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Clarendon considers pause on data center approvals after company eyes county industrial park for facility

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A data center is considering Clarendon County as its next location. However, county officials are looking to put a temporary halt on the venture to better understand its potential impact. Clarendon County Council unanimously passed first reading of a moratorium at its Aug. 10 meeting on approving new data centers and battery-storage facilities while officials figure out rules for where and how those projects can be built. George Kosinski, executive director of Clarendon County Economic Development, explained to the council and the public that the county is not actively recruiting data centers. Rather, the proposed 15-megawatt project came after a building in the county's industrial park was up for sale. The project being considered would exist in a 100,000-square-foot building owned by Santee Electric. The park is



The Clarendon County Industrial Park in Manning is the center of conversation as the site of a potential data center project in the county.

owned, managed and marketed by Clarendon County Business Development Corporation. According to County Administrator Walt Ackerman, the county government was unaware the building was being marketed and did

not have safeguards in place to control the use of the building before a prospective project came along. "All the other dominoes just fell before we even had time to react," Ackerman said. He said the biggest driver for data centers appearing across South Carolina is the digitizing of medical records. "Everybody is digitizing medical records now, storing them on that cloud, which we've learned is a four-wall building with servers in it," he said. "We're utilizing medical services more than we ever have." Residents voiced their concerns about the industry's interest in the area. Kosinski explained at there are several factors of this project that the county can and can't control.

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The county does not control how much electricity is available.

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USC Sumter honors Sonntag in building commemoration ceremony Thursday

With assistance of local trust, renovated Science Building named in honor of former dean

BY BRUCE MILLS
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At a commemoration ceremony Thursday at University of South Carolina Sumter, the campus' fully renovated Science Building that opened two years ago was named in honor of former Dean Michael Sonntag. Dignitaries, including Frank Edwards of the Sumter-based Williams-Brice-Edwards Charitable Trust that provided the funding for the naming opportunity, called Sonntag "the right person at the right time" when he took the helm of the college in 2014 and guided the major renovation and construction project to completion. Sonntag served as USC Sumter's dean for 10-plus years before stepping down in June 2024, shortly after the building renovation was complete, for a smaller-profile position with the USC Palmetto



Former USC Sumter Dean Michael Sonntag smiles after unveiling his brass naming plaque on Thursday in the renovated Science Building on the school's campus. The facility will now be known as the Sonntag Science Building.



Former USC Sumter Dean Michael Sonntag, left, and his son, Greyson, right, unveil a large monument sign in Sonntag's honor in the back area of the Science Building on Thursday. Moving forward, the facility will be named the Sonntag Science Building on the USC Sumter campus.

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GOP runoff for U.S. Senate in South Carolina set for Aug. 25

Sen. Darline Graham and U.S. Rep. Ralph Norman advance

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COLUMBIA — Sen. Darline Graham and U.S. Rep. Ralph Norman have advanced to a runoff in South Carolina’s special Republican primary to replace the late Lindsey Graham in the U.S. Senate, one month after his sudden death.

A first-time candidate who was always close to her brother’s political orbit, Darline Graham overcame skepticism about her lack of experience in her campaign to replace him, as she moved forward Tuesday as the top vote-getter to runner-up Norman from a 10-way field en route to an Aug. 25 runoff. Lindsey Graham died July 11, triggering a whirlwind special election season.

Gov. Henry McMaster had appointed Darline Graham to serve the waning months of her late brother’s term. She picked up President Donald Trump’s swift backing, but the rare open Senate seat attracted a broad field, including some of the state’s top Re-



GRAHAM

publicans, setting up the latest test of the president’s command over the GOP base.

Darline Graham addressed reporters Tuesday evening flanked by her family and introduced herself anew to the state’s Republican voters. She boasted of her work with Trump in her first three weeks in the Senate and took a veiled swipe at her opponent, saying she was “guilty as charged” of not being a politician.

“I will spend the next two weeks of this runoff meeting with voters and unlike some politicians listening to their concerns — yes, listening to their concerns,” Graham said, not mentioning Norman by name. “This seat belongs to the people of South Carolina, and I will work hard to earn, earn your vote.”

Trump told reporters Tuesday evening that Graham called him after making the runoff to thank him for his support. Trump responded “I think so” when asked if he would campaign for her, but noted he also liked Norman and other candidates in the race, saying, “I mean, they’re all Trumpers.”



NORMAN

Norman has long been a member of the House Freedom Caucus, comprised of the chamber’s most conservative members. He unsuccessfully ran for the GOP gubernatorial nomination earlier this year.

“Let’s win this thing in a big way,” Norman told supporters Tuesday night, as he appealed for party unity heading into the runoff and noted surprising circumstances of the campaign after Graham’s death. “He’s a fixture, we thought he would be here,” Norman said.

For decades, South Carolina voters reliably returned Lindsey Graham to Washington despite periodic primary challengers who accused the deal-maker and foreign policy hawk of being insufficiently conservative.

Tuesday’s contest featured one of Lindsey Graham’s earlier foes, as well as two U.S. House members and Mark Sanford, the former governor and congressman eager for a political comeback in a field crowded with familiar faces. The winner of the runoff will face Democrat Annie Andrews in the general election.

Statewide, Graham received 32.75% of the vote, and Norman received 24.65%. In Sumter, 42.65% of voters chose Graham, and 20.33% chose Norman.

Early voting for U.S. Senate Special Republican Primary runoff begins Aug. 19

BY S.C. ELECTION COMMISSION

COLUMBIA – The South Carolina Election Commission is reminding eligible voters about important dates and deadlines for a runoff election on Aug. 25. Not every voter is eligible to participate in the Special Republican Primary Runoff. Voters who participated in the June Democratic Primary are not eligible to vote in the runoff. Voters who participated in the June Republican Primary, the U.S. Senate Special Republican Primary or who did not vote in either primary are eligible to vote.

Early voting in runoffs

Voters may visit an early voting center during the early voting period and vote just as they would at their polling place on Election Day. In Sumter, this center is at the Voter Registration and Elections office, 129 E. Liberty St. In Manning, go to the county voter registration office at 3 S. Church St. In Lee County, visit the county voter registration office at 101 Gregg St., Bishopville.

– The early voting period is Wednesday, Aug. 19, through Friday, Aug. 21.

– Early voting centers are open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

– Voters will be asked to present their Photo ID when checking in to vote.

Reminders for absentee voting

– Qualified voters can vote

absentee by mail. Examples include: A person with a physical disability, someone age 65 or older and a person whose job prevents them from voting during early voting and election day.

– To see a full list of qualifying reasons, visit the absentee voting page on scVOTES.gov.

– To vote absentee by mail, get an application by contacting the county voter registration and elections office.

– The deadline to return an absentee application is 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 14.

– After receiving and completing the ballot, voters must be sure to sign the oath and have the signature witnessed.

– Anyone age 18 or older can witness the signature. A notary is not necessary.

– Return the ballot by mail or personal delivery as soon as possible.

o Ballots must be received by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Aug. 25.

o Ballots should be mailed no later than one week prior to Election Day to help ensure timely delivery.

o Voters must present Photo ID if returning an absentee ballot in person.

– Additional information about assistance from an immediate family member or authorized representative requesting an absentee ballot is available at scVOTES.gov.

Sumter airman identified as victim fatally struck in road

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Sumter County Coroner Robbie Baker has identified the victim found lying dead in the roadway on Mallard Drive.

Adam Peil, 41, of Sumter, was identified as the man found lying in the roadway on Friday, Aug. 7, according to Baker. The incident occurred about 11 p.m., and information gathered indicated Peil was struck by a vehicle, according to Sumter Police Department. The vehicle and its occupants were located after they called 911.

Shaw Air Force Base confirmed with *The Sumter Item* on Wednesday, Aug. 12 that Peil was an airman.

“We are deeply saddened by this loss and extend our most sincere condolences to the member’s family, friends, and teammates,” Shaw said in a statement to *The Item*.

No further details were released by the base out of respect for the family’s privacy and in accordance with Department of the Air Force policy.

Next of kin was notified by Sumter County Coroner’s Office, and an autopsy is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 12.

Clarendon County Archives emptied as relocation of records nears completion

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Clarendon County Archives has effectively closed its doors.

A sign now marks the closure, and the relocation of the county’s historical records is nearly complete after the county council’s decision to move the archives to *The Manning Times* while repairs to the historic building are pursued.

County Administrator Walt Ackerman told *The Item* via email on Thursday, Aug. 13, that the facility was closed for relocation and preservation of its contents on June 29. He anticipated the move to be complete Friday, Aug. 14.

The Item observed tables cluttered with boxes with lids misplaced and contents sticking out haphazardly. Bookshelves have moved, and the desks where archives staff once sat are empty.

Many residents who opposed the closure and relocation have raised concerns of preservation and safety of the records and materials of the archives. *The Item* asked Ackerman what precautions were taken to ensure records aren’t damaged, lost or misplaced during relocation.

“We were very cautious in the move, as some of the material was delicate in nature,” he responded.

The next step in this process would

be repairs. In earlier reporting, county officials argued the facility’s deteriorating conditions, increase in moisture and the need for repairs made relocating the archives necessary to protect the collection during repairs. The issues persisted, Ackerman said, after a period of rainstorms in June.

A timeline for repairs to the historic building depends on the availability of funding. Money previously budgeted for operation of the archives will not be reserved for future repairs. Instead, Ackerman said that money has already been reallocated for other services.

In July, Ackerman said county officials have remained in contact with state Rep. Fawn Pedalino regarding appropriations to repair the building.

But repairs may be further delayed. Ackerman said the county will have to engage a professional to determine the full extent of repairs required after county facilities staff determined the building’s alleged deterioration to be “much more extensive than originally anticipated.”

In the meantime, archival records will be housed at *The Manning Times*, per the agreement approved by council in April. The agreement states the archives collection will be temporarily housed at the newspaper’s building for an initial three years while repairs are completed.

In July, Ackerman told *The Item* several upgrades have been completed to two rooms inside the newspaper’s building totaling \$7,500. An itemized facilities list obtained by *The Item* detailed the work included \$1,500 demolition of the kitchen area, \$3,000 installation of new flooring in the front room and kitchen area, \$1,800 ceiling repairs and painting to ceiling and kitchen walls and \$1,200 repairs and mud sheetrock around the newspaper’s back door.

Unlimited Enterprises LLC in Turbeville said the work was completed as of May 14. The county was also scheduled to begin its digitization of the archives records in July.

Ackerman told *The Item* that a purchase order has been issued to Versaterm, whose specialized service digitizes and indexes records into “searchable digital records that support faster access, stronger oversight and long-term preservation.”

The county previously said digitizing the records would help preserve the historical documents and allow residents to access records remotely. Though *The Manning Times* is said to be willing to assist with research, Ackerman said the issue may become “moot” once records are digitized.

A timeline for how long the digitization of records will take has not been released.

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Sumter High hosted Wilson for its first home scrimmage under new head coach Drew Marlowe on Monday. With the regular season quickly approaching, the Gamecocks continue working to establish their identity under new leadership.





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Listening to your body: Signs that your body needs rest

We often think of exercise as something we should push through. But recovery is not the opposite of fitness, it is part of it. Your body needs time to repair muscles, restore energy and adapt to physical activity. Learning to recognize when you need rest can help prevent injuries, improve performance and make exercise more enjoyable.

One of the clearest warning signs is persistent fatigue. Feeling tired after a challenging workout is normal, but fatigue that continues for several days, makes everyday activities difficult or does not improve with adequate sleep may be a signal that your body needs a break.

Other signs include ongoing muscle soreness, unusual weakness, declining exercise performance, poor coordination, irritability and changes in sleep. Research on overtraining has found that persistent fatigue, reduced performance and mood changes can occur when training demands are not balanced with enough recovery. Researchers also emphasize that these symptoms can have causes other than exercise, including illness, inadequate nutrition or other medical conditions.

The American College of Sports Medicine emphasizes the importance of balancing exercise with recovery, explaining that “the balance between training and recovery allows your body to repair and adapt, building strength and endurance.” It is also important to rethink the idea that a workout is only successful if you are sore afterward. The American Council on Exercise says that soreness is not required for muscle growth or strength improvements.

Pay attention when a workout that normally feels manageable suddenly feels unusually difficult. You may also notice that you are los-



Missy Corrigan

ing motivation or that your body feels heavy before you even begin exercising. These are good reasons to consider a lighter workout or a day off.

Sleep is another important part of recovery. During sleep, the body repairs itself and supports healthy brain and immune function. Research supports the importance of balancing exercise stress with recovery. Here are some suggested tips:

- Schedule recovery days. Rest does not mean doing nothing. Walking, gentle stretching or other light activities may be appropriate when you are tired.
- Track how you feel. Keep a simple record of your workouts, sleep, soreness, energy and mood. Patterns can help you recognize when you are doing too much.
- Prioritize sleep. Aim for at least seven hours a night, and maintain a consistent sleep schedule.
- Fuel your body. Eat balanced meals, stay hydrated, and make sure you are getting enough food to support your activity level.
- Adjust instead of quitting. If you feel run-down, reduce the intensity or duration of your workout rather than forcing yourself through it.

Talk with your health care provider if fatigue, weakness, pain, sleep problems or declining performance continue despite reducing your activity and getting adequate rest. Seek medical advice if symptoms are severe, worsening or interfering with normal daily activities. Persistent symptoms should not automatically be blamed on exercise because they can sometimes signal an underlying medical problem.

Rest is not laziness, and taking a break does not mean you are losing progress. Sometimes the healthiest fitness decision is to slow down, recover and return when your body is ready.

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The food pantry of Hidden Wounds at 21 S. Washington St. is always in need of more donations, and Advantage Realty Group's fundraiser is focused on giving half the proceeds to the veterans group for a food drive. Hidden Wounds provides free assistance and resources to veterans, including food.

Advantage Realty Group hosts 50/50 Fundraiser supporting area veterans

BY MELANIE SMITH
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Help support area veterans and maybe win some cash yourself through a Sumter realty group's fundraiser.

Advantage Realty Group is hosting a 50/50 Fundraiser, with half of the money from the effort going to Hidden Wounds' food drive and the other half going to a lucky ticketholder.

TJ Green with the realty group is helping to spearhead the effort and said this is the third year a fundraiser will be held by the group and the second consecutive year that Hidden Wounds will benefit. But this is the first year it will involve a 50/50 raffle. The previous group assisted was Sumter United Ministries. Green said the agents' goal is to raise \$5,000 total.

Tickets cost \$1 each, and the winner will be chosen Saturday, Aug. 22, at 2 p.m. You can buy tickets at the group's office, 2573 Broad St., or scan the attached QR code with your phone.

Don Cowan, administrative broker with the realty group, said the Sumter Board of Realtors organized the food drive, and the realty group thanked the board in its flyer for the drive and supporting area veterans.

Hidden Wounds' mission is "to bring combat veterans together to strengthen, to share and to improve their lives; to empower them to

make choices using biblical principles; to heal themselves and enable them to help other veterans."

The group's branch in downtown Sumter provides free resources for veterans, including rides to appointments, mental health assistance, a food pantry, payment toward overdue bills and housing, according to previous *Item* reporting. Veterans can spend time there with each other or relax by themselves with a book, coffee, snacks and more at 21 S. Washington St.

Cowan said after the fundraiser, agents will use half of the money to shop for food for Hidden Wounds, with input from the organization about its most-requested food pantry items.

For updates on the fundraising effort, follow Advantage Realty Group on its TikTok, Instagram and Facebook pages.

Joint Base Charleston renamed in honor of Graham

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRAXTON GRANT-STOKES

JOINT BASE LINDSEY GRAHAM, S.C. – Secretary of War Pete Hegseth officially renamed Joint Base Charleston to Joint Base Lindsey Graham during a ceremony Aug. 10, honoring the legacy of the late U.S. Sen. Lindsey O. Graham and his decades of military and public service.

U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Scott Bessent, South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster and U.S. Sen. Darline Graham attended the ceremony, which marked the official unveiling of the installation's new name.

"Sen. Lindsey Graham dedicated his life to serving this state and serving the armed forces of the United States," Hegseth said. "He knew the timeless truth that to ensure peace, we must be prepared for war. Protect your people, protect your state, protect your sovereignty, or you will lose it to someone else who is willing to take it from you."

Graham served 33 years in the U.S. Air Force, including active-duty Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve service, before retiring as a colonel in 2015. Throughout his career in Congress, Graham remained a strong advocate for the installation and South Carolina's military community, helping se-



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRAXTON GRANT-STOKES

South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster, U.S. Sen. Darline Graham and Joint Base Lindsey Graham leadership prepare to greet Secretary of War Pete Hegseth on the flightline ahead of the installation renaming ceremony of Joint Base Charleston on Aug. 10.

cure hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funding for infrastructure and aviation-related projects.

"As we unveil this new sign today, it's much more than a marker of our gates," said U.S. Air Force Col. K. Michael Shirley II, Joint Base Lindsey Graham and 628th Air Base Wing commander. "It will serve as a daily reminder to every sailor, airman, Marine, soldier, Guardian and civilian contractor that their mission is vital and their safety is prioritized, and their sacrifice is valued by our highest level of government."

While the installation looks to the future under a new name, the core mission of the installation remains unchanged: Rapid Global Mobility – Anytime, Anywhere.



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Morris College students begin another year



Morris College students moved in recently and headed back to class Tuesday, Aug. 4. Students are seen enjoying the campus on Aug. 13.

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Sumter Electric Appliance Company: SEACO

‘What SEACO sells, sells SEACO’

Reflections revisits Sumter Electric Appliance Company, also known as SEACO. The data and photos used to produce this paper were acquired from *The Item* archives. The paper will be presented in two parts due to its length. In August of 1945, the United States and Japan signed an agreement to end hostilities between the two nations. This event brought to an end our planet’s most devastating conflict which had resulted in more than 50 million deaths and the loss of untold billions of dollars in resources. The world’s population was caught up in a global shortage of basic necessities, and the advances made in technology were practically unknown to the general public.

Most nations had instituted rationing policies that allocated a majority of certain items to the war effort, and this policy had created a demand for certain products that would help accelerate the reconversion of our nation’s manufacturers to a peace-time economy. One of the areas that caught the attention of the American consumer was the field of electrical appliances. The demand for these labor-saving devices grew so rapidly that inventories were continually being depleted primarily due to labor concerns and the manufacturers’ inability to get certain products to the public.

Immediately following World War II, United States utility companies began to make rapid improvements in generating and transmitting electricity to the general populace. With the increase in the production of electricity helping to lower the cost of energy for the consumer, there was an obvious increase in the use of this power source in post-World War II America. The rapid expansion of electrical power also helped create a boom in the sale of electrical appliances and profits for stock holders.

Kitchen appliances proved to be the products receiving the most attention since kitchens had been integral parts of the design of dwellings for centuries. This space is traditionally used to prepare food; the word kitchen comes from the colloquial Roman word “coquina” which literally means “to cook.”

During the early 19th century architects began to design kitchens that featured cooking stoves and water faucets; by 1825 gas cookers began to replace coal and wood-burning stoves followed closely by gas ranges. Kitchens would become more functional as the addition of water and sewer pipes would lead to the need for more appli-



SEACO’s storefront is seen circa the 1940s. The store on North Main Street opened in 1946.

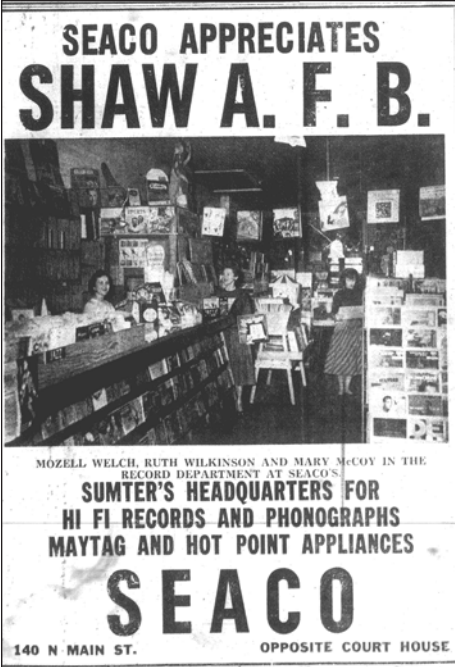
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J. B. “Red” Baker



This advertisement for SEACO was published in 1956 thanking Shaw Air Force Base.

ances in the preparation of food. Electric refrigerators that cooled and conserved food were introduced replacing blocks of ice and helping ex-



This ad for SEACO was published in November 1946.

tend the life of meats and vegetables.

Electrical power for American homes ushered in a number of appliances designed to facilitate preparing meals, cleaning floors, baking cakes and providing entertainment. This boom in the sale of electric appliances, which were scarce during the war years, encouraged a number of entrepreneurs to enter the retail appliance business. John Baxter “Red” Baker, a well-known Sumter resident, would open the Sumter Electric Appliance Company at 140 N. Main St. on Nov. 22, 1946.

During the 1930s Baker played football and basketball while attending Wingate College in North Carolina. He later transferred to the University of South Carolina in Columbia, where he continued to play both football and basketball for the Gamecocks. After graduating, he entered the business community when he accepted a job with Grey Wholesale Appliance Company. Baker enjoyed the retail business and immediately became fond of several lines of appliances including Philco, Maytag, Motorola, among oth-

ers. Baker quickly developed a reputation as an expert in the field of small appliances and retail sales. Outside his professional career he found time to participate in a number of community activities. He served as secretary-treasurer of the Cain’s Mill Club, and because of his previous experience in the theater, he would be asked to serve on a steering committee intent on establishing a community theater.

Baker envisioned a store that would feature a number of modern conveniences including “Hotpoint appliances, toys, radios, household goods, market equipment, Pennsylvania Tires, and both classical and popular records.” In addition to retail sales, Baker offered both refrigeration and electrical repair service for his customers. A unique feature of SEACO was the addition of a modern record bar which was initially operated by Mrs. Connie Wilson and later by Baker’s step-son, Dave (Mac) McInnis. The record bar would feature a variety of music which customers could preview in two “modern and comfortable sound-proof booths.”

The store was well organized in a manner allowing customers to find the appliance they needed. One problem the store encountered was the initial shortage of inventory due to the limited production of domestic goods by U.S. industries following World War II. The consumer demand for a variety of goods and household conveniences far exceeded the industrial output of America’s post-war industries. In 1954 Baker sold the store to Ruth and Edward Wilkerson, along with Roy Griffin; shortly after the sale, the store became Sumter’s authorized Hotpoint electric appliance dealer.

During the 1970s and ’80s, the store began a transition from appliance vendor to a full-line music store which included the latest album releases in addition to musical instruments. Started by “Red” Baker, SEACO continues the tradition of selling quality products at reasonable prices. The building has recently undergone renovation and houses another business. SEACO is now located at 657 Bultman Drive. Items for sale may have changed, but the friendly service and attention to detail continue as they did over 65 years ago.



In August 1956, the “Three Suns,” the world-famous RCA recording trio, took time out from autographing their musical albums for fans to be interviewed by Radio Station WSSC. Marty Nevins, Artie Dunn and Johnnie Buck, left, are shown as they talked with announcer Sam Combs and Chick Foster, RCA Victor’s South Carolina representative.

Briefs

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Free Food Giveaway Aug. 20

SUMMERTON — The Bradford-Solomon Missionary Society along with partners K&H Resource Center and Harvest Hope will hold a free food giveaway at 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at Historic Liberty Hill AME Church, 2320 Liberty Hill Road.

Monarch Strong's Bike-Run-Walk



MANNING — Monarch Strong's 6th Annual Bike-Run-Walk will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3. Choose your challenge and register at monarchstrong.com. Road Cyclists' Epic Challenge — all adult cyclists meet at 7:15 a.m.; metric ride roll out at 8 a.m. sharp; 40-mile ride roll out at 8:15 a.m. sharp; and 25-mile ride roll out at 8:30 a.m. sharp. Not a cyclist? Lace up those sneakers and take scenic laps over the Old 301 Santee Walking Bridge (10k/6.2 miles) or the Challenge Run/Walk (28k/17.4 miles) round trip lap from SC Santee State Park over the Old 301 Walking Bridge. Location for 10K is the new park at the 301 Old Walking Bridge (driving directions from I-95: Take Exit 102 and turn left at Highway 15-U.S. 301). Location for 28K: 251 State Park Road, Shelter No. 1. For additional information on participating, volunteering or sponsoring the event, email monarchstrong@gmail.com.

Dam 5K, 1 Mile Gold-Bow Fun Run

MANNING — Run for a good cause. Join the Dash on the Dam 5K and 1 Mile Gold-Bow Fun Run on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 9 to 10 a.m. on Lake Marion-Santee Dam. Though September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, the Optimist Club of Clarendon is waiting for cooler temperatures to hold this event in support of area families affected by this disease and national organizations.

Library welcomes volunteers

MANNING — In this new year, why not

try something new? You can volunteer at Harvin Clarendon County Library, 215 N. Brooks St., and make a difference in your community. You can help with shelving returned items, assisting customers with the computers and providing tutorials to new computer users, according to the library's website. Volunteers will also learn about library systems, customer service and other job skills. If you'd like to start volunteering, ask at the circulation desk about available opportunities. All volunteers are required to complete a brief application, background check and drug screening before volunteering. Library staff will provide necessary links and forms. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age.

Shop With a Hero

MANNING — Well Watered Ministries is holding Shop With A Hero Teen Holiday Experience on Dec. 12. Shop With a Hero is a shopping experience where at-risk youth (12 and up) are paired one-on-one with a local police officer, firefighter or EMT for a guided shopping trip. Together they will choose gifts, essentials and items the youth really wants. Sponsor a child for \$150. To give or get involved scan the code or contact wellwatered-ministries.org or call (803) 662-2923.



Become a member of Lake Marion Artisans guild

SUMMERTON — Enjoy art and spending time getting to know others who do, too? The Lake Marion Artisans is recruiting new members from Summerton and nearby communities around Lake Marion. According to its website, the group is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in the historic district of Summerton and operates the only art gallery in Clarendon County. The gallery is at 108 Main St., Summerton. "Members of the Lake Marion Artisans (LMA) are art enthusiasts who actively promote and nurture the arts in our community. Our endeavors provide channels of public recognition of local Artisans, celebrating their rich diversity through community projects that exhibit their talent," the page says. To become a member, read the guild's bylaws and fill out a membership form at <https://tinyurl.com/y4upkn9u>.

Life in the Palmetto State: The supper table, a 4-legged therapist

Coming up, I can't remember a night that the four of us didn't eat around the supper table. Our day was not complete without sharing a meal with my folks pulled up under the table eating and sharing our day. Mostly Dad's work, my Mom's day and her college pursuit, and the sports activities of my brother and I. Whatever the situation, and whatever was the most pressing, was the topic of our conversation.

Some were harder than others, but clear communication was the theme. My Mom was an excellent cook, and we certainly enjoyed whatever she cooked. We didn't have the luxury of having one thing for me, one thing for my brother or Dad and so on and so forth. We ate what was in front of us or we didn't eat. We hardly ever ate out because Mom cooked (one of her pride and joys was to cook for her family.) Now let me interject this. For about six years, while she was taking night classes studying to be a lawyer, she didn't always cook. But Dad did. Everything he cooked turned out to be something stirred in a pot. Dad called it "sick wife's hash," and it was usually pretty good. That's why my brother and I grew up pretty big kids. We never met a meal we didn't like. Back to the therapeutic side of things.



Lee Reaves

There is an old adage that if you get what's bugging you on the outside, it feels a whole lot better than being on the inside, and there was plenty of that even accompanied by tears. Now don't let me fool you, these conversations were not always easy. Some were heated, very heated. But once you got it out of your system and out in the open, you felt much better. I had too big of a conscience. I blabbed out everything, 'cause to be right honest I couldn't keep stuff hidden. It killed me to know I was keeping secrets from Mom and Dad, and yes, little brother. Now, that table had no special powers, actually all it did was sit there, but it provided a platform (to use one of today's popular words) that seemingly promoted family engagement and honesty. It was a common denominator in our everyday life. An aspect of life that kept a lid on things. We prayed around it, we ate on it, and you didn't disrespect it. It was part of the family, and you honored it. In my eyes, it was one of the glues that kept us together and sane. So, as I sit at the bottom of this big ole pine on my place in the woods, I hear the mourning doves and quail. I see the squirrels playing in the trees acting out their afternoon ritual. I reminisce and yearn for those yesterdays. I miss Dad and Mom, Lee Sr. and Bobbie Jo so much that I ache to relive the memories that I grew up with. So, to my readers, don't underestimate the power of the supper table. It just may be the only thing that holds your family together. May God bless you!

Lee Reaves Jr. is president of Clarendon County Historical Society.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Summons & Notice

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF CLARENDON
DOCKET NO. 2026CP1400339
(016487-02080)
SUMMONS
Deficiency Judgment Waived

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.
Justin Scott; Midland Credit
Management, Inc.
Defendants(s).

TO THE DEFENDANT(S), Justin Scott:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this foreclosure action on property located at 126 N Boundary St, Manning, SC 29102, being designated in the County tax records as TMS# 169-15-08-001-00, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 1221 Main Street, 14th Floor, Post Office Box 100200, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202-3200, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND/OR MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY: YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem to represent said minor(s) within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff(s) herein.
NOTICE
TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk

Summons & Notice

of Court for Clarendon County, South Carolina on June 26, 2026.

/s/R. Brooks Wright
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF CLARENDON
C/A NO.: 2026-CP-14-00366
SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT

Dwight Gipson, Plaintiff,

vs.

Barbara G. Blunt, Leroy Gipson, Jr., Kevin Gipson, Tosca Ann Gipson, Teresa Gipson, Oscar Robinson, John Doe, a fictitious person, representing as a class, any and all unknown persons or entity who claims or might claim to be heir of or successor in interest to Leroy Gipson and/or Josephine Gipson or who might otherwise claim any interest in or lien upon the property described in the within action, and Richard Roe, a fictitious person representing as a class, all persons suffering under legal disability and claiming or might claim to be an heir of or successor in interest to Leroy Gipson and/or Josephine Gipson or who might otherwise claim any interest in or lien upon the property described in the within action, Defendants.

TO: THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this Action, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint on the subscribers, Johnson | DuRant, LLC, at their office, 411 N. Brooks St., Manning, SC, 29102; P.O. Box 137, Manning, SC, 29102, within thirty (30) days

Summons & Notice

after service hereof, exclusive of the day of said service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff herein will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the original Complaint, together with the Lis Pendens in the above entitled action was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County on July 1, 2026.
NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN, that Scott L. Robinson, Esq., of P.O. Box 339, Manning, SC 29102 has been appointed as Guardian ad Litem Nisi for the unknown Defendants.

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August 3, 2026

Estate Notice Clarendon County

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371ES with the Probate Court of Clarendon County, the address of which is 411 Sunset Dr. Manning, SC 29102, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate: Robert Frank Wilson
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Estate: Louis Touton Elliott
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Personal Representative: Pina J. Steinman
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#2026ES1400219
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1390 Harbor House Dr.
Manning, SC 29102

Estate: Susie Mae Pearson Johnson
#2026ES1400209
Personal Representative: Glennie Stoudemire
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Estate: Charlie Leland Coker
#2026ES1400203
Personal Representative: Dianne Coker
317 Alfred Henry Dr.
Manning, SC 29102

Estate: Charles Ray Connor
#2026ES1400122
Personal Representative: Hazel D. Connor
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Sumter, SC 29150

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Estate: Robert Norris Clark
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Personal Representative: Sylvia H. Clark
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Sumter, SC 29150

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Manning, SC 29102



Clothing brands try to win over Gen Z with a needle and thread

BY ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — Encouraging customers to mend worn clothes instead of buying new ones might seem like a self-defeating sales strategy. But in-store repairs and sewing workshops are becoming essential retail services for clothing brands as they try to appeal to young consumers who want to save money and the planet.

While luxury fashion houses and select specialty retailers like Patagonia and L.L. Bean have offered product repairs for decades, the concept has caught on. Jeans giant Levi Strauss & Co., casual wear chain Uniqlo and budget retailer Primark are a few of the apparel companies hoping to win over Generation Z shoppers with a needle and thread.

Levi's created a handstitching course for high school students after determining that many members of Gen Z lacked the sewing skills to match their interest in thrift store shopping and sustainability. Employees spend 90 minutes instructing teenagers on four tasks: sewing on a button, hemming, patching a hole and fixing a tear.

The Wear Longer program, which the San Francisco-based company is expanding across the U.S., builds on the repair and customization services Levi's offers at hundreds of stores worldwide. "We think it's important to empower the people who buy our clothes with the skill sets to maintain them, to get them to that second life," Paul Dillinger, Levi's head of global design innovation, said.

Detroit resident Chloe Halprin, 25, is the kind of consumer retailers hope to attract with a "fix it, don't ditch it" message.

In high school, Halprin shopped at inexpensive, trendy stores. Fixing a big rip felt beyond her limited sewing ability. If she damaged a top or skirt from Forever 21, "I might just throw it away."

These days, Halprin buys most of her clothes secondhand. She recently learned to hem with a sewing machine and hopes to tackle projects like turning a skirt into a shirt.

"I try to be conscientious of my carbon footprint," Halprin, a nonprofit grant writer, said. "I really don't like waste. I'm trying to save money as well."

MENDING IS A TINY PART OF CUTTING THE WORLD'S MOUNTAINS OF TEXTILE WASTE

The evolution of mending from an

economic necessity and traditional craft to a method for cultivating customers didn't happen overnight. The fashion industry as a whole has come under intensifying pressure to reduce its contributions to environmental pollution and climate change.

Textile waste — which includes manufacturing remnants, unwanted clothes and linens, and unsold products — is one of the industry's most pressing challenges. Each year, the world generates fabric waste at a rate equivalent to a garbage truck's worth getting dumped or incinerated every second, the United Nations Environment Program estimates.

Researchers broadly agree that repairing and reselling clothes can reduce a garment's environmental impact, especially if it delays or replaces a new purchase. But many caution the practices remain too limited to offset continued growth in clothing production and consumption.

Clothing production roughly doubled between 2000 and 2015, while the average number of wearings per garment declined by about 36%, according to figures compiled by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation. The sustainability nonprofit estimated that less than 1% of discarded clothing material got recycled into new apparel.

Enter Generation Z, the cohort born between 1997 and 2012. It's the generation that grew up with fast fashion and e-commerce, then had school years and young adulthoods shaped by the coronavirus pandemic and post-pandemic inflation.

Whether due to limited budgets or a rejection of materialism, Gen Z has helped the preowned clothing market grow much faster than retail apparel sales in the U.S., independent market intelligence firm GlobalData estimated in a report with resale platform ThredUp.

For companies that make new clothes, mending programs and classes address "some deeper consumer needs and consumer behaviors at the moment," GlobalData retail analyst Neil Saunders said.

"It puts a halo on the brand," he said. Skeptics say the environmental impact of retailer repairs is limited.

The hands-on response from mass-market retailers, especially fast-fashion chains like Primark, Zara and H&M, has generated interest as well as skepticism.

Zara, which has its headquarters in Spain, launched a digital platform in



Genaro Ruiz sews clothing during a clothing repair workshop at a Levi's retail store in downtown San Francisco on July 22, 2026.

2022 for customers to resell their used pieces and to request basic alterations and repairs. The program is available in 17 of the nearly 100 countries where the trend-driven retailer operates.

Ireland-based Primark has focused more on customer education. The value-focused retailer hosts free "Love It For Longer" events where customers are taught skills like replacing zippers and buttons.

"Learning how to repair and care for clothing is probably one of the most simplest but absolutely totally effective ways that we can reduce waste and also extend the lifetime of whatever we buy," Vicki Swain, Primark's product longevity & partnership lead, said.

The company has held the workshops — more than 730 altogether — in nine of the 17 countries where Primark has stores, including the U.S. Primark also tested in-store repairs at three U.K. locations this year.

Swain argues that affordable clothes can be just as durable and repair-worthy as more expensive ones. Half the items Primark sells annually are basics like socks, underwear, T-shirts, and jeans, she said.

"There is nothing throw away about our products," Swain said.

Uniqlo, which focuses on timeless wardrobe staples, offers a range of aftercare services, including repairs, decorative sashiko mending, embroidery and creative restyling.

Available in 75 of the Japanese mass-market retailer's roughly 2,500 stores worldwide, the services are promoted as a national extension of the product life cycle. Providing them also strengthens Uniqlo's connection with customers, said Jean-Emmanuel Shein, director of global corporate responsibility at Uniqlo USA.

Kate Fletcher, a professor of sustainability, design and fashion systems at Manchester Metropolitan University in England, said she thinks the repair initiatives of popular retailers are well-meaning, but she doubts they will have much environmental impact.

"The fashion sector's primary source of impact is due to the overproduction of pieces and growing volumes of garments created," Fletcher said. "Repairing a garment in store happens in addition to these growing production volumes, not instead of them."

COMPANIES WANT TAX INCENTIVES TO MAKE REPAIRS AND SECONDHAND SALES MORE PROFITABLE

The question facing the fashion industry is whether repairs can evolve from niche service to commercially viable.

Sweden's H&M Group, which has more than 4,000 stores in over 80 countries, has been unusually candid about one of the biggest obstacles: the economics. The company has argued that repair and resale are desirable goals, but manufacturing new garments costs businesses less than keeping existing ones in use.

H&M experimented with mending and redesign studios in several European flagship stores over the past decade. The company also is majority owner of a secondhand clothing platform called Sellpy.

In May, H&M joined Primark, ThredUp and dozens of other fashion and textile businesses in signing a statement that urged governments in North America and the European Union to adopt tax policies that would make repairing and reselling clothes profitable.

Making mending work in retail is challenging because it's labor intensive and must be priced low enough to entice customers, Saunders, of GlobalData, said. Signals from consumers also are mixed, he said.

"I think younger shoppers still shop fast fashion because even though it goes against some of their principles, it is one of the most accessible parts of the market," Saunders said. "But what they're doing as well, though, is they're buying into alternative channels like resale. And they're having things repaired."

Pamela Anderson recommends Watermelon Granita for a no-fuss summer dessert

BY PAMELA ANDERSON
Voracious

My cookbook "I Love You" began as a box of recipe cards: a housewarming gift for my sons, inspired by our home-grown traditions and world travel.

Since I don't have a strong sweet tooth, dessert for me is more about being social and having something to share over cards, tea and coffee. A treat for the kids and their friends.

This Watermelon Granita is something beautiful to pull out at a barbecue — either in paper cups or in crystal glasses on a long picnic table outside... the dessert itself is pretty enough.

Not all my dinners end in



dessert, but I like to make sure all senses are firing, and a cool treat outside on a hot day is always appreciated.

WATERMELON GRANITA
Serves 4 to 6
Ingredients

This image released by Voracious shows a recipe for watermelon granita from the cookbook "I Love You" by Pamela Anderson.

DITTE ISAGER/VORACIOUS VIA AP

6 cups diced seeded watermelon
Juice of 1 lemon
1/3 cup granulated sugar
Directions
Combine the watermelon, lemon juice and sugar in a blender and puree on high speed for 1 minute. Strain through a fine-mesh sieve into a 9-by-13-inch baking pan. Cover and freeze for at least 2 hours.
Use a fork to scrape the frozen mixture to create tiny ice crystals. Return to the freezer and continue

checking and scraping every 30 minutes or so until the granita is completely frozen as beautiful flaky crystals. Serve in little bowls.

Pamela Anderson, author of "I Love You," is an actress, activist, and lifelong cook and homemaker. Above all else, she says, being a mother to sons Brandon Thomas Lee and Dylan Jagger Lee has been her greatest source of pride. Excerpted from "I Love You" by Pamela Anderson. Copyright (copyright) 2024 by Anderson Media Company, LLC. Used with permission of Voracious, an imprint of Little, Brown and Company. New York, NY. All rights reserved.

Wife doesn't want to be around husband's grandchildren

DEAR ABBY: I've been with my husband, "Ted," for nearly 15 years, married for 11. He has two children, 38 and 33, and I have one who is 32. When we started dating, none of our children planned to have children of their own. I made it clear from the start that I have no desire to be a grandma. I'm a teacher and work with kids all day, every day, and that is enough for me. He said he felt the same way.

His children now each have two children, while mine has

Dear Abby

stuck by her decision not to have any. I still have no desire to fill the grandma role. Ted's kids are starting to make remarks about the fact I am not around much, and Ted recently told me this is causing a divide between us.

I tried to explain that I haven't changed; he has. We have a blast together and enjoy traveling and hanging out with friends, but our couple time is slowly fading away. I'm tired of being the bad guy because I prefer to spend my personal time with adults.

Should I figure out how to be a single older lady, agree to

live separate lives in the same house, or conform and be miserable, babysitting and spending all my free time doing what I absolutely do not want to do? I want my husband back, not the grandpa.

DON'T CALL ME GRANDMA

DEAR DON'T CALL ME GRANDMA: You can't expect your husband to turn his back on his grandchildren. If the shoe were on the other foot and your daughter had made you a grandmother, there's a good chance you'd feel exactly as he does now.

Because you and Ted still love each other, divorce doesn't seem like a good solution. Would the two of you consider separating and returning to

more of a dating relationship for a few years until Ted's grandkids no longer need a babysitter? That way, you can continue to have fun with him while avoiding the grandma role.

DEAR ABBY: My husband's distant cousin, whom we haven't seen in more than 20 years, recently contacted us to say she wants to come for a visit. We have never really cared for her and do not want her to stay with us. Is there a polite way to tell her we are not open for her visit?

KEEPING TO OURSELVES IN FLORIDA

DEAR KEEPING: The polite way to tell this distant cousin you do not want her as a

houseguest would be to respond that you are unable to host her and suggest some nice hotels in the area. Add that you would be glad to take her out for lunch or dinner in order to catch up while she's in the neighborhood.

DEAR ABBY: If a woman asks a man to go on a first date, how should the check be paid?

SADIE IN IOWA

DEAR SADIE: The person who offers the invitation is expected to pay for the meal unless there is a prior arrangement to handle it differently. This applies in all relationships, not just romantic ones, but close friends usually have a standing agreement to request separate checks.

SONNTAG

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College central leadership team.

Current Dean Eric Reisenauer and Palmetto College Executive Vice Chancellor and Associate Provost Walt Collins both said the new state-of-the-art facility benefits students, faculty and staff with modern technology to prepare tomorrow’s workforce.

They also added that naming the “impressive structure,” which essentially took 10 years to complete because of various challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic, in honor of the former dean was a fitting tribute.

On staff with the college since the late 1990s, Reisenauer described the new Science Building project as “elusive” and unable to be achieved until Sonntag came on board.

Collins said he was on the hiring committee in 2013 that brought Sonntag to Sumter and said while here he “worked diligently and consistently to lift this institution in many ways.”

During his tenure, Sonntag helped lead USC Sumter to new heights. In addition to the renovated Science Building, the college set new student enrollment records, started new bachelor’s degree programs in nursing and education in partnership with USC Aiken, renovated the Nettles Building and grew its athletic program offerings from two sports to 15.

Collins also expressed deep gratitude to Edwards and the Williams-Brice-Edwards Charitable Trust for their visionary support, dedication and leadership to improving

BY THE NUMBERS

USC SUMTER
SCIENCE
BUILDING

\$10.9 million
Total cost of the
renovation project

23,619
Square feet in facility

2024
Year the renovation was
completed

60
Estimated years between
building’s initial
construction in 1960s
to renovation

5
Teaching labs in facility

3
Prep rooms for instructors

1
Faculty research room

Source: USC Sumter

the Sumter region.

“Donors associated with the Williams-Brice-Edwards Trust do not just fund projects,” Collins said, “they transform lives, create lasting legacies and ensure that world-class opportunities remain accessible right here in Sumter.”

Edwards did not specify



Former USC Sumter Dean Michael Sonntag, center, stands Thursday in the lobby area of the renovated Science Building named in his honor with Frank Edwards of the Williams-Brice-Edwards Charitable Trust, right, and his wife, Vicky.



Former USC Sumter Dean Michael Sonntag and his family are shown in front of his official portrait Thursday in the lobby of the renovated Science Building. Pictured from left are his wife, Jennifer, mother-in-law Penny Perkins, Sonntag, rear, and his children, Greyson and Sarah.

the amount of the trust’s gift but did say it was more than \$250,000.

At the time of the donation, he said there were internal discussions on the naming and commemoration and Sonntag’s name was quickly agreed upon.

Edwards added that Thursday’s ceremony was much more about Sonntag than him and his associated trust.

“When Mike came here to USC Sumter, I think he was the right person at the right time and set the school and campus on the right course,” Edwards said. “Then, he was able to hand off to Eric, who has taken the ball and run with it very well.”

In his personal remarks, Sonntag said when he came to USC Sumter as dean he had plenty of experience on the academic side at colleges but knew very little about maintaining a physical plant, fundraising and project management.

He admitted he learned in

all those functional areas during his tenure here. Sonntag described the Science Building renovation as “one of the more enlightening professional experiences that he ever had.”

“Those were really things that I had not had the chance to do as a faculty member and on the academic side,” he said. “And you know what — I loved being dean at USC Sumter. I liked all my adult jobs, but this was a real source of pride and joy.”

Through tears, Sonntag added that if he was considered successful at the college it was because of the people in his life to include his family, and also “hard-working, smart and supportive people in the staff, faculty and students at USC Sumter.”

Additionally, any success was also because of local community members, corporate partners associated with USC Sumter, the state Legislature, Sumter City Council, Sumter County Council and numerous friends.

After the speaking portion of the commemoration in a lecture hall in the Science Building, Reisenauer led — and Sonntag participated in — the unveiling of his naming plaque and official portrait in the building’s lobby.

Next, attendees moved outside to the rear of the building for the unveiling of a large monument sign in Sonntag’s honor. Another large monument sign will be completed soon in the front of the building.

According to a college spokeswoman, about 90 people attended the commemoration.



USC Sumter’s renovated Science Building opened in 2024 and cost \$10.9 million to complete. Thursday’s naming ceremony was planned for the front area of the facility but moved inside because of the high temperature.

MORATORIUM

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Kosinski said electricity is produced by Santee Cooper which Santee Electric purchases. The company has paid for a load study to be conducted by Santee Cooper. If the study determines Santee Cooper can provide the required 15 megawatts within approximately six months, the company is expected to finalize the project/deal and begin construction.

Kosinski said the data center would pay for its own electrical infrastructure. However, because the necessary infrastructure is already present, there should not be a new infrastructure expense to existing customers.

“These data centers will come in and they will pay for all of their own infrastructure, all of their own water, all of their own sewer infrastructure, roads, everything,” Kosinski said.

The prospective data center is not requesting county incentives, not negotiating a special fee and not seeking concessions from the county, he said.

The data center could also use up to 8,000 gallons of water per day — another factor of this project the county can’t control.

Kosinski said City of Manning reportedly has 3.2 million gallons of water per day in excess. He estimated the 8,000 gallons proposed for the data center would use less than 0.05% of that excess capacity.

Ackerman said modern data centers differ greatly from older models. Rather than using more water that would be disposed of afterward, newer facilities use closed-loop cooling systems.

MOST Policy Initiative, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization working to connect science to policy in Missouri, explained the water runs through a system of pipes to take up heat from the server room. The heated liquid then passes through a heat exchanger, cooling it before it returns to the server in a continuous loop. It is said to require less water and maintenance than other cooling systems.

Kosinski said the water is periodically removed and treated or recycled. The system may require approximately 40,000 gallons to refill and this would occur about every 10 years, he said.

NOISE AND LOCATION

Two factors of the project the county can control are its noise level and location.

Kosinski said a 15-megawatt data center would produce about 55 decibels at the property line. He offered comparisons of everyday noises, like the rustling of leaves coming in at approximately 30 dB, a household refrigerator at 50 dB, a dishwasher at 60 dB and a lawn mower at 90dB. He said the data center would be housed in a brick building with approximately 18-inch concrete insulated walls,

which would allow the noise level to remain below 60 dB at the property line.

When asked by the public about possible negatives, Kosinski said water usage could be one, but he doesn’t see it that way as “20 households use that much water.” He also emphasized the nearest residential properties are farther away because industrial parks are intentionally separated from residential areas.

Residents also raised concerns about the county’s farmland. Officials said they want to avoid these facilities appearing in inappropriate locations, being developed on valuable farmland, large facilities being placed near residential areas and uncontrolled development outside the designated industrial areas.

Kosinski referenced several major projects elsewhere in the state that involved rezoning. Of those mentioned was a proposed 860-acre data center campus in Colleton County.

The \$6 billion gigawatt-scale project would sit in the ACE Basin, one of the largest intact estuarine ecosystems on the Atlantic Coast. On the same August evening, Colleton County Council unanimously passed new zoning ordinances for the tech industry after its own six-month moratorium, despite great opposition from area residents.

POTENTIAL REVENUE DRIVERS

Kosinski said though the data center will provide fewer jobs than traditional manu-

facturers, the jobs are higher-paying. Clarendon’s proposed data center is expected to create approximately 28 permanent jobs, with an annual salary of \$100,000 and \$130,000, according to Kosinski. This could call for employment such as HVAC technicians, security guards, contractors, maintenance and construction workers.

Councilwoman Delaney Kay Frierson raised the idea of preparing local residents for the jobs. The discussion included potential college training, computer science programs, data center-related workforce development and potentially getting the company to help fund an education-

al program.

Kosinski said he planned to have conversations about potentially funding such a program.

The county also argued data centers can generate significant property-tax revenue from buildings, land, machinery and equipment.

The current proposed facility may be relatively modest, but officials acknowledged that other data centers could be much larger. The county wants a moratorium before the industry gets further established locally.

The ordinance requires two more readings and a public hearing before going into effect.



Office Of Sumter County Council

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance #26-1053

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Council for Sumter County, South Carolina, will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 6 O'clock P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as practicable, as said hearing can be convened, in connection with:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE II OF THE SUMTER COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGULATING DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS IN SUMTER COUNTY.

This public hearing will be held in the Chambers of the said County Council on the third floor of the **Sumter County Administration Building, 13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC**, or at such other location within the said County as proper notice might specify.

A copy of the said ordinance can be viewed on the County's website or obtained from the Clerk to Council through email – amitchum@sumtercountysc.gov. The public is invited to participate in the public hearing.

The County Council for Sumter, S. C.

By: James T. McCain, Jr., Chairman
Sumter County Council

Sterling Mitchum, Clerk to Council

Sumter High girls golf kicks off fall with home tourney on Monday, welcoming 18 teams to Beech Creek

BY TIM LEIBLE
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The Sumter High girls golf program will kick off their season on Monday with the annual Sumter Invitational. In total, 18 teams from across the state will gather at Beech Creek, with Wilson Hall and Laurence Manning joining as local squads for the festivities. The first tee times will be at 8:30 a.m. with the last golfers teeing off at No. 1 at 12:28 p.m.

Despite competing against another region foe's tournament, Blythewood's Bengal Invitational, SHS head coach Jeff Schaffer was thrilled with the turnout as the Lady Gamecocks swing away at their first tournament of the season.

"I wanted to get a good field and expand it just a little bit," Schaffer said. "I'm really looking forward to it. I think it's going to be fun. I hope the



Sumter High senior Jaylen Berry and the Lady Gamecocks will host their home tournament on Monday to kick off the fall on the golf course.

weather cooperates and it doesn't get smoking hot, but we're going to have plenty of water out there for them,

meals are provided, every kid gets a tee gift when they tee off. It should be a good time."

Wilson Hall and LMA are the only two SCISA programs in the mix, but the tournament will also feature a wide range of SCHSL programs. Gray Collegiate and Spring Valley join from Sumter High's new region, while teams like Fort Dorchester, Wando, Atlantic Collegiate, Berkeley, Hilton Head and May River will all take long trips to take part. There are also several Columbia-area schools with Dutch Fork, Lexington, River Bluff, Gilbert, White Knoll and Lugoff-Elgin rounding out the lineup.

The Lady Gamecocks have a young squad this season. Senior Jaylen Berry returns alongside Selah Berry and Avery Link. Stella Cromer and Brenley Wescott round out the roster this year. Schaffer thinks it will help some of the less-experienced players adjust to var-

sity golf with a home tournament, especially because they'll get a preview of a pair of region opponents.

"We're very young. I've got one senior coming back in Jaylen Berry, so she has the experience of playing in a lot of these tournaments, but then I have kids who have only played in a couple of tournaments, so I wanted this to be early and on our own golf course if we're going to put them out there and get their feet wet," Schaffer said. "It'll get these kids an early taste of competition. A lot of them play golf, but they don't really play competitive golf. That's a big difference, so if we can get them adjusted to that early. I hate to be cliché, but it's kind of like basketball. I want to be playing our best golf in October; I don't really care too much about what goes on in August when it's 100 degrees out. It'll be a good test for us to see what's out there."

Cisse makes preseason debut in Packers' loss to Steelers

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Former Lakewood standout Brandon Cisse made his preseason debut for the Green Bay Packers on Thursday, though the night wasn't perfect for the green and gold. Cisse was able to save a touchdown with an open field tackle, which set up a goal-line stand for the Packers. He finished the night with two tackles, but the Pittsburgh Steelers had the last laugh.

Mike McCarthy loves playing the role of teacher during what he calls "Quarterback School," shorthand for his highly detailed process of teaching young signal callers the finer points of their position.

The first-year Pittsburgh Steelers coach's latest pupils are proving to be quick studies.

Rookie Drew Allar threw for a pair of touchdowns and ran for another and Will Howard directed a long scoring drive of his own as the Steelers breezed past the Green Bay Packers 28-9 on Thursday night.

Allar, a third-round pick from Penn State, was 10 of 13 for 154 yards, including a 5-yard touchdown pass to Kaden Wetjen and a 4-yard flip to Riley Nowkowski. The 22-year-old Allar, who entered to chants of "Drewwww," also sprinted into the end zone for a 3-yard score as the Steelers made McCarthy's debut leading his hometown team a successful one.

"I thought they were very poised," McCarthy said. "I said I like the way (the quarterbacks) played, especially the young guys."

Howard, a sixth-round pick last year who hadn't played since leading Ohio State to the 2025 College Football Playoff championship, was 7 of 9 passing for 86 yards and looked comfortable directing the 2-minute offense that ended with a 1-yard touchdown dive by Lew Nichols.

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Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Germie Bernard (17) is tackled by former Lakewood star and current Green Bay Packers cornerback Brandon Cisse (2) during a preseason game in Pittsburgh on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2026.



Wilson Hall's McKinley Bath returns this fall as the Barons' leading attacker.

Wilson Hall volleyball opens 2-0 with experienced squad

BY TIM LEIBLE
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Wilson Hall kicked off their fall on the volleyball court this week with a pair of road trips. The Barons rolled into The King's Academy on Tuesday and ran away with a 3-0 win before another sweep of Orangeburg Prep on Thursday.

With a veteran-laden squad, it was the exact start that head coach Rip Ripley was looking for from his team, which lost just one senior from last year's 28-11 squad.

"We kinda knew going into last year, we only really had one senior with Addie Griffin, so we knew that, for a majority of the group, it was a two-year process starting last year, where we had a big group of now-seniors, but they were juniors last year who had to step into some leadership roles that we don't normally have to see out of juniors. And then we had a really talented group behind them with the (current) juniors and especially the sophomores that were coming to support this year," Ripley said. "Bringing back pretty much our entire group back from last year is pretty fun. I haven't really had that happen a whole lot in my coaching career. So, you're able to start at a little bit of a higher level which, hopefully, lets you get even more in depth as the season goes on."

With the first two games, the Barons wanted to get some of the early season jitters out of the way, but Ripley was also interested in seeing who would slot into specific positions because of the flexibility of some of their athletes. He plans to continue to mix and match throughout the



Wilson Hall's Savannah Wells is one of four seniors for the Barons, leading the unit's defensive effort as the libero.



Wilson Hall's Natalie Hawkey returns as the Barons' top setter as one of four seniors this fall.

early stages of the season as Wilson Hall gears up for region play in mid-September.

"We didn't do any scrimmages this year because we had these two "Week 0" games, so this was

our first live-action games, and you could see with the JVs and even a little bit with the varsity, there were a little bit of nerves

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Panthers’ HC Canales has positive outlook on Legette in return from injury; team adds TE Waller

BY RICHARD WALKER
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — Carolina Panthers wide receiver Xavier Legette may not be playing in Saturday’s preseason game at the Buffalo Bills after suffering a stinger early in training camp.

A former first-round draft pick, Legette closed the team’s practice session Wednesday with what head coach Dave Canales called a “walk off touchdown” catch from quarterback Bryce Young.

Canales had a positive outlook about Legette following his return to practice Wednesday.

“It was good to see him

back out there, playing like himself and playing fast,” Canales said. “I don’t think he’ll play (Saturday). We haven’t gotten him to that level of conditioning. He’s doing a phenomenal job and he’s a guy that we’re counting on.”

Legette said he spent the offseason working to improve his skills and that he recognized why some are questioning his future, especially after losing his starting job late last season to undrafted free agent Jalen Coker.

“I’m just focusing on the details,” said Legette, who was injured in an Aug. 4 practice session after landing awkwardly on his head and neck. “Everything that was on tape last year that was

bad, I looked at that and tried to do things better. I’m always trying to work on getting better.”

The last pick of the first round of the 2024 draft, Legette has caught 84 passes for 860 yards and seven touchdowns in 31 games.

Legette was asked if his confidence had been shaken following last year’s 35-catch season, down from the 49 receptions he had during his rookie year.

“I ain’t never lost my confidence,” Legette said. “I’m just trying to continue to make plays. I’m happy to be here.”

In addition to workouts at the Panthers facility, Legette said he, along with other Car-



AP FILE PHOTO
Carolina Panthers wide receiver Xavier Legette (17) makes a catch during training camp on Thursday, July 23, in Charlotte.

olina receivers, worked out with Young in Los Angeles and Arizona this offseason in hopes of improving on his receiving skills and chemistry with his quarterback.

“I’m just working on the details and trying to get those things right,” Legette said.

PANTHERS ADD WALLER

Veteran tight end Darren Waller has agreed to terms on a one-year deal with the Carolina Panthers.

Rosenhaus Sports, the agency that represents Waller, sent a post on X con-

firmed the deal Wednesday.

Waller came out of retirement last year after the Miami Dolphins acquired him from the New York Giants. He caught 24 passes for 283 yards and six touchdowns in nine games before getting placed on injured reserve with a groin issue.

Waller, who turns 34 on Sept. 13, has 374 career catches for 4,407 yards and 26 touchdowns. He made a Pro Bowl in 2020, when he caught 107 passes for 1,196 yards and nine touchdowns with the Las Vegas Raiders.

Jets rookie QB Klubnik is confident, not cocky as he prepares for NFL debut

BY DENNIS WASZAK JR.
Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Cade Klubnik’s confidence on the field has impressed his New York Jets teammates just as much as his big throws and quick grasp of the playbook.

The rookie quarterback understands there’s a clear distinction, though, between poise and cockiness.

“I think for me, you have to be confident stepping on the field,” Klubnik said Wednesday after a joint practice with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. “And where the line is, I would also say that you have to be aware of where you’re at and humble enough to realize that I’m not where I want to be yet and I need to go get better.”

“And I think that if you’re cocky, you’re realizing, ‘I’ve arrived.’ You are everything you’re going to be. But I’m not where I want to be at, you know?”

Nope, and not even close, as far as the fourth-round draft pick from Clemson is concerned.

“But I’m confident when I step on the field because I’m confident in the work that I’ve put in, the studying, that I’m just chasing to be the best I can be every day,” Klubnik said. “And that’s where my confidence comes from, is from my preparation and



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New York Jets quarterback Cade Klubnik talks to reporters after an NFL football training camp with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Florham Park, N.J., on Wednesday, Aug. 12.

from the work and the games that I have played and the reps that I had and studying. That’s what gives me confidence, but then it’s also the fact that, you know, I’ve got a long way to go.”

Klubnik has sounded like a veteran off the field and had some impressive moments on it during training camp, such as his pretty 50-yard touchdown pass to Arian Smith during drills against the Buccaneers. There have also been some not-so-great plays, like

the interception on a deep throw in the same practice.

It’s all part of the normal ebb and flow of a rookie quarterback’s development.

“I’ve seen him grow each and every day, and that was the expectation for that player anyway,” coach Aaron Glenn said. “There’s still a lot of growing for him to do when it comes to being a quarterback in the NFL, but I think the one thing that he does, he takes on the challenge.”

Klubnik is competing with Bailey Zappe and Brady Cook for a backup role behind starter Geno Smith. The next step for Klubnik was Friday night in the preseason opener against the Buccaneers. Results from that game were not available at press time. Smith and the rest of the starters were slated play, but Klubnik was expected to see significant snaps — perhaps even as the No. 2 quarterback.

He had plenty of experience in college, starting 40 games over four years at Clemson. And he thinks that seasoning helped prepare him for this moment.

“When the fire’s blazing, you have a little bit of a presence, kind of like I’ve been here before,” Klubnik said. “And obviously, the speed is different, all of that. But it’s still football. And being

able to just have a lot of games under my belt has definitely helped. But it is a new level and everything’s faster, everything’s quicker. You’ve got to think faster pre-snap, post-snap. And that’s a transition, for sure.

“But I think that it definitely has helped me. I think just maybe I’ll step on the field and go play quarterback.”

STIGGERS IS IN THE CONCUSSION PROTOCOL AFTER ON-FIELD SCARE

Cornerback Qwan’tez Stiggers is in the concussion protocol a day after he collapsed during practice and was taken to the hospital in an ambulance.

The Jets and Buccaneers were in the middle of special teams drills late in practice Tuesday when Stiggers came to the sideline and briefly lost consciousness. He was attended to for several minutes while concerned teammates looked on, many taking a knee and praying. Stiggers was conscious and talking when he was put on a stretcher and placed in the ambulance.

He was released from the hospital later in the day and was resting at home.

“I talked to him a good amount last night, he’s doing well,” Glenn said. “I talked to his wife, she’s taking good care of him, so I’m happy about that.”

No. 1 pick Mendoza throws TD pass in preseason debut for Raiders

BY MARK ANDERSON
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — No. 1 draft pick Fernando Mendoza threw a touchdown pass in his preseason debut for the Las Vegas Raiders in a 27-14 loss to the Arizona Cardinals on Thursday night.

The Heisman Trophy winner led one touchdown drive for the Raiders (0-1) in four series — not including a kneel-down at the end of the first half — and finished 10 of 16 for 97 yards and a 6-yard TD pass to Jack Bech.

“I thought he led a good scoring drive as far as getting in and out of the huddle and commanding the group and getting the play calls down,” Raiders coach Klint Kubiak said. “I saw the same guy that we’ve seen in practice. I see an ascending player.”

Mendoza was more critical in his self-evaluation.

“Unfortunately, I let my teammates down today,” Mendoza said. “But it’s a growing experience, and I feel like we’re all growing. It showed me that I need to grow a lot.”

Mendoza became the first top overall draft selection to throw a touchdown pass in his first preseason game since 2018, when Baker Mayfield had two for Cleveland against the New York Giants.

Mendoza just missed a sec-

ond touchdown pass in the fourth quarter, throwing beyond the reach of Deven Thompsons. He was sharp at times, threading a 19-yard pass in the second quarter between three defenders to fellow rookie Malik Benson.

While noting that everything came together on that play, including his timing with the receiver, Mendoza said some of his throws were a bit off.

“There’s other passes I made that did not have great timing and anticipation,” Mendoza said. “But that was one that was a good connection. You see (starter) Kirk (Cousins) is timing and anticipation — boom, boom, boom. So that’s an area I’ve got to grow in.”

The expected rematch of college football national championship quarterbacks didn’t happen because the Cardinals (1-1) decided not to play Carson Beck, who has sore ribs. Mendoza led Indiana to a 27-21 victory over Beck and Miami in the title game in January.

“Being the preseason, we just didn’t want to risk it,” Cardinals coach Mike LaFleur said. “It was kind of a bummer for our fan base and (media) and me and all us because we want to see these guys out there.”

Raiders pass rusher Maxx Crosby also did not play,



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Las Vegas Raiders quarterback Fernando Mendoza (15) pauses on the field during the first half of a preseason game against the Arizona Cardinals on Thursday, Aug. 13, in Las Vegas.

which wasn’t completely unexpected after Kubiak said Tuesday that his playing status was to be determined. Crosby, who underwent knee surgery in January, has participated in training camp.

Teammate Jermod McCoy, who hasn’t played in nearly two years because of a torn ACL, played with the second-team defense at cornerback. He was the primary defender on two Cardinals touchdowns.

Each team’s starting quarterback played one series, both resulting in touchdowns. Las Vegas’ Cousins was 5

of 6 for 50 yards and a 13-yard touchdown pass to Michael Mayer. Arizona’s Jacoby Brissett completed all five passes for 44 yards and a 7-yard TD to Marvin Harrison Jr.

Brissett and former Raider Gardner Minshew combined to go 15 of 15 for 123 yards and three touchdowns in the first half to build a 21-14 lead. That string of completions extended 16 early in the second half before Minshew finally threw an incomplete pass on a roll-out to the right.

Rookie Jeremiah Love, drafted third overall by the

Cardinals, made his preseason debut and rushed for 58 yards on 11 carries.

INJURY REPORT

Cardinals: Rookie right guard Chase Bisontis, who was drafted in the second round, injured his left knee. LaFleur said the injury appears serious. ... LaFleur said he didn’t think Love’s ankle injury was a major concern.

UP NEXT

Cardinals: Host Dallas on Aug. 22.

Raiders: At Houston next Thursday.

Indianapolis Colts quarterback Anthony Richardson Sr. (5) is tackled by New England Patriots defensive back Dell Pettus during the first half of a preseason game on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2026, in Foxborough, Massachusetts.

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Colts backup QB Richardson runs for a TD in 13-13 preseason tie with Patriots

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Anthony Richardson believes he's done a good job turning the page during his NFL career.

That was on display when the former first-round pick took the field for his first action since early last season.

Richardson ran for a touchdown but had two turnovers as the Indianapolis Colts played to a 13-13 tie with the New England Patriots Thursday night in both teams' preseason opener.

New England backup quarterback Tommy DeVito threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Kyle Williams. Kindle Vildor and John Saunders Jr. each had an interception for the Patriots, who rested Drake Maye and the majority of their starters.

Richardson scored on a 1-yard sneak. He finished 11 of 14 for 145 yards but lost a fumble and had a pass tipped by receiver Coleman Owen and intercepted by Vildor.

“Getting back in my groove, it was a little rocky start for me in the beginning, but the guys on the sideline were just telling me to take the next play and just go next play after that,” Richardson said. “And we found a way to move the ball and eventually put some points up. ... That's all I was thinking about today — just execute.”

With quarterback Daniel Jones among the host of Colts starters who got the night off, Richardson — who appeared in only two games last season — got the start.

Indy's No. 4 overall pick in the 2023 draft is hoping to solidify the backup job behind Jones. In 2024, Richardson had

the lowest completion rate of any starter in the NFL.

The Colts had four turnovers and trailed most of the night before tying the game with 1:16 left on a 61-yard field goal by Spencer Shrader.

The Patriots moved into Indianapolis territory on a 19-yard pass from Behren Morton to Kobe Prentice. An unnecessary roughness penalty on Mekhi Rodgers moved the ball to the Colts 31. But Anthony Borregales' 49-yard field goal attempt with 13 seconds missed wide left.

There is no overtime in NFL preseason games.

Coach Mike Vrabel was on the sideline for New England after a trying offseason in which he sought counseling after numerous photos were published of him with longtime NFL reporter Dianna Russini.

DeVito completed 13 of 22 passes for 128 yards in a solid first half. He was the third quarterback on New England's roster last season behind Maye and Joshua Dobbs after being claimed off waivers in August 2025. He then became the primary backup in March after Dobbs was released, and DeVito was given a two-year extension.

PATRIOTS' GONZALEZ SITS WITH INJURY AMID CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

While Maye and others Patriots starters who sat out were in uniform, one notable exception was cornerback Christian Gonzalez.

The fourth-year standout wasn't seen on the field during pregame warmups or on the sideline. He also missed New England's joint practice with Indy on Tuesday. Vrabel said afterward that Gonzalez has an injury.

“Christian was unavailable, physically unavailable for the practice,” Vrabel said. “Just like other players that I told to have treatment, and everybody has a plan here, there were other guys that were in that same category. ... They were all in the same group of what they did.”

The back-to-back absences come as Gonzalez continues to negotiate with the team on a contract extension.

Even as Gonzalez's representatives try to work out a deal to keep him in New England beyond the final year of his rookie deal in 2027, until Tuesday he'd remained a full participant on the field, even as workouts shifted to full pads.

Other Indianapolis first-teamers who joined Jones on the sideline in street clothes included center Tanor Bortolini, left guard Quenton Nelson, left tackle Bernhard Raimann, right guard Matt Goncalves, defensive tackle DeForest Buckner, nose tackle Grover Stewart, cornerback Sauce Gardner and defensive ends Laiatu Latu and Arden Key.

INJURIES

Colts: CB Jaylon Jones headed to the locker room after an injury in the third quarter.

Patriots: OL Ben Brown, who started the night at center, left in the second quarter and later walked to the locker room. ... G Andrew Ruppich walked off early in the fourth quarter and visited the medical tent but remained on the sideline.

UP NEXT

Colts: Host Atlanta on Aug. 22

Patriots: Host Philadelphia on Aug. 22.

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The Steelers outgained Green Bay 385-160, and collected yardage in huge chunks at times on plays that had receivers running wide open against a vanilla defense more focused on fundamentals than elaborate schemes for a game that didn't count.

“I think it really shows how QB-friendly this system can be,” Howard said. “When we execute the way that we want like all of us, I feel like, did tonight, we can be a really, really fun offense.”

Pittsburgh star Aaron Rodgers, who said this week he doesn't think he needs to play during his 22nd and final training camp, caught up with Love and other Green Bay players and staff and then watched from the sideline with a headset on as his last NFL team faced his first.

The 42-year-old's spot atop the depth chart is secure. What happens behind him is anyone's guess as Howard, Allar and veteran Mason Rudolph compete for the right to still have a job when rosters are trimmed to 53 on Aug. 30.

Rudolph started and completed 10 of 11 passes for 93 yards and put together a long drive that ended with Steelers tight end Pat Freiermuth tackled at the Green Bay 1 on fourth down.

LOVE DOES FINE IN CAMEO

Green Bay starter Jordan Love was 3 of 5 passing during one series of work while leading the Packers on an opening drive that ended with the first of rookie Trey Smack's three field goals. Love wasn't hit during his brief appearance, a welcome development after he injured his left (non-throwing) hand against the New York Jets during the preseason last year.

SMACK TALK

Packers coach Matt LaFleur praised the performance of Smack, whom Green Bay traded up in the sixth round to pick in this

year's draft.

Smack made kicks of 58, 38 and 37 yards and drilled another 58-yarder that didn't count when Green Bay opted to take a personal foul penalty against the Steelers to extend a drive that later ended with Smack converting a shorter field goal.

“Really, really strong first performance,” LaFleur said. “Now he's got to stack it.”

Smack, who said he connected with former Packers kicker Ryan Longwell recently to gain some tips on how to kick in Green Bay, shrugged off his play at Acrisure Stadium, which isn't typically friendly to kickers.

“Every kick's kind of the same,” he said. “I try to hit the ball the best I can. I hit that 38-yarder, I don't know how far it was, and the deeper one, I kind of treated it as the same.”

BIG NAMES TAKE THE NIGHT OFF

McCarthy stressed the biggest goal of the season was to emerge from it healthy. To that end, many of the club's bold-faced names joined Rodgers in sweats. Longtime Steelers defensive captain Cam Heyward, outside linebacker T.J. Watt, wide receivers DK Metcalf and Michael Pittman and running backs Jaylen Warren and Rico Dowdle also had the night off.

FLAG DAY

The game had all the trappings of a preseason opener, including some sloppy play on both sides. Pittsburgh was flagged 11 times for 135 yards while the Packers were penalized nine times for 76 yards.

Injuries

Packers: Backup tackle Darian Kinnard exited in the third quarter. ... Defensive tackle Anthony Campbell left late in the third quarter with a significant limp.

Steelers: Reserve cornerback D'Shawn Jamison left in the first quarter

UP NEXT

Packers: Visit the Denver Broncos on Aug. 21.

Steelers: Host the New York Jets on Aug. 21.

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2 Grammy winner Twain

3 “Is This Thing On?” star Will

4 Big laugh

5 Activist/actor Davis

6 Straight up

7 Classic laundry soap

8 “Jeepers!”

9 Little laugh

10 Beyond irritated

11 Try to make right

12 Pasadena research univ.

13 Pre-naturalization test course, for short

19 Meemaw alternative

21 “McSorley's Bar” painter

24 “__ Andronicus”

25 Ceremonial accessory

26 Rental after closing, maybe

27 Hardware for Xbox

32 Cow's milk source

33 US Open locale

34 Interstate stopover

35 Fig. for ordering replacement parts

36 Set pieces

37 Peach __

38 “So sweet!”

39 Side mirror spot

43 Cider source

45 Like some cheesecake

46 Region with many Nats fans, briefly

47 Overview producer?

49 Canteen stack

50 Perceived to be

51 1-Down callers

52 Uncool

56 Auto care brand

57 Actress Grier

58 Come up short, maybe

59 Minor quibble

JUMBLE

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

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(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's | Jumbles: SUSHI UNIFY PLUNGE BEFORE
Answer: After hearing lots of barking, he saw that his dogs were — “RUFF-HOUSING”

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

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

SOLUTIONS

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Jumbles: IDIOT SNIFF DRAGON
Answer: He had the small dent in his wife's car repaired to keep her from — “FIND-DING” OUT

NBA’s 2026-27 schedule gives Brown, Antetokounmpo homecoming games in January

BY BRIAN MAHONEY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jaylen Brown and Giannis Antetokounmpo will play homecoming games a week apart in January.

The 2026-27 NBA schedule was released Thursday, setting the dates for the two former NBA Finals MVPs to return to face the teams that traded them this summer.

The schedules for opening night and Christmas had already been unveiled earlier this week, so those two games were among the most intriguing matchups not yet known. Brown, who was dealt from the Celtics to the rival Philadelphia 76ers in a stunning move, will play his first game back in Boston on Jan. 21.

Antetokounmpo was expected to be traded by Milwaukee this offseason — at one point speculation was that he might be swapped for Brown — and was eventually dealt to Miami. The Heat will travel to face the Bucks for the first time on Jan. 28.

Both of those games, which will be on Thursday nights,

will stream on Prime Video. Other details about the schedule:

FROM START TO FINISH

The season will open Oct. 20 with a tripleheader, highlighted by LeBron James, Brown and the 76ers visiting the Knicks, who will receive their rings after winning the franchise's first championship since 1973.

The regular season ends April 11. All-Star weekend is set for Feb. 19-21 in Phoenix.

BUSY NIGHTS AND NIGHTS OFF

Every team will play on Monday, Nov. 2, and there will then be no games the following night, which is Election Day in the U.S. The league is leaving that first Tuesday in November as an open day in hopes that fans and members of the NBA community will participate in the voting process.

No teams will play on Saturday, April 10, the second-to-last day of the regular season. Every team is then in action on the final day, with all the games matching Eastern Conference teams and the one in-

terconference matchup scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. EDT. The games involving West teams are set for 8:30 p.m.

WHERE TO WATCH THE GAMES

There will be 90 regular-season games televised nationally on ABC or NBC, up from 79 last season. Every team will be scheduled to appear on national TV at least twice.

Throughout the season, games will stream on Peacock on Monday nights, be shown on NBC and Peacock on Tuesdays, be televised by ESPN on Wednesdays, and stream on Prime Video on Fridays.

Saturday night primetime games on ABC begin Dec. 12 with the Knicks visiting the Heat, while NBC's "Sunday Night Basketball" returns Jan. 24 with Oklahoma City visiting Golden State.

Prime Video will begin streaming Thursday night doubleheaders in January and some Saturday afternoon games starting Feb. 6 with Portland at Memphis, when former Crestwood star Ja Morant returns to face the Grizzlies for the first time.



AP FILE PHOTO
Giannis Antetokounmpo speaks during an introductory news conference with the Miami Heat on Thursday, July 16, 2026, in Miami.

A LOT OF TV TIME

The NBA champion Knicks have the most appearances on ABC with six, while the Lakers, 76ers, San Antonio Spurs and Minnesota Timberwolves all are featured on ESPN eight times.

The Knicks, Spurs, 76ers, Thunder, Warriors, Nuggets, Lakers and Houston all get the maximum 11 appearances on NBC.

BACK-TO-BACKS AND SCHEDULE BREAKS

Teams will average 14.2 back-to-backs this season, the lowest total since the NBA Cup was added to the schedule, and no team will have more than 16. No team will play eight games in 12 nights, or 18 in 30.

There are 59 back-to-backs involving at least 750 miles of

travel, down from 74 last season.

No team will be scheduled to play the night before games in the NBA Cup, or if they are in nationally televised games on Christmas Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Sunday nights on NBC or Saturday nights on ABC.

MILESTONE MOMENTS

If Kevin Durant averages 26 points, as he did in his first season in Houston, he could move past Kobe Bryant into fourth place on the career scoring list sometime around Jan. 16, when the Rockets would be at the midpoint of their schedule.

Rick Carlisle is set to become the eighth man to coach 2,000 NBA games on March 8, when the Indiana Pacers play their 65th game of the season.

WNBA denounces ‘bad-faith’ transgender debate and says league has no eligibility issues

BY DOUG FEINBERG
Associated Press

The WNBA on Wednesday criticized those trying to create a narrative about transgender women playing in the league.

“There are no immediate eligibility matters affecting the WNBA, and we strongly denounce the bad-faith efforts to use these topics to demean or marginalize others,” a league spokesperson said Wednesday in a statement, hours after an anti-hate task force met virtually and discussed a variety of topics, including social media vitriol and transgender athletes.

The league’s collective bargaining agreement states that “only players who are women are eligible to play in the WNBA,” but it does not include any more specific language about gender identity or sex assigned at birth.

Last Friday, two former NBA players, Enes Kanter Freedom and Royce White, declared themselves eligible for the WNBA draft, saying they identify as women.

THE DRAFT ISN’T UNTIL NEXT APRIL

There has never been a transgender woman — a person assigned male at birth who transitions to align with their gender identity — on a WNBA roster. There have been players in the league who were assigned female at birth and later came out as transgender or nonbinary.

The anti-hate committee was formed last year to deal with hateful and abusive online comments directed at players and the league.

“Today’s meeting covered a wide range of topics, including ongoing discussions on transgender athletes and the continued hate and vitriol directed at players online,” the WNBA statement said. “We will continue to engage all league stakeholders in the coming weeks and months. We will approach these important conversations thoughtfully and in alignment with the values of our league.”

WNBA Commissioner Cathy Engelbert sent a memo last Friday to team presidents and general managers



AP FILE PHOTO
WNBA Commissioner Cathy Engelbert talks at a news conference before the WNBA All-Star basketball game in Chicago on Saturday, July 25, 2026.

saying the league would discuss the subject of transgender women in women’s basketball.

“We recognize that this is a complex and nuanced topic, and we will continue to have important conversations with all of you and the Players Association in the weeks and months ahead,” Engelbert said in the memo. “We also plan to convene additional discussions and offer listening sessions for any team leaders who would like to participate. Your perspectives and feedback are invaluable, and I appreciate those who have already reached out to share their thoughts.”

In an ESPN article published last month, Indiana Fever player Sophie Cunningham voiced support for barring transgender girls and women from girls’ and women’s sports. Cunningham’s comments sparked small rallies and protests in Seattle and Portland when the Fever were on the road last week.

Some WNBA players and coaches have come out in support of transgender athletes, including Seattle Storm center Stefanie Dolson and Minnesota Lynx coach Cheryl Reeve.

“We need to protect trans kids,” Reeve said on Aug. 1. “To me, it’s a human rights issue. Every kid has a right to sports.”

Many players have declined to comment on the subject.

Josh Kushner moves into spotlight after stunning purchase of Lakers with partner Bob Iger

BY GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — For a billionaire and a tech investor who also has one of the U.S.’ best-known surnames, Josh Kushner has managed to stay off the front pages and out of the world’s broader discourse to a remarkable degree.

That’s all changed this summer, at least in the parts of the world with a passion for sports.

The 41-year-old Kushner and his partner, former Disney CEO Bob Iger, reached a stunning agreement this week to buy the NBA’s Los Angeles Lakers from Mark Walter at a valuation of \$12.5 billion — the highest ever for a team sports sale.

It’s been a wild two weeks for the 41-year-old Kushner, who followed up his failed attempt to purchase a stake in future World Cup profits in a much-criticized plan orchestrated by FIFA President Gianni Infantino by acquiring the glamorous Lakers in a shockingly swift deal.

Until this month, many people didn’t even know that Jared Kushner — President Donald Trump’s son-in-law and his longtime lieutenant in government — had a younger brother with a thriving business empire, a supermodel wife and a passion for basketball.

While Josh Kushner avoids the spotlight and rarely grants interviews, the success of his venture capital investment firm, Thrive Capital, has boosted him to mogul status in the past few years. Forbes estimates Kushner’s net worth at about \$5 billion.

Kushner’s partner in this historical venture is no secret to anybody, at least in Los Angeles or the entertainment industry or the larger business world. The 75-year-old Iger ran The Walt Disney Co. for two stints over the past two decades, leading the Hollywood behemoth into the streaming age before he stepped away from the Mouse earlier this year.

Los Angeles is still reeling from the surprise of this deal: Just 10 months after Walter — the owner currently presiding over the renaissance of the back-to-back World Series champion Dodgers — formally took control of the Lakers, he essentially flipped them for a possible multibillion-dollar profit to two new owners with none of Walter’s sports ownership experience or credibility among Southern California fans.

So who are the two men suddenly in charge of LA’s 17-time NBA championship team?

KUSHNER AND IGER WERE REPORTEDLY INTRODUCED BY THEIR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS

The son of a real estate mogul, Kushner founded Thrive Capital in 2009 and health insurance company Oscar Health in 2012. Thrive Capital grew with early investments in OpenAI and SpaceX, among other tech companies. He remains close with OpenAI CEO Sam Altman.

Kushner and Iger reportedly first met eight years ago after they were set up by Iger’s wife, Willow Bay, and Kushner’s then-girlfriend, Karlie Kloss, whom he has since married. What started as a friendly mentorship

turned into a business relationship shortly before Iger left Disney for the first time.

Iger joined Thrive Capital in 2022 as a venture partner, with Iger connecting Kushner to the broader business world while Kushner educated Iger on the tech world. Iger left only months later to go back to Disney for another stint, but he stayed in close contact with Kushner, and they teamed up again this year.

THE NEW OWNERS POUNCED QUICKLY UPON HEARING ABOUT POSSIBLE SALE

Iger confirmed to the California Post on Wednesday that he had teamed with Kushner on pursuing an NBA expansion team in Las Vegas, only to pivot dramatically last weekend when they learned Walter might be looking to sell the Lakers.

“We immediately decided that given the value of the franchise and the iconic nature of the team, that we would be really smart to pursue it,” Iger said. “The deal came together in three days. It’s that simple.”

Iger acknowledged that the deal was finalized so quickly that he and Kushner hadn’t had time to make any long-term plans for the Lakers.

NEW OWNERS HAVE BASKETBALL BACKGROUNDS, BUT NOT WITH THE LAKERS

Kushner is new to the Lakers, but not to the NBA. He once owned a minority stake in the Memphis Grizzlies, but sold it to buy into the Miami Heat. He’ll have to sell that stake to complete his purchase of the Lakers. Kushner and Kloss also have been spotted frequently at Knicks games.

Iger is a longtime basketball aficionado — NBA Commissioner Adam Silver reportedly introduced him to Bay, a former NBA journalist, 30 years ago — but his particular background makes his Lakers ownership a bit strange.

Iger grew up a Knicks fan, and after he moved to Los Angeles, he decided he couldn’t support the rival Lakers — so he became one of the Clippers’ most prominent fans, buying season tickets and forming a friendship with former point guard Chris Paul.

KUSHNER’S POLITICAL BELIEFS DIFFER FROM HIS BROTHER AND FATHER

Thousands of Lakers fans in progressive Los Angeles reacted with a raised eyebrow when they learned the name of their team’s primary new owner Wednesday, but it’s not that simple.

Kushner’s surname is indeed among the most politically weighted in the world, but Josh Kushner and Kloss both have publicly said they don’t share the conservative beliefs currently espoused by his brother and their father, Charles Kushner.

Josh Kushner has repeatedly donated to progressive political candidates, and he once stated in an interview that “liberal values have guided my life.” Kloss is an outspoken advocate for reproductive rights and other progressive causes.

Iger has described himself as a political independent with progressive personal views. He briefly served in a business advisory forum for Trump in 2017 before resigning over his beliefs in environmental conservation.

The second night of action, however, was a little more uneven. Making their first longer road trip of the season with a journey to Orangethorpe Prep, both the JV and varsity teams opened flat. The JV team played first and dropped the first set 25-14 before bouncing back to win 25-15 and 15-6. Ana Beck led the team with eight kills, while Foley had eight aces. The first varsity set was the closest of the night, but Wilson Hall pulled out a 25-17 win. The Barons followed with a 25-8 win before sealing the sweep with a 25-12 win. Bath finished with 16 kills, seven aces and 11 digs to lead Wilson Hall in each category. Hawkeye dished out 18 assists. Bella

“Natalie is our No. 1 setter, but we’re probably going to move to some more 6-2 action this year just to get some better blocking schemes and some more experience for some of our younger setters. She knows that and has kind of taken that on as our No. 1 setter, one of our captains. Savannah Wells is our libero again. Having some consistency at those two positions is really important. I believe everything starts and ends with

“McKinley is one of the best I’ve coached. She’s very, very strong, a great all-around player. She’s really taken her intentionality and dedication to another level this past year. I’m excited for that, because when she is locked in, she’s an incredible player, and it makes us all better. She’s been our leader in kills the last two years, and she’s only a sophomore this year, which is kind of crazy,” Ripley said. “With her is a group of ladies who played JV last year who have come up to varsity and look to jump in and play some. Bella Quiroz ended the

“That early season slate will give us a good opportunity for us to test ourselves to see where we stand, not just locally, but also in the 4A landscape,” Ripley said. “I’m really excited; I think this is going to be a really fun season. When you have the parity on your team like we have this year, it’s interesting to see how they respond. Sometimes it’s the iron-sharpens-iron mentality and we’re pushing each other to get better, which I think and I hope is what will happen with this group. But it can go the other way too and get frustrated or jealous or upset. I told them very early on that the ones that have the right attitudes and the right buy-in are what we’re looking for on the court, and I’m excited for this group. We didn’t have a lot of drama last year, which in high school sports is rare sometimes, but they all get along together well. I’m just excited for what we hope to be another successful season.”

**Buy a Happy Meal or a
Mighty Kid's Meal and
GET A
FREE COOKIE**

Field of Dreams welcomes Hall of Fame, as 26 members come out of corn for Phillies-Twins game

BY DAVE CAMPBELL
Associated Press

DYERSVILLE, Iowa — Major League Baseball came back to the Field of Dreams carrying a big piece of Cooperstown.

The pregame pomp before the Minnesota Twins played the Philadelphia Phillies — adjacent to the farmland where the 1989 fantasy was filmed — featured 26 members of the Hall of Fame emerging from the outfield corn just as the ghost players did in the movie.

With some of the loudest cheers saved for former Phillies third baseman Mike Schmidt and former Twins catcher Joe Mauer, the capacity crowd of about 8,000 at the newly constructed ballpark in northeast Iowa soaked up the surreal atmosphere as the aged stars strolled into the infield for proper introductions.

Fireworks were launched from the cornfield during the national anthem, and Phillies slugger Kyle Schwarber followed with his own big bang — a stalk shot to right on Twins starter Taj Bradley's third pitch of the game that set the tone for a 7-1 win on Thursday night.

After stealing the show at the inaugural 2021 event, which was played on the same footprint at a temporary setup that also hosted the 2022 game, Kevin Costner did not appear.

But the star of the film — as the restless farmer Ray Kinsella who reconnects with his late father by playing catch on his front-yard ballfield — narrated the pregame video that helped pump some old-guard nostalgia through the new-school broadcast on global streaming giant Netflix.

Both teams emerged from the corn together to take their places along the lines like on opening day, and Twins All-



Players walk onto the field before a baseball game between the Minnesota Twins and the Philadelphia Phillies at the Field of Dreams movie site on Thursday, Aug. 13, in Dyersville, Iowa.

Star Byron Buxton — who came off the injured list in the afternoon to play — took the microphone to evoke a line from James Earl Jones, who played the author Terence Mann in the movie.

“The one constant through all the years has been baseball,” Buxton said before Schwarber followed with a brief script on an idyllic late-summer night after heavy rain moved through the area earlier in the day.

Then came the legends, and living ones at that, unlike those wool-clad lads in the movie.

Schmidt and Steve Carlton wore Phillies uniforms along with Jim Kaat, who played for both teams. Mauer and Bert Blyleven donned Twins jerseys. The others — Andruw Jones, Harold Baines, Fred McGriff, Adrián Beltré, Andre Dawson, Larry Walker, Cal Ripken Jr., Iván Rodríguez,

Jim Thome, Scott Rolen, Tony Pérez, Tony La Russa, Jeff Kent, Fergie Jenkins, Joe Torre, CC Sabathia, Billy Wagner, Rollie Fingers, Lee Smith and Trevor Hoffman — helped form a half-ring around the diamond to represent about one-third of the Cooperstown contingent that's still alive.

This was the largest such gathering at a ballpark, not including the annual ceremonies at the Hall of Fame in upstate New York, since the All-Star Game in 2008 that feted the final season at old Yankee Stadium.

Phillies manager Don Mattingly relished the brief pregame mingle before the grand entrance, with many in the group contemporaries of his as a player in the 1980s and 1990s and a few others in Jones and Kent he was able to coach with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

“It was definitely good to see the boys,” Mattingly said.

NO PLACE EVOKES BASEBALL AND FAMILY NOSTALGIA LIKE THE FIELD OF DREAMS

Before the game, Buxton played catch with his 12-year-old son on the nearby movie site that remains open to the public for no cost on non-event days. Twins manager Derek Shelton did the same with his 78-year-old father, a former educator who coached him on his high school baseball team. Shelton later complained that his arm was in weaker shape.

“You don’t get old enough that an experience like that is not emotional to be able to do something with your father,” Shelton said.

Mattingly, whose son just happens to be the club's general manager, found himself harkening back to Indiana childhood ballgames with his

brothers upon arrival on the team bus.

“This place reminds me of when I was a kid,” Mattingly said. “You’d go down a dirt road, and all of sudden you’d see a cornfield and then there’d be a field there.”

Both teams wore throw-back uniforms — the Twins in home threads from their first season in 1961 and the Phillies in road jerseys circa 1940 — in step with the hand-operated scoreboard in right field.

The permanent ballpark built for all kinds of events — including the opportunity to host MLB games on a recurring basis — also has plenty of amenities with the video board in left field, a state-of-the-art sound system and, of course, indoor plumbing.

The feel of the farm was just as strong as the buzz of the ballpark, with natural sponsor John Deere pledging \$100,000 per home run hit to hunger-relief organization Feeding America.

The special environment didn't erase the circumstance of the stretch run of the regular season, though, with both the Twins and Phillies in the thick of their respective wild-card races.

“We’re not in Minnesota for three days,” Phillies star Bryce Harper said, “but we’re still playing the Twins three times and we’ve still got to win some games.”

Even in defeat, the Twins enjoyed taking part in something bigger than simply the 123rd game on their schedule.

“As you grow in this game and get older and play more games, the shine of being in the big leagues and walking out on a big league field starts to wear off,” catcher Ryan Jeffers said. “Moments like this kind of bring that excitement and that energy and the goosebumps similar to your debut day.”

Another bullpen meltdown leaves Dodgers manager Roberts infuriated, Diaz frustrated

BY GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Edwin Diaz is out of explanations and manager Dave Roberts is almost out of patience after the latest untimely meltdown by the Los Angeles Dodgers' problematic bullpen.

The Dodgers took a two-run lead into the ninth inning Thursday night with Diaz, the highest-paid closer in baseball, on the mound. The defending champions left one inning later with a 5-4 loss to the NL-leading Milwaukee Brewers, who wreaked havoc on Los Angeles' already beleaguered relief corps with a clutch three-run, five-hit rally.

Diaz (2-2) blew a save for the third time in his last four appearances for the Dodgers, giving up four consecutive one-out singles and three runs.

The normally imperturbable Roberts was clearly annoyed after this brutal loss in a game that would have pulled the Dodgers even with the Brewers atop the National League standings. Instead, Los Angeles has lost nine of 13.

When Roberts was asked whether Diaz would be allowed to continue to work through his struggles as the closer, Roberts snapped: “Give me another option.”

“I can’t just say, ‘Change (Diaz) to low leverage,’” Roberts added. “I have to have other options, and to be quite honest, none of those guys really have thrown the baseball great. That’s just kind of the way it is.”

That’s the dilemma facing Roberts, whose bullpen doesn’t currently contain a reliever he completely trusts. While the Dodgers’ overall bullpen statistics aren’t glaringly bad, Diaz’s struggles and a series of poor performances in recent high-leverage situations have clearly taxed Roberts’ problem-solving ability.

“You look back at the last week, and guys have struggled,” Roberts said. “I’m not going to sit here and play carousel and chase my tail ... when a guy is struggling, and then when he doesn’t pitch well, then it’s, ‘Why are you pitching him?’ I don’t do that. Everyone has got a role. They all have jobs to do, and they all have to do their job. That’s it.”

The trumpets that herald Diaz’s entrance into games have sounded more like a dirge lately while his ERA ballooned to 11.57. The three-time All-Star and longtime Mets clos-



Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Edwin Diaz walks off the field after being taken out of the game against the Milwaukee Brewers on Thursday, Aug. 13, in Los Angeles.

er has been frequently awful since returning late last month from a three-month absence for elbow surgery, giving up eight runs and 12 hits in only seven appearances.

“It’s frustrating, because I know my ability,” Diaz said. “I know what I can do on the mound. To not be able to do it (stinks). I’ve just got to come tomorrow and try to keep getting better.”

Diaz realizes he could be in danger of losing his job as the Dodgers' closer.

“I’ve just got to see what they want to do,” he said. “I want to do the best thing for the team. At the end of the day, if they give me the ball in the ninth, I will try to do my job. If they give me the ball in another inning, I will try to do my job. Got to get better, be consistent.”

Despite Roberts’ protestations, the clearest option to replace Diaz is left-hander Tanner Scott, who earned 16 saves this season before Diaz returned. But Scott’s miserable 2025 season is still top of many minds in Los Angeles, and his 2026 performance has mildly declined in recent weeks.

Roberts realizes he could consider a closer-by-committee plan, but that’s also difficult when any choice will be concerning.

“We’ve got to get other guys on track to even have that be even a valid conversation, to be honest with you,” Roberts said.



Former Sumter High and South Carolina standout Jordan Montgomery allowed four runs in his second appearance of the season on Thursday. He missed the entire 2025 season and most of the 2026 season after undergoing Tommy John surgery.

Montgomery rocky as Rangers fall 7-0 to Angels

BY MIKE DIGIOVANNA
Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Walbert Ureña allowed two hits in six innings, Mike Trout and Denzer Guzman led a 15-hit outburst with three singles and an RBI apiece, and the Los Angeles Angels beat the Texas Rangers 7-0 on Thursday night.

Josh Lowe added two hits and two RBIs, and Adam Frazier had two hits and an RBI for the Angels, who extended their win streak to three and amassed 10 or more hits in a game for the first time since July 8.

Ureña (8-8) struck out five and walked two while lowering his ERA to 2.67. The rookie right-hander has a 2.43 ERA in 18 games since May 1 and has allowed no more than one run in 13 of those starts. José Fermin, Tayler Saucedo and Sammy Peralta each threw a scoreless inning to complete the five-hitter.

Rangers starter Jacob deGrom, who has been battling a left hip and glute injury since the All-Star break, was pulled after two innings because of right triceps fatigue.

The 38-year-old right-hander escaped a two-on, one-out jam in the first but gave up two runs and five hits during a 32-pitch second — the first time deGrom (8-8) allowed five hits in an inning since Sept. 5, 2017, with the New York Mets.

Guzman sparked the Angels’ second-inning rally with a single. He went to third on Lowe’s double and scored on Frazier’s one-out single. Lowe tried to score from second on Frazier’s hit but was thrown out by left fielder Wyatt Langford. Wade Meckler singled and Trout hit an RBI single for a 2-0 lead.

The Angels broke open the game with four runs and six hits off Texas left-hander Jordan Montgomery in the fifth. The former Sumter High star pitched two innings, striking out two.

Singles by Trout, Nolan Schanuel and Vaughn Grissom loaded the bases. Guzman drove in a run with an infield single, Lowe hit a two-run single and Jose Siri’s RBI groundout made it 6-0. Siri added an RBI single in the seventh.

Gibbs will drive M&M’s-themed car in memory of Kyle Busch in next month’s race at Bristol

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — Ty Gibbs' car will be adorned in the multicolored M&M's paint scheme made famous by former teammate Kyle Busch during the NASCAR Cup Series race at Bristol Motor Speedway next month, Busch's widow announced Thursday.

"Bristol was always one of Kyle's favorite tracks," Samantha Busch wrote on X. "He loved racing under the lights, found so much success there, and the iconic M&M'S car holds some of the best memories of his career and our life together."

Busch, 41, died May 21 after severe pneumonia progressed into sepsis, resulting in rapid and overwhelming complications.

Busch and the No. 18 Toyota M&M's car were synonymous when he drove for Joe Gibbs Racing from 2008-22. He moved to Richard Childress Racing in 2023.

Busch won nine Cup Series races and a total of 23 NASCAR races at Bristol.

Ty Gibbs, 23, is coming off his second win of the season at the Cup Series race in Iowa.

He posted pictures of the M&M's car on Instagram and wrote, "Excited for Bristol. Gonna be a cool (one)... So honored to drive this."

Samantha Busch wrote it would be "heartbreaking" to be at Bristol with-



Kyle Busch waves to fans while doing a victory lap after winning the second of two 150-mile qualifying races for the NASCAR Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Florida, Feb. 21, 2013.

out Kyle. The race is Sept. 19.

"He should be there," she wrote. "But I'm so grateful to be able to tell you that those iconic M&M'S colors will be coming back to Bristol, one last time, on the 54 car. It's a chance to honor him at a place he loved so much, surrounded by our NASCAR family and the fans who loved him too. I know Kyle would want us to be there, to keep showing up, keep racing, and keep carrying his legacy forward."

Jimmie Johnson set to leave NASCAR with famous friends in tow and a star on Hollywood’s Walk of Fame

BY DAN GELSTON
Associated Press

Jimmie Johnson gets his old No. 48 back for his final Cup race at next season's Daytona 500.

His former sponsor should be along for the ride.

Take a look at pit road on NASCAR's brightest day and don't be surprised to see celebrities from the kitchen to the stage rooting on Johnson.

Even with the white flag about to drop on Johnson's racing career, he's still one of stock car racing's biggest stars — and by Daytona, he should have a spot on the Hollywood Walk of Fame to prove it.



Jimmie Johnson waves during driver introductions before the NASCAR Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway on Feb. 16, 2025, in Daytona Beach, Florida.

"I'm going out swinging," Johnson said with a laugh.

Maybe new Legacy Motor Club investor and Phillies slugger Bryce Harper can offer some tips.

The 50-year-old Johnson is busy in the boardroom these days looking for investors and growing his race team as the majority owner of Legacy. Almost as busy as he was on the track, when he was one of three drivers to win seven NASCAR Cup Series championships, earning a spot in the Hall of Fame.

Johnson is expected to make his 703rd and final — for real, this time — Cup start in February's Daytona 500.

Until then, the two-time Daytona 500 champion is spending his time sharpening Legacy's future.

JOHNSON GROWING INTO OWNERSHIP ROLE

Johnson used to spend his race weekends signing countless autographs in the garage. The fan requests are still there, for sure, only now his signature is needed more on the dotted line for deals including trying to back long-time sponsor Lowe's to the 48 — a number Hendrick Motorsports driver Alex Bowman surrendered for the Daytona 500. Johnson also

soon hopes to announce Legacy's third driver for the 2027 season.

"I've approved press releases, rollout plans, all the elements have all been approved," Johnson said. "It's just a matter of slotting them all in."

Johnson added some big-time winners to his race team last month as part of a strategic ownership group that includes championship athletes, Grammy Award winners, entrepreneurs, investors, motorsport greats and cultural leaders.

The Legacy investors include six-time IndyCar cham-

pion Scott Dixon, four-time IndyCar champion Dario Franchitti, a two-time National League MVP in Harper, Indianapolis 500 winner Tony Kanaan, former U.S. Open champion Andy Roddick, Grammy Award winner Darius Rucker, celebrity chef Guy Fieri, and six-time MLB All-Star Chase Utley.

"Jimmie's a good friend of mine and I like what he's doing," Utley said. "It's interesting and it's going to be a good experience."

Johnson said his star-studded friend group are true investors who are equitable partners in Legacy. More celebrity investors are expected to be announced later this year.

"Sure, I did well racing," Johnson said. "But I don't have an enterprise like Penske or Hendrick to activate and utilize and drive that success year over year."

Johnson became the majority owner of Legacy under a restructuring ahead of last season in which investment adviser Knighthead Capital Management bought into the Cup Series team.

Johnson has about enough investors in Legacy to fill a Daytona 500 grid.

"I knew at some point I'd probably want an investor, but I didn't know what that would look like," Johnson

said. "There was a lot of thought around other franchises and leagues, how you create profitability. The stick-and-ball sport and the way they do it makes a lot of sense. It's just a different way to generate the income to win races and championships. From there, to bring investors on, you need a pathway to profitability."

The roadmap for Legacy turning a profit took a bit of a detour when the organization decided to add a third charter team for next season.

"It's over the horizon," Johnson said. "A very short horizon. With the strategic ownership group like this, the IP internally, the assets they can activate with and help with, it only helps our case there."

Erik Jones and John Hunter Nemechek are expected to return with Riley Herbst widely expected to join Legacy in 2027.

Jones is 20th and Nemechek is 28th in the Cup points standings. The drivers are winless and have a combined three top-five finishes as Legacy has yet to break through into a franchise that can at least compete for checkered flags.

"Some days look good," Johnson said. "some days don't."

OBITUARIES

LEE MORGAN III

Lee Morgan III, age 59, beloved husband of 32 years to Tracy Anna Duke Morgan, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2026, at his home.

You may go to www.bullock-funeralhome.com and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



RAY TOWERY

Ray Towery, 95, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, Aug. 2, 2026. Born in Cleveland County on July 22, 1931, he was the son of the late Creed Joe Towery and Zinnia Bailey Towery.

Ray was a life-long farmer, devoted Christian and faithful member of Lattimore Baptist Church. Alongside his beloved wife, Wilma, he farmed the family's land in Sumter, South Carolina, for more than 38 years before returning to Lattimore in 1991. He accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of 12 and faithfully served as a deacon at Graham Baptist Church in Sumter and later at Lattimore Baptist Church.

Ray and his wife, Wilma Eaker Towery, shared 69

years of marriage before her passing in 2017. He was honored as South Carolina's Outstanding Young Farmer for his achievements in agriculture and community service. He also served 25 years on the Board of Directors of Farmers Telephone Cooperative, including several years as chairman, was a director of the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce and served as mayor of the Town of Lattimore.

He is survived by his son, Mark Towery, and wife, Susan, of Spartanburg, South Carolina; his daughter, Jane Towery Vogels and husband, John, of Shelby; grandsons, Frank William "Will" Chandler IV and wife, Suzanne, and Matthew Ray Chandler and wife, Chrystie; five great-grandchildren, Jackson Ray Chandler, Savanna Grace Chandler, Molly Grace Chandler, Corey Ray Chandler and Cody Michael Chandler; his brother, Don Gale Towery; and his sister, Edith Towery Eaker.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2026, at Lattimore Baptist Church. The family received friends one hour prior to the service in the church fellowship hall. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Lattimore Baptist Church: PO Box 188, Lattimore, NC 28089.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.cecilmburtonfuneral-home.com.

Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home & Crematory is honored to serve the family.

MARY MARGARETTE HOPKINS COURNS

Mary Margarette Hopkins Courns, 90, daughter of the late James Hopkins and Evelyn Middleton Hopkins, was born on Sept. 26, 1935, in Lynchburg, South Carolina. She departed this life on Sunday, Aug. 2, 2026, in McKinney, Texas.



COURNS

Public viewing will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, 2026, until the hour of service at Job's Mortuary Inc.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, 2026, at Job's Mortuary Inc. Parlor, 312 S. Main St., Sumter, with Pastor Ricky Simmons officiating.

Interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Park, Sumter.

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

Online memorials may be sent to the family at jobsmortuaryinc@gmail.com or the web at www.jobsmortuary.net.

MASTER SGT. ADAM WILKE PEIL

Master Sgt. Adam Wilke Peil, age 41, beloved husband of Katherine Elizabeth Morgan Peil, passed away on Friday, Aug. 7, 2026.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the funeral services on Sunday, Aug. 16, 2026, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Bullock Funeral Home.

A funeral service will be held on Sunday, Aug. 16, 2026, at 3 p.m. at the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel with full mili-

tary honors to follow.

You may go to www.bullock-funeralhome.com and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



HARRY LEE SINGLETON

Harry Lee Singleton, 89, widow of Carola Bradley Singleton, died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2026, at his home. He was born Jan. 5, 1937, in Sumter. He was the son of the late Harry Singleton and Francis Johnson Singleton.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 6730 Fish Road, Dalzell.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by the management of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

WILSON RAY

DALZELL — Wilson "Peter" Ray, 87, husband of Kyong Soon "Ann" Ray, died Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2026, at Prisma Health Richland.

Born Sept. 30, 1938, in Dalzell, he was a son of the late Henry "Doc" Ray and Lucille Benenahley Ray. He was a member of Long Branch Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon. He retired from the U.S. Army and was a Vietnam War veteran. He later retired from Sum-



RAY

ter County Sheriff's Office. He was a longtime member of Riverside Hunt Club.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years; four children, James Ray (Carla Pope), Henry "Ronnie" Ray (Lisa Pendergraph), Sheryl Robinson (Ernest) and Timothy "Timmy" Ray (Tammy); eight grandchildren, Braydon Ray-Pope, Amaris Ray-Pope, Ryan Ray, Megan Ray Staves (Brooks), Kennedy Robinson, Jett Robinson, Taylor Schilling (Nick) and Tabitha Ray; three great-grandchildren, Rocko Ray, Oliver Schilling and Collins Staves; a sister, Faye D'Angelo (Tony); and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Ruby Ray Carter, and a brother, Henry Alston Ray.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, 2026, at Long Branch Baptist Church with the Rev. Ryan Glosston and the Rev. Steve Miller officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Ryan Ray, Rocko Ray, Buck Ray, Brooks Staves, Braydon Ray-Pope and Tony D'Angelo.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

The family received friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, 2026, at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to Long Branch Baptist Church, 2535 Peach Orchard Rd., Dalzell, SC 29040.

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

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NOTICES

Beer & Wine

License

Notice Of Application
Notice is hereby given that Infinity Event Center intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license permit that will allow the sale and ON premises consumption of **BEER, WINE & LIQUOR** at 921 Carolina Avenue, Sumter, SC 29150 to object to the issuance of this permit / license, written protest must be postmarked no later than **August 17, 2026**. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information: (1) the name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest; (2) the specific reasons why the application should be denied; (3) that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant); (4) that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and (5) the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed. Protests must be submitted online e-mailed to: ABL@dor.sc.gov Attn: S.C. Department of Revenue, ABL Section.

Bid Notices

INVITATION TO BID

The Sumter County Public Works is soliciting separate sealed bids from qualified vendors for the following projects:
PAVING OF SUMTER COUNTY ROADS - PACKAGE 19: LYNX LANE & LYNX COURT, JAGUAR RUN, AND PASTURE ROAD & TIVERTON CHURCH ROAD
INVITATION # SC-018-B-26
Bids will be received until 10:00 A.M. Thursday, September 3, 2026 in the Sumter County Public Works Conference Room located at 1289 North Main Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29153.
Plans and bid documents may be obtained from the Sumter County Purchasing page at: https://www.sumtercountysc.gov/departments/j_r/purchasing/open_solicitations_and_bid_opportunities.php or directly to the Planet Bids portal at: <https://vendors.planetbids.com/portals/82907/bo/bo-search>. Interested bidders need to ensure they register through the site to be a vendor. Documents may also be obtained from the following; however, the Planet Bids portal is the preferred method:

Sumter County Public Works
1289 North Main Street
Sumter, South Carolina 29153
Email: jmcleod@sumtercountysc.gov
Phone: (803) 436-2241
Or
Davis & Floyd, Inc.
2151 Pickens St., Suite 302
Columbia, SC 29201
Email: asmyre@davisfloyd.com
Phone: (803) 256-4121

Any written questions should be emailed to asmyre@davisfloyd.com no later than Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 4:00 pm. Questions may also be asked on PlanetBids.
The County of Sumter reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The County of Sumter reserves the right to waive any or all technicalities.

Mandatory Pre-bid Meeting
Thursday, August 20, 2026
@ 2:00 pm
Meet at Public Works Office
1289 N. Main St.
Sumter, SC 29153

Summons & Notice

STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA,
IN THE COURT
OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF SUMTER
SUMMONS & NOTICES
(Quiet Title / Non-Jury)
FILE NO. 2026CP4301244

HERB MCCLARY,
Plaintiff,
vs.
BEVERLY PATRICIA LANE, LINDA MANSON, AND TYRONE CORNELIUS LANE, OR IF ANY OF THEM ARE DECEASED, HIS OR HER UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN OR DEVISEES, IF ANY, AND JOHN DOE AND MARY ROE, FICTITIOUS NAMES USED TO REPRESENT ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE IN, INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT
Defendants.

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE-NAMED:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to this complaint upon the subscriber, at the address shown below, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the complaint, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
TO MINORS() OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND/OR MINORS() UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY:
YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by Plaintiff.
YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for a general Order of Reference of this cause to the Master-in-Equity or a Special Referee for the aforesaid County, which Order Shall, pursuant to Rule 53, SCRPC, specifically provide that the said Master or Special Referee is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this case and any appeal from the final judgment entered herein to be made directly to the Supreme Court.
LIS PENDENS
(Quiet Title / Non-Jury)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an action has been commenced and is

Summons & Notice

pending in the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina whereby the Plaintiff seeks an Order to Quiet Title to the following described real property: **ALL THAT** certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with improvements, if any thereon, lying, being and situate along the right of way of Dingle Street in the Town and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, more fully shown and designated as Lot 11 on a subdivision plat prepared by Legare & Legare, Engineers, on September 18, 1907; said plat being filed for record in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 4-A at Page 9 and incorporated herein by reference pursuant to §30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976 (as amended).
This property was conveyed to Herb McClary by deed of Karee Graham and LaTeas Y. Mason dated June 22, 2026 and recorded July 15, 2026 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Book 1356 at Page 5088.
This property is known as 521 Dingle Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29150 and designated as Sumter County Tax Map Parcel Number 227-03-04-026

YOUNG & WARR, LLC

By/s/ Kenneth R. Young, Jr.
Kenneth R. Young, Jr.
South Carolina Bar No. 5741
Attorney for the Plaintiff
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Sumter, South Carolina
July 17, 2026

STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT
OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF SUMTER
DOCKET NO. 2026CP4300958
(013225-03919)
SUMMONS
Deficiency Judgment Waived

U.S. Bank Trust, National Association as trustee for Tiki Series VI Trust,
Plaintiff,
v.
Mary Holmes; Christopher L. Holmes; Tiffany N. Holmes; Any Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of Reginald T. Holmes, Deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe Defendant(s).

TO THE DEFENDANT(S): Mary Holmes, Christopher L. Holmes, Tiffany N. Holmes, Any Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of Reginald T. Holmes, Deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this foreclosure action on property located at 175 W Brewington Rd, Sumter, SC 29153, being designated in the County tax records as TMS# 245-00-01-025, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 1221 Main Street, 14th Floor, Post Office Box 100200, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202-3200, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND/OR MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY: YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons upon you. If you fail to do so, Plaintiff will apply to have the appointment of the Guardian ad Litem Nisi, Kelley Y. Woody, Esq., P.O. Box 6432, Columbia, SC 29260, made absolute.

NOTICE
TO THE DEFENDANTS: Mary, Holmes Christopher L., Holmes Tiffany N., Holmes Any Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of Reginald T. Holmes, Deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe, **YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina on June 12, 2026.

s/ Brian P. Yoho
Rogers Townsend, LLC
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Summons & Notice

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI
It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, upon reading the Motion for the appointment of Kelley Y. Woody, Esq. as Guardian Ad Litem Nisi for any unknown minors and persons who may be under a disability, it is **ORDERED** that, pursuant to Rule 17, SCRPC, Kelley Y. Woody, Esq., be and hereby is appointed Guardian Ad Litem Nisi on behalf of all unknown minors and all unknown persons under a disability, all of whom may have or may claim to have some interest in or claim to the real property commonly known as 175 W Brewington Rd, Sumter, SC 29153; that Kelley Y. Woody, Esq. is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent said Defendant(s), unless the said Defendant(s), or someone on their behalf, shall within thirty (30) days after service of a copy hereof as directed, procure the appointment of a Guardian or Guardians Ad Litem for the said Defendant(s), and it is **FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this Order shall forthwith be served upon the said Defendant(s) Any Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of Reginald T. Holmes, Deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe, by publication thereof in The Item, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, together with the Summons in the above entitled action.
s/James C. Campbell
Clerk of Court/Judge for Sumter County
Sumter, South Carolina
August 3, 2026

LIS PENDENS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an action has been or will be commenced in this Court upon complaint of the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendant(s) for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage of real estate given by Willie Holmes and Mary Holmes to Wells Fargo Financial South Carolina, Inc. dated July 14, 2008, and recorded in the Office of the RMC/ROD for Sumter County on July 28, 2008, in Mortgage Book 1109 at Page 3640. This mortgage was assigned to US Bank Trust National Association as Trustee for Chateau Series VI Trust by assignment dated October 1, 2025 and recorded October 15, 2025 in Book 1345 at Page 5159. Subsequently, this mortgage was assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, National Association as trustee for Tiki Series VI Trust by assignment dated May 14, 2026 and recorded May 26, 2026 in Book 1354 at Page 4714. This loan is subject to a Loan Modification Agreement dated November 1, 2015 and recorded March 30, 2016 in Book 1220 at Page 1755. The premises covered and affected by the said mortgage and by the foreclosure thereof were, at the time of the making thereof and at the time of the filing of this notice, described as follows:

All of that certain piece, parcel or tract of land together with the improvements thereon, lying and being situate in Providence Township, Sumter County, State of South Carolina, and being shown as Lot No. 3 on Plat of W. L. Allen, Lots, made by F. H. Murray, dated April 6, 1955, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book Z-10 at Page 105, said Lot No. 3 being resurveyed by Carl J. Croft, Consulting Engineer as shown on Plat dated August 21, 1976 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book Z-38 at Page 270, and according to said Plat Lot No. 3 has the following boundaries and measurements; on the Southwest by S. C. Road No. S43-81 (Brewington Road) on which it fronts 89.01 feet; on the Southeast by Lot No. 4 on which it measures 183.75 feet; on the Northeast by land of Bobby Ray and Marjorie W. Butler on which it measures 89.1 feet; and on the Northwest by lands of Bobby Ray and Marjorie W. Butler on which it measures 185.62 feet.

This being the same property conveyed to Willie Holmes and Mary Holmes by deed of Leroy Lane, Sr. dated June 24, 1998 and recorded June 25, 1998 in Deed Book 709 at Page 1436 in the Register of Deeds Office for Sumter County. Subsequently Willie Holmes died on April 10, 2009, leaving the subject property to his heirs or devisees, namely, Mary Holmes, Reginald T. Holmes, Christopher L. Holmes and Tiffany N. Holmes, as is more fully preserved in the Probate records for Sumter County, in Case No. 2012ES43-00295; also by Deed of Distribution dated September 30, 2013 and recorded November 6, 2013 in Deed Book 1195 at Page 3831. Subsequently, Reginald T. Holmes died on April 6, 2011 leaving the subject property to his heirs or devisees.

Property Address:
175 W Brewington Rd
Sumter, SC 29153
TMS/PIN#
245-00-01-025

/s/Jeriel A. Thomas
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Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the County Council of Clarendon County (the "Council"), the governing body of the County of Clarendon, South Carolina (the "County"), will hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 PM on Monday, September 14, 2026, at the Clarendon County Administration Building, Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, S.C. 29102, to consider Ordinance 2026-17, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY OF CLARENDON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Clarendon County Council will hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 PM on Monday, September 14, 2026, at the Clarendon County Administration Building, Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, S.C. 29102, to consider Ordinance #2026-16, **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CLARENDON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK MASTER AGREEMENT AND ESTABLISH THAT CERTAIN QUALIFYING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS SHALL CONTRIBUTE TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF COUNTY PROPERTY TAX REVENUES TO THE CLARENDON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH PROJECT RECEIVES A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT, SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT, OR OTHER COUNTY INCENTIVE.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Memory



In Loving Memory Of
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Teresa Pelzer 605 Household Items, Misc.
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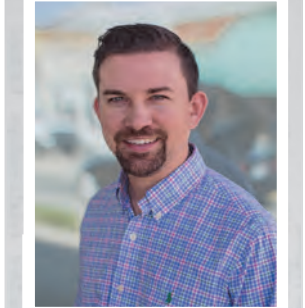
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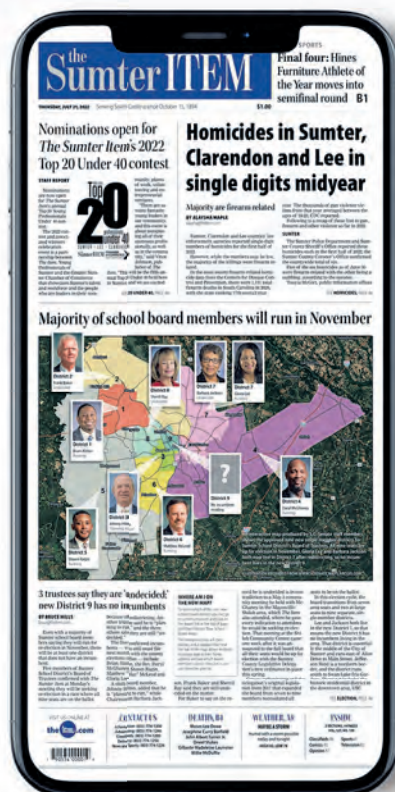
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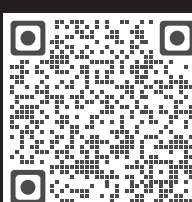
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Hidden treasure: 'Outer Banks' returns for one last hunt

BY SARAH PASSINGHAM

Loot, booty or swag, a treasure by any other name would feel just as sweet. A pirate's life of high-reward adventure on the high seas is the stuff of legend, but what might it look like if it were a bit closer to a real life exploit? The answer is the hit Netflix action mystery drama "Outer Banks," which is back for a fifth and final season. Stream all 10 episodes of the new season on premiere day, Thursday, Aug. 20.

Set in the titular Outer Banks of North Carolina, the series follows the lives of a scrappy troupe of young locals who call themselves the Pogues (unrelated to the Celtic punk band of "Fairytale of New York" fame) with such passion that they live by the acronym P4L (Pogues for life). Working-class full time residents of their beachy hometown, the Pogues differentiate themselves from the wealthy seasonal residents, the Kooks (also unrelated to the English indie rock band of "Naive" fame), by living a life of chasing waves and whims, not tied down by traditional responsibilities.

The core crew of Pogues are John (Chase Stokes, "Tell Me Your Secrets"), Sarah (Madelyn Cline, "Glass Onion," 2022), Kiara (Madison Bailey, "Black Lightning"), Pope (Jonathan Daviss, "Do Revenge," 2022) and Cleo (Carla Grant, "Greenleaf"). After four seasons of adventures together, the Pogues have become sought-after treasure hunters, but things are different now that they are motivated by revenge.

Driven by their pain following the murder of their friend JJ (Rudy Pankow, "Reminders of Him," 2026) in Morocco last season as they hunted down the fabled Blue Crown, the Pogues set out for one last run at the kind of riches they have always dreamed of. From Netflix, "their mission is now a desperate race to reclaim their future and finally win the freedom they've been chasing since the beginning. It's the Pogues against the world as they seek to avenge their best friend and bring it on home... one final time."

Also starring in the final season of "Outer Banks" are Drew

Starkey ("Queer," 2024) as foe-turned-friend to the Pogues, Rafe Cameron; Austin North ("All Night") as Topper, a Kook and Rafe's buddy; Fiona Palomo ("Control Z") as Sofia; J. Anthony Crane ("Dead Ringers") as the Pogues' great nemesis Chandler Groff; and Cullen Moss ("Your Honor") as Sheriff Shoupe.

Series creators Josh Pate ("Falling Skies"), Jonas Pate ("Prime Suspect") and Shannon Burke ("Asphalt City," 2023) shared in a letter to "Outer Banks" fans at the conclusion of the last season that they had always planned "a five-season journey of adventure, treasure hunting and friendship" for the show. Originally inspired by a photo of carefree teenagers on a beach to write "a story of four best friends who only want to have a good time all the time," the final chapter of the Pogues' story leaves them in a much different place than where they all started, living pleasure-seeking lives in the Cut.

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“It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia” - Season 18 (Aug. 17)

Charlie (Charlie Day), Mac (Rob Mac), Dennis (Glenn Howerton), Dee (Kaitlin Olson) and Frank (Danny DeVito) are back and busier than ever before, as they grapple with workplace automation, conspiracy theories, lawless rivalries and more. All the while, the group tries their best to maintain some sort of normalcy at Paddy’s pub — which, for them, includes nonstop chaos.

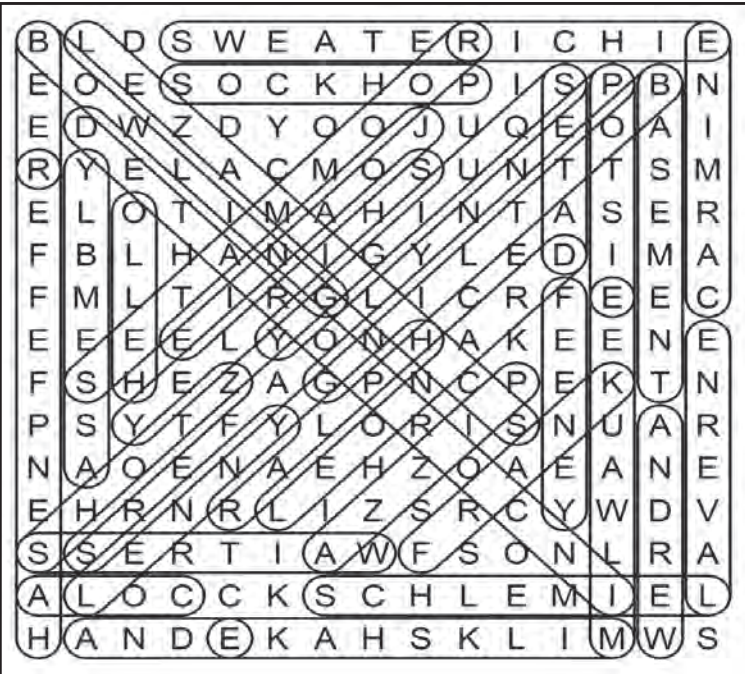
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Q&A: Jennifer Beals

BY JAY BOBBIN

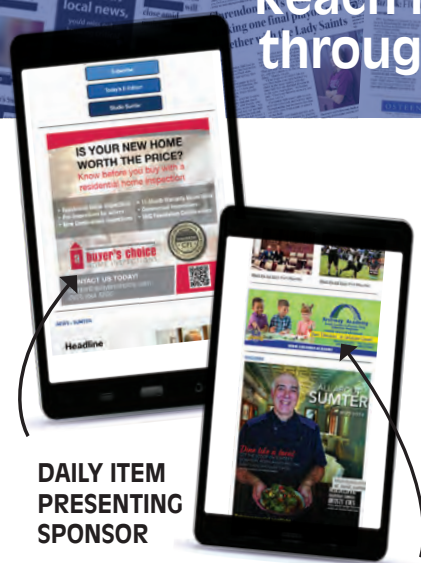
Q: I was interested to read that Jennifer Beals will be in the new "NCIS: New York" show. Has she done other series?

A: Quite a few, in fact. The actress who became an immediate icon in the 1983 movie "Flashdance" has been a cast regular on several shows, the best-known of which arguably is Showtime's "The L Word." She spent six seasons (2004-09) on that drama as Bette Porter, who became an art gallery co-owner after working in the world of academia, with the series dealing as much with Bette's personal life. Beals later reprised the role for three seasons (2019-23) on the Showtime sequel series "The L Word: Generation Q."

The first show on which Beals was a co-star was the 1992 CBS serial "2000 Malibu Road," with Drew Barrymore and Lisa Hartman also among the principals on the show about several women sharing a beach house. After that, Beals was in "Nothing Sacred," a religion-themed 1997-98 ABC drama that faced controversy and was canceled before all of the completed episodes had aired.

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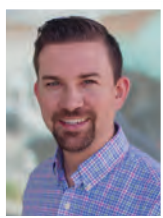


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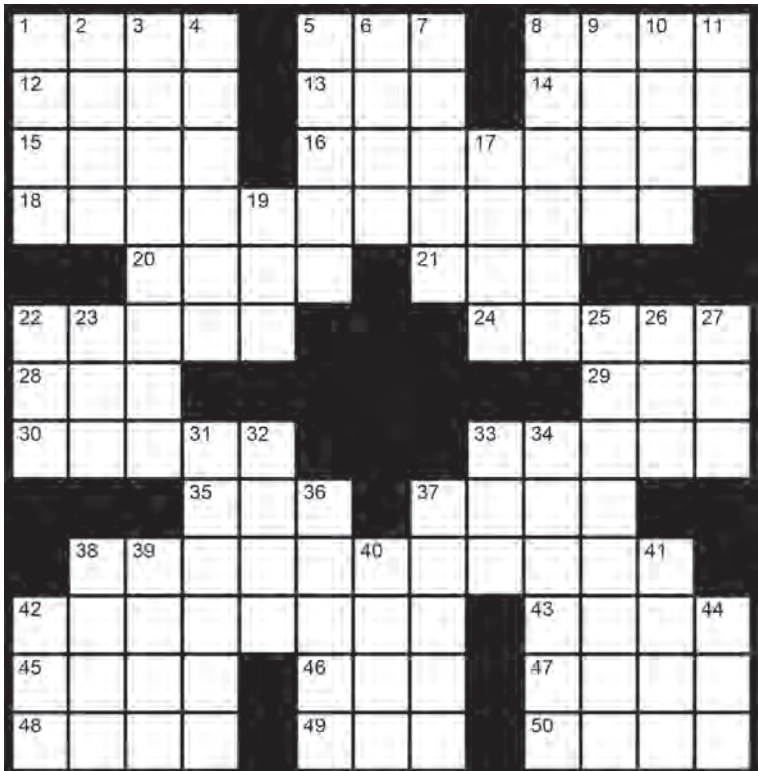
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14. Falls
15. Tennis's Steffi
16. "Home Improvement" star
18. HBO drama set in a funeral home
20. Drop from Niobe
21. Ribosomal ____
22. Display
24. "The Sopranos" restaurateur
28. A abroad
29. Environmentalist's prefix
30. French film award
33. Salt Lake City neighbor
35. Three sheets to the wind
37. ____ Sea (Amu Darya's outlet)
38. Post-apocalyptic AMC series, with "The"
42. Aniston of "Friends"
43. Future atty.'s exam
45. Lieutenant
46. Doctor's charge
47. Castaway's place
48. Joe ____
49. Sault ____ Marie
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- Down
1. Fleecy boots from Down Under
2. Rival of Alexa
3. Family on the eponymous reality show "Family Values"
4. Chest for valuables
5. Discourage
6. "What ____ now?"
7. Object
8. Conehead played by Aykroyd
9. Fully fit
10. Above, in Berlin
11. AOL rival
17. "DWTS" dancer Trebunskaya
19. Partake of
22. Instant
23. Pizzeria order
25. Titular manager of the fictional AFC Richmond
26. Coolness
27. Seemingly forever
31. Completely redone
32. Lindhome in "Million Dollar Baby" (2004)
33. California's Fort ____
34. Manx, e.g.
36. Rows
37. Go along (with)
38. "Oppression et Liberté" author Simone
39. B ____ Railroad
40. Hair removal brand
41. Limp watch painter
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44. Midmorning



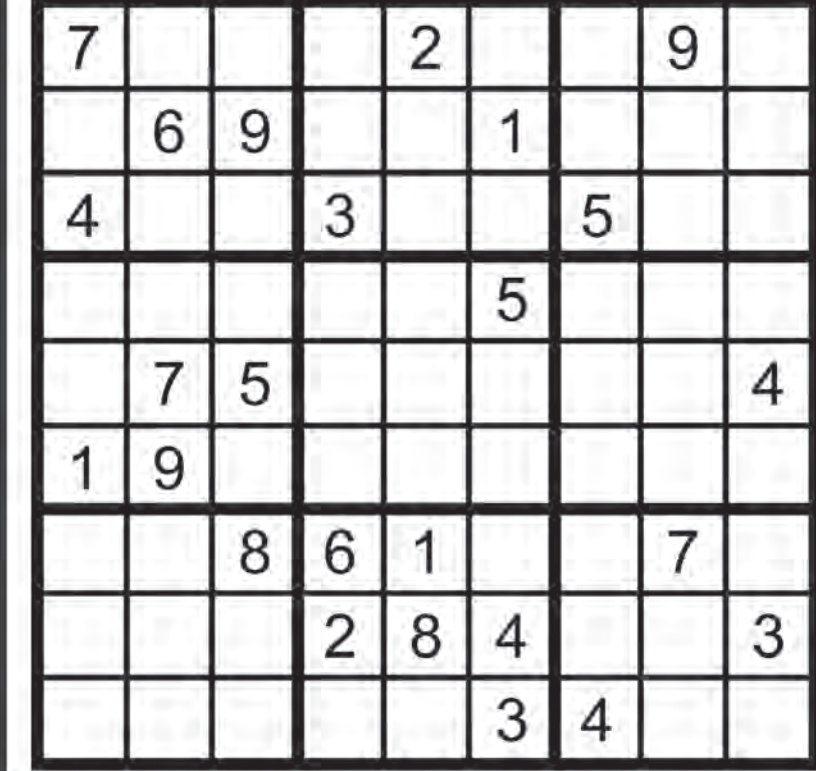
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Sudoku



To complete this puzzle, place the numbers 1-9 in the empty cells, so that every row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold outline) contains all nine digits.

Each number 1-9 may appear only once in each row, column and 3-by-3 box.

SOLUTION

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	SP	FTC	DTV	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
WIS	3	10	10	WIS News 10 at 6 (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Houston Astros From Daikin Park in Houston. (N) (Live)			Password Tiffany Haddish, Jimmy Fallon			WIS News 10 at 11		Awareness at 11			
WKTC	4	22	63	Chicago P.D.	"You and Me"	Suits "Admission of Guilt"		Suits "Quid Pro Quo"		Suits "Character and Fitness"		Suits "Skin in the Game"		Suits "The Statue"			
WOLO	5	12	25	ABC World News (N)	Queen City Country	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)		Disney Princess (N)	*** The Princess Diaries (01) Anne Hathaway, Héctor Elizondo, Julie Andrews.				News (N)		Paid Prog.		
WACH	6	6	57	The National News Desk		Kitchen Nightmares "Borelli's Pizzeria"		The Simpsons	Animal Control	Universal "Good Marks"	Grimsburg "CrimeCon"	News (N) (Live)	The Armstrong	Sharyl Attkisson	The Big Bang Theory		
NWSN	8	172	307	NewsNation Live (N) (Live)		NewsNation Live (N) (Live)		NewsNation Prime (N) (Live)		NewsNation Prime (N) (Live)		NewsNation Prime (N) (Live)		NewsNation Prime (N) (Live)			
WLTX	9	9	19	News 19 at 6pm (N)	CBS Evening News (N)	60 Minutes (N)		Big Brother "Episode 20" (N)		Tracker "First Fire"		Marshals "Piya Wiconi"		News 19 at 11pm	Face the Nation (N)		
WRJA	11	14		(5:00) Joe	All Creatures Six	Great and Small: Chapter		More Manners of Downton Abbey: A Masterpiece Special			Downton Abbey on Masterpiece Ethel must make a decision about her son's future.			The Forsytes: An Inside Look			
WZRB	13	18	47	NCIS "Winter Chill"		NCIS "Watchdog"		NCIS "Head of the Snake"		NCIS "Gut Punch"		NCIS "Sangre"		NCIS "Misconduct"			
NICK	16	210	299	(3:30) *** Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1		***** Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 (11) Daniel Radcliffe. (P)		Rupert Grint, Emma Watson,				The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory		
TOON	17	203	296	Burgers		Burgers		Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morty	Rick Morty	President (N)	
DISNEY	18	200	290	(15) ***** The Princess and the Frog (09) Keith David, Anika Noni Rose.		Voices of Bruno Campos,		Place	Place "The Right Stuffie"	Place	Place	Place "The Last Spell"	Vampirina "First Pet"	Miraculous: Ladybug		Ladybug "Nemesis"	
FREFRM	20	131	311	(05) ***** The Little Mermaid (89) Christopher Daniel Barnes, Jodi Benson.		Voices of Pat Carroll, Christopher Daniel Barnes, Jodi Benson.		Disney Princess (N)	*** Tangled (10) Voices of Zachary Levi, Murphy, Mandy Moore.		Donna		(35) ***** Cinderella (15) Lily James, Richard Madden, Cate Blanchett.				
FDSE	21	47	649	Diggin' Deep Nick Swisher		Fight The 17th Annual Fighters Only MMA Awards		United Fight Alliance Up Next Fighting 17, Part 2		United Fight Alliance		Fight Sports: Boxing Mike Tyson Invitational 2					
NATGEO	22	113	276	To Catch a Smuggler "Blow Aboard!"		To Catch a Smuggler "Dark Net Dragnet"		To Catch a Smuggler "Smorgasbord of Smack"		To Catch a Smuggler "Killer Ketamine"		To Catch a Smuggler "Smuggled and Muzzled"		To Catch a Smuggler "Talibani Treasure Trove"			
TNT	23	158	245	(4:15) *** San Andreas		*** Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire (24) Stevens, Rebecca Hall.		Brian Tyree Henry, Dan		The Librarians "And the Red Rock" (N)		The Librarians: The Next Chapter "And the Red Rock"		*** Meg 2: The Trench (23) Jason Statham.			
TBS	24	156	247	(3:30) *** Wonder Wo...		*** Barbie (23) Ryan Gosling, America Ferrera, Margot Robbie.				The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory		
USA	25	132	242	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
ESPN	26	35	206	(5:00) WNBA Basketball		WNBA Basketball (N) (Live)				NWSL Soccer Washington Spirit at Angel City FC (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)					
TRUTV	38	129	246	(4:30) ***** Kong: Skull Island (17) Tom Hiddleston.		*** Geostorm (17) Jim Sturgess, Abbie Cornish, Gerard Butler. A worldwide storm threatens humanity.				*** Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (24) Chris Hemsworth, Tom Burke, Anya Taylor-Joy.							
SHOPHQ	30		73	(3:00) Channel No		Channel No Longer Available								Channel No			
TWC	32	24	362	Prime Suspect: Earth		Deadline t "Wall of Water"		Deadline to Disaster		Deadline t "Danger Deja Vu"		Storm of "Cold Hearted"		Storm of Suspicion			
CNBC	35	84	355	Shark Tank		Pro Padel League Los Angeles: Championship (N)		Life, Liberty (N) (Live)		Sunday Night (N) (Live)		One Nation With (N) (Live)		Life, Liberty & Levin			
FNC	37	90	360	Weekend (N) (Live)		Weekend (N) (Live)		Holmes on Homes "Kitchen Comeback" (N)		Maine Cabin Masters "Three Cabins and a Lobby" (N)		House Hunters (N)		House Hunters		House Hunters	
HGTV	39	112	229	Fixer to "A Worldwide Home Renovation"		Fixer to "Marrs Family Farmhouse Renovation"		The Great Food Truck Race (N)		The Great Food Truck Race (N)		Beat Bobby Flay		Beat Bobby Flay		Beat Bobby Flay	
FOOD	40	109	231	Guy's Grocery Games "Food Family Takeover"		Food Truck Race "Sweet & Savory: Knoxville Crowd Crawl" Tyler Florence welcomes six teams to Knoxville, Tenn.						Beat Bobby Flay		Beat Bobby Flay		Beat Bobby Flay	
ANPL	41	100	282	Yellowstone Wardens		Yellowstone Wardens		Wardens "The Curious Case of the Dead Deer"				Yellowstone Wardens "Wardens Working Late" (N)					
DISCV	42	103	278	Naked and Afraid "No Love Lost on the Lost Coast" Fire engulfs Patrick's shelter and a screaming match erupts. (N)		Naked and Afraid: Shipwrecked "Snake Island Bites Back" Darrin leads a water pipeline build; Patrick calls out. (N)		In the Eye of the Storm "Stranded in St. Louis" (N)				In the Eye of the Storm "Stranded in St. Louis" (N)		In the Eye of the Storm "Dakota EF5"			
TLC	43	157	280	90 Day Fiancé (N)		90 Day Fiancé (N)		90 Day Fiancé "It's Better to Bend Than Break" (N)		Double Lives (N)		Double Lives (N)		Jay & Pamela			
HIST	45	110	269	Hazardous History "Occupational Hazards"		Hazardous History "Perilous Play"		Hazardous History "Precarious Parenting"		Hazardous History "Crazy Cures" (N)		(05) Mega-Brands "Ideas That Stick" (N)		(05) Hazardous History "Very Extreme Sports"			
A&E	46	130	265	Southern Law		WWE Rivals		WWE Rivals		WWE LFG "Meet Myka" (N)		WWE LFG (N)		(05) WWE Rivals			
AMC	48	180	254	***** Jaws (75) Robert Shaw, Richard Dreyfuss, Roy Scheider. A New England police chief, a shark hunter and a scientist have a showdown with a huge white shark.						The Walking Dead: Dead City "Found/Lost" (N)		The Walking Dead: Dead City "Found/Lost"		*** Jaws 2 (78) Lorraine Gary, Roy Scheider.			
TCM	49	186	256	(5:30) ***** North by Northwest (59) Eva Marie Saint, James Mason, Cary Grant.				***** Gunga Din (39) Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Victor McLaglen, Cary Grant.				(15) ***** Destination Tokyo (43) John Garfield, Alan Hale, Cary Grant.					
LIFE	50	145	252	* The Guest Who Wouldn't Leave (26) Alex Trumble, Tenny Conroy, Molly Flanagan. (P)				* Home Safe (26) Jason MacDonald, Emily Topper, Felisha Terrell. (P)				(05) * Three Housewives and a Body (26) Christie Osterhus, Segen Genesis, Rachel Hendrix.					
HALL	52	183	312	* Aussie at Heart (26) Daniel Lissing, Tracie Filmer, Rhiannon Fish.				* The Reluctant Royal (25) Emilie de Ravin, Andrew W. Walker.				* Bottled With Love (19) Andrew W. Walker, Kate Craven, Bethany Joy Lenz.					
FX	54	154	248	(3:30) *** Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End		*** Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales (17) Geoffrey Rush, Javier Bardem, Johnny Depp.				*** Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (11) Penélope Cruz, Ian McShane, Johnny Depp.							
TVLAND	55	161	304	Raymond		Raymond		(35) Raymond		(10) Raymond		(45) Raymond		(03) Everybody Raymond			
EI	56	138	236	(5:00) ***** The Matrix (99) Keanu Reeves.		*** The Matrix Reloaded (03) Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss, Keanu Reeves.						(55) Raymond		Seinfeld		Seinfeld	
COMEDY	57	136	249	Seinfeld "The Stakeout"		Seinfeld "The Robbery"		Seinfeld "The Stock Tip"		Seinfeld "The Ex-Griffriend"		Seinfeld "The Pony Remark"		Family Guy "Yug Ylimal"		Family Guy	
SYFY	58	152	244	(5:30) ***** M3GAN (22) Violet McGraw, Ronny Chieng, Allison Williams.				*** Escape Room (19) Logan Miller, Deborah Ann Woll, Taylor Russell.				*** Escape Room: Tournament of Champions (21) Logan Miller, Indya Moore, Taylor Russell.					
BET	61	162	329	(4:00) *** Training Day		Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		(10) Celebrity Family Feud		(20) Celebrity Family Feud			
PARMT	64	153	241	Bar Rescue "Till the Wagon Wheels Fall Off"		Bar Rescue "Midtown Slump"		Bar Rescue "Lights Out in the Harbor"		Bar Rescue "Sitting Down on the Job"		Bar Rescue "A Palette of Problems"		Bar Rescue "Crust Issues"			
LMN	66	185	253	* The Neighbor Who Saw Too Much (24) Kia Dorsey, Devante Winfrey, Sage Moore.				* The Last Woman Who Lived Here (25) David Chinchilla, Cindy Sampson, Tamara Almeida.				* The Couple Across the Street (26) Brett Geddes, Presley Allard, Jenny Raven.					
GOLF	69	52	218	(5:00) PGA Champions		Golf Central (N) (Live)		PGA Tour Golf FedEx St. Jude Championship, Final Round		PGA Tour Golf FedEx St. Jude Championship, Final Round		From TPC Southwind in Memphis, Tenn.					
OWN	72	104	279	48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		Evidence "The Farris Wheel"		48 Hours: Hard Evidence			
OXY	76	150	251	Snapped "Priscilla Bradford"		Snapped "Candy Jo Webb"		Snapped "Nicole Nachtman"		Snapped (N)		Unknown Ser (N)		Snapped "Mary Bowles"			
NBATV	308		216	(5:30) WNBA Playback		WNBA Shot Clock: Games of the Week 8/7-8/13				NBA TV's the Doctor		Loud City: The OKC					
HBO	511	350	501	(5:10) *** Normal (25)	(45) *** Superman (25) Rachel Brosnahan, Nicholas Hoult, David Corenswet.					Lanterns (N) (P)		Lanterns		Last Week To. (N)		(40) Lanterns To. (N)	
MAX	531	370	515	(5:10) *** Y2K (24)	(45) *** Arctic (18) Maria Thelma Smáradóttir, Mads Mikkelsen.			(20) *** Opus (25) John Malkovich, Juliette Lewis, Ayo Edebiri.				(05) *** Stonewall (15) Jonny Beauchamp, Joey King, Jeremy Irvine.					
PARSHO	551	300	545	(4:15) * Top Gun: Maverick	***** A.I.: Artificial Intelligence (01) Jude Law, Frances O'Connor,					*** Gravity (13) George Clooney, Ed Harris, Sandra Bullock.		*** Terminator: Dark Fate (19) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Linda Hamilton.					
TMC	571	316	553	(10) *** Confess, Fletch (22) Kyle MacLachlan, Marcia Gay Harden, Jon Hamm.		*** Anthropoid (16) Jamie Dornan, Charlotte Le Bon, Cillian Murphy.				(05) *** Gangs of New York (02) Daniel Day-Lewis, Cameron Diaz, Leonardo DiCaprio.							
STARZ	581	330	525	(5:50) * Escape Plan 2: Hades (18) Dave Bautista, 50 Cent, Sylvester Stallone. (P)		(25) * Escape Plan: The Extractors (19) 50 Cent, Sylvester Stallone. (P)		Fightland No Innocents		Fightland		(55) Fightland		(50) Fightland No Innocents		(25) * Beast (26)	



‘Beverly Hills Cop II’ returns Eddie Murphy to action

BY JAY BOBBIN

As sequels go, “Beverly Hills Cop II” is quite successful in keeping the action, humor and spirit that made its forerunner such a massive hit for Eddie Murphy.

Being shown by MGM+ Drive-In on Wednesday, Aug. 19, and Thursday, Aug. 20 — along with the original 1984 movie and 1994’s “Beverly Hills Cop III” — the 1987 second edition returns Murphy’s Detroit detective Axel Foley to the East Coast to investigate the shooting of his California police pal Bogomil (fellow returnee Ronny Cox, who also made a great villain the same year in “RoboCop”), who was looking into a string of high-class robberies.

Marked by alphabet clues left at the scenes, the crimes lead Foley to reunite with West Coast law-enforcement partners Rosewood and Taggart (Judge Reinhold and John Ashton, also reprising their roles), who don’t have much interest in incurring the wrath of Bogomil’s temperamental replacement (Allen Garfield) by stepping outside their assigned boundaries.

Nevertheless, they also want to see justice done, so they reluctantly help Foley in a probe that eventually takes them to the Playboy Mansion ... complete with an appearance by Hugh Hefner.

Directed by Tony Scott, who had just come off a massive hit with “Top Gun” (1986), “Beverly Hills Cop II” is as fast and entertaining as the first chapter that did much to cement Murphy’s big-screen stardom. Within the plot specifics, he gets to do the comedic riffs that are so much a part of his brand, as when Foley maintains he’s a psychic named Johnny Wishbone who has been sent to consult on the theft case.

The colorful cast also includes Jurgen Prochnow as the criminal mastermind, the striking Brigitte Nielsen as his icy henchwoman, Dean Stockwell as another member of the enemy gang and Gilbert Gottfried as a fast-talking (of course) accountant. Gil Hill, an actual former Detroit cop, is back as Foley’s generally unamused boss; Paul Reiser also returns as Foley’s Detroit police comrade who helps put up a smokescreen for Foley while the latter is out of town.

As in the first film, music also is an essential element of “Beverly Hills Cop II,” and the film earned an Oscar nomination for the Bob Seger-performed “Shakedown.” The Pointer Sisters, who enjoyed great popularity with “Neutron Dance” from the first “Beverly Hills Cop,” contributed the similarly energetic “Be There” to this soundtrack.

Fans of the franchise (which also yielded 2024’s “Beverly Hills Cop: Axel F” on Netflix) will know what to expect from “Beverly Hills Cop II,” and that’s exactly what they’ll get. And that’s not a bad thing.

BEST BRUCE WILLIS MOVIES

BY JAY BOBBIN

“Blind Date” (1987): Willis had his first starring movie role in this Blake Edwards-directed comedy as a businessman who has big problems when he brings the title date (Kim Basinger) to an important dinner.

“Die Hard” (1988): In the blockbuster that immediately cemented him as an action icon, Willis plays John McClane, a New York cop who visits his estranged wife’s (Bonnie Bedelia) Los Angeles office building just as a criminal mastermind (Alan Rickman) is taking it over.

“Look Who’s Talking” (1989): A heard-but-not-seen Willis supplies the voice of a lively baby who observes the deepening connection between his mother (Kirstie Alley) and his sitter (John Travolta).

“Death Becomes Her” (1992): A plastic surgeon (Willis), his current love (Meryl Streep) and his former flame (Goldie Hawn) are caught up in a comedic, supernatural revenge scheme.

“Pulp Fiction” (1994): Among the stories in filmmaker Quentin Tarantino’s widely acclaimed crime drama is one with Willis as a fading boxer who’s in considerable trouble with a crime kingpin (Ving Rhames).

“12 Monkeys” (1995): In director Terry Gilliam’s grim fantasy, an inmate (Willis) in a virus-ravaged world is sent back in time to find facts he can bring back to the future to create a cure.

“The Fifth Element” (1997): Willis plays a futuristic cab driver involved in a battle for the survival of Earth in director Luc Besson’s sci-fi epic.

“Armageddon” (1998): Released the same year as the similarly themed “Deep Impact,” this science-fiction epic casts Willis as the leader of an oil-drilling team sent into space to destroy an asteroid before it collides with Earth. FX shows the film on Saturday, Aug. 22.

“The Sixth Sense” (1999): Writer-director M. Night Shyamalan’s suspense drama makes a psychologist the counsel to a youngster (Haley Joel Osment) who maintains that he can “see dead people.”

“Unbreakable” (2000): A train crash that leaves him unharmed reveals a man (Willis) to be superhuman in another melodrama from writer-director Shyamalan.

“Sin City” (2005): A policeman (Willis) tries to stop a serial killer from striking again in one portion of this Robert Rodriguez-directed anthology inspired by Frank Miller’s comic-book series.

“Red” (2010): A CIA alumnus (Willis) assembles a team of other ex-agents to help him stay alive when he’s targeted for elimination.

“Moonrise Kingdom” (2012): Willis makes an impact in director and co-writer Wes Anderson’s comedy-drama as a police captain seeking two young runaways (Jared Gilman, Kara Hayward).

“Looper” (2012): Writer-director Rian Johnson’s clever action-fantasy casts Willis and Joseph Gordon-Levitt as incarnations of the same hired killer, who travels through time.



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Brightest day, blackest night: HBO's 'Lanterns' glows green with might

BY DANA SIMPSON

When crime occurs between human beings on Earth, the police are generally called, but who does one call when a crime is committed between various beings from different Earths? Why, they call the Green Lanterns, of course!

After several long-awaited — some canceled — adaptations and re-imaginings, “Lanterns,” a Green Lantern-focused series, premieres Sunday, Aug. 16, on HBO and HBO Max.

First created by American cartoonist Martin Nodell in 1940 (just two years into the Golden Age of Comic Books which would run until approximately 1956), Green Lantern differs from most other DC or Marvel superheroes in that there is not one lone figure who carries the name, but several. While it is true that Nodell’s Green Lantern (alias Alan Scott) was initially a solo crime fighter, the character’s 1959 post-Golden Age revival introduced the Green Lantern Corps, an intergalactic law enforcement agency that vows to protect the 3,600 sectors of the universe. Recognizable by their primarily green outfits and signature magic ring, there are now reportedly more than 7,200 Green Lanterns across all timelines.

“Lanterns,” however, has chosen to focus on two: veteran hero Hal Jordan (Kyle Chandler, “Friday Night Lights”) and newcomer John Stewart (Aaron Pierre, “The Underground Railroad”).



“The series follows new recruit John Stewart and Lantern legend Hal Jordan, two intergalactic cops drawn into a dark, Earth-based mystery with cosmic ties as they investigate a murder in the American heartland,” reads the official HBO description.

According to EW.com, “the plot of ‘Lanterns’ plays out across two timelines. In 2016, John, just two months into his training, joins Hal to investigate a shooting in Rushville, Nebraska, that might have an alien connection. There will then be flash-forwards to 2026 to undisclosed events that the team is saving for a later reveal.”

Although promotion for the series has been remarkably minimal for a large-scale DC superhero project, showrunner Chris Mundy (“Ozark”) has been a bit more forthcoming than the press materials about the overall vibe and themes of the show.

“Our show is in a lot of ways about replacement — when should someone step aside and when is it time for the next person to take the reins?” Mundy told Men’s Health Entertainment Editor Nojan Aminosharei in an interview for his October 2025 profile about “Lanterns” series’ star Pierre, titled “The Very Fast, Achingly Slow, Meteoric Rise of Aaron Pierre.”

“That push and pull between those two characters is really important,” Mundy continued. “So much of the power that John has is by not taking the bait, understanding that you lose your power if you’re yelling and screaming. That’s what we’re trying to convey: he knows he belongs, so he doesn’t have to overcompensate. There’s a real balance there that’s just innately inside of Aaron [Pierre]. He’s big. He’s an intimidating presence just physically. But there’s a softness to him too. There’s a thoughtfulness. You can’t teach that.”

Pierre is taking on the role of former architect and Marine Corps vet John Stewart, notably one of DC’s first Black superheroes, who debuted in “Green Lantern” issue 87 in 1971. “The third human to ever wield a Green Lantern ring,” according to DC.com, John shows “leadership and tactical brilliance,” particularly with respect to the construction of his power ring, which he builds “from the inside out, down to the last nut and bolt — the result of his keen architectural mind.”

“Lanterns” also stars Nathan Fillion (“Castle”), Ulrich Thomsen (“Shining Girls”), Laura Linney (“Ozark”) and Kelly Macdonald (“No Country for Old Men,” 2007).

Most vivacious player: Novak Djokovic stars in new documentary from team behind ‘The Last Dance’



BY CAROLINE COLLACUTT

An extraordinary career forged in extraordinary circumstances. With 23 years on professional tennis courts (and more matches still to come), “The Last Dance” director Jason Hehir explores the life and livelihood of Novak Djokovic in his latest documentary — “Novak Djokovic: The Wolf in Winter” — making its debut Thursday, Aug. 20, on Prime Video.

“With 24 Grand Slam titles — the most in men’s history — over 1,100 career singles match wins, an Olympic gold medal, a record 428 weeks at world No. 1 and more Grand Slam appearances than any player in the Open Era, Djokovic has rewritten the record books and redefined what excellence looks like in professional sports,” reads the film’s description. “By virtually every statistical measure, he is the greatest to ever hold a racket. And yet, for all he has accomplished, Djokovic remains one of the most complex and polarizing figures in modern athletics — a champion whose greatness is undeniable but whose story has never been fully understood.”

After a childhood spent in war-torn Serbia, Djokovic was no stranger to conflict. Armed with a sense of resilience and sacrifice, he found his footing in the professional tennis scene — eventually playing against the best in the world, disrupting rival-

ries and changing the status quo.

“Where his predecessors carried themselves with measured grace, Djokovic was raw, passionate and unfiltered — a player who wore every emotion on his sleeve and whose intensity sometimes put him at odds with the very crowds he performed in front of,” Prime Video describes.

While following a still-active Djokovic behind the scenes at major tournaments, “The Wolf in Winter” pairs exclusive footage with intimate interviews from Djokovic himself, his family and leading figures in the world of tennis, including Rafael Nadal, Andre Agassi, Pete Sampras, Boris Becker and Jim Courier. Media personalities such as Mary Carillo, Patrick McEnroe, Howard Bryant, Christopher Clarey and Matthew Futterman also make appearances, sharing stories that paint a complex portrait of the athlete’s inner world.

With Connor Schell (“30 for 30”), Libby Geist (“O.J.: Made in America,” 2016), Alexa Conway (“Home”), Aaron Cohen (“Super/Man: The Christopher Reeve Story,” 2024) and Nick Eisenberg (“Murder in Boston: Roots, Rampage, and Reckoning”) acting as executive producers, among others, “Novak Djokovic: The Wolf in Winter” premieres Thursday, Aug. 20, on Prime Video.

View from the Couch



“POPEYE”

The sailor with a yen for spinach had long been a cartoon staple when director Robert Altman made a stab at transferring him to live action in this 1980 musical-comedy, making its 4K Ultra HD debut. If anyone could tackle the title role, it was Robin Williams — and he gets all the quirks down perfectly in the script by Jules Feiffer, which incorporates the expected elements as Popeye becomes involved with Olive Oyl (Shelley Duvall, also ideally cast) as they’re bullied by the brutish Bluto (Paul L. Smith) ... and you just know that a certain energy-boosting vegetable will come into play eventually. Paul Dooley, Richard Libertini, Ray Walston (as Popeye’s dad, Poopdeck Pappy) and then-stars-to-be Linda Hunt and Dennis Franz also are featured in the project that the Walt Disney

BY JAY BOBBIN

studio had a hand in. The Harry Nilsson-composed music score includes “I Yam What I Yam,” “Blow Me Down” and the particularly amusing “He’s Large.” *** (PG: AS, V) (Also on DVD and Blu-ray)

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Director Martin Scorsese’s 1977 musical-drama — now available on 4K Ultra HD — yielded the title song that became a standard for Frank Sinatra, though it’s rendered in the film by Liza Minnelli, playing a World War II-era USO performer who’s reluctantly courted by a persistent saxophone player (Robert De Niro). They end up being hired together as a traveling act, and though their relationship becomes more harmonious, it’s threatened by the male half of the duo, whose attitudes and behavior become problematic for those around him ... but their careers still have futures individually. Lionel Stander (“Hart to Hart”), Barry Primus and Mary Kay Place (“The Big Chill,” 1983) are among co-stars; the songs are by John Kander and Fred Ebb, the team whose “Cabaret” (1972) had been a movie-career-solidifying (and Oscar-winning) project for Minnelli several years earlier. *** (PG: AS, P) (Also on DVD and Blu-ray)

“WAG THE DOG”

As much scrutiny as the media is getting these days, it also was under the watch of producer-director

Barry Levinson and screenwriters Hilary Henkin and David Mamet at the time they made this 1997 satire, which is receiving its American Blu-ray release. To avert a potential scandal involving the U.S. president, his administration enlists a spin doctor (Robert De Niro, also a producer of the picture) to create a crisis that will redirect the public’s attention. A manufactured “war” — with a moviemaker (Dustin Hoffman) involved — appears to be the answer, until the CIA questions it, with a particularly dedicated agent (William H. Macy) leading the investigation. Anne Heche, Denis Leary, Willie Nelson, Kirsten Dunst, Craig T. Nelson and Woody Harrelson also are in the enjoyably diverse cast. *** (R: AS, N, P) (Also on DVD)

“NIGHTCRAWLER”

Jake Gyllenhaal gives an unsettlingly perfect performance in writer and debuting director Dan Gilroy’s moody 2014 drama — new on 4K Ultra HD — about a novice freelance cameraman in Los Angeles who seeks to capture sensational footage to sell to local television news departments. To make more deals and earn more money, he tampers with some of the scenes he captures on video, and he coldly exploits his connection to one news director (Rene Russo, Gilroy’s real-life wife) to his benefit. Riz Ahmed plays an assistant he hires, and Bill Paxton had what turned out

to be one of his last roles as a more experienced freelancer who shows the newcomer the ropes. Robert Elswit, who also has shot several films for Gilroy’s fellow-filmmaker brother Tony (“Michael Clayton,” 2007), handled the atmospheric cinematography. *** (R: AS, P, V) (Also on DVD and Blu-ray)

“DAYLIGHT”

Delayed from a planned 4K Ultra HD release earlier, this effective 1996 adventure-drama now arrives in that format, with Sylvester Stallone doing solid work as a New York taxi driver who draws upon his experience in emergency services to try to save those trapped underground by a tunnel explosion. While a self-assured climber (Viggo Mortensen) tries his own method of trying to reach the surface, the cabbie gets support from a spirited, struggling playwright (Amy Brenneman) in attempting to help others. Jay O. Sanders, Karen Young, Claire Bloom and Stan Shaw are among those portraying people in need of the assistance; Barry Newman, Vanessa Bell Calloway and Rosemary Forsyth also are featured. Though the story evokes the feel of being in the Big Apple, the picture actually was filmed largely in Italy. *** (PG-13: AS, P, V)

“ABANDON SHIP!”

Reminiscent of Alfred Hitchcock’s 1944 melodrama, “Lifeboat,” this

1957 suspense tale — newly available on Blu-ray and 4K Ultra HD — casts Tyrone Power as a ship’s officer in charge of the survivors who escape in a lifeboat after the vessel sinks in an accident at sea. With 27 people (and a dog) jammed into a space meant to accommodate only nine passengers, tough decisions have to be made about who gets to stay aboard, though challenging weather conditions lead to some of the departures. Ma Zetterling, Lloyd Nolan, Stephen Boyd and Moira Lister are among others playing those in the crowded conditions. Director Richard Sale adapted his own short story “Seven Waves Away,” which remained the British title for the film. *** (Not rated: AS, P, V)

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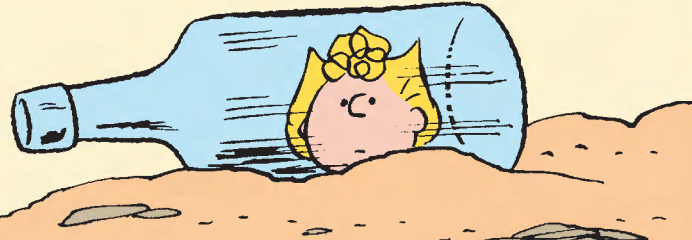
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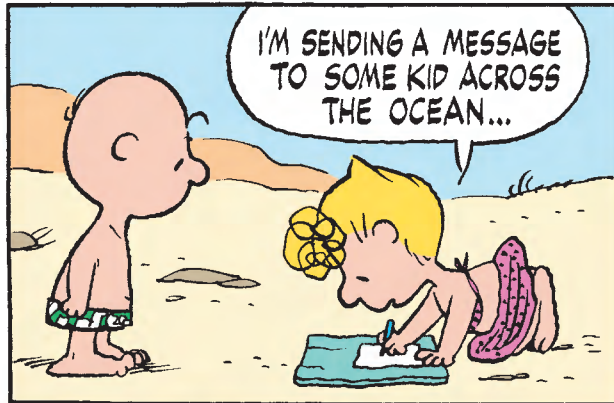
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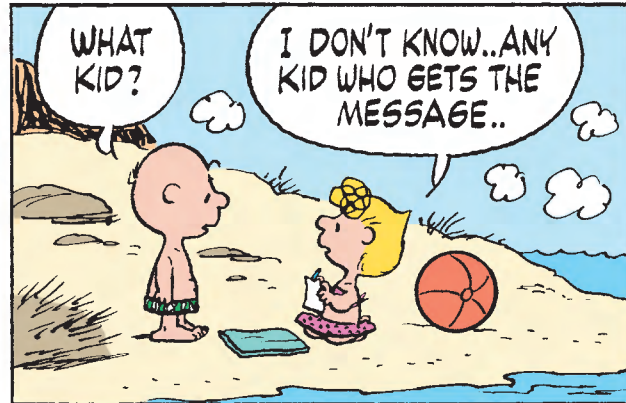
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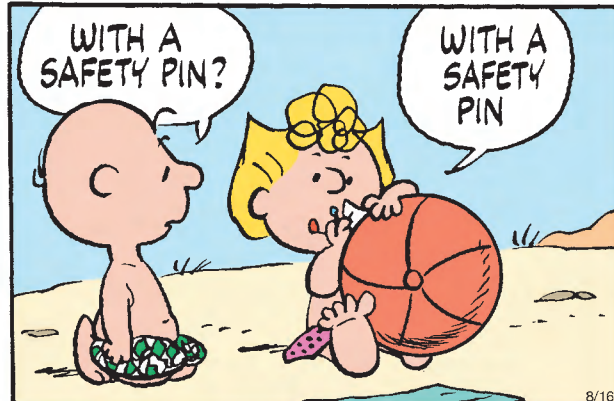


I'M SENDING A MESSAGE TO SOME KID ACROSS THE OCEAN...



WHAT KID?

I DON'T KNOW...ANY KID WHO GETS THE MESSAGE..



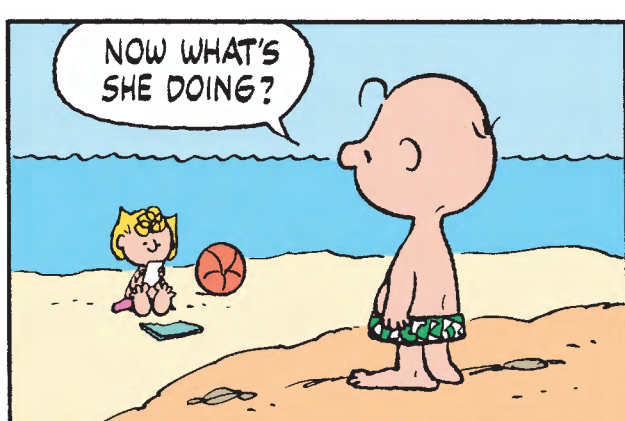
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NOW WHAT'S SHE DOING?



I'M NOT GOING TO SEND IT IN A BOTTLE, EITHER..I'M GONNA PIN THE NOTE TO THIS BEACH BALL!



SORRY, KID! MAYBE I'LL GIVE YOU A CALL SOMETIME!

SCHULZ

GARFIELD

BY JIM DAVIS



THEY SAY, "WINNERS MAKE THE EFFORT WHILE LOSERS MAKE EXCUSES"

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THEY SAY, "IF YOU BELIEVE IN YOURSELF AND NEVER QUIT, YOU'LL BE A WINNER"



THEY SAY, "WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING, IT'S THE ONLY THING"



THEY SAY, "WINNERS NEVER QUIT AND QUITTERS NEVER WIN"

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I SAY, "WINNING IS OVERRATED"

TAKE IT FROM THE TINKERSONS

BY BILL BETTWY



TUBBY, No.



TUBBY, GET DOWN!

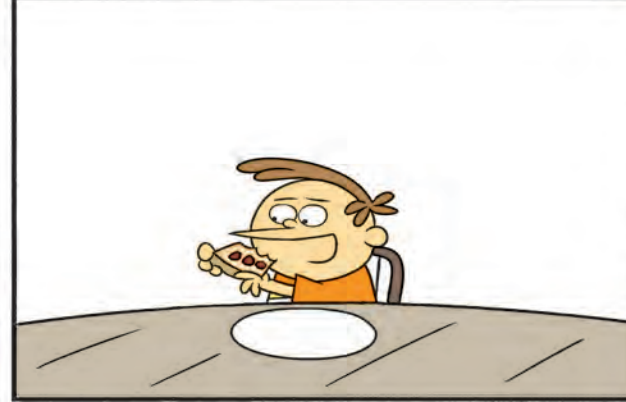


JUST GIVE ME ONE BITE AND I'LL GO AWAY!



OK, HERE!

THANK YOU!





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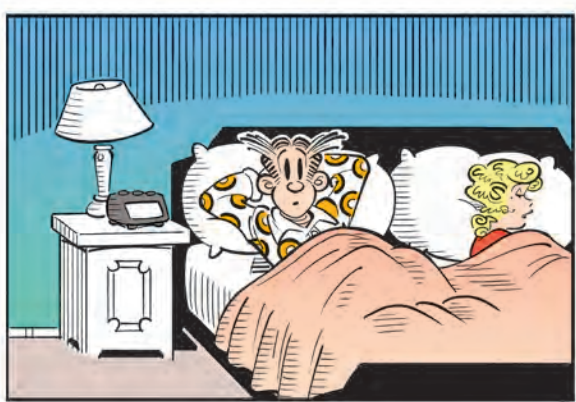
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BY DEAN KUNZE & JOHN MARSHALL



HONEY, DID WE SETTLE THAT ARGUMENT EARLIER?

SWEETHEART, I DIDN'T THINK THAT WAS AN ARGUMENT EARLIER?

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IT SOUNDED LIKE AN ARGUMENT TO ME

NO, HONEY, IT WAS MORE OF A DISAGREEMENT

WHEW! THAT'S A RELIEF!

GOOD NIGHT, BEAUTIFUL

KISS

SLEEP WELL, HONEY

SO IT'S WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE, THEN?

I DIDN'T SAY THAT

YOUNG & MARSHALL 8-16

FoxTrot

by Bill Amend

I THINK YOU SHOULD BUY ME A LAPTOP FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

MONEY'S A LITTLE TIGHT RIGHT NOW, KIDDO.

PLEASE? IT WOULD HELP SOOOO MUCH WITH MY STUDIES!

PAIGE, EVEN THE CHEAP ONES ARE LIKE \$500!

I THOUGHT HALF OF 500 WAS 25.

UM, NO.

SEE HOW MUCH I NEED HELP WITH MY STUDIES?!

IT WAS A NICE TRY.

WHEN'S DAD GET HOME? HE MIGHT FALL FOR IT.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane

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HÄGAR THE HORRIBLE

by DIK BROWNE

GRAB YOUR BACK-PACK, BOY... WE'RE GOING TO THE FOREST!

CAN I TAKE SOME BOOKS?

NO, THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY!

AWWW... IT IS FOR ME!

SON, I SPENT MANY CHILDHOOD SUMMERS HERE DISCOVERING MY GREATEST STRENGTHS!

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO MAKE THOSE LIFE-DEFINING DISCOVERIES!

HAMLET, MEET MR. SKOG! HE'S THE CAMP FOUNDER!

YOUR FATHER IS A CAMP LEGEND AROUND HERE!

IS IT TRUE A CAMP BUILDING IS NAMED AFTER ME?

YES...

FOR EXTRAORDINARY APPETITE!

HÄGAR the HORRIBLE DINING HALL

MAYBE THEY'LL NAME THE LIBRARY AFTER ME!

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SALLY FORTH

BY FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE

THIS IS WHY I ASK MY FOLKS EVERY YEAR IF WE CAN GET A SWIMMING POOL!

AND EVERY YEAR THEY SAY THE EXACT SAME THINGS...

"IT'LL BE A BIG EXPENSE." "IT'LL DESTROY THE BACKYARD." "YOU'LL LOSE INTEREST IN IT AFTER A FEW WEEKS, HIL."

WORSE, THOSE ARE THE SAME EXCUSES THEY USE FOR WHY I CAN'T GET A DOG, OR AN ATV.

SPEAKING OF YOUR BACKYARD, DID YOUR FOLKS GIVE A TIMETABLE FOR WHEN WE NEED TO DISMANTLE THE AMUSEMENT PARK BREE BUILT THERE?

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by Steve Breen

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“Admit it – you only paused a moment when you heard him holler ‘Stop!’”
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ERNIE! WE'RE LATE AND UNDER PRESSURE TO FINISH THIS STRIP.

CAN'T WORK, FRANK--I'M UNDER THE WEATHER.

DID YOU SAY YOU'RE FEELING UNDER PAR?

SORRY...I DIDN'T MEAN TO SPEAK UNDER MY BREATH.

COME ON--YOU DON'T WANT TO BE UNDER SUSPICION.

YOU'RE RIGHT. I PREFER TO BE UNDER THE RADAR.

IF WE DON'T GET THIS DONE, OUR EDITOR WILL BE HOT UNDER THE COLLAR.

WELL, HE CAN PUT ME UNDER OATH.

LET'S SEE IF HE'LL TAKE THAT UNDER CONSIDERATION.

TELL HIM I'M UNDER THE COVERS.

HE SAID CONSTANT LATE TIMING GETS UNDER HIS SKIN.

UH-OH! IT SEEMS I FINALLY WENT OVER THE TOP!

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM BY MIKE PETERS

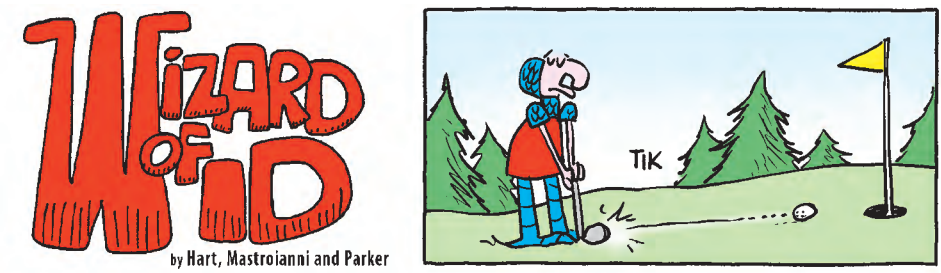
ANYONE WHO THINKS ONIONS ARE THE ONLY VEGETABLE THAT CAN MAKE YOU CRY...

OUCH OUCH OWW OUCH

NEVER DROP A CABBAGE ON YOUR FOOT...

Wizard of ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker



TIK



SICK, YO!

FLUNK

BOOM

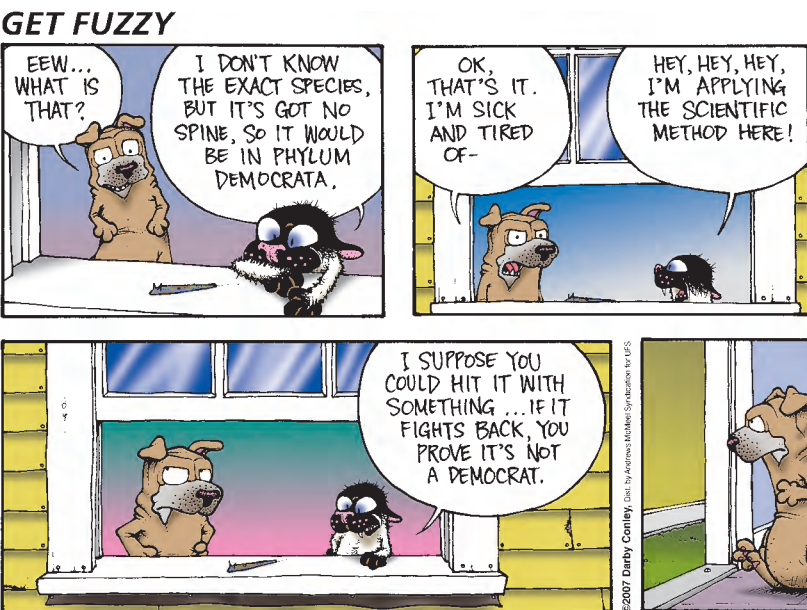
TIK

THAT'S AN INTERESTING CLOUD

THAT'S WHAT THEY GET FOR NOT LETTING ME PLAY THROUGH

GET FUZZY

BY DARBY CONLEY



EWW... WHAT IS THAT?

I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT SPECIES, BUT IT'S GOT NO SPINE, SO IT WOULD BE IN PHYLUM DEMOCRATA.

OK, THAT'S IT. I'M SICK AND TIRED OF--

HEY, HEY, HEY, I'M APPLYING THE SCIENTIFIC METHOD HERE!

IT'S SPINELESS... IT'S BLUE... IT'S SLOW-MOVING, YET IT LEAVES A LAYER OF SLIME ON EVERYTHING IT TOUCHES... I'M SORRY, BUT IN MY BOOK, THAT'S A DEMOCRAT!

I SUPPOSE YOU COULD HIT IT WITH SOMETHING ... IF IT FIGHTS BACK, YOU PROVE IT'S NOT A DEMOCRAT.

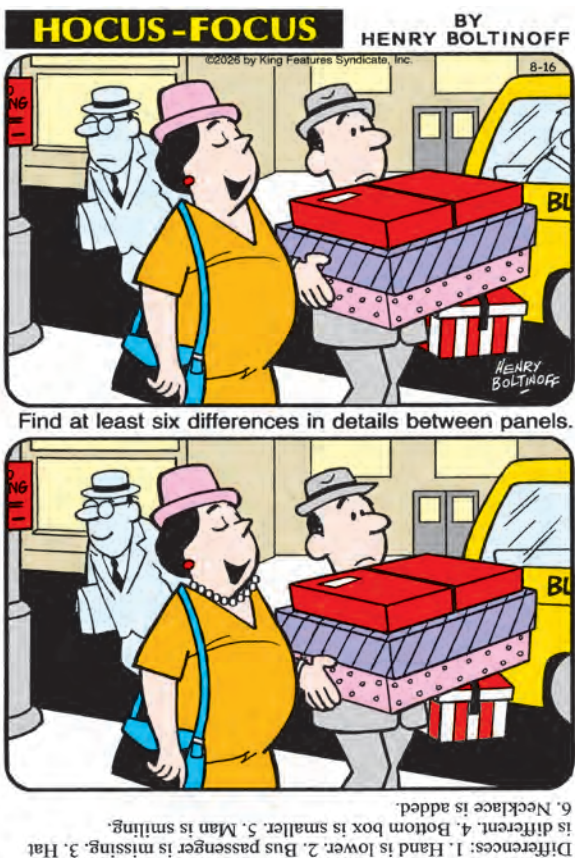
IT LOOKS SAD! WHY DON'T YOU TAX MY TUNA AND BUY IT SOME DRUGS?!

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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BEFORE I DROPPED MAMA OFF AT THE BUS DEPOT, WE STOPPED AT THE STORE TO BUY THIS SODA YOU WANTED,

THANKS, DO YOU HAVE MY CHANGE?

MAMA WANTED A SCRATCH-OFF LOTTERY TICKET...

I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D MIND IF SHE BOUGHT EACH OF YOU A LOTTERY TICKET WITH YOUR CHANGE,

WELL, OKAY, WHERE'S MY TICKET?

MAMA WAS IMPATIENT, SO SHE SCRATCHED OFF BOTH TICKETS!

I'M SORRY TO SAY, YOUR TICKET WASN'T A WINNER, SO SHE THREW IT AWAY,

BUT GUESS WHAT--MAMA WON FIFTY DOLLARS WITH HER TICKET! ISN'T THAT GOOD FORTUNE?!

SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY

PADRE, WHAT DO YOU PRAY FOR THESE DAYS?

"PLEASE GRANT ME THE SERENITY TO ACCEPT..."

"ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS I DON'T HAVE TIME TO READ."

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SAVE SAVE SAVE SAVE

WOW... HUFF, PUFF... THAT WAS GREAT!!
WHEW!
CASH

THEY SHOULD MAKE SALES LIKE THAT A NATIONAL SPORT!

YOU LADIES DIDN'T BUY ANYTHING? NO... WE PUT IT ALL BACK.

WE BELIEVE IN THE "CATCH AND RELEASE" PROGRAM!

DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

THE MOST AMAZING THING JUST HAPPENED.

OH?

GEORGE JUST CURED MY ANXIETY!

WOW!

HE SAID "DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT."

NOW WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT?

YOU KNOW I CAN HEAR YOU, RIGHT?

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beetle bailey

ROCKY, I NEED YOU TO PUT TOGETHER A BAND TO REPRESENT CAMP SWAMPY

COOL!

SARGE ASKED IF WE COULD FORM A MARCHING BAND FOR THE PARADE

I CAN PLAY A DRUM

I CAN DIG OUT MY SOUSAPHONE

I'VE GOT MY SAX!

HOW ABOUT A FLUTE?

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