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# BD proposal approved

County council giving tax incentive for \$150M investment, 125 new jobs

**BY ADRIENNE SARVIS**  
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Becton, Dickinson and Co. will be investing millions of dollars into its Sumter facility and creating more full-time jobs now that Sumter County Council approved final reading of an ordinance to authorize a fee in lieu of tax and incentive agreement for the company's proposed investments. Formerly referred to as Proj-

ect Bulldog during the council's previous meetings, BD intends to invest at least \$150 million into Sumter County and create 125 new full-time jobs.

The high-volume automated assembly and packaging facility, at 1575 Airport Road in Sumter, creates medical device products and has been in operation since 1970.

BD, which currently employs

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## Council holds off on school mill request

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Sumter County Council has more time to mull over Sumter School District's request for a 5.48-mill increase after voting unanimously to remove the item

from its agenda while it still waits for the district to answer questions posed by council members during a May 29 budget workshop.

The mill increase is still on the table and will

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### PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

**SUMTER COUNTY DISTRICT 2**

- Artie Baker (R) — Incumbent ✓
- Hazel Evenich (R)
- Bubba Rabon (R)

**SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6**

- James T. McCain Jr. (D) — Incumbent ✓
- Charlie Jones (D)

**STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 64**

- Robert Ridgeway III (D) — Incumbent ✓
- Mitch Ellerby (D)

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 5**

- Mark Ali (D)
- Steve Lough (D)
- Sidney Moore (D)
- Archie Parnell (D) ✓

**CLARENDON COUNTY CORONER**

- Bucky Mock (D) — Incumbent ✓
- LaNette Samuels-Cooper (D)

**CLARENDON COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1**

- Billy Richardson (D) — Incumbent ✓
- Robert McFadden Sr. (D)

**CLARENDON COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3**

- Benton Blakely (D) ✓
- Charlton Watts (D)

**STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 101**

- Cezar McKnight (D) — Incumbent ✓
- Alfred Darby (D)

**LEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 5**

- Regitt James (D) ✓
- Donna W. Scott (D)

**LEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 6**

- Nathaniel Brunson (D) — Incumbent ✓
- Frank Brent Millican Jr. (D)

**GOVERNOR — RUNOFF**

- Henry McMaster (R) — Incumbent ✓
- Kevin Bryant (R)
- John Yancey McGill (R)
- Catherine Templeton (R)
- John Warren (R) ✓

**GOVERNOR**

- Phil Noble (D) ✓
- James Smith (D)
- Marguerite Willis (D)

**ATTORNEY GENERAL — LIKELY RUNOFF**

- Alan Wilson (R) — Incumbent
- Todd Atwater (R)
- William Herlong (R)

**SECRETARY OF STATE**

- Mark Hammond (R) — Incumbent ✓
- Nelson Faerber (R)
- Joshua Putnam (R)
- Kerry Wood (R)

Results from SC Election Commission are uncertified as of press time.



Larry Corbet waits on his grandfather, Danny Williams, to finish voting at the Wilson Hall voting precinct on Tuesday.

## Incumbents, Parnell get November nods

**BY KAYLA ROBINS, ADRIENNE SARVIS and BRUCE MILLS**  
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South Carolinians chose on Tuesday who they want to be on their party's ballot in November, turning out for local, state and congressional primary elections.

Of the 3,044,375 registered voters in the state, 65,952 of them live in Sumter County, according to the South Carolina Election Commission. About 17 percent voted in Tuesday's primary that saw both Sumter County Council incumbents win the nomination.

Pat Jefferson, director of Sumter County Voter Registration and Elections, said turnout was low in both absentee and in-person voting. While Sumter usually gets between 3,000 and 5,000 absentee ballots for primaries, only about 1,000 came in this time.

There were no upsets on either the Democrat or Republican ballot in Sumter, and both parties emphatically voted yes

for their two respective questions, which involved medical marijuana and Medicaid funding for the Democrats and party affiliation and the tax code for Republicans.

All tallies are unofficial statewide until they are certified by local boards.

**COUNCIL CHAIR RETAINS SEAT**

Sumter County Council District 6 Councilman Jim McCain is all set to be a shoo-in for the general election in November after coming out on top during the primary election Tuesday evening.

Currently serving as county council chairman, McCain faced Charlie Jones, who previously ran for city of Sumter mayor in 2016.

With all 16 precincts reporting, McCain ended the race with 68.8 percent of the votes for a total of 967 of 1,405 votes.

Jones wrapped up the night with 438 votes and 31.1 percent.

"Thank you for your continued confidence and support in

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## Do you know the U.S. flag? Take this quiz.

**FLAG DAY QUIZ**

1. U.S. President \_\_\_\_\_, an Elk himself, proclaimed June 14 Flag Day.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was written in 1892 by a socialist minister, Francis Bellamy. The four words \_\_\_\_\_ were added in 1954.
3. In 1930, the Pledge of Allegiance became mandatory to recite in U.S. \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The mandatory recitation of the Pledge in public schools was ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in \_\_\_\_\_.
5. South Carolina was one of how many states to have a star on the original U.S. flag?

### Organizations to observe Flag Day with ceremonies

**BY IVY MOORE**  
 Special to The Sumter Item

Thursday is officially Flag Day in the United States. The day is typically celebrated on June 14 to commemorate the adoption of the American flag on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.

At 6 p.m. Thursday, American Legion Post 15 will observe the day by conducting its annual ceremonial

burning of damaged U.S. flags on the stage behind the Fair Building at 34 S. Artillery Drive. Post 15 Adjutant Nick Nero said the ceremony is brief, lasting only about 15 minutes.

"Our commander (Jim Morris) will ask the vice commanders to verify that the flags are damaged, and once that is done, the flags will be burned," Nero said.

According to the U.S. Flag Code,

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## School district's CFO resigns for another job

### Other administrative votes still unclear after 2 executive sessions

BY BRUCE MILLS  
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Given personnel confidentiality issues and other matters handled by the board behind closed doors in executive session Monday night, not a lot of information was available on Tuesday from Sumter School District's Board of Trustees' special-called meeting.

One thing, however, is known — Chief Financial Officer Chris Griner recently left the district for another job opportunity in his home state of Georgia. Griner had been with the district since last July.

After Monday's called meeting began at 6 p.m., the trustees immedi-



GRINER

ately went into executive session. According to the meeting agenda, in executive session, legal counsel gave the trustees advice relating to potential adversarial claims related to proposed contractual arrangements that the district has ongoing. Also, the board and district administration discussed at least two personnel reports, based on trustees' voting later in the evening.

After returning to open session following a two-hour executive session, the board declined to take any action on its receipt of legal advice relating to potential adversarial claims.

Then, the board took on the personnel reports. Interim Superintendent Debbie Hamm's initial recommendation to the board involved filling three administrative positions — two school

principal posts (Willow Drive elementary and Lakewood high schools) and a new district CFO to replace Griner, whose last day was May 31.

The board voted 4-4 on that recommendation with Chairman the Rev. Daryl McGhaney abstaining. With a tie vote, the motion on the administrative personnel failed.

After approving another separate personnel report on a list of positions from Hamm, she requested the board go back into executive session about 8:40 p.m.

About 30 minutes later, the board reconvened in open session and unanimously voted to reconsider its action on the administrative personnel report from Hamm. Then, the trustees proceeded to unanimously approve the interim superintendent's recommendations on the three administrative positions.

As of late Tuesday afternoon, the

district was still ensuring all the administrative positions' candidates were properly notified, and names couldn't be made public, according to Shelly Galloway, spokeswoman for the school district. She said she couldn't release any information regarding whether Hamm's administrative personnel recommendation changed because that item was also discussed in executive session.

Efforts to reach McGhaney on Tuesday were unsuccessful.

Bill Mabry, a former Sumter School District 17 finance director, is temporarily working for the district to help in Griner's absence, Galloway also said.

The board's regularly scheduled meeting for this month has been rescheduled for June 21 at the district office at 6 p.m. Like all board-related meetings, the meeting is open to the public.

## Wear purple for elder abuse awareness this Friday

BY KAYLA ROBINS  
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Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments is asking the public to participate in a call to action against the abuse of older adults by wearing purple on Friday.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day asks people, organizations and communities to raise awareness about elder abuse, according to a news release from the council. The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations launched the first World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15, 2006, in a "global effort to unite communities in raising awareness about elder abuse and the impact this has on the quality of life of our most vulnerable citizens."

"Elder abuse is vastly under-reported, but the World Health Organization estimates that up to 10 percent of older people worldwide are affected," the release states.

Elder abuse is any act that causes harm to an older person and is carried out by someone he or she knows and trusts, such as a family member or friend. The abuse may be physical, verbal, financial, psychological or sexual and can include mistreatment and neglect.

"It reflects the inequality arising from ageism that is common in our society today," the release states. "We all have a vital role to play in creating a peaceful, supportive and just society."

"June 15 is the day to set aside for elder abuse awareness, but we must continue to focus on elder abuse throughout the year."

## Sumter residents head to the polls



Irene Lucky Harris signs in a voter at the Wilson Hall voting precinct on Tuesday.

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## Fraternal Order of Police holding BBQ dinner

BY KAYLA ROBINS  
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The Fraternal Order of Police is holding a free barbecue dinner for all law enforcement officers and retirees on Saturday, June 30, at The Restaurant at Second Mill, 1100 W. Liberty St.

The 7 p.m. dinner will serve as a chance for people to learn more about what the FOP offers its members by being the "largest and strongest" police force in the United States. There are state lodges and local lodges in every

state, and the group has been around for more than 100 years.

All officers, deputies, corrections officers and retirees are invited, including reserve officers and constables, in Sumter, Clarendon and Lee counties. Attendees will be able to meet the lodge's local and state board members.

The FOP Grand Lodge offers a free two-year associate degree; a strong legal defense plan; an FOP credit card; an FOP credit union; moonlighting liability insurance; discounted mortgage; discounted home and auto insurance;

auto rental discounts; discounted cruises; and a lobbyist for federal LEO laws.

Additional benefits provided by the state lodge include \$2,500 accidental death benefit; \$32,500 line of duty death benefit; \$2,500 felonious assault benefit; a South Carolina specialty license plate; and a lobbyist for state LEO laws.

Those interested in attending the free barbecue dinner should RSVP to Kevin Sargent, president of the Central Carolina SCFOP Lodge 31, at (803) 418-9561 or [ksargent@scfop31.com](mailto:ksargent@scfop31.com).

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# Walking speed can help predict functional health as you age

During the last decade, there has been increased interest and research in gait speed as a predictor of vitality and health in older adults. Research suggests that individuals with a slower walking



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speed have an increased risk of mortality compared to brisk walkers, who have been linked to better health. There are significant connections between

walking speed and health improvements, which should encourage us to pick up the pace as we walk and as we age.

Walking requires energy to move. While moving, muscles kick in to maintain and control balance and posture. As the pace increases, so does the demand on the heart and the lungs. A 2011 study concluded that one's walking pace provides insight to his or her

functional status, or ability to perform activities of daily living such as getting dressed, cooking, bathing, driving and shopping. In fact, gait speed is a clinical marker measured in health, disease, fitness and emotional health.

Involuntary reductions in gait speed can reflect physical injury or damage to other systems of the body. With this comes deconditioning and a drop in physical activity directly affecting overall health, especially in older adults. Data links slower walking speeds with frailty, functional dependence, falls, cognitive decline and all-cause mortality.

So what speed is ideal for healthier aging? A speed of 1.8 mph is the average walk pace for individuals ages 65 and older. Speeds less than 1.3 mph indicate poor health and functional status while 2.2 mph indicates healthy aging. Speeds greater than 2.7 mph indicate exceptional life expectancy. If you are unsure of your current gait speed you can test it out on

a treadmill.

To add more brisk-paced walking to your fitness routine, engage in interval walking workouts. Start out at your regular pace, for 15-20 seconds pick up the pace to something that is somewhat challenging, and allow yourself to recover at a comfortable pace for twice as long as your brisk pace. So in this case, the recovery part of the walk would be 30-40 seconds. Repeat this at least four or five times throughout your walk.

If you have been walking regularly, incorporate some intervals into your routine. If you are new to a walking program, start for five minutes and add a minute each week. The goal is to walk for a minimum of 30 minutes no less than five days per week. Split up the 30 minutes into three 10-minute walks or two 15-minute walks throughout the day. Older adults who walk just 15 minutes a day can improve their cardiovascular health as well as their functional health.

# Program asks for AC unit donations

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

Because of the overwhelming response to last year's initiative to supply the elderly and disabled with 5000 BTU air-conditioner units, Clean Slate Reentry Program, in cooperation with other area nonprofits and public agencies, is seeking the help of area churches, businesses, organizations, fraternities and sororities to satisfy the need of this campaign.

In 2017, 110 air conditioners were donated through this effort. Derek Gamble, executive director of Clean Slate Reentry Program, will have potential recipients screened for eligibility through participating agencies and nonprofits to receive a unit. Once the program was made public to the service area of Sumter, Lee, Clarendon, Williamsburg and Darlington counties, a massive list was developed.

Because the need is evident, this program will make provisions to expand statewide.

The 2018 goal is to have at least 500 AC units donated. Program leaders plan to expand the services statewide by offering at least 10 AC units in its top 42 counties and 20 AC units in the last four counties based on household median income. These units can be purchased at Simpson Ace Hardware and Sports locations at the discounted rate of \$98 and picked up by approved parties of Operation Summer Salvation for delivery and installation to eligible recipients. The program is also seeking a corporate sponsor to match the number of air conditioners donated.

Follow the progress on Facebook at Air Conditioners for the Elderly and Disabled of South Carolina. To make an online donation through PayPal, leave a message on the Facebook page so a money request can be sent to you, or visit [www.gofundme.com/operationsummersalvation](http://www.gofundme.com/operationsummersalvation).

Any further questions or concerns can be directed to Derek Gamble at (803) 316-9169 or David Johnson at (803) 607-5541.

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“the flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.”

Respect for the flag is demonstrated by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance as it burns. The ashes are buried. Nero said the public is welcome to attend the ceremony.

John “Johnny” Raffield IV, immediate past exalted ruler of Sumter Lodge 855 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, said the public is invited to attend its Flag Day ceremony at 1 p.m. Saturday at the lodge, 1100 W. Liberty St.

Raffield said allegiance to the U.S. flag is a requirement for all Elks and that a Flag Day observance has been mandatory in all lodges since 1911. Saturday’s program of less than one hour will include the singing of “The Star-Spangled Banner” and “God Bless America” by all those assembled. Exalted Ruler Fred Kubala will give a history of the flag from Colonial times to the present, and retired U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Robert Levi will give a patriotic speech.

Levi is a native of Puerto Rico and graduated from Sumter High School in 1984. While in the service, Levi received many awards and honors, including several oak leaf clusters, the Korean Defense Services Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary medals, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Achievement and Commendation medals and many more.

The U.S. Flag code also specifies the manner in which citizens should display flags at their homes. It recommends displaying the flag every day but lists many specific dates on which it is especially recommended. Among these are Flag



Retired Marine Cpl. Elbert Deas helps fold flags at South Sumter Park after this year’s annual Memorial Day Fish Fry in May.

Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Constitution Day. The code also specifies that the U.S. flag should be flown in or near polling sites on election days. Ample free parking is avail-

able at the Elks Lodge. Raffield said adults are encouraged to bring their children and grandchildren. Refreshments will be served in the lodge’s lounge following the program.

**STATE BRIEFS**

FROM WIRE REPORTS

**Police officer in S.C. fired after N.C. arrest**

FORT MILL — A police officer in South Carolina has been fired after authorities in North Carolina said she was charged with drug possession and driving while intoxicated earlier this month.

Fort Mill Police Chief Jeff Helms said he fired 55-year-old Tanya Ervin-Leonhardt on June 3, one day after she was arrested about 45 miles away in Cherryville, North Carolina.

Cherryville Police Chief Cam Jenks told media out-

lets Ervin-Leonhardt was pulled over after someone reported her passing other cars recklessly and yelling at at least one other driver.

**WWI names desegregated**

GREENWOOD — A South Carolina man has desegregated names on a World War I plaque despite ongoing litigation about a state monuments law.

Trey Ward told *The Index-Journal* he put up a new plaque listing Greenwood soldiers in alphabetical order, rather than by race, last week.

A veterans group was seeking the change to promote equality. A judge recently ruled in favor of the American Legion.

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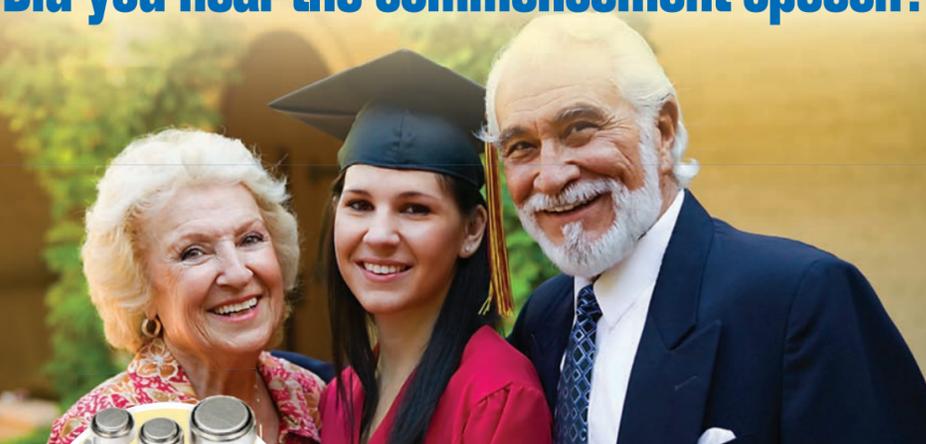
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# Trump, Kim claim big summit success, but details scant

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SINGAPORE — Claiming success at their whirlwind summit, President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un left Singapore on Tuesday, praising their face-to-face progress toward ridding the Korean Peninsula of nuclear weapons. Yet Trump faced pointed questions at home about whether he got little and gave away much — including an agreement to halt U.S. military exercises with South Korea.

Meeting with staged ceremony on a Singapore island, Trump and Kim had come together for an unprecedented U.S.-North Korea meeting that seemed unthinkable months earlier when the two nations traded insults and nuclear threats. The gathering of the two unpredictable leaders marked a striking gamble by the American president to grant Kim long-sought recognition on the world stage in hopes of ending the North's nuclear program.

Both leaders expressed optimism throughout roughly five hours of talks, with Trump thanking Kim afterward "for taking the first bold step toward a bright new future for his people." Kim, for his part, said the leaders had "decided to leave the past behind" and promised: "The world will see a major change."

Soon, Kim was on a plane headed home, while a clearly ebullient Trump held forth for more than an hour before the press on what he styled as a historic achievement to avert the prospect of nuclear war. Along the way, Trump tossed out pronouncements on U.S. alliances, human rights and the nature of the accord that he and Kim had signed.

Then he was off to Guam on the way back to the U.S.

The details of how and when the North would denuclearize appear yet to be determined, as are the nature of the un-



President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un participate in a signing ceremony during a meeting on Sentosa Island on Tuesday in Singapore.

specified "protections" Trump is pledging to Kim and his government.

During his press conference, Trump acknowledged that denuclearization won't happen overnight. But he contended, "Once you start the process it means it's pretty much over," an analysis that has proven faulty in the past despite inspection efforts.

Light on specifics, the Singapore accord largely amounts to an agreement to continue discussions, echoing previous public statements and commitments. It does not, for instance, include an agreement to take steps toward ending the technical state of warfare between the U.S. and North Korea.

Nor does it include a striking concession by Trump, who told reporters he would freeze U.S. military "war games" with ally South Korea while negotiations between the U.S. and the North continue. Trump cast that decision as a cost-saving measure, but also called the exercises "inappropriate" while talks continue. North Korea has long objected to the drills as a security threat.

It was unclear whether South Korea was aware of Trump's decision before he announced it publicly. U.S. Forces Korea said in a statement

Tuesday it was unaware of any policy change. Trump phoned South Korean President Moon Jae-in after leaving Singapore to brief him on the discussions.

Trump also said he'd obtained a separate concession from Kim to demolish a missile engine testing site, though it was just one site of many connected to the nuclear program.

As Trump took a victory lap on the world stage, experts and allies struggled to account for what Trump and Kim had agreed to — and whether this agreement could actually be the first of its kind not to be broken by the North Koreans.

North Korea is thought to possess more than 50 nuclear warheads, with its atomic program spread across more than 100 sites constructed over decades to evade international inspections. Trump insisted that strong verification of denuclearization would be included in a final agreement, saying it was a detail his team would begin sorting out with the North Koreans next week.

The agreement's language on North Korea's nuclear program was similar to what the leaders of North Korea and South Korea came up with at their own summit in April. Trump and Kim referred back to the so-called Panmunjom

Declaration, which contained a weak commitment to denuclearization but no specifics on how to achieve it.

Between handshakes, a White House invitation and even an impromptu tour of "The Beast," the famed U.S. presidential limousine known for its high-tech fortifications, Trump sought to build a personal connection with Kim and said they have a "very good" relationship.

The U.S. president brushed off questions about his public embrace of the autocrat whose people have been oppressed for decades. He added that Otto Warmbier, an American who died last year just days after his release from imprisonment in North Korea, "did not die in vain" because his death helped bring about the nuclear talks.

In the run up to Tuesday's historic face to face with Kim, Trump has appeared unconcerned about the implications of feting an authoritarian leader accused by the U.S. of ordering the public assassination of his half brother with a nerve agent, executing his uncle by firing squad and presiding over a notorious gulag estimated to hold 80,000 to 120,000 political prisoners.

In their joint statement, the two leaders promised to "build a lasting and stable peace regime" on the Korean Peninsula. Trump has dangled the prospect of economic investment in the North as a sweetener for giving up its nuclear weapons. The longtime property developer-turned-politician later mused about the potential value of condos on the country's beachfront real estate.

The formal document-signing, which also included an agreement to work to repatriate remains of prisoners of war and those missing in action from the Korean War, followed a series of meetings at a luxury Singapore resort.

Ahead of the meeting, Trump had predicted the two men might strike a nuclear deal or forge a formal end to the Korean War in the course of a single meeting or over several days. But in the hours before the summit, the White House unexpectedly announced Trump would depart Singapore earlier than expected — Tuesday evening — raising questions about whether his aspirations for an ambitious outcome had been scaled back.

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# ELECTION

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me," McCain said, referring to his constituents.

Though McCain said he was told he had nothing to worry about regarding the election, he said he was still nervous heading into the primaries. You can't take the public for granted, he said.

McCain spent his evening in and out of Sumter County Voter Registration and Election office watching the results come in.

Tuesday's election showed that the people in his district still trust that he will fight for them every day, he said.

McCain said he looks forward to looking for bigger and better things for District 6 and Sumter County.

With the primaries now behind him, McCain will likely be representing District 6, which is in the city, for a second term with no opponents for the November election. However, a candidate can still write-in for the general election.

Jones could not be reached for comment.

## BAKER BEATS BUBBA

Though the race for Sumter County District 2 was heated as polling results came in from the eight respective precincts, incumbent Artie Baker and Bubba Rabon, the two leading candidates, ended the evening cordially.

Baker took the primaries with 51.4 percent of the votes, equaling 479 votes. Rabon ended the night with 399 votes, or 42.8 percent.

Hazel Evenich, the third candidate in the Republican primary for District 2, which mainly includes Shaw Air Force Base, brought in 53 votes at 5.6 percent.

Baker, who is now headed for a sixth term on county council, thanked his constituents for their votes and thanked those who worked on his campaign.

"It was a tough campaign, but I'm glad we got through it," he said.

Rabon was a good candidate and had a good campaign, he said.

"I would like to thank all of my supporters," Rabon said. "Contributions of time, money and prayers are greatly appreciated. Congratulations to my opponent Artie Baker."

## RIDGEWAY RUNNING UNOPPOSED IN NOVEMBER

For statewide seats, incumbent state Rep. Robert Ridgeway, D-Manning, defeated Mitch Ellerby in the District 64 Democratic primary.

Ridgeway earned 61.6 percent of the total 3,831 votes in the race. Ellerby took 38.4 percent, or 1,472 votes.

District 64 covers almost all of Clarendon County and northeastern Sumter County, to include the Mayesville and Shiloh areas.

Late Tuesday, Ridgeway thanked the district's residents for their continued support.

Without a Republican in the race, Ridgeway will run unopposed in November.

## SUMTERITE PARNELL WINS 5TH DISTRICT DEM NOD

Sumter native Archie Parnell's decision to stay in the race proved beneficial — at least through Tuesday.

Parnell easily won the U.S. House of Representatives' District 5 Democratic primary nomination over three political newcomers who were largely unknown in the district. As of 10:35 p.m. with about 80 percent of statewide precincts reporting, Parnell had earned 60 percent of the total votes.

Parnell said he was humbled and happy with the primary results when he spoke late Tuesday from a small private gathering in Sumter with family and close friends.

"I am very, very happy, but I didn't win this by myself," Parnell said. "There were a lot of people working together on this, and this is about the people of the 5th District. The voters have spoken, and we're pleased with the results."

In recent weeks, many Democrats in the district, state and national levels had called on Parnell to drop out of the primary after revelations surfaced that he physically abused his ex-wife decades ago.

In May, *The Post and Courier* of Charleston obtained divorce records

from 1973 in which Parnell's ex-wife accused the then-University of South Carolina student of beating her. The marriage lasted about two years, and the divorce was finalized in early 1974, according to records.

Confronted with the court records in mid-May, Parnell didn't deny the allegations, but he said he wouldn't drop out of the primary.

Parnell told the paper his behavior with his first wife was "inexcusable, wrong and downright embarrassing." Two of the four members of his campaign staff left following the abuse reports, he said.

Parnell said little publicly in the following weeks.

However, in a Facebook video post last week, Parnell said he should have been upfront on the situation from the beginning but said he was still staying in the race — despite calls from party members on all levels for him to withdraw. Parnell said at the time in the Facebook post that quitting the race would send a negative message to anyone who has also made mistakes in their past.

Parnell said Tuesday night that everyone must face their past, but no person should be defined by their worst mistake.

"I am not the same person as I was in '73, and I think people can see that," Parnell said.

Parnell will now face incumbent Republican Ralph Norman in the Nov. 6 general election. Norman ran unopposed Tuesday.

In a special election last year, Parnell drew national attention when he only lost by three percentage points to Norman.

Most political observers and pundits have said they believe revelations of Parnell's domestic violence case have dealt a huge blow to Democrats' chances of flipping the Republican seat in Congress in November.

Parnell said Tuesday's results in part show those people were too quick to judge him. He also said that today he will meet with supporters and his two remaining staff members to establish plans for reaching out and talking to members of the 5th District during the next five months. He said he will replace the two staff members that left his campaign team.

# BD

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Industrial property is usually assessed at 10.5 percent in Sumter County.

Based on South Carolina Code of Laws, BD qualifies for the 4 percent assessment ratio — usually for residential property — for agreeing to make an "enhanced investment," which consists of investing at least \$150 million and creating at least 125 new full-time jobs, or investing at least \$400 million.

Now that the agreement is approved, BD will be taxed at the county's current millage rate, 362.2 mills, for the next five years. The set millage rate for BD will remain at 362.2 mills even if the county's millage rate changes during those five years.

The county will adjust BD's millage rate at the end of each five-year period if the millage rate changed during that time.

"For nearly 50 years, BD's Sumter facility has consistently delivered superior quality products, vital for our customers and their patients, through a talented and engaged workforce," BD Executive Vice President of Global Operations and Chief Supply Chain Officer Jim Borzi said in a state department of commerce news release.

"We would like to thank TheLINK economic development alliance, Sumter Economic Development, the City of Sumter, Sumter County and the S.C. Department of Commerce for their continued support of BD and our employees as we continue to invest in the facility," he said. "We look forward to the ongoing success of our BD Sumter manufacturing team as they continue to advance the world of health."

# REQUEST

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appear on council's next meeting agenda.

Under state law, the school dis-

trict is entitled to the 5.48-mill increase, equal to about \$1,057,121, based on the county's growth.

If approved, \$555,000 of the additional funds would go toward creating seven new positions, and the remaining \$502,121 would help build the dis-

trict's fund balance to have closer to one month's expenses on hand.

The school district's budget is already balanced at \$131,854,396 and is supposed to have third and final reading by Sumter School Board on June 21.

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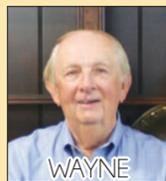
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## COMMENTARY

# Diversity and inclusion can harm some fields of study

In conversations with most college officials, many CEOs, many politicians and race hustlers, it's not long before the magical words "diversity" and "inclusiveness" drop from their lips. Racial minorities are the intended targets of this sociological largesse, but women are included, as well. This obsession with diversity and inclusion is in the process of leading the nation to decline in a number of areas. We're told how it's doing so in science, in an article by Heather Mac Donald, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, titled "How Identity Politics Is Harming the Sciences" (<http://tinyurl.com/y9g8k9ne>).



Walter Williams

Mac Donald says that identity politics has already taken over the humanities and social sciences on American campuses. Waiting in the wings for a similar takeover are the STEM fields — science, technology, engineering and math. In the eyes of the diversity and inclusiveness czars, the STEM fields don't have a pleasing mixture of blacks, Hispanics and women. The effort to get this "pleasing mix" is doing great damage to how science is taught and evaluated, threatening innovation and American competitiveness.

Universities and other institutions have started watering down standards and requirements in order to attract more minorities and women. Some of the arguments for doing so border on insanity. A math education professor at the University of Illinois wrote that "mathematics itself operates as Whiteness." She says that the ability to solve algebra and geometry problems perpetuates "unearned privilege" among whites. A professor at Purdue University's School of Engineering Education published an article in a peer-reviewed journal positing that academic rigor is a "dirty deed" that upholds "white male heterosexual privilege," adding that "scientific knowledge itself is gendered, raced and colonizing."

The National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health are two federal agencies that fund university research and support postdoctoral education for physicians. Both agencies are consumed by diversity and inclusion ideology. The NSF and NIH can yank a grant when it comes up for renewal if the college has not supported a sufficient number of "underrepresented minorities." Mac Donald quotes a UCLA scientist who reports: "All across the country the big question now in STEM is: how can we promote more women and minorities by 'changing' (i.e., lowering) the requirements we had previously set for graduate level study?" Mac Donald observes, "Mathematical problem-solving is being deemphasized in favor of more qualitative group projects; the pace of undergraduate physics education is being slowed down so that no one gets left behind."

Focusing on mathematical problem-solving and academic rigor, at least for black students at the college level, is a day late and a dollar short. The 2017 National Assessment of Educational Progress, aka The Nation's Report Card, reported that only 17 percent of black students tested proficient or better in reading, and just 7 percent reached at least a proficient level in math. In some predominantly black high schools, not a single black student scored proficient in math. The academic and federal STEM busybodies ought to focus on the academic destruction of black youngsters between kindergarten and 12th grade and the conferring of fraudulent high school diplomas.

Black people should not allow themselves to be used at the college level to help white liberals feel better about themselves and keep their federal grant money.

Mac Donald answers the question of whether scientific progress depends on diversity. She says: "Somehow, NSF-backed scientists managed to rack up more than 200 Nobel Prizes before the agency realized that scientific progress depends on 'diversity.' Those 'un-diverse' scientists discovered the fundamental particles of matter and unlocked the genetics of viruses." She might have added that there wasn't even diversity among those white Nobel laureates. Jews constitute no more than 3 percent of the U.S. population but are 35 percent of American Nobel Prize winners. One wonders what diversity and inclusion czars might propose to promote ethnic diversity among Nobel Prize winners.

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

... AND COMING INTO THE FINAL STRETCH, IT'S "MY PAL TRUMP" IN THE LEAD ... FOLLOWED BY "BUZZSAW" AND "BUSINESSMAN ..."



## COMMENTARY

# Opportunity Zones will help more Americans achieve their dreams

It has been more than 50 years since the United States formally took on the "War on Poverty," and unfortunately for too many, we have yet to see a manifestation of permanent progress. Instead, we have millions of people still living in distressed circumstances



Tim Scott, R-S.C.

who continue to be held back by inescapable unemployment, lack of skills and, even worse, the absence of hope that things will get better. March 21 marked a major milestone for my Investing in Opportunity Act legislation, which was signed into law late last year through the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. It was the first deadline set by the Treasury Department requiring states to submit their nominated "Opportunity Zones." It was exciting to see an actual list of locations that have the potential to see an economic resurgence with an initiative that is unlike anything we have tried in the past.

The IIOA is a tailored and innovative approach to fighting poverty. Instead of utilizing a "Band-Aid method" or temporary fix, this piece of legislation aims to lift up entire neighborhoods by attracting private investment to areas most in need. With about \$2.3 trillion of capital gains sitting on the sidelines, investors can now take advantage of a tax incentive through the IIOA if they elect to invest resources in designated distressed communities.

To put it another way, if an individual or business sells an asset for a gain, they are required to pay the federal government a capital gains tax. Under the IIOA, that tax can be deferred up to 10 years if the capital gains are invested in an approved "Opportunity Zone."

The law is also written in a way that encourages long-term investment by allowing for a "step-up" approach: There is a greater financial benefit for investing over a 10-year time period, rather than just five years. The hope is that this type of structure will encourage investors to establish meaningful relationships with the communities they are investing in.

Another benefit of the IIOA is that it gets the decision-making process out of Washington and into the hands of local leaders. That's why governors — not federal officials — are the ones responsible for nominating which areas get to take advantage of this initiative. Governors are able to choose 25 percent of a state's low-income census tracts, allowing for 1 in every 4 of our most economically challenged (distressed) communities to be eligible for this investment. They are the experts on the ground and will be able to choose locations with tremendous potential for growth and job creation.

In my home state of South Carolina, Gov. Henry McMaster nominated roughly 130 census tracts, ranging from distressed to severely distressed conditions, which will be eligible for the Opportunity Zone program.

It was clear that their selection process took into consideration a number of factors, including representative demographics and geographic location. I could not be prouder of our state's leadership for setting a national model on how to work with local municipalities to identify communities based on actual needs.

Poverty touches everyone, whether you're living in a rural or an urban community, and it is important to spread out this investment potential to cover as many different categories as possible.

At the end of the day, every state has unique needs for its residents, and there is no one

equation we can apply that would adequately address all of the differences.

I grew up poor and know that it's not lack of effort or work ethic that keeps most people back. It's the shortage of opportunity that continues to plague our most vulnerable citizens.

Through the IIOA, we are hoping to make progress in closing the gap by creating broader investment opportunity in distressed neighborhoods.

My passion for tackling poverty is long embedded in who I am and my personal story. It is also fueled by inspirational people whom I have been blessed to encounter along the way.

One of those individuals was former congressman and pro football player Jack Kemp. Jack understood the importance of creating access to opportunity and how the strength of our nation lies in the collective strength of our people.

Sadly, we lost Jack in 2009, but his efforts and legacy continue to play out in amazing ways that inspire so many people to keep fighting for the American dream.

To me, the IIOA is only the beginning. Last month, I kicked off an "Opportunity Tour" in my hometown of North Charleston. I will be traveling to Florida this month with Sen. Marco Rubio and have a few other stops in the works.

My goal is to talk about the IIOA and to sit down with folks to hear about what is working and what isn't so we can continue to effectively find ways to help those in need. This is my mission, and I am blessed to be in a position to help drive the national conversation on such a serious issue.

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., is a North Charleston native. This column originally appeared in *The Ripon Forum*, a journal of political thought and opinion published by *The Ripon Society*.

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**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. Call Fred at (803) 905-5620.

### FRIDAY MEETINGS:

**Celebrate Recovery** — Fridays, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. program, Salt & Light Church, Miller Road (across from Food Lion). For help with struggles of alcohol, drugs, family problems, smoking, etc.

**Wateree AIDS Task Force Support Group** — Third Friday, 11:30 a.m., 508 W. Liberty St. Call Kevin at (803) 778-0303.

### SATURDAY MEETINGS:

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

### SUNDAY MEETINGS:

**Sumter MS Support Group** — First Sunday, 3 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church fellowship hall, 2751 S. Wise Drive. Call (803) 481-5344 or (803) 464-6440. Email [I.am.me.not.ms@gmail.com](mailto:I.am.me.not.ms@gmail.com) or [ms-miles013@gmail.com](mailto:ms-miles013@gmail.com).

# WEATHER

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## AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
A t-storm in spots in the p.m.	Mostly cloudy and humid	An afternoon t-storm in spots	Some sun with a thunderstorm	A thunderstorm in spots	A strong p.m. t-storm in spots
89°	73°	92° / 74°	91° / 72°	90° / 72°	91° / 73°
Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 15%	Chance of rain: 45%	Chance of rain: 50%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 40%
W 4-8 mph	SW 4-8 mph	WSW 4-8 mph	NE 4-8 mph	S 4-8 mph	SW 4-8 mph

## TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

### IN THE MOUNTAINS

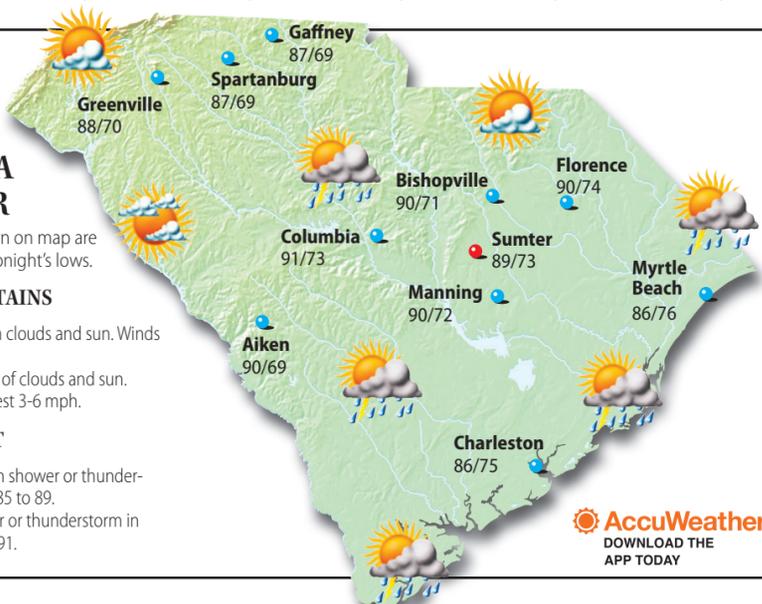
**Today:** Warmer with clouds and sun. Winds southwest 4-8 mph.

**Thursday:** Intervals of clouds and sun. Winds west-southwest 3-6 mph.

### ON THE COAST

**Today:** An afternoon shower or thunderstorm around. High 85 to 89.

**Thursday:** A shower or thunderstorm in the area. High 87 to 91.



## LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
	73°	69°	87°	65°	101° in 1993	48° in 1972

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
	0.23"	0.48"	2.07"	13.50"	19.01"	19.69"

## LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.74	-0.04
Marion	76.8	75.86	-0.15
Moultrie	75.5	74.82	-0.01
Wateree	100	97.94	-0.78

## RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	5.45	-0.63
Congaree River	19	4.87	-0.07
Lynchies River	14	2.33	-0.17
Saluda River	14	3.48	-0.01
Up. Santee River	80	78.70	-0.18
Wateree River	24	14.94	-1.56

## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:10 a.m.	Sunset	8:34 p.m.
Moonrise	6:07 a.m.	Moonset	8:31 p.m.

	New	First	Full	Last
	June 13	June 20	June 28	July 6

## TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	9:15 a.m.	2.9	4:00 a.m.	-0.3
	9:42 p.m.	3.8	4:01 p.m.	-0.7
Thu.	10:10 a.m.	3.0	4:53 a.m.	-0.4
	10:36 p.m.	3.8	4:54 p.m.	-0.8

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	87/71/t	88/72/pc
Chicago	81/60/s	82/62/pc
Dallas	95/77/pc	96/77/pc
Detroit	83/60/pc	83/59/s
Houston	94/76/s	91/76/pc
Los Angeles	84/63/s	83/63/s
New Orleans	90/73/pc	88/75/pc
New York	79/68/c	82/61/s
Oriando	91/72/t	91/73/t
Philadelphia	83/66/pc	83/62/s
Phoenix	110/86/pc	107/83/s
San Francisco	74/56/pc	70/55/pc
Wash., DC	87/70/pc	84/64/s

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Asheville	85/66/pc	85/65/pc	Florence	90/74/pc	94/74/pc
Athens	88/69/pc	91/71/pc	Gainesville	90/71/pc	90/73/pc
Augusta	91/69/pc	94/72/pc	Gastonia	88/69/pc	91/67/pc
Beaufort	87/75/t	91/77/pc	Goldsboro	90/72/pc	90/70/pc
Cape Hatteras	85/74/pc	85/70/pc	Goose Creek	86/73/t	90/74/pc
Charleston	86/75/t	90/77/pc	Greensboro	88/69/pc	88/65/pc
Charlotte	88/71/pc	92/70/pc	Greenville	88/70/pc	92/69/pc
Clemson	88/70/pc	91/71/pc	Hickory	86/68/pc	89/65/pc
Columbia	91/73/pc	94/73/pc	Hilton Head	86/76/pc	89/76/pc
Darlington	90/72/pc	93/72/pc	Jacksonville, FL	90/71/sh	91/72/t
Elizabeth City	88/72/pc	87/66/pc	La Grange	87/71/pc	87/71/t
Elizabethtown	89/73/pc	95/70/pc	Macon	89/69/t	90/71/pc
Fayetteville	90/71/pc	93/69/pc	Marietta	87/70/t	88/72/pc
			Marion	84/67/pc	87/63/pc
			Mt. Pleasant	86/75/pc	89/76/pc
			Myrtle Beach	86/76/pc	88/76/pc
			Orangeburg	90/72/pc	91/73/pc
			Port Royal	86/74/t	89/75/pc
			Raleigh	90/71/pc	90/66/pc
			Rock Hill	89/70/pc	91/69/pc
			Rockingham	90/71/pc	91/69/pc
			Savannah	88/73/sh	91/73/pc
			Spartanburg	87/69/pc	91/68/pc
			Summerville	86/72/t	89/73/pc
			Wilmington	87/73/t	90/71/pc
			Winston-Salem	87/69/pc	89/64/pc

## PUBLIC AGENDA

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

### The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Put your trust in what you know and not

what others tell you. Don't take a risk that could result in illness or injury. Sharing information after you promised to keep a secret will make you look bad.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Listen to what others have to offer, but be reluctant to jump in and take part in something you know little about. Research will save you from making a mistake that can be costly.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Consider your options carefully. Someone will do whatever it takes to persuade you to go against your better judgment. Don't let charm intervene and cost you emotionally or financially. Don't be afraid to pull out of a deal at the last moment.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Speak up if you want to be heard. Controversy can make you feel anxious, but stewing about issues that concern you won't help you eliminate stress. Have a solution in mind and be open to compromise.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be tempted to make a change, but don't do so without checking out all your options. Acting in haste could cost you the best deal possible. Use your savvy negotiating skills to help you get exactly what you want.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stick to what and who you know. Be leery of anyone trying to impress you or tempt you into something you don't want or need. Bring about the changes that are going to benefit you most. Avoid temptation and indulgence.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A shopping spree, an adventure or a learning expedition will get you thinking about new beginnings and possibilities that have been out of reach in the past. Look into the best way to achieve your goals.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Changes you want to make to your home or living arrangements will pose a problem if you have to overspend to get what you want. Look for compromises that will allow you to stay within your budget.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't argue a moot point when you should be following through with your plans. Someone will confuse you with inconsistent information and actions. Rely on the information you get firsthand, not on what someone else alleges.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't procrastinate, or someone will point out your inability to get things done. Living up to your word and taking control of situations before someone else does will ensure that you get your way. A change of heart will be problematic.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be reluctant to take on too much or to give in to someone trying to get you to be indulgent or overspend. Rely on your insight and ability to physically get things done. Don't worry about what others do.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll need to rely on your charm if you want to win an emotional struggle. Your desire to take advantage of something that intrigues you won't sit well with someone close to you. Be prepared to fight for what you want.

## SUMTER ANIMAL CONTROL PETS OF THE WEEK



**LEFT:** Poor Ringo was found all alone and fending for himself. He needs a hero to step up and show him the good life, a life where he is properly cared for and loved. He is a 2- to 4-year-old medium-sized pup, who could stand to have his belly filled with healthy groceries. He is affectionate and sweet. Is there anyone out there who could teach Ringo how great life can be?

**RIGHT:** Jackie is a silly girl who wandered into the post office one day. Maybe she was looking for a cool place to rest, or perhaps she was trying to find herself a family. This pretty girl is about a year old and weighs 27 pounds. She loves all people and dogs. Could you be the family she is looking for?

To meet Ringo in kennel 24 or Jackie in kennel 34 at Sumter Animal Control, 1240 Winkles Road, call (803) 774-3232 or email [rescuesumtersc@gmail.com](mailto:rescuesumtersc@gmail.com). As with all of our adoptable dogs, a spay or neuter agreement is required, and it is strictly enforced. We have many other adoptable dogs as well as animals who were found and are waiting for their owners to claim them. Check Sumter Animal Control on Facebook.

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

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

## PRO TENNIS



# The main event

DENNIS BRUNSON / THE SUMTER ITEM

Hailey Baptiste prepares to return a shot during her 6-3, 6-3 victory over Genevieve Lorbergs in their singles qualifying final match on Tuesday in the Palmetto Pro Open at Palmetto Tennis Center. Baptiste advanced to the main draw, which begins today.

## Eight qualifiers earn way into first round of today's singles draw in Palmetto Pro Open

BY DENNIS BRUNSON  
dennis@theitem.com

Maria Jose Portillo Ramirez and Hailey Baptiste found themselves on different ends of the spectrum in the singles qualifying draw of the Palmetto Pro Open beginning on Sunday.

Each needed three victories just to get to the main draw, but Portillo Ramirez was the No. 2 seed among the

64 in the qualifying draw while Baptiste was unranked.

However, both will move along to the 32-player main draw along with six others who won qualifying singles final matches on Tuesday at Palmetto Tennis Center.

Baptiste defeated No. 3 qualifying seed Genevieve Lorbergs 6-3, 6-3 and Portillo Ramirez topped Gianna Pietlet 6-2, 6-3 to advance. The six other qualifying final winners were No. 1

Olga Govortsova, Abigail Forbes, No. 5 McCartney Kessler, No. 6 Gail Brodsky, Rhiann Newborn and Nicole Mossmer.

They move on to play in the first round of the singles main draw today. All 16 of the first-round matches will be played today on four courts with the first matches beginning at 9 a.m.

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## USC BASEBALL

# Gamecocks fall hard in Game 3 as Hogs stamp ticket to Omaha

BY KURT VOIGT  
The Associated Press

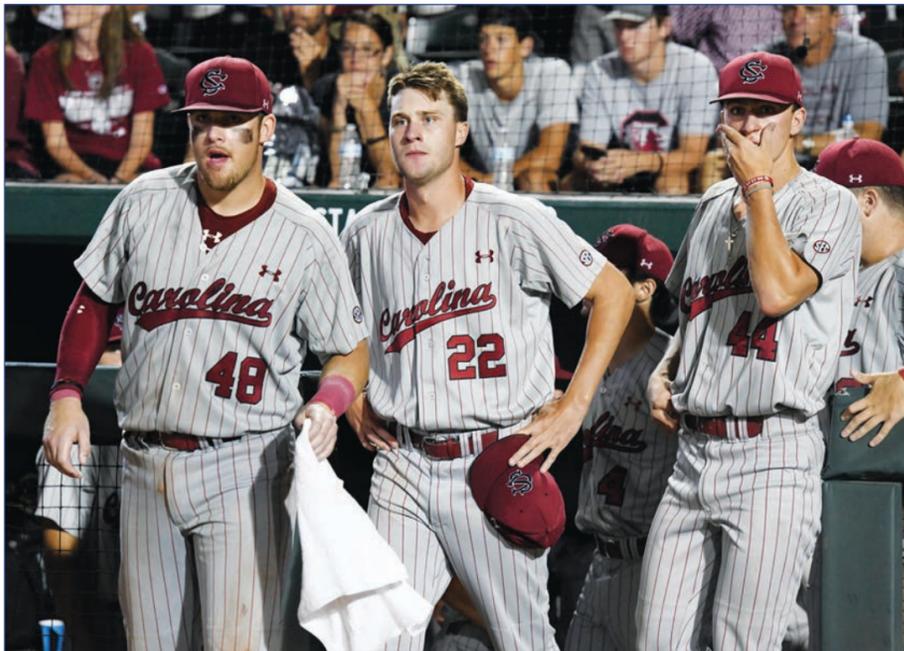
FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Nothing short of a return to the College World Series would have been good enough for an Arkansas team that started the year in the top 5 of most national polls and loaded with expectations.

Facing the prospect of failing to reach that goal in a winner-take-all third super regional game, the Razorbacks responded.

Led by Eric Cole's three hits, including a home run, No. 5 national seed Arkansas (44-19) blasted its way back to Omaha with a 14-4 win over South Carolina on Monday night.

The trip to the College World Series is the first since 2015 for the Razorbacks, and it's their fifth in the last 16 seasons under

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South Carolina players Matt Williams (48), Logan Chapman (22) and Parker Coyne (44) watch Arkansas celebrate after the Razorbacks defeated the Gamecocks in Game 3 of their NCAA baseball super regional in Fayetteville, Arkansas, on Monday.

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## AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

# P-15's pick up league win with 6-0 shutout of Orangeburg

BY CHRIS CLARK  
Times & Democrat

ORANGEBURG — The Sumter P-15's scored in three of the seven innings on Monday night in an American Legion Baseball League III game at Mirmow Field to top host Orangeburg Post 4 in a 6-0 shutout.

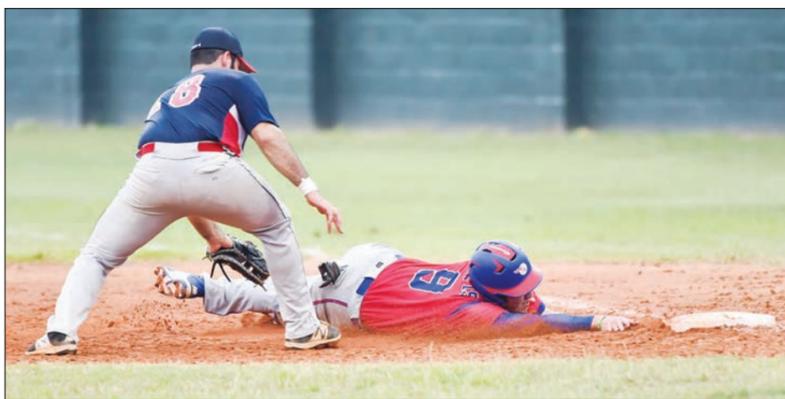
The win swept the 2-game series with Orangeburg on the season, and was the second shutout win for Sumter in as many games. The P-15's

(now 6-2 overall) took a 10-0 non-league win in six innings against Hampton Post 108 at Riley Park on Friday.

Sumter, which improved to 4-1 in league play, posted two runs in the second inning, three runs in the fourth inning and an insurance run in the seventh inning.

In a strong team showing, Sumter got a run apiece from six different players.

SEE P-15'S, PAGE B2



Sumter's Joey Pereira (9) dives safely back into first base, avoiding the tag of Orangeburg's Alex Tapia in the P-15's 6-0 victory on Monday at Mirmow Field in Orangeburg.

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## U.S. OPEN



### SHINNECOCK HILLS 118TH

# Spieth in small slump heading to Shinnecock Hills, U.S. Open

BY BARRY WILNER  
The Associated Press

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — Lots of folks have become accustomed to seeing Jordan Spieth's name atop leaderboards, particularly at golf's majors. So has Spieth.

Yet since winning the British Open last July, Spieth barely has been a factor on the week-ends. He believed third-place finishes in Houston and at the Masters had indicated a turnaround heading into this week's U.S. Open. But since Augusta, his best showing in five tournaments is a tie for 21st at the Byron Nelson, and he twice missed cuts, including most recently at the Memorial.

Not quite the stuff that rocketed Spieth to the top of golf, with Masters and U.S. Open wins in 2015, and his third major last summer at Royal Birkdale.

"Yeah, I think my patience has been tested, just not going into Saturday or Sunday with a legitimate chance to win but maybe once," Spieth said Tuesday at Shinnecock Hills. "Technically the Masters, I didn't really have a chance. The back nine, I ended up giving myself a chance.

"Yeah, just the limited number compared to previous years of chances I've had on the week-ends has been frustrating."

Spieth, 24, always has been mature as a competitor and person. When he went after the career Grand Slam for the first time last year at the PGA Championship, he wound up 10 shots back. No one contemplated he wouldn't have won another PGA Tour title since, missing two cuts before the Masters and two more after.

While exasperated, Spieth, as always, believes he is close to the way out of this mini-slump — for him, at least.

"Over the last, since probably in between Austin (a first-round elimination by Patrick Reed in match play) and Houston was a really big weekend for me of settling down and getting back on the right track with things," he said. "And recognizing that it's a long career, and, you know, results aren't going to come by wanting them to come. They're going to come by being obsessed with the process, getting back to the basics, being an athlete, figuring out within the swing, the intricacies of the game. Kind of the stuff — the reason I love to practice — that's what's going to kind of bring it back, and results aren't everything."

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SPORTS ITEMS

# Muncy homers in 3rd straight game, Dodgers beat Braves 7-2

LOS ANGELES — Max Muncy homered in his third straight game, Logan Forsythe and Enrique Hernandez also connected, and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Atlanta Braves 7-2 Sunday.

Muncy has 12 home runs, matching the total he hit last year while spending the whole season at Triple-A Oklahoma City. He hit a solo drive in the fifth inning to extend the Dodgers' lead to 4-2, and drew a bases-loaded walk in the sixth.

The Dodgers took the series from Atlanta and have won seven of their last nine games. The NL champions moved to 33-32 — they have not been more than one game over .500 this season.

Ross Stripling (5-1) has been the Dodgers' most consistent — and healthy — part of the rotation. He allowed home runs by Ozzie Albies, his 15th, and Freddie Freeman, his 12th, in the fourth inning. Stripling gave up four hits in 6⅓ innings.

**PANTHERS' KUECHLY SAYS HE'LL BE READY TO GO BY TRAINING CAMP**

CHARLOTTE — Panthers four-time All-Pro middle linebacker Luke Kuechly says he should be ready for full contact when training camp begins following offseason surgery for a torn labrum in his shoulder.

Kuechly participated in individual drills during minicamp Tuesday, but was held out of team drills.

The 27-year-old Kuechly called that a "bummer," saying "that's the best



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**Los Angeles Dodger Yasiel Puig breaks his bat over his knee after striking out during the third inning of the Dodgers' 7-2 victory over Atlanta in Los Angeles on Sunday.**

part of OTAs and minicamp. But it's still good to be out here."

He elected to wait until after the season to have surgery.

Considered one of the most cerebral linebackers in the league, Kuechly is the anchor of a defense that is perennially ranked in the top 10 in the league. He has been selected to the Pro Bowl in five of his six seasons.

*From wire reports*

AREA ROUNDUP

# Junior P-15's still unbeaten after 9-3 victory over South Florence

The Sumter Junior P-15's scored six runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to break a 2-2 tie and go on to a 9-3 American Legion baseball victory over South Florence on Monday at Riley Park.

Sumter, which improved to 9-0 on the season, finished with 12 hits, led by Victor Brown with three. Dustin Kennedy added two. Brown also drove in two runs.

Kennedy worked six innings on the mound to get the win. He struck out seven and allowed just two runs.

South Florence finished with seven hits.

**POP WARNER REGISTRATION SATURDAY**

Registration for the YAS Pop Warner Sumter Spartans Football & Cheer tackle program will be held on Saturday at Brand University located at 4676 Broad Street.

The registration event will also consist of a car wash and fish fry fundraiser.

For more information, contact Ivan Sanders at (803) 468-7429.

**DIAMOND PRO CAMP SECOND SESSION STARTS MONDAY**

The Diamond Pro Instructional Baseball Camp will hold its second session beginning on Monday.

The session will run through Thursday, June 21. The camp, which is open to children ages 7-10, will run from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day. The fee is \$60.

For more information, contact camp directors Frankie Ward at (803) 720-4081, Barry Hatfield at (803) 236-

**SIGNING DAY**



PHOTO PROVIDED  
**Sumter native Madison Player has signed to play college soccer with Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va. She is the daughter of Roger and Kellee Player of Danville, Virginia, and the granddaughter of Jane Player PriVette of Sumter.**

4768 or Robbie Mooneyham at (803) 938-3141.

**SUMTER CGA OUTING SATURDAY**

The Sumter chapter of the Christian Golfers' Association will hold its monthly outing on Saturday at Crystal Lakes Golf Course.

The event will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a devotional in the clubhouse. The Captain's choice match will tee off at 10.

*From staff reports*

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

**TODAY**  
**5 a.m.** — Professional Tennis: Mercedes Open Early-Round Matches from Stuttgart, Germany (TENNIS).  
**9 a.m.** — Professional Tennis: Mercedes Open Early-Round Matches from Stuttgart, Germany (TENNIS).  
**Noon** — Major League Baseball: New York Mets at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WWFN-FM 100.1, WUPB-FM 102.7).  
**Noon** — Major League Baseball: Toronto at Tampa Bay or New York Mets at Atlanta (MLB NETWORK).  
**1 p.m.** — Track and Field: IAAF World Challenge (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**1:30 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: Libema Open Early-Round Matches from Hertogenbosch, Netherlands (TENNIS).  
**3 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Boston at Baltimore or Pittsburgh at Arizona (MLB NETWORK).  
**5:05 p.m.** — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDOY-AM 1240).  
**6:30 p.m.** — American Legion Baseball: Camden at Sumter (WWHM-FM 92.3, WWHM-FM 93.3, WWHM-AM 1290).  
**7 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Washington at New York Yankees (ESPN).  
**7 p.m.** — WNBA Basketball: Washington at Connecticut (ESPN2).  
**7:30 p.m.** — Major League Soccer: Atlanta at Columbus (FOX SPORTSOUTH).  
**10 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Texas at Los Angeles Dodgers or Cleveland at Chicago White Sox (MLB NETWORK).  
**5 a.m.** — Professional Tennis: Mercedes Open Round-of-16 Matches from Stuttgart, Germany (TENNIS).

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	42	19	.689	—
Boston	45	22	.672	—
Tampa Bay	30	35	.462	14
Toronto	30	36	.455	14½
Baltimore	19	46	.292	25
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	35	29	.547	—
Detroit	31	36	.463	5½
Minnesota	28	34	.452	6
Chicago	22	42	.344	13
Kansas City	22	44	.333	14
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	42	24	.636	—
Houston	42	25	.627	½
Los Angeles	37	30	.552	5½
Oakland	34	32	.515	8
Texas	27	41	.397	16
MONDAY				
Boston 2, Baltimore 0, 12 innings				
Tampa Bay 8, Toronto 4				
Cleveland 4, Chicago White Sox 0				
Seattle 5, L.A. Angels 3				
TUESDAY				
Boston at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.				
Washington at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.				
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.				
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.				
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.				
Cincinnati at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.				
Houston at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.				
L.A. Angels at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.				
Texas at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.				
THURSDAY				
Toronto (Happ 8-3) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 1:10 p.m.				
Boston (Sale 5-4) at Baltimore (Cashner 2-8), 3:05 p.m.				
L.A. Angels (Richards 4-4) at Seattle (Gonzales 7-3), 4:10 p.m.				
Washington (Fedde 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Gray 4-4), 7:05 p.m.				
Minnesota (Berrios 7-5) at Detroit (Boyd 4-4), 7:10 p.m.				
Cleveland (Bauer 5-4) at Chicago White Sox (Covey 2-1), 8:10 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Mahle 4-6) at Kansas City (Hammel 2-6), 8:15 p.m.				
Houston (Cole 7-1) at Oakland (Blackburn 1-0), 10:05 p.m.				
Texas (Hamels 3-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 4-4), 10:10 p.m.				

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	36	29	.554	—
Los Angeles	33	32	.508	3
San Francisco	33	33	.500	3½
Colorado	32	33	.492	4
San Diego	31	37	.456	6½
MONDAY				
Miami 7, San Francisco 5				
Chicago Cubs 7, Milwaukee 2, 11 innings				
St. Louis 5, San Diego 2				
Arizona 9, Pittsburgh 5				
TUESDAY				
Colorado at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.				
Washington at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.				
San Francisco at Miami, 7:10 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.				
Cincinnati at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.				
San Diego at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.				
Pittsburgh at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.				
Texas at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.				
TODAY				
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 4-1) at Atlanta (Soroka 1-1), 12:10 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 2-1) at Milwaukee (Chacin 5-1), 2:10 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Taillon 3-5) at Arizona (Greinke 5-4), 3:40 p.m.				
Colorado (Anderson 3-1) at Philadelphia (Pivetta 4-5), 7:05 p.m.				
Washington (Fedde 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Gray 4-4), 7:05 p.m.				
San Francisco (Suarez 2-4) at Miami (Smith 5-6), 7:10 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Mahle 4-6) at Kansas City (Hammel 2-6), 8:15 p.m.				
San Diego (Lauer 2-4) at St. Louis (Weaver 3-5), 8:15 p.m.				
Texas (Hamels 3-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 4-4), 10:10 p.m.				
THURSDAY				
San Francisco at Miami, 12:10 p.m.				
Colorado at Philadelphia, 1:05 p.m.				
San Diego at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.				

MLB LEADERS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
**BATTING** Betts, Boston, .354; Segura, Seattle, .343; Altuve, Houston, .342; Simmons, Los Angeles, .330; Castellanos, Detroit, .321; Duffy, Tampa Bay, .320; Brantley, Cleveland, .317; Rosario, Minnesota, .313; Machado, Baltimore, .312; Martinez, Boston, .311. **RUNS** Trout, Los Angeles, 54; Betts, Boston, 52; Springer, Houston, 51; Segura, Seattle, 50; Lindor, Cleveland, 48; Benintendi, Boston, 47; Judge, New York, 44; Ramirez, Cleveland, 44; Martinez, Boston, 42; 2 tied at 41. **RBI** Martinez, Boston, 54; Machado, Baltimore, 50; Haniger, Seattle, 47; KDavis, Oakland, 46; Judge, New York, 45; Benintendi, Boston, 44; Ramirez, Cleveland, 43; Rosario, Minnesota, 43; 3 tied at 42. **HITS** Altuve, Houston, 93; Segura, Seattle, 91; Castellanos, Detroit, 84; Machado, Baltimore, 77; Rosario, Minnesota, 77; Springer, Houston, 77; Lindor, Cleveland, 76; Martinez, Boston, 75; AJones, Baltimore, 74; 2 tied at 73. **DOUBLES** Escobar, Minnesota, 26; Abreu, Chicago, 25; Castellanos, Detroit, 22; Andujar, New York, 21; Lindor, Cleveland, 21; Bregman, Houston, 20; Merrifield, Kansas City, 20; Pillar, Toronto, 20; Betts, Boston, 19; Ramirez, Cleveland, 19. **TRIPLES** Sanchez, Chicago, 7; Benintendi, Boston, 5; Hernandez, Toronto, 5; Jones, Detroit, 4; Profar, Texas, 4; Smith, Tampa Bay, 4; 7 tied at 3. **HOME RUNS** Martinez, Boston, 21; Trout, Los Angeles, 21; Ramirez, Cleveland, 19; Judge, New York, 18; Machado, Baltimore, 18; Betts, Boston, 17; KDavis, Oakland, 17; Gallo, Texas, 17; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 16; 4 tied at 15. **STOLEN BASES** Gordon, Seattle, 19; Merrifield, Kansas City, 14; Segura, Seattle, 14; Anderson, Chicago, 13; Betts, Boston, 13; Trout, Los Angeles, 13; DeShields, Texas, 12; Smith, Tampa Bay, 12; Benintendi, Boston, 11; RDavis, Cleveland, 11. **PITCHING** Kluber, Cleveland, 10-2; Severino, New York, 9-2; Carrasco, Cleveland, 8-4; Happ, Toronto, 8-3; Porcello, Boston, 8-3; Snell, Tampa Bay, 8-3; Verlander, Houston, 8-2; 8 tied at 7. **ERA** Verlander, Houston, 1.45; Kluber, Cleveland, 1.99; Cole, Houston, 2.16; Severino, New York, 2.28; Snell, Tampa Bay, 2.30; Bauer, Cleveland, 2.62; Morton, Houston, 2.82; Sale, Boston, 2.83; Paxton, Seattle, 3.02; Skaaggs, Los Angeles, 3.08. **STRIKEOUTS** Cole, Houston, 124; Sale, Boston, 120; Verlander, Houston, 113; Paxton, Seattle, 111; Bauer, Cleveland, 109; Severino, New York, 109; Kluber, Cleveland, 103; Morton, Houston, 96; Bundy, Baltimore, 95; Carrasco, Cleveland, 94.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**BATTING** Gennett, Cincinnati, .340; Freeman, Atlanta, .340; Kemp, Los Angeles, .338; Crawford, San Francisco, .333; Martinez, St. Louis, .327; Markakis, Atlanta, .327; Almora, Chicago, .323; Arenado, Colorado, .314; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, .313; Anderson, Miami, .310. **RUNS** Albies, Atlanta, 52; Blackmon, Colorado, 50; Pham, St. Louis, 46; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 44; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 43; Hernandez, Philadelphia, 43; Yelich, Milwaukee, 42; Freeman, Atlanta, 41; Markakis, Atlanta, 41; Arenado, Colorado, 40. **RBI** Suarez, Cincinnati, 48; Gennett, Cincinnati, 47; Story, Colorado, 47; Baez, Chicago, 46; Rizzo, Chicago, 46; Freeman, Atlanta, 45; Harper, Washington, 43; Markakis, Atlanta, 43; Martinez, St. Louis, 42; Kemp, Los Angeles, 41. **HITS** Freeman, Atlanta, 85; Markakis, Atlanta, 85; Gennett, Cincinnati, 82; Anderson, Miami, 77; Crawford, San Francisco, 75; Martinez, St. Louis, 74; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, 73; Albies, Atlanta, 72; Castro, Miami, 72; Votto, Cincinnati, 72.

**DOUBLES** Albies, Atlanta, 19; Freeman, Atlanta, 19; Hosmer, San Diego, 19; Markakis, Atlanta, 19; McCutchen, San Francisco, 19; Anderson, Miami, 18; Bryant, Chicago, 18; Crawford, San Francisco, 18; 3 tied at 17. **TRIPLES** KMarte, Arizona, 6; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 6; Baez, Chicago, 5; Nimmo, New York, 5; 7 tied at 4. **HOME RUNS** Harper, Washington, 19; Albies, Atlanta, 15; Villanueva, San Diego, 15; Baez, Chicago, 14; Shaw, Milwaukee, 14; Story, Colorado, 14; Adams, Washington, 13; Blackmon, Colorado, 13; 7 tied at 12. **STOLEN BASES** Inciarte, Atlanta, 18; Turner, Washington, 18; MTaylor, Washington, 17; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 13; Cain, Milwaukee, 12; Baez, Chicago, 11; Dyson, Arizona, 10; Hamilton, Cincinnati, 10; Hernandez, Philadelphia, 10; Jankowski, San Diego, 10. **PITCHING** Scherzer, Washington, 10-2; Wacha, St. Louis, 8-1; Lester, Chicago, 7-2; Mikolas, St. Louis, 7-1; Newcomb, Atlanta, 7-2; Nola, Philadelphia, 7-2; Stratton, San Francisco, 7-3; 8 tied at 6. **ERA** deGrom, New York, 1.57; Scherzer, Washington, 2.00; Lester, Chicago, 2.22; Mikolas, St. Louis, 2.27; Foltyniewicz, Atlanta, 2.31; Nola, Philadelphia, 2.35; Wacha, St. Louis, 2.47; Gonzalez, Washington, 2.65; Guerra, Milwaukee, 2.71; Newcomb, Atlanta, 2.92. **STRIKEOUTS** Scherzer, Washington, 142; Corbin, Arizona, 110; deGrom, New York, 106; Strasburg, Washington, 95; Foltyniewicz, Atlanta, 88; Greinke, Arizona, 83; Velasquez, Philadelphia, 83; Gray, Colorado, 81; Nola, Philadelphia, 80; Smith, Miami, 79.

WNBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	7	1	.875	—
Atlanta	5	3	.625	2
Washington	5	4	.556	2½
New York	3	4	.429	3½
Chicago	3	5	.375	4
Indiana	0	8	.000	7
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	7	3	.700	—
Los Angeles	5	2	.714	½
Seattle	6	3	.667	½
Dallas	4	3	.571	1½
Minnesota	3	6	.333	3½
Las Vegas	1	7	.125	5

**MONDAY**  
 No games scheduled  
**TUESDAY**  
 Las Vegas at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
 Phoenix at Dallas, 8 p.m.  
 Chicago at Seattle, 10 p.m.  
 Atlanta at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.  
**TODAY**  
 Las Vegas at New York, 7 p.m.  
 Washington at Connecticut, 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY**  
 Indiana at Atlanta, 11:30 a.m.

TRANSACTIONS

**TUESDAY BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
**BALTIMORE ORIOLES** — Signed RHP Grayson Rodriguez to a minor league contract.  
**CHICAGO WHITE SOX** — Sent OF Avisail Garcia to Charlotte (IL) for a rehab assignment.  
**CLEVELAND INDIANS** — Optioned C/OF Francisco Mejia to Columbus (IL). Recalled RHP Adam Plutko from Columbus.  
**DETROIT TIGERS** — Sent RHP Jordan Zimmermann to West Michigan (MWL) for a rehab assignment.  
**HOUSTON ASTROS** — Sent RHP Dean Deetz to Quad Cities (MWL) for a rehab assignment.  
**KANSAS CITY ROYALS** — Signed RHP Daniel Duarte to a minor league contract.  
**MINNESOTA TWINS** — Designated UT Gregorio Petit for assignment. Signed RHP Matt Belisle to a one-year contract. Sent 1B Joe Mauer to Rochester (IL) for a rehab assignment.  
**SEATTLE MARINERS** — Sent OF Eric Filia to Boston to complete an earlier trade.  
**TAMPA BAY RAYS** — Optioned 1B Ji-Man Choi to Durham (IL). Sent OF Kevin Kiermaier and SS Adeiny Hechavarria to Charlotte (IL) for rehab assignments.  
**TEXAS RANGERS** — Signed SSS Jonathan Ornelas and Jayce Easley and RHPs Cole Winn, Owen White and Mason Englert.  
**TORONTO BLUE JAYS** — Signed LHP Nick Allgeyer; 1B Jake Brodt; 2B Nicholas Podkul; 3B John Aiello; SSS Jordan Groshans, Addison Barger and Vinny Capra; Cs Christopher Bec, Troy Squires and Francisco Ruiz; OFs Cal Stevenson, Hunter Steinmetz and Adrian Ramos; and RHPs Adam Kloffenstein, Sean Wymer, Joseph Murray, Brad Wilson, Troy Watson, Austin Havekost, Gage Burland, Mike Pascoe, Will McAffer, Cre Finrock, Cobi Johnson, Joey Pulido and Grant Townsend to minor league contracts.  
**National League**  
**ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS** — Signed INF Zack Shannon; LHPs Ryan Ricci, Trevor McKenna and Tyler Jandron; and RHPs Kyler Stout, Ethan Larrison, Josh Green, Brian Christian, Landon Whitson, Andy Toelken, Jacob Stevens, Bryan Menendez, Matthew Ladrech, Justin Garcia and Erin Baldwin to minor league contracts.  
**CINCINNATI REDS** — Signed 2B Brian Roy; OFs Drew Mount and Bren Spillane; LHPs Jacob Wyrick and Connor Curls; 1B Brandt Stallings and Jay Schuyler; Cs Edward Guzman, Robert Boscelli and Hunter Oliver; and RHPs Justin McGregor, Ricky Salinas, Andrew McDonald, Matt Pidich, Yormil Maysonet, Josiah Gray, Ryan Campbell, Lyon Richardson, Alexander Moore, Alberto Gonzales and John Schneider to minor league contracts.

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Jackson Hoshour led the way at the plate, going 2-for-3 with two runs batted in. Joey Pereira added a 2-for-4 night, with a double, an RBI and a run scored, while Rylan Williamson went 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored.

Jacob Holladay went all seven innings on the mound to pick up the win for Sumter, collecting three strikeouts against just two walks and two hits, while facing just 26 batters.

Daulton Dabbs and Ryan Moore led off the second inning by reaching on an error and a single, respectively. A fielder's choice grounder moved both into scoring position before Sumter struck for its first runs on back-to-back RBI-singles from Williamson and Cory Blackley.

After a fly out-ground out-strikeout third inning at-bat, the P-15's were back in the business of scoring runs in the fourth inning. Pereira and Williamson led off the inning with back-to-back singles, before both advanced a base on a sacrifice bunt from Daniel Twitty, who reached first safely on an error. With the bases loaded, Hoshour singled in Pereira and Williamson with a drive to left field. Then Twitty scored after tagging up on a fly out to left by Chandler Hunter.

Trent Frye reached on a one-out walk in the top of the seventh and later scored the final run of the game on a fielder's choice ground out.

Heston Thompson and South Carolina Aiken signee Austin Sandifer were the only Post 4 batters to register a base hit for Orangeburg.

Post 4 only had a runner reach as far as second base on three occasions in the contest, including a double from Thompson with two outs in the fourth inning.

Andrew Isgett pitched six innings for Orangeburg and shouldered the loss, allowing two earned runs off eight hits, while collecting a strikeout and issuing no walks. Chandler Moorer and Jacob Hall took turns on the mound to combine for an inning of relief.

Sumter made two errors on the night, while Orangeburg had three miscues.

Sumter plays at Hampton today. Orangeburg, 3-4 overall, plays at Manning-Santee today.

**AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL SCHEDULE**

**TUESDAY**  
 Sumter at Hampton (late)  
 Orangeburg at Manning-Santee (late)  
 Hartsville at Dalzell-Shaw (late)

**TODAY**  
 Camden at Sumter, 7 p.m.  
 Dalzell-Shaw at West Columbia, 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY**  
 Sumter at Camden, 7 p.m.  
 Manning-Santee at Orangeburg, 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY**  
 Dalzell-Shaw at Manning-Santee, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY**  
 North/South Tournament in Salisbury, N.C.  
 Sumter vs. Rowan, N.C., 4 p.m.  
 Sumter vs. Garner, N.C., 7:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY**  
 North/South Tournament in Salisbury, N.C.  
 Sumter vs. Randolph County, N.C., noon

## COLLEGE WORLD SERIES



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Florida outfielder Austin Langworthy hits a walk-off home run against Auburn during the bottom of the 11th inning of their 3-2 victory on Monday to win the super regional in Gainesville, Florida. The Gators, the national No. 1 seed entering the NCAA tournament and the defending national champion, punched their ticket to the College World Series with the victory.

# Langworthy's homer off glove lifts Florida back to Omaha

BY MARK LONG

The Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Robbed of extra-base hits in his previous two at-bats, Florida's Austin Langworthy got a little lucky in his final one.

Langworthy homered off Steven Williams' glove in the 11th inning, giving the overall top-seeded Gators a 3-2 victory against Auburn in the deciding game of their NCAA super regional Monday night and sending the defending national champions to the College World Series for the fourth consecutive year.

Langworthy lined a fastball off freshman All-American closer Cody Greenhill (6-3) to the right-field wall. Williams had a bead on it, but it bounced off his glove and over the fence. It was Langworthy's fourth homer of the season and second in the best-of-three series, both against Greenhill.

"It's unbelievable," said Langworthy, who had hits in the right-field gap and down the left-field line erased by diving catches. "I think in this game everything comes back to you. That's how this game works."

Williams dropped to the ground in disbelief as Florida players rushed the field and waited for Langworthy to cross home plate before mobbing him. Williams' teammates and coaches walked to right field to console him.

"It won't define him," Tigers coach Butch Thompson said. "It will be part of his journey."

The Gators (47-19) advance to play Texas Tech in Omaha, Nebraska later this week. Florida is headed there for the seventh time in the last nine years.

Auburn (43-23) was trying to get to the CWS for the first time since 1997.

Florida closer Michael Byrne (3-1) allowed one hit in four innings. Byrne pitched in all three games, part of a staff that allowed just seven runs in the series.

"He's special," Florida coach Kevin O'Sullivan said. "He's a starter that's in the back end of the bullpen."

## NCAA COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

By The Associated Press  
At TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, Neb.

All Times EDT  
(Double Elimination)  
Saturday, June 19  
Game 1 — Oregon State (49-10-1) vs. North Carolina (43-18), 3 p.m.  
Game 2 — Washington 35-24) vs. Mississippi State (37-37), 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 17  
Game 3 — Arkansas (44-19) vs. Texas (42-21), 2 p.m.  
Game 4 — Texas Tech (44-18) vs. Florida (47-19), 7 p.m.

Monday, June 18  
Game 5 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 2 p.m.  
Game 6 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 19  
Game 7 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 2 p.m.  
Game 8 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 20  
Game 9 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 loser, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 21  
Game 10 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 8 p.m.

Friday, June 22  
Game 11 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 3 p.m.

Game 12 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 23  
x-Game 13 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 3 p.m.

x-Game 14 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 8 p.m.

Championship Series  
(Best-of-3)

Monday, June 25: Pairings TBD, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 26: Pairings TBD, 7 p.m.  
x-Wednesday, June 27: Pairings TBD, 7 p.m.

The Gators scored conventionally and unconventionally before the walk-off homer, getting a solo home run from Jonathan India in the first inning and then scoring with a nifty double steal in the fourth.

India, the fifth overall pick by Cincinnati in last week's MLB draft, drove his 20th homer of the season into the bullpen over the right-center-field fence. India became the fifth player in program history with at least 20 dingers in a season.

Auburn tied it on Williams' two-out, RBI single in the third. Florida went back ahead with a little trickery.

With two outs and runners at the corners, Nick Horvath took off toward second and then intentionally belly

flopped in the middle of the base path. It seemingly confused left-hander Andrew Mitchell, who hesitated just long enough with the ball for Blake Reese to score from third. Reese's head-first slide beat Mitchell's throw.

Both teams had chances in the closing innings, but none of them got it done until Langworthy's game-ender.

"Obviously, he's been swinging the ball really well as of late," O'Sullivan said. "I felt really good about him coming to the plate. Not sure I expected him to hit a walk-off home run, but I certainly thought he would give us a really good at-bat."

### AUBURN'S FUTURE

The Tigers don't look like a one-year wonder. They had four freshman All-Americans this season: Williams, Greenhill, designated hitter Julien Edouard and starter Tanner Burns. The foursome is expected to make up the core of the team in Thompson's fourth season.

### COSTLY MISTAKES

Dalton made a pair of mistakes in consecutive innings. He errantly rounded second base on a ball hit toward the right-center-field gap, thinking it would drop, but Jay Estes made a diving catch and then threw Dalton out trying to get back to first. Dalton misplayed a single in the ensuing frame, allowing Luke Jarvis an extra base. Jarvis moved to third on a wild pitch and then scored on Josh Anthony's fly ball to right. Dalton made a strong throw home, but Jarvis beat the tag by inches.

### INJURY UPDATE

All-SEC catcher JJ Schwarz is expected to return for the CWS. The Gators need him, too, after backup Jonah Girand went 0-for-11 with eight strikeouts in the super regional. Schwarz, the team's lone captain, took batting practice last Friday for the first time since breaking a bone in his right hand in the regular-season series finale at Mississippi State.

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coach Dave Van Horn. History aside, the victory was a refreshing nine innings of relative relaxation in what's been a pressure-packed season for Arkansas.

"This season has been a grind, and there's been a lot of expectation, which probably (the players) feel as much as the coaching staff does," Van Horn said. "They've handled it every day, come and worked extremely hard, and they kind of showed you what they're made of tonight."

Cole scored five runs and had a pair of RBIs for Arkansas, and Luke Bonfield added three hits and four RBIs in the convincing win. The Razorbacks scored five runs in the first inning, highlighted by a three-run home run by Carson Shaddy.

The rout was on from there, other than a brief moment of tension when the Gamecocks (37-26) closed the lead to 7-2 in the top of the fourth — much to the delight of 11,217 fans in Baum Stadium.

"They took all the drama out of that game, which I really appreciate," Van Horn said. "I guarantee you that."

Barrett Loseke (3-2) earned the win for Arkansas while allowing one run in 2 1/3 innings of relief of starter Isaiah Campbell, who struck out five in four innings.

Jacob Olson had a pair of home runs for the Gamecocks, who were trying to return to the CWS for the first time since 2012. Carmen Mlodzinski (3-6) took the loss after allowing five runs, four earned, in his only inning of work.

South Carolina started this season 13-11 before rebounding and forcing Monday's game with an 8-5 win over the Razorbacks in the second game of the super regional on Sunday. However, the Gamecocks pitching staff simply didn't have enough rested arms left to shut down one of the top offenses in the country.

"(Arkansas is) clearly one of the best teams in the country," South Carolina coach Mark Kingston said. "And they played probably their best baseball tonight."

The Razorbacks improved to 35-4 at home and won 15 of their final 16 games in Fayetteville.

"This is a tough team, and we understand how talented we are," Shaddy said. "We like the expectations; it makes us play better."

### TRAINER'S ROOM

South Carolina: Relief pitcher Eddy Demurias exited the game under the watch of the Gamecocks trainer and after facing only two batters in the fifth. Kingston said the junior was healthy but simply exhausted after throwing 59 pitches and allowing five runs in 2 1/2 innings of work two days earlier in a loss to Arkansas.

### UP NEXT

The Razorbacks will face former Southwest Conference rival Texas to open the CWS. Arkansas swept a two-game series with the Longhorns in March.

## COLLEGE WORLD SERIES TEAM CAPSULES

### NORTH CAROLINA (43-18)

Coach: Mike Fox (889-377-1, 20 years at North Carolina; 1,425-518-5, 35 years overall).  
Road to Omaha: Won Chapel Hill regional: beat North Carolina A&T 11-0, beat Houston 4-3, beat Houston 19-11. Won Chapel Hill super regional: beat Stetson 7-4, beat Stetson 7-5.  
2018 record vs. CWS teams: 0-0.  
Last CWS appearance: 2013.  
All-time record in CWS: 17-21 in 10 appearances.  
Short hops: No. 6 national seed Tar Heels are batting .343 and averaging 9.6 runs per game in the NCAA Tournament. ... Seventh CWS appearance in 13 seasons. ... Fox was a second baseman on the UNC team that went to the CWS in 1978. ... Dalatri, who came into the season as staff ace, was out 12 weeks with an elbow injury.

### OREGON STATE (49-10-1)

Coach: Pat Casey (894-456-6, 24 years at Oregon State; 1,067-565-7, 31 years overall).  
Road to Omaha: Won Corvallis regional: beat Northwestern State 9-3, beat LSU 14-1, beat LSU 12-0. Won Corvallis super regional: beat Minnesota 8-1, beat Minnesota 6-3.  
2018 record vs. CWS teams: 2-1.  
Last CWS appearance: 2017.  
All-time record in CWS: 15-10 in 6 appearances, national champion 2006, 2007.  
Short Hops: Beavers are No. 3 national seed. ... Heimlich, at 16-1, leads the nation in wins and is third in strikeouts (151). He sat out super regionals and CWS last year when The Oregonian newspaper reported he pleaded guilty to child molestation as a minor. In recent interviews with Sports Illustrated and The New York Times, Heimlich denied wrongdoing. ... Beavers' .320 batting average is highest in CWS field. ... Madrigal (.397) leads seven regular starters batting higher than .300. ... Beavers had six players taken in first 10 rounds of the draft, led by Madrigal (fourth overall by White Sox), Larnach (20th by Twins) and Grenier (37th by Orioles).

### WASHINGTON (35-24)

Coach: Lindsay Meggs (265-237-1, 9 seasons at Washington; 880-544-5, 25 seasons overall).  
Road to Omaha: Won Conway regional: beat UConn 7-1, beat Coastal Carolina 11-6, beat UConn 9-6. Won Fullerton super regional: beat Cal State Fullerton 8-5, lost to Cal State Fullerton 5-2, beat Cal State Fullerton 6-5 in 10 innings.  
2018 record vs. CWS teams: 1-2.  
Last CWS appearance: None.  
All-time record in CWS: 0-0.  
Short hops: Huskies were 18-18 after a loss to UT Rio Grande Valley and are 17-6 since. ... Wainhouse has five home runs in last six games. ... Graffanino is the team's highest draft pick, going in the eighth round to Atlanta. ... DeMers pitched a perfect game against UC Riverside in February and is the first Washington pitcher to throw two shutouts in a season since 2011. ... Graffanino and Wainhouse are sons of former major leaguers Tony Graffanino and Dave Wainhouse. ... Huskies were picked seventh in preseason Pac-12 coaches poll.

### MISSISSIPPI STATE (37-27)

Coach: Gary Henderson (37-23, 1 season at Mississippi State; 297-222, 9 seasons overall).  
Road to Omaha: Won Tallahassee regional: lost to Oklahoma 20-10, beat Florida State 3-2, beat Samford 9-8, beat Oklahoma 13-5, beat Oklahoma 8-1. Won Nashville super regional: beat Vanderbilt 10-8, lost to Vanderbilt 4-3, beat Vanderbilt 10-6 in 11 innings.  
2018 record vs. CWS teams: 6-0.  
Last CWS appearance: 2013.  
All-time record in CWS: 10-18 in 9 appearances.  
Short hops: Henderson took over as interim head coach after Andy Cannizaro resigned for off-field conduct on Feb. 20. ... Swept CWS teams Arkansas and Florida in the regular season. ... Bulldog has staved off elimination five times. ... MacNamee hit walk-off homers against Florida State in regional and Vanderbilt in super regional. ... MacNamee has eight home runs for the season, five in the last eight games. ... Pilkington (81st overall to White Sox) is the highest of seven draft picks. ... Gordon has struck out 20 in his last 13 innings.

### TEXAS (42-21)

Coach: David Pierce (81-46, 2 seasons at Texas; 278-154, 7 seasons overall).  
Road to Omaha: Won Austin regional: beat Texas Southern 10-0, beat Texas A&M 8-3, beat Indiana 3-2. Won Austin super regional: lost to Tennessee Tech 5-4, beat Tennessee Tech 4-2, beat Tennessee Tech 5-2.  
2018 record vs. CWS teams: 2-3.  
Last CWS appearance: 2014.  
All-time record in CWS: 85-59 in 35 appearances; national champion 1949, 1950, 1975, 1983, 2002, 2005.  
Short hops: The No. 13 seed Longhorns will be making their 36th appearance, 11 more than the next closest team (Miami). ... Their 85 CWS wins are 11 more than Southern California's 74. ... Clemens, the Big 12 player of the year and son of seven-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens, has hit five home runs and driven in 11 runs in the NCAA Tournament. ... Every recruiting class signed by the late Augie Garrido has made at least one trip to the CWS. Garrido, who stepped down in 2016 after coaching Texas for 20 seasons, was the all-time NCAA wins leader until Florida State's Mike Martin passed him in May. Garrido died in March.

### ARKANSAS (44-19)

Coach: Dave Van Horn (639-362, 16 seasons at Arkansas; 1,224-602, 30 seasons overall).  
Road to Omaha: Won Fayetteville regional: beat Oral Roberts 10-2, beat Southern Mississippi 10-2, beat Dallas Baptist 4-3. Won Fayetteville super regional: beat South Carolina 9-3, lost to South Carolina 8-5, beat South Carolina 14-4.  
2018 record vs. CWS teams: 5-5.  
Last CWS appearance: 2015.  
All-time record in CWS: 11-16 in 8 appearances.  
Short hops: No. 5 seed Hogs' 94 home runs are fourth nationally and second among CWS teams behind Florida's 96. ... Four players (Martin, Shaddy, Kjerstad, Cole) have 13 or more homers. ... Knight (87th overall to Orioles), Cole (122nd to Royals) and Koch (144th to Pirates) were taken in first five rounds of draft. ... Cronin needs two saves to break school season record of 13 held by volunteer assistant Colby Suggs.

### TEXAS TECH (44-18)

Coach: Tim Tadlock (238-130, 6 seasons at Texas Tech; 673-256, 20 seasons overall).  
Road to Omaha: Won Lubbock regional: beat New Mexico State 9-2, beat Louisville 10-4, beat Louisville 11-6. Won Lubbock super regional: beat Duke 6-4, lost to Duke 11-2, beat Duke 6-2.  
2018 record vs. CWS teams: 1-3.  
Last CWS appearance: 2016.  
All-time record in CWS: 1-4 in 2 appearances.  
Short hops: Third CWS appearance in five seasons for No. 13 seed Red Raiders. ... Jung (.390) comes in with top batting average among CWS players. ... Highest-scoring (8.3 rpg) and top slugging team (.512) in field. ... Allowing 3.74 walks per nine innings in NCAA Tournament, down from 5.57 through May 27. ... Little (74th overall by Padres) is program's highest draft pick since 2012. ... Red Raiders' 14-0 start was best in program history, and they set school record with 37-inning shutout streak in February.

### FLORIDA (47-19)

Coach: Kevin O'Sullivan (495-227, 11 seasons at Florida and overall).  
Road to Omaha: Won Gainesville regional: beat Columbia 13-5, beat Jacksonville 3-2, lost to Florida Atlantic 7-4, beat Florida Atlantic 5-2. Won Gainesville super regional: beat Auburn 8-2, lost to Auburn 3-2, beat Auburn 3-2 in 11 innings.  
2018 record vs. CWS teams: 2-5.  
Last CWS appearance: 2017.  
All-time record in CWS: 19-22 in 11 appearances; national champion 2017.  
Short hops: This is No. 1 seed Gators' seventh CWS appearance since 2010, all under O'Sullivan. ... Team has three of the top 33 draft picks in India (No. 5 to Reds), Singer (No. 18 to Royals) and Kowar (No. 33 to Royals). ... Florida has hit 15 homers in seven games and have 96 for the season, most of the remaining games. ... Girand, filling in for the injured JJ Schwarz, homered three times and drove in five runs in regionals but went 0 for 11 with eight strikeouts in super regionals.

THE 118TH U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Golf's elite battle it out at Southampton in season's second major

# Shinnecock back with a new look

The U.S. Open heads to Shinnecock Hills for the fifth time, the last being in 2004 when Retief Goosen held off Phil Mickelson to win his second U.S. Open title. Players will face a golf course that is nearly 450 yards longer than it was the last time the club hosted the Open, topping out now at 7,445 yards for the par-70 layout. Other significant changes include shaved run-off areas around the greens, and although the fairways have been narrowed by seven acres, they are still much wider than in the U.S. Opens played here in 1986, 1995 and 2004.

**TV COVERAGE** (all times EDT)

**First round** – June 14  
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (FS1)  
4 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (Fox)

**Second round** – June 15  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (FS1)  
4 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (Fox)

**Third round** – June 16  
11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Fox)

**Final round** – June 17  
10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Fox)

HOLE	PAR	YARDS
1	4	399
2	3	252
3	4	500
4	4	475
5	5	589
6	4	491
7	3	189
8	4	439
9	4	485
<b>OUT</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3,819</b>
10	4	415
11	3	159
12	4	469
13	4	374
14	4	519
15	4	409
16	5	616
17	3	180
18	4	485
<b>IN</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3,626</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>7,445</b>



**Shinnecock Hills Golf Club**  
Southampton, N.Y.  
June 14-17



SHINNECOCK HILLS  
118TH

**PAST U.S. OPENS AT SHINNECOCK HILLS**

YEAR	WINNER	SCORE	
2004	<b>Retief Goosen</b>	276	
1995	<b>Corey Pavin</b>	280	
1986	<b>Raymond Floyd</b>	279	*36-hole, stroke play tournament
1896	<b>James Foulis</b>	152*	

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## U.S. OPEN FROM PAGE B1

Maybe not, except that when the results have been so spectacular so quickly, they become how you are measured by the public.

Spieth has won 11 times in his first five full seasons, including those three major championships. His putting skills are envied by many of his peers. So are his analytical breakdowns of shots, holes, his swing.

His optimism that all will be right again is praise-worthy — and probably accurate.

"I feel like my game is in the best shape it's been in a long time, including last year," he said. "And my results don't necessarily speak towards that, but I feel that way, and so I'll stick with the process, and they'll surely come at some point."

If that point is this week,

Spieth must outshoot not only the sentimental fan choices (Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson) but all of those young guns who have begun to grab majors: Reed, Justin Thomas, Brooks Koepka.

"It almost feels like I'm back in high school and college," Spieth joked. "These are the same guys we used to battle it out with then, and I'd win one, then they would win one. It's just blown up now because there was no coverage; no one really cared to watch us back then, and now people do."

"But it's nothing different than what we've kind of been doing with each other for a number of years. It's really cool to be out here doing it, but I don't think we ... think of it as a totally different experience than anything we've always kind of done."



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jordan Spieth will be trying to get back on the winning track when the U.S. Open begins on Thursday in Southampton, N.Y.

**U.S. OPEN TEE TIMES**

By The Associated Press

June 14-17

At Shinnecock Hills

Southampton, N.Y.

All Times EDT

(a-amateur)

Thursday-Friday

First Hole-10th Hole

6:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Harold Varner, United States; Scott Piercy, United States; Matthieu Pavon, France.  
6:56 a.m.-12:41 p.m. — Michael Putnam, United States; Scott Gregory, England; Will Zalatoris, United States.  
7:07 a.m.-12:52 p.m. — Brendan Steele, United States; Chesson Hadley, United States; a-Harry Ellis, England.  
7:18 a.m.-1:03 p.m. — Jhonattan Vegas, Venezuela; Dylan Frittelli, South Africa; a-Doug Ghim, United States.  
7:29 a.m.-1:14 p.m. — Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa; Jimmy Walker, United States; Justin Rose, England.  
7:40 a.m.-1:25 p.m. — Bubba Watson, United States; Jason Day, Australia; Brooks Koepka, United States.  
7:51 a.m.-1:36 p.m. — Tyrrell Hatton, England; Danny Willett, England; Ian Poulter, England.  
8:02 a.m.-1:47 p.m. — Kevin Chappell, United States; Andrew Johnson, England; Daniel Berger, United States.  
8:13 a.m.-1:58 p.m. — Bryson DeChambeau, United States; Matt Fitzpatrick, England; Matt Kuchar, United States.  
8:24 a.m.-2:09 p.m. — Thorbjorn Olesen, Denmark; Shubhankar Sharma, India; Patrick Rodgers, United States.  
8:31 a.m.-2:20 p.m. — Lanto Griffin, United States; Tom Lewis, England; a-Jacob Bergeron, United States.  
8:46 a.m.-2:31 p.m. — a-Kristoffer Reitan, Norway; a-Luis Gagne, Costa Rica; Cole Miller, United States.  
8:57 a.m.-2:42 p.m. — Mickey DeMorat, United States; a-Tyler Strafaci, United States; Calum Hill, Scotland.  
Thursday-Friday  
10th Hole-First Hole  
6:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Scott Stallings, United States; Sebastian Munoz, Colombia; Matthew Southgate, England.  
6:56 a.m.-12:41 p.m. — Trey Mullinax, United States; a-Matt Parziale, United States; Jason Scrivener, Australia.  
7:07 a.m.-12:52 p.m. — David Bransdon, Australia; Eric Axley, United States; Tyler Duncan, United States.  
7:18 a.m.-1:03 p.m. — a-Garrett Rank, Canada; Mackenzie Hughes, Canada; Aaron Baddeley, Australia.  
7:29 a.m.-1:14 p.m. — Alexander Levy, France; Brian Harman, United States; Patrick Cantlay, United States.  
7:40 a.m.-1:25 p.m. — Paul Casey, England; Satoshi Kodaira, Japan; Branden Grace, South Africa.  
7:51 a.m.-1:36 p.m. — Zach Johnson, United States; Charl Schwartzel, South Africa; Patrick Reed, United States.  
8:02 a.m.-1:47 p.m. — Rory McIlroy, Northern Ireland; Jordan Spieth, United States; Phil Mickelson, United States.  
8:13 a.m.-1:58 p.m. — Hideki Matsuyama, Japan; Marc Leishman, Australia; Rickie Fowler, United States.  
8:24 a.m.-2:09 p.m. — Charles Howell III, United States; Bill Haas, United States; Charley Hoffman, United States.  
8:35 a.m.-2:20 p.m. — Sungjae Im, South Korea; Russell Knox, Scotland; Matthew Wallace, England.  
8:46 a.m.-2:31 p.m. — a-Shintaro Ban, United States; Sung Joon

Park, South Korea; Tim Wilkinson, New Zealand.  
8:57 a.m.-2:42 p.m. — Dylan Meyer, United States; Sulman Raza, United States; Chris Naegel, United States.  
Thursday-Friday  
First Hole-10th Hole  
12:30 p.m.-6:45 a.m. — Sam Burns, United States; Brian Gay, United States; Dean Burmester, South Africa.  
12:41 p.m.-6:56 a.m. — Ryan Evans, England; a-Chun An Yu, Taiwan; Liang Wencong, China.  
12:52 p.m.-7:07 a.m. — Russell Henley, United States; Aaron Wise, United States; Peter Uihlein, United States.  
1:03 p.m.-7:18 a.m. — Tony Finau, United States; Luke List, United States; Gary Woodland, United States.  
1:14 p.m.-7:29 a.m. — Sergio Garcia, Spain; Jon Rahm, Spain; Rafa Cabrera Bello, Spain.  
1:25 p.m.-7:40 a.m. — Tommy Fleetwood, England; Francesco Molinari, Italy; Alex Noren, Sweden.  
1:36 p.m.-7:51 a.m. — Cameron Smith, Australia; Kyle Stanley, United States; Pat Perez, United States.  
1:47 p.m.-8:02 a.m. — Justin Thomas, United States; Dustin Johnson, United States; Tiger Woods, United States.  
1:58 p.m.-8:13 a.m. — Li Haotong, China; Si Woo Kim, South Korea; Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Thailand.  
2:09 p.m.-8:24 a.m. — Jason Dufner, United States; a-Braden Thornberry, United States; Brandt Snedeker, United States.  
2:20 p.m.-8:35 a.m. — Rikuya Hoshino, Japan; a-Ryan Lumsden, Scotland; James Morrison, England.  
2:31 p.m.-8:46 a.m. — Cameron Wilson, United States; a-Will Grimmer, United States; a-Phillip Barbaee, United States.  
2:42 p.m.-8:57 a.m. — a-Rhett Rasmussen, United States; Michael Hebert, United States; Michael Block, United States.  
Thursday-Friday  
10th Hole-First Hole  
12:30 p.m.-6:45 a.m. — Matt Jones, Australia; Ryan Fox, New Zealand; Shota Akiyoshi, Japan.  
12:41 p.m.-6:56 a.m. — Paul Waring, England; a-Theo Humphrey, United States; Ted Potter Jr., United States.  
12:52 p.m.-7:07 a.m. — Richy Werenski, United States; Robert Castro, United States; Ollie Schniederjans, United States.  
1:03 p.m.-7:18 a.m. — a-Noah Goodwin, United States; Richie Ramsay, Scotland; Kenny Perry, United States.  
1:14 p.m.-7:29 a.m. — Keegan Bradley, United States; Emiliano Grillo, Argentina; Xander Schauffele, United States.  
1:25 p.m.-7:40 a.m. — Lucas Glover, United States; Webb Simpson, United States; Graeme McDowell, Northern Ireland.  
1:36 p.m.-7:51 a.m. — Ernie Els, South Africa; Steve Stricker, United States; Jim Furyk, United States.  
1:47 p.m.-8:02 a.m. — Henrik Stenson, Sweden; Adam Scott, Australia; Martin Kaymer, Germany.  
1:58 p.m.-8:13 a.m. — Kevin Kisner, United States; Ross Fisher, England; Adim Hadwin, Canada.  
2:09 p.m.-8:24 a.m. — Shane Lowry, Ireland; Byeong Hun An, South Korea; Chez Reavie, United States.  
2:20 p.m.-8:35 a.m. — Lucas Herbert, Australia; Brian Stuard, United States; a-Stewart Hagestad, United States.  
2:31 p.m.-8:46 a.m. — a-Franklin Huang, United States; Sebastian Vazquez, Mexico; Michael Miller, United States.  
2:42 p.m.-8:57 a.m. — Christopher Babcock, United States; a-Timothy Wiseman, United States; David Gazzolo, United States.

**U.S. OPEN**

## Woods looking for win, the final piece of his return to golf

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — Tiger Woods returned to the U.S. Open for the first time in three years and hardly anyone noticed.

Then again, it was late Sunday afternoon. Shinnecock Hills was practically empty.

"A bizarre experience," said Jordan Spieth, who played nine holes with him.

Such a quiet moment was rare for Woods in his celebrated return following four back surgeries. A year that began with intrigue soon gave way to hysteria over anticipation of his first victory in nearly five years.

That time has not arrived as Woods heads into the second major of the year.

"Golf is always frustrating," Woods said Tuesday after going nine holes with Dustin Johnson and Bryson DeChambeau, winners of the last two PGA Tour events. "There's always something that isn't quite right, and that's where we as players have to make

adjustments. You've seen the tournaments I've played this year. Here's always something. Hopefully, this is one of those weeks where I put it all together and even it out. And we'll see what happens."

It has been 10 years since Woods won his last U.S. Open, his 14th and last major. All it takes for him to temper any frustrations is to look back at last year, when he didn't know if he would even play another U.S. Open.

He was at a low point in his career and his personal life. While recovering from fusion surgery — his fourth surgery on his back in three years — he was arrested on a DUI charge and found to have a mixture of two painkillers, the sleeping aid Ambien, the anti-anxiety drug Xanax and the active ingredient for marijuana in his system. He entered a clinic to get help and pleaded guilty to a reckless driving charge that kept him out of jail.

## PPO FROM PAGE B1

The No. 1 main draw seed, Taylor Townsend, will play on Court 1 beginning at 9. Townsend, who is ranked No. 71 in the world, will meet Astra Sharma.

Portillo Ramirez will be going up against No. 2 seed Alize Lim, No. 3 Shilin Xu will meet Angelina Gabueva, No. 4 Usue Maitane Arconada will face Alexa Graham, No. 5 Robin Anderson will take on Emma Navarro, No. 6 Maria Mateas will go up against Shelby Talcott, No. 7 Marcela Zacarias will take on Kessler and No. 8 Chieh-Yu Hsu will face Mossmer.

Also, defending PPO champion Ashley Lahey will take on Tori Kinard.

This is just the fifth USTA Pro Circuit event for the 16-year-old Baptiste, and this is the fourth time she has advanced into the main draw. She's advanced to the quarterfinals in two of those events, meaning she won two matches in the main draw in each event.

Baptiste said she was actually happy to play in the qualifying for the \$25,000 PPO since it's a hard court facility and she has been used to playing on clay.

"This helped me get used to the hard court again," said Baptiste, who is from Washington,

D.C., but trains in Orlando, Florida.

Baptiste defeated No. 9 qualifying seed Andie K. Daniell 6-1, 1-6, 6-1 in her first match and followed it with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Rebecca Shine.

"I feel like I'm playing pretty well right now," said Baptiste, who will face fellow qualifier Newborn today in the first round.

Portillo Ramirez wasn't as lucky as she gets No. 2 Lim today. However, she is happy with the way she is playing.

"I like the way I played today," said Portillo Ramirez, who is from Mexico but trains in San Antonio. "I think I've gotten better each day."

She had to rally to win her first qualifying match against Savannah Broadus, losing the first set 1-6 before winning the final two 6-4, 6-4. In Monday's second round, Portillo Ramirez defeated Peyton Stearns 7-6(0), 7-6(5).

The first round of the 16-team doubles main draw began on Tuesday as well, and each of the four seeds won their matches.

No. 1 seed Chieh-Yu Hsu and Zacarias defeated Angelina Gabueva 6-3, 7-5, No. 2 Arconada and Ashley Weinhold topped Alice Garcia and Lauren Proctor 6-2, 6-3, No. 3 Astra Shara and Luisa Stefani topped Emily Fanning and Gabriela Talaba 6-3, 6-1 and No. 4 Julia Elbaba and Shilin Xu topped Ashley and Anastasia Nefedova 6-1, 6-4.

### PALMETTO PRO OPEN RESULTS, SCHEDULE

#### TUESDAY

##### Qualifying Singles Finals

Hailey Baptiste defeated (3) Genevieve Lorbergs 6-3, 6-3. Gail Brodsky (6) defeated Bojana Markovic 6-2, 6-3. Maria Jose Portillo Ramirez (2) defeated Gianna Piolet 6-2, 6-3.

McCartney Kessler (5) defeated Alice Garcia (11) 6-1, 6-7(7), 6-3.

Abigail Forbes defeated Sophia Whittle 5-7, 7-5, 7-5. Nicole Mossmer defeated Paige Hourigan (13) 6-4, 6-3.

Rhiann Newbon defeated Kylie Collins 6-4, 4-6, 7-6(3). Olga Govortsova defeated (10) Alaina Smith 7-6(4), 6-2.

##### Main Draw Doubles First Round

Chieh-Yu Hsu/Marcela Zacarias (1) defeated Angelina Gabueva/Jada Robinson 6-3, 7-5.

Julia Elbaba/Shilin Xu (4) defeated Laura Ashley/Anastasia Nefedova 6-1, 6-4.

Astra Sharma/Luisa Stefani (3) defeated Emily Fanning/Gabriela Talaba 6-3, 6-1.

Alycia Parks/Amy Zhu defeated Mary Closs/Kariann Pierre-Louis 6-3, 6-3.

Anna Sinclair Rogers/Alana Smith defeated Abigail Forbes/Peyton Stearns 6-7(6), 7-6(4), [10-4].

Madeleine Kobelt/Genevieve Lorbergs defeated Andie K. Daniell/Shelby Talcott 7-5, 4-6, [10-5].

Usue Maltane Arconada/Ashley Weinhold (2) defeated Alice Garcia/Lauren Proctor 6-2, 6-3.

Hayley Carter/Ronit Yurovsky defeated Nicole Mossmer/Emma Navarro 6-3, 7-6(4).

#### TODAY

##### Singles Main Draw

##### First Round

##### 9 a.m.

Court 1 -- Taylor Townsend (1) vs. Astra Sharma

Court 2 -- Shelby Talcott vs. Maria Mateas (6)

Court 3 -- Jada Robinson vs. Ronit Yurovsky

Court 4 -- Julia Elaba vs. Anastasia Nefedova

##### Followed by

Court 1 -- Alexa Graham vs. Usue Maitane Arconada (4)

Court 2 -- Marcela Zacarias (7) vs. McCartney Kessler

Court 3 -- Genevieve Lorbergs vs. Olga Govortsova

Court 4 -- Tori Kinard vs. Ashley Lahey

##### Followed by

Court 1 -- Hailey Baptiste vs. Rhiann Newborn

Court 2 -- Shilin Xu (3) vs. Angelina Gabueva

Court 3 -- Nicole Mossmer vs. Chieh-Yu Hsu

Court 4 -- Gail Brodsky vs. Ashley Weinhold

##### Followed by

Court 1 -- Robin Anderson (5) vs. Emma Navarro

Court 2 -- Maria Jose Portillo Ramirez vs. (2) Alize Lim

Court 3 -- Elysia Bolton vs. Abigail Forbes

Court 4 -- Gabriela Talaba vs. Luisa Stefani



BY DENNIS BRUNSON / THE SUMTER ITEM

Maria Jose Portillo Ramirez follows through on a serve during her 6-2, 6-3 victory over Gianna Piolet in their singles qualifying final match on Tuesday in the Palmetto Pro Open at Palmetto Tennis Center.

## OBITUARIES

### BOBBY L. MATTHEWS

It is with great sadness that the family of retired Brig. Gen.



MATTHEWS

Bobby L. Matthews announces his passing on June 11, 2018, in Sumter. Bobby was 86 years old and surrounded by family at the time of his passing.

Born in Lake City, he was a son of the late Willie L. and Eleida Cockfield Matthews.

Surviving are his devoted and loving wife of 63 years, the former Mary Anne Matthews of Georgetown. They had three children, Dr. Patricia (Ray) Massengale of Canton, Georgia, Bobby (Cindy) Matthews Jr. of Mount Pleasant and Cynthia (Bill) Hart of Awendaw. He had eight grandchildren, Elizabeth (Jonathan) Rutland, Mary Margaret and Daniel Massengale, Sarah Grace and Grant Matthews, Zachary (Marley) Hart, and Christian and Bailey Hart; one great-grandson, Finnley Hart; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, William D. "Bill" Matthews of Chesterfield.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday at Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Alice Drive Baptist Church followed by burial services at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery. Dr. Clay Smith will hold the services.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the name of Bobby Matthews to the Sumter High School Athletic Booster Club Scholarship Fund, 2580 McCrays Mill Road, Sumter, SC 29154; the Presbyterian College ROTC Alumni Scholarship Fund, 503 S. Broad St., Clinton, SC 29235; or the Alice Drive Baptist Church Building Fund, 1305 Loring Mill Road, Sumter, SC 29150.

Brig. Gen. Matthews graduated from Manning High School in 1950, Presbyterian College with a bachelor's degree in history in 1954, Appalachian State University with a master's degree in secondary education in 1968; and graduated from various military schools to include the U.S. Army War College. He spent

50 years in education and 34 ½ years in the military. Upon graduation from Presbyterian College, he served as a teacher and coach at Winyah High School in Georgetown.

He was called to active duty in the U.S. Army in 1955 at Fort Benning, Georgia, and assigned as a platoon leader of a heavy mortar company, 7th Infantry Division in South Korea. After his release from active duty in 1957, he joined the S.C. Army National Guard and served successfully and honorably in every command position from company level through brigade level. He retired in November 1988 as brigadier commander, 218th Heavy Separate Mechanized Brigade. During his change of command ceremony upon retirement, two command sergeant majors commented that he was the last of the Soldiers General and would be greatly missed. He received numerous awards and commendations in the military to include the Legion of Merit and the U.S. Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

One of his greatest achievements that he was the proudest he had on the lives of so many children during his 50 years in education, which included teaching and coaching at Winyah High School, Kingstreet High School, and 46½ years as teacher, coach, assistant principal and principal at Central Elementary and Sumter High School, until his retirement in 1985. He was asked to come back from retirement and serve as interim principal for Sumter High School for six months in 1995-1996. Bobby served on the School District 17 school board from 1996-2004 as member, vice chairman and chairman.

Bobby served in various leadership roles and organization such as S.C. and National Education Association, National Guard Associations, Lions Club, S.C. High School League, AAAA Principals Association and S.C. Secondary Principals Associations, Vision Committee of Sumter, charter member of Crime Stoppers and Pee Dee Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity. He was an active member of Alice Drive Baptist Church for more than 50 years and served as deacon, young

adults and youth teacher and director of church training. He also served on two pastor search committees and the finance committee.

He received the Order of the Silver Crescent from the S.C. State Legislature, which is the state's highest civilian award for significant contributions, leadership, volunteerism and lifelong influence within the region or community. He was inducted into the Presbyterian ROTC Hall of Fame, Sumter County Athletics Hall of Fame and the Clarendon County Sports Hall of Fame.

Whether you called him coach, principal, Mr. Matthews, Bobby, General or Dad, he was always willing to take time to listen or offer a supporting hand. When he wasn't away for military service or at a school athletic event, he could be found fishing or hunting with friends and family, working in his garden or at the farm making sure he had enough vegetables planted for his family and all of his friends. On Friday nights during football season, you could always find him sitting in the top seat at Memorial Stadium rooting for the Gamecocks, eating boiled peanuts and drinking a coke. He never missed an athletic event at the high school and looked forward to his weekly Friday lunches with the head football coach, even after his retirement.

Bobby loved his family unconditionally. He worshiped his wife, children and grandchildren. His legacy lives on through the lives of all he touched. They say thousands of candles can be lit from one candle and that was him; husband, father, teacher, principal, General and friend.

Our family would like to thank the staff of Covenant Place for their kindness and support they have shown to Bobby prior to and during this time.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.sumterfunerals.com](http://www.sumterfunerals.com) Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home & Crematory, 221 Broad St., Sumter, is in charge of the arrangements, (803) 775-9386.



Elmore Hill McCreight  
FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY

### JAMES GREEN

James Green, 75, husband of Geraldine Brown Green, died on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on May 10, 1943, in Lee County, he was a son of John Lee Johnson and Louise Green Jennings.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 2700 Rember Church Road, Dalzell.

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

### CEECY MITCHELL

Cecy Mitchell, 60, died on Monday, June 11, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on July 20, 1957, in Sumter, she was a daughter of Adelaide Smith Blocker and the late Robert Gene Watson.

Survivors include her mother of Sumter; two sons, Luke Mitchell of Alabama and Tyler Gene Cone of Sumter; a grandson, Jase Mitchell; two sisters, Denise Mooney (Jim) of Lake Wales, Florida, and Traci Blocker Rogers (Darryl) of Sumter; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Bert and Pearl Jayroe Smith; and her stepfather, Clint J. Blocker Jr.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the Concord Presbyterian Church Cemetery with the Rev. Dan Rowton officiating.

The family will receive friends following the graveside service.

Memorials may be made to Lemira Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1333, Sumter, SC 29154-1333 or Concord Presbyterian Church, 3500 E. Brewington Road, Sumter, SC 29153.

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

### CARRIE LEE ARTHUR

BISHOPVILLE — Carrie Lee Arthur, 56, passed on Sunday, June 10, 2018, at KershawHealth Medical Center at Camden.

Born in Bishopville, she was a daughter of the late Roosevelt Sr. and Juanita McKnight Arthur.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home of her sister, Mary Lee Arthur, 210 Beaver Dam Road, Camden.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Square Deal Funeral Home, 106 McIntosh St., Bishopville.

### CRYSTAL BOYD PERRY

Crystal Boyd Perry, age 53, died on Monday, June 11, 2018, at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.



### DERRICK MITCHELL

BISHOPVILLE — Derrick Mitchell, 43, passed peacefully on Saturday, June 9, 2018, at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center, Hartsville.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home of his mother, Genia Benjamin Mitchell, 628 Scarborough St., Bishopville.

Visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. today at Square Deal Funeral Home Chapel, 106 McIntosh St., Bishopville.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Lee Central High School, 1800 Wisacky Highway, Bishopville.

These services have been entrusted to Square Deal Funeral Home, 106 McIntosh St., Bishopville.

### WILLIE C. WHACK

MANNING — Funeral services for Willie Alma Conyers Whack, who died on June 10, 2018, will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday at William's Chapel Christian Church with the Rev. Emanuel Evans, pastor, presiding and Pastor Elder Allen B. Whack, eulogist. Burial will follow at the churchyard cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her daughter, Roxie Ann Whack, 525 W. Huggins St., Manning.

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

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I-deal Auction 256 S. Pike W. Sumter, SC Auction will be held every Fri. & Sat. starting at 7pm. Alton Meeler SCAL#4571

Garage, Yard & Estate Sales

Estate Sale 116 Runnymede Blvd. Sat. June 16th 9AM-1PM. Furniture, (includ. complete LR & DR sets), appl., linens, curtains, storage shed, handi-cap ramp, much more.

Indoor Garage Sale: Sat. June 16th 7-1 at Mt. Zion Enrichment Center, 315 W. Fulton St. Tables still available for \$20, set up on Friday. Doors open to public at 7am. Call 803-773-3546

For Sale or Trade

New & used Heat pumps & A/C. Will install/repair. Call 803-968-9549 or 843-992-2364

4 Cemetery Plots in Evergreen Cemetery \$4000 for all 4 OBO Call 803-775-4045

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted Full-Time

Hiring Restaurant manager for local Quick Service Restaurant. Needs to have min of 2 years Restaurant Management experience, be self-motivated, hard working with a good sense of urgency. Servsafe Certified is a plus. Please contact Dvain to apply- 706-726-0372

Ashley Furniture HomeStore of Sumter is searching highly motivated individuals to join our Sales team. Must be goal-oriented and have exceptional interpersonal skills, basic computer skills, financing knowledge, and a passion for building strong client relationships. Ashley Furniture Industries is the #1 selling brand of furniture in the World. Join our team today. Send resumes to 2850 Broad Street, Sumter, SC 29150 or email to sphekins@ashleysumter.com No Phone Calls, Please.

WE WILL BUY YOUR CAR OUTRIGHT! Regardless of year, make or model, we will pay you good money for your current vehicle. We can give you a fair price appraisal in 15 minutes. Call Dealer For An Appointment 855.223.5023

Help Wanted Full-Time

Nesbitt Transportation is now hiring Class A CDL Drivers. Must be 23 yrs old and have 2 yrs experience. Home nights and weekends. Call 843-621-0943 or 843-659-8254

Help Wanted Part-Time

Exp. Trailer switcher needed in Sumter to move trailers in yard. Do washouts & minor repairs. Thurs., Fri. & Sun. 7 am - 5 pm. Must have 2 yrs exp. CDL & clean driving record. 803-938-2708 M-F 9am-3pm lv msg with experience.

Trucking Opportunities

Tractor trailer driver needed in Sumter. Must have CDL & clean driving record with 2 years exp. Call 803-938-2708 lv. msg.

Medical Help Wanted

Pediatric office with FT opening for receptionist. Requires EHR/Computer experience, and good communication skills. Bring in or mail resume with salary requirements to: 380 W. Wesmark Blvd. Bldg. B, Sumter, SC 29150

Work Wanted

Do you need a Caregiver? Avail. Mon.-Fri. 10-5. Call Mellisa 803-773-7497 or 803-316-0636.

RENTALS

Rooms for Rent

Male housemate wanted for nice home in downtown historic area. Two blocks from Tuomey Hospital. Call Stephen 803-565-7924.

Unfurnished Apartments

South Forge Apartments 1 BR (\$490). 2 BR (\$545). Rental assistance available for qualified tenants. Call 803-494-8443.

HUNTINGTON PLACE APARTMENTS RENTS FROM \$650 PER MO.

LEASING OFFICE LOCATED AT ASHTON MILL APARTMENT HOMES 595 ASHTON MILL DRIVE 803-773-3600 OFFICE HOURS: MON-FRI 9-5

Unfurnished Homes

2Br, 2Ba, 1 car garage townhouse in Landmark Pt. 3461 Beacon Dr. Just 5 mins. from Shaw AFB and shopping. \$900 Sec. Dep. 1st month rent \$500. Extra room could be used as Br or office. Contact Nancy 301-848-0083 or Steve 301-399-5999

Mobile Home Rentals

Industrial Park area 3BR 2BA DW No Pets. \$500 mo 803-478-3635

REAL ESTATE

Homes for Sale

3BR/2BA Brick home, move in ready, newly renovated. Call 803-983-0113

Land & Lots for Sale

31.0 acres near Elliot. 13.5 acres near St. Charles, owner financing. Call 803-427-3888 or harrivyns@hotmail.com

1-5 Acre lots (or more) \$15,000 per acre. Peaceful quiet country living just outside Sumter. Located on London road. From Plowden Mill, about 2 tenths down on the right. 803-223-1164.

TRANSPORTATION

Miscellaneous

Refurbished batteries as low as \$45. New batteries as low as \$65. 6, 8, & 12v golf cart batteries avail. Lawnmower batteries \$38.95. Auto Electric Co. 102 Blvd Rd. 803-773-4381



LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

To satisfy the owner's storage lien, PS Orange Co. Inc. will sell at public lien sale on June 28, 2018, the personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: household and personal items, office and other equipment. The public sale of these items will begin at 09:30 AM and continue until all units are sold.

PUBLIC STORAGE # 08604, 1277 Camden Hwy Sumter, SC 29153 (803) 469-4434 Time: 02:00 PM A015 - Evans, Aquia; A021 - Hood, James; B021 - Bratton, Ruth; B076 - Graves, Tanikka; C029 - Geddings, Christopher; C045 - Polite, Elvira; C063 - Swinton, Gerard; D016 - Evans, Victoria; D018 - Washington, Takesha; D020 - Cabbagestalk, Melvin; D044 - Taylor, Devin; E003 - Bratton, Tracy; F027 - Hargrove, Kenneth; F045 - Jones, Eddie; G006 - Wilson, Shatara; G015 - Nelson, Jenitki; G036 - Jenkins, Doris; I002 - Fowler, Charlene; I013 - McFadden, Carlton; J010 - Dixon, Nicholas; J012 - Brailsford, Arnold; K013 - Mathis, Cheryl; OP08 - Shaw, Joe

PUBLIC STORAGE # 25924, 1143 N Guignard Dr, Sumter, SC 29150 (803) 773-4161 Time: 02:00 PM 122 - Mayfield, Wilbur; 232 - Gibson, Latanya; 407 - Mccabe, Ashley; 428 - Alexander, Mary; 441 - Tyson, Desmond; 455 - Fernandez, Chasmin; 528 - Coleman, Janelle; 557 - Muhammad, Rodrick; 705A - Johnson, Kristal; 706 - Brown, Thomas; 732 - Ross, Matthew; 740 - Mosley, William

PUBLIC STORAGE # 25925, 3785 Broad St, Sumter, SC 29154 (803) 494-9001 Time: 02:00 PM 0119 - Chambers, Laquanya; 0333 - Coplin, Sheila; 0416 - McCray, Kayla; 0422 - Hilton, Omar; 0701 - Maiorana, Angelo; 0719 - Ohue, Mary; 0842 - Wilson, Liz

Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available prior to the sale. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be in cash or credit card-no checks. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By PS Orangeco, Inc. 701 Western Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. (818) 244-8080.

NOTICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION DESIGN REVIEW

The Historic Preservation Design Review Committee will meet on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Sumter Opera House (21 North Main Street,

Legal Notice

Sumter, South Carolina). This is a public hearing.

HP-18-13, 407 W. Hampton Ave. (City) Request for Historic Preservation Design Review approval for renovations to the existing structure and construction of a new 2,215 sq. ft. addition to the rear of the building resulting in a 4,030 sq. ft. community center, as well as expansion of the N. Salem Ave. parking lot for Memorial Park on property located at 407 W. Hampton Ave. and represented by Tax Map #228-11-02-019.

Documents pertaining to the proposed request(s) are on file in the Office of the Sumter City-County Planning Department and are available to be inspected and studied by interested citizens.

Joseph T. McElveen, Jr. Mayor

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Any comments or suggestions on this notice should contact Allan Yu, SUATS MPO manager at 803-774-1612 or ayu@sumterse.gov by 5 PM on June 28, 2018.

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Summons & Notice

SUMMONS

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CIVIL ACTION NO: 2018-CP-43-00696

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Pamela A. Nance, PLAINTIFF,

vs. Reyna Carolina Trostle, DEFENDANT.

TO THE DEFENDANT HEREIN NAMED:

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Complaint on the subscribers at their offices at 17 East Calhoun Street, Sumter, South Carolina, within thirty (30) days of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

BRYAN LAW FIRM OF SC, L.L.P.

John R. Moorman Attorney for the Plaintiff 17 East Calhoun Street P. O. Box 2038 Sumter, SC 29151 (803) 775-1263

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## How can you make garden grow?



PHOTOS BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A hobby greenhouse is seen in February in Langley, Washington, built in a sunny location capable of capturing an immense amount of summertime heat. It was later equipped with a timed irrigation system that automatically turns on early in the morning to water a wide assortment of potted plants. Smart devices are being introduced to make gardening less demanding and more efficient.

### With drones, phones to make things easier and more efficient

BY DEAN FOSDICK  
The Associated Press

New technology is easing the way we garden, store equipment, monitor watering and re-shape landscapes. And some of those tasks can be done remotely, using phones or tablets.

The innovations extend well beyond downloading a few apps. New to the horticultural mix are 3-D modeling, GPS mapping, laser technology, drones, robotics, devices that can read the weather and moisture in the soil for precision planting and irrigation, and battery-powered and low- or no-emission equipment.

"We are seeing an uptick in landscape professionals using advanced technology to plan designs for clients," said Missy Henriksen, vice president of public affairs for the National Association of Landscape Professionals.

"Today, professionals are using drones to survey homeowner properties to get a bird's-eye view before and during the design-creation phase," she said. "Drones can also help landscape companies save valuable operational and manpower time that can be used elsewhere on a project."

Three-D modeling also helps streamline landscape design. It can provide a clear picture for homeowners of their property's potential, Henriksen said.

Upgrades in battery technology have hastened the move toward lighter, easier-to-carry garden tools.

"Cordless tools that use storage batteries offer the most flexibility and freedom to move around your yard because you don't have to worry about cords getting in your way," Henriksen said.

A number of companies build multi-purpose engines that are used to equip a variety of implements ranging from



This 2018 3D computer rendering of a prospective residential property was done by Groundworks Landscaping, East Hampton, New York, in the spring of 2018. It provides a clear picture for homeowners to use for seeing their property's potential. Landscaping and gardening are being made easier via new technology and innovation.

walk-behind and rider mowers to power washers, snowblowers and more.

At least two of these companies — Kohler and Briggs and Stratton — have introduced small engines that don't require oil changes for the life of the engine. Simply check the dipstick and add oil as needed. No more tilting these walk-behind machines on their sides to drain the oil, spilling some around the driveway or onto your clothing in the process.

Other innovations have further simplified small engines by eliminating manual chokes and purge bulbs. Just pull the handle once to start.

Consumers want easy, and many of these innovations are boosting purchases, said Michelle Gross, a Briggs & Stratton marketing specialist.

"Our own surveys of consumers indicate that ease of maintenance continues to be in the top 10 purchase factors for walk-behind mowers," Gross said. "And the No. 1

thing people say they would like to improve after owning a lawnmower is the sound level."

Mowers equipped with Briggs & Stratton's Quiet Power Technology make

roughly 50 percent less noise, meaning homeowners can do yard work any time of the day without disturbing neighbors, Gross said.

Efficient storage for lawn and garden equipment makes for less garage clutter and creates space for recreational items such as kayaks and mountain bikes.

Another new Briggs & Stratton design allows lawnmowers to be folded in half and stored upright without causing fuel or oil leaks. It reduces their footprint by up to 70 percent, Gross said.

Scotts, meanwhile, recently introduced a series of devices for precision irrigation. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates traditional irrigation systems waste as much as 50 percent of their water by overwatering.

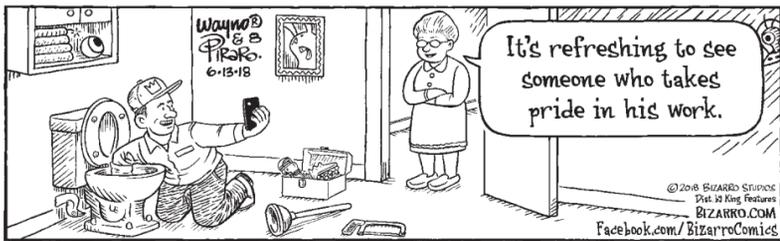
"Our goal is to give homeowners simple ways to use water more resourcefully and responsibly, and to make watering and caring for your lawn easier and more efficient," said Josh Peoples, president and general manager of Scotts.

"From using a smartphone to monitor sprinklers and the moisture in plant soil to only watering in specific areas where plants need it, we're committed to providing effortless ways to not only conserve water, but also to inspire people to grow, indoors or out."

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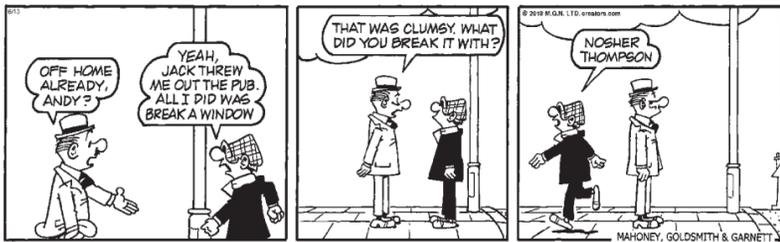
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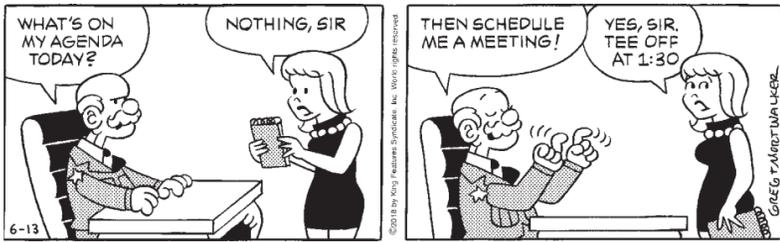
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*Couple's plans hit a snag over detour to a strip club*



**Dear Abby**  
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

**DEAR ABBY** — My boyfriend and I have been dating for a year and a half. We are planning on moving to California together in a few months. I flew to Monterey to job hunt, and he is supposed to be flying in soon. However, last night I found out he and his buddy went to a strip club. My boyfriend knows I'm uncomfortable with him going to strip clubs, and he assured me that they would not be going when we spoke on the phone earlier in the evening. He says I'm controlling and childish for being angry at

him. I told him it's either me or the strip clubs — mostly just to see how he would react. His response was that freedom of choice is very important to him. I even went as far as to say if he feels the need to go to strip clubs, then I would start stripping on the side to spite him. I'm tempted to cancel his ticket to California. I don't want him flying here if we are just going to fight. Is this situation worth the cost of a relationship? How do I deal with someone so stubborn to the point he can't see when he's in the wrong? Abby, he is in the wrong, isn't he?

*Choice is clear*

**DEAR CHOICE** — A wise woman chooses her battles carefully. If your boyfriend spent more than an occasional evening

hanging out in strip clubs, I can see why it would be a deal breaker. But unless you left something important out of your letter — like the fact that he did more than look — it doesn't appear that he does. You escalated the situation and you shouldn't have. However, if you feel so strongly about strip clubs, perhaps you should consider finding another man to spend your life with because it really isn't possible to control the actions of another adult.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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**BIRON**

**SULYO**

**NETTAN**

**SARYAT**

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That's not something we're allowed to talk about.

How many guards are here on the island?

HOW MANY GUARDS PROTECT THE NEW YORK HARBOR STATUE? THEY'RE NOT ---

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: RIGOR GAUGE WEALTH FATHER  
Answer: The battle for business between the sod sellers was a — TURF WAR

**SUDOKU**

**HOW TO PLAY:**  
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

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**THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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**Robert E. Lee Morris** 6/13/18

**ACROSS**

- 1 Keebler cracker
- 6 Shoots the breeze
- 11 E, in Morse code
- 14 Parts of plots
- 15 Kama
- 16 Bruin great
- 17 \*Sports bookie's figure
- 19 Action film gun
- 20 Caspian Sea feeder
- 21 Where work may pile up
- 23 Criticized unfairly, in slang
- 27 Stand in a studio
- 29 Get away from
- 30 Inoffensive
- 33 "Tell It Like It Is" crooner
- 34 Suffix with billion
- 35 Fashionable way to arrive?
- 36 "What a pity"
- 37 \*R&D setting
- 40 Meadow
- 41 Four-stringed instruments, typically
- 43 Weighty volume
- 44 Buck the system
- 46 Passé street corner convenience
- 48 As generally
- 49 Location
- 50 Online player, briefly
- 52 Taj
- 54 Foundry waste
- 55 Good Grips gadget brand
- 56 End of a close race ... and what the last part of the answers to starred clues can literally be
- 63 "Don't Bring Me Down" rock gp.
- 64 Singer Cyrus
- 65 Finnish tech giant
- 66 Hanoi holiday
- 67 Green vehicles, for short
- 68 Belgian treaty city
- 12 Rice-shaped pasta
- 13 Froot Loops shelfmate
- 18 B'way sellout sign
- 22 Jodie Foster title role
- 23 Intensify
- 24 "Seward's Folly" purchase
- 25 \*Marksman-ship match
- 26 Tokyo, long ago
- 27 "Copperhead Road" singer
- 28 Nevada's
- 30 Blackjack request
- 31 Remington played by Bronsan
- 32 Driveway coating
- 34 In unison
- 38 English school since 1440
- 39 Big talk
- 42 Animal welfare gp.
- 45 Pitching stat
- 47 "I need a hand"
- 50 Tricks
- 51 Half-coffee compromise
- 52 Bubby brand
- 53 Wheel connector
- 54 Ending for young and old alike?
- 57 Hyphenated Minute Maid brand
- 58 Schnozz extension?
- 59 Japanese drama
- 60 '50s prez
- 61 Sermon subject
- 62 Boater or bowler

**DOWN**

- 1 Cook quickly
- 2 Prefix with logical
- 3 Lanka
- 4 Top songs set
- 5 Stellar scholar
- 6 D.C. network
- 7 Sling
- 8 Gobbled up
- 9 Carol syllable
- 10 Extreme cruelty
- 11 "Dylan's Blonde on Blonde," e.g.

**Previous Puzzle Solved**

C	A	L	M	L	A	S	H	T	O	A			
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<b>LOCAL CHANNELS</b>													
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	2018 Stanley Cup Final Washington Capitals at Vegas Golden Knights. Stanley Cup Final, Game 7. (If necessary, Alternate programming will be "American Ninja Warrior" and "Reverie"). (N) (Live)				WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon John Travolta; Sophia Bush. (N)		
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Survivor		SEAL Team "Collapse" The team must protect an ambassador.	Code Black "Home Stays Home" Leanne works to save two siblings. (N)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Wheel Around the World"	Jeopardy! (N)	The Goldbergs Erica struggles with making friends.	The Goldbergs "The Scrunchie Rule"	Modern Family Phil decides to take a camping trip.	(:31) American Housewife "Midlife Crisis"	Shark Tank A fish dip; a hair cutting template. (DVS)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	
WRJA	27	11	14	Travels With Darley	Visionkeepers Green infrastructure.	Nature "Fabulous Frogs" Frog anatomy, behavior and adaptations. (DVS)		NOVA "Building Chernobyl's MegaTomb" Chernobyl nuclear reactor.	*** "Particle Fever" (2013, Documentary) Martin Aleksa, Nima Arkani-Hamed, Savas Dimopoulos. Scientists re-create conditions from the big-bang theory. (DVS)		NHK Newsline		
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory Wolowitz returns from space.	MasterChef "Gordon Ramsay Masterclass" The cooks must break down a crab. (N) (DVS)		Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back "Bella Gianna's" An Italian restaurant is transformed.	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Competing in a sports competition.	Last Man Standing Mike's father moves to town.	Supergirl "Make It Reign" Supergirl learns of Serena's plans.		The Originals "The Kindness of Strangers" The Mikaelsons must work together. (N)	Dateline "Shining Star" A criminal defense attorney is murdered.	Dateline "Fatal Attraction" A doctor ingests a lethal chemical.	The Game Jason starts planning for retirement.		
<b>CABLE CHANNELS</b>													
A&E	46	130	Ozzy and Jack's World Detour Ozzy and Jack arrive in Alaska.	Ozzy and Jack's World Detour Ozzy and Jack thank their wives.	Ozzy and Jack's World Detour Kelly is called upon to take the wheel.	(01) Wahlburgers (Season Premiere) (N)		(:04) Ozzy and Jack's World Detour Ozzy and Jack arrive in Alaska.	Ozzy and Jack's World Detour				
AMC	48	180	(5:25) *** "Run All Night" (2015, Action) Liam Neeson, Ed Harris.	*** "Twister" (1996, Action) Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton, Cary Elwes. Storm chasers race to test a new tornado-monitoring device.	*** "The Lincoln Lawyer" (2011, Suspense) Matthew McConaughey, Marisa Tomei. A lawyer defends a playboy accused of attempted murder.								
ANPL	41	100	Pool Kings	Pool Kings	Insane Pools: Off the Deep End	Insane Pools: Off the Deep End XL Two pools that maximize fun. (N)		Insane Pools: Off the Deep End	Insane Pools				
BET	61	162	(6:55) *** "Set It Off" (1996, Action) Jada Pinkett, Queen Latifah, Vivica A. Fox. Desperation drives four women to bank-robbery.			*** "The Players Club" (1998, Comedy-Drama) LisaRaye, Bernie Mac, Monica Calhoun. A woman works as a stripper to pay her tuition.							
BRAVO	47	181	The Real Housewives of New York City Luann gets arrested over the holiday.	The Real Housewives of New York City "Social Edition" (N)	The Real Housewives of New York City (N)	The Real Housewives of New York City		Watch What Happens Live	The Real Housewives of New York City				
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	The Deed (Season Premiere) (N)		Shark Tank (DVS)	Shark Tank				
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	Anderson Cooper				
COM	57	136	(6:45) South Park	(:20) South Park	(7:55) South Park "Asspen"	South Park "More Crap"	South Park "It Hits the Fan"	South Park "Butters Bottom Bitch"	South Park "Butterballs"	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	The Opposition w/ Jordan Klepper (N)	(12:01) South Park "Goobacks"	
DISN	18	200	Bunk'd Zuri and Jorge sneak out.	Bunk'd	Andi Mack	Raven's Home	Stuck in the Middle	DuckTales	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home	Bunk'd Three cabins compete.	DuckTales (Part 2 of 2)	
DSC	42	103	Misfit Garage "Wires and Misfires"	Misfit Garage: Fired Up (N)	Misfit Garage (N)	Sticker Shock (N)		Misfit Garage	Sticker Shock				
ESPN	26	35	MLB Baseball Washington Nationals at New York Yankees. From Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y. (N) (Live)	ESPN FC	SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter					
ESPN2	27	39	WNBA Basketball Washington Mystics at Connecticut Sun. (N) (Live)	ESPN FC	Vans Park Series (N)		NFL Live	Nación ESPN (N)					
FOOD	40	109	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games "Dueling Dads"		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	Tucker Carlson				
FREE	20	131	(5:00) "Forgetting Sarah Marshall"	** "Just Go With It" (2011, Romance-Comedy) Adam Sandler, Jennifer Aniston, Nicole Kidman. A man's careless lie spins out of control.	Marvel's Cloak & Dagger "First Light" Two teenagers acquire superpowers.		Braves Hall of Fame: Class of 2018	MLB Baseball New York Mets at Atlanta Braves.	The Golden Girls "Vacation"		The Golden Girls "Family Affair"		
FSS	21	47	MLB Baseball New York Mets at Atlanta Braves. From SunTrust Park in Atlanta.	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	The Middle (DVS)	The Middle (DVS)	The Middle "True Grit"	The Middle "Road-kill" (DVS)	The Golden Girls "Family Affair"	The Golden Girls "Vacation"	The Golden Girls "Family Affair"	
HALL	52	183	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	The Middle (DVS)	The Middle (DVS)	The Middle "True Grit"	The Middle "Road-kill" (DVS)	The Golden Girls "Family Affair"	The Golden Girls "Vacation"	
HGTV	39	112	Property Brothers: Buying & Selling	Property Brothers	Brother vs. Brother (N)	House Hunters		Hunters Int'l	Property Brothers "Miles Apart"	Brother vs. Brother			
HIST	45	110	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Navy SEALs: America's Secret Warriors	Law & Order "Gunplay" A firearms sting backfires.		SIX Gina gives Michael one last shot.	SIX Gina gives Michael one last shot.	Law & Order "Cry Wolf"			
ION	13	18	Law & Order "The Brotherhood" A prison gang member is found dead.	Little Women: LA "The Ultimatum" Tonya gives Terra an ultimatum.	Little Women: LA Christy and Todd's old issues resurface. (N)	Little Women: LA "Extreme Therapy" The girls work on their friendships. (N)	(:37) Little Women: LA	(12:01) Little Women: LA					
LIFE	50	145	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				
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	(:15) Henry Danger	Kid Danger	** "Happy Feet Two" (2011) Voices of Elijah Wood, Robin Williams.	Friends		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
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PARMT	64	153	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SYFY	58	152	** "The Mechanic" (2011, Action) Jason Statham, Ben Foster, Donald Sutherland. An elite hit-man teaches his deadly trade to an apprentice. (DVS)	The Expanse "Dandelion Sky" Holden sees past, present, and future. (N)	(9:59) ** "Underworld: Rise of the Lycans" (2009, Fantasy) Michael Sheen, Bill Nighy. Lucian leads the Lycans against Viktor, the king of the vampires.	** "Repo Men" (2010)							
TBS	24	156	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee	
TCM	49	186	(:03) My 600-Lb. Life (N)	*** "A Fistful of Dollars" (1964, Western) Clint Eastwood, Marianne Koch. An amoral gunman works both sides of a divided Western town.	*** "For a Few Dollars More" (1965, Western) Clint Eastwood, Lee Van Cleef, Gian Maria Volonte. Two gunmen form an uneasy alliance to hunt down an outlaw.								
TLC	43	157	(:03) My 600-Lb. Life (N)	*** "A Fistful of Dollars" (1964, Western) Clint Eastwood, Marianne Koch. An amoral gunman works both sides of a divided Western town.	*** "For a Few Dollars More" (1965, Western) Clint Eastwood, Lee Van Cleef, Gian Maria Volonte. Two gunmen form an uneasy alliance to hunt down an outlaw.								
TNT	23	158	NCIS: New Orleans Missing explosives threaten New Orleans.	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	
TRUTV	38	129	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	(:36) M*A*S*H	(:12) Everybody Loves Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Mom	Mom	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	
USA	25	132	NCIS "Rock and a Hard Place" A bomb goes off at a charity concert.	NCIS "Reasonable Doubts" A Navy public affairs officer is killed.	NCIS "Nonstop" A petty officer is murdered. (DVS)	Colony "A Clean, Well-Lighted Place" Katie helps a refugee family. (N)	(:01) Modern Family "Larry's Wife"	(:31) Modern Family "Farm Strong"	(12:01) Modern Family				
WE	68	166	CSI: Miami "If Looks Could Kill"	CSI: Miami "Death Pool 100"	CSI: Miami "Going Under"	CSI: Miami A politician's dead body.	CSI: Miami "Curse of the Coffin"	CSI: Miami					
WGNA	8	172	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Cops "Fort Worth"	

# Ramsay rescues restaurants (on a deadline)

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Don't mess with success. That seems to be the strategy of network reality series. But how do you define success?

"Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back" (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14) offers a few new elements to his formula.

Much like "Kitchen Nightmares," this series calls on the combustible, opinionated British chef to sweep in and save a once-venerated eatery from the dysfunction of its owners. The problems mostly stem from personal squabbles, making Ramsay a kind of marriage counselor and family mediator as well. As he doles out tough love at high volume, we're almost always shown disgusting things, like moldy refrigerators, bugs and — the viewer favorite — rats and mice where they don't belong. Who knew so many viewers were vicarious health inspectors?

On this new series, Ramsay gives himself only 24 hours to revive and regenerate a restaurant's reputation. The ticking clock may set a tight deadline for Ramsay, but it hardly matters to viewers since things always wrap up in an hour anyway.

Because so many restaurants and their staffs tend to disguise bad habits when Ramsay arrives, he fills the kitchen with tiny, hidden cameras powerful enough to capture chef shenanigans and various vermin.

And the surveillance and subterfuge don't end there. Taking a cue from "Undercover Boss: Celebrity Edition," Ramsay hides behind beards, wigs and prosthetics in order to spy on unsuspecting owners.

Like a meal at your regular restaurant, "Hell and Back" never strays from the

familiar. Whether such sameness brings comfort or tedium is in the eye of the beholder.

• It's difficult to write about a television series starring a celebrity chef and not recall Anthony Bourdain, whose death shocked us last Friday.

With his Travel Channel series "No Reservations" and his CNN show "Parts Unknown," Bourdain celebrated food and culture the world over.

Like any television personality, he had a lot of strong opinions, but he was open to conflicting ideas and was not afraid to reveal what he did not know or that he might be wrong. That in itself made him refreshing. Perhaps unique.

As a chef and as a television personality, he was always ready to celebrate the staff and crew who made his job easier and his "stardom" possible.

Far too much television and social media has become an echo chamber where we wall ourselves off from other people's points of view. Tweets and Facebook posts are too often crafted to be the "last word" of a one-sided argument.

Bourdain dedicated his shows to dialogue. At the risk of sounding "elite," I believe that conducting conversations about culture over glorious meals is the very essence of civilized behavior. And Bourdain made it seem cool. I am saddened that his voice has been silenced.

## TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Contestants learn how to approach a crab on "MasterChef" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14).
- Jack convinces Kelly to



Chef Louis Cilento, left, and host Gordon Ramsay star in the "Bella Gianna's" series premiere episode of "Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back," airing at 9 p.m. today on FOX.

join "Ozzy and Jack's World Detour" (9 p.m., A&E, TV-14).

- Boat crash victims need care on "Code Black" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- A milquetoast's fantasies turn violent on "Reverie" (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- Will uncovers unsettling evidence on "Colony" (10 p.m., USA, TV-14).
- Jackie puts family first on "Six" (10 p.m., History, TV-MA).

## CULT CHOICE

TCM unspools four films from director Sergio Leone. They include three Spaghetti Westerns starring Clint Eastwood, "A Fistful of Dollars" (8 p.m.), "For a Few Dollars More" (10 p.m.) and "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" (12:30 a.m.), as well as the 1961 sword-and-sandal epic

"The Colossus of Rhodes" (3:45 a.m.).

## SERIES NOTES

Medical marijuana on "Bull" (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) \* Miami qualifiers of "American Ninja Warrior" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG) \* On two helpings of "The Goldbergs" (ABC, r, TV-PG), driving lessons (8 p.m.), empty nesters (8:30 p.m.) \* Serena's schemes come to light on "Supergirl" (8 p.m., CW, r, TV-14) \* An ambassador's decision puts an embassy in danger on "SEAL Team" (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) \* Phil roughs it on "Modern Family" (9 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) \* The Mikaelsons end their rivalry on "The Originals" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14) \* Oliver's army on "American Housewife" (9:30 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) \* Fish dip on "Shark

Tank" (10 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG).

## LATE NIGHT

Nick Offerman, Moshe Kasher and Rell Battle sit down on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS) \* Anthony Scaramucci and Michael Avenatti are on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) \* Jimmy Fallon welcomes John Travolta, Sophia Bush and Dierks Bentley on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) \* Claire Danes, Hannibal Buress, Amber Mark and Brian Frasier-Moore visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) \* Bob Odenkirk and Sarah Silverman appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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## Make a juicy stuffed burger on the grill

BY AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

Minneapolis taverns are famous for the Jucy Lucy, a moist beef burger stuffed with American cheese. Replicating the Jucy Lucy seemed easy enough — but our burgers, cooked to well-done to melt the cheese inside, were dry and tough or the cheese melted through the meat, leaving an empty cavern where the cheese had been.

To keep the cheese in place, we created a double-sealed pocket by wrapping the cheese inside a small beef patty and then molding a second patty around it. Adding a mixture of bread and milk, mashed into a paste, to the ground beef kept the burgers moist and juicy.

### JUCY LUCY BURGERS

**Servings:** 4

**Start to finish:** 45 minutes

Buy the American cheese from the deli counter, and ask them to slice it into a 1/2-inch slab from which you can cut four big cubes to fill the center of the burgers. One or two percent low-fat milk can be substituted for the whole milk. The cheesy center of these burgers is molten hot when first removed from the grill, so be sure to let the burgers rest for at least 5 minutes before serving.

2 slices hearty white sandwich bread, torn into 1-inch pieces

1/4 cup whole milk

1 teaspoon garlic powder

3/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

1 1/2 pounds 85 percent lean ground beef

1 slice deli American cheese (1/2-inch-thick), quartered

In large bowl using potato masher, mash bread, milk, garlic powder, salt and pepper into smooth paste. Add beef and lightly knead mixture until well combined.

Divide meat into four equal portions. Using half of each portion of meat, encase cheese to form mini burger patty. Mold re-

maining half-portion of meat around mini patty and seal edges to form ball. Flatten ball with palm of your hand, forming 3/4-inch-thick patty. Cover and refrigerate patties for at least 30 minutes or up to 24 hours.

• For a charcoal grill: Open bottom vent completely. Light large chimney starter half filled with charcoal briquettes (3 quarts). When top coals are partially covered with ash, pour evenly over grill. Set cooking grate in place, cover, and 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.

Clean and oil cooking grate. Lay burgers on grill and cook, without pressing on them, until well browned on both sides and cooked through, 12 to 16 minutes, flipping burgers halfway through grilling. Transfer burgers to platter, tent loosely with aluminum foil, and let rest for 5 minutes before serving.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 432 calories; 249 calories from fat; 28 g fat (11 g saturated; 2 g trans fats); 121 mg cholesterol; 697 mg sodium; 9 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 2 g sugar; 34 g protein.

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## Make a buttermilk coleslaw that's tangy and not soggy

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We wanted a buttermilk coleslaw with crisp pieces of cabbage lightly coated with a flavorful buttermilk dressing that would cling to the cabbage instead of collecting in the bottom of the bowl.

We found that salting and draining the cabbage removed excess water and wilted it to a pickle-crisp texture. For a dressing that was both hefty and tangy, we combined buttermilk, mayonnaise and sour cream.

### CREAMY BUTTERMILK COLESLAW

**Servings:** 4

**Start to finish:** 1 hour and 30 minutes

If you are planning to serve the coleslaw immediately, rinse the salted cabbage in a large bowl of ice water, drain it in a colander, pick out any ice cubes, then pat the cabbage dry before dressing.

1/2 head red or green cabbage, cored and sliced thin (6 cups)

Salt and pepper

1 carrot, peeled and shredded

1/2 cup buttermilk

2 tablespoons mayonnaise

2 tablespoons sour cream

1 small shallot, minced

2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley

1/2 teaspoon cider vinegar

1/2 teaspoon sugar

1/4 teaspoon Dijon mustard

Toss shredded cabbage and 1 teaspoon salt in colander or large-mesh strainer set

over medium bowl. Let stand until cabbage wilts, at least 1 hour or up to 4 hours. Rinse cabbage under cold running water. Press, but do not squeeze, to drain; pat dry with paper towels. Place wilted cabbage and carrot in large bowl.

Stir buttermilk, mayonnaise, sour cream, shallot, parsley, vinegar, sugar, mustard, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper together in small bowl. Pour dressing over cabbage and toss to combine; refrigerate until chilled, about 30 minutes. (Coleslaw can be refrigerated for up to 3 days.)

**Nutrition information per serving:** 115 calories; 64 calories from fat; 7 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 8 mg cholesterol; 408 mg sodium; 11 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 7 g sugar; 36 g protein.

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