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Council plans to discuss opioid abuse

Baten urges county to get ahead of crisis that has claimed many lives around country

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS  
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During its regular meeting on Tuesday, Sumter County Council agreed to begin discussing taking proactive measures regarding the abuse of opioids, an issue that is growing nationwide.

Councilman Gene Baten said other counties have iden-

tified opioid abuse as a problem and he thinks the problem has also reached Sumter. "If we continue to deny it, it will not be long before we're sweeping bodies off the streets," he said.

Baten said council should make sure the county has a handle on the issue before it grows out of hand and suggested that the issue be dis-

cussed during a public safety committee meeting.

Chairman James McCain asked that the issue be added to the next public safety committee meeting.

Also during the meeting, county council approved second reading of a request to sell .89 acres of land on South Guignard Parkway to a county resident.

Sumter County Administrator Gary Mixon said the resident made an offer of \$5,530.30 for the parcel. He said the county acquired the property for an intersection improvement project and does not have plans to use it.

Councilman Charles Edens asked that the property be assessed before council's final vote so that the parcel is sold

for the appropriate value.

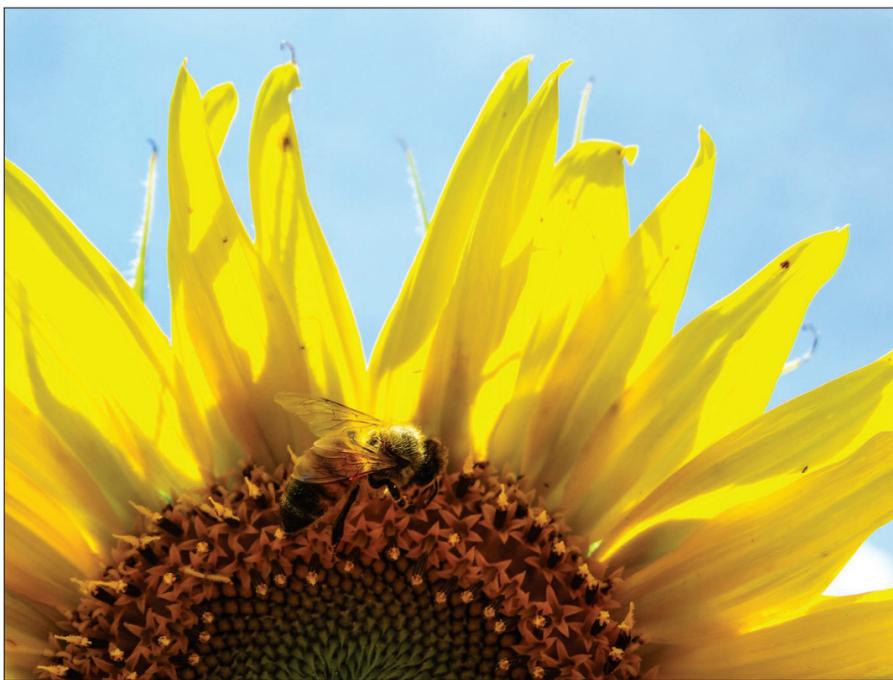
Later, council approved a motion to increase rates for Republic Services, a private waste collection company, by 2 percent. The motion was made during the fiscal, tax and property committee meeting that was held prior to council's regular meeting.

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The color of summer

A bee collects pollen from a sunflower at Dorr Farms in Gable recently. According to its Facebook page, the farm is run by Maynard and Marie Dorr and their children Kristen and Tyler. The farm sells berries, fresh produce and raw honey.

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'Play ball!' made possible by Eaton Corp employees

BY IVY MOORE  
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Eaton Corporation employees came to the aid of the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club last week by donating a large supply of badly needed sports and playground equipment. The club has been plagued in the past few years by lack of funding and a permanent site for activities, as well as a series of natural disasters, said Program Director Jean Ford.

She said the club "lost everything, including our home on Lafayette Drive, to a break-in, the (2015) flood" and Hurricane Matthew. Now housed at the South Sumter Gym on the corner of Atlantic Avenue and South Sumter Street, club members think things are looking up.

The club's summer program, once in doubt, is underway, Ford said, but until last week, activities for the members were very limited.

Now, she said, thanks to Eaton's Community Involvement Team, the young people can be as active as ever.

Tyler Barrett, leader or "Team Champion" of Eaton Corporation's Community Involvement Team, explained how the CIT got involved.

"Our site (Sumter's Eaton facility) has a few different employee teams," he said. "Each group has monthly meetings when we talk about what we can do to help out and get involved in the community."

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SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board takes no action after meeting

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Mum was the word from the Sumter School District Board of Trustees on Tuesday afternoon after meeting for more than 2 1/2 hours behind closed doors to discuss contractual matters for an employee.

The board held a special called meeting at 2 p.m. at the district office. All board members were in attendance. Per the agenda, the board immediately entered executive session to discuss an employee's contract. Accompanying the board into executive session were

Superintendent Frank Baker and two attorneys representing the school district — Vernie Williams and Connie Jackson, partners with Halligan, Mahoney and Williams of Columbia.

When the board returned to open session about 4:45 p.m., it took no action or vote and then dismissed.

A phone call to board Chairman the Rev. Daryl McGhaney was not returned by 6 p.m. Tuesday.

What is known about the board meeting Tuesday is it wasn't about the two grievants who are filing lawsuits against Baker and the district. Both Cornelius Leach, the

district's assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, and Shawn Hagerty, director of specialized programs, were in attendance at the meeting.

When asked later by *The Sumter Item* if the executive session pertained to them, both said no. Both men are filing suits against Baker and the district after they were informed this spring that their district-level positions will be eliminated effective Friday. Both have accepted elementary school principal positions within the district for next school year but said their suits are still forthcoming.

Cyberattack wallops Europe; spreads more slowly in U.S.



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A.P. Moller-Maersk shipping line said every branch of its business was affected Tuesday when hackers caused widespread disruption across Europe, hitting Ukraine especially hard. Russia's Rosneft energy company also reported falling victim to hacking.

PARIS (AP) — A new and highly virulent outbreak of data-scrambling software — apparently sown in Ukraine — caused disruption across the world Tuesday. Following a similar attack in May, the fresh cyber-assault paralyzed some hospitals, government offices and major multinational corporations in a dramatic demonstration of how easily malicious programs can bring daily life to a halt.

Ukraine and Russia appeared hardest hit by the new strain of ransomware — malicious software that locks up computer files with all-but-unbreakable encryption and then demands a ransom for its release. In the United States, the malware affected companies such as the drugmaker Merck and Mondelez International, the owner of food brands such as Oreo and Nabisco.

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RICK CARPENTER / THE SUMTER ITEM

Children rushed to pick up newly donated hula-hoops, jump ropes and balls Tuesday afternoon at the new home of the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Sumter. Rai Howard, 8, was quick to demonstrate her ability using a hula hoop.

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## LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

### Clarendon council calls Thursday meeting

The Clarendon County Council will have a special called meeting at 9 a.m. Thursday in the County Council Chambers of the Clarendon County Administration Building, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning.

Council will consider a resolution declaring the county's intent to assume the recreation services for the Town of Turbeville and other related matters, as well as a resolution to authorize a lease between Clarendon County and the South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper).

Council will go into executive session to receive a legal briefing on taxation related matters from the SC Department of Revenue.

Council may discuss the matter after returning to open session but no votes are expected to be taken, according to County Administrator David Epperson.

For more information, call (803) 435-0135.

### Lee County Council meets today

The Lee County Council will meet at 9:30 a.m. today in the Family Court Room on the second floor of the Lee County Courthouse, 123 N. Main St., Bishopville.

The agenda includes the consideration of the first reading on an ordinance updating and revising the host agreement with the Lee County Landfill.

Council will consider the third reading of the Lee County budget for fiscal year 2018 and the Lee County School District budget for fiscal year 2018.

Council will consider approval of a Community Development Block Grant request on behalf of Kershaw and Lee counties to install a water tower in the St. Charles community.

For more information, call (803) 484-5341.

## Mother, children still critical after wreck

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The woman who accidentally drove into a retention pond on North Wise Drive on Thursday is showing signs of improvement although she and her two children remain in critical condition at Palmetto Health Richland in Columbia.

According to a news release from Sumter Police Department, the woman's son, 2, and her daughter, 5, both suffered life-threatening injuries.

A fourth passenger, a 59-year-old grandmother of the children, was treated for minor injuries after making it to safety following the wreck. She was released from a local hospital on Thursday night.

Although an investigation is continuing, information gathered by officers indicates that the mother was not familiar with the area and was attempting to turn around when the 2010 Lexus went over the bank of the reten-

tion pond. No charges will be filed, states the release.

A collaborative effort between witnesses and first responders helped to rescue the family, according to the release.

Sumter Emergency Medical Services, Sumter Fire Department, Sumter County Dive Team and South Carolina Highway Patrol's Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team assisted the family after the wreck.

## Respite from the summer heat



CAITLAN WALZER / THE SUMTER ITEM

Children take advantage of their summer break by taking a dip in the pool at The City of Sumter Aquatics Center on Tuesday. The pool hosts open swim from 2 to 6 p.m. on Sundays and noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

## Be courteous to veterans this Independence Day

BY JIM HILLEY  
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The Sumter County Veterans Affairs Office is hosting a Veterans Yard Sign Campaign event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday on the front lawn of the Sumter County Courthouse, 13 E. Canal St.

Valorie Brunson, director of Sumter Veterans Affairs, said the event is intended to increase awareness of the need to be courteous around war veterans during the Fourth of July holiday.

"Fireworks may be stressful for combat veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder," she said. "The loud

noises that sound like gunfire and other explosive blasts can trigger PTSD symptoms."

Free yard signs asking neighbors to be courteous to veterans who may be sensitive to the sound of fireworks will be available to veterans at the event, while supplies last.

Veterans can also obtain an ID which will allow them to receive free passes for Santee Wateree Rural Transit Authority buses at the event.

Food and beverages will also be available.

For more information, call the Sumter County Veterans Affairs Office at (803) 436-2302 or (803) 468-1841.

## Conference to educate about dangers of opioids

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Sumter Behavioral Health Services and the Third Judicial Circuit will host a drug abuse prevention conference from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday in the University of South Carolina Sumter's Nettles Auditorium, 200 Miller Road.

The conference, which is the first collaboration between the two entities, is free and open to the public.

Patricia Colclough, prevention director at Sumter Behavioral Health Services, said the purpose of the event is to educate the public about opioid abuse, and preventative and treatment options that are available.

She said the conference is a way for the community to take a proactive approach when it comes to opioid abuse.

Other counties within the state are experiencing more deaths related to opioid abuse and this conference will allow Sum-

ter, Clarendon, Williamsburg and Kershaw counties — all areas under the jurisdiction of the Third Judicial Circuit — to get ahead of the game, Colclough said.

She said visitors will also learn more about agencies and resources available to them or loved ones who may be dealing with addiction.

One of the presenters scheduled for Thursday, registered pharmacist and certified addictions counselor Billy Heckle, will discuss how opioids can affect the body so that the audience gets an in-depth understanding of the dangers of the drugs, Colclough said.

Other presenters include Sara Goldsby, director of South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services; Jason Sandoval, Drug Enforcement Administration special agent covering the low-country area; and Linda Brown, overdose prevention coordinator for S.C. Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services.

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# Inmate: I strangled prisoners to try to land on death row

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The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Guards at the Kirkland Correctional Institution rushed to Denver Simmons' cell and made a grisly discovery: Four men from the unit for mentally ill prisoners had been beaten and strangled.

Simmons, 35, and Jacob Philip, 26, both already serving life without parole for double murders, were charged with the slayings.

In a series of phone calls to The Associated Press, Simmons confessed to the April 7 killings. Why? They could not endure lives in prison, he said, and wanted to be executed.

"The more people (you kill), the more chance they're gonna give it to you," Simmons said.

Simmons said they had two main criteria for choosing their victims: "We come up with who was easiest, as far as doing it to," he said. "And who trusted us."

Once they had their list, they came up with a way to lure each to their deaths.

"And we did it," Simmons said.

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The victims:

- John King, 52. Doing 25 years for burglary, larceny and theft. Liked to "bum coffee."

- "He was smallest," Simmons said of the 5-foot-4, 132-pound King. "And he wouldn't offer much resistance."

- Philip, who'd strangled his original victims, took the lead, Simmons said.

- "He took his, from behind, and put his arm on his neck and just choked him," Simmons said. "It happened really fast."

- They slid King under the bottom bunk and went to the common area known as "the Rock" in search of their next victim.

- William Scruggs, 44. Doing life for murder. Did laundry in exchange for com-



The administration building of the South Carolina Department of Corrections in Columbia is seen. An inmate says he and another convicted murderer strangled four fellow prisoners in a bid to get the death penalty. Denver Simmons told The Associated Press in a series of telephone calls that he and Jacob Philip plotted the April 7 killings at Kirkland Correctional Institution for months.

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missary goods.

"I said I had some cookies for him," Simmons said. "I said, 'Come up to my room and I'll give you the stuff and the cookies.' And he came in a few minutes later."

Simmons said Philip grabbed Scruggs from behind and dragged him to the floor. Simmons wrapped an extension cord around Scruggs' neck.

"And, you know, he didn't suffer a long time, man," Simmons said. "I know that sounds lame."

They placed Scruggs on the lower bunk and hung a sheet. They returned to the Rock.

- Jimmy Ham, 56. Scheduled for release in November after serving nine years for assault and battery, grand larceny and burglary. Liked to snort pills.

- "I didn't want him on the list, because I knew he would fight," Simmons said of the 5-11, 178-pound Ham. "And Jacob, as big as he is, he's not a fighter."

- Simmons said they told Ham to crush up some tablets on a stool. As he bent down,

Philip lunged, but slipped.

As the two struggled on the floor, Simmons grabbed a broken broomstick he'd hidden in his cell and struck Ham in the head. When Ham opened his mouth, as if to shout, Simmons jammed the handle down his throat, "because there could be no noise."

"And he just died," Simmons said.

They laid Ham's body alongside Scruggs' on the lower bunk, and Philip asked, "Who's next?" They returned to the common area.

- Jason Kelley, 35. Serving 15 years for stabbing his teenage stepson. He was a friend, but also "just annoying."

- "Jacob went to get him, and he come in the room," Simmons said. "And we basically said, 'Look behind the curtain.' And he literally peeked behind and he said, 'What the?' And Jacob grabbed him and threw him down. And I had the broomstick from Ham. And he threw him down on the ground, and I got on top of him and pushed the broom across his neck."

As Kelley lay there — dead

or just unconscious, Simmons couldn't tell which — Simmons rammmed the stick in his ear.

Simmons said they didn't even bother hiding the body before heading to the guard station to report what they'd done.

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The AP wrote to both inmates. Philips' attorney said her client is "severely mentally ill" and would not comment.

Following the killings, Simmons was transferred to Lileber Correctional Institution northwest of Charleston. It is home to South Carolina's death row.

Simmons now realizes that's likely as close as he'll

get to the execution chamber.

South Carolina hasn't carried out an execution in six years. Simmons has read stories about the state's inability to secure the drugs necessary to do a lethal injection.

Even a recently confessed killer of seven got life without parole, he noted.

"The death penalty's not the death penalty anymore, you know?" he said.

He imagines he'll do the next 10 years in solitary, and probably get another four life sentences tacked onto the two he was already doing.

"Obviously, we did it all for nothing," he said. "And I guess that makes it even worse."

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# U.S. to Syria: 'Heavy price' awaits any chemical weapons use

BY ROBERT BURNS  
AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration threatened Tuesday that Syria will pay “a heavy price” if it follows through on what the U.S. says are preparations for another chemical weapons attack — warning of action that could plunge America deeper into a civil war alongside the fight against Islamic State militants.

The chemical threat and sudden White House warning illustrate the challenging complexities of the fighting in Syria, a country whose territory was used by IS to march into Iraq in 2014 and prompt a U.S. return to the Middle East’s battlefield. Washington now has more than 5,000 troops in Iraq and about 1,000 in Syria.

President Trump has said he won’t stand for Syria’s use of chemical weapons, which are banned under international law and are particularly worrisome in the Arab country because they could fall into extremists’ hands.

The Pentagon on Tuesday said it detected “active preparations” by Syria for a chemical attack from the same air base where Syrian aircraft embarked on a sarin gas strike on April 4, killing almost 90 people. Days later, Trump ordered a cruise missile attack against the base in retaliation.

The Syrian government has denied it ever used banned chemicals, and it rejected Washington’s latest allegation Tuesday.

Syria’s two main allies, Russia and Iran, joined in bashing Washington. Iran’s foreign minister called the U.S. threat a “dangerous escalation.” A senior Russian lawmaker accused the U.S. of a “provocation.”

It was unclear if the U.S. saw a Syrian attack as imminent. Nevertheless, the White House showed it wouldn’t turn a blind eye. Since Trump’s inauguration, U.S. involvement in Syria



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The U.S. dropped leaflets like these in Syria warning the forces to leave the established protected zone, which is about 55 kilometers around an area where U.S. and coalition forces have been operating.

has deepened. Earlier this month, the U.S. shot down a Syrian fighter jet for the first time. It has twice downed Iranian drones.

The U.S. cruise missile strike in April was the first intentional American assault on Syrian President Bashar Assad’s government or military.

The White House issued a brief written statement Monday night saying it had detected potential preparations for another chemical attack and emphasizing the Syrian government would “pay a heavy price” if it proceeded. Hours later, the Pentagon elaborated without offering many specifics.

“We have observed activities at Shayrat air base that suggest possible intent by the Syrian regime to use chemical weapons again,” a Pentagon spokesman, Marine Maj. Adrian Rankine-Galloway, said. He said Assad’s “brutality” threatens the region and U.S. interests, and any Syrian attacks

with weapons of mass destruction risk prompting others to use similar weapons.

Chemical weapons have killed hundreds of people since the start of Syria’s six-year civil war. The U.N. has blamed three attacks on Assad’s government and a fourth on the Islamic State group. The U.S. and its Arab and Western allies, and Syrian opposition groups, accuse Assad’s forces of many more instances of using sarin and chlorine against civilians.

The White House threat essentially draws a “red line” on chemical weapons in much the same manner President Obama did. There is one major difference: Whereas Obama backed down from a threat to use force after a 2013 attack, opting instead for a diplomatic plan to remove Syria’s chemical weapons arsenal, Trump has proven his willingness to authorize military force. U.S. officials say Assad never fulfilled the demand of Obama’s deal with Russia, keeping

control of some stockpiles.

Underscoring the messiness of Syria’s crowded battlefield, a Britain-based human rights group on Tuesday accused the U.S.-led coalition of striking an Islamic State-run jail in eastern Syria, killing more than 40 prisoners. The strike also reportedly killed IS militants, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. The coalition couldn’t immediately be reached for comment.

Nikki Haley, Trump’s U.N. envoy, said the White House warning on Syria was meant for a wider audience.

“The goal is at this point not just to send Assad a message, but to send Russia and Iran a message,” Haley told a House panel.

The overnight White House threat caught many in Trump’s own administration by surprise.

Several State Department officials typically involved in coordinating such announcements said they were caught off guard, and it appeared the underlying intelligence information was known only to a small group of senior officials. Typically, the State Department, Pentagon and U.S. intelligence agencies would all be consulted before a White House declaration sure to ricochet across foreign capitals.

The State Department officials weren’t authorized to discuss national security planning publicly and requested anonymity.

On Tuesday, deputy White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said “all relevant agencies ... were involved in the process from the beginning.”

A non-governmental source with close ties to the White House said the administration had received intelligence the Syrians were mixing precursor chemicals for a possible sarin gas attack in either the east or south of the country, where government troops and allied forces have faced recent setbacks.

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# College borrowers promised loan forgiveness are left to wait

BY COLLIN BINKLEY  
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BOSTON — Danielle Ramos' student-debt nightmare was supposed to be over.

Like thousands of others who studied at failed for-profit colleges, she was promised by the U.S. Education Department under President Obama that her federal loans would be forgiven by now. But as the weeks tick by with no reprieve, the 30-year-old college student fears the financial burden will force her and her 4-year-old son to move back with her parents.

"I'm a single mom, so that's really scary," said Ramos, of Framingham, near Boston. "It's just a lot of uncertainty. I'm probably going to have to rely on family to help me, and it doesn't feel fair."

Borrower advocates say the pipeline to loan forgiveness appears to have slowed since President Trump took office, stirring concern that some students may be left in the lurch, and that the department is veering from its predecessor's work to rein in fraudulent for-profit colleges.

Education Department officials dispute that claim, saying they're working quickly to clear a backlog that was inherited from the previous administration.

When Obama left office, 16,453 borrowers were waiting for loan cancellations that had already been approved, and more than 64,000 others had filed new applications. For months, advocates say, it ap-

peared few or none of those cases were being processed. Democrats in the Senate requested an update from the Education Department in May but say they received no response.

On Monday, the department released data to The Associated Press showing 7,085 of the 16,453 previously approved claims have been discharged, amounting to \$92 million in loans. An additional 7,300 are in the final stages of the process and are to be discharged shortly, while the remaining 2,000 are currently being processed by the department.

Still, the wait has left some borrowers paying for loans that were promised to be wiped clean by now. Some have lost wages and tax returns to debt collectors.

Ramos ran up \$15,000 in debt to attend the American Career Institute, a chain of for-profit colleges that abruptly closed in 2013 after she received nine months of training as a medical assistant. Now enrolled at MassBay Community College and working toward a certificate in surgical technology, Ramos says she hasn't heard any update on her debt cancellation and worries she'll still have to pay it back.

"Because of the education I got at MassBay, I'm going to be able to get good-paying job. But it's not fair that I'm going to have to use that money to pay back something that didn't deliver," she said.

The Obama administration cracked down aggressively on for-profit colleges that enticed

students to take on hefty loans with promises they couldn't keep. It pressured chains including Corinthian Colleges and ITT Technical Institute to close, and it approved at least \$655 million in loan cancellations from those chains.

"They had greatly accelerated the rate of approval of these applications," said Pauline Abernathy, executive vice president of the Institute For College Access and Success, a non-profit advocacy group based in Oakland, California. As of last week, Abernathy said, she hadn't seen evidence that "a single application has been approved under the new administration."

In May, a group of Democratic lawmakers urged Education Secretary Betsy DeVos to speed up the process. Attorneys general from 17 states and Washington, D.C., later told DeVos the delay was harming borrowers. And a coalition of 31 advocacy groups for military veterans sent a letter to members of Congress this month saying many veterans are waiting for loan discharges, adding that "any delay is an affront to defrauded service members."

After publicly saying little on the topic for weeks, DeVos said this month that nearly 16,000 cases are now being processed and that "some borrowers should expect to obtain discharges within the next several weeks." Her statement didn't provide an explanation for the delays.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, a Democrat,



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Danielle Ramos, 30, plays with her 4-year-old son, Kymoni, at MassBay Community College in Wellesley, Massachusetts, where she pursued her education after being defrauded by a for-profit college.

said the slowdown can't be explained as a hiccup in the new Republican administration's transition to office.

"This is the Trump administration stepping on a bunch of people who have already been stepped on many times before," Warren said in an interview.

"Students who were cheated by predatory for-profit schools should not have to wait another day to get their loans canceled."

For some borrowers, the wait has stretched more than a year.

Sarah Dieffenbacher is waiting on an application she filed in March 2015 after taking out \$50,000 in federal loans to attend a Corinthian Colleges

campus in Ontario, California. She has since defaulted on her loans, and a collector is trying to garnish her wages. On June 9, a federal judge reviewing her case told the Education Department to make a decision within 90 days.

On June 14, DeVos drew a new round of criticism from borrower advocates when she announced plans to rewrite Obama-era rules that were meant to streamline the complex path toward loan forgiveness. She described the rules, which were set to take effect in July, as "a muddled process that's unfair to students and schools."

## Sheriff pulls over speeding biker himself

COLUMBIA (AP) — If you speed in Kershaw County, you just might get pulled over by the sheriff himself.

Blue lights on and siren blaring, Sheriff Jim Matthews chased down a motorcycle that whizzed past his unmarked car at more than 100 mph on Interstate 20 Monday evening. He followed the biker to a rest area bathroom, then waited outside as other deputies caught up with him.

"He came out to us with his hands behind his back," the sheriff told The Associated Press. "He knew we had him."

Like most sheriffs, Matthews' days are typically filled with the administrative tasks needed to police a county of 63,000 people.

But if he sees a crime, he's certified to take action.

"I don't patrol, but if I see you do something stupid like pass on a double yellow line or speed over 15 mph — I give them 15 — I'm going to pull you over," said Matthews, who estimates he has done about 250 traffic stops in his nearly eight years as Kershaw County's top cop.

He said the biker blew past him just as he finished issuing a warning to a North Carolina driver.

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# Supreme Court playground ruling feeds school voucher debate

BY CAROLYN THOMPSON  
The Associated Press

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos and other proponents of school voucher programs are praising a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that said a Lutheran church was wrongly denied a state grant for its preschool playground. But opponents say the ruling is far from an endorsement of the use of public money for religious schools.

The court, by a 7-2 vote, sided with Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia, Missouri, which had sought a state grant to put a soft surface on its preschool playground.

"We should all celebrate the fact that programs designed to help students will no longer be discriminated against by the government based solely on religious affiliation," DeVos said after the justices ruled Monday that Missouri violated the First Amendment in denying the grant.

The Columbia, Missouri, church had sought the grant under a state program that reimburses nonprofit organizations that install playground surfaces made from recycled tires. The Department of Natural Resources rejected the application because the state constitution prohibits the use of public money "in aid of any church, sect or denomination of religion."

The church's challenge was watched by both sides of the debate over whether states can let parents choose to send their children to religious schools through publicly funded programs.

Teachers unions, which oppose vouchers as diverting money from public schools, said the narrow ruling dealt a setback to voucher proponents by leaving intact the state's constitutional provision that prohibits state funding of religious actions.

American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten pointed to a footnote by Chief Justice John Roberts that said the court did not address "religious uses of funding."

"The Supreme Court's Trinity decision cannot be read as opening the door for states to promote religion or expand vouchers," Weingarten said.

But the pro-school choice Center for Education Reform said that even without reviewing the constitutionality of Missouri's prohibition on the use of state funds at religious schools, the justices had bolstered the choice movement by condemning the denial of a public benefit to an otherwise eligible recipient solely on the basis of its religious identity.

The Orthodox Jewish group Agudath Israel of America said the ruling could provide support for the argument that it would be discriminatory to



The empty playground at Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbia, Missouri, is seen in January 2016. The Supreme Court has ruled that churches have the same right as other charitable groups to seek state money for new playground surfaces and other non-religious needs.

not allow publicly funded tuition vouchers to be used for schooling at a religious institution.

"That puts somewhat of an onus on the state to make sure that if we're going to have a program and we're saying that it's open to every-

one, it's intended to serve all the kids in our state, then it should be a program ... that includes kids that go to private and religious schools," said the group's Washington director, Rabbi Abba Cohen.

Richard Katskee, the legal director at the organization

Americans United for Separation of Church and State, said that while the ruling does not strike down existing constitutional provisions against governments funding religion, "it probably will encourage more legal challenges over those provisions."

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# ATTACK FROM PAGE A1

Its pace appeared to slow as the day wore on, in part because the malware appeared to require direct contact between computer networks, a factor that may have limited its spread in regions with fewer connections to Ukraine.

The malware's origins remain unclear. Researchers picking the program apart found evidence its creators had borrowed from leaked National Security Agency code, raising the possibility that the digital havoc had spread using U.S. taxpayer-funded tools.

"The virus is spreading all over Europe and I'm afraid it can harm the whole world," said Victor Zhora, the chief executive of Infosafe IT in Kiev, where reports of the malicious software first emerged early afternoon local time Tuesday.

In Ukraine, victims included top-level government offices, where officials posted photos of darkened computer screens, as well as energy companies, banks, cash machines, gas stations, and supermarkets. Ukrainian Railways and the communications company Ukrtelecom were among major enterprises hit, Infrastructure Minister Volodymyr Omelyan said in a Facebook post.

The virus hit the radiation-monitoring at Ukraine's shuttered Chernobyl power plant, site of the world's worst nuclear accident, forcing it into manual operation.

Multinational companies, including the global law firm DLA Piper and Danish shipping giant A.P. Moller-Maersk were also affected, although the firms didn't specify the extent of the damage.

Ukraine bore the brunt with more than 60 percent of the attacks, followed by Russia with more than 30 percent, according to initial findings by researchers at the cybersecurity firm Kaspersky Lab. It

listed Poland, Italy and Germany, in that order, as the next-worst affected.

In the U.S., two hospitals in western Pennsylvania were hit; patients reported on social media that some surgeries had to be rescheduled. A spokeswoman for Heritage Valley Health System would say only that operational changes had to be made. A Wellsville, Ohio, woman at one of its hospitals to have her gallbladder removed said she noticed computer monitors off and nurses scurrying around with stacks of paperwork.

Security experts said Tuesday's global cyberattack shares something in common with last month's outbreak of ransomware, dubbed WannaCry. Both spread using digital lock picks originally created by the NSA and later published to the web by a still-mysterious group known as the Shadowbrokers.

Security vendors including Bitdefender and Kaspersky said the NSA exploit, known as EternalBlue, lets malware spread rapidly across internal networks at companies and other large organizations. Microsoft issued a security fix in March, but Chris Wysopal, chief technology officer at the security firm Veracode, said it would only be effective if every single computer on a network were patched — otherwise, a single infected machine could infect all others.

"Once activated, the virus can automatically and freely distribute itself on your network," Ukraine's cyberpolice tweeted.

Bogdan Botezatu, an analyst with Bitdefender, compared such self-spreading software to a contagious disease. "It's like somebody sneezing into a train full of people," he said.

Ryan Kalember, a security expert at Proofpoint, said one reason the attacks appeared to

be slowing down was that the ransomware appears to spread only when a direct contact exists between two networks — such as when a global company's Ukraine office interacts with headquarters.

But once it hits a computer on a network, it spreads quickly, even among computers that have applied the fix for the NSA exploit.

"It's more harmful to the organization that it affects, but because it's not randomly spreading over the internet like WannaCry, it's somewhat contained to the organizations that were connected to each other," Kalember said.

Botezatu said the new program appeared nearly identical to GoldenEye, a variant of a known family of hostage-taking programs known as "Petya." It demanded \$300 in Bitcoin.

Unlike typical ransomware, which merely scrambles personal data files, the program wreaking havoc Tuesday overwrites a computer's master boot record, making it tougher to restore even a machine that has been backed up, said Kalember.

It may have first spread through a rogue update to a piece of Ukrainian accounting software called MEDoc, according to tweets by the country's cyberpolice unit. It said a rogue update seeded the infection across Ukraine. In a lengthy statement posted to Facebook, MEDoc acknowledged having been hacked.

The motives of those behind the malware remain unknown. Ukraine has been a persistent target of pro-Russian hackers, who are blamed for twice shutting down large swaths of its power grid in the dead of winter and sabotaging its elections system in a bid to disrupt May 2014 national elections.

**MORE TO THE STORY**

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The Community Involvement Team from Eaton Corporation poses with the sports and playground equipment they donated to the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club. CIT "Team Champion" Tyler Barrett is fourth from right.

# EATON

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That's how they found out about the plight of the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club.

"Margaret English, an Eaton employee, told us a little about the needs of the Boys & Girls Club," Barrett said. "She had helped them previously."

After her presentation, the CIT invited Ford to come to the meeting to talk about those needs.

Ford told them about the club's situation, and the team decided to find a way to help.

On Thursday, they found their decision to provide playground equipment was the right one.

"We were looking to help them out with their summer program," Barrett said. "When we got to their new home at the South Sumter Gym, we saw one basketball for about 50 kids and no other equipment at all."

"We took them \$1,000 worth of equipment. Two sets of 'recess balls' — 60 different balls — footballs, soccer balls, basketballs, baseballs, an aluminum bat and new mitts, jump ropes, hula hoops, softballs," he said. "I think it was enough to go around."

Once the Boys & Girls Club members saw all the donated equipment, they

were eager to start using it.

"The Eaton team stayed and played games with them for more than two hours," Ford said. "The kids loved it. They were ecstatic, so grateful."

Barrett said the CIT has participated in other community endeavors, too.

"We've gone to local nursing homes and done bingo to get involved and be a face for them," he said, "and we've helped out at the 'Angel Tree,'" a Salvation Army Christmas project that allows individuals or groups to "adopt" a needy child or family for the holiday.

Among their other outreach efforts, the CIT also sponsored four young people for the Stuff-A-Bus drive, providing non-perishable foods and toys for them.

Ford said CIT's involvement has really made the summer program special this year.

"It was great to see the kids' eyes light up," Barrett said, "and we had fun."

Ford said the club still needs to replace items lost last year.

"We need game tables, flat screen TVs, video game consoles and games and more," she said.

For more information about the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club and how you can make a tax-deductible contribution, contact Jean Ford at (803) 775-5006.

# COUNCIL FROM PAGE A1

Mixon said the company, which is allowed to operate in the county, requested that the rate be increased. He said the current rates are nearly \$20 per month.

In other news, council approved:

- A motion regarding a request to abandon a portion of McCrays Mill Road. Councilman Artie Baker said the request came from the citizens in the area. The motion was made during the public works and solid waste committee meeting held before council's regular meeting;

- Second reading of a request to rezone approximately .5 acres of a total 7.12-acre parcel at 2935 Broad Street from general residential to general commercial. Sumter City-County Planning Department Director George McGregor said rezoning the small tract of land would complete the pattern of commercial parcels along that stretch of Broad Street.

The applicant, Bill Nock, said there are no plans to develop the property and said selling the land could be a option.

- Second reading of an ordinance to authorize a permanent easement to Black River Electric Cooperative Inc. at the Black River Spec Building

where Sumter Easy Home LLC, a housewares manufacturing and distributing company, will be located; and

- Second reading of an ordinance to amend the county's code of ordinances regarding

purchasing regulations to include language stating that minorities and women are eligible to bid for contracts with the county. The amendment will also include procedures for making complaints regarding bids. Mixon said these are things that are practiced today but the code of ordi-

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# Google hit with record fine by EU

BRUSSELS (AP) — After a seven-year legal battle, European authorities came down hard on Google on Tuesday for taking advantage of its dominance in on-line searches to direct customers to its own businesses, fining the tech giant a record \$2.72 billion and raising the prospect of more.

A years-long analysis of Google's online search results showed that the company lists links to its own online shopping services above those of rivals, European regulators said. On average, Google lists search results to its biggest rivals in online shopping only on page 4 — and smaller rivals even lower. That's a huge advantage for Google when 90 percent of use-clicks are on page one.

The ruling that Google is taking advantage of its market dominance in on-line searches paves the way for a broader crackdown by the European Union, which is investigating several other Google businesses, like its online images and travel businesses.

"What Google has done is illegal under EU antitrust rules. It denied other companies the chance to compete on the merits and to innovate. And most importantly, it denied European consumers a genuine choice of services and the full benefits of innovation," EU Competition Commis-

sioner Margrethe Vestager told reporters.

To avoid more pain in Europe, Google will have to change the way it does business in the region. It has 90 days to stop favoring its own links to online shopping or face more fines of up to 5 percent of the average daily worldwide revenue of parent company Alphabet.

Google says it is considering an appeal and maintains it's just trying to package its search results in a way that makes it easier for consumers to find what they want.

"We will review the Commission's decision in detail as we consider an appeal, and we look forward to continuing to make our case," said Kent Walker, senior vice president at Google, in a statement.

When it comes to online shopping, a big problem is that consumers don't spend enough time doing different searches, and instead they focus on Google searches to find the best price, experts say. And there are plenty of search tools — from *Camelcamelcamel.com*, which tracks Amazon prices over time, to eBates, a shopping portal that offers coupons and cash back from 2,000 online retailers.

Internet consultant Sucharita Mulpuru-Kodal urges shoppers to go directly to retailers' sites to find the best deals.



Scientist Christopher Kistler checks on experiments in a laboratory at the Merck company facilities in Kenilworth, New Jersey.

# Merck says new type of cholesterol drug worked in late-stage study

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Merck & Co. said Tuesday that a new type of cholesterol drug reduced heart attacks, deaths and other complications of heart disease in a huge, late-stage study.

The positive result was a welcome surprise because three previous experimental drugs of the same type had failed.

Merck's pill, anacetrapib, might eventually give high-risk heart patients a new option to add to cholesterol treatments that have helped prevent millions of heart attacks, strokes and deaths from heart disease. Cheap generics don't cut those risks enough for many people, while two new cholesterol drugs cost \$14,000 a year or more, so insurers have

been restricting coverage.

The Merck drug works by blocking a protein called CETP. That's a different way to control cholesterol than that of widely used, now-generic statins such as Lipitor and Crestor and the newer injected drugs, Repatha and Praluent.

Anacetrapib was thought to benefit patients mainly by increasing HDL, or "good" cholesterol. Over time, Merck found it also significantly lowered "bad" cholesterol, or LDL, increasing the drug's ability to prevent artery-clogging build-ups of fatty plaques that can trigger heart attacks and strokes.

The company-funded study included 30,000 people, who were followed for more than four years. Half got the drug

and the rest got dummy pills. Both groups also took atorvastatin pills, or generic Lipitor.

The size and duration of the study increased the chances that it would produce a positive result. Still, that might be just a modest improvement, Evercore ISI analyst Umer Raffat wrote to investors Tuesday.

Kenilworth, New Jersey-based Merck said it won't release detailed study results until Aug. 29, at a European conference of heart specialists. That's standard practice, but Merck raised questions about how well the medicine works by noting the company will consult with outside experts before deciding whether to seek regulatory approval to sell the drug.

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## COMMENTARY

# Were the Confederate generals traitors?

My “Rewriting American History” column of a fortnight ago, about the dismantling of Confederate monuments, generated considerable mail. Some argued there should not be statues honoring traitors such as Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson and Jefferson Davis, who fought against the Union. Victors of wars get to write the history, and the history they write often does not reflect the facts. Let’s look at some of the facts and ask: Did the South have a right to secede from the Union? If it did, we can’t label Confederate generals as traitors.



**Walter Williams**

Article 1 of the Treaty of Paris (1783), which ended the war between the Colonies and Great Britain, held “New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, to be free sovereign and Independent States.” Representatives of these states came together in Philadelphia in 1787 to write a constitution and form a union.

During the ratification debates, Virginia’s delegates said, “The powers granted under the Constitution being derived from the people of the United States may be resumed by them whensoever the same shall be perverted to their injury or oppression.” The ratification documents of New York and Rhode Island expressed similar sentiments.

At the Constitutional Convention, a proposal was made to allow the federal government to suppress a seceding state. James Madison, the “Father of the Constitution,” rejected it. The minutes from the debate paraphrased his opinion: “A union of the states containing such an ingredient (would) provide for its own destruction. The use of force against a state would look more like a declaration of war than an infliction of punishment and would probably be considered by the party attacked as a dissolution of all previous compacts by which it might be bound.”

America’s first secessionist movement started in New England after the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. Many were infuriated by what they saw as an unconstitutional act by President Thomas Jefferson. The movement was led by Timothy Pickering of Massachusetts, George Washington’s secretary of war and secretary of state. He later became a congressman and senator. “The principles of our Revolution point to the remedy — a separation,” Pickering wrote to George Cabot in 1803, for “the people of the East cannot reconcile their habits, views, and interests with those of the South and West.” His Senate colleague James Hillhouse of Connecticut agreed, saying, “The Eastern states must and will dissolve the union and form a separate government.” This call for secession was shared by other prominent Americans, such as John Quincy Adams, Elbridge Gerry, Fisher Ames, Josiah Quincy III and Joseph Story. The call failed to garner support at the 1814-15 Hartford Convention.

The U.S. Constitution would have never been ratified — and a union never created — if the people of those 13 “free sovereign and Independent States” did not believe that they had the right to secede. Even on the eve of the War of 1861, unionist politicians saw secession as a right that states had. Rep. Jacob M. Kunkel of Maryland said, “Any attempt to preserve the union between the states of this Confederacy by force would be impractical and destructive of republican liberty.” The Northern Democratic and Republican parties favored allowing the South to secede in peace.

Northern newspapers editorialized in favor of the South’s right to secede. *New-York Tribune* (Feb. 5, 1860): “If tyranny and despotism justified the Revolution of 1776, then we do not see why it would not justify the secession of Five Millions of Southrons from the Federal Union in 1861.” *The Detroit Free Press* (Feb. 19, 1861): “An attempt to subjugate the seceded States, even if successful, could produce nothing but evil — evil unmitigated in character and appalling in extent.” *The New-York Times* (March 21, 1861): “There is a growing sentiment throughout the North in favor of letting the Gulf States go.”

Confederate generals were fighting for independence from the Union just as George Washington and other generals fought for independence from Great Britain. Those who’d label Gen. Robert E. Lee as a traitor might also label George Washington as a traitor. I’m sure Great Britain’s King George III would have agreed.

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

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AFTER FURTHER REVIEW BY THE SUPREME COURT, THE RULING ON THE FIELD IS OVERTURNED. FIRST DOWN, TRUMP TRAVEL BAN.

# What South Carolina can teach the nation about industrial recruitment

The S.C. Technical College System’s readySC program is heralded across the nation as the premier economic development training program. Established in 1961, it was the first of its kind — an economic-development incentive for industry looking to locate or expand in South Carolina.

ReadySC provided these businesses with a trained workforce. Over the years, the level and complexity of skills required by companies have changed dramatically, but the overall goal remains the same. ReadySC strives to make sure that client organizations have the right people with the right knowledge, skills and abilities in place at the right time for a quick and successful startup or expansion.

Our program works with industry to provide classroom, lab and on-the-job learning for high-tech, high-skill and high-wage jobs in advanced manufacturing. Today’s manufacturing workers must possess a completely different skill set than that of previous generations, utilizing such technologies as 3-D printing, augmented reality and robotics on the shop floor. And they are more often required to work and communicate as a team, think critically and creatively solve problems.

This program works to meet the recruitment and training needs of industry partners such as Boeing, Bosch, Giti Tire, GKN, Mercedes-Benz, Michelin, Toray Composites and Volvo. The genius of this program — and the core insight it offers Washington policymakers looking to scale up broader solutions for the national economy — is its flexibility and on-the-ground partnership with the industries that do the hiring and know what skills they need.

## COMMENTARY



**Dr. Tim Hardee**

Boeing provides an excellent example. Boeing personnel worked alongside the readySC training team to develop an intensive career and technical education new-hire

program. The company also advised our local technical colleges in the design and validation of more than 200 courses. In addition, Boeing worked closely with readySC in providing materials and expertise to help us create a realistic simulated work environment. After 10 weeks of work-based learning provided by readySC, trainees seamlessly transition into six weeks of specialized job-specific instruction offered by the company’s personnel. From the trainee’s perspective, it is one cohesive training program from start to finish. This unified approach can be attributed to the hand-in-glove nature of the partnership.

The result is a skilled pipeline that has placed more than 6,000 trainees in jobs at Boeing South Carolina. And Boeing is expanding its partnership into a high school program that includes an on-site registered apprenticeship. Because of the success of the readySC-Boeing partnership, Boeing South Carolina was transformed in only a few years from a relatively small supplier outpost into a cutting-edge factory that is building the most advanced wide-body airliner there is — the 787 Dreamliner.

This partnership approach is replicated across all our projects, large, small and in between. A

workforce development training program only works if it is shaped to fit real jobs and if trainees coming through it are truly prepared and ready to succeed.

It’s a model for the Congress as it turns to workforce issues and fulfilling the president’s promise to communities being left behind by the tidal forces of globalization, automation and trade.

A lynchpin of this effort should be the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act. This bill is based on the core insights of readySC: hand-in-glove cooperation with hiring industries and resources focused on narrow, practical job skills we know are needed for the high-quality jobs that exist in the market today. Companies such as Boeing with deep experience in building and sustaining a modern American workforce have strongly supported this approach.

The legislation, co-sponsored by South Carolina’s Rep. Joe Wilson amongst others, passed the U.S. House on Thursday with overwhelming support and should now be taken up by the Senate and enacted into law.

It’s a real win as it applies to jobs. Taking a model we know has worked in states such as South Carolina and scaling it up so communities across the country can provide students highly effective career and technical education, so they can be hired into the in-demand, well-paying, high-skill jobs that America’s employers are desperate to fill.

*Dr. Hardee is president of the S.C. Technical College System. He is the former president of Central Carolina Technical College in Sumter. Contact him via readySC-support@sctechsystem.edu.*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### MEDIA PERSONALITIES ARE BEHIND OPINION

In response to Mr. Lee Roy Campbell’s letter on June 20. I stand by my opinion of Democrats being stupid. Any one with an ounce of brain matter left in their heads can watch TV, listen to the news or whatever people do to gather their “information” and form an opinion. But I thought I would enlighten you on reasons why I formed this opinion.

1. Chris Matthews. Hates conservatives. Always has, always will.
2. Rachel Maddow. Hates conservatives. Hates men.
3. Don Lemon. Hates conservatives. Hates white people.

4. Maxine Waters hates conservatives but can’t remember why.

I could go on and on with media “personalities,” but I think I made my point. I turned on the TV early this morning. Had to get my morning laugh, so I tuned in to “Morning Jo(k)e.” Needless to say, I didn’t have to wait long at all to hear Joe say, “well, we really didn’t expect to win that Georgia seat.” I’m not sure of the numbers, but the Left dumped millions of dollars to Ossoff’s campaign. Even Hollywood chipped in a bunch. So, if Mr. Scarborough is correct, the Democrats spent a ton of money on an election they knew they were going to lose. Mr. Campbell, wouldn’t you call that “stupid”? Oh, al-

most forgot. Last night, Rachel Maddow suggested that bad weather might have been a factor in Mr. Ossoff’s “stunning defeat.” I am so glad that YouTube was created, because every time I start feeling down, I load up videos of “Miss” Maddow, describing how there was no way ... no way, Trump was going to win the nomination, much less the presidency. The look on her face when Trump won. Too funny. Mr. Campbell, feel free to sling the mud. I only ask that you make sure it IS mud. It does have the same texture as, well, you know, the same stuff the liberal media is trying to get everyone to believe.

DENNIS E. VICKERS  
Wedgfield

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### AA, AL-ANON, ALATEEN:

**AA** — Monday-Friday, noon and 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., 1 Warren St. (803) 775-1852.

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

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

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

**441 AA Support Group** — Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, 8:30 p.m., Hair Force, 2090-D S.C. 441.

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

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

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

### MONDAY MEETINGS:

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

### TUESDAY MEETINGS:

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

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

**Mothers of Angels (for mothers who have lost a child)** — First Tuesday at noon and third Tuesday at 6 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church. Call (803) 469-6059, (803) 979-4498, (803) 469-4506 or (803) 938-8544.

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

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

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

**Sumter Chapter Parents of Mur-**

**dered Children (POMC)** — Third Tuesday, 5:30-7 p.m., Birnie HOPE Center, 210 S. Purdy St.

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

### WEDNESDAY MEETINGS:

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

**Divorce Care** — Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Baptist Church, 2401 Bethel Church Road. Call (803) 481-2160.

**Grief Share** — Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Baptist Church, 2401 Bethel Church Road. Call (803) 481-2160.

### THURSDAY MEETINGS:

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

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

**Journey of Hope (for family members of the mentally ill), Journey to Recovery (for the mentally ill) and Survivors of Suicide Support Group** — Each group meets every first Thursday, 7 p.m., St. John United Methodist Church, 136 Poinsett Drive. Call (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). Help with struggles of alcohol, drugs, family problems, etc.

**Wateree AIDS Task Force Support Group** — Third Friday, 11:30 a.m., 508 W. Liberty St. Call (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 (803) 481-7521.

### SUNDAY MEETINGS:

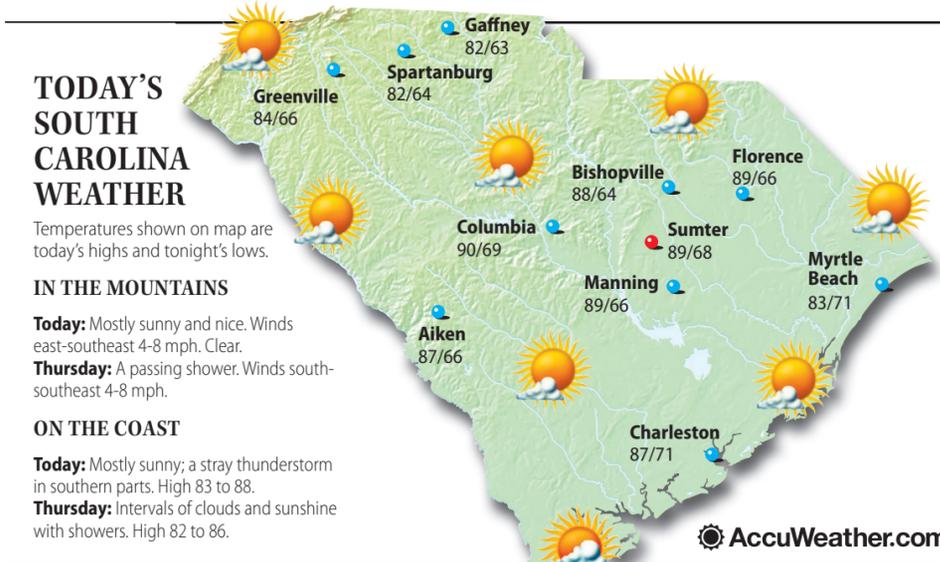
**Sumter MS Support Group** — First Sunday, 3 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church, 2751 S. Wise Drive. Call (803) 481-5344 or (803) 464-6440. Email [I.am.me.not.ms@gmail.com](mailto:I.am.me.not.ms@gmail.com) or [ms-miles013@gmail.com](mailto:ms-miles013@gmail.com).

# WEATHER

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## AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly sunny and beautiful	Clear	Partly sunny and pleasant	A stray afternoon thunderstorm	Clouds limiting sun	A couple of afternoon t-storms
89°	68°	87° / 70°	86° / 72°	89° / 74°	92° / 74°
Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 45%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 60%
ENE 6-12 mph	SSE 3-6 mph	SE 4-8 mph	ESE 3-6 mph	WSW 6-12 mph	W 6-12 mph



## LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 4 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
High	86°		90°	68°	103° in 1954	58° in 2012
Low	67°		68°	68°		
Normal high	90°					
Normal low	68°					
Record high	103° in 1954					
Record low	58° in 2012					

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 4 p.m. yest.	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date	Last year to date	Normal year to date
24 hrs ending 4 p.m. yest.	0.00"	3.26"	4.68"	21.43"	24.69"	22.30"
Month to date						
Normal month to date						
Year to date						
Last year to date						
Normal year to date						

## LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	358.02	-0.04
Marion	76.8	75.52	-0.05
Moultrie	75.5	75.25	+0.03
Wateree	100	98.23	+0.40

## RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	6.40	+0.28
Congaree River	19	3.71	-0.10
Lynches River	14	5.52	-0.30
Saluda River	14	3.53	-0.07
Up. Santee River	80	77.51	-0.30
Wateree River	24	9.84	-1.98

## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:13 a.m.	Sunset	8:37 p.m.
Moonrise	11:11 a.m.	Moonset	none
First	June 30	Last	July 16
Full	July 8	New	July 23

## TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	1:03 a.m.	3.5	8:05 a.m.	-0.3
	1:43 p.m.	3.0	8:17 p.m.	-0.1
Thu.	1:55 a.m.	3.3	8:57 a.m.	-0.2
	2:39 p.m.	2.9	9:14 p.m.	0.2

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	87/70/s	80/69/t
Chicago	83/69/t	86/69/t
Dallas	92/76/pc	94/78/pc
Detroit	80/66/s	85/69/c
Houston	87/75/t	89/78/t
Los Angeles	78/62/pc	78/62/pc
New Orleans	84/73/t	82/76/t
New York	79/67/s	85/72/pc
Oriando	86/72/t	88/73/t
Philadelphia	81/65/s	88/74/s
Phoenix	110/82/s	108/81/s
San Francisco	68/54/pc	69/56/pc
Wash., DC	83/67/s	91/75/s

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Asheville	79/60/s	80/64/t	Florence	89/66/s	88/70/pc
Athens	87/67/s	82/68/t	Gainesville	87/72/t	88/73/t
Augusta	91/70/s	86/72/t	Gastonia	84/64/s	85/68/pc
Beaufort	88/74/pc	86/74/sh	Goldsboro	85/63/s	88/68/s
Cape Hatteras	84/72/s	85/75/pc	Goose Creek	86/69/t	85/72/pc
Charleston	87/71/t	86/73/pc	Greensboro	81/63/s	85/65/s
Charlotte	85/65/s	86/67/pc	Greenville	84/66/s	83/67/pc
Clemson	86/68/s	83/69/t	Hickory	81/63/s	83/65/pc
Columbia	90/69/s	87/71/pc	Hilton Head	86/73/s	84/74/sh
Darlington	88/65/s	89/70/pc	Jacksonville, FL	85/73/t	86/74/t
Elizabeth City	81/67/s	87/70/s	La Grange	88/71/pc	80/71/t
Elizabethtown	88/63/s	87/68/pc	Macon	88/71/pc	81/70/t
Fayetteville	88/66/s	90/71/pc	Marietta	86/69/s	82/69/t

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

## PUBLIC AGENDA

**LEE COUNTY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING**  
Today, 9:30 a.m., second floor, courthouse, main court room, 123 N. Main St., Bishopville

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

**TOWN OF SUMMERTON CALLED COUNCIL MEETING**  
Today, 1 p.m., 10 Main St., Summerton

**SUMTER CITY-COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Today, 3 p.m., Opera House, 21 N.

Main St., fourth floor

**CLARENDON COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**  
Thursday, 9 a.m., Administration Building, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning

**SUMTER COUNTY DISABILITIES & SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD INC. CREATIVE ENVIRONMENTS INC. INDEPENDENT LIVING INC. ABILITIES UNLIMITED INC. ADAPTIVE LIFESTYLES INC. MAGNOLIA MANOR INC. FIRST FLIGHT INC.**  
Thursday, 10 a.m., 750 Electric Drive. Call 778-1669, extension 119

## The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Let imagination help you out when

dealing with children, your romantic partner or someone looking for a handout. Preparation will be your saving grace. Don't give in to the powers of persuasion and pressure.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Make plans that will help transform your home into a place you want to spend time and entertain others. Making room for guests and creating a warm, friendly environment will lead to good times.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): An emotional incident will develop if you or someone you're dealing with isn't honest or upfront with information. Put efforts into creative endeavors that calm your nerves and encourage personal growth. Subdue your emotions.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Check out job opportunities or group activities that will improve your life and situation. Let emotions and intuition help you make the best choices for you. Don't let someone else bully you.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Behind-the-scenes activities can be expected. Someone may try to outmaneuver you or manipulate your next move. Don't make drastic changes without first stabilizing your current position.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Rely on intuition when dealing with others. Partnerships look favorable and can help you bring about changes you desire. A physical challenge will revitalize you and make you feel good about what you've achieved. Make health a priority.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It's best not to offer your opinion until you have all the facts. Acting on a hunch or an assumption will turn into a costly financial or emotional situation. Things aren't as they appear. Offer patience and understanding.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll see through anyone who tries to lead you astray. Your insight into what works and what doesn't will help you conquer goals. Partnerships are encouraged, and collaborating with talented people looks promising.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It's important to be straightforward when discussing joint ventures, finances or a job you're expected to finish. Emotions will swell if you give someone the wrong impression. Keep life simple and honest and live within your means.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll come up with some good ideas that will prompt changes within your relationships. Don't just talk about what you want to do, make good on your plans. A trip that includes learning as well as enjoyment is favored.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Examine the possibility of making changes to your residence, lifestyle or financial dealings. Make alterations that will ease your stress. Expanding your assets looks promising, but may cause concern for someone you're in a partnership with.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Personal change that alter your appearance or the way others view you is favored. Attend a function that allows you to voice your opinions and present what you have to offer. Romance is in the stars.

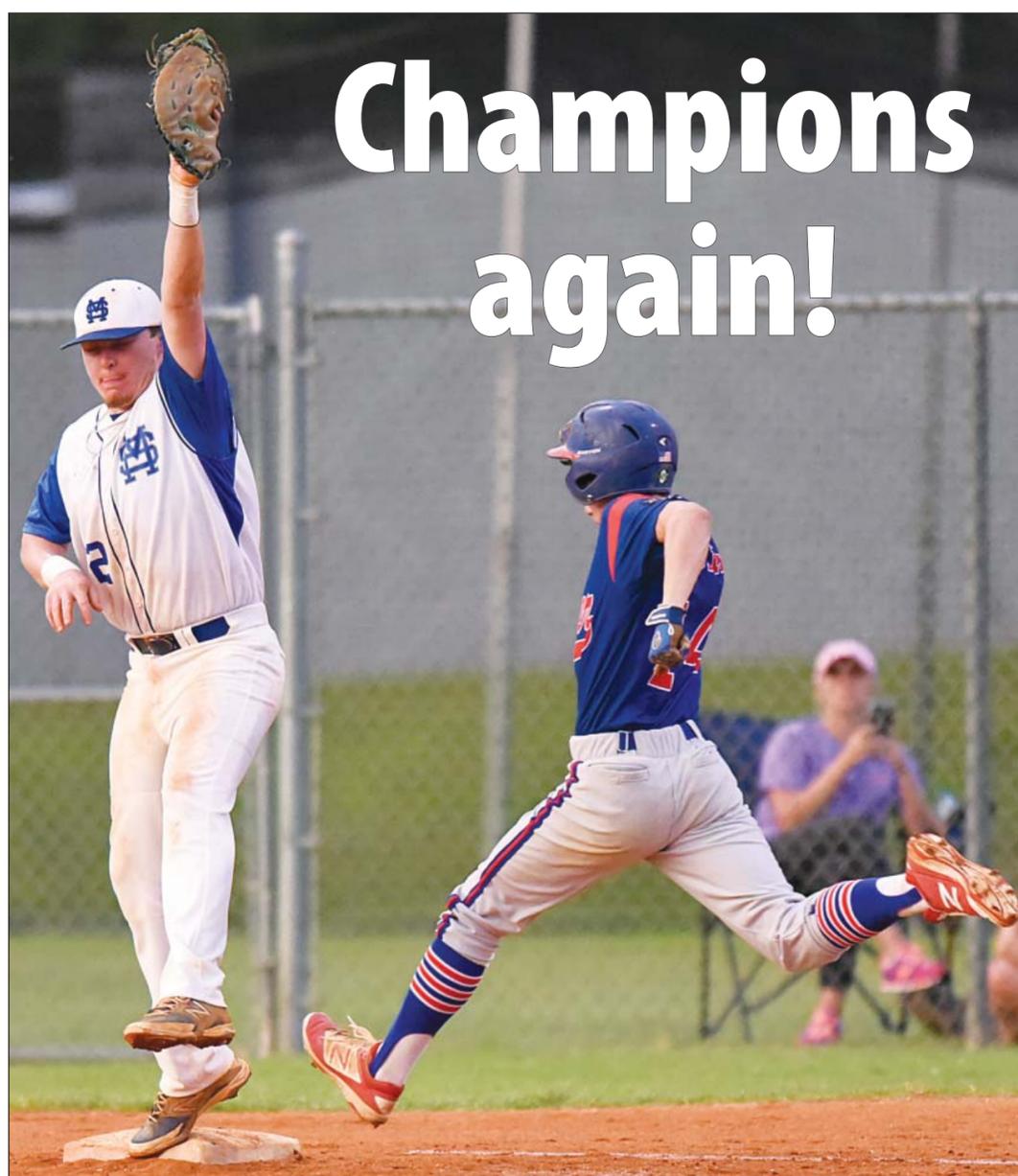
## SUMTER ANIMAL CONTROL PET OF THE WEEK



Pearl needs a special person in her life. We do not know what Pearl has gone through in her young life. This small / medium very young adult dog was found running loose. She is frightened and confused being in a loud shelter environment. Volunteers who have spent time with her say she responds to being petted and verbal prompts and they feel that with time and reassurance Pearl will gain confidence. Although frightened, Pearl is a gentle girl. She is much less stressed when she is away from the chaos of the shelter. Pearl is a deserving girl who needs someone to step up for her and give her a chance at a loving life. Foundlings like Pearl require patience, consistency and, most of all, someone to love them enough to teach them to trust. If you are interested in adopting Pearl, please do not delay. Go to Sumter Animal Control, 1240 Winkles Road, (803) 436-2066, NOW and ask to see Pearl in kennel 28.

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

## AMERICAN LEGION



# Champions again!

RICK CARPENTER / THE SUMTER ITEM

Manning-Santee first baseman Trent Frye reaches high for a throw as Sumter's Ryan Touchberry races to first on an infield hit in the P-15's 14-2 win on Tuesday at Monarch Field in Manning.

## P-15's score another League III title with a 14-2 win over Manning

BY EDDIE LITAKER

Special to *The Sumter Item*

MANNING — The coronation is complete. Sumter Post 15 claimed yet another American Legion baseball League III regular-season crown on Tuesday, run-ruling Manning-Santee 14-2 in seven innings at Monarch Field behind a combined 4-hitter from Rylan Williamson and Daniel Twitty. M-S reached Williamson for two runs in the first two innings and he walked Trent Frye to open the third inning. From that point on, Williamson retired the next 12 batters. Twitty then came on to put Post 68 down in order to close the game, striking out two of the three batters he faced. Manning starter Braydon Osteen caught Sumter leadoff hitter Courtland Howard looking at Strike 3 to open the game before running into trouble. The

P-15's put up two runs in the first and three in the second before chasing Osteen with two outs in the second. Jake Jordan came on with runners at first and second and Post 68 trailing 5-1 and induced a fly ball to center from Ryan Touchberry with his first pitch to end the frame.

After the strikeout of Howard, Osteen walked Caleb Larrimore and hit Dawson Price with a pitch. Both advanced on a double steal, with a Rylan Williamson single scoring Larrimore. Williamson broke for second, with Post 68 catcher Connor Floyd's throw to third getting past third baseman Frye, allowing Price to score.

Osteen would walk Joey Pereira and hit Ryan Touchberry with a pitch before Lathan Todd

SEE **CHAMPIONS**, PAGE B3

## PRO BASEBALL

# Montgomery's strong showing

Left-hander allowed 5 hits, struck out 8 and walked 1 in victory over White Sox

BY MATT CARLSON

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Not much has come easy for the New York Yankees over the past two weeks. Not even the wins.

Jordan Montgomery matched his season high with seven solid innings and closer Aroldis Chapman shut down a ninth-inning rally just in time, lifting the Yankees over the Chicago White Sox 6-5 on Monday night.

New York led 6-1 entering the ninth, but Yankees reliever Chasen Shreve gave up a three-run homer to Tim Anderson and Chapman allowed an RBI double to Jose Abreu.

Chapman retired Avisail Garcia and Todd Frazier to finish his eighth save and first since returning from the disabled list a week ago.

"The way things have been going, we'll take it right now," said Chase Headley, who had three hits and an RBI. "It's not always pretty, but we had to find a way to win."

Recently recalled outfielder Tyler Austin lined a solo homer and had a sacrifice fly for New York, which won for the third time in 13 games to keep pace with Boston atop the AL East.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York starter Jordan Montgomery delivers a pitch in the Yankees' 6-5 win against the Chicago White Sox on Monday in Chicago. Montgomery improved to 4-0 in his past five starts.

"It was a big-time win for us," Austin said. "They tried to make a little comeback there in the ninth, but Chappy, as he always does, shut the door."

Yankees second baseman Starlin Castro returned to the starting lineup after getting a shot in his wrist Saturday, but strained his right hamstring running out a grounder in the third.

He was replaced by Rob Refsny-

der in bottom of the inning.

Manager Joe Girardi said Castro would get an MRI on Tuesday. He wouldn't speculate how long the infielder might be sidelined.

"When I tried to run, I was just feeling something tight," Castro said.

SEE **MONTGOMERY**, PAGE B5

# Post 17 rolls past Dalzell-Shaw 14-2

BY TOM DIDATO

Special to *The Sumter Item*

CAMDEN — Needing a win to sew up second place in League III, Camden scored 10 runs in the first three innings and cruised to a 14-2 win over visiting Dalzell-Shaw on Tuesday at American Legion Park in a game stopped after seven innings by the 10-run mercy rule.

The victory was the seventh in a row for Post 17, which improved to 8-3 in league play and 11-3 overall. The Jets fell to 2-9 heading into Friday's regular-season finale between the two sides to be played at General Field in Dalzell.

Jay Lynch went the first six innings for Camden, improving to 3-1 in league play. The right-hander allowed one run on three hits while striking out six batters before giving way to John Bradley, who allowed a run in the seventh.

The hosts staked Lynch to a 7-0 lead before the Jets reached the scoreboard with an unearned run in the third as Dayton Ingram got on with a leadoff single to center before moving to second on a Josh Barnett single to put runners on first and second with no outs. Ingram scored on Gavin Melton's 1-out fielders' choice on which an error brought the visitor's first run across.

Before that, however, Camden got to Ingram for three runs in the first before tacking on three more in the second.

The Jets committed an error in each frame to help Post 17 along.

Still, Camden had three hits in the first and two more in the second with Nick Butler's 2-run double in the second making it 5-0. Butler would score the sixth run on Justin Dorton's sacrifice fly to left, which brought in two runs as Butler scored from third on the play

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## PRO BASKETBALL



AP FILE PHOTO

Oklahoma City guard Russell Westbrook (0) was named NBA MVP on Monday at the 2017 NBA Awards in New York.

# Russell Westbrook takes MVP; Rockets, Bucks get 2 awards

BY BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — Russell Westbrook moved past Oscar Robertson and kept right on going to the top of the NBA.

Westbrook was voted MVP on Monday night after setting a record with 42 triple-doubles during his historic season. He led the league with 31.6 points and added 10.7 rebounds and 10.4 assists per game, joining Robertson as the only players to average a triple-double for the season and breaking Robertson's single-season record of 41 triple-doubles in 1961-62.

"I remember growing up just being home, playing the video games and stuff with my pops, and my mom sitting there and my brother and just talking about maybe one day I could be the MVP. Obviously I was joking at the time," Westbrook said.

"But now to be standing here with this trophy next to me is a true blessing, man, and it's an unbelievable feeling, something that I can never imagine."

Westbrook's victory ended the first NBA Awards show, which included two wins apiece for the Houston Rockets and Milwaukee Bucks.

He received 69 first-place votes and 888 points from a panel of 100 media members and a fan vote to easily beat Houston's James Harden, who had 22 first-place votes and 753 points. Kawhi Leonard was third with nine first-place votes and 500 points.

Westbrook succeeded Stephen Curry, who had won the past two MVP awards. The point guard who plays with defiance on the court got choked up during an acceptance speech in which he brought some teammates onto the stage with him.

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## SCOREBOARD

## TV, RADIO

## TODAY

**2 p.m.** - International Soccer: FIFA Confederations Cup Semifinal Match from Kazan, Russia - Portugal vs. Chile (FOX SPORTS 1).

**3:30 p.m.** - Major League Baseball: Colorado at San Francisco or Philadelphia at Seattle (MLB NETWORK).

**6:05 p.m.** - Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).

**7 p.m.** - Major League Baseball: Texas at Cleveland or Chicago Cubs at Washington (MLB NETWORK).

**7 p.m.** - International Swimming: U.S. Championships from Indianapolis (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

**8 p.m.** - College Baseball: College World Series Finals Series Game Three from Omaha, Neb. - Louisiana State vs. Florida (If Necessary) (ESPN).

**8 p.m.** - International Soccer: U.S. Open Cup Round-of-16 Match - Chicago at FC Cincinnati (ESPN2).

**9 p.m.** - International Soccer: Ghana vs. Mexico from Houston (UNIVISION).

**10 p.m.** - Major League Baseball: Atlanta at San Diego (WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7, FOX SPORTS SOUTH-EAST).

**11 p.m.** - Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at Los Angeles Angels or Atlanta at San Diego (Joined In Progress) (MLB NETWORK).

**4:30 a.m.** - Professional Golf: European PGA Tour HNA Open de France First Round from Paris (GOLF).

## COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

By The Associated Press

**At TD Ameritrade Park, Omaha, Neb. (Double Elimination; x-if necessary)**

## JUNE 17

**Game 1** - Oregon State 6, Cal State Fullerton 5

**Game 2** - LSU 5, Florida State 4

## JUNE 18

**Game 3** - Louisville 8, Texas A&M 4

**Game 4** - Florida 3, TCU 0

## JUNE 19

**Game 5** - Florida State 6, Cal State Fullerton 4, CSF eliminated

**Game 6** - Oregon State 13, LSU 1

## JUNE 20

**Game 7** - TCU 4, Texas A&M 1, Texas A&M eliminated

**Game 8** - Florida 5, Louisville 1

## JUNE 21

**Game 9** - LSU 7, Florida State 4, FSU eliminated

**Game 10** - TCU 4, Louisville 3, Louisville eliminated

## JUNE 22

**Game 11** - LSU 3, Oregon State 1

**Game 12** - TCU 9, Florida 2

## JUNE 23

**x-Game 13** - LSU 6, Oregon State 1, LSU advances

**x-Game 14** - Florida 3, TCU 0, Florida advances

## CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

(Best-of-3)

**Monday:** Florida 4, LSU 3, Florida leads series 1-0

**Tuesday:** LSU (52-19) vs. Florida (51-19), 8 p.m.

**x-Wednesday:** LSU vs. Florida, 8 p.m.

## MLB STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

## EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	41	33	.554	—
Boston	42	34	.553	—
Tampa Bay	40	38	.513	3
Baltimore	37	38	.493	4½
Toronto	36	39	.480	5½

## CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	40	35	.533	—
Minnesota	39	35	.527	½
Kansas City	37	37	.500	2½
Detroit	33	42	.440	7
Chicago	32	43	.427	8

## WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	52	25	.675	—
Los Angeles	41	39	.513	12½
Seattle	39	39	.500	13½
Texas	38	38	.500	13½
Oakland	34	42	.447	17½

## MONDAY'S GAMES

Boston 4, Minnesota 1  
Cleveland 15, Texas 9  
N.Y. Yankees 6, Chicago White Sox 5  
L.A. Angels 4, L.A. Dodgers 0

## TUESDAY'S GAMES

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

## TODAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia (Leiter Jr. 1-0) at Seattle (Hernandez 3-2), 3:40 p.m.  
Tampa Bay (Snell 0-4) at Pittsburgh (Nova 7-5), 7:05 p.m.  
Baltimore (Miley 3-5) at Toronto (Stroman 7-4), 7:07 p.m.  
Kansas City (Kennedy 1-6) at Detroit (Norris 4-5), 7:10 p.m.  
Minnesota (Mejia 2-3) at Boston (Porcello 4-9), 7:10 p.m.  
Texas (Darvish 6-5) at Cleveland (Bauer 6-6), 7:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 5-7) at Chicago White Sox (Rodon 0-0), 8:10 p.m.  
Oakland (Hahn 3-5) at Houston (Paulino 2-0), 8:10 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 3-6) at L.A. Angels (Meyer 3-4), 10:07 p.m.

## THURSDAY'S GAMES

Texas at Cleveland, 12:10 p.m.  
Kansas City at Detroit, 1:10 p.m.  
Oakland at Houston, 2:10 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.  
Baltimore at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.  
Minnesota at Boston, 7:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

**BATTING**—Dickerson, Tampa Bay, .330; Judge, New York, .330; Ramirez, Cleveland, .326; Garcia, Chicago, .325; Altuve, Houston, .319; Bogaerts, Boston, .316; Castro, New York, .313; Smoak, Toronto, .304; Correa, Houston, .303; Hosmer, Kansas City, .303.  
**RUNS**—Judge, New York, 67; Springer, Houston, 57; Dickerson, Tampa Bay, 56; Castro, New York, 52; Correa, Houston, 52; Ramirez, Cleveland, 51; Altuve, Houston, 49; Gardner, New York, 49; 3 tied at 48.  
**RBI**—Judge, New York, 59; Cruz, Seattle, 58; Morrison, Tampa Bay, 54; Sano, Minnesota, 52; Cano, Seattle, 51; Garcia, Chicago, 51; Pujols, Los Angeles, 51; Davis, Oakland, 49; Upton, Detroit, 49; 5 tied at 48.  
**HITS**—Dickerson, Tampa Bay, 99; Altuve, Houston, 92; Castro, New York, 92; Garcia, Chicago, 92; Ramirez, Cleveland, 92; Bogaerts, Boston, 90; Andrus, Texas, 89; Abreu, Chicago, 88; Judge, New York, 86; Hosmer, Kansas City, 85.  
**DOUBLES**—Betts, Boston, 25; Lowrie, Oakland, 24; Ramirez, Cleveland, 24; Schoop, Baltimore, 22; Altuve, Houston, 21; Lindor, Cleveland, 21; Bogaerts, Boston, 20; Dickerson, Tampa Bay, 20; Pillar, Toronto, 19; 9 tied at 18.  
**TRIPLES**—Bogaerts, Boston, 4; Castellanos, Detroit, 4; Ramirez, Cleveland, 4; Sanchez, Chicago, 4; 7 tied at 3.  
**HOME RUNS**—Judge, New York, 26; Morrison, Tampa Bay, 22; Springer, Houston, 22; Gallo, Texas, 20; Smoak, Toronto, 20; Davis, Oakland, 19; Moustakas, Kansas City, 19; Sano,

Minnesota, 18; 5 tied at 17.  
**STOLEN BASES**—Maybin, Los Angeles, 24; Andrus, Texas, 18; DeShields, Texas, 18; Dyson, Seattle, 18; Cain, Kansas City, 14; Buxton, Minnesota, 13; Simmons, Los Angeles, 13; Altuve, Houston, 12; Betts, Boston, 12; Pillar, Toronto, 11; 4 tied at 10.  
**PITCHING**—Vargas, Kansas City, 11-3; Sale, Boston, 10-3; Santana, Minnesota, 10-4; Keuchel, Houston, 9-0; Bundy, Baltimore, 8-6; Carrasco, Cleveland, 8-3; 6 tied at 7.  
**ERA**—Vargas, Kansas City, 2.29; McCullers, Houston, 2.54; Sale, Boston, 2.77; Santana, Minnesota, 2.80; Darvish, Texas, 3.12; Fulmer, Detroit, 3.29; Severino, New York, 3.30; Sabathia, New York, 3.47; Montgomery, New York, 3.53; Carrasco, Cleveland, 3.67; 1 tied at 3.69.  
**STRIKEOUTS**—Sale, Boston, 155; Archer, Tampa Bay, 126; Darvish, Texas, 109; Estrada, Toronto, 102; McCullers, Houston, 97; Carrasco, Cleveland, 96; Severino, New York, 95; Bauer, Cleveland, 93; Kluber, Cleveland, 93; Porcello, Boston, 93; 2 tied at 88.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

## EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	45	31	.592	—
Atlanta	36	39	.480	8½
Miami	34	40	.459	10
New York	34	41	.453	10½
Philadelphia	24	51	.320	20½

## CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	41	37	.526	—
Chicago	39	37	.513	1
St. Louis	35	40	.467	4½
Pittsburgh	35	41	.461	5
Cincinnati	31	44	.413	8½

## WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	51	27	.654	—
Arizona	49	28	.636	1½
Colorado	47	32	.595	4½
San Diego	31	45	.408	19
San Francisco	28	51	.354	23½

## MONDAY'S GAMES

Arizona 6, Philadelphia 1  
St. Louis 8, Cincinnati 2  
Chicago Cubs 5, Washington 4  
San Francisco 9, Colorado 2  
L.A. Angels 4, L.A. Dodgers 0

## TUESDAY'S GAMES

Chicago Cubs at Washington, 7:05 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets at Miami, 7:10 p.m.  
St. Louis at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.  
Atlanta at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.  
L.A. Angels at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.  
Colorado at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

## TODAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia (Leiter Jr. 1-0) at Seattle (Hernandez 3-2), 3:40 p.m.  
Colorado (Senzatela 9-3) at San Francisco (Blach 4-5), 3:45 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs (Lackey 5-8) at Washington (Strasburg 8-2), 7:05 p.m.  
Tampa Bay (Snell 0-4) at Pittsburgh (Nova 7-5), 7:05 p.m.  
Milwaukee (Anderson 6-2) at Cincinnati (Castillo 0-0), 7:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets (Matz 1-1) at Miami (Locke 0-3), 7:10 p.m.  
St. Louis (Wainwright 7-5) at Arizona (Godley 3-1), 9:40 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 3-6) at L.A. Angels (Meyer 3-4), 10:07 p.m.  
Atlanta (Garcia 2-5) at San Diego (Perdomo 2-4), 10:10 p.m.

## THURSDAY'S GAMES

St. Louis at Arizona, 3:40 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs at Washington, 4:05 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets at Miami, 7:10 p.m.  
Atlanta at San Diego, 9:10 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS

**BATTING**—Posey, San Francisco, .347; Zimmerman, Washington, .344; Murphy, Washington, .340; Goldschmidt, Arizona, .332; Peralta, Arizona, .325; Harper, Washington, .321; Kemp, Atlanta, .320; Blackmon, Colorado, .320; Cozart, Cincinnati, .320; Ozuna, Miami, .319.  
**RUNS**—Goldschmidt, Arizona, 68; Blackmon, Colorado, 62; Harper, Washington, 57; Seager, Los Angeles, 56; Votto, Cincinnati, 54; Murphy, Washington, 50; Thames, Milwaukee, 50; Zimmerman, Washington, 50; 4 tied at 49.  
**RBI**—Goldschmidt, Arizona, 65; Lamb, Arizona, 62; Arenado, Colorado, 59; Zimmerman, Washington, 59; Reynolds, Colorado, 57; Blackmon, Colorado, 56; Harper, Washington, 56; Bellinger, Los Angeles, 55; Murphy, Washington, 54; Ozuna, Miami, 54; 2 tied at 53.  
**HITS**—Blackmon, Colorado, 101; Inciarte, Atlanta, 99; LeMahieu, Colorado, 96; Murphy, Washington, 96; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 91; Ozuna, Miami, 91; Arenado, Colorado, 90; Zimmerman, Washington, 89; Gordon, Miami, 85; Harper, Washington, 84; 3 tied at 83.  
**DOUBLES**—Arenado, Colorado, 27; Herrera, Philadelphia, 25; Murphy, Washington, 23; Zimmerman, Washington, 21; Kemp, Atlanta, 20; Shaw, Milwaukee, 20; 5 tied at 19.  
**TRIPLES**—Blackmon, Colorado, 10; Cozart, Cincinnati, 5; Hamilton, Cincinnati, 5; 8 tied at 4.  
**HOME RUNS**—Bellinger, Los Angeles, 24; Bruce, New York, 20; Ozuna, Miami, 20; Schebler, Cincinnati, 20; Stanton, Miami, 20; Thames, Milwaukee, 20; Votto, Cincinnati, 20; Zimmerman, Washington, 19; 4 tied at 18.  
**STOLEN BASES**—Hamilton, Cincinnati, 31; Gordon, Miami, 29; Turner, Washington, 28; Nunez, San Francisco, 17; Peraza, Cincinnati, 15; Villar, Milwaukee, 14; Broxton, Milwaukee, 13; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 13; Pollock, Arizona, 11; 4 tied at 10.  
**PITCHING**—Kershaw, Los Angeles, 11-2; Greinke, Arizona, 9-4; Senzatela, Colorado, 9-3; Davies, Milwaukee, 8-4; Freeland, Colorado, 8-5; Ray, Arizona, 8-3; Scherzer, Washington, 8-5; Strasburg, Washington, 8-2; Wood, Los Angeles, 8-0; 5 tied at 7.  
**ERA**—Scherzer, Washington, 2.09; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 2.47; Gonzalez, Washington, 2.87; Martinez, St. Louis, 2.87; Ray, Arizona, 2.87; Anderson, Milwaukee, 2.92; Nova, Pittsburgh, 3.06; Greinke, Arizona, 3.08; Leake, St. Louis, 3.12; Straily, Miami, 3.43.  
**STRIKEOUTS**—Scherzer, Washington, 145; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 123; Ray, Arizona, 119; Samardzija, San Francisco, 117; Greinke, Arizona, 116; DeGrom, New York, 113; Martinez, St. Louis, 111; Strasburg, Washington, 109; Lester, Chicago, 97; Gonzalez, Washington, 95; 2 tied at 93.

## WNBA STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	9	5	.643	—
New York	7	5	.583	1
Connecticut	6	6	.500	2
Atlanta	5	6	.452	2½
Indiana	6	7	.462	2½
Chicago	3	10	.231	5½

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	11	1	.917	—
Los Angeles	9	3	.750	2
Phoenix	7	5	.583	4
Dallas	8	8	.500	5
Seattle	6	7	.462	5½
San Antonio	0	14	.000	12

## TUESDAY'S GAME

Seattle 70, Washington 100  
Los Angeles at Connecticut, 7 p.m.

## TODAY'S GAMES

Indiana at Chicago, 12:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY'S GAMES

New York at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Seattle at Connecticut, 8 p.m.

## COLLEGE BASEBALL



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Florida starting pitcher Brady Singer (51) throws home during the Gators' 4-3 win over LSU in Game 1 of the College World Series finals on Monday in Omaha, Nebraska. The teams played the second game of the best-of-3 series on Tuesday.

## Gators 1 win away from 1st title

BY ERIC OLSON

The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Florida got a dominant performance from Brady Singer, a big defensive play when LSU was threatening and just enough offense.

Now, after a 4-3 win in Game 1 of the College World Series on Monday night, the Gators are one win from their first national championship in baseball.

But with LSU all-time wins leader Jared Poche' starting on Tuesday and first-round draft pick Alex Lange available if there's a Game 3, the Tigers believe this best-of-three series matching Southeastern Conference rivals is just getting started.

"We've got to play better if we want to win this thing," Florida coach Kevin O'Sullivan said. "It's not near over. We got six hits tonight, and Brady had to pitch his tail off. It's exciting to have Game 1 under our belt ... but we haven't crossed the line yet."

LSU's Greg Deichmann said he and his teammates haven't had their confidence dented. Poche' (12-3) will pitch against Tyler Dyson (3-0) on Tuesday night.

"We're not hanging our heads about anything," he said. "We had a lot of great stuff we did tonight. We had a couple of tough breaks that didn't go our way. We're going to come out tomorrow with a lot of positivity, energy and get after it."

Singer struck out a career-high 12 in seven innings before turning the game over to closer Michael Byrne, who picked up his nation-leading 19th save for the Gators (51-19). The Gators improved to 19-7 in one-run games.

Singer relied on his fastball the first time through LSU's batting order and cleverly mixed in sliders the rest of the way.

"I felt like I was landing it a lot more for strikes than I usually do," he said. "The slider did feel good."

His strikeout total was the highest by a

single pitcher in a CWS finals game. Singer (9-5) limited LSU (52-19) to three singles before Antoine Duplantis homered in the sixth.

Singer, who pitched a complete game in an 8-1 win over LSU in March, turned in his second strong performance at the CWS. The sophomore struck out nine and allowed one run in seven innings against Louisville last Tuesday. Monday marked the eighth straight game that Florida pitchers struck out 11 or more.

"My feelings are that we went up against who I believe to be maybe the best pitcher I've seen in the SEC for an opponent since I've been the coach at LSU," Tigers coach Paul Mainieri said.

"I think the guy will be the first pick in the draft next year, and we were having to piece it together with our bullpen guys. It was amazing we were right there and had a chance to win."

Singer left with a 4-2 lead after Deichmann doubled leading off the eighth. With fans clad in purple and gold chanting "L-S-U, L-S-U," Josh Smith sent Byrne's pitch into the right-center gap to drive in Deichmann. But Smith was thrown out trying for second by Nick Horvath, who entered as a pinch runner in the top of the eighth and stayed in the game as the center fielder.

"That play changed the whole complexion of the game," O'Sullivan said.

LSU — playing its fourth game in six days and with Eric Walker out with an injury — turned to the seldom-used Russell Reynolds (1-2) to start. The fifth-year senior, wearing a close-cropped Mohawk under his cap and throwing an 85 mph fastball, gave the Tigers three shutout innings in his first start since March 2015.

He got a groundout to start the fourth but then walked three straight. That's when Mainieri called on Nick Bush, who gave up Jonathan India's two-run ground-rule double for a 3-0 lead.

## AREA SCOREBOARD

## GOLF

## MID STATE JUNIOR RESULTS

## JUNE 26 SUNSET COUNTRY CLUB BOYS 10-12 (9 HOLES)

- 1 — Harper Epperson 46
- 2 — Grayson Harrelson 55

## 13-14

- 1 — Will Barnes 79
- 2 — Canty Gardner 92

## 15-18

- 1 — Michael Solberg 80
- 2 — Andrew Griffin 82

## GIRLS 13-18

- 1 — Claire Kirkey 104



PHOTOS BY RICK CARPENTER / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter's Lathan Todd dives back into first base as Manning-Santee first baseman Trent Frye tags him in the P-15's 14-2 victory on Tuesday in Manning. Todd was called safe.



Sumter's Rylan Williamson delivers a pitch in the P-15's 14-2 victory over Manning-Santee on Tuesday at Monarch Field in Manning.

## CHAMPIONS

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grounded out to second to end the inning.

A Cory Blackley single to right opened the Sumter second, with a sacrifice bunt from Andrew Twitty advancing him to second. A Howard grounder moved Blackley to third before Osteen issued a walk to Larrimore. Price then launched a single to right, with the ball getting past right fielder Will Gardner as both Andrew Twitty and Larrimore scored on the play. Williamson helped his own cause with an RBI single for the 5-1 lead.

Sumter added three more runs off Jordan in the third, beginning with a Todd single to left. Todd stole second, then took third on a Blackley grounder ahead of an Andrew Twitty walk. Howard sent an RBI single to right, then Andrew Twitty came home on a wild pitch. Jordan made a leaping stop on a Larrimore liner, throwing the Sumter right fielder out at first, but the P-15's still managed to push across another run as Price doubled to right

to plate Howard, pushing the lead to 8-2.

Jordan retired the P-15's in order in the fourth before Sumter put up three runs each in the fifth and sixth innings. A Blackley double to right-center opened the Sumter fifth, with Howard scoring Blackley on a single to just about the same spot. A Larrimore single up the middle moved Howard to second before a wild pitch advanced both runners 90 feet.

A walk to Price loaded the bases before a sacrifice fly by Williamson and single up the middle by Periera plated Howard and Larrimore for an 11-2 P-15's lead.

Morgan Morris came on to pitch for M-S in the top of the sixth, but did not fare much better than his predecessors. Todd drew a walk to open the frame, advancing to second on a Blackley single to left and scoring on an Andrew Twitty double. Larrimore would be hit by a pitch and Williamson singled to left to load the bases, setting up an RBI hit by pitch for Periera to plate the game's final run.

Taylor Lee opened the M-S first with a double to right, coming home on a

## AMERICAN LEGION STANDINGS

	LEAGUE			OVERALL			
	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.
Sumter	9	2	.818	-	12	7	.632
Camden	8	3	.727	1	8	3	.727
Manning	5	6	.455	4	5	6	.455
Hartsville	4	8	.333	5 1/2	4	8	.333
Dalzell	2	9	.182	7	2	9	.182

### SENIOR SCHEDULE

#### TUESDAY

Sumter 14, Manning-Santee 2  
Camden 14, Dalzell-Shaw 2

#### TODAY

Manning-Santee at Sumter, 7 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

Florence at Sumter, 7 p.m.  
Camden at Dalzell-Shaw, 7 p.m.

### JUNIOR SCHEDULE

#### TUESDAY

Carolina Academy at Sumter, 7 p.m.

#### TODAY

Sumter at Carolina Academy, 7 p.m.  
Camden at Manning-Santee, 7 p.m.

Buddy Bleasdale single to left. Post 68's other run scored after Jordan doubled to right with one out in the second took third on a Gardner grounder up the middle and crossed home on a sac fly to center from Lee.

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while Cam Holley, who walked and stole second, scored from there on the errant throw to the plate to make it 10-1.

"Starting pitching ... we didn't have it tonight," said D-S head coach Jamie Lisenby. "Normally, (Ingram) is money, but he just didn't have it tonight. (Camden) did just what they were supposed to do; they hit the ball, but we had a lot of walks and made a lot of errors.

"It just wasn't our night. We didn't hit the ball well. That's the name of the game. They outplayed us and they deserved to win."

Camden extended its lead into double figures by scoring four runs in the sixth on just two hits to make it 14-2.

The Jets scored a run in the seventh off Bradley. Eric Lisenby led off by being hit by a pitch before taking second on a passed ball. He later scored the game's final run on a 1-out passed ball.

D-S had three hits on the night.

## SPORTS ITEMS

# Cubs making informal trip to White House

WASHINGTON — Manager Joe Maddon and some of the Chicago Cubs will visit the White House on Wednesday, though it's not an official visit with President Trump.

### SUMTER NATIONAL, SUMTER AMERICAN WIN

The Sumter American and Sumter National 9-10 year-old all-star baseball teams both won their opening games in the District 9 AAA tournament on Monday at Patriot Park SportsPlex. Sumter American beat Lake Marion 9-6 and Sumter National edged Turbeville 11-10 on the first day of the

6-team tournament. The other game saw St. George top Clarendon County 10-5.

### CLARENDON COUNTY WINS

The Clarendon County 11-12 year-old all-star baseball team defeated Lake Marion 6-4 on Monday in the District 9 Majors tournament at Patriot Park SportsPlex.

Turbeville lost to St. George 1-0 in the other game. There were two games played on Tuesday.

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## RECRUITING

## USC hopes to pick up defensive end Wynn

The University of South Carolina football program is hoping to add defensive end **Stephon Wynn Jr.** to its 2018 recruiting class on Sunday.

Wynn, who is from Anderson and is now at IMG Academy in Florida, will announce his decision this weekend and it appears to be down to USC, Georgia and Alabama. Wynn has said nothing regarding a favorite and there's no consensus on what he will do. He has visited USC twice in the last three months and head coach **Will Muschamp** has made a concerted effort to land the Clemson legacy.

Defensive back of Alpharetta, GA, who at one time had USC as his favorite, has cut his list to USC and Alabama with no favorite. He will announce on July 15. Horn said he talks with USC "almost every day. I'm still high on them and it's a great situation going on there." Horn has visited USC, Tennessee and Alabama.

DE **Dorian Gerald** of Florence and the College of the Canyons Junior College in California, is close to committing. "It all boils down to four schools," Gerald tweeted. "I dreamed and wished and prayed for a moment like this. I have to go with my heart on this one."

He has not identified his top four schools though he visited USC and Tennessee earlier this month and has set an official

visit with Louisville for Sept. 16. He's also had Texas A&M, Florida State, Oklahoma, Florida, Alabama, Syracuse, UGA, North Carolina State and Louisiana State on his favorites list. Gerald has not said when he will make a public commitment.

USC has moved back in strongly on DB **Israel Mukuamu**, formerly of Berkeley High School in Moncks Corner, but now living in Bossier City, La.

"I actually talked to Coach Muschamp on the phone a few days ago, and he told me that they really want me," Mukuamu said. "He said he knows things kind of fell off since I moved to Louisiana, but he wants me to give them a shot. That means a lot to me because the head man reached out to me, so I'm really excited about them."

Mukuamu announced his top nine and USC is on the list along with FSU, Louisville, Mississippi, Georgia State, Indiana, Purdue, Oklahoma State and UF. The fact Muschamp reached out to him resulted in USC being on the list and Mukuamu plans to move forward with them.

"My plan is, if they are really interested in me like they say they are, then I'll take an official visit there and see what happens," he said. "I don't have a leader yet, but I'm thinking about taking official visits to Florida State and Oklahoma State. I haven't decided on the others yet."

Mukuamu camped at Clemson earlier this month and that drew more interest from the Tigers, but they have not offered.

Wide receiver **Bryce Thompson** of Dutch Fork High in Irmo, a former Virginia Tech commitment, plans to announce a new commitment on July 30. He has a USC offer and attended a



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camp earlier this month. DB **Jamari Brown** of Pompano Beach, Fla., named a top seven of USC, Louisville, Kentucky, Temple, Pittsburgh, South Florida and NCSU.

USC is in the top six with DB **Jermaine McMillian** of Miami along with Mississippi State, NCSU, Ole Miss, Temple and Baylor.

Athlete **Kavoisey Smoke** of Wetumpka, Ala., has USC on his short list. Also in his top 10 are UF, North Carolina, Mississippi State, Illinois, Central Florida, VT, Georgia Tech, Florida Atlantic and UK.

WR **Josh Vann** of Tucker, Ga., was back at USC for a camp and campus visit this month and that has USC back on the point with him ahead of UGA, at least for now.

"The first time I went there I didn't get the 1-on-1 kind of attention for the tour like I did this time," Vann said.

"It was a good time. I got better details about what South Carolina is really about. What really blew it off was the education part and how the teachers are 1-on-1 with you."

His decision is not that far off. "I'm thinking it's coming up pretty soon, either before the season or midway," he said. "From all the stuff I've got out, I'd say South Carolina is at the top. I really like them and they really want me there. I can say I'm a good fit for South Carolina. I'm pretty sure Georgia would be second."

On a scale of 1 to 10, Vann said USC's lead on Georgia would be a five. Quarterback **Carter Bradley** of Jacksonville, Fla., is gaining more interest from USC. USC QB coach and offensive coordinator **Kurt Roper** scouted him during spring practice and he plans to visit July 21. He camped at LSU over the weekend and recently visited UF and UGA. He has offers from Pitt, Wisconsin, Rutgers, USF, Cincinnati, Purdue, West Virginia, Marshall and FAU.

## CLEMSON

On Tuesday, running back **Zamir White** of Laurinburg, N.C., announced he was committing to UGA over UNC.

White had said nothing publicly about his recruiting for weeks, but was also interested in Clemson and Ohio State. Clemson made him its top RB target, but popular consensus was the Tigers had faded.

Clemson continued to display its recruiting muscle in the state of Georgia on Friday though with a commitment from DB **Kyler McMichael** of Norcross. McMichael, who also excels on the offensive side with the ball in his hands, chose the Tigers over UGA, Tennessee, Auburn, Alabama and FSU. He's the 11th commitment for the 2018 class and the fourth heavily recruited prospect they have pulled out of the Peach State.

"He is so explosive," said McMichael's head coach, **Tim Hardy**. "From Point A to Point B, it's remarkable how powerful he is, whether it's

breaking on the ball, carrying the ball as a running back or closing the gap. He's a powerful, explosive young man. He's a gifted, talented guy."

Hardy said McMichael is a player who is still improving and made great strides as an RB last season as he rushed for 1,500 yards and 16 touchdowns. Clemson could find some usage for him on the offensive side, but Hardy said the Tigers will plug him in somewhere in their secondary. As for his future at Clemson, Hardy said there will be nothing but success ahead for McMichael.

"He's an outstanding young man, very coachable and eager to learn," he said. "A really good teammate who cares about the 65th man on the roster as much as he does the third or fourth man on the roster. He's going to assimilate real well into the college culture and will be a great teammate as well as a player."

The Tigers also are in pursuit of another Atlanta area DB in safety **Quindarious Monday**. He camped with the Tigers earlier in the month and picked up an offer from them at that time, and the Tigers are one of the top teams on his list at this point.

Monday said he is going to Auburn and FSU in July, and he is returning to Clemson for the All-In Cookout on July 21. He's also looking at Tennessee, UGA, Michigan and UF. He does not have a favorite at this point.

WR **Jordyn Adams** of Cary, N.C., has set his announcement for Monday. His decision is down to Clemson and UNC.

WR **Justyn Ross** of Phenix City, Ala., announced his top five of Clemson, Alabama, Auburn, FSU and UF. He recently visited Clemson.

DB **Taye Barber** of Cypress Springs, Texas, announced a top 12 of Clemson, Arizona, Iowa State, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma State, Ole Miss, Stanford, Tennessee, Texas Christian, Utah, and WVU.

New Clemson offers went out to '19 DB **Joseph Charleston** of Alpharetta, Ga., and '19 offensive lineman **Harry Miller** of Buford, Ga.

## BASKETBALL

**John Newman III**, a 6-foot-5-inch player from Greensboro, N.C., announced a commitment to Clemson on Friday. He picked the Tigers over WF, Virginia and Providence with the final decision coming down to the Tigers and Providence.

Newman took an official visit to Clemson last week and saw enough from head coach **Brad Brownell** to know that was the right place for him.

"The family feel, it seems like a real special place," Newman said. "It's like a family thing. Everyone really cares about you for the person that you are, not just an athlete. The facilities are great. The networking for life after basketball is real good, too."

Newman is a big guard, and he said Brownell laid out for him his plans for how he would be used in their schemes.

Newman said he will sign in November, but he's only planning to sign scholarship players, not a letter-of-intent. By doing so, he won't be bound to Clemson should something change.

Last season, Newman averaged 12 points, six rebounds and three assists per game. Newman, the son of former James Madison basketball player **John Newman II**, is Clemson's first commitment for the '18 class.

**Kyler Edwards**, a 6-4 player from Arlington, Texas, made an unofficial visit to Clemson on Friday for an in-person look at the Tigers. They have not yet offered, but there is interest both ways coming off the visit.

Edwards also visited GT while in the Southeast. He has a long list of offers that includes Texas Tech, LSU, Iowa State, GT, Kansas State, New Mexico, Nebraska, Georgetown, Oklahoma State, Southern California, Tulsa and Rhode Island.

New Clemson assistant coach **Antonio Reynolds Dean** was an assistant at Rhode Island before being hired by Brownell. Edwards averaged 23 points per game last season. He plans to make his decision in mid-August.

**Ian Steere**, a 6-9 player from High Point, N.C., said he's also been in touch with Clemson and USC and both want him back on campus soon.

**Zion Williamson**, the 6-6 player from Spartanburg Day School who is the No. 2 player nationally in the '18 class, is focused on returning to his AAU schedule now that he's over a deep knee bruise. There was an Adidas event in Los Angeles this past weekend and then the Adidas Gauntlet Final will be in Spartanburg July 12-15.

Except for evaluation days, college basketball recruiting currently is in a "quiet period" through July 5. It goes to a "dead period" starting July 6 and lasts the rest of the month except for evaluation days.

So Williamson has been able to take a break from all the recruiting activity that swallowed him up earlier in the year.

"There's nothing going on with schools," said **Lee Anderson**, Williamson's stepfather, who is from Mayesville. "Nothing new going on. Everything's been kind of quiet since AAU started. We haven't come up with that list yet. We are still interested in all the schools. South Carolina and Clemson have always been in the mix."

At this point, Williamson plans to take his official visits in the fall, but wait until the spring to sign.

**DJ Burns**, a 6-9 player from York Prep, was offered recently by USC after a visit with head coach **Frank Martin**. USC joins LSU, GT, VT, Tennessee and UGA on his offer list. The offer made USC one of his favorites moving forward.

"Coach Martin and his staff are super serious about recruiting top talent and they don't want to look over South Carolina kids," Burns said. "He doesn't just offer out of the blue so I am honored. They like that I can play with my back to the basket, face up and shoot well when needed and run the floor as needed with good pace."

"USC, now that they offered, has moved way up in my top five."

Clemson also is showing interest, but has not offered. Last season, he averaged 16 points and 10 rebounds per game.

## AWARDS

FROM PAGE B1

The Thunder went 33-9 when he had a triple-double, riding Westbrook's record run into the playoffs in their first season after losing Kevin Durant to Golden State.

"Oscar, guys like him, Magic Johnson, those guys, obviously I wasn't able to see those guys play, but just to look back at history and see the things that they did, it's something that I looked up to as a kid," Westbrook said.

"I never thought I would be able to say that I broke Oscar Robertson's record, and that's just a true blessing."

Earlier, Milwaukee's **Malcolm Brogdon** became the first player not picked in the first round to win NBA Rookie of the Year in the common draft era, beating out Philadelphia's **Dario Saric** and **Joel Embiid**.

Brogdon was the No. 36



**Milwaukee's Malcolm Brogdon displays the award he received for being named the NBA Rookie of the Year on Monday at the NBA Awards in New York.**

overall selection out of Virginia. The common draft era began in 1966.

"I think it's an example for guys that are told they are too short, they are not athletic enough, they are not real

point guards, they are not real shooting guards," Brogdon said. "I just think it's an important message for people to see, and it can be done. It just takes a lot."

Teammate **Giannis Antetokounmpo** won the Most Improved Player award.

Houston coach **Mike D'Antoni** won his second Coach of the Year award, and the Rockets' **Eric Gordon** was Sixth Man of the Year after setting a record for most 3-pointers off the bench in his first season as a reserve.

"Obviously I'm just proud of the team and the way they responded all year. Great organization," D'Antoni said of the Rockets' 55-win season.

"This is not an individual award. This is a lot of people, a lot of hard work goes into it, and I'm the recipient of some pretty good players."

In his first season coming off the bench, Gordon set a single-season record with 206 3-pointers by a reserve. He averaged

16.2 points to help fuel the Rockets' run to the surprising No. 3 seed in the Western Conference and edged former NBA Finals MVP **Andre Iguodala** of Golden State by 32 points.

Golden State's **Draymond Green** won the Defensive Player of the Year, ending Leonard's two-year run. Leading the league in steals from his do-everything role with the NBA champions. He had a franchise-record 10 steals in a Feb. 10 game at Memphis while recording the first triple-double in NBA history without scoring in double figures, adding 11 rebounds and 10 assists.

The NBA formerly gave out its individual awards at various points throughout the postseason before switching to the awards show this sea-

son and presenting them all at once in front of the league's top players and stars from the entertainment world.

Two of the best moments came during segments that didn't include the NBA's six individual awards.

**Bill Russell** was presented the first Lifetime Achievement award, welcomed on stage by fellow Hall of Fame centers **Kareem Abdul-Jabbar**, **David Robinson**, **Shaquille O'Neal**, **Alonzo Mourning** and **Dikembe Mutombo**. The 11-time champion as a player and the league's first black coach first pointed at them and joked that he would have kicked their butts, then told them: "You have no idea how much respect I have for you guys."

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# MONTGOMERY

FROM PAGE B1

Austin Romine and Ronald Torreyes each drove in runs with sac flies.

Montgomery improved to 4-0 over his last five starts. The 6-foot-6 left-hander allowed five hits, struck out eight and walked one.

"We're really happy with what he's doing," Girardi said. "He usually gives us pretty good distance and continues to grow as pitcher."

Austin played in his third game this season since his recall from Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre on Saturday.

Frazier hit a solo homer for the only run off Montgomery (6-4). New York took advantage of three Chicago errors to score four unearned runs off starter David Holmberg (1-2).

"Listen, I thought Holmy kept us in the ballgame," manager Rick Renteria said. "And today was not a very clean ballgame."

The Yankees activated outfielder Jacoby Ellsbury from the disabled list and put him in center field. Out since May 24 with a concussion, he had a single in five at-bats and scored twice.

### RESERVING JUDGE-MENT

As of Monday, rookie sensation Aaron Judge led AL players in votes for the All-Star Game, but the 25-year-old outfielder still hasn't decided if he'll accept last week's invitation to the Home Run Derby.

"I've got a job to do on the field, so the last thing on my mind is worrying about the Home Run Derby," said Judge, who leads the majors with 26 homers.



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**New York Yankee Aaron Judge celebrates with teammates after scoring on a sacrifice fly in the Yankees' 6-5 win over the Chicago White Sox on Monday in Chicago.**

### ROSTER MOVES

The Yankees recalled Refsnyder and RHP Ronald Herrera from Triple-A. ... The White Sox recalled RHP Juan Minaya from Triple-A Charlotte and optioned RHP Gregory Infante.

### TRAINER'S ROOM

**Yankees:** New York put OF Aaron Hicks on the DL. He injured his ribcage during a check swing Sunday and is expected to miss three to four weeks. ... DH Matt Holliday sat out his second game due to issues stemming from an allergic reaction he had in Oakland on June 17. He was sent for tests. ... Girardi said LHP CC Sabathia "is feeling pretty good" after throwing a 35-pitch bullpen Sunday. Girardi said the team is "still deciding if (Sabathia) does one more bullpen or a simulated game next."

**White Sox:** Before the game, GM Rick Hahn announced RHP Zach Putnam had Tommy John surgery last week and will miss the rest of the season. Putnam, who was placed on the 10-day DL on April 25, had a 1.04 ERA in seven appearances this season.

# OBITUARIES

## MARILYN D. HOLLADAY

MANNING — Marilyn Driggers Holladay, 70, wife of Ben Sawyer Holladay, died on Sunday, June 25, 2017, at her home surrounded by her family.

Born on May 22, 1947, in Clarendon County, she was a daughter of the late John Horace

Driggers and Jessie Bell Blackmon Driggers. She was a member of Little Star Pentecostal Holiness Church, where she served as a Sunday school secretary for more than 30 years and was active in the senior citizens, until her health failed. She was known as "MeMa" to generations of children in her care.

She is survived by her husband of Manning; a daughter, Charlene Emerson (James) of Lawrenceville, Georgia; two grandchildren, Jay Sawyer Emerson and Olivia Piná Emerson, both of Lawrenceville; three brothers, John Lyrué Driggers and Paul Stephen Driggers, both of Manning, and Joe Carroll Driggers (Brenda) of Sumter; two sisters, Rhunette D. Mercer of Manning and Cornelia D. Brandon (Carlyle) of North Myrtle Beach; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday at Little Star Pentecostal Holiness Church with the Rev. Jason Wilson, the Rev. Lloyd Ackerman and the Rev. Morris Smith officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Stephen Driggers, Andrew Driggers, Joe Driggers Jr., Tray Stephens, Chris Thigpen, Michael Haselden and David Driggers.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday at Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the residence, 1248 Driggers Lane, Manning.

Memorials may be made to Little Star Pentecostal Holiness Church, P.O. Box 391, Manning, SC 29102 or to the American Cancer Society, 128 Stonemark Lane, Columbia, SC 29210.

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

## BARBARA LEE N. SMITH

Barbara Lee "Hart" Nunnery Smith, 75, died on Monday, June 26, 2017, at the home of her sister.

Born in Sumter, she was a

daughter of the late Hazel Lee Nunnery and Mary Camilla James Nunnery Burke. Mrs. Smith attended Green Acres Assembly of God Church. She was a retired sitter.

Surviving are three sons, Troy Williamson (Tina) and Paul Kiger, both of Sumter, and Rodney Cox of Columbia; a brother, Robert Wayne Nunnery (Anna Ruth) of Sumter; a sister, Hazel Ann Lyles of Sumter; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday in the chapel of Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home with the Rev. Michael Bowman officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday prior to the service and other times at the home of her sister, 1630 N. Main St.

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.



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## MARY A. WILSON

Mary Deloris Anderson Wilson, 63, wife of Joe Wilson Jr., departed this life on Monday, June 26, 2017, at her residence.

She was born on April 6, 1954, in Lee County, a daughter of Bessie Anderson Williams and the late David Gregg.

The family will receive friends at the home, 1845 Salt-erstown Road, Sumter, SC 29153.

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

## CHRISTOPHER L. LEWIS

Christopher Lynn Lewis, age 57, beloved husband of 28 years to Ida Hodge Lewis, died on Saturday, June 24, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born in Sumter, he was a son of Loye Strange Lewis and the late William Lewis Sr. Chris was of the Baptist faith. He enjoyed cooking for his family and friends as well as fishing, especially with his brother James. He loved to laugh and had a wonderful sense of humor. He was very family-oriented and loved them all, especially his mother and grandchildren. He will

be remembered as a very loving husband, son, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Surviving in addition to his wife and mother are one son, Ryan Lewis of Dalzell; one stepson, David Ice of Sumter; two stepdaughters, Bonnie Phelps of Laurinburg, North Carolina, and Renee Ice of Sumter; four brothers, the Rev. Billy Lewis and his wife, Diane, of Vance, the Rev. Steven K. Lewis and his wife, Linda, of West Columbia, Gary A. Lewis and his wife, Renee, of Bowman and James D. Lewis and his wife, Peggy, of Sumter; one sister, Brenda Lewis Osteen of Lexington; and six grandchildren, William, Raina, Davyon, Justice, Kinleigh and Ryan Jr.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday in the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. William "Billy" Lewis and the Rev. Steve Lewis officiating.

The family will receive friends following the service. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 400 Percival Road, P.O. Box 6604, Columbia, SC 29260-6604.

You may go to [www.bullock-funeralhome.com](http://www.bullock-funeralhome.com) and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



## ANNIE RUTH B. GOINS

Annie Ruth Brown Goins, 75, wife of James Henry Goins, died on Monday, June 26, 2017, at a local nursing facility.

Born in Sumter County, she was a daughter of the late Marion Moise Brown Sr. and Myrtle Belle Holcomb Brown. She was member of the King-

dom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses-East Congregation, where she was dedicated to her Christian studies.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years; seven children, Joyce Osborne of Sumter, Judy Goins of Lexington, Cindy Ward (Terry) of Lynchburg, Wanda Dozier (Mike) of Columbia, Harold Goins (Debbie) of Myrtle Beach, Kenneth Goins of Lake City and Linda Schultz (Carl) of Florence; 16 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Carrie Ann Dove (Ronnie) of Columbia and Marie Baker of Sumter; and two brothers, Ronald Brown (Donna) and Donald Brown (Nancy), both of Sumter.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gerald Goins; a brother, Marion Brown Jr.; and a sister, Linda Brown.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday at the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home Chapel with Stephen Vose officiating.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m. Friday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Watchtower Society, c/o Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 99 Oswego Highway, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

## LORENZO ROBERTSON

Lorenzo Robertson was born on June 3, 1976, a son of Thomas Lee and Lila Brooks Robertson. He departed this life on Thursday, June 22, 2017, at his residence.

Lorenzo accepted Christ as his lord and savior at an early age. He attended the public schools in Sumter County District 17.

Loving memories will be

cherished by his father and mother, Thomas L. Robertson and Lila (Brooks) Robertson of Sumter; a brother, Jermaine Robertson of Sumter; two sisters, Tomaki (Joseph) Wilson and Tiffani Robertson, both of Sumter; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Mr. Robertson will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday at Rafting Creek Baptist Church with Pastor Melvin Mack presiding and Elder Mack S. Wilson delivering words of comfort.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his sister, Tiffany Robertson, 21 Weatherly Road, Sumter.

The staff of Sumter Funeral Home Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

## LOUISE D. MCBRIDE

Louise Marie Dozier McBride, 53, died on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

She was born on Sept. 9, 1963, in Miami, a daughter of Julia Epps Dozier and the late Jerome Dozier.

The family is receiving friends at her residence 1910 Hideaway Drive, Sumter.

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

## DENNIS MCLAURIN

Dennis McLaurin, 70, husband of Lillie Dennis McLaurin, died on Monday, June 26, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on June 18, 1947, in Arcola, Mississippi, he was a son of Willie McLaurin and Hattie Mae Smart.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 6365 Sylvia Road, Rembert.

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

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# Supreme Court playground ruling feeds school voucher debate

BY CAROLYN THOMPSON  
The Associated Press

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos and other proponents of school voucher programs are praising a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that said a Lutheran church was wrongly denied a state grant for its preschool playground. But opponents say the ruling is far from an endorsement of the use of public money for religious schools.

The court, by a 7-2 vote, sided with Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia, Missouri, which had sought a state grant to put a soft surface on its preschool playground.

"We should all celebrate the fact that programs designed to help students will no longer be discriminated against by the government based solely on religious affiliation," DeVos said after the justices ruled Monday that Missouri violated the First Amendment in denying the grant.

The Columbia, Missouri, church had sought the grant under a state program that reimburses nonprofit organizations that install playground surfaces made from recycled tires. The Department of Natural Resources rejected the application because the state constitution prohibits the use of public money "in aid of any church, sect or denomination of religion."

The church's challenge was watched by both sides of the debate over whether states can let parents choose to send their children to religious schools through publicly funded programs.

Teachers unions, which oppose vouchers as diverting money from public schools, said the narrow ruling dealt a setback to voucher proponents by leaving intact the state's constitutional provision that prohibits state funding of religious actions.

American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten pointed to a footnote by Chief Justice John Roberts that said the court did not address "religious uses of funding."

"The Supreme Court's Trinity decision cannot be read as opening the door for states to promote religion or expand vouchers," Weingarten said.

But the pro-school choice Center for Education Reform said that even without reviewing the constitutionality of Missouri's prohibition on the use of state funds at religious schools, the justices had bolstered the choice movement by condemning the denial of a public benefit to an otherwise eligible recipient solely on the basis of its religious identity.

The Orthodox Jewish group Agudath Israel of America said the ruling could provide support for the argument that it would be discriminatory to



The empty playground at Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbia, Missouri, is seen in January 2016. The Supreme Court has ruled that churches have the same right as other charitable groups to seek state money for new playground surfaces and other non-religious needs.

not allow publicly funded tuition vouchers to be used for schooling at a religious institution.

"That puts somewhat of an onus on the state to make sure that if we're going to have a program and we're saying that it's open to every-

one, it's intended to serve all the kids in our state, then it should be a program ... that includes kids that go to private and religious schools," said the group's Washington director, Rabbi Abba Cohen.

Richard Katskee, the legal director at the organization

Americans United for Separation of Church and State, said that while the ruling does not strike down existing constitutional provisions against governments funding religion, "it probably will encourage more legal challenges over those provisions."

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## Series opens with colorful extravaganza



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Artrageous is a frenetic music, dance and art show that will open the Sumter Opera House's 2017-18 Main Street Series in October. The series has hosted more than 50 national acts.

## National acts featured at Sumter Opera House

BY IVY MOORE  
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The upcoming Sumter Opera House concert series will follow its 2016-17 season with a new name, while keeping the same concept and mission — to bring nationally known acts to the stage of its historic venue. Now renamed the Main Street Series, the schedule will open with Artrageous on Oct. 5. A complete schedule will be released closer to the start of the season.

City of Sumter Cultural Manager Seth Reimer said he will announce the shows over the next few weeks. Highlights of the new season so far include country superstar John Berry and bluegrass musician Del McCoury.

These shows are expected to attract sell-out crowds, Reimer said.

According to its news release, Artrageous combines

music, visual art, dance, puppetry and more.

In fact, Reimer said, the interactive show “takes you on a visual journey and a high energy ride of inspiration, creativity and engagement. It will be exciting and unlike anything that has been seen on the stage, a perfect way to begin the series.”

During the colorful musical performances, visual artists will be on stage completing large paintings, two of which will remain as gifts to the Sumter Opera House.

Berry will return for his popular Christmas show on Dec. 16. The country singer performed on the Opera House stage in December 2016, singing some of his greatest hits, songs from his then recently released album and his “O Holy Night: Celebrating 20 Years of Christmas.”

Reimer said Berry's performance of “O Holy Night” was



Country superstar John Berry is expected to fill the Sumter Opera House with his show in December. Reimer advises interested people to purchase tickets early.

“electrifying” and advises those who missed Berry last year or want to see him again to get tickets early.

A bluegrass legend, McCoury will bring his band to Sumter in March. Reimer noted that McCoury has been performing for more than 50 years, reaching back to the days when bluegrass was played “only in hillbilly honky tonks, schoolhouse shows and on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry ...” Remaining as vibrant and relevant as ever, McCoury still fills concert halls and attracts large crowds to music festivals, Reimer said.

Since the Opera House began presenting its regular performances, more than 50,000 people have attended them, and more than 50 nationally known artists have performed on the stage. Reimer said he will announce many more national acts in the months before the Main Street Series begins.

Outstanding acts are not the only attraction this season, however. The Opera House has undergone some significant renovations to make the concert-going experience even more enjoyable, Reimer said.

He said the renovated lobby

restrooms will be “most notable to patrons ...,” as they “had not been touched since 1985.” Now, he said, they’ve been completely renovated.

The project was part of a grant through the South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism department.

Reimer added that the Main Stage Series is not the only program the Sumter Opera House produces. There are already the Matinee Series and the Classic Cinema Series. The Main Stage Series is also designed “to provide arts education opportunities for area students.” These series can be found at [www.SumterOperaHouse.com](http://www.SumterOperaHouse.com). You can also sign up for the weekly e-newsletter at the website. Tickets for the Main Stage will go on sale at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 14.

Last year, Reimer said, the concert series began providing a playbill; this year, the Main Street Series will continue that practice and add the opportunity for corporate sponsorships. Information on this addition is also available at [www.SumterOperaHouse.com](http://www.SumterOperaHouse.com).

Reimer said he sees the Sumter Opera House “as a collaborator ... a space that is bringing

(the community) together” for shared experiences. It's a mission he plans to continue.

If you're the type of person that likes ticket discounts or early access to purchase tickets before they go on sale to the general public, then you might be interested in an individual membership, Reimer said. The newly launched membership program gives loyal supporters the opportunity to enjoy exclusive members-only benefits such as early access to purchase single tickets prior to public sale, ticket discounts, and special event invitations. To learn more about membership benefits, contact the Box Office at (803) 436-2616.

Reimer said, “I see the Opera House as a space that is bringing us together — teachers, factory workers, military, nurses and families — to celebrate the common thread that unites us: sharing experiences, a place to be heard and a longing for inspiration. The community support combined with the great team we have assembled will continue building a place where we laugh, listen, celebrate and connect with others.”

The Sumter Opera House is located in downtown Sumter, just 40 miles east of Columbia. Originally built in 1874, the current structure was finished in 1895 after the original wood building was destroyed by fire. Utilized as an opera house and then a theatre in the early 1900s, in 1973 it was officially listed on the National Register of Historical Places, but closed a decade later. Capitalizing on the national movement toward downtown revitalization and historic preservation, the City of Sumter reopened the facility in 1987 as the Town Hall and used the theatre space for private rentals. In 2014, the City began the effort that has turned the Sumter Opera House into its present day concert and entertainment performance venue.



Legendary bluegrass musician Del McCoury and his band will present a concert in the Main Stage Series at Sumter Opera House in March. City of Sumter Cultural Manager Seth Reimer will announce many other national artists performing in the 2017 season in coming weeks.



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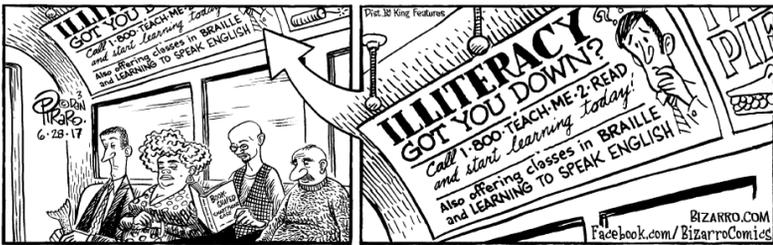
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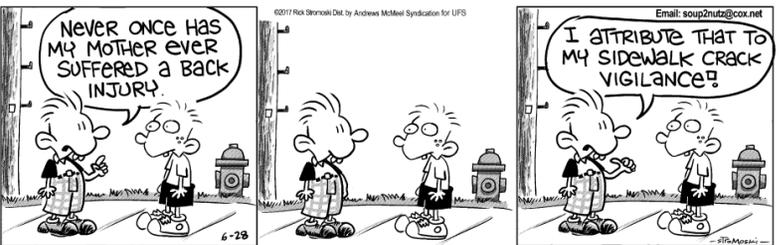
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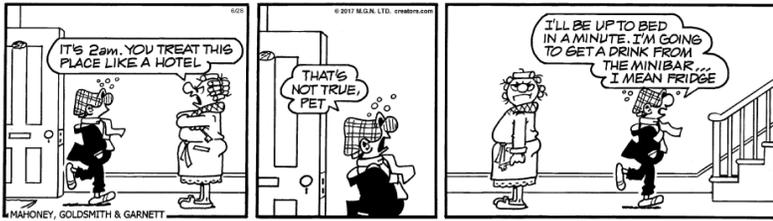
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*Hospital patient receives surprise anatomy lesson*



**Dear Abby**  
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

**DEAR ABBY** — I recently had to spend a night in the hospital following minor surgery. One of the female techs taking care of me leaned over me to straighten out the bedding and I could see "everything" when the top of her scrubs fell open.

lady, I can see your boobies when you bend over," what's the polite way to say, "Oops — wardrobe malfunction"?  
*Got an eyeful in Illinois*

**DEAR GOT AN EYEFUL** — Since, with luck, you won't have to make another visit to the hospital, I think your question may be moot. However, the discreet way to deal with something like that would be to mention what happened to the head nurse or supervisor and say that it made you uncomfortable.

**DEAR ABBY** — I recently attended a bridal shower for my nephew's fiancée. My sister-in-law (the future mother-in-law of the bride) also attended the shower. She did not choose any gifts from the bride's registry, but decided instead to give the bride lin-

gerie, including things underwear. Frankly, I was shocked. I didn't think it was appropriate for either the mother or the future mother-in-law to give such intimate gifts. Am I wrong?  
*Flummoxed in Florida*

**DEAR FLUMMOXED** — Shower guests are not restricted to items based solely upon the couple's registry. They can give whatever gift they wish to the bride and groom. Your sister-in-law chose something she thought the bride and groom would enjoy. Please try to be less judgmental and hope she was right.

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**JUMBLE**

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

TUYPT

SUDEO

GOCCAN

BNILEM

Print your answer here: ○○○○○○

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: KNACK GUARD CACTUS MINGLE

Answer: The tennis player couldn't find his equipment in the closet and was — MAKING A RACKET



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

**SUDOKU**

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

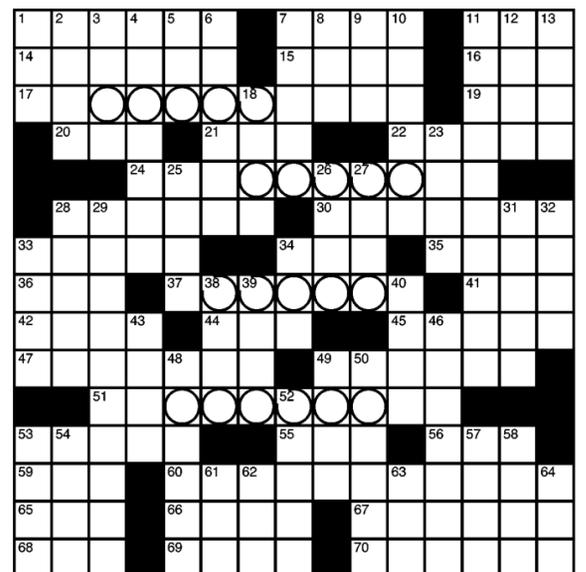
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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**THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



By Agnes Davidson and C.C. Burnikel 6/28/17

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hubby's "better half"
  - 7 Metaphorical china shop culprit
  - 11 Rest area?
  - 14 Bring to light
  - 15 "That makes sense"
  - 16 \_\_ paper
  - 17 Literally, "Ireland forever"
  - 19 Swelling reducer
  - 20 Pie \_\_ mode
  - 21 Figured out
  - 22 Ward off
  - 24 Accident investigation site
  - 28 Vacuums, say
  - 30 Meteorological light shows
  - 33 Ill-mannered
  - 34 You might get a bad one in the rough
  - 35 Cosmetic surg. option
  - 36 Leia's love
  - 37 Gently towels off
  - 41 Safari beast
  - 42 Equal
  - 44 Protective housing
  - 45 Survey choice
  - 47 Need for a return, usually
  - 49 Crazy Horse, for one
  - 51 Eavesdrop
  - 53 Speed skater
  - 55 Put a stop to
  - 56 Sound from a toy
  - 59 Possesses
  - 60 Ump's controversial call, perhaps ... and a hint to this puzzle's circles
  - 65 Imitate
  - 66 Commentary piece
  - 67 Eight-time Best Actor Oscar nominee who never won
  - 68 Unfavorable
  - 69 Sundae crunch providers
  - 70 Squeezed (in)
  - 12 Show anxiety, in a way
  - 13 Skater's maneuver
  - 18 Head honcho
  - 23 Carbon compound
  - 25 Sign of a sore throat
  - 26 Expressed
  - 27 Stage coach?
  - 28 Hunger for "absence of breathing"
  - 29 Sign of an impending merger?
  - 31 Sleep problem from the Greek for "absence of breathing"
  - 32 Like lemons, e.g.
  - 33 Chaz Bono's mom
  - 34 "Dropped" '60s drug
  - 38 Date with the doc
  - 39 Roomy bag
  - 40 Musician Ono
  - 43 Diamond of song
  - 46 Broadway performer's recognition
  - 48 Equiangular geometric figure
  - 49 "The Mod Squad" member
  - 50 "You said it!"
  - 52 Food and shelter, for two
  - 53 Pequod captain
  - 54 Rollin' stone, in a Motown classic
  - 57 Enthralled
  - 58 Brazilian soccer hero
  - 61 "The Simpsons" storekeeper
  - 62 Fulfilled, as a deadline
  - 63 Wolfed down
  - 64 Embarrassed
- DOWN**
- 1 Uno e due
  - 2 Wife of Zeus
  - 3 "See no \_\_\_"
  - 4 Endangers
  - 5 Word after dust or do
  - 6 "America Runs on Dunkin'," e.g.
  - 7 Beginning
  - 8 "Born in the \_\_\_"
  - 9 Stocking stuffer?
  - 10 MacNeil's longtime co-host
  - 11 Unlock a cellphone screen, perhaps
- Tuesday's Puzzle Solved**
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<b>LOCAL CHANNELS</b>														
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Little Big Shots: Forever Young "Age Ain't Nothing but a Number" A 93-year-old swing dancer. (N)	The Carmichael Show (N)	Superstore Amy hits the lost and found jackpot.	This Is Us "The Game Plan" Kevin gets the script for the play.	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Kristen Wiig; Paul Dano; Macklemore. (N)			
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Big Brother (Season Premiere) Houseguests encounter enticing offers. (N)			Criminal Minds "Seek & Destroy" Home invasions involving casualties. (DVS)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Josh Duhamel; Justin Bartha. (N)			
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Wheel Across America"	Jeopardy! (N)	The Goldbergs Beverly tries to find Murray a hobby.	Speechless J.J. has a crush on an injured gymnast.	Modern Family "Blindsided" (DVS)	(:31) American Housewife "Surprise"	To Tell the Truth "Wanya Morris; Cheryl Burke; Rachel Dratch; Natasha Leggero" Wanya Morris; Cheryl Burke.	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		
WRJA	27	11	14	Weekends With Yankee "Yankee Ingenuity"	Expeditions With Patrick McMillan	Big Pacific "Violent" Ocean creatures deal with violence. (N)		Great Yellowstone Thaw Spring thaw. (N)		NOVA "Making North America: Life" Life and the landscape in North America. (DVS)	Tavis Smiley (N)	BBC World News Charlie Rose (N)		
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Hook-Up Reverberation"	The Big Bang Theory "The Zarneki Incursion"	MasterChef "Shell-Shocked & Scrambled" The Top 18 face a mystery box challenge. (N)		The F Word With Gordon Ramsay "Episode Five" Special celebrity guest star. (N) (Live) (DVS)		WACH FOX News at 10 (N)	Sports Zone	2 Broke Girls Caroline finds an abandoned bicycle. Mike & Molly Mike feels inspired.		
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Eve spins a holiday tradition.	Last Man Standing "The Puck Stops Here"	Arrow "Human Target" Oliver turns to an old friend for help.		DC's Legends of Tomorrow "Compromised" Darhk is traced to Reagan's White House.	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.	Hot in Cleveland Melanie dates a basketball coach.		
<b>CABLE CHANNELS</b>														
A&E	46	130		Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars "L. Ron YUUPER"	Storage Wars	Storage Wars: Northern	Storage Wars: Northern	Storage Wars: Northern	Storage Wars: Northern	(:03) Storage Wars "Ole; GYN"	(:33) Storage Wars	(12:03) Storage Wars
AMC	48	180		*** "Jurassic Park" (1993, Adventure) Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum. Cloned dinosaurs run amok at an island-jungle theme park.										
ANPL	41	100		Treehouse Masters "Treehouse Z"	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Mstr	
BET	61	162		(6:30) *** "Coach Carter" (2005, Drama) Samuel L. Jackson, Robert Richardson, Rob Brown. A high-school basketball coach pushes his team to excel.									(:40) Martin	(12:15) Martin
BRAVO	47	181		The Real Housewives of New York City Luann and Tom get married.	The Real Housewives of New York City Sonja's love triangle gets complicated.	The Real Housewives of New York City (N)							Watch What Happens Live	The Real Housewives of New York City
CNBC	35	84		Jay Leno's Garage	Jay Leno's Garage "Love Stories"	Jay Leno's Garage "Made in America"							Jay Leno's Garage	Jay Leno's Garage
CNN	3	80		Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper
COM	57	136		(6:50) Futurama "Godfellas"	(:25) South Park "Cartman Sucks"	South Park "The Hobbit"	South Park "Fishsticks"	Hood Adjacent With James Davis	South Park "C... Magic"	South Park "Oh, Jeez"	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	At Midnight With Chris Hardwick	(12:01) South Park "Obama Wins!"	(12:01) South Park "Obama Wins!"
DISN	18	200		(6:20) * "The Smurfs" (2011) Hank Azaria, Neil Patrick Harris.	Hotel Transylvania: The Series	Hotel Transylvania: The Series	Hotel Transylvania: The Series	Liv and Maddie	Liv and Maddie	Liv and Maddie	K.C. Undercover	K.C. Undercover	The Series	Stuck in the Middle
DSC	42	103		Alaskan Bush People "One For All"	Alaskan Bush People "Off the Grid" (N)	Alaskan Bush People "Episode 26" (N)							Homestead Res	Homestead Res
ESPN	26	35		SportsCenter (N) (Live)	College Baseball NCAA CWS Finals, Game 3: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	College Baseball NCAA CWS Finals, Game 3: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)							SportsCenter	SportsCenter
ESPN2	27	39		DRL Drone Racing Atlanta: Semifinals.	DRL Drone Racing Atlanta: Finals.	30 for 30 (Part 3 of 3)							DRL Drone Racing Atlanta: Finals.	NFL Live
FOOD	40	109		Chopped	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Cooks vs. Cons "Patty Meltdown"	Hannity (N)	Cooks vs. Cons "Salad Bar Blowout"	To Be Announced	To Be Announced		
FOXN	37	90		The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	The Five (N)							The Five	The Five
FREE	20	131		"Harry Potter and Half-Blood"	*** "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1" (2010, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson. Harry sets out to destroy the secrets to Voldemort's power.								The 700 Club	* "When in Rome" (2010)
FSS	21	47		MLS Soccer Colorado Rapids at Atlanta United FC.			Postgame	Braves Live!	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at San Diego Padres. From PETCO Park in San Diego. (N) (Live)					
HALL	52	183		Last Man Standing "Elfie"	Last Man Standing "All About Eve"	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	The Middle "Christmas"	The Middle "The Jeans"	The Middle "The Neighbor"	The Middle "The Interview"	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls
HGTV	39	112		Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Brother vs. Brother (N)	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	Saving Galveston	Brother vs. Brother	Brother vs. Brother
HIST	45	110		American Pickers "Law & Hoarder"	American Pickers "The Joy of Sax"	American Pickers (N)						(:03) American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers
ION	13	18		Law & Order "Shrunk" Songwriter suspected.	Law & Order "Blaze" Fire kills 23 people at a concert.	Law & Order "Identity" An executive is gunned down.						Law & Order "Floater" A body is found in the river.	Law & Order "Embedded" War reporter is shot in the back.	Law & Order "Compassion"
LIFE	50	145		Little Women: LA "Alaska Adventure" Terra arranges a trip to Alaska.	Little Women: LA Terra and Joe try to play matchmaker. (N)	Little Women: LA "Crazy in Love" Elena invites the ladies out to dinner.						(:02) Little Women: Atlanta: Monie Gets Married The wedding day arrives.	(:12) Little Women: Atlanta: Monie Gets Married The wedding day arrives.	(12:02) Little Women: LA
MSNBC	36	92		Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)						The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow	Rachel Maddow
NICK	16	210		Henry Danger	The Thundermans	Nicky, Ricky	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	64	153		(6:30) *** "Fast Five" (2011) Vin Diesel. Dom Toretto and company ramp up the action in Brazil.	*** "Armageddon" (1998, Science Fiction) Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton, Liv Tyler. A hero tries to save Earth from an asteroid. (DVS)									
SYFY	58	152		*** "Fast Five" (2011, Action) Vin Diesel.	Blood Drive "Steel City Nightfall" Arthur and Grace enter a nocturnal city. (N)									
TBS	24	156		Seinfeld Jerry goes car shopping.	Seinfeld "The Reverse Peephole"	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 Actor Carl Reiner; actor Lauren Lapkus.	Seinfeld "The Cartoon"	Seinfeld "The Cartoon"
TCM	49	186		(6:15) *** "Lord of the Flies" (1963) James Aubrey, Tom Chapin.	*** "The Big Country" (1958, Western) Gregory Peck, Jean Simmons, Carroll Baker. Texas ranchers involve an Easterner in a water rights feud.							*** "How the West Was Won" (1962, Western) Carroll Baker. Three generations of family go west. (DVS)		
TLC	43	157		I Am Jazz: Countdown	I Am Jazz: More Jazz "Bottoms Up"	I Am Jazz "Double Trouble" (N)						(:04) I Am Jazz "Double Trouble"	Hair Goddess	Hair Goddess
TNT	23	158		(6:00) *** "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby" (2006, Comedy)	*** "Rush Hour" (1998, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, Tom Wilkinson. Mismatched police partners seek a kidnapped girl. (DVS)							American Race Racial stereotypes in Los Angeles.	Hawaii Five-0 "Ka Iwi Kapu" Two filmmakers are murdered.	Hawaii Five-0 "Lapa'au"
TRUTV	38	129		Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers
TV LAND	55	161		M*A*S*H	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens
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WE	68	166		Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta	*** "Madea's Witness Protection" (2012, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Eugene Levy, Doris Roberts.							*** "Madea's Witness Protection" (2012) Tyler Perry, Eugene Levy.		
WGNA	8	172		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

# Excellent crime drama 'Broadchurch' enters final season

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

"Broadchurch" (10 p.m., BBC America) will end after three seasons. You've got to admire a storyteller who knows when to wrap things up.

One of the better-acted and -written crime dramas of recent years, "Broadchurch" is set in a gorgeous, seemingly tight-knit coastal town, still reeling from the murder and abduction of a young boy some five years back. That crime was covered in season one, and the subsequent trial was the backdrop of the second season.

This final eight-episode arc follows the investigation of the rape of a middle-aged woman at a party. The list of suspects includes males from all strata of Broadchurch society.

Olivia Colman ("The Night Manager") and David Tennant ("Doctor Who") return as Detectives Miller and Hardy. And in a series this well-written and dedicated to complicated characters, you know they carry a great deal of baggage. For the benefit of those new to "Broadchurch," the less said the better. Season three holds up on its own, but an understanding of the backstory adds to the enjoyment.

Watching "Broadchurch" is almost always a shocking reminder of the differences between American crime dramas and those from around the world. In Hollywood productions, everyone down to the dental hygienist is ludicrously

beautiful. We live in a world where "Rizzoli & Isles" cast Angie Harmon as the "tom-boy." In contrast, folks on "Broadchurch" look like actual human beings.

- The idea that characters like those on "Broadchurch" might be comfortable in their own skin offers perspective on other cable series returning to-night. Now entering its fourth season, "Younger" (10 p.m., TV Land, TV-14) is based on the rather preposterous notion that 40ish divorced mom Liza (Sutton Foster) can pass herself off as a 20-something hipster.

- The idea that she could do so meshes with the wish-fulfillment comedy style of series creator Darren Star ("Sex and the City"). The notion that a middle-aged person "returning" to her 20s might be in need of psychiatric help seems too complicated to jibe with the materialism and narcissism on display here.

- Another Hollywood as-

umption, or delusion, is that rich stars who talk about their cars are "blue collar" guys. And if they talk about owning dozens, if not hundreds, of cars housed in multimillion-dollar garages, that makes them even more so. "Jay Leno's Garage" (9 p.m., CNBC, TV-PG) enters its third season.

### TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Imported from the U.K., the competition series "Landscape Artist of the Year" (7 a.m., Ovation) debuts.
- "Big Brother" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) enters its 19th season.
- Ageless talent on "Little Big Shots: Forever Young" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG).
- Host, chef and author Eddie Huang enters a second season of "Huang's World" (9 p.m., ViceLand) in Washington, D.C.
- Bright lights, strange city on "Blood Drive" (10 p.m., Syfy, TV-MA).
- A murky blend of futuristic

dystopia and Aboriginal mythology, "Cleverman" (10 p.m., Sundance, TV-14) enters its second season.

### CULT CHOICE

Shipwrecked schoolboys create a cruel social order in the 1963 drama "Lord of the Flies" (6:15 p.m., TCM), directed by Peter Brook.

### SERIES NOTES

A plaque attack on "The Goldbergs" (8 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) \* Human Target arrives on "Arrow" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14) \* A special bond on "Speechless" (8:30 p.m., ABC, r, TV-14) \* Topical bickering on "The Carmichael Show" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14) \* Dueling speeches on "Modern Family" (9 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) \* Back to the future on "DC's Legends of Tomorrow" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14) \* A prize in the lost and found on "Superstore" (9:30 p.m., NBC, r, TV-14) \* Oliver's snobbery on "Ameri-

can Housewife" (9:30 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) \* Violent home invasions on "Criminal Minds" (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

### LATE NIGHT

Salma Hayek is booked on "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central, r) \* Josh Duhamel, Justin Bartha and Brian Greene are booked on "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) \* Jimmy Fallon welcomes Kristen Wiig, Paul Dano, Macklemore and Skylar Grey on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) \* Sean "Diddy" Combs, Hilary Duff, Edgar Wright and Sam Fogarino visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) \* Leighton Meester, Dominic Monaghan, Blake Griffin and Judah and the Lion appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

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## Berry trifle is perfect for July 4 barbecue

BY THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

The stars aligned when our forefathers signed the Declaration of Independence right in the middle of berry season. And while maybe that wasn't part of Thomas Jefferson's agenda, we really ought to take advantage of it.

This Summer Berry Trifle from The Culinary Institute of America is perfect for your Fourth of July barbecue. Showing off the summer's fresh berries, layering strawberries and blueberries (or whatever you like best) with a sweet diplomat cream and tender yellow cake, it's everything you could ever want in a summer dessert.

A trifle is a layered dessert made from cake or ladyfinger cookies, sweet custard and some whipped cream to lighten things up. Trifles are basically the apple pie of England, where they often include sherry wine, brandy and jam, and, like many things we love today, they were created as a way to use up leftovers.

Diplomat cream combines two of the best things in the world: pastry cream and freshly whipped cream. Pastry cream is basically just vanilla pudding, so imagine that plus whipped cream. Then imagine that layered with fruit and cake. It's all too exciting!

Because it is part of so many classic recipes, like profiteroles, fruit tarts and eclairs, pastry cream is one of the fundamentals every CIA baking and pastry student must master before moving on with his or her studies. Don't let that intimidate you, though, because with some patience and a strong whisking arm, preparing pastry cream is a walk in the park.

The flavors in this trifle are simple and classic, but there are so many opportunities to experiment. You can flavor your pastry cream by steeping ingredients such as coffee, cardamom or cinnamon in the milk mixture. You can add layers of chocolate fudge, dulce de leche or baked streusel, or brush flavored simple syrup or liqueur onto the cake layers. Take this recipe straight through farm stand season, experimenting with ripe fruits such as plums, peaches and eventually poached apples and pears.

When planning a party, make-ahead items are key, and this dessert is one of them. All of the components for your trifle can be made a few days ahead (the cake can even be prepared weeks before and frozen) and then assembled the night before. It will only get better as the cake soaks in some of the cream and juice of the berries, so you can put it out of your mind until it's time to serve dessert.

We've made the trifles in individual jars for serving, but you can use these ingredients to make one large trifle to serve family-style. Any vessel will work, but a clear glass serving dish will show off the layers, and the vibrant colors of the berries are like a centerpiece all on their own.

### SUMMER BERRY TRIFLE

Servings: 12 individual trifles  
Start to finish: 2 hours 50 minutes  
(Inactive: 2 hours)

Yellow Butter Cake (recipe follows)  
Pastry Cream (recipe follows)

1 cup heavy cream  
1 quart strawberries, stemmed and diced  
2 pints blueberries  
Place the cake, bottom parch-

ment still intact, on a clean work surface. Place a second piece of parchment over the cake. Holding both pieces of parchment taut, carefully flip the cake so that the fresh parchment is now on the bottom. Carefully peel the parchment paper from the cake, then return it to loosely cover the cake.

Use a rolling pin to gently roll the cake into an even layer. Remove the parchment and use a 2 1/2-inch circle cutter (or whichever size best fits your serving vessels) to cut 24 circles from the cake.

Meanwhile, transfer the chilled pastry cream to a clean bowl, and gently beat with a rubber spatula until it is smooth. Set aside.

Whip the heavy cream in a chilled bowl until it holds a medium peak when the whisk is turned upright. Working by hand with a spatula, fold the whipped cream into the pastry cream in 2 or 3 additions, folding just until evenly blended.

Place one circle of cake at the bottom of a small jar. Top with about 2 tablespoons strawberries, followed by 2 tablespoons of the pastry cream mixture. Add another cake circle, pressing down lightly to compact the layers, followed by about 1 1/2 tablespoons of blueberries and another 2 tablespoons of pastry cream mixture. Repeat the steps with the remaining jars, cover with plastic wrap, and refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving.

### YELLOW BUTTER CAKE

Makes 12 servings (one 18-by-13-inch cake)

1 3/4 cups cake flour  
1 cup sugar  
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, diced, at room temperature  
1/2 cup milk (divided use)  
2 large eggs  
1 large egg white  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Coat a rimmed baking sheet (about 18-by-13 inches) with spray oil, and line with parchment paper. Set aside.

Sift the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt into the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment or in a large mixing bowl. Add the butter and 1/4 cup of the milk. Mix on medium speed until smooth, about 3 minutes, scraping down the bowl with a rubber spatula as needed.

Meanwhile, in a separate bowl, blend the eggs, egg white, the remaining 1/4 cup milk and the vanilla extract. Add to the batter in three additions, mixing for 2 minutes on medium speed after each addition. Scrape down the bowl between additions.

Pour the batter into the baking sheet, and spread into an even layer. Bake until the cake is golden brown and springs back when touched lightly in the center, about 24 minutes.

Let cool in the pan for about 5 minutes, then use the parchment paper to carefully lift the cake from the pan and transfer to a cooling rack. Cool completely before using.

### PASTRY CREAM

Makes 12 servings (about 2 cups)

1/4 cup cornstarch  
3/4 cup sugar (divided use)  
2 cups whole milk (divided use)  
4 large egg yolks, lightly beaten  
1 pinch salt  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter

Combine the cornstarch with 1/4 cup of the sugar in a mixing bowl, then stir in 1/2 cup of the milk. Blend the yolks into the cornstarch mixture, stirring with a wooden spoon until completely smooth.

Prepare an ice bath. Combine the remaining 1 1/2 cups milk with the remaining 1/2 cup sugar and the salt in a nonreactive saucepan over medium heat, and bring to a boil. Remove the pan from the heat.

Temper the egg mixture by gradually adding about one-third of the hot milk mixture, whisking constantly. Add the remaining milk



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mixture to the eggs. Return the mixture to the saucepan, and continue cooking over medium heat, vigorously stirring with a whisk until the mixture comes to a boil and the whisk leaves a trail in the pastry cream, 5 to 7 minutes. As soon as the pastry cream reaches this stage, remove the

pan from the heat, and stir in the vanilla extract and the butter.

Transfer the pan to the ice bath. Stir occasionally until the pastry cream is cool, about 30 minutes.

Transfer the pastry cream to a storage container, and place parchment or waxed paper di-

rectly on the surface to prevent a skin from forming. Cover the storage container tightly and refrigerate until needed, up to 3 days.

Nutrition information per serving: 419 calories; 190 calories from fat; 21 g fat (12 g saturated; 1 g trans fats); 155 mg cholesterol; 170 mg sodium; 54 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 32 g sugar; 7 g protein.

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