The teams got one play in on Friday in Walterboro before the game was suspended because of severe weather.

The Gators travel to Lake City on Friday, while Manning will go to Florence to face Wilson on Thursday.

East Clarendon wrapped up Week Zero play on Monday with a 14-12 loss to Timmonsville. The game was suspended at halftime on Friday due to severe weather.

The Wolverines will play host to Scott's Branch on Friday.

Four of the five No. 1 teams in the polls are unanimous picks, receiving all 1

PREP FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY
Manning at Wilson, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY
Varsity Football
Crestwood at Sumter, 7:30 p.m.
Lakewood at Lake City, 7:30 p.m.
Lee Central at C.E. Murray, 7:30 p.m.
Scott's Branch at East Clarendon, 7:30 p.m.
Heathwood Hall at Wilson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Augusta Christian at Laurence Manning, 7:30 p.m.
Pee Dee at Robert E. Lee, 7:30 p.m.
Thomas Sumter at Spartanburg Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Clarendon Hall at Beaufort Academy, 7:30 p.m.

first-place votes. They are Dutch Fork in 5A, Dillon in 3A, Abbeville in 2A and Lamar in 1A.

In 4A, South Pointe received 15 first-place votes with Hartsville picking up the other one.

S.C. PREP MEDIA FOOTBALL POLLS

5A

1. Dutch Fork (16)
2. Dorman
3. Gaffney
4. Fort Dorchester
5. T.L. Hanna
6. Spartanburg
7. Spring Valley
8. Hillcrest
9. Berkeley
10. Byrnes

Receiving votes: Summerville, Greenwood, Sumter, Westside, Boiling Springs, West Florence, Clover.

4A

1. South Pointe (15)
2. Hartsville (1)
3. Belton-Honea Path
4. Myrtle Beach
5. North Myrtle Beach
6. Greer
7. Greenville
8. Westwood
9. Brookland-Cayce
10. North Augusta

Receiving votes: Eastside, South Aiken, Wren, York, Beaufort, Lakewood.

3A

1. Dillon (16)
2. Gilbert
3. Chester
4. Chapman
5. Strom Thurmond
6. Broome

7. Newberry
 8. Seneca
 9. Emerald
 10. Wade Hampton (H)
- Receiving votes: Woodruff, Cheraw, Fairfield Central, Union County, Camden, Manning.

2A

1. Abbeville (16)
 2. Barnwell
 3. Carver's Bay
 4. Bamberg-Ehrhardt
 5. Southside Christian
 6. Batesburg-Leesville
 7. Timberland
 8. Whale Branch
 9. Saluda
 10. Blacksburg
- Receiving votes: Hannah-Pamplico, Woodland, Ninety-Six, Chesterfield, Latta, Lee Central, Gray Collegiate, Andrews.

1A

1. Lamar (16)
 2. C.E. Murray
 3. Ridge Spring-Monetta
 4. Lake View
 5. Wagener-Salley
 6. Dixie
 7. Williston-Elko
 8. Hemingway
 9. Baptist Hill
 10. Green Sea-Floyds
- Receiving votes: St. John's, Blackville-Hilda, Timmonsville, McCormick.



AP FILE PHOTO

South Carolina's Deebo Samuel runs for a touchdown against North Carolina State during the second half of their 2017 game in Charlotte. If the Gamecocks are going to surprise in the Southeastern Conference, it will likely be the dynamic, versatile Samuel who'll make it happen.

HONORS FROM PAGE B1

Chosen by AP poll voters, the team also features West Virginia quarterback Will Grier and his teammate, receiver avid Sills V. Love, along with Tiger defensive end Ferrell, Wisconsin linebacker T.J. Edwards and Utah kicker Matt Gay, were the only players who made first team All-American after last season and first team to start this season. Love ran for 2,118 yards and 8.05 per carry last season and was second to Baker Mayfield in the Heisman Trophy voting.

Oliver was a second-team All-American last year after being first team as a freshman in 2016

Clemson and Wisconsin led the way with three players on the first team.

AP PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

FIRST TEAM

Offense
Quarterback — Will Grier, senior, West Virginia.
Running backs — Bryce Love, senior, Stanford; Jonathan Taylor, sophomore, Wisconsin.
Tackles — Jonah Williams, junior, Alabama; Mitch Hyatt, senior, Clemson.
Guards — Beau Benzschawel, senior, Wisconsin; Nate Herbig, junior, Stanford.
Center — Ross Pierschbacher, senior, Alabama.
Tight end — Noah Fant, junior, Iowa.
Receivers — A.J. Brown, junior, Mississippi; David Sills V, senior, West Virginia.
All-purpose player — Myles Gaskin, senior, Washington.
Kicker — Matt Gay, senior, Utah.
Defense
Ends — Nick Bosa, junior, Ohio State; Clelin Ferrell, junior, Clemson.
Tackles — Ed Oliver, junior, Houston; Christian Wilkins, senior, Clemson.
Linebackers — Devin White, junior, LSU; Devin Bush, junior, Michigan; T.J. Edwards, senior, Wisconsin.
Cornerebacks — Greedy Williams, sophomore, LSU; Deandre Baker, senior, Georgia.
Safeties — Jaquan Johnson, senior, Miami; Taylor Rapp, junior, Washington.
Punter — Mitch Wishnowsky, senior, Utah.

SECOND TEAM

Offense
Quarterback — Trace McSorley, senior, Penn State.
Running backs — A.J. Dillon, sophomore, Boston College; Damien Harris, senior, Alabama.
Tackles — David Edwards, junior, Wisconsin; Greg Little, junior, Mississippi.
Guards — Alex Bars, senior, Notre Dame; Michael Dieter, senior, Wisconsin.
Center — Sam Mustipher, senior, Notre Dame.
Tight end — Kaden Smith, junior, Stanford.
Receivers — N'Keal Harry, junior, Arizona State; Anthony Johnson, senior, Buffalo.
All-purpose player — Deebo Samuel, senior, South Carolina.
Kicker — Rodrigo Blankenship, junior, Georgia.
Defense
Ends — Rashan Gary, junior, Michigan; Raekwon Davis, junior, Alabama.
Tackles — Dexter Lawrence, junior, Clemson; Jeffrey Simmons, junior, Mississippi State.
Linebackers — Cameron Smith, senior, Southern California; Troy Dye, junior, Oregon; Mack Wilson, sophomore, Alabama.
Cornerebacks — Byron Murphy, sophomore, Washington; Julian Love, junior, Notre Dame.
Safeties — Lukas Dennis, senior, Boston College; Andrew Wingard, senior, Wyoming.
Punter — Jake Bailey, senior, Stanford.

Alabama and Wisconsin each had a total of five

players on the first and second teams combined.

SWIM FROM PAGE B1

Two relay teams won their events as well. The 200 medley relay team of Scholz, Jack Poag, Sydnee Richardson and Enrick Dickey won in a time of 2:01.72, while the 200 freestyle relay team of Grey Holler, Dylan Dean, Thomas Kang and Justin Kang won in 1:52.14.

Richardson and Poag both had second- and third-place finishes. Richardson was second in the 100 butterfly and third in the 500 freestyle, while Poag was second in the 100 breaststroke and third in the 200 breaststroke.

Tyler Mahr was second in the 200 freestyle and fourth in the 100 butterfly, while Holler was third in the 100 breast and fourth in the 500 freestyle.

Dickey finished third in the 100 freestyle.

TSA's Ed Lee won two events, the 500 free in 5:33.62 and the 100 breaststroke in 1:10.77.

In the girls meet, Angie Ango was the only Wilson

Hall girl to win an event, taking the 200-meter individual medley in a time of 2 minutes, 47.95 seconds. She was also second in the 100 butterfly.

Madison Smith finished second in the 200 freestyle, while Mary Claire Graves was third in the 100 backstroke and fourth in the IM. Holly Poag also scored points in two events, finishing fifth in both the 100 free and the 100 back.

The 200 freestyle relay team of Bryce Dodson, Twila Horton, Mary Ellen Thorne and Paige Sanders finished third, while 400 freestyle team of Poag, Owings Holler, Graves and Agno also finished third.

Sarah Prynne led the TSA girls, finishing second in both the 50 free and the 100 breaststroke.

Both Wilson Hall and Thomas Sumter are scheduled to go to Newberry on Saturday and compete in the Newberry Invitational.

THOMAS SUMTER INVITATIONAL RESULTS

WILSON HALL

GIRLS

INDIVIDUAL

Angie Agno — First: 200 Individual Medley (2:47.95); Second: Girls 100 Butterfly
Madison Smith — Second: 200 Freestyle
Mary Claire Graves — Third: 100 Backstroke; Fourth: 200 Individual Medley
Holly Poag — Fifth: 100 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke
Owings Holler — Sixth: 100 Freestyle
Miranda Seull — Sixth: 50 Freestyle

TEAM

200 Freestyle Relay — Third: (Bryce Dodson, Twila Horton, Mary Ellen Thorne, Paige Sanders)
400 Freestyle Relay — Third: (Holly Poag, Owings Holler, Mary Claire Graves, Angie Agno)

WILSON HALL

BOYS

INDIVIDUAL

Steve Scholz — First: 200 Individual Medley (2:35.38); Second: 500 Freestyle
Jack Poag — Second: 100 Breaststroke; Third: 200 Breaststroke
Sydnee Richardson — Second: 100 Butterfly; Third: 500 Freestyle
Tyler Mahr — Second: 200 Freestyle; Fourth: 100 Butterfly
Grey Holler — Third: 100 Breaststroke; Fourth: 50 Freestyle
Enrick Dickey — Third: 100 Freestyle
Thomas Kang — Fourth: 200 Individual Medley
Dylan Dean — Fifth: 200 Individual Medley
Justin Kang — Fifth: 100 Freestyle

Jackson Mahr — Fifth: 200 Freestyle

TEAM

200 Medley Relay — First: (Steve Scholz, Jack Poag, Sydnee Richardson, Enrick Dickey) (2:01.72)
200 Freestyle Relay — First: (Grey Holler, Dylan Dean, Thomas Kang, Justin Kang) (1:52:14)
400 Freestyle Relay — Second (Sydnee Richardson, Tyler Mahr, Steve Scholz, Enrick Dickey)
200 Medley Relay — Third: (Justin Kang, Dylan Dean, Grey Holler, Thomas Kang)
200 Freestyle Relay — Third: (Tyler Mahr, Shay Brunmeier, Jackson Mahr, Jack Poag)
400 Freestyle Relay — Third: (Banks Smith, Stirling Tindal, Benson Elmore, Shay Brunmeier)
200 Freestyle Relay — Fifth: (Michael Thorne, Benson Elmore, Sterling Tindal, Alex Lucas)

THOMAS SUMTER

GIRLS

INDIVIDUAL

Sarah Prynne — Second: 50 Freestyle, 100 Breaststroke
Taylor White — Third: 200 Freestyle
Savanna Price — Fifth: 50 Freestyle, Sixth: 100 Breaststroke

TEAM

200 Freestyle Relay — Second
200 Medley Relay — Fourth

BOYS

INDIVIDUAL

Ed Lee — First: 500 Freestyle, 100

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WOMEN'S PRO BASKETBALL

Former USC standout Wilson WNBA Rookie of Year

BY DOUG FENBERG
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former University of South Carolina All-American center and Las Vegas Aces standout A'ja Wilson was the unanimous choice as The Associated Press WNBA Rookie of the Year on Tuesday.

The award was chosen by the 14-member media panel that votes for the AP's weekly poll.

Wilson averaged 20.7 points, 8.0 rebounds and 1.6 blocked shots per game to help the Aces to 14 wins this season.

Wilson said it is "humbling" to be selected as rookie of the year.

She was joined on the all-rookie team by Chicago's Diamond DeShields, Indiana's Kelsey Mitchell, Dallas' Azura Stevens, New York's Kia Nurse and Washington's Ariel Atkins.

Seattle's Breanna Stewart was chosen as the Player of the Year, honors on Tuesday.

Stewart averaged 21.8 points, 8.4 rebounds and shot 52.9 percent from the field this season to help the Storm earn a bye until the semifinals of the playoffs. She received 12 of the 14 votes with Liz Cambage earning the other two.

"To be recognized as the best player is where I want to be and I want to continue to get better," Stewart said in a phone interview. "The biggest change I made besides improving on the court was preparing myself off the court. Make myself strong and take care of my body nutritionally."

Atlanta's Nicki Collen was chosen as the AP's coach of the year, receiving 13 of the 14 votes. In her first season as a head coach, she guided the Dream to a second place finish in the standings despite Atlanta facing a lot of injuries during the year. The team finished the season with seven wins in its final eight games.

"I am incredibly humbled to be named AP coach of the year. When I accepted the position in Atlanta I knew how important it was to hire a great coaching staff, and I am lucky to work daily alongside Mike (Petersen), Darius (Taylor), and Zach (Cooper)," Collen said. "I inherited a group of players who were hungry for success and have been easy to coach and I thank them for their belief in a rookie head coach."

"It wasn't pretty in the beginning, but if there is one thing I am genuinely proud of is when we were working to figure it out, we never lost more than 2 games in a row which kept us moving forward. Our consistency at the defensive end gave us chances to win games, and when we found our offensive flow we truly became fun to watch."

Other award winners include Connecticut's Jonquel Jones, the sixth woman of the

year; Seattle's Natasha Howard, most improved; Minnesota's Sylvia Fowles, defensive player of the year; and DeWanna Bonner, comeback player of the year. Bonner missed last season while she was pregnant and gave birth to twins.

Stewart headlined the AP first-team All-WNBA. Also on the squad were Cambage, Elena Delle Donne, Diana Taurasi and Tiffany Hayes. The second team was Candace Parker, Maya Moore, Brittney Griner, Sylvia Fowles and Skylar Diggins-Smith.

POWER POLL

The Seattle Storm were the

best team in the league all season and finished the year atop the AP Power Poll. The Storm received all 14 first place votes and held the top spot for the final seven weeks. Atlanta was second.

The Dream were followed by Washington, Connecticut Phoenix and Los Angeles. Minnesota, Dallas, Las Vegas, Chicago, New York and Indiana rounded out the poll.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Jonquel Jones averaged 23.3 points, eight rebounds and 3.7 assists to help Connecticut go 3-0 this week. Others receiving votes included DeWanna Bonner and Elena Delle Donne.



Former University of South Carolina center A'ja Wilson, left, was selected as The Associated Press WNBA Rookie of the Year on Tuesday after a standout season with the Las Vegas Aces.

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A Day at the Beach

Twice each day the ocean water rises and falls along the coastline. This is called the **tide**. At high tide, the ocean water covers the seashore. At low tide, the water recedes and much of the shoreline is left exposed. But not all of it. As the tide goes out, pools of water are left behind. These pools, called **tide pools**, shelter many living creatures from the hot sun.

Standards Link: Life Science: Different animals inhabit different kinds of environments.

Tide Pool Creatures Memory Game

1. Cut out each of the playing cards and glue them to some heavier paper, such as construction paper.

2. Shuffle the cards and lay them face down on a table. Make four rows with five cards in each row as shown here:

3. With one or more friends, take turns flipping over two cards at a time. If you match two creature cards, keep the cards. If you don't get a match, flip the cards back over but leave in the same position.

4. The game ends when all of the matches have been taken. The person with the most pairs wins.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions. Life Science: Animals have external features that help them thrive in different kinds of places; there is a variation among individuals of one kind within a population; students know examples of diverse life forms in different environments.

The hermit crab is a type of crab that doesn't have a hard shell. It uses other animals' old shells for protection.	When a hermit crab grows, it must find and move into a larger shell.	The biggest crab is the Japanese spider crab. It has a 12 foot (3.7 meter) leg span.	Crabs are 10-legged animals that walk sideways. There are nearly 5,000 different species of crabs.
Limpets cling to rocks using their muscular "foot." They scrape off and eat algae as they crawl slowly along rocks.	No one knows how they do this, but limpets return each night to the same place on their rock.	A clam is an animal that has two shells to protect its soft body. There are more than 15,000 species of clams worldwide.	The biggest clam is the giant clam, which grows up to 4.8 feet (1.5 meters) long and weighs up to 550 pounds (250 kilograms).
Barnacles start life as tiny shrimp-like animals. They attach themselves head first to a solid surface such as a rock, dock or ship.	Some barnacles have been found attached to whales. Once attached, a barnacle forms a hard shell around its body.	Sea anemones look like flowers, but they are predatory animals. The anemone uses its tentacles to capture and sting prey.	Once a sea anemone's food is caught, it closes its body around it and digests its meal within 15 minutes.
A sea urchin is a spiny animal that has teeth on its bottom side. It uses its teeth to scrape algae from rocks.	Some sea urchins have poison in their spines. Urchins use their spines to dig holes for burrowing and as a protection from attackers.	Living sand dollars are brown and are covered with short spines that feel like velvet. Sand dollars burrow into the sand to hide from predators.	It takes a sand dollar one to three minutes to cover itself. That is fast enough to escape from a slow-moving sea star.
The sand castle worm builds a tubular home for itself with sand and a sticky mucus it makes with its own body.	When under water, sand castle worms extend tentacles from the tube to trap tiny bits of food.	The sea cucumber may look like the vegetable cucumber, but it is an animal that is related to the sea star.	To escape attackers, a sea cucumber turns itself inside out and throws its internal organs at the enemy. The organs grow back.

Standards Link: Math/Geometry: Identify figures that have bilateral symmetry.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Symmetrical Challenge

Some shapes can be split into two identical parts. Things with matching halves are said to be "symmetrical." Circle the shapes that are symmetrical.

Standards Link: Math/Geometry: Identify figures that have bilateral symmetry.

Double Double Word Search

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

TIDE	WORLDWIDE	T E S E L A H W C E
POOLS	URCHIN	E T D O L L A R L L
DOLLAR	SAND	N I D I E P B O A C
ANEMONE	BARNACLE	T U P O W A L L M A
CRAB	TENTACLES	A T R E R D L A S N
SHELL	CLAMS	C S E C N E L U L R
WHALES	PREY	L R Y A H E S R O A
SHIP		E W S S H I P M O B
		S E N O M E N A P W

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

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Search through the newspaper for 20 numbers that are multiples of 2. Clip and glue the numbers on a sheet of paper in order from smallest to largest.

Standards Link: Math: Number sense.

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RECRUITING CORNER

Georgia safety picks Tigers over Sooners, Tide

Clemson was not one of the first major programs to offer safety Jalyyn Phillips of Lawrenceville, Ga., but the Tigers are the last team standing with him after his commitment announcement on Monday.

Phillips had narrowed his decision to Clemson, Alabama and Oklahoma. At Clemson, he will join teammate cornerback Andrew Booth in the 2019 football recruiting class.

Phillips didn't pick up his offer from Clemson until an unofficial visit in early June. Even at that point though, he had the Tigers in his top five and from there things just grew stronger. He said he understood why the Clemson coaches didn't rush to offer him.

"They said to stay patient, and they wanted to see me play at free safety, and that I can cover and come down and hit people," Phillips said. "It was definitely a blessing, a dream come true."

Phillips was favoring Oklahoma prior to receiving the Clemson offer. He said he made his decision earlier this summer then decided to announce on Monday, his birthday.

"The atmosphere there is incredible," Phillips said. "I have good relationship with all the coaches. (Defensive coordinator) Coach (Brent) Venables shows so much passion in running the defense that it gives me goose bumps. They are another program that stays in the winning column."

Two other winning factors for Clemson with Phillips were the location and his long-standing relationship with S coach Mickey Conn.

"They are close to home, and I know the entire coaching staff," he said. "I've known Coach Conn since I was a little kid."

Archer High School has one of the most talented teams in Georgia this season, and Clemson has come away with the gems in the secondary in Phillips and Booth.

"That's going to be something special to see," Phillips said of playing in the Clemson secondary with his buddy.

Last season, Phillips was in on 58 tackles with one interception. At this point, he does not plan to sign until February.

He's the fourth S commitment for the class and the 23rd overall.

Clemson missed on Phillips' teammate, defensive end Colby Wooden, when he committed to Auburn. The Tigers also missed on DL Jacob Bades of Antioch, Calif., who committed to Washington.

USC

The University of South Carolina added a pair of cornerbacks to the '19 commitment class last week.

USC gained commitments from DJ Daniel of Georgia Military College and Cam Smith of Blythewood High.

Daniel chose USC over Georgia and Kentucky. Daniel made his decision known at a gathering of family, coaches and teammates at the school gymnasium.

USC head coach Will Muschamp and DC/secondary coach Travis Robinson pushed a message of need at CB on Daniel throughout the process.



Phil Kornblut

"It's more of a need than a want for them," said Daniel. "I'm looking at the depth chart for them on the defensive side. The support system

here is outstanding.

"I love the coaching staff. I love talking to Coach Muschamp. I think Muschamp has always been a great coach. He's always stood out to me. And Coach T-Rob (Robinson), he's a straight-to-the-point type of coach and that's what I like about him most."

Daniel is regarded as the top cover CB in the junior college ranks this season. Last season, the Griffin, Ga., native had 26 tackles along with three INTs and five pass breakups.

Smith picked USC over UGA and Tennessee. His recruiting stock went up this summer after strong camp performances at USC and UGA, after which he landed his offers. Smith said a few factors stood out about USC that led to his commitment.

"The atmosphere and the fans and the new facilities," he said. "I made sure there wasn't a lot of depth above me so I could come in and try and play as a freshman."

Smith also likes the direction Muschamp is taking USC at this point.

"A great, building program. Right now they are rebuilding. They keep everybody in state like they had a couple of years ago," he said.

Last season, playing in Fort Meade, Md., Smith had 61 tackles and three INTs.

USC currently counts 21 in its '19 recruiting class including a pair of transfers.

USC did miss on another target. S Jaylen McCollough of Powder Springs, Ga., committed to Tennessee.

Offensive lineman Darius Washington of Pensacola, Fla., has now firmed up his official visit to USC for Sept. 7. The Mississippi State commitment already had set officials to Mississippi State for Sept. 28 and Miami for Oct. 5.

Washington said Muschamp is leading USC's recruiting efforts and is in touch daily, primarily through text messages.

"I need to get up there and see the campus and see how everything goes on my official visit," he said. "I can't pinpoint my feelings without getting there. As of relationship-wise, talking on the phone, we have a phone-built relationship."

Washington committed to Mississippi State in early June, and the Bulldogs have remained in firm control of his recruiting since then. It won't be easy for USC or Hurricanes to turn him from Mississippi State.

"Mississippi State just knocked it out of the park on my last visit," Washington said. "They showed me everything, and I just love the coaches so much, and I just love the school in general. If a school shows me they are more comfortable to my situation and specifically it's better for me at that school than Mississippi State, then I'd basically change my mind, but right now my heart is committed to

Mississippi State, and it's going to be very hard."

CLEMSON AND USC

CB Devin Bush of New Orleans, who had cut his list to Clemson, Louisiana State and Tennessee, announced he is reopening his recruiting to other programs. He also holds a USC offer.

USC has offered S Dedrick Holmes of Evans, Ga., and Clemson has had contact with last season's INT leader in the state of Georgia.

Holmes is hearing a good bit from USC at this point. He camped with USC this summer and plans a return visit for the UGA game.

"They like the way that I vision the field, and they like the way that I come down hill making tackles," Holmes said of Muschamp and Robinson. "They like the fact that I'm a good open field tackler, really the best in the CSRA. When they found out I had nine interceptions, that was a big thing. He (Robinson) told me that if you have nine interceptions in college, you'll be one of the leaders in the nation. That surprised me."

Clemson's Conn also was in touch, according to Holmes, and he said the Tigers plan to scout him once the dead period ends. Holmes also has an offer from Liberty and is also hearing from Auburn and Troy. He plans to make a decision around mid-season.

Along with his nine INTs last season, Holmes had 7 PBUs and 49 tackles. He also caught 21 passes for 354 yards and three touchdowns.

Clemson and USC '20 DB target Luke Hill of Washington plans to announce on Sept. 1. He also has offers from Boston College, Maryland, Syracuse, Virginia, Virginia Tech and others.

BASKETBALL

The state's top prospect in the '19 class will consider Clemson among his final four schools but not USC.

Josiah James, a 6-foot-6-inch player from Porter-Gaud in Charleston, will take official visits to Clemson, Duke, Michigan State and Tennessee.

USC was on James' list of nine before he cut it to four. Also cut were Kansas, UVA, Arizona and Florida State.

James had a logical reason for picking each of the finalists. Tennessee was one of his first offers, going back to his freshman season. His father played at Michigan State in the early 1980s, Duke is Duke, and Clemson give him the home state connection.

"They (Clemson) were able to forge a good enough relationship," Porter-Gaud head coach John Pearson said. "It was a process. Clemson was in there and did a great job, and I think it has intrigued Josiah to the point that he's going to make an official visit."

USC also recruited James hard, and even has a commitment from his close friend and AAU teammate Trae Hannibal. All of that was not enough though to help USC get an official visit.

"Surprised, I was surprised," Pearson said. "I thought that Carolina did a great job of getting to know Josiah and the family. I don't know what it came down to,

and that's fine. It's a process Josiah and his family have to go through, and they have to take the phone calls and they have to make that decision."

Duke already is heavy on James' mind as he's coming off an unofficial visit there earlier this month with his family and coach.

"He had a good time, everybody did," Pearson said. "We drove up there and visited with the coaching staff, watched a little basketball. I felt like Duke did a fantastic job. He (Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski) gave him a lot of attention, he really did. Coach K talked to the family for a good while. He was impressive, he really was."

James further enhanced his national reputation this summer playing for the gold medal-winning USA national team in the FIBA Americas U18 tournament in Canada. He averaged five points and six rebounds per game. In his career at Porter-Gaud, he has scored over 1,600 points.

Malcolm Wilson, a 6-11 player from Ridge View High in Columbia, has a final three of Clemson, Georgetown and Rice. He will take an official visit to Rice the end of the month and one to Georgetown two weeks later. He's not yet set his Clemson date.

Wilson said each school offers him a little something different, but there's also a common element to each program that is attractive to him.

"At Georgetown, pretty much the athletics and academics, being with (head

Coach (Patrick) Ewing and his staff in the way that he wants to help and develop me as a player," Wilson said. "At Rice, it's definitely the academics, and then their staff also wants to develop me. And Clemson, being right here in South Carolina, their team, what they did last year and they want to add me in and hopefully do some great things, keep doing what I'm doing with blocking shots and rebounding."

Wilson said there is no favorite among the three at this point. One factor working in Clemson's favor is that head coach Brad Brownell and his staff have been working him longer than the rest.

"I feel great about them," Wilson said. "They've been with me since the beginning of my recruitment and they've stuck with me throughout the whole thing."

USC also recruited Wilson, and he looked closely at USC with on-campus visits as well as an in-home visit with the coaches. However, when he decided to shorten his list, USC didn't factor into his thinking.

"I just had a feeling that I wasn't going to be at South Carolina, and I didn't want to drag it out," he said. "It was more of me, nothing that they did, just a decision to cut them out of the three."

He plans to sign in November.

MORE TO THE STORY

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Keeping Sumter Beautiful

Katie Altman, Water Resources Extension Agent

Beach Sweep/ River Sweep

Every year on the third Saturday in September, diverse groups of people meet at locations all over South Carolina with a common goal. They come prepared with garbage bags and data sheets and gloves. Their mission is to collect litter, as well as data about the types of litter they encounter. This event is called Beach Sweep / River Sweep and it's South Carolina's largest one-day volunteer cleanup event. It's organized by the SC Sea Grant Consortium and SC Department of Natural Resources and has taken place every year since 1988.

The SC Sea Grant Consortium compiles data for coastal sites and has some pretty mind-boggling results. Last year, at SC coastal sites, 2,118 people volunteered to clean up 169 miles of land. At the end of the day they had picked up 1,416 bags of trash, weighing 15562 pounds. We can have a huge impact inland as well. Litter that we throw on the ground here in Sumter is carried by rainwater into our streams and rivers and into Lake Marion. Litter travels along our rivers and into the Atlantic Ocean, negatively impacting wildlife here and along the way. Animals can become entangled in the trash we throw on the ground. Many animals, like turtles and fish, mistake litter for food. Ingested litter may sit in their gut for months or years, causing health issues and impeding their ability to digest proper food. Plastics begin to break down eventually but, rather than going away, they become microplastics. Microplastics are being consumed by wildlife in large quantities and are even showing up in bottled drinking water

at an alarming rate.

What's the solution? We can all start by reducing the amount of waste we produce, recycling and reusing what we can, and being careful not to litter. Organizations like Keep America Beautiful are working to educate people about the ill-effects of litter and prevent litter from ever reaching the ground. Litter prevention efforts do make a difference in reducing the amount of litter. However, despite years of nation-wide and world-wide campaigns, litter continues to be a global problem. Those of us who want to protect wildlife and create and maintain a community image we can be proud of are left with an answer that may not seem fun. We have to grab a trash bag, put on our gloves and safety vest, and pick the litter up. There is no easy solution to our big litter problem, but it's an important issue that's worth the work.

Join Keep Sumter Beautiful for River Sweep / Beach Sweep at Pack's Landing on Lake Marion on September 15th at 9am. Contact Katie Altman for more information or to sign up at 803-773-5561 or klaltma@clemson.edu. And to stay up to date on litter-related events in Sumter, visits [facebook.com/KeepSumterBeautiful](https://www.facebook.com/KeepSumterBeautiful).

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PRO BASEBALL

20-year-old Wilson pitches Braves past Pirates 1-0 in debut

BY JOHN PERROTTO

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Bryse Wilson was pitching for his high school team in Hillsborough, North Carolina, barely two years ago. Now, he's 1-0 in the major leagues.

Wilson worked five solid innings, becoming the third 20-year-old pitcher to start in his big league debut for Atlanta this season in the Braves' 1-0 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Monday night.

"Never," Wilson said when asked if he could envision being in the major leagues so soon. "I thought I would move up one step at a time. I never expected this."

Wilson allowed three hits, struck out five and walked three as Atlanta increased its NL East lead to one game over idle Philadelphia while ending its four-game skid. The Braves purchased the right-hander's contract from Triple-A Gwinnett prior to the game so they could give their regular starters a rest.

Wilson began the season at Class A Florida and went a combined 8-5 with a 3.23 ERA in 23 starts in the minor leagues. He was the Braves' fourth-round pick in the 2016 draft.

"I was impressed by everything about him," Atlanta manager Brian Snitker said. "He kind of carried himself like I expected. He has a lot of confidence from everything I've heard about him and what little I've known him. That's his makeup."

Mike Soroka was 20 when he started May 1 against the Mets at New York and Koby Allard did it on July 31 against Miami.

The last team to use three starters before they reached their 21st birthday in a season was the 1965 Kansas City Athletics with Hall of Famer Catfish Hunter, Don Buschhorn and Ron Tompkins.

Five relievers finished the seven-hitter. Dan Winkler pitched the ninth, working around a leadoff sin-



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Atlanta starting pitcher Bryse Wilson pitches against the Pittsburgh Pirates in the first inning of their game Monday in Pittsburgh. Wilson, 20, is the third 20-year-old pitcher to start in their big league debuts with Atlanta this season.

gle for his second save.

Pittsburgh has allowed exactly one run in five straight games — including four against the NL Central-leading Cubs — but lost three of them. The organization hasn't done that since July 13-18, 1888, when they were the Alleghenys, according to Stats.

"I think we'd all like to score runs," Pittsburgh manager Clint Hurdle said. "From that standpoint, guys are up there battling. I don't see anybody lost. I don't see anybody confused. I see guys just not getting hits."

The Braves scored in the first inning when Freddie Freeman hit a two-out double and scored on Nick Markakis' single.

Center fielder Ender Inciarte preserved the lead in the seventh he when he threw out Adeiny Hechavarria trying to score from second base on Corey Dickerson's single to end the inning. Hechavarria said he

was "100 percent safe" but the call was upheld after a video review.

"I knew he was going to be running on contact and I had to make a play," Inciarte said. "I got a good hop and was able to get off a good throw."

Pirates starter Chris Archer (4-6) was removed after four innings because of left leg discomfort. Archer was injured while batting in the third inning, falling as he attempted to check his swing while striking out.

Hurdle and a trainer visited the mound after Archer warmed up before the fourth, but he remained in the game for one more inning. The Pirates are optimistic Archer will make his next scheduled start Sunday at Milwaukee.

Archer allowed one run and five hits with three strikeouts and one walk. He is 1-1 with a 4.91 ERA in four starts for Pittsburgh since being acquired from Tampa Bay in a trade.

PRO BASEBALL

Nats throw in towel, trade Murphy to Cubs, Adams to Cards

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Washington Nationals have traded second baseman Daniel Murphy to the Chicago Cubs and first baseman Matt Adams to the St. Louis Cardinals, essentially throwing in the towel on a disappointing season.

The third-place Nationals announced the moves Tuesday before beginning a three-game series against the Philadelphia Phillies.

Despite a roster that boasts such stars as Max Scherzer and Bryce Harper, Washington began the day with a losing record of 62-63, 7½ games behind the NL East-leading Atlanta Braves.

The Nationals were coming off two consecutive division titles under manager Dusty Baker, who was fired after last season and replaced by rookie skipper Dave Martinez.

The deals come three weeks after the July 31 non-waiver trade deadline, and the Nationals aren't getting much in return.

For Adams, the Cardinals are sending \$50,000 to Washington.

For Murphy, the Cubs are swapping Class-A infielder Andruw Monasterio and a player to be named later or cash.



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The Washington Nationals traded second baseman Daniel Murphy to the Chicago Cubs on Tuesday.

OBITUARIES

AMIE M. RUTH

Mrs. Amie Carolyn Magazine Ruth, affectionately known as Cookie by family, 58, of Charlotte, North Carolina, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018 at her home. A celebration of life and homegoing services will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. at Silver

Mount Baptist Church, 501 W. Arrowood Road, in Charlotte, North Carolina, with the interment being held at Elizabeth Baptist Church, 4986 Camden Highway, in Bishopville. Mrs. Ruth will be placed in the church at 10 a.m. for viewing on Thursday. Public viewing will be today from noon to 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Long & Son Mortuary Services Inc of Charlotte, North Carolina, is serving the Ruth Family. Memories and condolences may be shared online at <http://www.longandsonmortuary.com>.

REBECCA M. HOLLIDAY

Rebecca Mary Lee Ann Carter Holliday, daughter of the late Lillie Mae Mack and Henry Carter, was born in Sumter on April 9, 1958. She entered heaven's gates on Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018.

Rebecca was educated in the public schools of Sumter County and graduated from Sumter High School in the Class of 1976. She was united in holy matrimony to Joseph Holliday on April 5, 1980.

She leaves to cherish her memory her loving husband of 38 years, Joseph Holliday, of Sumter; two daughters, Everlynn Marie Holliday and Crystal (Jared) Wells of Sumter; grandchildren Jaleen J. Holliday and Ma'Liyah Holliday; four grandchildren in kind, Janiesha Brunson, Zaria Brunson, Treshawn Lawson and Janiya Brunson; two sisters in kind, Lilly A. Blanding of Sumter and Catherine A.

Radice of Columbia; four daughters in kind, Keisha E. Brunson, Melissa Holliday, Jeterria E. Thompson and JaRae Boykin; four brothers, Jerome Carter and Roosevelt (Theresa) Mack of Sumter, Jessie Mack (Peggy) of Columbia and Willie James Mack (Sharon) of North Carolina; five sisters, Katherine (Marion) Bracey, Magdaline Carter and Virginia Mack of Sumter, Maxine Carter (Charles) Smith of Tampa, Florida, and Marie Mack Jeter (Mark) of Greenville, North Carolina; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A wake will be held in the chapel of Sumter Funeral Service Inc. from 3-6 p.m. today. A graveside ceremony will be held at noon tomorrow in Bradford Cemetery.

Sumter Funeral Service Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

SHELBY J. FLOYD

ALCOLU — Shelby J. Driggers Floyd, 78, widow of Delbert Floyd, died Monday, Aug. 20, 2018, at her home.

Born Sept. 29, 1939, in Olanta, she was a daughter of the late Jackson Johnson "Bubby" Driggers and Luegenia Josephine Mims Driggers. She was a member of New Hope Christian Church in New Zion.

She is survived by three sons, Terry Floyd (Rachel) of Summerton, Delbert Floyd Jr. (Portia) of Manning and Randy Floyd (Martha) of St. Stephen; six daughters, May Dell Floyd (Ronald) of Moncure, North Carolina, Reita Burnes (Billy) of Lexington, Debbie Brogden (Steve) of Florence, Donna Welch (Lanair) of Turbeville, Daffie Hardy (Buck) and Sandra Cantey (Ray), both of Manning; two sisters, Belvadeen Kirby (Ronald) of Cades and Bobbie Jean Emery of Lexington; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at New Hope Christian Church

with the Rev. Jason Wilson officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. today at the residence, 3650 Alderman Camp Road, in Alcolu.

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

SAM L. GIBSON

GREELEYVILLE — Deacon Sam Larry Gibson, 61, husband of Mary Green Gibson, died Monday, Aug. 20, 2018 at McLeod Hospice House, Florence. He was born Feb. 16, 1957 in Greeleyville, a son of the late Deacon Samuel Gibson and Lelia Conyers Gibson.

The family is receiving friends at his residence, 228 Gibson Road, in Greeleyville.

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

HENRY L. ALSTON

ELGIN — Funeral services for Henry Lee Alston, 63, will be held on Friday at noon at Powers Funeral Home in Lugoff, with burial to follow in Union Baptist Church Cemetery in Rembert.

Mr. Alston passed away on Monday, Aug. 20, 2018. Born

in Sumter County, he was the son of the late Frank and Rosa Lee Lewis Alston. He enjoyed spending time family and friends. He always looked out for his neighborhood and made sure the kids got on and off the bus safely.

Surviving are his wife, Carmen Tucker Alston; daughter, Vanessa Alston; sisters, Rose Marie Clark, Bernice Alston and Geraldine Alston; brothers, James Edward Alston and Russell Frank Alston; brother-in-law, Leroy Clark; sister-in-law, Joyce Alston; one granddaughter; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by a brother, Larry Alston.

Sign the online register at www.powersfuneralhome.net.

LYCENIA F. ISAAC

Ms. Lycenia Fortune Isaac entered eternal rest on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2018 at Palmetto Health Tuomey in Sumter. The family is receiving friends at the residence, 184 Blue Jay Lane, in Bishopville. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., in Bishopville.

EMANUEL G. MCCRAY

BALTIMORE, Md. — On Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, Emanuel Gene McCray exchanged

time for eternity at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, Maryland.

Born on June 9, 1979, in Baltimore, he was a son of Evangelist Patricia McCray Miller and the late Gene McCray and Bishop Northern Miller.

The family is receiving relatives and friends from 4-9 p.m. at the residence of his aunt Frizeal Oliver Edwards of 1082 Windham Road, Red Hill Subdivision No. 2, in Manning.

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

BARBARA M. JOHNSON

COLUMBIA — On Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018, Barbara Jean Martin Johnson, widow of the late Clarence Thomas Johnson, heard her master's call at Palmetto Health Richmond.

Born on May 15, 1940 in Columbia, she was a daughter of the late Major and Colen Martin Johnson.

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Organic dairy farmers vow to compete

BY DAVID PITT
The Associated Press

FAIRFIELD, Iowa — Small family operated dairy farms with cows freely grazing on verdant pastures are going out of business as large, confined-animal operations with thousands of animals lined up in assembly-line fashion are expanding into the organic market.

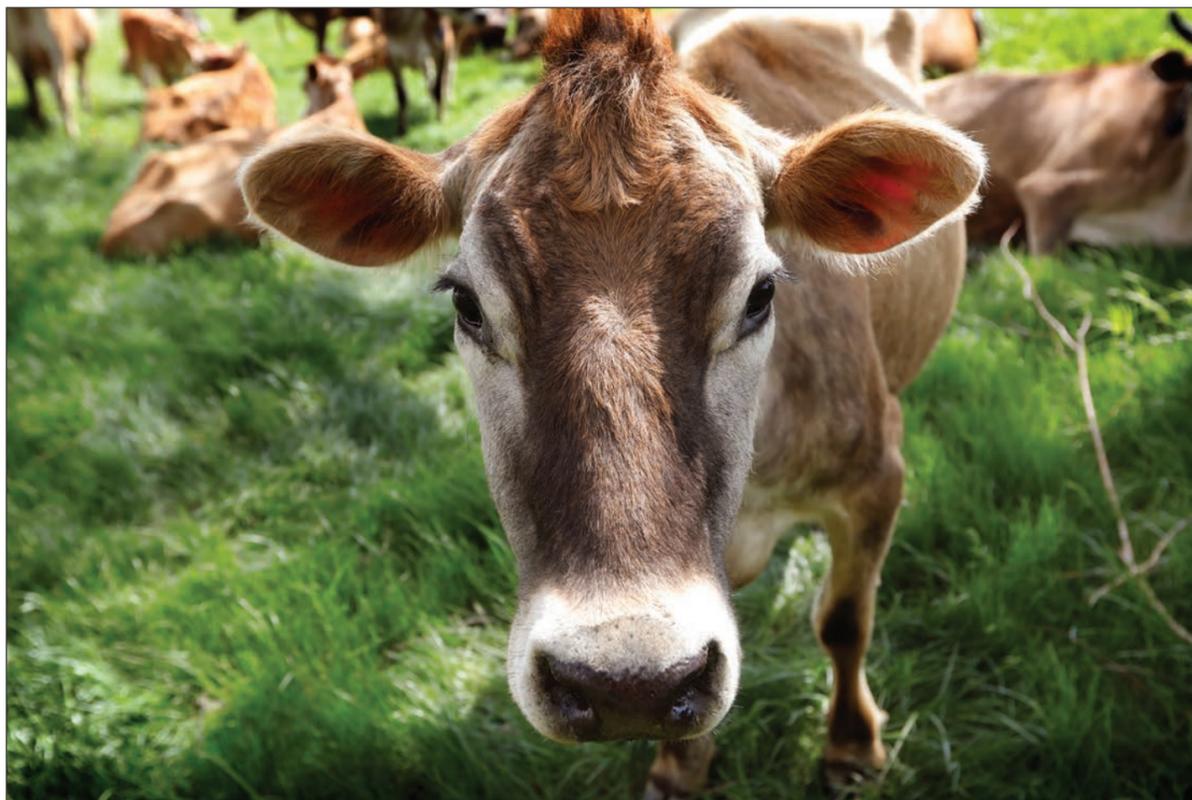
Many traditional small-scale organic farmers are determined to fight back against the industry transformation by appealing to consumers to look closely at the organic milk they buy to make sure it comes from a farm that meets the idyllic expectations portrayed on the cartons. While the large operations say they're meeting U.S. Department of Agriculture standards for organic milk, the smaller farms say federal regulators under Republican and Democratic administrations have relaxed enforcement of strict organic standards for dairy farms, allowing confinement dairies to grow and put intense competition on small family operated dairies.

"There's a higher authority than the USDA. There's a higher authority than the federal courts where we've litigated some of these issues. And that's the consumer. Their dollar has power," said Mark Kastel at the Wisconsin-based Cornucopia Institute, a nonprofit public interest group focused on farm policy.

The dairy industry, like much of U.S. farming, has trended toward fewer but larger farms since the 1980s, when organic milk was available only at farmers markets or specialty grocers and the milk came from small-scale dairy farms selling to a local cooperative. Now organic dairy products are widely distributed by mainstream grocers and mass retailers including Costco, Target and Walmart. But much of those companies' store-brand milk comes from dairies with thousands of cows maintained in immense confinement operations.

Kastel says that style of farming is contrary to what the founders of the organic movement envisioned and what consumers think they're buying. His group recently released an updated Organic Dairy Scorecard, which ranks 160 brands evaluated for their organic practices including quality of pasture, how frequently cows graze and how often they're milked: <https://www.cornucopia.org/scorecard/dairy>.

A spokeswoman for Aurora Organic Dairy, the industry's largest supplier



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A Jersey cow feeds in a field on the Francis Thicke organic dairy farm in Fairfield, Iowa. Small family operated organic dairy farms with cows freely grazing are going out of business while large confined animal operations with thousands of animals lined up in assembly-line fashion are expanding.

to grocery chains such as Costco, Safeway and Walmart, said activists who think organic food should come from only small producers are the primary critics inaccurately portraying large-scale organic production.

Sonja Tuitele said the company's farms have more than 10,000 acres of organic pasture for grazing and the farms exceed minimum requirements for grazing days and percent of diet from grazing.

The company has nine barns in Colorado and Texas with about 26,000 cows. The largest has 4,400 cows and the smallest, 900 cows. Aurora CEO Scott McGinty said in a statement released in April that the company maintains two USDA-accredited certifiers for each farm.

"A second organic certification is a voluntary quality assurance step to ensure our farms receive more frequent inspections and measurement of compliance," he said.

Competition from large operations combined with plummeting dairy prices in the past four years have left

organic dairy farmers either barely squeezing out a profit or in most cases losing money. It has accelerated the loss of smaller farms.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported in February that the number of U.S. dairy farms, including organic and conventional, fell nearly 4 percent last year from the previous year to 40,219. The number of dairy farms declined 32 percent in the last decade.

For Patti and Brian Wilson, the changing industry has soured the profitability at their 600-acre dream dairy farm in Orwell, Vermont, they converted to organic 16 years ago. Milking their 50 cows has become unprofitable, said Patty, who was an agronomist with the USDA before she began farming full time.

"We just put an ad out listing our herd for sale," she said. "It's been a slow decline, kind of a slow death."

Southern Iowa organic dairy farmer Francis Thicke's strategy is to work with other farmers to create the Real Organic Project, an effort to cre-

ate an additional label that will be placed on packaging to tell consumers that the products meet traditional organic standards. A pilot project this year will have 50 farms with products carrying the Real Organics label.

In addition to meeting USDA certification requirements, they must meet the project's standards, including that produce has been grown in soil and not hydroponically and that animals have access to the outdoors.

Thicke, who has been in organic farming since the 1970s, walks among 85 docile Jersey cows on his 730-acre Radiance Dairy farm near Fairfield as they lounge under a grove of trees on a sunny summer day, casually walking and grabbing mouthfuls of thick green grass. He sells 2,000 gallons of organic milk a week in the form of milk, cheese and yogurt to nearby restaurants, grocery stores and a private college.

"Basically, it's just bringing organic back to the roots that the pioneer organic farmers envisioned," Thicke said of the Real Organics label effort.

African refugee grows homeland's eggplants in Vermont

BY LISA RATHKE
Associated Press

COLCHESTER, Vt. — After surviving refugee camps in Africa, Janine Ndagijimana settled in Vermont and began to dream of farming.

When she considered what to plant, she thought back to her time in Tanzania and settled on the African eggplant, also called bitter ball or garden egg. It wasn't found in Vermont, and she remembered how it garnered a good price at the refugee market.

These days, Ndagijimana's farming of the oblong white fruit and other varieties has turned her into a refugee success story in Vermont, one of the least culturally or racially diverse states, with a population that's 95 percent white. She's part of a growing number of farmers from other parts of the world who have used social media, the internet and niche markets often in big cities to successfully sell crops native to their home countries. She grows eggplants on 3 acres of land on two plots in Burlington and Colchester, one of which was leased to her for free by a local farmer.

"This is to support the family," she said through an interpreter as she stood on a hot afternoon in the farm field just a week before she was expected to deliver her sixth child.

She said she's hoping when the business gets bigger she



Janine Ndagijimana displays African eggplant harvested from her field in Colchester, Vermont. Far from the refugee camps where she once lived, Ndagijimana has developed a thriving small farm business.

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in Tanzania.

"Life was not easy because even the food they provided was not enough for one person," she said, recalling how a person would receive 8 pounds of food, often consisting of corn and beans, to eat for two weeks.

It was at the camp that she considered growing African eggplant, known as intore in her native Kirundi language. As a young entrepreneur, she bought produce from farmers and sold it to the refugee markets. She saw that growers of African eggplant were making good money but didn't have the land to grow the fruit herself.

In Vermont, she also lacked land — until she was able to use about an acre of community garden land and then a farmer leased her another 2 acres for free.

She hopes to eventually farm on 10 acres. She has gotten help from a program called New Farms for New Americans, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the University of Vermont extension service.

She's been a teacher for people who want to emulate her business model, said Ben Waterman, of the UVM Center for Sustainable Agriculture, who meets with her weekly.

"Janine does her research, and she really kind of weighs her options and makes use of a lot of the resources around here," Waterman said.

can use the money she makes to send her kids to college.

The 38-year-old Ndagijimana's success goes well beyond Vermont. Since she planted her first crop in 2013, she has sold her 5,000-pound harvest through the mail to Africans in Arizona, Texas, Utah, Michigan and Idaho.

Her business is spread by word of mouth. Other customers come to pick up the harvest themselves. One Florida man was expected recently to pick up 2,500 pounds of eggplant, which he planned to resell.

Other refugee communities also are growing and selling native crops across the U.S., according to the U.S. Committee for Refugees

and Immigrants in Arlington, Virginia. For example, Burmese and Bhutanese farmers are raising and selling eggplants, peppers and herbs in Lowell, Massachusetts, and Syrian and Iraqi refugees are growing peppers and mint in Dearborn, Michigan, said Lee Williams, the committee's senior vice president.

"It's good community building," Williams said. "Obviously it's important to us that our clients have access to nutritious food, and having food that's familiar to our clients is great."

African eggplant, an important crop in several African countries, can be found in some urban areas, such as in Minneapolis, where

Hmung farmers grow it for mostly African customers. A refugee from Liberia, Morris Gbolo, grows it among other West African vegetables in Buena Vista, New Jersey, and sends it to customers across the U.S.

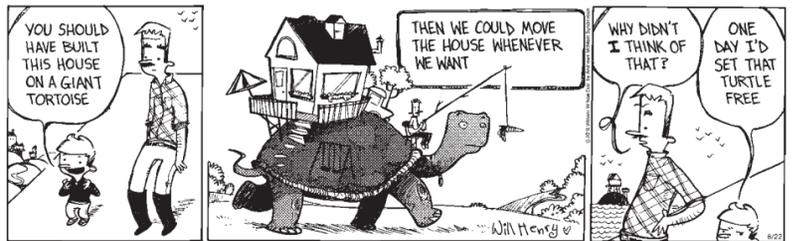
"It is what we love eating, you know," he said of the fruit, which is more bitter than the purple-skinned variety. "This is our native food."

Before arriving in the United States in 2007, Ndagijimana knew only life in a refugee camp. She was born in one in Rwanda to parents from neighboring Burundi. The family fled the country in 1994 at the start of the genocide and ended up at another refugee settlement

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- 1 Sources of fast cash
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 - 16 Chatting on WhatsApp, e.g.
 - 17 "Frozen" queen
 - 18 Serpentine swimmers
 - 19 Gall
 - 20 "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps" subject
 - 23 Hotmail alternative
 - 24 Fashion monogram
 - 25 Suffix with real or ideal
 - 26 Functional
 - 29 "Well, golly!"
 - 31 Subway stops: Abbr.
 - 32 Occupant-owned apartment overseeing group
 - 36 Comfy shoe
 - 37 Adopt a caveman diet
 - 39 Utter
 - 40 Many a comics supervillain
 - 42 Shower affection (on)
- DOWN**
- 1 Tavern pour
 - 2 Salon powder
 - 3 Soup with tofu and seaweed
 - 4 Sacred beetles
 - 5 Etouffée cuisine
 - 6 Lusty look
 - 7 Woodwork embellishment
 - 8 Blog write-ups
 - 9 Dynasty known for its vases
 - 10 Explorer
 - 11 Drought-affected annual period
 - 12 Dyed-in-the-wool
 - 13 Like fine Scotch
 - 21 D.C. insider
 - 22 Marry in a hurry
 - 26 "Oorah!" org.
 - 27 Coastal hurricane threat
 - 28 Cave painting, e.g.
 - 30 "Silicon Valley" channel
 - 32 Nav. noncom
 - 33 Wake maker
 - 34 Not at all fresh
 - 35 Batik supplies
 - 37 Toothpaste choice
 - 38 Jimmy of the Daily Planet
 - 41 More grainy, as lager
 - 42 Where bats hang out?
 - 44 "That makes sense"
 - 45 Nervous twitch
 - 48 Scary beasts
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LOCAL CHANNELS													
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	America's Got Talent "Live Results 2" (N) (Live)	World of Dance "The Cut 1" Julianne Hough and Savion Glover. (N)			WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Big Brother Houseguests vie for the power of veto. (N)	SEAL Team "Credible Threat" The team must protect officials.	Criminal Minds "Submerged" A series of backyard pool homicides. (DVS)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert			
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Tennis Week"	Jeopardy! "College Championship: Week 2"	The Goldbergs "The Goldberg Girls"	American Housewife "All Coupled Up" (DVS)	The Story of the Royals: The history of the monarchy. (Premiere) (Part 1 of 2) (DVS)		ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		
WRJA	27	11	14	Perry Como Classics: Till the End of Time (My Music); Perry Como's hit songs.		Nature "Giraffes: Africa's Gentle Giants" Relocating the world's rarest giraffes. (DVS)	Food: What the Heck Should I Eat?: Food's crucial role in medicine.			A Conversation With Bill Moyers: The journalist discusses making his "Healing and the Mind" book and series.			
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory "The Septum Deviation"	MasterChef "Sky's the Limit; Tag Team" The cooks serve 100 dishes to airmen. (N)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)		Sports Zone	DailyMailTV	TMZ (N)		
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing The women plan a slumber party.	Last Man Standing Eve gets a gig at the Grill.	Burden of Truth "Witch Hunt" The sick girls face the employees. (N) (DVS)	Supergirl "The Faithful" Kara investigates a new group.	Dateline "Lost and Found" Abductee makes a journey of discovery.		Dateline "Over the Edge" A woman falls to her death while hiking.	The Game Malik in a promotional campaign.		
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130	Hoarders "Phyllis; Janet" A woman's house is stuffed with dolls.		Born This Way "Don't Limit Kitty" Rachel celebrates her birthday in Vegas.	Born This Way "Home Alone" Megan and Rachel make the big move. (N)	(:01) Raising Tourette's Colton asks a girl to the prom. (N)		(:04) Born This Way "Till Dress Do Us Part" Powerful emotions arise.		(:12:03) Born This Way		
AMC	48	180	(5:30) *** "XXX: State of the Union" (2005) Ice Cube, Willem Dafoe.		*** "Lethal Weapon" (1987, Action) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Gary Busey. A veteran detective is paired	*** "Lethal Weapon 2" (1989, Action) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Joe Pesci. Detectives nail a South African diplomat who is a drug-runner.							
ANPL	41	100	The Zoo: Bronx-Sized "Silverback Surgery" A silverback gorilla with a toothache.		Insane Pools: Off the Deep End XL An impressive pool in a small space. (N)		The Zoo: Bronx-Sized Helping birds of all shapes and sizes.						
BET	61	162	(05) *** "Hustle & Flow" (2005, Drama) Terrence Howard, Anthony Anderson, Taryn Manning. A pimp wants to rap his way out		(:05) *** "We Belong Together" (2018, Suspense) Cassidy Fralin, Ross Shindler, Draya Michele. A recovering alcoholic tries to put his life back together.								
BRAVO	47	181	The Real Housewives of New York City It's the night of Luann's cabaret show.		The Real Housewives of New York City The women gather to relive fun times.	The Real Housewives of Dallas D'Andrea and Mama Dee come to a head. (N)	The Real Housewives of New York City The women gather to relive fun times.	Watch What Happens Live	The Real Housewives of Dallas D'Andrea and Mama Dee come to a head.				
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank		Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank Franchised art studios.	Shark Tank A new recreational sport.	Shark Tank				
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper			
COM	57	136	(6:50) South Park "Erection Day"	(:25) South Park "Cripple Fight!"	South Park "Krazy Kripples"	South Park "Up the Down Steroid"	South Park "Crippled Summer"	South Park "Handicar"	South Park "Fun-nybot"	South Park "Fish-sticks"	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	(:31) The Office "The Convention"	(:12:01) South Park "You Got..."
DISN	18	200	Stuck in the Middle		Stuck in the Middle	Stuck in the Middle	Stuck in the Middle	Stuck in the Middle	Stuck in the Middle	Stuck in the Middle	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Bunk'd
DSC	42	103	Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown	(:01) Expedition Unknown		(:02) Expedition Unknown		(:03) *** "Jaws" (1975) Roy Scheider.			
ESPN	26	35	SportsCenter (N)	2018 Little League World Series Double Elimination, Game 24: Teams TBA. (N)	Baseball Tonight	MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Los Angeles Dodgers. From Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. (N)							
ESPN2	27	39	Training Days: Rolling With the Tide		The Herbies Preseason Special (N)	Championship Drive	College Football Live		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N)		
FOOD	40	109	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games "Team Games"	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Games		
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)		Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News at Night with Shannon	The 700 Club Anthony Evans will discuss his faith.		How I Met Your Mother		
FREE	20	131	(6:00) *** "Despicable Me" (2010) Voices of Steve Carell.		Alone Together "Mom" (N)	(:31) Alone Together (N)	(:02) ** "A Walk to Remember" (2002, Romance) Shane West, Mandy Moore, Peter Coyote. A high-school delinquent courts a minister's daughter.						
FSS	21	47	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Pittsburgh Pirates. From PNC Park in Pittsburgh. (N) (Live)		Braves Live! Post.		Cape Cod/Biggs	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Pittsburgh Pirates.					
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "October Kiss" (2015, Romance) Ashley Williams, Sam Jaeger.		"So You Said Yes" (2015, Drama) Kellie Martin, Chad Willett, Jennifer Dale. The owner of a bridal shop falls for her competition's son.	The Golden Girls "Isn't It Romantic?"		The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls "Vacation"	
HGTV	39	112	Property Brothers "Big City Move"		Property Brothers "A Different Dream"	Property Brothers (N)	House Family	Hunters Int'l	Flipping Virgins (N)		Property Brothers		
HIST	45	110	American Pickers "High Energy Crisis"		American Pickers "The Mother Load"	American Pickers (N)	(:03) American Pickers (DVS)	(:05) American Pickers	American Pickers		American Pickers		
ION	13	18	Law & Order "Sheltered" Sniper shoots people.		Law & Order "Smoke" A comic's baby is dropped from a window.	Law & Order "Couples" Mysterious homicides.	Law & Order "Bodies" The detectives investigate a murder.	(:03) Escaping Polygamy		(:03) Escaping Polygamy	(12:01) Escaping Polygamy		
LIFE	50	145	Grey's Anatomy Meredith takes a step forward with Will.		Escaping Polygamy A man wants to leave the FLDS for love.	Escaping Polygamy A rule-breaker wants to leave the FLDS.	(:03) Escaping Polygamy		(:03) Escaping Polygamy		(12:01) Escaping Polygamy		
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)		All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)		Rachel Maddow			
NICK	16	210	The Loud House		Henry Danger	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	(:35) Friends	(:12:10) Friends	
PARMT	64	153	Mom		*** "John Wick" (2014, Action) Keanu Reeves, Michael Nyqvist, Alfie Allen.	Yellowstone "The Unraveling: Pt. 2" (N) Ink Master The final three artists compete.							
SYFY	58	152	(5:10) *** "Iron Man" (2008, Action) Robert Downey Jr. (DVS)		*** "Iron Man 3" (2013, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow, Don Cheadle. Stark's true mettle. (DVS)	Premiere. A powerful enemy tests Tony Stark.							
TBS	24	156	The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee (N)	Conan Comic Bill Burr; actor Regina Hall. (N)			
TCM	49	186	(5:00) *** "The Best Years of Our Lives" (1946) Fredric March.		*** "The Ox-Bow Incident" (1943, Western) Henry Fonda, Dana Andrews, Henry Morgan.	** "Where the Sidewalk Ends" (1950, Crime Drama) Dana Andrews, Gene Tierney, Gary Merrill. Detective kills suspect, tries to pin it on mobster.		** "McFarland, USA" (2015, Docudrama) Kevin Costner, Maria Bello, Morgan Saylor. A high-school coach cultivates a championship cross-country team. (DVS)		** "Fallen Angel" (1945, Crime Drama) Alice Faye, Dana Andrews.			
TLC	43	157	My 600-Lb. Life "Ashley D.'s Story"		My 600-Lb. Life "Nicole's Story" Nicole may leave her kids motherless.	Dr. Pimple Popper "This is Zit" (N)							
TNT	23	158	(5:30) *** "Green Lantern" (2011, Action) Ryan Reynolds. (DVS)		*** "Alice Through the Looking Glass" (2016) Johnny Depp. Premiere. Live action/animated. Alice travels back in time to save the Mad Hatter's family.	(:15) ** "McFarland, USA" (2015, Docudrama) Kevin Costner, Maria Bello, Morgan Saylor. A high-school coach cultivates a championship cross-country team. (DVS)							
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Misfits & Monsters	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Misfits & Monsters	
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H		(:36) M*A*S*H	(:12) Everybody Loves Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens
USA	25	132	NCIS "Something Blue" A young petty officer dies in his sleep. (DVS)		NCIS "Ready or Not" The team tracks an elusive arms dealer. (DVS)	Suits "Cats, Ballet, Harvey Specter" Don-na doubts Samantha's motives. (N)	(:01) The Sinner "Part IV" Ambrose confronts Vera. (N) (DVS)	(:03) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Strain" Detectives suspect an activist.		(12:02) Suits (DVS)			
WE	68	166	(5:30) *** "Dirty Dancing" (1987)		*** "Dirty Dancing" (1987) Jennifer Grey. A sheltered teen falls for a street-wise dance instructor.	*** "Dirty Dancing" (1987, Romance) Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze.							
WGNA	8	172	Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Carter	

Much ado about the merry wives of Windsor

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

ABC continues its fixation on the Windsors with a two night, four-hour "news" special, "The Story of the Royals" (9 p.m., TV-14), concluding tomorrow.

You know we're in for some hard-hitting journalism when the network tells us that members of the royal family lead "fascinating lives." Haven't they watched "The Crown," Netflix's spectacularly expensive and opulently produced series on Queen Elizabeth II?

"The Crown" demonstrates the limits of Elizabeth's (Claire Foy) freedom of action and how frustrated she was by her sister, her husband, her family and her life of duty. It also depicts her as a human being, a dimension that rarely emerges from these ABC News-People Magazine collaborations. The whole point here is to show off dullards like Prince William as larger-than-life and the stuff of sceptered fantasy. ABC is part of Disney after all, home to fairy tale franchises and enchanted castles.

It's fitting that People is involved. America's obsession with royals really emerged in the era of tabloid celebrity journalism. The magazine debuted in 1974, and Princess Diana arrived less than a decade later to grace any number of People covers.

In an interesting episode of the second season of "The Crown," Queen Elizabeth entertains President John F. Kennedy (Michael C. Hall) and first lady Jacqueline Kennedy (Jodi Balfour). Jackie takes a condescending view of Elizabeth as a frumpy, poorly educated matron surrounded by dogs and shabby furniture. America was reaching for the stars and heading for the moon while the poor queen seemed content with her



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II arrives for church on Sunday at Crathie Kirk, the regular place of worship of the British Royal Family when they are on holiday at Balmoral Castle.

corgis. She certainly didn't find the royals "fascinating."

In describing the human frailties of the royals, "The Crown" also observes their role in history. For all of its hyperventilation about "fascinating" lives, ABC's "The Story of the Royals" etches the family as mere celebrities, and rather second-rate at that. Their latest publicity coup is to be joined by a star of "Suits" (9 p.m., USA, TV-14), an entertaining, but not outstanding, basic cable series.

Diana, the face and the story that sold countless magazines, really cemented this marriage of "ancient" tradition and Hollywood hype. Whatever her

stature, some of her most enduring images involve dancing with John Travolta and being mourned by Elton John. People and "People" really need to find more interesting people to fascinate them.

• It's Stephen King's world. "Castle Rock" streams a new episode on Hulu today, and "Mr. Mercedes" (10 p.m., TV-MA) returns for a second season on DirecTV's AT&T Audience Network. Produced by David E. Kelley, "Mercedes" is an odd blend of horror and melodrama. Many of its best scenes, particularly between a sad retired detective (Brendan Gleeson) and his neighbor (Holland Taylor), have nothing

to do with the macabre. At the same time, this can lead to a plodding pace. Tonight's season opener is at least 20 minutes too long.

CULT CHOICE

Henry Fonda and Dana Andrews star in the 1943 Western "The Ox Bow Incident" (8 p.m., TCM), a tale of frontier lynch-mob justice directed by William Wellman. Part of a daylong marathon of Dana Andrews movies.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

• A new Mystery Box challenge on "MasterChef" (8

p.m., Fox, TV-14).
 • Ambrose confronts Vera on the compound on "The Sinner" (10 p.m., USA, TV-MA).
 • Dutton takes all comers on the season finale of "Yellowstone" (10 p.m., Paramount, TV-MA).
 • Guest mentors Julianne Hough and Savion Glover help contestants on "World of Dance" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-PG).

SERIES NOTES

Julie Chen hosts "Big Brother" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * Results unfold live on "America's Got Talent" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG) * Beverly tries to mingle on "The Goldbergs" (8 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * The court case sparks resentment on "Burden of Truth" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14) * Dating woes on "American Housewife" (8:30 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * A diplomatic delegation faces threats on "SEAL Team" (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Chad Lowe guest-stars on "Supergirl" (9 p.m., CW, r, TV-14) * Poolside peril on "Criminal Minds" (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

"The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central) tackles discrimination * Bill Burr, Regina Hall and Marina Franklin appear on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS) * Josh Brolin, Ruth Negga and Walk the Moon are scheduled on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS, r) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Leslie Jones, Emily Ratajkowski and Greta Van Fleet on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC, r) * Damian Lewis, Ruth Wilson and Chris Pratt appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

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A touch of bourbon makes the difference

BY KATIE WORKMAN

Associated Press

If pimento cheese is already part of your life, then you are blessed for sure. If not, get ready for life to get a little bit better.

And get ready for one of the best burgers of your life.

It's dangerous ground for a Yankee like me to start messing around with a Southern recipe like pimento cheese. This may well not be how you (or your mom or grandma) make it. But I've done a bit of research now and a bit of testing, and I humbly submit this version for your consideration.

Don't use pre-grated cheese for this — freshly grated cheese tastes better and makes the mixture adhere together better. Talented Southern chef Griff Day shared his secret ingredient with me: He uses a splash of bourbon in his pimento cheese, and that little trick really seems to add some depth and extra flavor to my version as well. If you don't have smoked paprika on hand, you can sub in regular paprika, or just skip it.

Make this at least one day ahead to allow the flavors to meld. Serve leftovers (there will be leftovers, and you will not be sorry about that) with crackers.

Hey, by the way — I would still like to hear how you or your mom or dad or Aunt Matilda makes their pimento cheese. Seriously — I have yet to meet a version of this dish that I don't love!



BURGERS WITH PIMENTO CHEESE SPREAD

Servings: 6

Start to finish: 45 minutes (this doesn't include the minimum one day of refrigeration for the pimento cheese)

Pimento Cheese Spread:

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 3 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons minced red onion
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon bourbon
- 1/2 teaspoon Sriracha or other hot sauce, or to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika
- Large pinch cayenne pepper
- 1/2 pound grated sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 7-ounce jar pimentos, drained and minced
- Kosher salt to taste

Burgers:

- 1 1/2 pounds ground chuck (about 80/20)

- 1 teaspoon Kosher salt, or to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper, or to taste
- 6 hamburger buns, to serve, toasted if desired
- Sliced tomatoes, onions and lettuce to serve (optional)

In a mixing bowl, combine the mayonnaise, cream cheese, onion, Worcestershire sauce, bourbon, Sriracha, smoked paprika and cayenne. Stir in the cheddar cheese and pimentos, season with salt to taste, and add more hot sauce if desired. Pack into a container and refrigerate for at least one day, and up to seven.

Place the ground beef in a large bowl. Season with salt and pepper and use your hands to mix in the seasonings.

Form all of the meat into six equal-size patties, making the edges as neat as you can. Use your fingers to make an indentation in the middle of each patty about 1 to 1-1/2 inches wide and about 1/2-inch deep. The burgers will swell a bit during cooking, and therefore end up flat, not rounded (which would make any toppings slide off).

Preheat a grill to medium-high. Grill the burgers for about 4 minutes on each side, or until they are cooked as you like them. The FDA recommends an internal temperature of 160 degrees F for cooked ground meat, but you may decide differently.

Place each burger on the bottom of a bun, top the burger with a generous spoonful (about a heaping tablespoon) of Pimento Cheese, and let everyone top with the tomatoes, onions and lettuce as they please.

Nutrition information per serving: 535 calories; 331 calories from fat; 37 g fat (14 g saturated; 1 g trans fats); 102 mg cholesterol; 742 mg sodium; 24 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 4 g sugar; 26 g protein.

The foolproof way to grill sausages, onions together

BY AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

Sausage and onions are a classic pairing that sounds tailor-made for the grill. But the reality is usually onions that are both crunchy and charred and sausages that either dried out or — even worse — catch fire.

We wanted a foolproof method for grilling sausages and onions simultaneously that would produce nicely browned links with juicy interiors and tender, caramelized onions.

Microwaving the onions — with a little thyme, salt and pepper — for just 4 minutes jump-started the cooking process and allowed them to finish cooking evenly and thoroughly on the grill.

We adapted a ballpark technique, first cooking the meat with the onions away from direct heat in a disposable pan and then finishing the sausages directly over the flames.

Keeping the onions cooking on their own in the pan for an extra 5 to 10 minutes allowed the liquid to evaporate and the onions to caramelize to a deep golden brown while the sausages finished up brown and crisp on the grill.



GRILLED SAUSAGES WITH ONIONS

Servings: 4

Start to finish: 1 hour

- 2 large onions, sliced thin
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh thyme leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 (13 by 9-inch) disposable aluminum roasting pan
- 2 pounds sweet or hot Italian sausage (8 to 12 links)

For a charcoal grill: Open bottom vent completely. Light large chimney starter filled with charcoal briquettes (6 quarts). When top coals are partially covered with ash, pour evenly over grill. Set cooking grate in place, cover, and open lid vent completely. Heat grill until hot, about 5 minutes.

For a gas grill: Turn all burners to high, cover, and heat grill until hot, about 15 minutes. Turn all burners to medium-high.

Meanwhile, microwave onions, thyme, salt and pepper in medium bowl, covered, until onions begin to soften and tips turn slightly translucent, 4 to 6 minutes, stirring once half-way through microwaving (be careful of steam). Transfer onions to disposable pan. Place sausages in single layer over onions and wrap pan tightly with aluminum foil.

Clean and oil cooking grate. Place disposable pan in center of grill, cover grill, and cook for 15 minutes. Move pan to 1 side of grill and carefully remove foil. Transfer sausages directly to grill and cook (covered if using gas) until golden brown on all sides, 5 to 7 minutes.

Transfer sausages to serving platter and tent with foil. Cover grill and continue to cook onions, stirring occasionally, until liquid evaporates and onions begin to brown, 5 to 10 minutes longer. Serve sausages, passing onions separately.

Chef's Note: This recipe will work with any raw, uncooked sausage. Serve the sausages as is or in toasted rolls.

Nutrition information per serving: 611 calories; 480 calories from fat; 53 g fat (19 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 129 mg cholesterol; 1536 mg sodium; 6 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 2 g sugar; 25 g protein.