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UNCHSE welcomes military clinicians for rural health partnership

Amanda Crabtree
UNC Health Southeastern

LUMBERTON — UNC Health Southeastern will participate in a national-service partnership that will bring highly trained military healthcare professionals to care for patients across Robeson County and the surrounding region, strengthening both military readiness and rural healthcare.

“UNC Health Southeastern is honored and thrilled to be chosen for this important national effort that supports our military and supports care for the communities we serve,” said UNC Health Southeastern President and CEO Chris Ellington. “This partnership brings highly skilled military clinicians to our region, expands access to high-quality care in our rural communities, and reflects our deep commitment to serving both our neighbors and our nation’s service members. We see this as a powerful way to give back to those who serve, while improving the health and well-being of the people of Robeson County and beyond.”

On Wednesday, UNC Health Southeastern welcomed military service members into a variety of clinical and support roles throughout the organization in a 12-month program designed to strengthen healthcare access and quality in rural commu-

nities while providing military clinicians with valuable experience in a civilian health system. The initiative is intended to support the military by offering diverse, real-world practice environments and to support the community by increasing capacity and enhancing the level of care available locally.

Through this collaboration, UNC Health Southeastern will host military professionals in key roles including certified surgical technologists, critical care nurses, emergency department nurses, paramedics and potentially third-

year general surgery residents and trauma fellows. These clinicians are highly competent, rigorously trained professionals who have cared for patients in complex, high-pressure environments around the world. They bring advanced clinical skills, disciplined teamwork, leadership and a mission-driven commitment to service that align with UNC Health Southeastern’s dedication to providing exceptional care close to home.

By integrating military clinicians into its teams, UNC Health Southeastern will help the military by broadening clinicians’ experience in a busy civilian health system, enhancing their readiness to



Ellington

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Lowery talks recognition, future



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Lumbee Tribal Chairman John Lowery, right, gives his State of the Tribe address Tuesday in Pembroke.

Lumbee chairman gives annual State of the Tribe address

Chris Stiles
The Robesonian

PEMBROKE — As Lumbee Tribal Chairman John Lowery gave his

first State of the Tribe address since the Lumbee gained full federal recognition last December, he discussed some of the future plans for the Tribe

as it moves into what he calls an era of possibility and prosperity in a speech delivered Tuesday evening at the Pembroke Boys & Girls Club.

A portion of the speech recapped the recognition efforts themselves, as Lowery said it’s still

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‘Strike at the Wind!’ begins 50th anniversary season



Photo courtesy of UNCP

“Strike at the Wind!”, an outdoor drama recounting the story of Henry Berry Lowrie and the Lowrie War, was first performed in 1976 at the Adolph Dial Amphitheater near Maxton. This year marks its 50th anniversary season.

Mark Locklear
For The Robesonian

PEMBROKE — Fifty years after audiences first gathered beneath the summer sky to watch Henry Berry Lowrie’s story unfold, “Strike at the Wind!” returns this summer for a landmark anniversary season that celebrates the enduring legacy of the Lumbee people, the tribe’s recent federal recognition and

UNC Pembroke’s decades-long role in preserving one of North Carolina’s most significant works of Indigenous theater.

Presented by UNCP’s Theatre program in partnership with the Lumbee Tribe, “Strike at the Wind!” will be performed July 4, July 10-11, and July 17-18 at 8 p.m. at the Adolph Dial Amphitheater at the Lumbee Tribe

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EDITOR’S NOTES

250 years of American headlines

Chris Stiles
The Robesonian

250 years. A quarter of a millennium.

A lot has happened in the United States of America since our founders declared independence 250 years ago this summer.

As we celebrate this national milestone, it’s worth remembering many of the moments that have led us to this point. One way to do that is to recount headlines that graced this newspaper and others across the country throughout American history. These range from declaring independence to tri-

umphs in great conflicts to men walking on the moon, and much in between.

Below is a list of the biggest news story of each of America’s 250 years. Most are national stories, but I’ve also added some headlines from significant events in Robeson and Bladen counties as well; these are in bold throughout the list. A few years have multiple events big enough that both warrant inclusion into this list.

1776 — U.S. declares independence

1777 — Articles of Confederation drafted

1778 — France allies with US, globalizing



Architect of the Capitol

John Trumbull’s painting of the Declaration of Independence, which sits in the rotunda of the U.S. Capitol.

Revolution

1779 — Spain declares war on Great Britain, joining Revolution

1780 — Benedict Arnold commits treason

1781 — Battles of

Elizabethtown, Raft Swamp, McPhaul’s Mill; British surrender at Yorktown

1782 — U.S., Great

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UNITE Education Foundation celebrates community excellence at 15 Under 50 Community Impact Awards

Staff report

LUMBERTON — The UNITE Education Foundation proudly hosted its 2026 Juneteenth 15 Under 50 Community Impact Awards, recognizing 15 outstanding leaders under the age of 50 whose service, leadership and commitment continue to strengthen communities throughout Robeson County and beyond.

Held at the Bill Sapp Recreation Center in Lumberton, the event brought together community members, elected officials, business leaders, educators, faith leaders and supporters for an evening dedicated to celebrating positive impact and inspiring future generations.

The 15 Under 50 Community Impact Awards were established to honor individuals making meaningful contributions through education, entrepreneurship, ministry, healthcare, advocacy, mentorship, civic engagement and community service. Throughout the evening, honorees shared their stories and reflected on the importance of service, leadership, and community

engagement.

The 2026 honorees included:

- Prophetess Shaunna Barfield
- Pastor Kelvin Barnes
- Jasmine Blue
- Commissioner Rasheena Graham
- Lavonda McLaughlin
- Judge Krystle Melvin
- Councilman Owen Thomas
- Hannah Pearson
- Kaylisa Rogers
- Keyonna Stuart
- Ra-Shad Suggs
- Tyrell Taylor
- Michael Todd Jr.
- Maurice Townsend
- Dr. Jamane Watson

“This event was created to recognize the individuals who work tirelessly to make our communities better every day,” said Carlena Smith, founder of the UNITE Education Foundation. “Their dedication, leadership, and commitment to serving others deserve to be celebrated and acknowledged.”

The UNITE Education Foundation extends special appreciation to the sponsors whose generosity helped make

the event possible.

The Foundation also recognizes its advertisers, volunteers, planning committee members and community partners whose support contributed to the success of the event.

In addition to celebrating the achievements of the honorees, the event highlighted the spirit of Juneteenth by recognizing individuals who continue to create opportunities, promote equity and invest in the future of Robeson County.

Looking ahead, the UNITE Education Foundation hopes to expand the reach of the 15 Under 50 Community Impact Awards by ensuring representation from all 15 municipalities across Robeson County. The vision is to use this event as a unifying platform that highlights the diverse leaders, innovators, servants and changemakers who are making a difference in every corner of the county while honoring the spirit and legacy of Juneteenth.

Community members who attended the event are encouraged to provide feedback and begin submitting nomina-

tions for next year’s awards. Organizers believe that many deserving individuals remain unsung heroes within their communities and welcome recommendations from residents throughout Robeson County. By working together to identify and celebrate excellence, the Foundation hopes to continue building connections, fostering unity and recognizing the people who make Robeson County stronger.

Proceeds from the event support educational initiatives, youth development programs, community outreach efforts and other projects of the UNITE Education Foundation as it continues its mission to “Educate. Empower. Transform.”

The Foundation extends its gratitude to every sponsor, volunteer, honoree, attendee and supporter who helped make this celebration of leadership, service and community impact a success.

For more information about the UNITE Education Foundation and upcoming programs, visit www.uniteef.org or call 910-827-2986.

Little and Jr. Miss Lumbee crowned



Photo courtesy of LRDA

The titles of Little Miss Lumbee and Jr. Miss Lumbee were awarded during a pageant Monday in Pembroke. Verah Brewington, left, was named Jr. Miss Lumbee, while Lariah Hunt, right, was named Little Miss Lumbee. Both will be Lumbee Ambassadors for the next year, representing the Tribe at various events.

EDITOR'S NOTE

No obituaries were received for this edition of The Robesonian. Find the latest obituaries as they are received at robesonian.com. Obituaries can be submitted to robobits@cmpapers.com.

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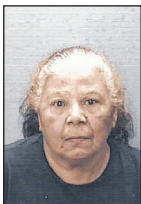
Connie Graham denied bond again one week after arrest

Staff report

LUMBERTON — Connie Graham was denied bond for a second time during a court hearing Thursday.

Connie Graham, of Fairmont, is charged with first-degree murder after allegedly killing her stepdaughter, Sara Graham. She was arrested and charges were filed on June 25.

She was denied bond in her initial court appearance last week. Her attorney, Johnson Britt, requested Connie Graham be given a reasonable bond and a pretrial release, saying his case that his client is not a “flight risk” or a



Connie Graham



Sara Graham

threat to the community, citing her past work in law enforcement and what he says is a strong family support system.

Judge Krystle Melvin denied the request. Connie Graham’s next court appearance is set for July 17.

Connie Graham, who is currently housed at an out-of-county jail, was not present at Thursday’s hearing.

Connie Graham, who is the wife of Rowland Police Chief Hubert Graham, who is Sara Graham’s father, is also charged with alter/steal/destroy criminal evidence and two counts of felony conspiracy. Her sons, Bobby McClellan and Luke Locklear, both of Lumberton, were each charged with felony conspiracy and alter/steal/destroy evidence and McClellan was also charged with accessory after the fact; they each received a \$1 million bond last week.

Sara Graham, who was 18 at the time, disappeared on Feb. 4, 2015. On June 1, she was legally declared deceased by a Robeson County

Superior Court judge, more than 11 years after her disappearance; this legal distinction changed the investigation from a missing person case to a homicide case, and Connie Graham, McClellan and Locklear were charged three weeks later.

The FBI continues to offer a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the location of Sara Graham’s body.

If you have information relevant to the investigation, please call the Robeson County Sheriff’s Office at 910-671-3100 or the FBI’s Charlotte Field Office at 704-672-6100, or submit tips at tips@robesoncounty.gov.

Nonprofit opens Lumberton’s first free Narcan box

Victoria Sanderson
The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — The newly established nonprofit “For a Better 41” has opened the first free Narcan vending machine in Robeson County.

Narcan is a medication that is used to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose and has been available as an over-the-counter medicine since 2023. However, according to Executive Director Fatima McMillan, the price can still prevent people from having Narcan when they need it.

“There are a lot of needs, but we felt like they weren’t being fully addressed,” McMillan said, “especially in South Lumberton. So instead of just talking about the problems, we wanted to become a part of the solution. We feel that every person deserves access to opportunities, support, and hope.”

This first Narcan vending box is located outside of For a Better 41’s future physical location at 2000 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in South Lumberton. The building, which is scheduled to open in late July, will support the community through partnerships with local health and addiction services and other programs serving the community’s vulnerable populations.

“We want to do behavioral services, mental health, substance abuse, things of that nature,” McMillan said, “but since we don’t have all the credentials, we’ll focus on partnerships so we can remain an access point for the community. Through our resource center, we can provide those services. We are launching a program called Golden Roots, speaking to elders in the community so that they can start a community garden and build a safe space.”

Since the Narcan box was placed on June 26, it has been emptied and refilled, a fact that has left McMillan and the rest of her team overjoyed and reaffirmed For a Better 41’s plans to construct more vending boxes across Lumberton over time.



Contributed photo | Fatima McMillan

For a Better 41 has created a free Narcan box in South Lumberton. Its team includes Mingo Wright, his children Kwalek Wright and Serenity Wright, Daven Brown, Leah Floyd, Kevin Locklear, Hannah Hunt, Quillon Jacobs, Fatima McMillan.

“We want people to leave knowing hope is still alive in our community,” McMillan said. “For A Better 41 is here to bridge gaps, open doors, and remind people that no one is beyond help and no neighbor is beyond hope. Together we can build a better tomorrow. Change starts now.”

Those interested in supporting For a Better 41 can donate at givebutter.com/forabetter41 or contact them at fab41town@gmail.com or 910-476-1326.

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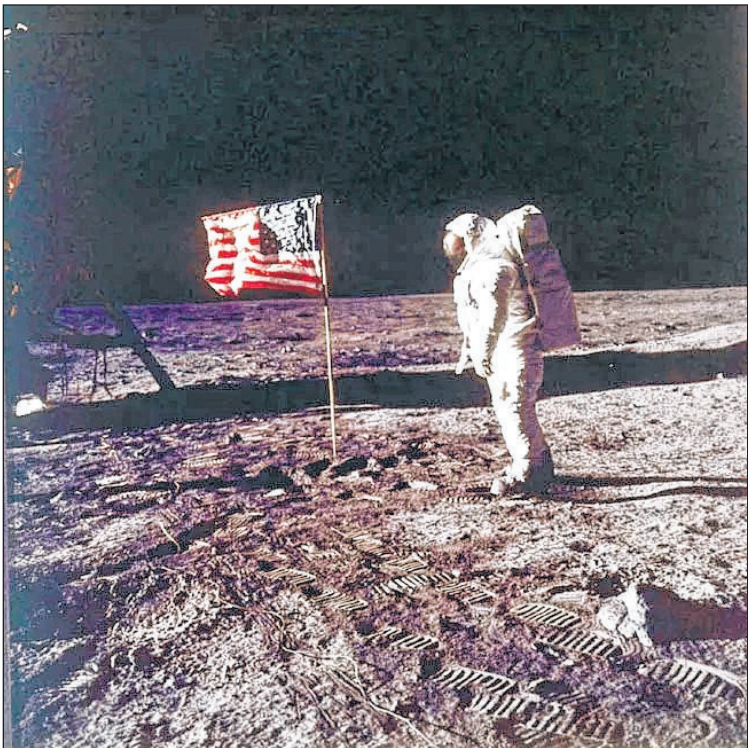
Britain sign preliminary peace treaty
1783 — Treaty of Paris signed, ending war and formally granting independence
1784 — Congress ratifies Treaty of Paris
1785 — Land Ordinance sets up survey system for western expansion
1786 — Shays’ Rebellion in Massachusetts
1787 — Robeson County, city of Lumberton established; US Constitution written, adopted as Delaware becomes first state
1788 — Constitution goes into effect
1789 — Washington elected first president; NC becomes 12th U.S. state
1790 — District of Columbia picked as site for future capital
1791 — Bill of Rights ratified
1792 — Raleigh established as NC capital
1793 — Yellow fever epidemic hits Philadelphia
1794 — Whiskey Rebellion protests liquor tax
1795 — UNC opens to students
1796 — Washington sets two-term precedent
1797 — Presidency peacefully transfers to John Adams
1798 — XYZ Affair inflames US, France relations
1799 — Washington dies
1800 — Washington DC becomes US capital
1801 — Jefferson becomes president after electoral college tie
1802 — West Point opens
1803 — Louisiana Purchase doubles US territory
1804 — Burr kills Hamilton in duel
1805 — Lewis and Clark reach the Pacific
1806 — National Road authorized
1807 — Steamboat invented
1808 — International slave trade banned by US
1809 — Embargo Act repealed
1810 — US annexes West Florida
1811 — 72 killed in Richmond Theatre fire
1812 — War of 1812 begins
1813 — US wins at Battle of Lake Erie
1814 — British forces burn Washington; Key writes “The Star-Spangled Banner”
1815 — US wins Battle of New Orleans; Treaty of Ghent ends war
1816 — The “Year Without a Summer”
1817 — Construction begins on Erie Canal
1818 — Congress approves permanent US flag design
1819 — Panic of 1819 economic crisis
1820 — Missouri Compromise passed
1821 — Florida acquired from Spain
1822 — Vesey hanged after slave revolt thwarted
1823 — Monroe Doctrine enacted
1824 — US Bureau of Indian Affairs founded
1825 — US House picks John Quincy Adams as president
1826 — Jefferson, John Adams pass on nation’s 50th birthday
1827 — First commercial railroad opens
1828 — Jackson elected president
1829 — Typewriter patented
1830 — Indian Removal Act passed
1831 — Turner leads deadly slave rebellion
1832 — Nullification Crisis
1833 — The Great Meteor Storm fascinates nation
1834 — Senate censures Jackson
1835 — Great Fire of New York destroys 17 blocks
1836 — Texas Revolution
1837 — Panic of 1837 economic crisis
1838 — Trail of Tears
1839 — Amistad Affair sparks legal battle
1840 — William Henry Harrison first Whig elected presi-



Joe Rosenthal | AP Photo
U.S. Marines raise an American flag on Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima in World War II on Feb. 23, 1945.

dent
1841 — William Henry Harrison first president to die in office
1842 — Second Seminole War ends
1843 — Settlers move west in Great Migration
1844 — Morse sends first telegraph
1845 — Texas annexed into US
1846 — Mexican-American War erupts
1847 — US forces capture Mexico City during war
1848 — Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo expands American west
1849 — California gold rush
1850 — Compromise of 1850 passes as slavery debate intensifies
1851 — Library of Congress damaged in fire
1852 — “Uncle Tom’s Cabin” published amid slavery debate
1853 — US expands Southwest with Gadsden Purchase
1854 — Kansas-Nebraska Act passes
1855 — Violence over slavery in Bleeding Kansas
1856 — Sumner caned on Senate floor
1857 — Dred Scott decision denies Black citizenship
1858 — Transatlantic telegraph cable completed
1859 — Brown leads raid at Harper’s Ferry
1860 — Lincoln wins presidency, SC secedes
1861 — Railroad arrives in Robeson; Battle of Fort Sumter starts Civil War
1862 — Lincoln signs Emancipation Proclamation
1863 — Gettysburg hosts major battle, address
1864 — Lowrie War begins; Sherman marches to sea
1865 — Union wins Civil War; Lincoln assassinated
1866 — Civil Rights Act of 1866 passes
1867 — US purchases Alaska
1868 — Andrew Johnson impeached
1869 — Transcontinental railroad completed
1870 — The Robesonian founded; Black men given voting rights
1871 — The Great Chicago Fire destroys city
1872 — Henry Berry Lowrie disappears
1873 — Panic of 1873 economic crisis
1874 — Town of Shoe Heel incorporated (now Maxton); Vicksburg Massacre
1875 — Whiskey Ring Scandal implicates Grant administration
1876 — Battle of Little Bighorn
1877 — Compromise of 1877 hands Hayes presidency, ends Reconstruction
1878 — Yellow Fever epidemic hits Deep South
1879 — Edison invents the lightbulb
1880 — Garfield wins tight election
1881 — Garfield assassinated
1882 — Chinese Exclusion Act limits immigration
1883 — North American time zones established
1884 — Washington Monument completed
1885 — Lumbee Tribe granted state recognition
1886 — Statue of Liberty dedicated
1887 — UNC Pembroke established, town of Red Springs incorporated

1888 — Lumbee Tribe first petitions for federal recognition
1889 — Town of Rowland Incorporated
1890 — Hundreds killed in Wounded Knee Massacre
1891 — New Orleans lynchings strain US-Italy relations
1892 — Cleveland becomes first president elected to non-consecutive terms
1893 — Panic of 1893 economic crisis
1894 — Pullman Strike freezes railways nationwide
1895 — Towns of Pembroke, Elizabethtown incorporated
1896 — Plessy v. Ferguson establishes “separate but equal”
1897 — Robeson’s first cotton mill opens
1898 — The Bladen Journal founded; Spanish-American war
1899 — Town of Union City incorporated (now Fairmont)
1900 — Galveston Hurricane kills thousands
1901 — McKinley assassinated
1902 — Air conditioning invented
1903 — Town of Bladenboro incorporated; Wright Brothers make first flight
1904 — St. Louis hosts World Fair
1905 — Theodore Roosevelt mediates Treaty of Portsmouth
1906 — Earthquake devastates San Francisco
1907 — Panic of 1907 economic crisis
1908 — Ford introduces Model T
1909 — Town of St. Pauls incorporated
1910 — Great Fire of 1910 burns 3 million acres in Northwest
1911 — Parts of Robeson, Cumberland counties break off, establish Hoke County; New York factory fire kills 146
1912 — Robeson establishes country’s first rural health department; Titanic sinks
1913 — Federal Reserve established
1914 — First commercial airline flight
1915 — Sinking of the Lusitania
1916 — Wilson wins reelection while remaining neutral in WWI
1917 — US enters WWI
1918 — Allied Powers win WWI; Spanish Flu Pandemic strikes
1919 — Prohibition goes into effect
1920 — Women granted right to vote
1921 — Tulsa Race Massacre kills 300
1922 — Lincoln Memorial dedicated
1923 — Harding dies in office
1924 — Native Americans born in US granted citizenship
1925 — Scopes Monkey Trial becomes spectacle
1926 — The Great Miami Hurricane devastates South Florida
1927 — Lindbergh flies across Atlantic
1928 — Hoover wins election landslide
1929 — Robeson hires state’s first county manager; Stock market crashes
1930 — Great Depression deepens
1931 — US banking system collapses; “The Star-Spangled Banner” becomes national anthem
1932 — FDR elected presi-



AP via NASA
Astronaut Buzz Aldrin poses for a photograph beside a U.S. flag on the moon on July 20, 1969.

dent
1933 — FDR’s New Deal; Prohibition repealed
1934 — Dust Bowl begins in Midwest
1935 — Hoover Dam constructed
1936 — Owens dominates at Berlin Olympics
1937 — Earhart disappears during flight
1938 — “War of the Worlds” broadcast causes public panic
1939 — US stays neutral as WWII begins
1940 — First peacetime draft instituted
1941 — Pearl Harbor attacked, US enters WWII
1942 — US wins Battle of Midway
1943 — Pentagon completed, timely during war
1944 — Allied Forces invade Normandy on D-Day
1945 — U.S. drops atomic bomb, Allied Forces win WWII; FDR dies
1946 — Post-WWII tensions arise, leading to Cold War
1947 — Robinson breaks baseball’s color barrier
1948 — Truman upsets Dewey to keep presidency
1949 — NATO established
1950 — Korean War begins
1951 — Truman fires MacArthur
1952 — Polio epidemic sweeps nation
1953 — Korean Armistice ends war
1954 — Beast of Bladenboro; Brown v. Board of Education desegregates schools
1955 — Montgomery bus boycott
1956 — Lumbee Tribe granted partial federal recognition; Interstate System established
1957 — Little Rock Nine tests desegregation
1958 — Battle of Hayes Pond; NASA established
1959 — Alaska, Hawaii become 49th, 50th states
1960 — JFK beats Nixon in election
1961 — Shepard first American in space
1962 — Cuban Missile Crisis leaves US on brink of nuclear war
1963 — JFK assassinated; MLK gives “I Have a Dream” speech at March on Washington
1964 — Civil Rights Act passed
1965 — Voting Rights Act passed; US involvement in Vietnam escalates
1966 — Sniper kills 16 at University of Texas
1967 — Marshall becomes first Black Supreme Court justice
1968 — MLK, RFK both assassinated
1969 — Apollo 11 astronauts walk on the moon
1970 — Vietnam war expands into Cambodia
1971 — Pentagon Papers leaked
1972 — Watergate scandal begins
1973 — UNCP’s Old Main burns; Roe v. Wade legalizes abortion
1974 — Nixon resigns presidency, pardoned by Ford
1975 — US ends involvement in Vietnam
1976 — Nation celebrates bicentennial
1977 — Elvis dies

1978 — Over 900 killed in Jonestown Massacre
1979 — Iranian Hostage Crisis begins
1980 — US boycotts Moscow Olympics
1981 — Reagan shot, survives; first space shuttle launches
1982 — Ground breaks on Vietnam Veterans Memorial
1983 — Ride becomes first woman in space
1984 — Reagan wins historic landslide
1985 — MOVE bombing in Philadelphia
1986 — Challenger explosion kills 7 astronauts
1987 — Reagan tells Gorbachev “tear down this wall”
1988 — The Robesonian taken hostage
1989 — Local schools consolidate, form PSRC; Hurricane Hugo strikes
1990 — ADA becomes law
1991 — US invades Iraq; Cold War ends
1992 — Hurricane Andrew devastates South Florida
1993 — World Wide Web opens to public
1994 — OJ Simpson charged with murder
1995 — 168 killed in Oklahoma City bombing
1996 — Tupac Shakur killed
1997 — Pathfinder rover lands on Mars
1998 — Clinton impeached
1999 — Y2K causes panic
2000 — Bush beats Gore in contested election
2001 — Terrorists attack on 9/11, US invades Afghanistan
2002 — Dept. of Homeland Security established
2003 — US invades Iraq
2004 — 9/11 Commission Report released
2005 — Hurricane Katrina devastates Gulf Coast
2006 — Google buys YouTube
2007 — iPhone introduced
2008 — US suffers worst economic downturn since Great Depression
2009 — Obama becomes first Black president
2010 — Explosion causes months-long oil spill in Gulf
2011 — US kills bin Laden
2012 — 26 killed in Sandy Hook school shooting
2013 — Snowden leaks NSA documents
2014 — Racial unrest in Ferguson, Mo.
2015 — Supreme Court legalizes same-sex marriage
2016 — Hurricane Matthew floods community
2017 — Mueller investigates Trump
2018 — Hurricane Florence floods community
2019 — Trump impeached
2020 — Trump becomes first sitting president to visit Robeson; COVID-19 pandemic hits
2021 — Rioters attack Capitol during election certification
2022 — Roe v. Wade overturned
2023 — Trump indicted
2024 — Trump shot, wins election after Biden drops out
2025 — Lumbee Tribe granted full federal recognition
2026 — US celebrates 250th birthday

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HIS VIEW

Declaration defends two core principles

RALEIGH — As we gather this week to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, let’s remember what makes our country exceptional — what makes it, despite evident flaws, so worthy of our loyalty and affection. American exceptionalism isn’t about our country’s vast expanse and bounty of resources. Nor do we venerate the founding as if the American people possessed superior virtues or talents.



John Hood
Contributing columnist

While England was the most common origin of America’s progenitors, by 1776 there were sizable populations of people with Scottish, Irish, Dutch, French, German, Scandinavian, Spanish, aboriginal and African ancestry. Indeed, while New England was much less diverse, in the Middle and Southern colonies people with primarily English ancestry comprised only about 40% of the population.

What led to the Revolutionary War — and what sustained the American cause through its duration — was a commitment to traditions and ideas that arose in a specific historical context but had the potential for broad, even universal, application. Two of them, freedom and self-government, were related but distinct principles for which American patriots were willing to combat a world-spanning empire.

“My first wish is for America to be free,” said John Penn, one of North Carolina’s three signers of the Declaration. Like many other North Carolinians of the 1770s, Penn was a native Virginian who had headed south in pursuit of freedom (North Carolina was comparatively lax in enforcing conformity and collecting taxes) as well as greater economic opportunity (land was cheaper).

A particular incident seems to have motivated his move. Penn, a lawyer, had been complaining publicly about parliament taxing the colonies without their consent — that is, without having their own elected representatives in the body. According to family lore, someone reported Penn to the local authorities. He was charged and convicted of making disrespectful remarks about the king. A Virginia judge ordered him to pay a nominal fine of one penny.

Penn refused. Other members of his family had already moved to what is now Vance County, North Carolina. He joined them.

Can you spot both principles in question here? Penn was speaking in favor of self-government, that people living in a community ought to enjoy the civil right to help select those who populate and run its governmental institutions. But his personal freedom to express that view was a natural right, one that the civil authority had violated.

These ideas may have been expressed eloquently in English, but they had far older roots. The Greek philosopher Aristotle, for example, distinguished between two conceptions of liberty: a civic one that was “for all to rule and be ruled in turn” and a personal one, “that a man should live as he likes.”

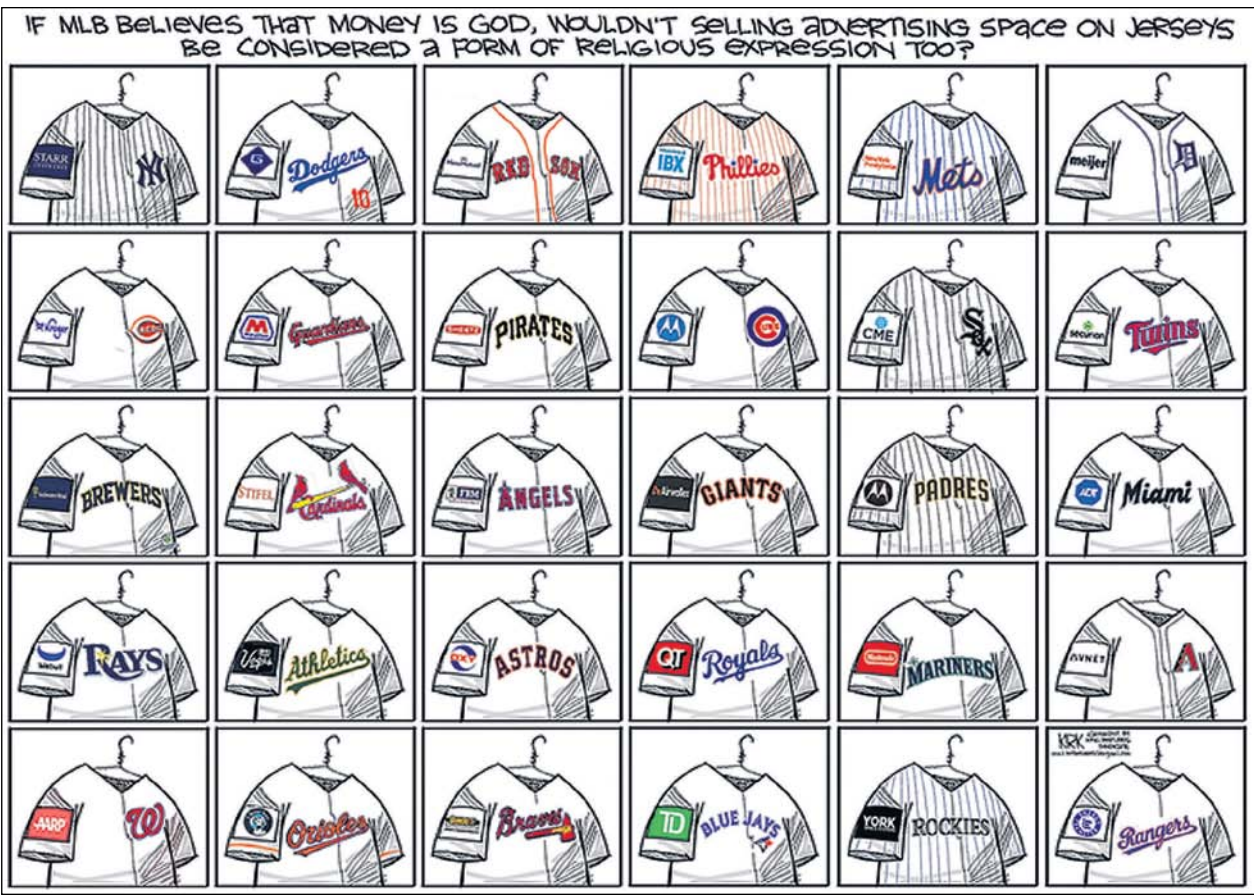
Both sets of rights were and are important. And, of course, neither has been consistently defended and advanced, including here in America. At the time of the Founding, most Americans couldn’t vote. And colonial governments imposed a range of restrictions on the freedom of Americans, including the moral outrage of slavery.

But to observe that the Americans whose representatives gathered in Philadelphia in 1776 were inconsistent in their commitments to freedom and self-government is not to deny the significance of what transpired that summer. There are worse sins than shortsightedness or even hypocrisy, including having no principles at all. As Martin Luther King Jr. would later put it so memorably, the founders had essentially written a “promissory note,” whether they realized it or not, to future generations. Fulfilling that obligation is an ongoing project.

While not foreseeing all the consequences, the signers of the Declaration of Independence knew they were making history. Another North Carolina participant, William Hooper, celebrated “the important share which the colonies must soon have in regulating the political balance” by adopting a “constitution purged of (the) impurities” of English government and informed by “an experience of its defects.”

Our dual experiment in freedom and self-government continues. Human nature prohibits perfection. What makes America special, and worth celebrating, is the audacity of our aspiration.

John Hood is a John Locke Foundation board member. His latest books, Mountain Folk and Forest Folk, combine epic fantasy with early American history (FolkloreCycle.com).



THEY SAID IT: DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

“When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature’s God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

— The opening lines to the Declaration of Independence, adopted by Continental Congress, July 4, 1776

“My best wishes, in the joys, and festivities, and the solemn services of that day on which will be completed the fiftieth year from its birth, the independence of the United States. A remarkable epoch in the annals of the human race, destined in future history to form the brightest or the blackest page,

according to the use or the abuse of those political institutions by which they shall, in time to come, be shaped by the human mind.”

— John Adams, upon the occasion of the approaching 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; Adams died on that anniversary, July 4, 1826

“The fate of unborn millions will now depend, under God, on the courage and conduct of this army. Our cruel and unrelenting enemy leaves us only the choice of brave resistance, or the most abject submission. We have, therefore, to resolve to conquer or die.”

— George Washington on July 2, 1776

“Until an independence is declared the continent will feel itself like a man who continues putting off some unpleasant business from day to day, yet knows it must be done, hates to set about it, wishes it over, and is continually haunted with the thoughts of its necessity.”

— Thomas Paine, in his 1776 pamphlet “Common Sense” advocating American independence

“The Colonies are striding fast to independence, and ere long will build an empire upon the ruins of Great Britain; will adopt its Constitution, purged of its impurities, and from an experience of its defects, will guard against those evils which have wasted its vigor.”

— William Hooper, one of three signers of the Declaration of Independence from North Carolina, on April 26, 1774

“These united colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as free and independent states, they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which independent states may of right do.”

— Text from the final paragraph of the Declaration of Independence

HIS VIEW

Let’s kick the tires on the World Cup

I am nestled into my recliner this Thursday morning, laptop in my lap, a bit annoyed with myself.

I have not been among the approximately 6 billion people on Earth who have been paying attention to the World Cup, which is being hosted by America during our 250th birthday, and my absence includes having not watched a single second of Team USA’s 2-0 over Bosnia and Herzegovina on Wednesday night. For those allergic to math, that is about 75% of the world’s population, enough to pause wars.

What I have not missed, however, is all the wonderful words those who are visiting this country for the World Cup have said about that experience, reminding we Americans just how good we have it.

I wish I had a good excuse for taking a seat on the soccer sidelines, but far from it. I spent the evening binge watching “Catfish,” a show that always makes me feel better about my own life.

I am angry because most of my friends are talking about what a great form of entertainment it was, and I can add nothing, except: “Soccer? Seriously?”

In my defense, I spent my formative years in the 1960s, and if you had a round rubber ball that bounced, it was found on the basketball court. No one — and that is not rounded down — of that generation in this country played soccer, a game that began getting its footing in the 1970s, when the white kids who sucked at all the other sports began kicking the ball around.

I am well aware soccer is the original football, and I know why. It grew in popularity because all that is required to play is a round ball that can be crafted with elephant dung, savanna grass and a makeshift goal. Any poor kid could play. I was not poor, but more in the upper middle-class bracket.

It is not that I have not given soccer a chance over the years, but the next time I sit through an entire game will be the first.

Making that even more remarkable is that the University of North Carolina Tar Heels have won 25 national championships in soccer since 1981 — 23 by

the women, two by the men — which is really good information anytime I lunch with a bunch of N.C. State fans, which is every Friday.

I have, however, played one game of soccer.

That happened in the fall of 1975, my freshman year at UNC when I was a pledge of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, meaning for that semester all my basic

human rights had been suspended. I was told that the fraternity intramural soccer team was a player short, and a forfeiture would mean a loss of points that were needed to chase whatever the cup was called that went to the fraternity with the best intramural program.

I know enough about soccer to know that it involves a lot of running, which I did not like to do then or now, and the idea of using my head to bat the ball did not appeal to me. My only demand was that I would play if I were the goalie.

We lost 1-0, the only goal scoring when I dived onto the soccer ball, it emptied my lungs of oxygen, and I watched helplessly as it squeezed free and trickled into the net. The lead was insurmountable for that ragtag unit.

I have since realized that most soccer games end 1-0, another reason for my indifference. I know very little about the rules of the game, and I remember a few years ago when the battery to the remote had died and a soccer game was on TV, the clock showed 28 minutes. After the battery was replaced and while I was channel surfing, I landed again on the soccer game and saw the clock was at 42 minutes, and it kept winding upward even when the ball was out of bounds.

Anyway, soccer for me is as hockey once was, but the Carolina Hurricanes, during their recent run to the Stanley Cup title, dragged me along. Thanks to AI, I can now tell you what icing is as well as offsides.

I got some catching up to do, including googling the rules and the World Cup schedule.

I will be watching on Monday at 8 p.m. when Team USA takes on Belgium.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Happy Birthday America!

Two hundred and fifty years! Today, our beloved country celebrates its semiquincentennial milestone! Two and a half centuries is quite a long time, but when you place it alongside the timelines of human history, it really isn't that long at all. The idea of a "country" or "nation-state" as we understand it today is a fairly new one, which can make it challenging to determine which countries are the oldest. Egypt and Iran are generally considered to be the oldest civilizations (circa 3,000 BCE). Using the modern understanding of a "nation-state", it is one of the world's smallest countries, San Marino, that is considered to be the longest continuous republic (301 CE).



Rev. Joshua K. Owens
Contributing columnist

Still, in two and a half centuries, the stories of America's great democracy experiment are deep and monumental, ripe with imagery and symbolism. One such symbol is that which we will undoubtedly see flying high and proud over this weekend, the American flag. The story of its creation is a reflection of the diverse blending of people and cultures that have come to represent the USA as a nation.

Of course, our country's flag is iconic in its colors, red, white, and blue, and its layout, 13 red and white stripes and the collection of stars in the blue square in the upper left corner. But the earliest American flags had a different look to them. While the stripes have always been present, the earliest iterations didn't include stars, but instead the "Union Jack," the image seen on Great Britain's flag. The colors and the design of the colonies' flag were borrowed from their home country. Of course, once our founders declared independence, that was no longer going to work, so in 1777, the Continental Congress passed the Flag Resolution. Later in 1782, Secretary of the Continental Congress Charles Thomson established the official representations of the flag's colors and design. Red represented valor and bravery. White, purity and innocence (think along the lines of integrity or decency). Finally, blue stood for vigilance, perseverance and justice.

While these are important "facts" about our nation's history, we would do well to remember, especially as we celebrate its birthday, that there is also something even deeper at work here in the formation of our nation's most identifiable symbol. As I heard someone say recently, it is important not to forget that in the earliest days of our country, something provocative, something new was taking place. Our nation was striking out on its own, breaking away from what had been to form something altogether new. This new thing would be based on ideals, not traditionally held determinants of significance like ethnicity, bloodline or a monarchy. This new place would instead be a government that would belong to "We the People," a nation built on the ideals valued by its inhabitants.

This flag did not include any of the images of a particular ethnic group, in the way that the Union Jack is composed of English or Scottish crests. It did not include any images of any one religion like a cross, crescent, or Star of David. The flag's presentation declares that this nation would not be built around any one person, clan, creed or heritage. Instead, it would promote specific human ideals of life, liberty and justice for all, gladly welcoming all who would support and defend those ideals.

When Congress made the official appointment of our flag on June 14, 1777, it was declared that the flag would be "13 stripes, alternate red and white," and that "the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." I love the way they chose to categorize that burgeoning group of people. A collection of distinguishable colonies, and subsequently, people, representing all manner of thought and belief on a whole host of human concepts, yet they were forged together into one constellation.

I believe our founders' desire was for a nation of people who were forever bound to one another. In those early days of revolution, they knew that separation and individual pursuits were the surest way to find defeat. What our founders knew then, we must never forget today, that the only way these United States can face our greatest challenges is if we do so by working together. As we celebrate this exceptional achievement of two hundred and fifty years, let us all remember that the work is not over. The pursuits of life, liberty and justice have yet to be fully realized because it is only when all Americans can truly live into those lofty ideals that we can say the work is through.

In those pursuits, we certainly must give thanks for those who have helped preserve them, while also calling out those who seek to detract from them. And as people of faith, we can do this important work as Americans by remembering what God has told us is the highest example of what living into freedom ultimately means: service to others. In Galatians 5:13, scripture reminds us: "For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love" (NLT). So this weekend, as we wave our flags and honor the nation that has stood the test of time for 250 years, may we also humbly, faithfully receive the audacious call to freedom, not for our sake, but for the sake of others and our nation. Happy Birthday to these United States of America!

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CHURCH OF THE WEEK



Fairmont First Baptist Church
— Pastor: Rev. Rex Anderson
— Address: 301 N. Main St., Fairmont
— Phone: 910-628-9593
— Service schedule: Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship at 11 a.m.; Youth virtual Bible study, 7 p.m. Tuesdays on Zoom.
— Denomination: Baptist
— Established: 1869
— Congregation: 485
— Church motto: "We enter to worship and depart to serve."

CHURCH CALENDAR

UPCOMING
"Name Above Every Nation," Sunday, July 5, Kingdom Place: The Kids Place kids and U-turn youth of Kingdom Place will present their patriotic musical "Name Above Every Nation" this Sunday, July 5, in the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Celebration Worship Services. Kingdom Place is located at 2610 East Fifth Street in Lumberton.

ONGOING
Antioch Presbyterian Church, 6583 Red Springs Road, Red Springs. For more information, call 910-843-4398.
Bethany Christian Fellowship, at 307 S. Jones St. in Pembroke, holds Sunday School at 10 a.m. and Sunday morning worship service at 11 a.m. Bible study is at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Rev. Charles P. Locklear is the pastor.
Beulah Baptist Church, 6516 Beulah Church Road, Lumberton.
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 4901 Independence Dr., Lumberton. Sacrament Meeting begins at 10 a.m., followed by Priesthood, Relief Society, Young Men/Young Women and Primary classes. This week's "Come Follow Me" lesson is "No Weapon That Is Formed against You Shall Prosper" from Doctrine and Covenants 71-75. Find details at <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/>.
Cornerstone Community Church, at 702 Dunn Road in Lumberton, holds Sunday School at 10 a.m., Sunday worship at 11 a.m., evangelistic service every first and third Sunday at 6 p.m.; and children and youth meet every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Roosevelt Scott is the senior pastor.
Crown of Life Outreach Ministries, at 114 W. Blue St. Pauls, meets each Sunday for prayer at 10 a.m., Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m. Every Saturday there is prayer at noon. There is Monday Bible study at 7 p.m. Pastor Kenneth R. McAllister is the church pastor. For information, call 910-316-5712 or 910-774-6376.

Deeper Truth Deliverance Center, at 6154 Wire Grass Road in Orrum, meets for Sunday school 10-11 a.m., and Morning Worship at 11:30 a.m. Bible Study is Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Cycachee Scott is the pastor.
Expanding the Vision of Kingdom Ministries, at 101 Industrial Drive in Fairmont, meets Sunday for Christian Living Class at 10 a.m., and for Morning Worship at 11:30 a.m. Bible Study is held on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Apostle Marcia Lassiter is the pastor. The phone number is 910-280-0509.
Greater McKoy's Chapel Inc., at 284 Center Road in Dublin, holds Sunday School at 10 a.m., and morning worship at 11 a.m. Sundays. Pastoral Sundays are second, third and fourth Sundays; and Deacon and Deaconess Day or Ministers and Christian Women's Day are on first Sunday. YPCW is at 6 p.m. and Bible Study at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Dr. Delora A. LeSane is the pastor.
Outreach Family Fellowship, 136 Pee Dee Church Road, Dillon. Service begin at 9 a.m. Dress in your casual wear and come worship with us. Dinner will be served after the service. Pastors will be Apostle Michael E. Goings and Overseer Dr. Louise Goings.
Pentecostal United Holy Church, 2300 Gavintown Road, Lumberton. Elder Raymond Pearson, and special music by the Men's Choir. Everyone is invited. Bishop Russell Rogers, Pastor. For more information, call 910-734-6173.
Power in Prayer Ministry, a conference line prayer ministry, takes place on Saturday mornings from 6:15 to 6:30 a.m. at any location by phone. Call 605-475-4120 to join in (ID number - 3390591#). The prayer leader is Sister Shelia Caviness-Branyon. Email a prayer request to powerinword@aol.com.
Refuge Christian Center, at 111 S. Railroad St. in Rowland, holds Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service at 11 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer at 6 p.m.

and Bible Study at 7 p.m. Rev. S. Lomax Bryant is the pastor.
Shiloh Tabernacle in Shannon, 10410 Shannon Road, Shannon, sponsors a free meal and free food bank and clothes giveaway including sanitary needs 4-6 p.m. every Thursday. The nondenominational church is open to everyone with no appointment needed, the church is sponsored in part by Waccamaw Chapel Food Pantry. Call 910 359 8030 for more information.
Smyrna Baptist Church, at 8003 N.C. 211 East, Lumberton, meets for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., and worship service at 11 a.m. Morning Bible Study is at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays as well as evening service is 7:30 p.m. Rev. Carl Pevia is the church pastor. For more information call 910-733-2592, 910- 774-0707.
St. Joseph Miracle Revival Center at 4657 Daniel McLeod Road, Red Springs, Saturday Morning Prayer will begin at 9 a.m. followed by Seminars at 10 a.m. Saturday afternoon will begin at 1:30 p.m.. Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. followed by Sunday Morning Service at 11 a.m.
St. Marks Lutheran Church, 202 West 24th St., Lumberton; 910-739-2329, stmarksinc.org. Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays, Worship Service is at 10:30 p.m. Sundays. Fellowship begins at 11:30 a.m.
Tabernacle Baptist Church, on N.C. 711 in Pembroke, holds Sunday Worship Service at 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School at 11 a.m.; and Wednesday Bible Study, and Children and Youth Night at 7 p.m. The Rev. Randy Freeman is the pastor.
The Fairmont Ministerial Alliance meets every third Saturday of the month at Jonesville Baptist Church at 327 Mill Branch Road, Fairmont. Breakfast is at 8:30 a.m. The meeting starts at 9 a.m. New members are welcome. Dr. Martine Spencer is the president.

For your church event to be included in the Church Calendar, send it to Editor Chris Stiles at cstiles@robesonian.com.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Then the fifth angel sounded:
And I saw a star fallen from heaven
to the earth. To him was given the key
to the bottomless pit. And he opened
the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out
of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace.
So the sun and the air were darkened
because of the smoke of the pit.

REVELATION 9:1,2



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Lumbee Homecoming continues



M.J. Johnson of Flip Doubt Art draws a caricature Wednesday at Lumbee Homecoming in Pembroke.



Vanessa Locklear, left, and husband Maurice Locklear, right, look at jewelry in a vendor's tent Wednesday at Lumbee Homecoming in Pembroke.



Alexis Raeana, left, and Charly Lowry, right, perform during a concert Wednesday at Lumbee Homecoming in Pembroke.



Attendees dance to the music Wednesday at Lumbee Homecoming in Pembroke.



From left, Laquioa Hunt, Kaedance Freeman and Jazlyn Locklear Wednesday at Lumbee Homecoming in Pembroke.



Charlie Hunt, left, and Tommy Bullard, right, of Native American Designs fold a handcrafted blanket Wednesday at Lumbee Homecoming in Pembroke.



The guitarist for Alexis Raeana plays during a performance Wednesday at Lumbee Homecoming in Pembroke.



DJ Gizmo, left, and Bobbie Springple, right, hug as the 85-year-old Springple danced to the music Wednesday at Lumbee Homecoming in Pembroke.



Attendees listen to the music Wednesday at Lumbee Homecoming in Pembroke.

Lawrence Locklear, UNC Pembroke professor of American Indian studies, gives a lecture on the history of the Lumbee Tribe Tuesday as part of Lumbee Homecoming in Pembroke.

Lum's brings Bloomin' Onions to Homecoming

Devin Hammonds
The Robesonian

PEMBROKE — Every year during Lumbee Homecoming in Pembroke, visitors from across the region make a stop at Lum's to enjoy one of the event's most popular culinary traditions — the vendor's signature Lumbee Bloomin' Onions.

Served hot and prepared in a variety of ways, the Lumbee Bloomin' Onions continue to be a favorite among Homecoming guests, drawing long lines of customers throughout the week-long celebration.

Working during Homecoming can be challenging, one employee said, especially with the summer heat and the steady flow of customers. Despite the demanding conditions, the worker



Josh "Big Onion" Locklear prepares a Lumbee Bloomin' Onion during the People's Table event on April 2 in Pembroke.

said they enjoy being part of the annual event and still look forward to eating the famous Lumbee Bloomin' Onions.

Lum's is also a regular vendor at the Robeson County Fair and other events in the community

throughout the year. Offerings include a plain Bloomin' Onion for \$14, as well as Philly or chicken bacon ranch Bloomin' Onions for \$22.

As Lumbee Homecoming continues to bring the community together, local

businesses like Lum's remain a popular destination for visitors looking to enjoy good food and celebrate one of Pembroke's most anticipated annual traditions.

Devin Hammonds is an intern for The Robesonian.



Lum's offers Lumbee Bloomin' Onions each year at Lumbee Homecoming.

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Lumberton FFA named top chapter in the state

Jessica Sealey
For The Robesonian

RALEIGH — Lumberton FFA was recognized as the top overall FFA chapter in North Carolina through the National Chapter Award Program during the 97th North Carolina FFA State Convention in Raleigh.

The National Chapter Award Program recognizes chapters that excel in developing student leaders, strengthening agriculture, and building communities through a comprehensive Program of Activities. This recognition reflects the chapter's commitment to providing meaningful opportunities for every student while making a lasting impact on the school and local community.

“Lumberton FFA’s success showcases the opportunities available to our students when passion, hard work, and strong agricultural programs come together,” said Public Schools of Robeson County Superintendent Freddie Williamson. “Being named the top overall FFA chapter in North Carolina is a testament to the outstanding leadership of the chapter advisers and the commitment of these students to service, leadership, and agricultural excellence.”

Thirty-four members of the Lumberton FFA Chapter attended the convention, joining more than 4,000 FFA members from across the state for four days of leadership development, career exploration, competition and recognition.

Throughout the week, students attended leadership sessions and workshops, explored the agricultural career expo, networked with industry professionals and college representatives and competed against the best FFA members in North Carolina.

The 97th North Carolina FFA State Convention proved to be one of the most successful conventions in Lumberton FFA history. From state championships and top-three team finishes to prestigious individual recognitions and the election of a State FFA Officer, Lumberton students showcased the leadership, technical skills, work ethic and dedication that define the chapter.

“These accomplishments reflect the dedication and hard work of our students, teachers, parents, alumni, and community supporters. The Lumberton FFA Chapter continues to exemplify excellence in agricultural education while preparing students for future careers, leadership opportunities, and



The Lumberton FFA chapter was named as the top chapter in the state at the 97th annual State Convention held recently in Raleigh.

lifelong success,” said Candace Grimsley, Lumberton FFA adviser.

“I couldn’t be more proud of our students and the recognition they have earned through their commitment, perseverance, and outstanding achievements,” she added.

Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Proficiency Awards

Lumberton FFA students were recognized with 10 State Proficiency Awards, recognizing students whose Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAEs) rank among the best in North Carolina. Proficiency Awards celebrate excellence in work-based learning, entrepreneurship and agricultural career preparation by evaluating students on the scope, growth, financial success, record keeping and skills developed through their agricultural experiences.

Two Lumberton members earned the highest honor by being named State Proficiency Award Winners: Laiken Wilcox was a state winner in agricultural communications, and Chayden Locklear was a state winner in diversified agricultural production.

Being named a State Proficiency Winner signifies that these students have developed one of the premier agricultural experience programs in North Carolina and will represent the state at the national level of competition.

American FFA Degree

Three Lumberton FFA members were recognized for earning the American FFA Degree, the highest degree

bestowed by the National FFA Organization. Recipients included Brittlyn Stubbs, Isaac Simmons and Ivey Nolley.

Less than 1% of all FFA members nationwide earn this distinguished honor. The degree recognizes years of outstanding Supervised Agricultural Experience programs, significant leadership involvement, community service and financial success within agriculture.

State FFA Degrees

Seventeen Lumberton FFA members earned the North Carolina State FFA Degree, one of the highest honors the North Carolina FFA Association can bestow upon its members.

The State Degree recognizes students who have demonstrated exceptional commitment through classroom achievement, leadership development, agricultural work experiences, community service and active participation in FFA. Earning the State Degree represents years of dedication and is considered a significant milestone in an FFA member’s career.

Honorary State FFA Degree

Grimsley was honored with the Honorary North Carolina State FFA Degree.

The Honorary State Degree is awarded to individuals who have made exceptional contributions to agricultural education and the North Carolina FFA Association. This prestigious recognition acknowledges years of dedication to developing student leaders, supporting agricultural education and advancing the mission of FFA across North Carolina.

State Star Award finalists

Two Lumberton FFA members were selected as finalists for one of the most prestigious individual recognitions in North Carolina FFA: Russell Wilcox, a State Foundational SAE Star Award finalist, and Trevin Lowry, a State Star in Agricultural Placement finalist.

To become finalists, students first submitted comprehensive applications documenting the growth, success and impact of their agricultural experience programs. After being selected among the top applicants statewide, both students advanced to the final interview round held during the State Convention, where they interviewed before a panel of judges competing for the state title.

Career Development Event results

Lumberton students demonstrated exceptional technical knowledge and career readiness by competing in numerous Career Development Events (CDEs), which simulate real-world agricultural careers.

State Champion

Brayden Patterson captured the state championship in creed speaking by delivering the FFA Creed from memory and successfully answering judges’ questions demonstrating his understanding of agriculture, leadership and the values of the FFA organization.

Team Results

The Parliamentary Procedure team of Esmeralda Pedro, Riley Patterson, Laiken Wilcox, Jace Wilson, Emmaleigh Higgins and Dylan Thomas finished in second place as they demonstrated exceptional knowledge of Robert’s Rules of Order, teamwork, and leadership while conducting a mock business meeting and completing a written examination.

The Milk Quality and Products team

of Maggie Brixey, Russell Wilcox, Liseth Diaz Cedano and Mackenzie Britt finished in third place as students evaluated dairy products, identified defects, graded milk quality, and demonstrated knowledge of the dairy industry.

The Meats Evaluation team of Tagen Wilcox, Rexford Parker, Lainey Pittman and Dalton Tyner finished in third place as students evaluated beef, pork, and lamb carcasses and retail cuts while demonstrating industry knowledge related to meat science.

The Forestry team of Russell Wilcox, Waylen Willoughby, Liam Covington and Lucas Drennan finished in fourth place as students demonstrated extensive knowledge of forestry practices, tree identification, forest management, and timber measurement.

Other teams which competed include:

— Nursery/Landscape, seventh place: Leyla Boganwright, Samantha Wright, Bryce Hunt, Zoey Cox

— Agronomy, eighth place: Lucas Drennan, Nathan King, Lily-Kate McLean, Davis Williams

— Tool Identification, 11th place: Paul Smith, Samantha Wright, Lily-Kate McLean, Elliott Humphrey

— Food Science, 18th place: Brayden Patterson, Dylan Thomas, Jace Wilson, Esmeralda Pedro

— Lindsay Diaz Cedano also competed in Spanish Creed Speaking

Agriscience Fair

Lumberton students also excelled in the North Carolina FFA Agriscience Fair, where members conduct scientific research and present their findings through written reports and interviews.

Results included:

— Kamryn Drayton, first place in Food Products & Processing Systems, Division III

— Lainey Pittman and Anna Rice, second place in Animal Systems, Division VI

— Mariska Thompson and Alexis Tyner, fourth place in Food Products and Processing Systems, Division IV

These awards recognize students for applying the scientific method to solve real-world agricultural problems and effectively communicating their research findings.

Leadership & Convention Service

In addition to competing and receiving awards, several Lumberton FFA members were selected to serve in leadership roles throughout the State Convention.

Convention Talent

Kamryn Drayton was selected to perform as part of the Session 6 Convention Talent, showcasing her talents before thousands of FFA members, advisors, and guests during one of the convention’s general sessions.

Courtesy Corps

Esmeralda Pedro, Maggie Brixey and Riley Patterson were selected to serve on the North Carolina FFA Courtesy Corps, assisting convention staff with welcoming guests, supporting convention logistics, and ensuring the smooth operation of the State Convention. Serving on Courtesy Corps is a leadership opportunity that allows members to represent both their chapter and the North Carolina FFA Association while serving fellow members throughout the week.

State Officer Election

The convention concluded with one of the most exciting moments in Lumberton FFA history as Laiken Wilcox was elected to serve as the 2026–2027 North Carolina FFA State Vice President, serving in the Secretary Station.

After an extensive selection process that included written examinations, interviews, speeches, facilitation activities and leadership assessments, Laiken was elected to represent more than 50,000 FFA members statewide.

As a State FFA Officer, Laiken will spend the next year traveling throughout North Carolina conducting leadership workshops, visiting local chapters, representing agricultural education at state and national events and serving as an ambassador for the North Carolina FFA Association.

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respond wherever they are needed. The partnership is expected to build lasting connections between military and civilian healthcare that will benefit patients, families, and future clinicians for years to come.

“This is truly a win-win opportunity for our

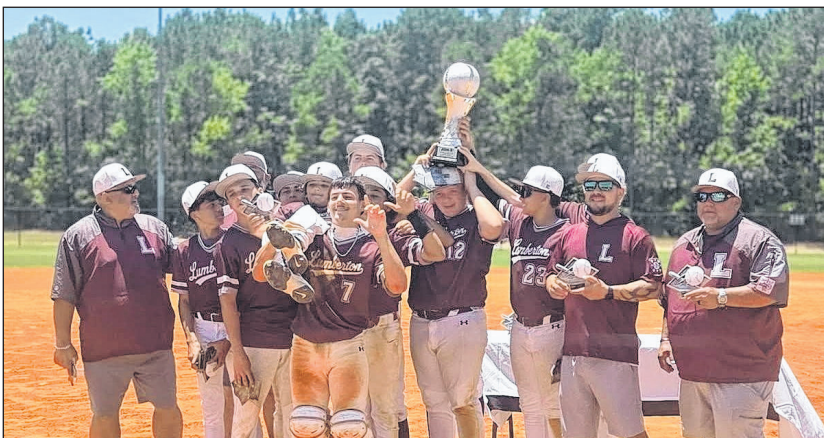
health system, our communities, and the military professionals joining us,” said UNC Health Southeastern Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer Renae Taylor. “These service members are exceptionally well trained and experienced, and they bring a level of expertise, discipline, and resilience that will enrich our clinical teams and benefit every patient we serve. We are excited about the lasting impact it will have

on healthcare in our rural communities and on the careers of these outstanding military clinicians.”

Through this collaboration, UNC Health Southeastern is helping the military, helping the community and demonstrating the vital role rural health systems can play in national service.

Amanda L. Crabtree is the director of marketing & public relations at UNC Health Southeastern. Reach her by email at amanda.crabtree@unchealth.unc.edu.

Lumberton wins Dixie Boys Baseball state title



The Lumberton Dixie Boys Baseball team celebrates after winning the state championship. Team members include Josiah Britt, Zylan Chavis, Josiah Clark, Jameson Deese, Jacob Hammonds, Mason Jones, Easton Knecht, Benjamin Locklear, Kamden Locklear, Ayden McKoy, Vance Rowland and Deckland Stueck. Coaches include Dexter Locklear, Pat Jones, Jeremy Britt and Shane Stueck.

Jacob Husson
The Robesonian

TOWN CREEK — Lumberton's Dixie Boys Baseball team won the 2026 Division A state tournament, earning the title with an 11-2 title-game victory in Town Creek. They have now earned a trip to Sterlington, Louisiana to compete in the DBB World Series July 17-22. "We've been trying to win this for five or six years so it's exciting," coach Dexter Locklear said. After fighting for years to win the North Carolina state

championship, Lumberton is finally the envy of Dixie Boys Baseball in the state. Solid team chemistry and total selflessness was critical to this state championship as Dixie Boys Lumberton truly won as a team. The coaches echoed this sentiment applauding players for buying in. "Each kid knows their role," Locklear said. Continuing to buy into their roles will be critical if Lumberton wants to make even more noise. The job's not finished as the team now looks to

win the DBB World Series. The team is thrilled to put its best foot forward in the hopes of becoming champions. The coaches didn't shy away from their excitement about competing to win it all in Louisiana. "We're all excited to head to Louisiana," Locklear said. Team members include Josiah Britt, Zylan Chavis, Josiah Clark, Jameson Deese, Jacob Hammonds, Mason Jones, Easton Knecht, Benjamin Locklear, See DYB | 4B

FCA looks to expand in Robeson Co.

Jacob Husson
The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), a non-denominational Christian sports ministry focused on coaches, campus, camp and community ministry, is looking to expand its presence in Robeson County. Its ultimate goal is to have a presence in every school in the area. FCA seeks to use athletics to glorify God and to bring others to faith in Jesus Christ. "We want to get FCA in every school in Robeson County," said FCA supporter Finley Read, a retired former coach at Lumberton High School. "I meet with a group in Charleston, South Carolina every week and we asked

one corporate group to include Robeson County." Read has been a significant advocate for the FCA and has consistently contributed to their cause. Beyond giving money to FCA, Read has also pushed to get an FCA representative in Robeson County. "I wanted them to send an FCA representative to Robeson County," Read said. "I give to FCA every month." FCA already has a significant presence at Lumberton High School, but Read is looking to expand its presence, referencing Red Springs as a place where they could grow more. While FCA doesn't have as significant a

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St. Pauls' Jordan Norton (14), Jakhi Purcell (1), Aubrey Cobbs (15) and other members of the Bulldogs celebrate after a big play in Nov. 14, 2025 game against West Carteret. St. Pauls hopes to continue its momentum in 2026 after a 10-win campaign last fall.

Bulldogs look to continue momentum

Jacob Husson
The Robesonian

ST. PAULS — The St. Pauls football team sat atop Robeson County with a 10-2 record last season, reaching the third round of the 5A state playoffs. Following an eight-win campaign the year before, the Bulldogs completed a revamp after their spring 2021 state championship appearance. "We've had strong coaching staffs and we try to keep them together," St. Pauls coach Mike Setzer said. "We always try to implement what we did in the past." Setzer is assisted by a coaching staff which includes Dominique Bridges and Hunter Lowry, among others. Under the coaches' leadership, St. Pauls scored over 30 points eight times last year and they had five shutouts defensively. The team averaged over 32 points per game and allowed about 16. Last year was not the first time under Setzer the Bulldogs dominated on both sides. In the 2024-25 season, they scored 40 or more points seven times and allowed less than 10 six times. Strong coaching has led to consistent winning in the past two seasons as they've gone a combined 18-5 in that time frame, a significant improvement over the 12-11 record posted in the previous two seasons. St. Pauls outclassed the rest of the teams in Robeson County as Red Springs had five wins, Lumberton and Purnell Swett had three and Fairmont only had one.

"We're not satisfied," Setzer said. "We don't usually sneak up on teams and we know that." With 18 wins over their last two seasons, their opponents next season certainly won't overlook them, given how formidable they've proven to be. They certainly won't sneak up on teams now that rising senior defensive tackle Antwan McKoy announced his commitment to Georgia. The success on the field is evident. However, the excitement the football program has generated for the school as a whole can't be understated either. "Football is the front porch of the athletic season," principal Jason Suggs said. "That's what everyone sees when they first see the school." With football being so vital to high school athletics, having a successful team can do wonders for your athletic program. Evidently, it has for St. Pauls. "It's by far the most successful program," Suggs said. "They were talking about football season a month ago." The additional pride St. Pauls' fans have for football is backed up by their performance against county opponents. St. Pauls fans could take pride in their overall record but going undefeated against the rest of Robeson County added another level of excitement. "We beat every team in the county last season and that was a source of pride," Suggs said. Going 4-0 against in-county

teams did wonders for the football team as it made its playoff push last season. St. Pauls has thoroughly dominated other Robeson County teams in recent seasons as their last loss against an in-county team was a 16-13 loss to Fairmont on Sept. 27, 2019. Of course, while the football team receives most of the hype, it's not the only team at St. Pauls. The baseball team finished 14-11 and was second in the Eastern Sandhills Conference with an 8-2 league record. The girls' basketball team has been successful over the last several years, though it went 11-13 last season. Star point guard in Zhari Shipman put up 22.4 points and 4.3 rebounds per game. She was a senior so the Lady Bulldogs will need to find a solid replacement for her. But back on the gridiron, finding valuable replacements for seniors will be critical next season as Robeson County Heisman-winning running back Yoshua McBryde, wideout/defensive back Jakhi Purcell, defensive end De'Zhian Roberts and quarterback Antonio Arnold are among those who graduated this spring. As the St. Pauls football team continues to lead its school and the county, Setzer and his entire staff continue to set the bar in Robeson County. It will be interesting to see if other teams and coaching staffs can close the gap next season.

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Great moments for Team USA

As the United States celebrates 250 years this week, Americans are also showing their national pride by following the U.S. men's soccer national team as the country hosts the World Cup. It's gone well for the American side thus far, with three wins including Wednesday's Round of 32 victory, a 2-0 decision against Bosnia and Herzegovina. Sports nuts and non-sports fans alike across the country love following the national team across many sports. Here are a few of the signature moments that U.S. national teams have delivered pride and celebration to the American population, listed chronologically. The most known national team moment has to be the Miracle on Ice, a 4-3 U.S. victory over the Soviet Union on Feb. 22, 1980 in the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid, New York. A team of mostly college players from America stunned the hockey world by beating a seasoned team of Soviet professionals. Trailing 3-2 entering the final period, the Americans first tied the match, then got a clutch go-ahead goal from Mike Eruzione. Then, as time expired, Al Michaels' broadcast call of "Do you believe in miracles!" cemented the moment as an American sports all-timer. This was actually not the gold-medal match; the U.S. defeated Finland 2-1 two days later. This year, the U.S. men's hockey team won Olympic gold for the first time since. There's a compelling case to be made that the

The Dream Team

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U.S. defeats Bosnia and Herzegovina to reach Round of 16

Josh Dubow
AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Folarin Balogun scored his third goal of the World Cup before being sent off with a red card in the second half, and Malik Tillman converted on a free kick to give the 10-man United States squad a 2-0 win over Bosnia-Herzegovina on Wednesday night to advance to the round of 16.

Balogun dominated the first half with his goal and several other chances that helped the U.S. control the match early but the Americans had to scramble down a man after his foul against Tarik Muharemovic in the 64th minute.

Tillman helped seal the win when he scored on a free kick from just outside the box in the 82nd minute with a shot off the hand of goalkeeper Nikola Vasilj.

That gave the U.S. just its second World Cup knockout round win. The Americans made it to the semifinals in the first tournament in 1930 by winning their group and won a round of 16 matchup against Mexico in 2002.

The win over Bosnia in the round of 32 in this year's expanded tournament sets up a matchup on Monday in Seattle against Belgium as the U.S. hopes to make a deep run on home soil.

The game was played less than 20 miles from the site of the first U.S. knockout round game of the modern era

when the Americans lost 1-0 to heavily favored Brazil at Stanford Stadium in 1994.

The U.S. was favored this time around for the first time on record in a knockout round match and didn't let down the large contingent of red-white-and-blue clad fans at Levi's Stadium who were chanting "U-S-A! U-S-A!" in the closing minutes.

The win snapped a 10-game losing streak for the U.S. against European teams dating to a tie against England in the 2022 World Cup. It marked the first win in the World Cup for the Americans against a European team since a win over Portugal in the 2002 opener. They were winless in 13 straight World Cup matchups against European teams since then, including a 2-1 loss in extra time to Belgium in the round of 16 in 2014.

The U.S. had started fast in the group stage matches by scoring in the first 15 minutes of all three games. But it was Bosnia that had the better chances early with Matt Freese needing to make two saves early to stop Ermedin Demirovic following a deceptive goal kick that caught the U.S. defense napping and then again on the ensuing corner kick that Kerim Alajbegovic almost scored on directly.

Balogun then took over from there, having one apparent goal called off for offside, being knocked down in the box



United States' Malik Tillman (17) celebrates with teammates after scoring on a free kick during the World Cup round of 32 soccer match between the United States and Bosnia in Santa Clara, Calif., near San Francisco, on Wednesday.

on two other opportunities and then finally delivering in the 45th minute. Tim Ream intercepted a Bosnia goal kick at midfield and then Malik Tillman found Balogun in the box. He slid the left-footed shot in for his third goal of the tournament — one shy of the record for a U.S. men's player in a single World Cup set in 1930 by Bert Patenaude.

He punctuated it with his version of the LeBron James Silencer celebration,

drawing a positive reaction from King James himself.

Balogun nearly scored again in stoppage time but his shot from in close deflected off the cross bar and out of play.

Bosnia's second World Cup trip was a success with a draw against Canada in the opener and a win over Qatar that helped the team advance to the knockout round for the first time.

USA's Folarin Balogun suspended after controversial red card

Peter Sblendorio
New York Daily News via AP

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — It was the step seen 'round the World Cup.

High-definition footage, slowed down and frozen, of United States striker Folarin Balogun stepping on the bent ankle of Bosnia-Herzegovina's Tarik Muharemovic as they jockeyed for the ball.

The contact appeared unintentional, but after a Video Assistant Referee (VAR) review, Balogun was assessed a straight red card and ejected in the 64th minute of the United States' 2-0 win at San Francisco Bay Area Stadium on Wednesday night.

Per FIFA regulations, Balogun must also serve an automatic suspension for Monday night's round of 16 game against Belgium in Seattle.

The suspension cannot be appealed. "It never was intentional," United States coach Mauricio Pochettino said. "It's never a red card. Never. ... If the intention is to damage the opponent, OK, I understand. But that never was. It was a normal action in football that

you are fighting for the ball and your feet land."

This is a dramatic development for one of the United States' best players who on Wednesday scored his team-leading third goal of the World Cup before his ejection.

By the literal interpretation of the law, the referee's call was correct. "Any player who lunges at an opponent in challenging for the ball from the front, from the side or from behind using one or both legs, with excessive force or endangers the safety of an opponent is guilty of serious foul play," reads the FIFA rule book.

But the ruling — especially giving its potentially tournament-altering ramifications — has become the subject of considerable controversy.

Critics argue the incident looked worse on replay than it did in real time and that the referee's review-aided ruling did not align with the spirit of the play. The World Cup introduced VAR in 2018.

"In full speed, this is nothing," ESPN analyst Herculez Gomez said on "Get Up" on Wednesday. "But when you

freeze it, when you slow it down, when you send the referee to VAR and say, 'Look here at the contact' ... he's going to call this as a red card every single time."

United States star Christian Pulisic described the red card as "so unfortunate" and "harsh."

U.S. midfielder Weston McKennie agreed, calling it "bogus" that Balogun's suspension cannot be appealed.

"I think there's been many other plays like that throughout the tournament on other players that a card wasn't given at all," McKennie said. "It's disappointing."

Indeed, Argentina superstar Lionel Messi wasn't assessed even a yellow card for stepping on an Algerian player's ankle during the group stage.

"We need common sense," ESPN's Bradley Wright-Phillips added on "Get Up" of Balogun's ejection. "When you're looking at that, it's a regular play. In a game, they're tussling for the ball. ... It's not malicious."

Balogun grew up in London, but he was born in Brooklyn because his parents, during a trip to New York,

were prevented from boarding a flight back to England seven months into his mother's pregnancy.

The 24-year-old was eligible to compete for England or Nigeria in this World Cup but chose to represent the United States, doing so under his birthright citizenship, and has quickly emerged as one of the faces of the team's run.

Now, the 15th-ranked United States will have to win a tough game without Balogun — against ninth-ranked Belgium — to keep its World Cup dreams alive.

Some of that burden is likely to fall on 23-year-old striker Ricardo Pepi, who is expected to take Balogun's spot in the starting lineup.

But replacing Balogun's production will be more of a team effort — one that Pulisic says the Americans will be ready for, even if they disagree with the circumstances.

"He's done so much for us, and now we got his back," Pulisic said. "If he has to miss the next game, it's just ridiculous for something like that."

Brown set to form All-Star trio with Embiid, Maxey with 76ers

Dan Gelston
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Reeling from an early exit in the NBA playoffs, Jaylen Brown was still a Boston Celtics star when he dissed Joel Embiid and called him a flopper on a livestream.

"Joel Embiid is a great player, one of the best bigs in (expletive) basketball history," Brown said. "Flops. He know it. This ain't breaking news."

Did someone say breaking news?

Brown might have to make amends with Embiid now that they are teammates on the 76ers in the wake of an out-of-nowhere trade that rocked the NBA and again positions Philadelphia as an instant contender for the franchise's first NBA title since 1983.

You know, because trying to win it all with a hired gun worked so well for the Sixers with Paul George. And James Harden. And Jimmy Butler.

All flops of the postseason kind in Philly.

The Sixers have another star to pair with Embiid — and the true franchise cornerstones in All-Star guard Tyrese Maxey and second-year standout VJ Edgecombe — after new team president of basketball operations Mike Gansey pulled off a whale of a move in his first month on the job.

Brown — the 2024 NBA Finals MVP, a five-time All-Star and the league's fourth-leading scorer this past season — is getting traded by the Celtics to the Sixers, a person with knowledge of the deal's terms said Wednesday.

Boston is getting George,

along with a slew of draft capital that could become two first-round picks and two second-round picks, said the person who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the trade does not yet have the required league approvals.

"I'm still processing how this all went down," Brown wrote in a statement released Thursday. "I'm excited and disappointed at the same time. I earned my respect from this city. I never asked for shortcuts or special treatment. I simply showed up every day, put my head down, and accepted every challenge."

Without a game played, the Sixers are the early winners in this deal.

Gansey somehow shed the two years and \$110 million left on the oft-injured and aging George's deal for a bona fide superstar who was sixth in the NBA MVP voting this past season. The 36-year-old George — who was suspended 25 games for flunking a drug test — played in only 78 total games for the Sixers and has played more than 56 in a season only one time since 2019.

His contract seemed immovable.

Suddenly — as they say in Boston — anything is possible in Philadelphia.

Gansey continued his summer shopping spree on Thursday when the Sixers agreed to terms on a two-year, \$12.3 million deal with guard Anfernee Simons, adding him to a list this week that includes former Knicks center Ariel Hukporti and veteran Cavaliers forward Dean Wade, a person with

knowledge of the agreements told the AP, speaking on condition of anonymity because the deals cannot be signed until the league's offseason moratorium is lifted on Monday.

The Celtics had to move on from Brown after they dangled him as trade bait to Milwaukee in a failed bid to land Giannis Antetokounmpo from Milwaukee.

Following the first round of the NBA draft, Boston president of basketball operations Brad Stevens declined to say how close the team got to executing a trade for Brown. But he said he still viewed Brown as part of the Celtics' future. It's why the team sat down recently with Brown recently, who currently overseas.

"Jaylen Brown is a big part of us. I don't want to predict the future. I look at it as this is our team," Stevens said.

He's now a big part of the plan in Philadelphia, a franchise that seemed stuck in the mud after it was swept by the eventual NBA champion Knicks in the second round — after rallying from 3-1 down to topple Boston in the first round — and was third among sportsbooks late Wednesday night to win the Eastern Conference.

Gansey said last month that he wasn't concerned the Sixers were traveling on two time-lines — a win-now mode while Embiid and George were nearing the end of their deals versus dealing with the long term of trying to find pieces that can contribute in the future while Maxey is the undisputed leader of the team and Edgecombe is entering his prime.



Boston Celtics forward Jaylen Brown (7) drives to the basket against Philadelphia 76ers center Joel Embiid, right, during a game on Oct. 22, 2025 in Boston.

"They're our four guys," Gansey said. "They're under contract. We've got to do the best to get them to their best selves. I think every night, at 7 o'clock, we've got to get them to their best to help us."

They're going to get Brown at his best — and with a proverbial chip in his shoulder — trying to prove Boston wrong. With Jayson Tatum playing in just 16 games during the regular season while he rehabbed from a ruptured Achilles tendon, the 29-year-old Brown averaged career highs in points (28.7), rebounds (6.9) and assists (5.1).

Brown still has three seasons and about \$182 million left on what was then a record, five-year, \$304 million supermax deal he signed in 2023.

Before Antetokounmpo was ultimately dealt to the Heat, Brown posted a video on Twitch in which he described his mood.

"To all the people that's

doubted me, that want me to do this, or want me, you're turning me into a monster," Brown said.

He'll have his opportunity in Philly to unleash the beast with Embiid routinely sidelined big chunks of the season with injuries. Maxey had lamented how difficult it was to try and carry the Sixers without a 1B when Embiid was sidelined and now the Sixers have a sort of guard-rail in Brown to steady the team during those absences.

The Sixers are transformed — just as they thought they would be when they traded for Harden, Butler and signed George, only to fail and fail again in the playoffs.

Now it's up to Brown and Embiid and Maxey to form an All-Star trio that can do the improbable just as the Knicks finally did this season in winning their first title in 53 years.

Speaking of improbable, anyone in Philly have a number for LeBron James?

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF LUMBERTON

Amendment to Chapter 35 of the Code of the City of Lumberton, North Carolina.

Notice is hereby given to residents that the City Council of the City of Lumberton will hold a public hearing on **Monday, July 13th, 2026, at 11:00 AM** in City Hall Chambers, located at 500 N. Cedar Street, Lumberton, NC 28359, and virtually via Zoom and Facebook Live. Please visit the City's website for virtual public hearing information <http://www.ci.lumberton.nc.us/>.

The purpose of the public hearing is to create a standalone ordinance regarding Automotive Establishments within the City's jurisdiction.

Those in attendance will have an opportunity to formally comment on the proposed Ordinance. For interested persons, the Ordinance has been made available for public review at the Planning and Neighborhood Services Department, City Hall, during normal business hours (8:00 am – 5:00 pm EST.).

Laney Sapp
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Estate File No. 26E000507-770
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
OF
ERIC CLINT HUNT
The undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of ERIC CLINT HUNT, Deceased, late of ROBESON County, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of SEPTEMBER 2026, or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This the 24th day of JUNE, 2026.
Paul Truett Canady, II, Administrator of ERIC CLINT HUNT Estate, c/o Canady & Canady, Attys., P. O. Box 7, St. Pauls, NC, 28384-0007

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This the 27th day of June, 2026.

Valarie Maria Deese
NC HWY 710 South Rowland, NC 28383

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This is the 27th day of JUNE 2026.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF
LAE RUTH ALWAY
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Lae Ruth Alway, deceased, late of Robeson County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of SEPTEMBER, 2026, or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 27th day of June, 2026.

Michael Duane Alway
Executor

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The undersigned having qualified as Executor, of the estate of VICTOR JAMES ROLLINS JR, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of SEPTEMBER 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

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Governors, NHL, NFL all wait for LeBron free agent decision

Tim Reynolds
AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI — Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz made his sales pitch. So did DJ Khaled, the New York Jets and the Winnipeg Jets. Even the PGA Tour took a swing, trying to appeal to someone who has quickly become obsessed with golf.

“We’re waiting for you Bron,” the tour posted on social media.

Get in line. Every team and every league, it would seem, wants LeBron James.

The waiting-for-LeBron game is on, with the entire basketball universe — and, evidently, the political, entertainment, football, hockey and golf universes as well — waiting to hear what the greatest scorer in NBA history will decide about the 2026-27 season. All that is known so far are two things: He isn’t retiring yet, and he won’t be playing for the Los Angeles Lakers.

James let the world know on Tuesday that he’s coming back for at least one more season and that he’s decided to move on from the Lakers, those decisions becoming known a few hours before the start of free agency. What happens next,



LeBron James is a free agent after spending the last eight seasons with the Los Angeles Lakers.

and when it will happen, is anyone’s guess. The oldest active player in the NBA is still a guy who moves the needle, and it’s not even clear if he knows how long this process will take.

“LeBron James, come on, let’s do it again,” DJ Khaled, a regular courtside patron at Miami Heat games, said in a video posting in an effort to recruit James back to the place where he won his first two

NBA titles. “Come on, man. Let’s do it again. After the game, we’ll go play golf. You know Miami’s the best city in the world.”

A person familiar with James’ planning told The Associated Press on Tuesday that he wanted his agent, Klutch Sports CEO Rich Paul, to take meetings with interested teams — actual NBA ones, which means it doesn’t look good for other online suitors such as

the Buffalo Bills, Green Bay Packers and soccer’s Minnesota United — before reporting back.

For the most part, James and Paul went into this process knowing much of what the teams would say. Cleveland’s pitch would be that Northeast Ohio is home, that his career started there and that it would make sense to end it there. Miami’s pitch would be that he won two titles there, that it’s known he loves the city, that it just landed Giannis Antetokounmpo and James still has deep ties to coach Erik Spoelstra and the front office. Golden State’s pitch would include playing with Stephen Curry and Draymond Green, two guys who click with James on multiple levels.

Walz wanted James to see a newspaper clip touting that Minnesota has the best quality of life when compared to other states. The New York Jets pointed out that James wore green and white in high school, matching their color scheme. The Winnipeg Jets simply offered to change their name to LeWinnipeg Jets.

“Never say never,” the Bills posted.

Jokes aside, James is obvi-

ously worth all the effort that some team will make to get him signed.

He still plays at an All-Star level, even at his age — there have been 24 instances, including playoffs, of someone in his 40s scoring 30 or more points in an NBA game, and James is responsible for 17 of those. No player had averaged more than 15 points per game in a season after turning 40; James averaged 24.4 points in 2024-25 and 20.9 points this past season, even while often being the Lakers’ third option.

Plus, James’ next home will see an immediate rush of activity.

Season ticket packages, if any are available, will get gobbled up quickly. James’ Lakers jersey was the fifth-hottest seller in the league at the end of this past regular season, based on sales from NBAStore.com, Fanatics.com and Fanatics partner sites; his next jersey (even if it is a Cavs or Heat jersey again) will fly off the racks as soon as they can be printed. And it’ll probably make fans in that city, whichever city it is, truly believe they have a real shot at the 2027 NBA title.

Only James knows when the waiting game will end.



Contributed photo | Dexter Locklear
The Lumberton Dixie Boys Baseball team celebrates after winning the state championship. Team members include Josiah Britt, Zylan Chavis, Josiah Clark, Jameson Deese, Jacob Hammonds, Mason Jones, Easton Knecht, Benjamin Locklear, Kamden Locklear, Ayden McKoy, Vance Rowland and Deckland Stueck. Coaches include Dexter Locklear, Pat Jones, Jeremy Britt and Shane Stueck.

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Kamden Locklear, Ayden McKoy, Vance Rowland and Deckland Stueck. Coaches include Dexter Locklear, Pat Jones, Jeremy Britt and

Shane Stueck.

As Lumberton prepares to compete with the best teams in the country, they have the rest of Robeson County waiting intently.

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FCA

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presence at Red Springs as at Lumberton, school faculty highly values the work they do.

“(FCA’s) the focal point of our culture,” Red Springs athletic director Adam Deese said. “It builds camaraderie and teamwork.”

Deese has a strong interest in expanding FCA’s influence at Red Springs. As he continues working with Read on ways to have FCA more involved at Red Springs, the previously mentioned camaraderie and teamwork will improve.

“The bigger we can get this, the better,” Deese said.

FCA expansion has drawn significant excitement from its advocates.

The ambition to expand FCA’s presence in Robeson County fuels

Read. His overall goal in the attempt to expand FCA is to benefit coaches and teachers.

FCA has information on its website about how you can get involved whether you’re an athlete, coach, volunteer or donor.

“My purpose is to get these coaches and teachers money for FCA,” Read said.

More funding will make it easier to instill christian values in young athletes today. FCA hopes this has a positive influence on those who join the program.

With FCA looking to increase its influence, particularly in Red Springs, they’re hoping to spread Christian morals more in Robeson County. As Read helps lead this effort, the main thing on his mind is increasing their funds.

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AP File Photo
The United States men’s hockey team pounces on goalie Jim Craig after a 4-3 victory against the Soviet Union in a medal-round match at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y., Feb. 22, 1980.

USA

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U.S. men’s basketball team for the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, known as the “Dream Team,” may be the best collection of players ever assembled on any sports team.

Eleven of the team’s 12 players and three members of the coaching staff are in the Basketball Hall of Fame, with icons like Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, Karl Malone, Charles Barkley and Magic Johnson teaming up to obliterate the competition.

The U.S. was 8-0 in the Olympics. A 117-85 win over Croatia for the gold medal was the closest game the Americans played.

The Magnificent Seven

While several U.S. women’s gymnastics teams could make appearances on this list, the 1996 team was the first American group to win team gold, and did so at home in Atlanta.

Kerri Strug stuck a vault — while injured — to clinch the team gold, in a clip that is still shown around Olympic time. Later in the games, Shannon Miller won individual gold while Amy Chow and Domi-

nique Dawes each also medaled.

The U.S. has won team gold in 2012, 2016 and 2024, and Americans have won the women’s all-around gold in six straight Olympics, including Simone Biles twice.

1999 Women’s World Cup

While the U.S. men’s soccer team hopes for a signature moment in this year’s World Cup, the women’s team has won four World Cup titles. The one won on American soil in 1999 is often considered one of the defining moment’s in the broader history of American women’s sports.

At a packed Rose Bowl, the U.S. and China battled to a scoreless draw through 120 minutes of soccer, sending the match to penalties. The U.S. won penalties 5-4, with a key save by goalkeeper Brianna Scurry setting up Brandi Chastain’s Cup clincher.

The U.S. has won additional Women’s World Cup titles in 2015 and 2019.

The Miracle at Brookline

A national team that’s perhaps less often thought about is the U.S. Ryder Cup team, with 12 Americans facing off against a team of 12 Europeans in the biennial golf matches. The definitive American moment in these matches is unquestionably a miraculous comeback in 1999 at The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts.

The U.S. entered the final day’s singles matches trailing 10-6, a deficit that had never been overcome previously. The U.S. won each of the first six singles matches; then, after he trailed by four holes with seven to play, Justin Leonard came back to earn the clinching half-point, sinking a 40-foot putt on the 17th hole to secure the overall win.

The U.S. has won just three of the 12 Ryder Cups contested since, but the comeback at Brookline will always be a signature moment for the American side.

The Relay

Michael Phelps’ individual Olympic accomplishments on behalf of the U.S. could fill an whole different column, but it was a team event in 2008 in Beijing that kept alive his eventual feat of a record eight gold medals in one games.

The 4x100 relay saw Phelps swim the opening leg, but after Garrett Weber-Gale and Cullen Jones’ legs of the relay, things looked bleak for the U.S., with France leading by daylight.

Enter Jason Lezak, who swam what broadcaster Rowdy Gaines called the best relay split in history,

more than a second faster than any other leg of the relay, and touched the wall .08 seconds ahead of the French.

Phelps ultimately won 23 Olympic gold medals, including nine in relays, but this one — courtesy of Lezak — stands out as the most dramatic and the best “team win.”

2017 World Baseball Classic

Since the World Baseball Classic began in 2006, the sport known as America’s national pastime has had its own World Cup-style moment every four years, including earlier this year. It may surprise some, though, that the U.S. has won this event just once, in 2017.

After winning its pool in a win over the Dominican Republic highlighted by an amazing Adam Jones home-run-robbing catch, the U.S. beat Japan, now a three-time Classic champ, 2-1 in the semifinal before dominating Puerto Rico 8-0 to win the title. Starting pitcher Marcus Stroman was named the tournament MVP.

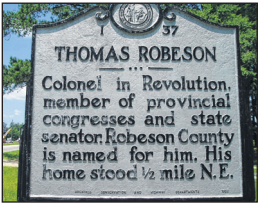
The U.S. has fared well in the last two Classics, finishing second in 3-2 championship-game losses in each, but still has just the one title.

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This historical marker near Tar Heel commemorates Thomas Robeson.

Robeson's Revolution takesake

Staff report

Did you know that the man for which Robeson County is named played a key role in the American Revolution?

As this week marks the 250th anniversary of American independence, it's worth a look back to what Thomas Robeson Jr. was doing in 1776.

Robeson was born Jan. 11, 1740 in Bladen County at a family home along the Cape Fear River. He was the grandson of Andrew Robeson, who immigrated from Scotland to Pennsylvania around 1690, and his father, Thomas Robeson Sr., has come south to North Carolina around 1719 and built a Bladen County homestead known as Walnut Grove.

Robeson was a delegate to multiple sessions of Provincial Congress in North Carolina in 1775 and 1776, a colony-level meeting akin to the Continental Congress sessions taking place in Philadelphia.

During a Provincial Congress meeting in Aug. 1775, Robeson was appointed colonel for the Bladen Militia, doing so in an area where Tory loyalists, including many Scottish immigrants, heavily outnumbered Whig patriots during the war. Conflicts involving Robeson's militias bookended the Revolutionary War.

On Feb. 27, 1776, he led forces which defeated General Donald McDonald and a militia of Scottish loyalists at the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, located in present-day Pender County. For a few years afterward, he remained around Bladen County leading his militia in response to various incidents in the area.

As the war neared its end in 1781, Robeson led a militia of about 60 to 70 men in a battle against the British at Elizabethtown, where he was outnumbered by about 400 British troops under the direction of Colonel John Slingsby, as another 500 Brits waited nearby.

As Robeson's unit charged, he yelled out orders to fictitious companies, killing a pair of British colonels. Those who escaped are said to have thought they had been attacked by General George Washington's entire army.

Some say the Battle of Elizabethtown

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Veteran to run across state for charity

Victoria Sanderson
The Robesonian

This fall, Operation Warrior Fit founder Jonathan Milkovich will be completing a 700-mile run across North Carolina.

Operation Warrior Fit officially opened its doors in January of this year, though Milkovich has had the project in the works since 2025. Milkovich, who served for several years, found that he was struggling mentally after his service ended.

"I called the recruiter every month like, 'hey, can you take me, can you take me?'" Milkovich said. "I was airborne infantry when I was in the Army, so I've blown out my knee, I've got compressed discs in my spine; the Army doesn't really want me back anymore."

The end of his military career left Milkovich feeling a profound loss of self and purpose, as it does for many veterans. Losing the routines and responsibilities he had relied on for so long left him feeling lost and desperate to belong somewhere once more, and his doctors told him he would likely never be back at the level of physical health and fitness he had boasted before his injuries.

Unable to accept that he wouldn't run again, an activity he loves, Milkovich pushed past the ever-present ache in his knees and hit the track. When he crossed the finish line of his first half-marathon, Milkovich says he burst into tears.

"When I came across the line, my mom saw me and I was uncontrollably sobbing," Milkovich said. "I looked at her and just went, 'I did it.' So many people for so long were telling me I wasn't going to be able to do what I wanted to do anymore because of the injuries I sustained during service, and I was out there doing it."

After that first race, Milkovich kept practicing, slowly increasing his speed and endurance while attending as many races as he could, traveling across the country just to compete. In one of those out-of-state races, the Phoenix Marathon,



Photo courtesy of Operation Warrior Fit

Veteran Jonathan Milkovich plans to run 700 miles across North Carolina this fall.

Milkovich brought a group of veterans to run with him. There, the idea for Operation Warrior Fit was born.

"One of the guys is a Marine vet," Milkovich said, "and he just looks at me and the same thing comes out of his mouth. He's like, 'dude, I did it.'"

After that experience, Milkovich decided to create the space his veteran friends and he had needed when they finished their service. The organization pays the entry fees for races across the country for its members, giving those who served an outlet for their emotions and a goal to strive toward.

Operation Warrior Fit welcomes not only veterans but also former nurs-

es, EMTs, police officers, firefighters and other former public servants.

"My mom is a retired nurse," Milkovich said, "My dad is a retired battalion chief, my uncle is a retired police officer; you name any type of service and it's probably somewhere in my family tree I've seen what happens after service, and we miss our community."

Milkovich's goal is not only to give former service members a physical outlet but also an emotional support network of friends and others with similar experiences.

"My true support system from the guys I served with, they're all over the country now," Milkovich said. "There's not that face-to-face con-

nection, even though we've had so many late-night phone calls together. Every once in a while, you need that person in front of you."

Since its founding, Operation Warrior Fit has partnered with the National Park System and the Spartan program, allowing its members to participate in runs and challenges.

The 700-mile cross-state run Milkovich will be doing is an awareness event for Operation Warrior Fit and will include stops along the way to meet with local veterans and talk to people in each town he passes through.

"There's a guy named Matt Johnson, and he did from the most Western to the most Eastern side of

Texas," Milkovich said, "and then this year he did from the most Northern to the most Southern over 18-20 days... I joked for the longest time that I was going to run across the state of North Carolina, and now it has ultimately turned into me actually doing it."

Operation Carolina will start at the far western border of the state on Sept. 21, follow U.S. Highway 64 and other roads eastward and end near Cape Hatteras on Oct. 7. The exact route Milkovich will take, along with a list of the stops he plans to make, is available at operationwarriorfit.org.

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Red, White and Blue Tour comes to Lumberton

Staff report

LUMBERTON — The Red, White & Blue Tour is coming to the Carolina Civic Center Historic Theater on Saturday, Aug. 15 for one unforgettable night of classic country, powerhouse performances and patriotic celebration.

The tour is presented by performer Ronnie McDowell, a renowned artist known for 30 top 40 country music hits such as "Older Women," "You're Gonna Ruin My Bad Reputation," "Personally," "I'm All Tied Up," "In A New York Minute," "Unchained Melody," "Wandering Eyes," "Step Back," "Watching Girls Go By," "I Dream of Women Like You", "I Love You, I Love You, I Love You," and



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The Red, White and Blue Tour visits the Carolina Civic Center on Saturday, Aug. 15.

countless others, will take audiences back to some of the greatest eras in American music.

Known as an "Entertainer's Entertainer", McDowell

first hit the national music scene in 1977 with the sudden passing of Elvis Presley with his self-penned tribute, "The King Is Gone". The hit sold over six million

records and led to McDowell becoming the "voice of Elvis" in both films and an ABC television series.

The tour performance will also include perfor-

mances from Jeff Bates, known for his chart-topping hits, rich vocals, and heartfelt performances that connect with every audience; Paulette Carlson, the iconic voice behind Highway 101, who will be performing beloved classics like "Who's Lonely Now," "Cry, Cry, Cry," and "Whiskey, If You Were A Woman," bringing authentic country roots and hit-after-hit to the stage; and Doyle Grisham, who is a true legend on steel guitar and longtime member of Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer Band whose signature sound has filled arenas across the world.

This performance is a renter performance, and tickets are available through redwhiteandbluetour.ticketspice.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EDITOR'S NOTE: Send your Community Calendar items to Editor Chris Stiles at cstiles@robsonian.com

57th annual Lumbee Homecoming, June 26 to July 4: As one of the largest and most anticipated Native American cultural celebrations in the Southeast, this week-long event is rooted in tradition, fellowship and cultural pride. Community members and visitors will experience a week filled with cultural events, a parade, pageantry, family activities, food, crafts, music and opportunities to celebrate the rich history and vibrant future of the Lumbee Tribe. The Kick-Off Celebration & Fireworks Show, a new event on Friday, June 26, commemorates the first Lumbee Homecoming since the tribe received Federal recognition. Check the LRDA website for the schedule of events and correct times activities begin.

575 Recognition Art Exhibition Reception, through July 8: Red Springs Artspace is hosting an opening reception for "575 Recognition", a juried art exhibition. The exhibition is celebrating the Lumbee Tribe's full Federal recognition. The exhibition will be on display at Red Springs Artspace from July 24 through July 8. An opening reception will be held June 24 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The regular open hours Red Springs Artspace is: Sundays 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Strike At The Wind, July 4-18, 7 p.m.: "Strike at the Wind" is an outdoor drama held in the amphitheater of the Lumbee Tribe Cultural Center. The play chronicles the life of Henry Berry Lowrie, who led a band of men in a seven-year conflict against the Confederate Home Guard after the unjust killings of his father and brother. It highlights vigilante justice resistance, and the active fight for the Lumbee people's rights during the post-Civil War era in North Carolina. Tickets are available through the ticket office of Given's Performing Arts Center (<https://www.uncp.edu/community-and-culture/givens-performing-arts-center/index.html>) and at the entrance of the Lumbee Tribe Cultural Center, the night of the performance. The venue opens at 5:45 p.m. Pre-show entertainment begins at 6:15 p.m. and the drama begins at 7 p.m.

Love and Heartbreak Concert - Carolina Civic Center, July 18, 5 p.m.: The Carolina Civic Center is hosting "Love & Heartbreak" featuring music from the 90's. This is an evening of live music, food, drinks and unforgettable vibes. Doors open at 5:00pm, purchase tickets early, dress up and be ready for an exciting evening. Ticket information is available on the Carolina Civic Center website.

4-H Congress, July 20-24: The ultimate teen leadership opportunity. We will spend five days in Raleigh with youth taking part in workshops, cultural opportunities and social events. Youth will have an opportunity to take on leadership roles, complete community service projects, and have fun making new friends. For ages 14-18. Cost:\$450. Deadline to register is July 1.

Kaftans, Stogies, and Musik, July 25, 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.: Designed to bring the community together in a refined yet relaxed setting, the event serves as the premiere scholarship fundraiser. Proceeds go directly to support the educational advancement of deserving students in the Lumberton community.

ONGOING

Children's Storytime — Lumberton, 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, Robeson County Public Library, 101 N. Chestnut St., Lumberton.

Children's Storytime — Pembroke, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Pembroke Library, 413 Blaine St, Pembroke.

Music, Rhymes, and Storytime, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month, Robeson County Public Library, 101 N. Chestnut St., Lumberton.

Children's Storytime — Red Springs, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of each month at McMillan Memorial Library, Red Springs.

Children's Storytime — Fairmont, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., on the fourth Tuesday of each month, at the Hector MacLean Library, 106 S. Main St., Fairmont.

Children's Storytime — St. Pauls, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., on the fourth Wednesday at the Annie H McEachern Library, 223 W. Broad St, St Pauls.

Farmers Market: Wednesdays, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.: On Wednesdays, the Robeson County Farmers Market features vegetables grown in Robeson County and neighboring counties. Local craft vendors are welcome additions to the market, and we encourage you to take the time to get to know them. The market is open every Wednesday from 7 a.m. to noon and on Saturdays through November, or until vendors sell out.

Music Jam Session: Bring instruments and songs to The Barn at Risen Farms from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on the first Friday of each month to jam the night away. There might be a dance or two.

PET OF THE WEEK



Caramel Latte is an adult labrador retriever and pit bull terrier mix. He is affectionate, loving, playful, loyal and friendly. For information on adopting Caramel Latte, contact Franny's Friends at 910-736-0123.

FUN HOLIDAYS FOR JULY 4-10

National Barbecue Day: What better way to celebrate on July 4 than by also commemorating this day of great grub.

National Ice Cream Sundae Day: Beat the heat with this cold dessert favorite on Wednesday; it's also National Freezer Pop Day.

Other fun holidays this week

Saturday: Independence Day, Alice in Wonderland Day, Boom Box

Parade Day, National Caesar Salad Day, National Country Music Day

Sunday: Bikini Day, Build a Scarecrow Day, Mechanical Pencil Day, National Apple Turnover Day, National Graham Cracker Day

Monday: International Kissing Day, National Fried Chicken Day, Umbrella Cover Day

Tuesday: Chocolate Day, Father-Daughter Take a Walk Together

Day, Global Forgiveness Day, National Dive Bar Day, National Macaroni Day, National Strawberry Sundae Day, Tell the Truth Day

Wednesday: Be a Kid Again Day, Coca-Cola Day, Math 2.0 Day, National Milk Chocolate with Almonds Day

Thursday: Fashion Day, National Don't Put All Your Eggs in One Omelet Day, National No Bra Day, National Sugar

Cookie Day

Friday: Collector Car Appreciation Day, Don't Step on a Bee Day, National Kitten Day, National Pina Colada Day, Pick Blueberries Day, Teddy Bears' Picnic Day, U.S. Energy Independence Day, World Kebab Day, Worldwide Art Day

Week of July 6-12: Shark Week

Source: holidays-and-observances.com

Revolution

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was as significant to the war's outcome in North Carolina as more-famous battles at Trenton or Princeton in New Jersey,

the N.C. Department of Natural & Cultural Resources says.

Robeson is said to have paid the men in his militia from his own pocket, with the understanding that he would be repaid when they were paid by the

colonial government — payment which never happened. This is believed to have cost him \$80,000, the equivalent of over \$2 million today.

Robeson would go on to serve as a senator in the state legislature for

a short time following the war. He died on May 2, 1785. He is buried at the Thomas Robeson Cemetery near Tar Heel.

When modern-day Robeson County broke away from Bladen County in 1787, it was named in Robeson's honor.

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

PUZZLES & Games

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to parks. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 7 = E)

A. 23 11 15 26 7 23
Clue: Rides for kids

B. 16 24 17 15 11
Clue: Walking path

C. 16 24 7 7 23
Clue: Park fixtures

D. 25 15 7 11 26
Clue: Open outdoor area

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to parks and recreation.

SSRPOT

Answers: A. slides B. trail C. trees D. field

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to learning.

G C L E L O E

Answer: College

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to parks and recreation.

SSRPOT

Answers: A. slides B. trail C. trees D. field

GUESS WHO ?

I am an actress born on July 2, 1990 in Australia. I earned my first acting role shortly after graduating from college, and I went on to play a character on the soap opera "Neighbours." Eventually I found fame in the United States, bringing life to films about a fallen ice skating star and a beloved doll.

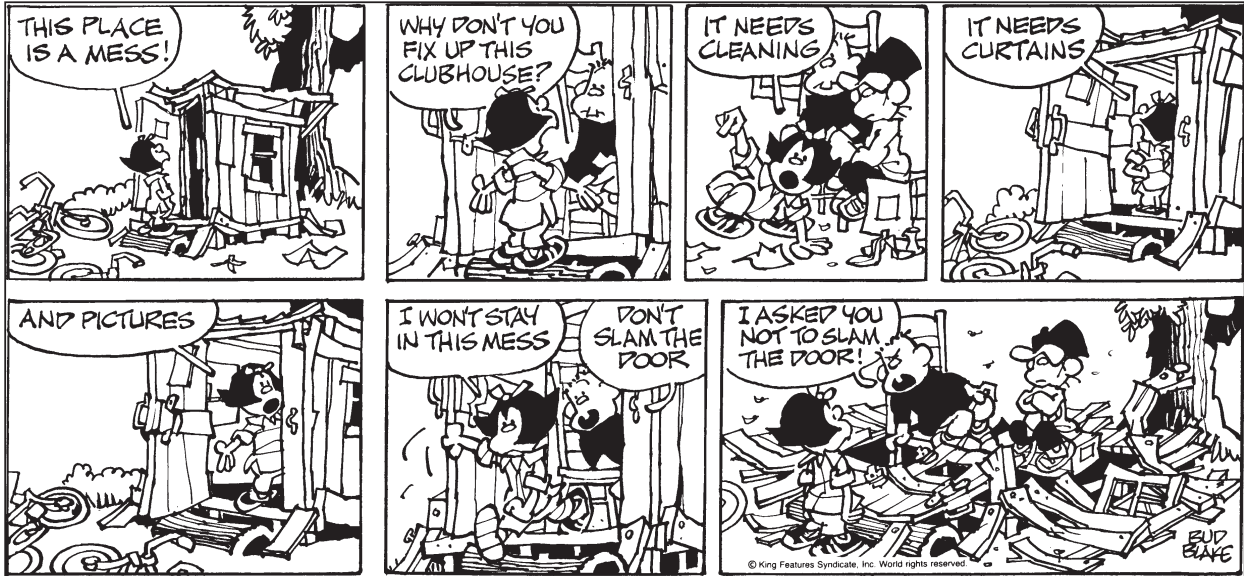
Answer: Margot Robbie

SUDOKU ANSWER

1	5	9	8	7	4	7	6	2
3	8	7	2	6	5	1	4	9
2	6	4	3	5	1	7	8	9
5	2	8	1	3	9	4	6	7
9	3	6	7	4	8	2	5	1
4	7	1	4	7	5	6	3	8
8	7	3	1	2	3	6	7	4
6	7	8	5	9	6	1	2	3
7	4	2	1	9	8	3	7	5

TIGER

By Bud Blake



FLASH GORDON

By Jim Keefe



GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Wagner



FEAR & KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

DMO

- ♥ ESPROU
- ESPEH
- ♥ OSDH
- ♥ ESPRIH
- ♥ IPH
- ♥ RISA
- ODERN
- ♥ ISP
- ♥ PLIDEM
- ♥ ANLER
- ♥ SMHE

Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHER becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

Super Crossword

RAISING A RACKET

ACROSS

1 Streisand of "Nuts"

7 President after Bush

12 Japanese soup

16 Beaker locale

19 Fanatic

20 Boo-boo

21 State of mind

23 "Can this be?!"

25 Color close to aqua

26 Leave shore

27 "I'm to blame for everything"

29 Mil. address

32 Nada

34 "— see!" ("Evidently!")

35 Events that break ground

36 Like K-Cup coffee pods

42 Two-word conjunction

44 Sol's Greek counterpart

45 Bangor locale

47 Built

52 2011 Steve Carell film

56 Puppeteer Lewis

57 Opera song

58 Gallery work

59 Fox hangouts

61 Nest eggs for srs.

62 Flanders on "The Simpsons"

63 Quick, sharp punches

65 Cocktail of bourbon, lemon and mint

68 Purse

69 Ross who ran against Clinton

70 — in the bud

71 It might consist of a dictionary, thesaurus and atlas

76 Pouches

78 Tic — -toe

81 "You wish!"

82 They may get slammed

83 Dad on "Rugrats"

84 For takeout

85 Fail to remain calm

87 Annual mailing to the IRS

92 Baskers' goals, often

94 Birth-related

95 Home for French presidents

96 Lerner's musical collaborator

99 Kind of salute performed at military funerals

101 Cherubs, e.g.

105 Smartphone buy

107 Emulate

108 Mag bigwigs

109 Heroic fighter pilot of the 1940s

114 Sinister

117 Studios with easels

118 Question you might feel like asking after seeing nine key words in this puzzle?

123 Yellow turnip

124 Roast beef fast-food chain

125 Big brand of cosmetics

126 Water quality org.

127 Pack neatly

128 L.A.'s region

129 Pitfalls

DOWN

1 German auto

2 Spa sigh

3 Material in viral genes

4 Tiny pieces

5 Pro — (in proportion)

6 Post-workout feeling

7 Multivolume Brit. lexicon

8 Matzo — (Passover breakfast option)

9 In — (stuck)

10 Soft shoes, for short

11 Locations

12 Actress Marlee

13 Agenda unit

14 Stick around to see

15 Rig accidents

16 Doozies

17 Fully grown

18 Borscht base

22 Kind of lift for downhillers

24 Yalies

28 Mauna —

29 Waste barrel

30 Capital of South Dakota

31 Mounted to a backing for decoration

33 Big-eyed primates

37 Egyptian city with pyramids

38 Myrna of old movies

39 Spellbound

40 Roman 7

41 Finale

43 Plow pioneer John

46 "Mama" Cass

48 Orang cousin

49 Figure skater Lipinski

50 Epochs

51 Plate

53 Key near Q

54 Brewery kiln

55 Actor Sahay who played Lester Patel on "Chuck"

60 Lip — (mouth the words)

63 Pantry container

64 Got older

65 Alternative to Mazola or Crisco

66 Charlemagne ruled it: Abbr.

67 Bro's sibling

68 Suit well

69 Orch. section with timpani, cymbals, etc.

71 Performs like Drake

72 Jacob's twin

73 Twain's Huck

74 Clamor

75 Hoodwink

76 Gets trite

77 "La Cage — Folles"

78 Muss, as hair

79 "I concur"

80 Chili dogs

83 Headliner

84 "Ciao 4 now"

86 Beat others in claiming something

88 Dojo surface

89 Old verb suffix

90 Remade musicals, e.g.

91 "Showdown" rock gp.

93 "Easy-peasy"

97 Polish capital

98 Start for Pen or dermis

100 Barely earns, with "out"

101 Informed (of)

102 Still in bed

103 Garbo of old movies

104 Singer Fitzgerald

106 Gyro wraps

110 Ship of myth

111 Sleek, in brief

112 "Fast Money" network

113 "Watermark" singer

115 A party to

116 Constellation next to Hercules

119 Oahu, e.g.: Abbr.

120 Atop, in odes

121 Scot's dissent

122 Raised trains

MAGIC MAZE

ASSOCIATED WITH INDEPENDENCE DAY

C F B Y W U R L P N K P I G D

B Z I X V S I Q O M A K I G E

C A Y R W B E U S T Q P N L J

H F E DEMOCRACY C A Y

X V U R F W D I I S P Q S S F

P Y T L A Y O L N F R M C E A

K Y A J T T O R H C I F I D T

E G C I I B F Z K I D R N A H

Y X N S L A V I T S E F C R E

V U M E H T N A U U T R I A R

Q P O M L K I H G M E D P P S

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: THE FOUNDING —

Anthem	Flag	Music	Pride
Democracy	Food	Parades	Sacrifice
Festivals	Liberty	Patriotism	Unity
Fireworks	Loyalty	Picnics	

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GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

	+		-		=	1			
+		+		-					
	+		-		=	7			
x		-		÷					
	-		÷		=	6			
=									
90		7		2					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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Today's Solutions

Answers

Super Crossword

HEALTH FAQ

Why wound care matters for your health

Taking care of wounds is an important part of staying healthy. Even small cuts, sores or open areas on the skin can become serious if they are not cleaned, watched and treated properly. Good wound care helps prevent infection, supports healing, and can reduce the chance of needing emergency or hospital care.

Many people do not mention wounds during regular doctor visits. Sometimes this is because they do not think the wound is serious, feel embarrassed, have other health concerns to discuss or are unsure what symptoms to report. In some cases, a wound is not brought to a provider's attention until the person is already very sick or needs to be hospitalized.

When skin is broken, germs can enter the body and cause an infection. An infection may start around the wound, but it can spread and become life-threatening if not treated. Cleaning the wound, using the right dressing and checking it often are simple but important steps that help the body heal.

Poor wound care can lead to serious problems, including long-lasting wounds, damaged tissue or severe infection. In the most serious cases, untreated wounds can lead to surgery or even amputation. Early care is one of the best ways to prevent these complications and protect a person's health and independence.



Anita Thurman, DNP
UNC Health Southeastern

Some people are more likely to have wound problems. This includes older adults, people with diabetes, people with poor circulation, and those who have trouble moving or spend a lot of time in bed or in a chair. For these individuals, wounds may form more easily and may take longer to heal.

Regular skin checks are especially important for people at higher risk. Family members and caregivers can help by looking for redness, swelling, drainage, odor, pain, warmth or wounds that are not getting better. People with diabetes should also pay close attention to their feet, because numbness or tingling can make it hard to notice an injury.

Wound prevention should be part of routine health care. During office visits, care teams can help by asking about skin changes, checking feet and other high-risk areas, and encouraging patients to speak up early when they notice a problem. These small steps can make a big difference.

Patients should contact their health care provider if a wound is getting larger, becoming more painful, draining fluid, developing a bad smell or not improving. They should also report fever, chills, redness that spreads or new numbness, burning or tingling in the legs or feet.

Early attention helps prevent small problems from becoming serious. It also gives patients, families and care teams the chance to work together on the right treatment plan.

There are many resources in the community that can help with wound care. These may include primary care offices, home health services, community clinics, podiatrists, surgeons and wound care centers. These teams can help identify the cause of a wound, provide treatment, teach patients and caregivers how to care for wounds at home and help prevent future problems.

The most important message is simple: do not ignore a wound. If you have a sore, cut, blister or open area that is not healing, let your health care provider know. Getting help early can prevent infection, support healing and improve quality of life.

Wound Care Awareness Month is observed every year in June. If you have a wound that needs to be evaluated or treated, contact your primary care provider or the Southeastern Wound Healing Center, located at 103 West 27th Street, Lumberton, at (910) 738-3836. No referral is required at Southeastern Wound Healing Center.

Anita Thurman, DNP, is a wound care nurse practitioner at UNC Health Southeastern. In addition to offering services you'd expect from a community healthcare system, UNC Health Southeastern provides a number of specialized services that are unique to our system and not available anywhere else in the region. To schedule an appointment, call our referral line at 984-974-CARE.

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SCAN TO LEARN MORE

UNCHSE's Bradley named to Becker's CFOs to Know list

Amanda Crabtree
For The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — UNC Health Southeastern Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Sara Bradley was named to Becker's 180 Hospital Review's Hospital and Health System CFOs to Know in 2026 List, which was published June 22.

According to Becker's, "Many of the CFOs honored here oversee budgets of extraordinary scale, navigate the intricate demands of healthcare revenue cycles, and craft the long-term financial strategies that keep their institutions positioned to grow. Their work is complex, high-stakes, and the core of what makes excep-

tional care possible."

Bradley's entry reads: "Ms. Bradley assumed permanent CFO leadership at UNC Health Southeastern in 2022, bringing with her over 20 years of healthcare finance expertise and a track record of transformative fiscal leadership. She oversees critical departments including revenue cycle, supply chain, care management and health information, driving financial stability across the organization. Known for her hands-on, approachable leadership, she empowers her team while delivering timely, actionable insights to

senior leadership and board members. Her background includes roles in both public and private healthcare systems across Arkansas, Oklahoma, and New York, as well as a CFO role at the Arkansas Department of Human Services."

In addition to offering services you'd expect from a community healthcare system, UNC Health Southeastern provides a number of specialized services that are unique to our system and not available anywhere else in the region. The nonprofit system, which is part of UNC Health, offers a combination of acute care, intensive care

and psychiatric services. Its mission is to provide exceptional care for its diverse region; offer the highest quality standards in a safe environment; and provide compassionate care provided by a committed team. At UNC Health Southeastern, together, we will improve the health and well-being of the region we serve.

To view the full Becker's list, visit <https://www.becker-shospitalreview.com/hospital-management-administration/180-hospital-and-health-system-cfos-to-know-2026/>.

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Bradley

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A municipal biologist examines a mosquito in Salt Lake City on Aug. 26, 2019.

CDC urges people to prevent mosquito bites

West Nile season off to strong, early start

Devi Shastri
AP Health Writer

Health officials are encouraging people to use bug spray and mosquito-control efforts as West Nile virus season is off to its earliest and worst start in over two decades.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Wednesday that it had confirmed at least 48 cases — 38 of them severe — as of June 30. Since 2004, the average number of cases reported to the CDC by the end of June is around 10. Federal health officials said 23 states have reported finding West Nile virus, the most in 10 years.

"These findings serve as an important reminder that mosquito season

is well underway," said Dr. Erin Staples, a CDC expert on insect-borne diseases. "As families gather outdoors to celebrate Independence Day, we encourage everyone to enjoy their holiday while taking simple steps to protect themselves and their loved ones from mosquito bites."

Most of the cases have been in Arizona. Of the state's 32 total cases, 29 are in Maricopa County. The county, which includes Phoenix, has also recorded four deaths from the virus so far this year.

Officials there asked people to wear bug spray containing DEET, patch up broken window screens and get rid of standing water, where mosquitoes often breed.

"Even an overturned bottle cap can hold enough water for mosquitoes to breed," said Melissa Kretschmer, a county health department official. "It's important that we remove these breeding sources that can form after rain or watering plants."

The CDC also recommends people wear long, loose-fitting clothes when outside to make it harder for mosquitoes to bite them. Experts also suggest people avoid being outdoors around dusk and dawn, when the mosquitoes that carry the virus are most active.

West Nile virus was first reported in the United States in 1999 in New York, and then gradually spread across the country. It peaked in 2003, when

nearly 10,000 cases were reported.

Scientists say many people — perhaps tens of thousands each year — are infected but don't know it because they have no symptoms, or only mild ones such as headaches, body aches, joint pain, vomiting, diarrhea and rashes.

In severe cases, damage to the central nervous system causes potentially deadly inflammation of the brain or spinal cord. Adults older than 60 and people with underlying medical conditions or weakened immune systems face the highest risk of such complications.

In the last decade, health officials have fielded reports of 2,000 cases annually on average, including 1,200 life-threatening neurological illnesses and about 100 deaths.

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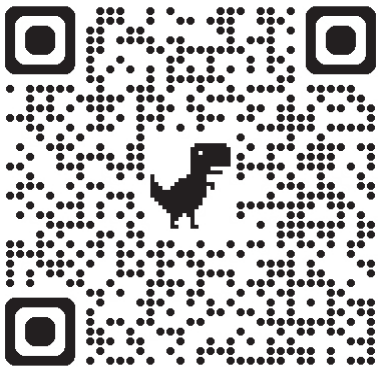
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Good taste: A cookbook author bounces back from loss in ‘The Five Star Weekend’

By Sarah Passingham
TV Media

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Hollis lives a picture-perfect life with her loyal “Hungry With Hollis” community, easy warmth and hospitality and loving family. That life gets flipped on its head when the news of her husband’s sudden death in a car accident arrives on her doorstep in the form of two police officers, just as Hollis is preparing one of her most favorite holiday recipes in the official trailer for the upcoming series.

Seasons change, and as time goes on, Hollis decides to plan a weekend of hosting at her Nantucket beach house. Invited to join her on the picturesque island are four friends, each from different parts of her life, together making up the five stars of her five-star weekend: Hollis’s childhood best friend, Tatum McKenzie (Chloe Sevigny, “Monster”); her college roommate, Dru-Ann Jones (Regina Hall, “One Battle After Another,” 2025); her close parenting friend, Brooke Kirtley (D’Arcy Carden, “Sunny Nights”); and a new friend whom Hollis met through social media, Gigi Ling (Gemma Chan, “The Creator,” 2023).

Though Hollis’s life looked like a dream from the outside, losing her husband emphasized the cracks in the veneer. Now that it is just the two of them, Hollis struggles to connect with her daughter Caroline (Harlow Jane, “She Came to Me,” 2023) as they both live in the lonely beach house. An aspiring filmmaker, Caroline has been pushing herself away from Hollis as she processes her father’s death. Hollis’s marriage to her husband, Matthew (Josh Hamilton, “Something Very Bad Is Going to Happen”), when he was alive, was waning, making her grief for him and their partnership complicated.

The girls’ weekend is Hollis’s attempt to breathe some life into her



Jennifer Garner in “The Five Star Weekend”

home and foster new connections as she rekindles sacred friendships and maybe inches closer into her daughter’s good graces. Something more than friendship might be brewing, though, as someone else from Hollis’s past crashes her plans. A childhood sweetheart, Jack (Timothy Olyphant, “Alien: Earth”), returns to Hollis’s life, making a big splash at the girls’ weekend.

The recurring cast includes David Denman (“Peacemaker”) as Kyle McKenzie; Rob Huebel (“Running Point”) as Charlie Kirtley; Judy Greer (“Reboot”) as Electra; West Duchovny (“Painkiller”) as Aubrey; Tory Devon Smith (“Cherish the Day”) as John Mark; Henry Eikenberry (“Lisa Frankenstein,” 2024) as Dylan Leclair; and Roberta Colindrez (“A League of Their Own”) as Sunny.

The series was adapted from the 2023 novel of the same name from author Elin Hilderbrand. Creator and showrunner Bekah Brunstetter (“This Is Us”) immediately saw the book’s potential for series adaptation after reading the novel. She told Entertainment Weekly, “I found it to be this incredible combination of

lightness and depth, which is really hard to find in a series. I just really believe in TV shows that uplift but also challenge at the same time.”

Garner was a natural fit for the lead, of course, as the actress has her own social media following for sharing recipes and cooking adventures.

She differs from Hollis in approach, though, she told EW, saying, “She’s such a beautiful baker; the opposite of me. I’m a very kind of messy baker.”

About her character’s strained relationship with her daughter, Garner said, “She’s not wanting to show her

daughter how she’s grieving. She doesn’t want to burden her. At the same time, she’s almost scared of her daughter’s grief. They’re circling each other in this incredibly painful way.”

Hollis brings all of her friends together to help her out of the rut she is in, but each of the weekend invitees has their own problems that they’re dealing with. Gigi, who meets Hollis for the first time in Nantucket, is a commercial airline pilot. She is buttoned up and put together from the outside, but under the surface, Gigi is “kind of a hot mess,” Chan told EW.

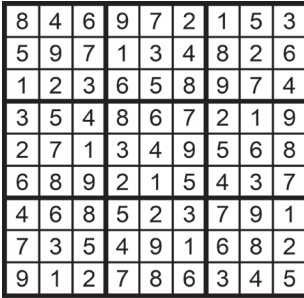
Tatum, who grew up with Hollis and never left town, faces health issues, while sports agent Dru-Ann waits out a social media hate-storm after making unsavory public comments about one of her clients. Finally Brooke, who appears to be waffling over exploring her sexuality in the trailer, seems to share a connection with Sunny at a bar.

The TV landscape isn’t exactly overrun with series about middle-age women all living very different lives. One beloved sitcom may come to mind, uncharitably namedropped in the trailer, “enjoy your

‘Golden Girls’ weekend,” Caroline snaps at her mother.

For Carden, this time in her life is obviously rich with the kind of drama that fills a miniseries. She told EW that midlife “is such an interesting age, because there’s so much happening.” Carden continued: “In the same friend group, you could have somebody whose kid is going to college and somebody who’s pregnant, and somebody who is in their second marriage and somebody who’s divorced. The stories are endless.”

Don’t miss the premiere of “The Five Star Weekend” Thursday, July 9, on Peacock. Stream the first three episodes on premiere day, with the remaining episodes dropping every Thursday.



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 Robeson Art Guild
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Children's Storytime

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SATURDAY, JULY 4

6:00 am ESPN 2026 Wimbledon Championships Third Round. From the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England. (Live) (10h)

FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)

7:00 am GOLF DP World Tour Golf DP World Tour Golf. BMW International Open, Third Round. From Golfclub Munchen Eichenried in Munich. (Live) (5h)

1:00 pm WBTW WNBA Basketball Golden State Valkyries at Atlanta Dream. From Gateway Center Arena at College Park in College Park, Ga. (Live) (2h)

WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026 FIFA Soccer. Round of 16: Teams TBA. From Houston Stadium in Houston, TX. (Live) (2h)

FDSO Overtime Select Basketball (2h)

GOLF PGA Tour Golf John Deere Classic, Third Round. From TPC Deere Run in Silvis, Ill. (Live) (2h)

2:00 pm WRAL WMBF 2026 U.S. Senior Open Championship Third Round. (Live) (3h)

3:00 pm WBTW PGA Tour Golf John Deere Classic, Third Round. From TPC Deere Run in Silvis, Ill. (Live) (3h)

TRUTV NASCAR Cup Series eero 400, Qualifying. From Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill. (Live) (1h)

5:00 pm WRAL WMBF Track and Field Prefontaine Classic. From Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore. (Live) (1h)

WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026 FIFA Soccer. Round of 16: Teams TBA. From Philadelphia Stadium in Philadelphia, PA. (Live) (2h)

5:30 pm WWMB NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series Race at Chicagoland. From Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill. (Live) (2h30)

8:00 pm WFXB MLB Baseball (Live) (3h)

TNT TRUTV Boxing (Live) (4h)

11:00 pm FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)

11:30 pm GOLF 2026 U.S. Senior Open Championship Third Round. (3h)

SUNDAY, JULY 5

6:00 am ESPN 2026 Wimbledon Championships Round of 16.

From the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England. (Live) (6h)

7:00 am GOLF DP World Tour Golf DP World Tour Golf. BMW International Open, Final Round. From Golfclub Munchen Eichenried in Munich. (Live) (5h)

8:00 am FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Lacrosse (2h)

12:00 pm WRAL WMBF MLB Baseball New York Mets at Atlanta Braves. From Truist Park in Atlanta. (Live) (3h)

WTVD WPDE 2026 Wimbledon Championships Round of 16. From the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England. (Live) (5h)

ESPN NWSL Soccer Bay FC at Boston Legacy. From Centreville Bank Stadium in Pawtucket, R.I. (Live) (2h)

12:30 pm WFXB IndyCar Racing Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio. From Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio. (Live) (2h30)

1:00 pm WBTW BIG3 Basketball BIG3 Basketball. Week 3: Miami. From Amerant Bank Arena in Sunrise, Fla. (Live) (2h)

ESPN2 Athletes Unlimited Softball League Athletes Unlimited Softball League. Portland Cascade at Oklahoma City Spark. From Tom Heath Field in Oklahoma City, Okla. (Live) (2h)

GOLF PGA Tour Golf John Deere Classic, Final Round. From TPC Deere Run in Silvis, Ill. (Live) (2h)

1:30 pm FDSO MLB Baseball (3h)

2:00 pm ESPN Premier Lacrosse League Premier Lacrosse League. All-Star Game. From Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Md. (Live) (2h30)

3:00 pm WRAL WMBF 2026 U.S. Senior Open Championship Final Round. (Live) (3h)

WBTW PGA Tour Golf John Deere Classic, Final Round. From TPC Deere Run in Silvis, Ill. (Live) (3h)

4:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026 FIFA Soccer. Round of 16:

Teams TBA. From New York/New Jersey Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. (Live) (2h)

4:30 pm ESPN NBA California Classic Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

5:30 pm ESPN2 Women's Lacrosse League All-Star Game. From Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Md. (Live) (2h)

6:00 pm TNT TRUTV NASCAR Cup Series eero 400. From Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill. (Live) (3h)

7:00 pm WRAL WMBF MLB Baseball San Diego Padres at Los Angeles Dodgers. From Uniqllo Field at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. (Live) (3h)

ESPN WNBA Basketball Indiana Fever at Las Vegas Aces. From T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas. (Live) (2h)

8:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026 FIFA Soccer. Round of 16: Teams TBA. From Mexico City Sta-

7:00 pm ESPN NBA Salt Lake City Summer League (Live) (2h)

8:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026 FIFA Soccer. Round of 16: Teams TBA. From Seattle Stadium in Seattle, WA. (Live) (2h)

8:30 pm FDSO MLB Baseball (3h)

9:00 pm ESPN NBA Salt Lake City Summer League (Live) (2h)

10:00 pm USA WNBA Basketball Seattle Storm at Los Angeles Sparks. From Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles. (Live) (2h30)

12:00 am FDSO Pro Padel League (2h)

4:00 am FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)

TUESDAY, JULY 7

8:00 am ESPN ESPN2 2026 Wimbledon Championships Quarterfinals. From the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England. (Live) (7h)

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dium in Mexico City, DF, Mexico. (Live) (2h)

11:30 pm GOLF 2026 U.S. Senior Open Championship Final Round. (2h)

MONDAY, JULY 6

6:00 am ESPN2 2026 Wimbledon Championships Round of 16. From the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England. (Live) (10h)

FDSO Overtime Select Basketball (2h)

8:00 am ESPN 2026 Wimbledon Championships Round of 16. From the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England. (Live) (8h)

FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)

3:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026 FIFA Soccer. Round of 16: Teams TBA. From Dallas Stadium in Arlington, TX. (Live) (2h)

6:00 pm FDSO Overtime Select Basketball (2h)

4:00 am GOLF Ladies Euro Tour Golf Ladies Euro Tour Golf. Hurlencourt Women's Open, Third Round. (2h)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

6:00 am GOLF Ladies Euro Tour Golf Ladies Euro Tour Golf. Hurlencourt Women's Open, Final Round. (2h)

8:00 am ESPN ESPN2 2026 Wimbledon Championships Quarterfinals. From the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England. (Live) (7h)

1:00 pm GOLF Golf 2026 U.S. Adaptive Open Championship, Final Day. (Live) (3h)

3:00 pm FDSO MLB Baseball (3h)

7:00 pm ESPN MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Cincinnati Reds. From Great American Ball Park in Cincinnati. (Live) (3h)

7:30 pm USA WNBA Basketball Minnesota Lynx at Connecticut Sun. From the Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Conn. (Live) (2h30)

10:00 pm CNBC USA WNBA Basketball Indiana Fever at Los Angeles Sparks. From Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles. (Live) (2h30)

ESPN MLB Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks at San Diego Padres. From PETCO Park in San Diego. (Live) (3h)

THURSDAY, JULY 9

6:00 am GOLF 2026 The Amundi Evian Championship First Round. From Evian Resort Golf Club in Évian-les-Bains, Haute-Savoie, France. (Live) (5h)

8:00 am ESPN 2026 Wimbledon Championships Ladies' Semifinals. From the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England. (Live) (5h)

11:00 am GOLF PGA Tour Golf Genesis Scottish Open, First Round. From The Renaissance Club in the United Kingdom. (Live) (3h)

1:00 pm ESPN 2026 Wimbledon Championships Mixed Doubles Championship. From the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England. (Live) (1h30)

2:00 pm GOLF 2026 Kaulig Companies Championship First Round. From Firestone Country Club South Course in Akron, Ohio. (Live) (2h)

4:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026 FIFA Soccer. Quarterfinal: Teams TBA. From Boston Stadium in Foxboro, MA. (Live) (2h)

GOLF PGA Tour Golf ISCO Championship, First Round. From

Hurstbourne Country Club in Louisville, Ky. (Live) (3h)

4:30 pm ESPN2 NBA Summer League (Live) (2h)

7:00 pm ESPN NBA Summer League (Live) (2h)

9:00 pm ESPN NBA Summer League (Live) (2h)

11:00 pm ESPN NBA Summer League (Live) (2h)

2:00 am FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)

4:00 am FDSO Overtime Select Basketball (2h)

FRIDAY, JULY 10

6:00 am GOLF 2026 The Amundi Evian Championship Second Round. From Evian Resort Golf Club in Évian-les-Bains, Haute-Savoie, France. (Live) (5h)

7:00 am FDSO Pro Padel League (2h)

8:00 am ESPN 2026 Wimbledon Championships Gentlemen's Semifinals. From the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England. (Live) (6h)

11:00 am GOLF PGA Tour Golf Genesis Scottish Open, Second Round. From The Renaissance Club in the United Kingdom. (Live) (3h)

2:00 pm GOLF 2026 Kaulig Companies Championship Second Round. From Firestone Country Club South Course in Akron, Ohio. (Live) (2h)

2:30 pm ESPN2 NBA Summer League (Live) (2h)

3:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026 FIFA Soccer. Quarterfinal: Teams TBA. From Los Angeles Stadium in Inglewood, CA. (Live) (2h)

4:00 pm GOLF PGA Tour Golf ISCO Championship, Second Round. From Hurstbourne Country Club in Louisville, Ky. (Live) (3h)

4:30 pm ESPN2 NBA Summer League (Live) (2h)

FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Lacrosse (2h)

6:30 pm ESPN2 NBA Summer League (Live) (2h)

7:00 pm ESPN X Games Chiba 2026 (2h)

9:00 pm ESPN NBA Summer League (Live) (2h)

ESPN2 Premier Lacrosse League Premier Lacrosse League. Utah Archers vs. New York Atlas. From Northwestern Medicine Field at Martin Stadium in Evanston, Ill. (Live) (2h)

4:00 am GOLF 2026 The Amundi Evian Championship Third Round. From Evian Resort Golf Club in Évian-les-Bains, Haute-Savoie, France. (Live) (6h)

Saturday Best Bets

Rocky

AMC 1:00 pm

Celebrate Independence Day with all six “Rocky” films. Sylvester Stallone’s saga of grit and heart unfolds from a Philly underdog’s improbable title shot against Apollo Creed (Carl Weathers) to Rocky Balboa’s (Stallone) emotional final chapter.

NASCAR O’Reilly Auto Parts Series

WWMB 5:30 pm

Take part in NASCAR’s Summer Weekend with this high-octane race. Returning to the Chicagoland Speedway for the first time in years, this event has seen past winners like Bobby Hamilton Jr., Kevin Harvick, Kyle Larson, Justin Allgaier and Cole Custer.



Ariana DeBose hosts “Macy’s 4th of July Fireworks”

Macy’s 4th of July Fireworks

WRAL WMBF 8:00 pm

New York City lights up for the Fourth as Macy’s annual fireworks spectacular returns with live music and one of the country’s most dazzling pyrotechnic shows. The sky above Manhattan becomes the stage for an Independence Day celebration unlike any other.

America — Made in Virginia: 250 Years Together

WUNU 8:00 pm

Colonial Williamsburg hosts this celebration of America’s 250th birthday, blending music, performance and historic spectacle. The broadcast traces the nation’s founding from Jamestown, Va., to Yorktown, Va., connecting the past directly to the present.

SATURDAY EVENING, JULY 4, 2026

		TW	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
5	WRAL	5	2:00 U.S. Senior		Track Prefontaine Classic	News	NBC News	Sail4th 250 (N) (CC)			Macy's 4th of July Fireworks (L) (N) (CC)				America's (L) (N)		WRAL News	Macy's
9	WMBF	9	2:00 U.S. Senior		Track Prefontaine Classic	News	NBC News	First Baptist			Macy's 4th of July Fireworks (L) (N) (CC)				America's (L) (N)		News at 11	Macy's
11	WTVD	11	To Be Announced			News (N)	World News	First Alrt	Wheel		Disney Celebrates (L) (N)	Raleigh 4th of (L) (N)			Disney Celebrates (L) (N)		News (N)	News Extra
13	WBTV	13	3:00 PGA Golf John Deere		Classic, Third Round (L) (N)	News (N)	CBS-News	Wheel	Paid Prog.		The Great American Block Party 250 (L) (N) (CC)						News (N)	Jeopardy!
15	WPDE	10	12:00 American 250 (CC)		To Be Announced	News (N)	World News	Home for	Hearts of		Disney Celebrates America: Nashville's Star-Spangled Bash (L) (N) (CC)						News 15 (N)	Attkisson
21	WWMB	3	Two Men	NASCAR (L) (N)		NASCAR	NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series Race at Chicagoland (N)				I Am Steve McQueen				World's	World's	The Rookie	"A.C.H." (CC)
31	WUNU	12	Playmaker Story Paul		Sci NC (CC)	N.C. Wknd	Lucy W "The Break Up"	Lucy Worsley			America -- Made (L) (N) (CC)				America -- Made (CC)			
40	WUVC	4	El chal con Pao Sasso (N)		Lo tomas o lo dejas (N)	Contigo en	Noticiero (N)	Piensa rápido VIP			Película (N)						Contigo en	Noticiero (N)
43	WFXB	2	3:00 FIFA (L) (N)		FIFA World FIFA Soccer Round of 16: Teams TBA (N)			Postgame	MLB (N)		MLB Baseball (L) (N) (CC)						Fear Fac	"Human Claw"
62	WFPX	8	Cold As	Cold As		*** Death at a Funeral ('10) Keith David. (CC)		*** Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins					*** Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns ('08) Tyler Perry. (CC)					Movie
A&E	21	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	:05 Storage	:35 Storage
AMC	41	3:30 *** Rocky II ('79) Sylvester Stallone.				*** Rocky III (1982, Drama) Mr. T, Sylvester Stallone. (CC)		*** Rocky IV ('85) Sylvester Stallone. (CC)			*** Rocky V ('90) Sylvester Stallone.							
ANPL	64	Dr. Jeff: RMV			Dr. Jeff: RMV		Dr. Jeff: RMV		Dr. Jeff: RMV		Dr. Jeff "Petra's Pigs"		Dr. Jeff: RMV		Dr. Dee: Alaska Vet			
BET	37	Celebrity Family Feud			Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		*** Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family ('11) Tyler Perry.						*** Norbit Eddie Murphy.	
CMT	48	Jeff Dunham (CC)			Jeff Dunham Special		Jeff Dunham: (CC)		Jeff Dunham (CC)		Jeff Dunham: All (CC)		Jeff Dunham: Spark (CC)		Jeff Dunham (CC)		Jeff Dunham Special	
CNBC	53	Shark Tank (CC)			Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)	
CNN	26	3:00 The Fourth (L) (N) (CC)					The Fourth in America: Celebrating 250 (L) (N) (CC)						The Fourth in America: Celebrating 250 (L) (N) (CC)					
COMC	34	The Office	The Office		The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office		*** 50 First Dates ('04) Adam Sandler. (CC)			*** The Wedding Singer ('98) Adam Sandler.				*** 50 First Dates	
CSPAN	56	3:00 Washington			Washington This Week (CC)			Washington This Week (CC)					Public Affairs Events			Public Affairs Events		
DISC	42	Expedition Unknown			Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown	
DISN	57	11:35 *** Wreck-It Ralph ('12) Voices of Sarah Silverman, John C. Reilly. (CC)					*** Phineas and Ferb: The Movie: Across the 2nd Dimension										Ladybug	Ladybug
E!	39	3:00 *** 27 Dresses Katherine Heigl.			*** Pretty Woman ('90, Rom) Julia Roberts, Richard Gere. (CC)			*** Pretty Woman ('90, Rom) Julia Roberts, Richard Gere. (CC)			*** Pretty Woman ('90, Rom) Julia Roberts, Richard Gere. (CC)				*** 27 Dresses ('08) Katherine Heigl.			
ESPN	31	Wimbledon (L) (N) (CC)			SportsCenter Special (L) (N)			ESPN Films (CC)					ESPN Films (CC)				SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)	
ESPN2	32	Hot Dog (CC)			30 for 30		Shorts	E60			Believers Book I: Doubt		Believers Book II: Hope		Boston Red Sox		ESPN FC (N)	
FDSO	38	Warehouse Games			Warehouse Games		Warehouse Games		Warehouse Games		The Icons	FIBA World	United Fight Alliance		United Fight Alliance (N)		AU Pro Softball	
FNC	44	Fox Report (L) (N) (CC)			Weekend (L) (N)		Weekend (L) (N)		Weekend (L) (N)		Life, Liberty (L) (N) (CC)		My View With (L) (N) (CC)		Saturday Night (L) (N)		Gutfeld!	
FOOD	66	Diners	Diners		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners (N)	Diners	Diners (N)	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FREE	18	3:00 Disney Cel (N)			Disney Cel "SportsCenter (Special Edition)" (L) (N)			Disney Celebrates Am (N)			Disney Celebrates America "Nashville's Star-Spangled Bash" (L) (N) (CC)						*** National Treasure	
FX	67	2:00 To Be Announced			Programming to be announced.			TBA	TBA		TBA	TBA	To Be Announced				The Bear	The Bear
GOLF	45	3:00 Liberty Cup (L) (N)			Golfer's	Golfer's	Golf Central (L) (N) (CC)	PGA Tour Golf John Deere Classic, Third Round From TPC Deere Run in Silvis, Ill. (CC)										Senior Op.
HALL	62	* Christmas on Call ('24) Sara Canning. (CC)			* A Veteran's Christmas ('18) Eloise Mumford. (CC)			* Christmas Under Construction (P)							* Deck the Walls ('24) Ashley Greene. (CC)			
HGTV	65	Beach	Beach		Beach	Beach	Beach	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
HIST	51	3:30 WorldW..			"World War "Stalingrad"		"World War II "Italy"		"World War II		Ralph (N)		George Washington: Father of His Country (N)		:05 George Washington: Father of His Country			
LIFE	25	* Kidnapping in the Grand Canyon Gina Vitori.			* Taken in Montana ('23) Veronica Ramirez. (CC)			* Disappearance in Yellowstone ('22) Lucie Guest.			* A House Built on Lies ('26) Kimberly-Sue Murray.		* Eat, Pray, Lie ('25) Chelsea Rose Cook. (CC)		* Vanished in Yosemite ('23) Skye Coyne. (CC)			
LMN	46	* Murder, Lies & Marriage ('25) Kelly Sullivan. (CC)			* Seduced by His Lies ('25) Lauren Lee Smith. (CC)			* A House Built on Lies ('26) Kimberly-Sue Murray.										
MSNBC	43	The Beat: Weekend (N)			PoliticsNation (L) (N) (CC)		The Weekend: Primetime (L) (N) (CC)				Crooked on MS NOW (N)		The Rachel (CC)		The 11th Hour With (CC)			
MTV	36	Big Bang	Big Bang		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	To Be Announced		Programming to be announced.							
NEWSN	16	NewsNation Live (L) (N)			NewsNation Live (L) (N)		NewsNation Live (L) (N)	Batya (N) (CC)			NewsNation Prime (L) (N)		NewsNation Prime (L) (N)		NewsNation Prime (L) (N)		Batya (CC)	
NGEO	70	TBA	TBA		TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA		TBA	TBA	TBA		TBA		National "Olympic"	
NICK	29	Patrick Star	Patrick Star		SpongeBob "The Best of Patrick Star" (CC)			*** Trolls World Tour ('20) Anna Kendrick.			Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol "Best of Mighty Pups: Super Paws" (CC)			PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol
OXY	171	Real Murders			Real Murders		Murders "Deadly Turn"	Real Murders			Homicide "Red, White and Blood; Deadly Fourth" (N)		Philly Homicide		Philly Homicide			
PARMT	27	3:30 Yellowstone			Yellowstone		Yellowstone		Yellowstone		Yellowstone		Yellowstone		Yellowstone			
SYFY	55	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone		Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone		Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone		Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone
TBN	68	Turning Point			Graham	Graham	The Story "Something To Stand For"	Your Move			Gaither Gospel Hour (N)		The Story		One Israel	Rosenberg	M. Youssef	Gaither Gospel Hour
TBS	24	3:45 *** Bad Teacher Cameron Diaz.			*** Couples Retreat ('09, Com) Jason Bateman, Vince Vaughn.			*** Just Go With It ('11) Adam Sandler. (CC)			:20 *** Just Go With It ('11) Adam Sandler. (CC)							
TCM	54	2:45 * Yankee Doodle Da...			:15 *** The Music Man (1962, Musical) Shirley Jones, Robert Preston.			*** Born Free ('66) Virginia McKenna.			*** A Hard Day's Night ('64) The Beatles.							
TLC	23	Baylen Out Loud			Little "Palm Desert-ed"		Little "Mirage a Trois"	Little Singles			Jay & Pamela		90 Day Diaries		90 Day Diaries			
TNT	28	2:30 * Godzilla x Kong: N...			*** 65 ('23) Ariana Greenblatt, Adam Driver. (CC)			Bout Camp	TNT Boxing		Boxing All the boxing action. (L) (N) (CC)							
TOON	69	3:45 Teen Titans Go!			Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers		Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morty	Rick Morty
TRUTV	40	*** Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga ('24) Chris Hemsworth, Anya Taylor-Joy. (CC)						Bout Camp	TNT Boxing		Boxing All the boxing action. (L) (N) (CC)							
TVLAND	47	Roseanne	Roseanne		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	King	King
USA	30	Chicago Fire "Pilot" (CC)			Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire	"Spartacus"	Chicago "Let It Burn"		Chicago Fire "2112" (CC)		Chicago "Scorched Earth"		Chicago Fire "Bar Time"	
WE	61	NCIS "Detour" (CC)			NCIS "Prime Suspect"		NCIS "Seek" (CC)		NCIS "Squall" (CC)		NCIS "Chasing Ghosts"		NCIS "Berlin" (CC)		NCIS "Revenge" (CC)		NCIS "Double Blind" (CC)	

Sunday Best Bets

PGA Tour Golf

WBTW 3:00 pm

The John Deere Classic reaches its final round at TPC Deere Run in Silvis, Ill., where a tight leaderboard and a course that rewards aggressive play set up a dramatic Sunday finish. Brian Campbell won last year in sudden death over Emiliano Grillo.

MLB Baseball

WRAL WMBF 7:00 pm

The San Diego Padres head north to face the Los Angeles Dodgers at Dodger Stadium in a heated NL West clash. The Padres brings its rivalry edge to Los Angeles, where the two division contenders fight for position in what should be a charged game.



Superman: The Movie

WWMB 7:00 pm

After crash landing on Earth and being raised by a human couple, Clark Kent (Christopher Reeve) discovers the origins of his superhuman powers. Kent moves to Metropolis, where he fights crime as Superman and works a day job as a novice reporter.

The Vampire Lestat

AMC 9:00 pm

The world's first immortal rock star is finally telling his story his way. Lestat de Lioncourt (Sam Reid) launches a band and an electric multi-city tour, his sway over both vampires and humans turning more dangerous as his fame explodes worldwide.

SUNDAY EVENING, JULY 5, 2026

		TW	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
5	WRAL	5	3:00 U.S. Senior Final Round (L) (N) (CC)				WRAL News	NBC News	MLB Baseball San Diego Padres at Los Angeles Dodgers (L) (N) (CC)				Password		WRAL News		GameTime			
9	WMBF	9	3:00 U.S. Senior Final Round (L) (N) (CC)				News	NBC News	MLB Baseball San Diego Padres at Los Angeles Dodgers (L) (N) (CC)				Password		News at 11		Invest. (N)			
11	WTVD	11	12:00 2026 Wimbledon		ABC 11 News (N) (CC)		News (N)	World News	Videos (N)		Videos (N)		:05	*** The Sandlot ('93)	Tom Guiry. (CC)	News (N)	News Extra			
13	WBTW	13	3:00 PGA Golf John Deere Classic, Final Round (L) (N)		CBS-News		News (N)	News (N)	60 Minutes (N) (CC)		Marshals "Lost Girls"		Tracker "Struck" (CC)		Marshals	News (N)	Celebrate			
15	WPDE	10	12:00 2026 Wimbledon		Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.	News (N)	World News	Videos (N)		Videos (N)		:05	*** The Sandlot ('93)	Tom Guiry. (CC)	News 15 (N)	:35 In Touch		
21	WWMB	3	Family Feud	Family Feud	Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.	Women The VIPs Are Back		*** Superman: The Movie ('78) Gene Hackman, Christopher Reeve. (P) (CC)				The	The Right Side Forum		Attkisson			
31	WUNU	12	Issues	State Lines	Week (SP)	Hoover (N)	Midsomer Murders (CC)		Midsomer Murders (CC)		Patience (N)		Grantchester (N) (CC)		Downton Abbey (CC)		Father Brown (CC)			
40	WUVC	4	Película				Contigo	Noticiero (N)	La rosa de Guadalupe		Garra vs. Veneno: Guerreros mundiales (L) (N)		Cómplices (N)		Contigo		SaborDe			
43	WFXB	2	FIFA World FIFA Soccer Round of 16: Teams TBA (N)				Sports	America	FIFA (L) (N)		FIFA World FIFA Soccer Round of 16: Teams TBA (N)		News (N)		Lately	Son of God		Big Bang		
62	WFPX	8	S.W.A.T. "Trigger Creep"		S.W.A.T. "Kangaroo" (CC)		*** Bad Boys (1995, Action) Will Smith, Martin Lawrence. (CC)				:45	*** Bad Boys II ('03, Act) Will Smith, Martin Lawrence. (CC)				:15	*** Shaft			
A&E	21	WWE's	WWE's	WWE's	WWE's	WWE's	WWE's	WWE's	WWE's	WWE's	WWE's	WWE's	WWE's	WWE's	WWE LFG (N)	:05	WWE's	:35	WWE's	
AMC	41	3:30 *** Jaws 2 ('78) Roy Scheider. (CC)				***** Jaws (1975, Thriller) Robert Shaw, Roy Scheider.				Lestat "New York" (N)				:15	The Vampire Lestat "New York"		Fugitive			
ANPL	64	Wardens of the North		Wardens "Sparks Fly"		Yellowstone Wardens		Yellowstone Wardens		Yellowstone Wardens "Persistence Pays Off"				Yellowstone Wardens "Wardens Undercover"						
BET	37	*** Boomerang (1992, Comedy) Halle Berry, Eddie Murphy. (CC)				Celebrity Family Feud				Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		
CMT	48	3:45 *** Vegas Vacation ('97) Chevy Chase. (CC)		*** National Lampoon's Vacation Chevy Chase.				:15	*** National Lampoon's European Vacation Chevy Chase.				*** National Lampoon's Christmas Vaca...							
CNBC	53	Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		
CNN	26	CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)		CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)		CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)		CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)		CNN Special Program		CNN Special Program		CNN Special Program		CNN Special Program		CNN Special Program		
COMC	34	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy		
CSPAN	56	:20 Washington This Week (CC)				America's Book Club				Washington This Week		Q & A (CC)		America's Book Club		Prime Min.	:40 Public	Q & A (CC)		
DISC	42	Naked and Afr. "A Raft of Trouble"				Naked and Afraid: Global				Showdown (N)		Naked and Afraid: Global		Showdown (N)		In the Eye (N) (CC)		In the Eye of		
DISN	57	11:35 *** Ralph Breaks the Internet ('18) John C. Reilly. (CC)				Chibiverse		***** Finding Nemo Albert Brooks. A clown fish (Albert Brooks) searches for his son (Alexander Gould).				Ladybug				Ladybug				
E!	39	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met		
ESPN	31	2:00 PLL (N)	NBA California Classic Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)				Countdown		Basketball Indiana Fever at Las Vegas Aces (L) (N)		ESPN Films (CC)		SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)		SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)					
ESPN2	32	30 for 30				Women's Lacrosse League All-Star Game (L) (N)				Hot Dog (CC)		ESPN Films		Women's Sports Now		ESPN FC (L) (N)		30 for 30		
FDSO	38	1:30 Baseball	Braves Live! Postgame (L) (N)				Sportsman		Road Trip		Warehouse Games (N)		Warehouse Games (N)		Warehouse Games (N)		Warehouse Games (N)			
FNC	44	Fox Report (L) (N) (CC)		Weekend (L) (N)		Weekend (L) (N)		Weekend (L) (N)		Life, Liberty (L) (N) (CC)		Sunday Night (L) (N) (CC)		One Nation With (L) (N)		Life, Liberty & Levin (CC)				
FOOD	66	Castaways "Escape the Island"				Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby		100 Cooks		100 Cooks (N)		Castaways "Escape the Island"		Beat Bobby
FREE	18	Movie		:45 *** Zootopia ('16) Ginnifer Goodwin. (CC)				:15 *** Ratatouille ('07) Patton Oswalt. (CC)				:50 *** The Garfield Movie ('24) Chris Pratt. (P) (CC)								
FX	67	2:00 *** Indiana Jones & th...		*** Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull Harrison Ford. (P)				*** Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny ('23) Phoebe Waller-Bridge, Harrison Ford. (CC)				Movie				Movie				
GOLF	45	3:00 DP World Tour Golf		Cobbs Rapids		Golf Central (L) (N) (CC)		PGA Tour Golf John Deere Classic, Final Round From TPC Deere Run in Silvis, Ill.				Senior Op.				Senior Op.				
HALL	62	*** A Merry Scottish Christmas ('23) Lacey Chabert.				*** Christmas Under Construction Jessica Lowndes.				*** The More the Merrier ('25) Rachel Boston. (CC)				*** Coyote Creek Christmas ('21) Janel Parrish. (CC)						
HGTV	65	Renovation Aloha		Renovation Aloha		Renovation Aloha		Renovation Aloha		Renovation Island (N)		Love It or List It		Hunters (N)		Hunters	Hunters	Hunters		
HIST	51	Hazardous History		Hazardous History		Hazardous History		Hazardous History		Hazardous History		Hazardous History (N)		:05 Built America (N)		:05 Built America				
LIFE	25	*** A Kidnapping in Amish Country Jorja Cadence.				*** Kidnapped in a Small Town Alicia Blasingame.				*** Buried in Barstow ('22) Angie Harmon. (CC)		:05 *** Secrets in the Desert ('23) Kayleigh Ruller.								
LMN	46	*** Nobody Will Believe You ('21) Jenna Rosenow.				*** Labor, Lies and Murder ('22) Brooke Burfitt. (CC)				*** Blackmail, Lies, and Murder ('24) Kelsey McKean.		*** Sex, Lies and Murder ('21) Lindsay Hartley. (CC)								
MSNBC	43	Deadline (L) (N) (CC)		PoliticsNation (L) (N) (CC)		The Weekend: Primetime (L) (N) (CC)				The Briefing (N) (CC)				Crooked on MS NOW		Weekend: Primetime				
MTV	36	Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		To Be Announced				To Be Announced						
NEWSN	16	The Hill Sunday With		NewsNation Live (L) (N)		NewsNation Live (L) (N)		NewsNation Live (L) (N)		NewsNation Prime (L) (N)		NewsNation Prime (L) (N)		NewsNation Prime (L) (N)		NewsNation Prime (L) (N)		NewsNation Prime (L) (N)		
NGEO	70	Orca vs. Great White		Great White vs (CC)		Shark Beach wi (CC)		Shark Beach		Sharks Up Close with		Hammerhead Sharks (N)		World's Big. (N) (CC)		Sharks Up Close with				
NICK	29	Patrick Star		Patrick Star		SpongeBob		SpongeBob		Friends (CC)		Friends (CC)		Friends (CC)		Big Bang		Big Bang		
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol "Best of Marshall" (CC)		PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol		
OXY	171	The Killer Among Us		The Killer Among Us		The Killer Among Us		The Killer Among Us		The Killer Among Us		Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped: Killer Couples				
PARMT	27	3:30 Yellowstone		Yellowstone		Yellowstone		Yellowstone		Yellowstone "A Knife and No Coin"		Yellowstone		Yellowst. "The Apocalypse of Change"		Yellowstone				
SYFY	55	*** Knock at the Cabin ('23) Dave Bautista. (CC)				***** Cast Away (2000, Drama) Helen Hunt, Tom Hanks. (CC)				*** Twister (1996, Action) Bill Paxton, Helen Hunt. (CC)										
TBN	68	Turning	Prince (N)	M. Youssef	Tim (N)	Jackson (N)	Joyce M. (N)	Walter	PowerPoint	Joel Osteen	Turning	Jeremiah	Healing	Jack Hibbs	TBA	Empty Out	Ancient			
TBS	24	Friends (CC)		Friends (CC)		Friends (CC)		Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		
TCM	54	3:30 *** Annie Get Your Gun		*** Oklahoma! (1955, Musical) Shirley Jones, Gordon MacRae.				*** Soylent Green ('73) Charlton Heston.				*** Escape From New York ('81) Kurt Russell.								
TLC	23	90 Day Fiancé "The Ball and Chain"				90 Day Fiancé (N)		90 Day Fiancé (N)		90 Day Fiancé (N)		90 Day Fiancé (N)		90 Day Diaries (N)		Jay & Pamela				
TNT	28	2:30 *** Barbie		NASCAR Nation (N) (CC)		NASCAR Cup Series eero 400 (L) (N)				NASCAR Nat*** Road House ('24, Act) Daniela Melchior, Jake Gyllenhaal. (P) (CC)										
TOON	69	Ben 10 (CC)		Ben 10 (CC)		Burgers		Burgers		Burgers		Family Guy		Family Guy		Family Guy	Rick Morty	Rick Morty		
TRUTV	40	2:45 *** San Andreas		NASCAR Nation (L) (N)		NASCAR Cup Series eero 400 (L) (N)				NASCAR Nat*** San Andreas ('15) Dwayne Johnson.				Movie						
TVLAND	47	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	:35 Raymond	:10 Raymond	:45 Raymond	:20 Everybody Raymond	:55 Raymond	Raymond	Seinfeld	Seinfeld				
USA	30	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Everything		Everything		
WE	61	Criminal "Foundation"		Criminal Minds		Criminal "The Company"		Criminal "Divining Rod"		Criminal "Profiling 101"		Criminal Minds "Hit"		Criminal Minds "Run"		Criminal "The Silencer"				

WEEKDAY DAYTIME, JULY 6 TO 10, 2026

	TW	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30
5 WRAL	5	7:00 Today		Today 3rd Hour		Today With Jenna & Sheinelle		The Perfect Line	Family Feud	WRAL News at Noon	WRAL 12:30 Report	NBC News Daily		The Kelly Clarkson Show		Family Feud	Inside Edition
9 WMBF	9	7:00 Today		Today 3rd Hour		Today With Jenna & Sheinelle		Grand	Th Legal Access	WMBF News	Investiga-teTV+	NBC News Daily		Aging Untold	Inside Edition	Drew Barrymore	Drew Barrymore
11 WTVD	11	7:00 Good Morning America		Live with Kelly and Mark		ABC 11 Eyewitness News 10AM		The View		Eyewitness News Noon	ABC11 Eyewitness	GMA3		Tamron Hall		General Hospital	
13 WBTW	13	7:00 CBS Mornings		News 13 Now	Living Local Carolina	Let's Make a Deal		The Price Is Right		News	The Young and the Restless		The Bold and	Beyond the Gates		The Perfect Line	Jeopardy!
15 WPDE	10	7:00 Good Morning America		Live with Kelly and Mark		The 700 Club		The View		Family Feud	Flip Side	GMA3		General Hospital		The Kelly Clarkson Show	
21 WWMB	3	The National News Desk		National Weat	25 Words or Less	Maury		iCRIME - Vargas	iCRIME - Vargas	Hot Bench	NoMore/ Hot Bench/ Paid..	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Cutlers Court	Cutlers Court	The People's Court	
31 WUNU	12	Lyla in the Loop	Carl the Collector	Daniel Tiger	Phoebe & Jay	Sesame Street	Work It Out Wombats!	Donkey Hodie	Rosie's Rules	Elinor	Alma's Way	Molly of Denali	Xavier Riddle	Various	Various	Various	Sara's/ Old House/ Fit S..
40 WUVC	4	7:00 ¡Despierta América!						Como dice el dicho		Noticiero N+	Vecinos	¡Siéntese quien pueda!		¡Siéntese quien pueda!		Desiguales	
43 WFXB	2	7:00 Fox Morning News		Carolina AM		Sherri		Live PD/Tu FIFA World	Live PD Presents	Scrambled/Tu FIFA World	News	America/ Autry/ FIFA ..	M W Th Judge Lake	FIFA World/ Judge	Tu W Judge Eboni	FIFA World/ FIFA/ Judy	W Judy Justice
62 WFPX	8	Karamo		Couples Court	Couples Court	Couples Court	Couples Court	Paternity Court	Paternity Court	Paternity Court	Paternity Court	In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night	
A&E	21	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Various	Squatters	Various	Squatters	Various	Squatters	Various	Squatters	Various	Neighbor.
AMC	41	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Various	Jaws 2/ War of the Worlds/ :45 Major League	W Lone Survivor		F The Fifth Element		M Jaws / Tu :15 Troy / Th :15 Major League II		W Saving Private Ryan		F White House Down	Th :45 Happy Gilmore	M The Green Mile	Tu :45 The Martian
ANPL	64	Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various	
BET	37	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Matters	Matters	Matters	Matters	Matters	Matters	Browns	Browns
CMT	48	CMT Music/ Videos		Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	King	King	King	King
CNBC	53	6:00 Squawk Box		Squawk on the Street						Halftime Report		The Exchange		Power Lunch		Closing Bell	
CNN	26	CNN News Central		CNN News Central		The Situation Room		The Situation Room		Ins. Politics		CNN News Central		CNN News Central		CNN News Central	
COMC	34	South Park	South Park	South Park	SouthPark/ :35 South Pa..	SouthPark/ :10 South Pa..	SouthPark/ :45 South Pa..	SouthPark/ :15 South Pa..	SouthPark/ :50 South Pa..	Tu Th South Park	:25 SouthPark/ ..	South Park	South Park	Seinfeld/ South Park	Seinfeld/ South Park	Seinfeld/ Family Guy/..	Seinfeld/ Family Guy/..
CSPAN	56	Washington	Washington	Journal		Live From The Nation's Capital				Live From The Nation's Capital				Live From The Nation's Capital			
DISC	42	Various		M Airplane/Tu Deadliest/W Mysteries/F Survival		Various		M Airplane/Tu In the Eye/W Expedition/F Survival		Various		M 120 Hours/Tu In the Eye/W Expedition/F Last W.		Various		M 120 Hours/Tu In the Eye/W Expedition/F Last W.	
DISN	57	7:30 SuperKitties						Various	Bluey	Stitch	Stitch	Ladybug	Ladybug	ZOMBIES	Big City	Phineas	Phineas
E!	39	Various	Various	Various	M How I Met	How I Met	Movie	Various	How I Met	TwoMen	TwoMen	Various	TwoMen	TwoMen	TwoMen	Various	TwoMen
ESPN	31	2026 Wimbledon Championships										Th 2026 Wimbledon Championships		F SportCtr	Th SportCtr	NBA Today	
ESPN2	32	Tu W 2026 Wimbledon / Th F Get Up				Th F First Take				Th F The Pat McAfee Show				SportCtr	F NBA Sum.	Various	Th Football
FDSO	38	Softball/ Life/ Warehouse	Tu FIBA World	Carolina/ TBA/ Redfern	Pulse/Pack/ Great	Warehouse/ OT Select/ ..	Th Road Trip Angler	Spotlight/ Sportsman	Focused/ Outdoor	Various	FIBAWorld/ Carolina/ G..	Foul Territory				Various	M F Pulse of the Pack
FNC	44	FOX and Friends		America's Newsroom		America's Newsroom		The Faulkner Focus		Outnumbered		America Reports		America Reports		The Story	
FOOD	66	Various	M Pioneer	Various	M Pioneer	Various	Beat Bobby	Various	Beat Bobby	Various	Beat Bobby	Various	F Diners	Various	F Diners	Various	F Diners
FREE	18	Boy/World	Boy/World	F 700 Club/700 Club		Newswatch		Movie	Various	M F Jim	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
FX	67	Fantastic Four/ Iron Man		Movie	Indiana Jones & the Last ...	Th Iron Man 2		Movie		Movie	Movie	Th Thor	Captain America: The Winter Soldier				Movie
GOLF	45	M 5 Clubs/Tu W 5 Clubs		M Golf/W Smylie		5 Clubs/ Senior Op./ Vanity		Golf/ Golf Today/ PGA Golf		M Tu Golf Today		W Golf		M Tu Golf Today / Th F Kaulig Championship			
HALL	62	Gilmore Girls		Gilmore Girls		Movies		Movies		Movies		Movies		Movies			
HGTV	65	Various	Tu House	Various	Tu House	Various		Various		Various		Various		Various	DreamHome	Various	DreamHome
HIST	51	Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various	DreamHome	Various	DreamHome
LIFE	25	Movies				Movies				The Rookie / F NCIS		The Rookie / F NCIS		The Rookie / F NCIS		Castle / F NCIS	
LMN	46	Movies				Movies				Movies		Movies		Movies			
MSNBC	43	6:00 Morning Joe		Money, Power, Politics With Stephanie Ruhle				MS NOW Reports		On the Line With Alicia Menendez				The Moment With Katy Tur			
MTV	36	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	BigBang
NEWSN	16	Morning in America		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation	
NGEO	70	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various	
NICK	29	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PeppaPig	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Rubble	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Rubble	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
NICKJ	71	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Gabby's	Gabby's	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Rubble	Rubble	Mr. Crocod	PAW Patrol
OXY	171	Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Snapped/ Buried/ Plan-Kill	
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	55	Movies	Tu Seven			The Strangers: ...	M The Shallows/W Angels & Demons/Th Willow	The Marsh King's Dau...		F Imaginary	M Knock at the Cabin		The Da Vinci Code	Tu Asteroid City	M Cast Away / F Man on Fire		
TBN	68	Jeffress	Joyce M.	Creflo	Hagee	Joel Osteen	Jackson	S. Furtick	Kingdom	Jeffress	Winning	Joyce M.	Better Together		A.Wommack	The 700 Club	
TBS	24	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
TCM	54	:15 Sinner's Holiday	Tu :45 Gold Diggers in Paris / F :45 Code Two	Freebie & the Bean		The Gumball Rally		Tu The Merry Widow	Alexander Hamilton	M The Music Man	The Wild Angels/ :15 Blonde Crazy/ :15 The Man Who Played God/ :15 Key Largo		The Wild One	Nobody Lives Forever/ A Streetcar Named Desire		W Central Park / F Born Losers	
TLC	23	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Various	Th Pregnant	Various	Th Pregnant	Various		Various		Various		Various		M Little/W E.R./Th Jay & Pa.	
TNT	28	M Charmed / Th F FBI		M Charmed / Th F FBI		M Cold Case / Th F FBI		M Cold Case / Th F FBI		M Cold Case / Th F FBI		M Cold Case / Th F FBI		M Cold Case / Th F FBI		Various	
TOON	69	Teen/ Teen	Teen/ Teen	:05 Tom-Jerry	Tom-Jerry	Looney	Scooby-Doo	Scooby-Doo	Scooby	Scooby	Craig/ Craig	Teen/ Teen	Teen/ Teen	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball
TRUTV	40	Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers
TVLAND	47	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Gunsmoke		Gunsmoke		Gunsmoke		Gunsmoke		Gunsmoke	
USA	30	Various		Law-SVU/ Chicago/ Chica..		Law-SVU/ Chicago/ Chica..		Law-SVU/ Chicago/ Chica..		Law-SVU/ Chicago/ Chica..		Law-SVU/ 9-1-1/ Chicago		Law-SVU/ 9-1-1/ Chicago		Law-SVU/ 9-1-1/ Chicago	
WE	61	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Various		Various		Various		Various		9-1-1/ S.W.A.T./ NCIS		Various	F Sahara	9-1-1/ S.W.A.T./ NCIS	

Stars on screen

Retirement living, loving: Banks, Danson, Sagal team up for Apple TV comedy

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Retirement living, loving: When a cast includes Elizabeth Banks ("The Miniature Wife"), Ted Danson ("The Good Place") and Katey Sagal ("Sons of Anarchy"), it's enough to make comedy fans sit up and pay attention — and that's exactly what Apple TV is banking on.

The trio, along with Rob Delaney ("Catastrophe"), have been tapped to headline a new, untitled, half-hour comedy produced by 20th Television for the streamer. Here's the official logline: "Fresh off a messy divorce, Heidi sets out to secure a lively second act for herself and her kids. But when she stumbles into co-ordinating her father's retirement community sex dates, Heidi is forced into an unlikely alliance with his girlfriend's perpetually single son."

Banks is playing Heidi; Danson, whose Netflix series "A Man on the Inside" has also been renewed for a third season, will play Heidi's father; and Sagal, who recently appeared in the second season of Netflix's "One Piece," will play Mavis, the dad's new girlfriend.

No word yet on what role will be played by Delaney, whose supporting role in FX's "Dying for Sex" earned him his second Emmy nomination. However, the actor is no stranger to the streamer, having appeared in 2024 Apple TV originals such as "Bad Monkey" and "Argylle."

As for the series itself, it is the brainchild of "Will Trent" co-creator Liz Heldens and Matt Ward ("The Big Leap"). The co-showrunners will also serve as executive producers alongside Jonathan Krisel ("English Teacher"), who is directing the pilot, and several others.

The comedy has reportedly been

in the works since "at least last fall," according to Deadline, which also indicated that it was officially green-lit upon securing a California tax credit. It's scheduled to begin production this year in the Los Angeles area.

Casting Wilson: The cast of HBO Max drama pilot "How to Survive Without Me" keeps growing. From Greg Berlanti ("Fly Me to the Moon," 2024) and Bash Doran ("Beef"), and based on a story co-written by the pair and Robbie Rogers ("Fellow Travelers"), the one-hour drama focuses on a family set adrift by the death of their matriarch, unsure of how to manage their complicated, evolving lives without her guidance (per the logline). While working through their grief, the family must find the time and make the effort to remain connected, and to be there for each other through all of the challenges yet to come.

Ray Romano ("Everybody Loves Raymond"), Joshua Jackson ("Doctor Odyssey") and Kaley Cuoco ("The Flight Attendant") are headlining the series, which recently added Rita Wilson ("1883") to its cast.

Wilson will play a key role in the story: she's the matriarch, Beverly, described as "elegant and loving, with an authority earned through wisdom and experience" and "a prolific writer-director who considers her family to be her greatest accomplishment."

"I was partially inspired to create 'How to Survive Without Me' after losing my mother to cancer — wanting to explore grief, love and what it means for a family to move forward after losing the matriarch at its center," Berlanti said in a statement. "Rita Wilson has brought a singular warmth, emotional intelligence and strength to everything



Elizabeth Banks to star in new sitcom

she's ever done, and I can't think of anyone better to be at the center of this show's family."

Romano's real-life son Joe ("Somewhere in Queens," 2022) is also set to make his TV acting debut on the show, appearing in flashback as a younger version of his dad's character.

While it's still technically a pilot, "How to Survive Without Me" is being developed under the same model as "The Pitt," with the aim of creating similar-style original dramas that can deliver longer seasons (15 or more episodes per season) on a modest budget and are expected to return annually.

Best in show: Dog lovers should take note: the illustrious Westminster Dog Show is coming to Netflix in late January/early February 2027.

More than 3,000 dogs across 200 breeds took part in the 2026 edition held in New York City, with events and judging split across three days and nights.

For 2027, the coverage will be split: the daytime breed competitions held at New York's Jacob K. Javits Convention Center will be available as a livestream on tudum.com and westminsterkennelclub.org (the agility trials will stream at a later time), while the evening judging on Feb. 1 and 2 — including the awarding of the coveted Best in Show title — will be shown live on Netflix.

Following the momentum of Westminster's historic 150th milestone event earlier this year, we are thrilled to begin an exciting new chapter with Netflix as our media partner," Dr. Donald Sturz, president of the Westminster Kennel Club, said in a statement. "Bringing the Westminster Dog Show to Netflix not only expands the reach of this iconic event but also introduces the sport of dogs to new audiences around the world. We are dedicated to growing America's most beloved dog event year after year, inspiring new enthusiasts and fans across generations and across the globe to the wonderful sport of dogs."

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WHAT'S NEW ON NETFLIX

"Nothing to Lose" (2026)
From the creator of "Thicker Than Water" comes "Nothing To Lose," a heart-wrenching new movie arriving Wednesday, July 8, on Netflix. Nawell Madani ("The Gardener," 2025) stars as Jade, a woman who has spent years longing to become a mother. After struggling to conceive with her partner, an embryo donation finally makes it possible. She soon gives birth to a baby boy, but the joy doesn't last for long. Now a single mother on her own, Jade receives the kind of news no parent could ever be prepared for: her newborn son has been diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia, and finding a compatible bone marrow donor may be his only hope. With time working against her and everything at stake, Jade refuses to stop fighting to find a match. What follows is the story of a mother who will go to any length to save her son. Madani also co-wrote and co-directed the film alongside Ludovic Colbeau-Justin ("Just One Look"). Nicolas Briancon ("Master Crimes"), Guillaume Gouix ("Under a Dark Sun"), Steve Tientcheu ("Cash Queens," 2026), David Salles ("Serial Bad Weddings," 2014), Majida Ghomari ("Nona and Her Daughters") and



Nawell Madani in "Nothing to Lose"

Aissatou Diallo Sagna ("Life of Belle," 2024) also star.

WHAT'S NEW ON APPLE TV

"Trying" – Season 5
The beloved family comedy "Trying" returns for its fifth season, streaming Wednesday, July 8, on Apple TV, with new episodes streaming weekly through Wednesday, Aug. 26. For Nikki (Esther Smith, "Cuckoo") and Jason (Rafe Spall, "The Big Short," 2015), the road to parenthood was anything but easy, forcing them to navigate infertility, adoption panels and all the emotions that came along with it. Their journey eventually led them to adopting Princess (Scarlett Rayner, "Silverpoint") and Tyler (Cooper Turner, "Trash Truck"), allowing them to settle into their new lives together as a family. This season, however, the past comes

knocking when Kat (Charlotte Riley, "Peaky Blinders"), the children's biological mother, unexpectedly arrives at their doorstep hoping to reconnect with them. Now, Nikki and Jason must find a way to make room for Kat and the "whirlwind of chaos she brings into their settled family life" (per Apple TV). The ensemble cast also includes Darren Boyd ("Down Cemetery Road"), Sian Brooke ("Blue Lights"), Celia Imrie ("The Thursday Murder Club"), Phil Davis ("Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," 2009), Gbemisola Ikumelo ("Black Ops") and Colin Morgan ("Belfast," 2021).

WHAT'S NEW ON HBO MAX

"House of the Dragon" – Season 3
The Targaryens wage war in Season 3 of "House of the Dragon," with

an all-new episode dropping Sunday, July 5, on HBO Max. The reign of House Targaryen continues with this prequel — based on George R.R. Martin's novel "Fire & Blood" — set 200 years before the events of "Game of Thrones," telling the story of the Targaryen civil war with King Viserys I Targaryen's (Paddy Considine, "MobLand") children, Queen Rhaenyra Targaryen (Emma D'Arcy, "Mothering Sunday," 2021) and King Aegon II Targaryen (Tom Glynn-Carney, "Dunkirk," 2017), as they battle for control of the Iron Throne. Written for television by Ryan J. Condal ("Colony"), this season sees the return of Matt Smith ("The Crown") as Prince Daemon Targaryen, alongside Olivia Cooke ("Me and Earl and the Dying Girl," 2015) as Queen Alicent Hightower, Ewan Mitchell ("The Last Kingdom") as Prince Aemond Targaryen and Phia Saban ("The Last Kingdom") as Queen Helaena Targaryen, with Steve Toussaint ("Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time," 2010), Harry Collett ("Dunkirk," 2017), Bethany Antonia ("Doctor Who") and Phoebe Campbell ("Midsomer Murders") rounding out the cast.

WHAT'S NEW ON PRIME VIDEO

"Elle" – Season 1
All eight episodes of the "Legally Blonde" prequel, "Elle," are available now on Prime Video, following Elle Woods (Lexi Minetree, "The Murdaugh Murders," 2023) before she was a "fish out of water at Harvard" (per Prime Video). The story takes us back to 1995, when we meet a young Elle as a high school student. In high school, Elle

encounters "tricky friendships, [a] forbidden romance and questionable fashion choices." With each challenge she faces, Elle grows closer to the woman in pink we know and love today. Season 1 stars June Diane Raphael ("Forgetting Sarah Marshall," 2008) and Tom Everett Scott ("An American Werewolf in Paris," 1997) as Elle's parents, Eva and Wyatt, alongside Jessica Belkin ("Baywatch"), Danielle Chand ("Pride," 2025), Sophie Thom ("The Hunting Party"), Anna Katharina ("The Hunting Party"), Brad Harder ("Waking Up to Christmas," 2023) and Jacob Moskovitz ("Brian," 2026), with Gabrielle Policanso ("Babygirl," 2024), Chandler Kinney ("Pretty Little Liars: Original Sin"), Zac Looker ("A Kind of Spark") and Amy Pietz ("Paradise") rounding out the cast. Created by Laura Kittrell ("Insecure"), "Elle" is co-showrun and executive produced by Kittrell and Caroline Dries ("The Vampire Diaries"), with "Legally Blonde's" Reese Witherspoon serving as an executive producer.

WHAT'S NEW ON SHUDDER

"Trespassers" (2018)
Hell is where the home is. Available now on Shudder, "Trespassers" follows two couples who retreat to a luxurious desert home, where simmering relationship conflicts soon rise to the surface. Their vacation takes an unexpected turn when a mysterious young woman (Fairuza Balk, "Almost Famous," 2000) arrives at the door claiming to be a stranded neighbor whose car has broken down nearby. At first, her request for help seems innocent enough, but as the hours pass, things take a darker turn when she refuses to leave and they find themselves trapped in an increasingly dangerous situation where nothing is quite as it seems. Directed by Orson Oblowitz ("The Queen of Hollywood Blvd," 2017) with a script penned by Corey Deshon ("A Million Little Things"), "Trespassers" stars Angela Trimbur ("Search Party"), Janel Parrish ("Pretty Little Liars"), Jonathan Howard ("Thor: The Dark World," 2013) and Zach Avery ("The Duel," 2011).

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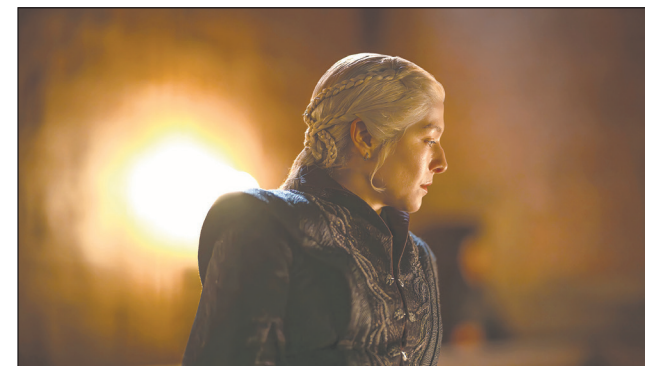
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The Drama

Emma (Zendaya) and Charlie (Pattinson) appear to be the perfect couple and are only days away from their wedding. Their seemingly idyllic relationship is shattered during a gathering with friends when Emma reveals a shocking secret from her past. The confession forces Charlie to reevaluate everything he thought about the woman he loves. As the wedding approaches, the couple spirals into a tense and often absurd emotional crisis.
Director: Kristoffer Borgli. Stars: Zendaya, Robert Pattinson, Alana Haim, Mamoudou Athie, Hailey Benton Gates. 2026. 105 min. Black Comedy.



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WFXB 3:00 pm

The 2026 FIFA World Cup Round of 16 continues from AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, as the knockout rounds tighten and the margin for error vanishes. Sixteen nations remain, every one of them a single loss away from packing up and heading home.

HGTV 10:00 pm

Jon Knight and his crew ambush newlyweds Michael and Latasha with a full transformation, converting his old bachelor-pad man cave into a warm, charming lounge. The result turns a space that was never hers into a home that finally belongs to them both.

MONDAY EVENING, JULY 6, 2026

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9	WMBF	9	WMBF News at 4 (N)		News (N)		News (N)	News (N)	NBC News	WMBF News	Inside (N)	St. Denis	The Fall	Ninja Warrior Eastern Regional Qualifying 2 (N) (CC)		News at 11		:35 J. Fallon
11	WTVD	11	11 Eyewitness News (N)		ABC 11 News (N) (CC)		News (N)	World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel	Videos	★★★★ Moana ('16) Auli'i Cravalho. (CC)				News (N)		:35 J. Kimmel
13	WBTV	13	News 13 First (N) (CC)		News (N)		WBTV News	News (N)	CBS-News	Wheel	Jeopardy!	Neighbor	FBI "Captured" (CC)	CIA "Directed Energy"	News (N)		:35 Comics	
15	WPDE	10	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	ABC15 News at 5 (N) (CC)		News (N)	World News	News (N)	ET (N)	Videos	★★★★ Moana ('16) Auli'i Cravalho. (CC)				News 15 (N)		:35 J. Kimmel
21	WWMB	3	Tribunal	Tribunal	Maury		Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Penn "Magic Is in the Air"		Penn & Teller: Fool Us		National Desk (N)		National Desk (N)	
31	WUNU	12	Farmer	Christina	Horizons (N) BBC World		PBS News Hour (N) (CC)		Our Time	Best	Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		Independent Lens (N)		Amanpour	
40	WUVC	4	El gordo y la flaca (L) (N)		Primer impacto (L) (N)		Noticias (N) Noticiero (N)		La rosa de Guadalupe (N)		Tan cerca de ti, nac (N)		Guardián de mi vida (N)		Hermanas, un amor (N)		Noticias 40 :35 Noticiero	
43	WFXB	2	3:00 FIFA World		Neighbor		Neighbor	Big Bang	Big Bang	FIFA (L) (N)		FIFA World FIFA Soccer Round of 16: Teams TBA (N)		Postgame		Not, News	Mod Fam	Goldbergs
62	WFPX	8	★★★★ Coach Carter (2005, Drama)		Robert Ri'chard, Samuel L. Jackson. (CC)		★★★★ Big Momma's House ('00) Nia Long, Martin Lawrence. (CC)		★★★★ Big Momma's House 2 ('06) Nia Long, Martin Lawrence. (CC)									
A&E	21	Live PD "Episode 9"		Live PD "Episode 13"		Live PD "Episode 18"		Live PD "Episode 21"		Live PD "Episode 20"		Live PD "Episode 25" (N)		Late Night Law (N)		:05 Live PD "Episode 21"		
AMC	41	3:00 ★★★★★ The Green Mile (1999, Drama)		David Morse, Tom Hanks. (CC)		★★★★ The Martian (2015, Sci-Fi)		Jessica Chastain, Matt Damon. (CC)		:15 ★★★★★ War of the Worlds ('05) Tom Cruise. (CC)								
ANPL	64	Cricket! It's the Irwins		Flying Wild Alaska		Flying Wild Alaska		Flying Wild "Breakup" (N)		Flying Wild Alaska (N)		Flying Wild Alaska (N)		Flying Wild Alaska (N)		Flying Wild Alaska (N)		
BET	37	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		To Be Announced								
CMT	48	King	King	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls
CNBC	53	Closing Bell (L) (N) (CC)		Fast Money (L) (N) (CC)		Mad Money (N) (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		
CNN	26	The Arena (L) (N)		Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)		Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)		E. B. OutFront (L) (N) (CC)		Cooper 360 (L) (N)		The Source With (L) (N)		CNN NewsNight (L) (N)		Laura Coates Live (L) (N)		
COMC	34	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	The Office		The Office		The Office		:35 Office	:10 Office	:45 Office	:20 The Office (CC)	:55 Office	The Office	Family Guy	Family Guy	
CSPAN	56	Live From The Nation's Capital (CC)				Public Affairs Events				C-SPAN Primetime (CC)				C-SPAN Primetime (CC)				
DISC	42	Contraband: Seized				Contraband "Grab Bag"				Contraband: Seized				Contraband: Seized (N) Body Cam "Psycho 1" (N) 120 Hours Behind Bars				
DISN	57	Big City	Big City	Big City Greens "April Fool; Good Grief" Cricket tries to come up with the perfect				prank to play on his girlfriend on April Fool's Day. (CC)										
E!	39	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
ESPN	31	NFL Live (L) (N) (CC)		SportCtr (N) Pardon (N)		SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)		NBA Salt Lake City Summer League (L) (N) (CC)		NBA Salt Lake City Summer League (L) (N) (CC)		NBA Salt Lake City Summer League (L) (N) (CC)		SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)				
ESPN2	32	Podcast (CC)		NFL Live (N) (CC)		Fútbol Americas (L) (N)		Kingdom Family Business		The Kingdom Don't Judge		The Kingdom		Kingdom The Formula		ESPN FC (L) (N)		
FDSO	38	United Fight Alliance		United Fight Alliance		Overtime Select Basketball		Warehouse		MLB Baseball								
FNC	44	Will Cain (L) (N)		The Five (L) (N) (CC)		With Bret Baier (L) (N)		Ingraham (L) (N)		Jesse Watters (L) (N) (CC)		Hannity (L) (N) (CC)		Gutfeld! (N)		Fox News at Night (L) (N)		
FOOD	66	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	BBQ Brawl	BBQ Brawl (N)		Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby Beat Bobby		
FREE	18	Movie	:40 ★★★★★ Frozen II ('19) Kristen Bell. (CC)	:45 ★★★★★ Tangled ('10) Mandy Moore. (CC)		:50 ★★★★★ Encanto ('21) Stephanie Beatriz. (CC)												
FX	67	★★★★ Pearl Harbor Best friends (Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett) become fighter pilots and romantic rivals in 1941.		★★★★ Gone in 60 Seconds ('00) Angelina Jolie, Nicolas Cage. (CC)		★★★★ G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra												
GOLF	45	Golf Central (N) (CC)		Liberty Cup (CC)		PGA (N) PGA TOUR		PGA Tour Golf John Deere Classic, Final Round From TPC Deere Run in Silvis, Ill.										
HALL	62	★ One Royal Holiday ('20) Laura Osnes. (CC)		★ Snow Bride ('13) Jordan Belfi, Katrina Law. (CC)		★ The Nine Lives of Christmas ('14) Brandon Routh.		Gold. Girls		Gold. Girls		Gold. Girls		Gold. Girls				
HGTV	65	Love It or List It		Bahamas Bahamas		Bahamas Bahamas		Bahamas Bahamas		Battle on the Beach		Battle on the Beach (N)		Crashers (N)		Hunters		Hunters
HIST	51	World War II		World War "Stalingrad"		World War II "Italy"		World War II		World War "Overlord" (N)		World War II (N)		:05 History's Greatest (N)		:05 World War II		
LIFE	25	Castle "Hell to Pay" (CC)		Castle "Crossfire" (CC)		Dr. Pimple "Life Lesions"		Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper (N)		:05 Dr. Pimple Popper		:05 Dr. Pimple Popper		
LMN	46	★ Murder, Lies & Marriage (25) Kelly Sullivan. (CC)		★★★★ Eat, Pray, Lie ('25) Chelsea Rose Cook. (CC)		★ A House Built on Lies ('26) Kimberly-Sue Murray.		★ The Baby My Husband Lied About										
MSNBC	43	Deadline: White House (L) (N) (CC)		The Beat With (L) (N) (CC)		The Weeknight (L) (N)		All in With Chr. (L) (N)		The Rachel (L) (N) (CC)		Last Word (L) (N)		The 11th (L) (N)				
MTV	36	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
NEWSN	16	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)		NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)		The Hill with Blake (N)		Vargas Report (N) (CC)		Cuomo (N) (CC)		On Balance (N) (CC)		Katie Pavlich (N) (CC)		Jesse Weber Live (N) (CC)		
NGEO	70	Deadliest Sharks (CC)		Biggest Tiger Shark (CC)		World's Most (CC)		World's Biggest (CC)		Biggest Hammerhead?		Big Mako (N)		Attack of the Samura (N)		World's Biggest (CC)		
NICK	29	Patrick Star	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Mr. Crocod	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Mr. Crocod	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Mr. Crocod
OXY	171	Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped: Killer Couples		
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		★★★★ Goodfellas (1990, Crime Story)		Ray Liotta, Robert De Niro. (CC)		★★★★ The Godfather ('72, Cri) Al Pacino, Marlon Brando. (CC)								
SYFY	55	2:30 ★★★★★ Cast Away ('00) Tom Hanks. (CC)		★★★★ Twister (1996, Action) Bill Paxton, Helen Hunt. (CC)		★★★★ Jonah Hex ('10) John Malkovich, Josh Brolin. (CC)		★★★★ Seven ('95) Brad Pitt. (CC)										
TBN	68	Turning	S. Furtick	Harvest (N)	Prince (N)	New Season	Kirk Today	Allen (N)	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)	Takeaway Kirk (N)		Harvest (N)	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)			
TBS	24	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	The Office	The Office	
TCM	54	★★★★ The Subject Was		Roses ('68) Patricia Neal.		★★★★ Running on Empty ('88) Christine Lahti.		★★★★ New Orleans ('47) Arturo de Cordova.		★★★★ Jailhouse Rock Elvis Presley.		Movie						
TLC	23	Little "Mirage a Trois"		Little Singles		90 Day: The Last Resort		90 Day: The Last Resort		Last Resort (N)		Little Singles (N)		Last Resort (N)		90 Day Diaries		
TNT	28	3:00 ★★★★★ Ransom ('96) Mel Gibson.		★★★★ Speed (1994, Action) Dennis Hopper, Keanu Reeves. (P)		★ Road House ('24, Action) Daniela Melchior, Jake Gyllenhaal. (CC)		★★★★ Speed ('94) Keanu Reeves.										
TOON	69	Regular	Regular	Grim	Grim	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	
TRUTV	40	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	★★★★ Rudy (1993, Drama) Ned Beatty, Sean Astin. (CC)		★★★★ Rudy (1993, Drama) Ned Beatty, Sean Astin. (CC)								
TVLAND	47	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	
USA	30	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Basketball Seattle Storm at Los Angeles Sparks (L) (N)				
WE	61	9-1-1 "Sink or Swim" (CC)		Criminal Minds		Criminal "Seven Seconds"		Criminal "About Face"		Criminal "Identity"		Criminal Minds "Lucky"		Criminal "Penelope"		Criminal "True Night"		

Wednesday Best Bets

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 8, 2026

	TW	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
5	WRAL	5	WRAL News at 4PM (N)	WRAL News (N)	WRAL News (N)	WRAL News (N)	NBC News (N)	WRAL News (N)	Inside (N)	Chicago "Spill Your Guts" (N)	Chicago Fire "Sway" (CC)	Chicago Fire "Sway" (CC)	Chicago P.D. "Heroes" (N)	WRAL News (N)	:35 J. Fallon		
9	WMBF	9	WMBF News at 4 (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	NBC News (N)	WMBF News (N)	Inside (N)	Chicago "Spill Your Guts" (N)	Chicago Fire "Sway" (CC)	Chicago Fire "Sway" (CC)	Chicago P.D. "Heroes" (N)	News at 11 (N)	:35 J. Fallon		
11	WTVD	11	11 Eyewitness News (N)	ABC 11 News (N) (CC)	News (N)	World News (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel (N)	Celebrity Wheel (N)	Shifting (N)	Shifting (N)	Shifting (N)	Shifting (N)	News (N)	:35 J. Kimmel		
13	WBTV	13	News 13 First (N) (CC)	News (N)	WBTV News (N)	News (N)	CBS-News (N)	Wheel (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Harlan "Shot in the Dark" (N)	NCIS "Page-Turner" (CC)	NCIS "Page-Turner" (CC)	NCIS "Death Card" (N)	News (N)	:35 Comics		
15	WPDE	10	Judge Judy (N)	Judge Judy (N)	ABC15 News at 5 (N) (CC)	News (N)	World News (N)	News (N)	ET (N)	Celebrity Wheel (N)	Shifting (N)	Shifting (N)	Shifting (N)	News 15 (N)	:35 J. Kimmel		
21	WWMB	3	Tribunal (N)	Tribunal (N)	Mauri (N)	Family Feud (N)	Family Feud (N)	Family Feud (N)	Family Feud (N)	Police 24/7 (N)	Law "Three Points" (N)	Law "Three Points" (N)	National Desk (N)	National Desk (N)			
31	WUNU	12	Antiques Roadshow (N)	Side (N)	BBC World (N)	PBS News Hour (N) (CC)	MotorWeek (N)	Sci NC (CC)	Nature "Niagara Falls" (N)	NOVA (N)	NOVA (N)	NOVA (N)	NOVA (N)	American Southwest (N)	Amanpour (N)		
40	WUVU	4	El gordo y la flaca (L) (N)	Primer impacto (L) (N)	Noticias (N)	Noticiero (N)	Rosa "La mina de oro" (N)	Tan cerca de ti, nac (N)	Guardián de mi vida (N)	Guardián de mi vida (N)	Guardián de mi vida (N)	Guardián de mi vida (N)	Hermanas, un amor (N)	Noticias 40 (N)	:35 Noticiero		
43	WFXB	2	JHud Show (CC)	Neighbor (N)	Neighbor (N)	Big Bang (N)	Big Bang (N)	Sheldon (N)	Sheldon (N)	MasterChef (N)	MasterChef (N)	MasterChef (N)	MasterChef (N)	Fox News (N)	:35 NotNews	Mod Fam (N)	Goldbergs (N)
62	WFPX	8	S.W.A.T. "The Fugitive" (N)	S.W.A.T. "Cry Foul" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Family" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Family" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Incoming" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Incoming" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Quandary" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Zodiac" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Zodiac" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Zodiac" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Farewell" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Thai Hard" (CC)			
A&E	21	Arrest (N)	Arrest (N)	Arrest (N)	Arrest (N)	Arrest (N)	Arrest (N)	Arrest (N)	Arrest (N)	Arrest (N)	Arrest (N)	Arrest (N)	Arrest (N)	Swamp (N)	Swamp (N)	:05 Swamp	:35 Swamp
AMC	41	1:00 Saving Private Ryan (N)	*** Live Free or Die Hard (2007, Action) Justin Long, Bruce Willis. (CC)	*** Live Free or Die Hard (2007, Action) Justin Long, Bruce Willis. (CC)	*** Live Free or Die Hard (2007, Action) Justin Long, Bruce Willis. (CC)	*** Live Free or Die Hard (2007, Action) Justin Long, Bruce Willis. (CC)	*** Live Free or Die Hard (2007, Action) Justin Long, Bruce Willis. (CC)	*** Live Free or Die Hard (2007, Action) Justin Long, Bruce Willis. (CC)	*** Live Free or Die Hard (2007, Action) Justin Long, Bruce Willis. (CC)	*** Live Free or Die Hard (2007, Action) Justin Long, Bruce Willis. (CC)	*** Live Free or Die Hard (2007, Action) Justin Long, Bruce Willis. (CC)	*** Live Free or Die Hard (2007, Action) Justin Long, Bruce Willis. (CC)	*** Live Free or Die Hard (2007, Action) Justin Long, Bruce Willis. (CC)	*** Live Free or Die Hard (2007, Action) Justin Long, Bruce Willis. (CC)	*** Live Free or Die Hard (2007, Action) Justin Long, Bruce Willis. (CC)	*** Live Free or Die Hard (2007, Action) Justin Long, Bruce Willis. (CC)	*** Live Free or Die Hard (2007, Action) Justin Long, Bruce Willis. (CC)
ANPL	64	My Cat "Bully Cat" (N)	My Cat From Hell (N)	Naked and Afraid (N)	Naked and Afraid (N)	Naked and Afraid (N)	Naked and Afraid (N)	Naked and Afraid (N)	Naked and Afraid (N)	Naked and Afraid (N)	Naked and Afraid (N)	Naked and Afraid (N)	Naked and Afraid (N)	Naked and Afraid (N)	Naked and Afraid (N)	Naked and Afraid (N)	Naked and Afraid (N)
BET	37	Browns (N)	Browns (N)	Browns (N)	Browns (N)	Browns (N)	Browns (N)	Browns (N)	Browns (N)	Browns (N)	Browns (N)	Browns (N)	Browns (N)	Browns (N)	Browns (N)	Browns (N)	Browns (N)
CMT	48	King (N)	King (N)	Mama's (N)	Mama's (N)	Mama's (N)	Mama's (N)	Mama's (N)	Mama's (N)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)
CNBC	53	Closing Bell (L) (N) (CC)	Fast Money (L) (N) (CC)	Mad Money (L) (N) (CC)	Mad Money (L) (N) (CC)	Mad Money (L) (N) (CC)	Mad Money (L) (N) (CC)	Mad Money (L) (N) (CC)	Mad Money (L) (N) (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Basketball Indiana Fever at Los Angeles Sparks (L) (N)	Basketball Indiana Fever at Los Angeles Sparks (L) (N)	Basketball Indiana Fever at Los Angeles Sparks (L) (N)	Basketball Indiana Fever at Los Angeles Sparks (L) (N)
CNN	26	The Arena (L) (N)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	Cooper 360 (L) (N)	The Source With (L) (N)	The Source With (L) (N)	The Source With (L) (N)	CNN NewsNight (L) (N)	Laura Coates Live (L) (N)	Laura Coates Live (L) (N)	Laura Coates Live (L) (N)
COMC	34	South Park (N)	Family Guy (N)	Family Guy (N)	Family Guy (N)	Family Guy (N)	Family Guy (N)	Family Guy (N)	Family Guy (N)	Family Guy (N)	Family Guy (N)	Family Guy (N)	Family Guy (N)	Family Guy (N)	Family Guy (N)	Family Guy (N)	Family Guy (N)
CSPAN	56	Live From The Nation's Capital (CC)	Public Affairs Events (N)	Public Affairs Events (N)	Public Affairs Events (N)	Public Affairs Events (N)	Public Affairs Events (N)	Public Affairs Events (N)	Public Affairs Events (N)	C-SPAN Primetime (CC)	C-SPAN Primetime (CC)	C-SPAN Primetime (CC)	C-SPAN Primetime (CC)	C-SPAN Primetime (CC)	C-SPAN Primetime (CC)	C-SPAN Primetime (CC)	C-SPAN Primetime (CC)
DISC	42	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)
DISN	57	Big City (N)	Big City (N)	Big City Greens "Locked In; City Wayne" Identity crises abound; Wayne wants city excitement. (CC)	Big City Greens "Locked In; City Wayne" Identity crises abound; Wayne wants city excitement. (CC)	Big City Greens "Locked In; City Wayne" Identity crises abound; Wayne wants city excitement. (CC)	Big City Greens "Locked In; City Wayne" Identity crises abound; Wayne wants city excitement. (CC)	Big City Greens "Locked In; City Wayne" Identity crises abound; Wayne wants city excitement. (CC)	Big City Greens "Locked In; City Wayne" Identity crises abound; Wayne wants city excitement. (CC)	Big City Greens "Locked In; City Wayne" Identity crises abound; Wayne wants city excitement. (CC)	Big City Greens "Locked In; City Wayne" Identity crises abound; Wayne wants city excitement. (CC)	Big City Greens "Locked In; City Wayne" Identity crises abound; Wayne wants city excitement. (CC)	Big City Greens "Locked In; City Wayne" Identity crises abound; Wayne wants city excitement. (CC)	Big City Greens "Locked In; City Wayne" Identity crises abound; Wayne wants city excitement. (CC)	Big City Greens "Locked In; City Wayne" Identity crises abound; Wayne wants city excitement. (CC)	Big City Greens "Locked In; City Wayne" Identity crises abound; Wayne wants city excitement. (CC)	Big City Greens "Locked In; City Wayne" Identity crises abound; Wayne wants city excitement. (CC)
E!	39	How I Met (N)	How I Met (N)	How I Met (N)	How I Met (N)	How I Met (N)	How I Met (N)	How I Met (N)	How I Met (N)	How I Met (N)	How I Met (N)	How I Met (N)	How I Met (N)	How I Met (N)	How I Met (N)	How I Met (N)	How I Met (N)
ESPN	31	NFL Live (L) (N) (CC)	SportCtr (N)	Pardon (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Cincinnati Reds (L) (N) (CC)	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Cincinnati Reds (L) (N) (CC)	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Cincinnati Reds (L) (N) (CC)	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Cincinnati Reds (L) (N) (CC)	Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks at San Diego Padres (N)	Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks at San Diego Padres (N)	Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks at San Diego Padres (N)	Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks at San Diego Padres (N)
ESPN2	32	NBA Today (N) (CC)	Football (N)	Football (N)	ESPN FC (L) (N)	ESPN FC (L) (N)	ESPN FC (L) (N)	ESPN FC (L) (N)	ESPN FC (L) (N)	ESPN Films (CC)	ESPN Films (CC)	ESPN Films (CC)	ESPN Films (CC)	ESPN Films (CC)	ESPN Films (CC)	ESPN Films (CC)	ESPN Films (CC)
FDSO	38	3:00 MLB Baseball (N)	The Five (L) (N) (CC)	The Five (L) (N) (CC)	With Bret Baier (L) (N)	With Bret Baier (L) (N)	With Bret Baier (L) (N)	With Bret Baier (L) (N)	With Bret Baier (L) (N)	Jesse Watters (L) (N) (CC)	Hannity (L) (N) (CC)	Hannity (L) (N) (CC)	Hannity (L) (N) (CC)	Gutfeld! (N)	Gutfeld! (N)	Gutfeld! (N)	Gutfeld! (N)
FNC	44	Will Cain (L) (N)	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games (N)
FOOD	66	Grocery "All-Star Fruit!" (N)	*** The Princess Diaries '01 Julie Andrews. (CC)	*** The Princess Diaries '01 Julie Andrews. (CC)	*** The Princess Diaries '01 Julie Andrews. (CC)	*** The Princess Diaries '01 Julie Andrews. (CC)	*** The Princess Diaries '01 Julie Andrews. (CC)	*** The Princess Diaries '01 Julie Andrews. (CC)	*** The Princess Diaries '01 Julie Andrews. (CC)	*** The Princess Diaries '01 Julie Andrews. (CC)	*** The Princess Diaries '01 Julie Andrews. (CC)	*** The Princess Diaries '01 Julie Andrews. (CC)	*** The Princess Diaries '01 Julie Andrews. (CC)	Dollar Nannies (N)	Dollar Nannies (N)	Dollar Nannies (N)	Dollar Nannies (N)
FREE	18	3:00 *** Pretty in Pink (N)	*** The Princess Diaries '01 Julie Andrews. (CC)	*** The Princess Diaries '01 Julie Andrews. (CC)	*** The Princess Diaries '01 Julie Andrews. (CC)	*** The Princess Diaries '01 Julie Andrews. (CC)	*** The Princess Diaries '01 Julie Andrews. (CC)	*** The Princess Diaries '01 Julie Andrews. (CC)	*** The Princess Diaries '01 Julie Andrews. (CC)	*** The Princess Diaries '01 Julie Andrews. (CC)	*** The Princess Diaries '01 Julie Andrews. (CC)	*** The Princess Diaries '01 Julie Andrews. (CC)	*** The Princess Diaries '01 Julie Andrews. (CC)	The 700 Club (CC)	The 700 Club (CC)	The 700 Club (CC)	The 700 Club (CC)
FX	67	*** Thor: Ragnarok (2017, Action) Tom Hiddleston, Chris Hemsworth. (CC)	*** Thor: Ragnarok (2017, Action) Tom Hiddleston, Chris Hemsworth. (CC)	*** Thor: Ragnarok (2017, Action) Tom Hiddleston, Chris Hemsworth. (CC)	*** Thor: Ragnarok (2017, Action) Tom Hiddleston, Chris Hemsworth. (CC)	*** Thor: Ragnarok (2017, Action) Tom Hiddleston, Chris Hemsworth. (CC)	*** Thor: Ragnarok (2017, Action) Tom Hiddleston, Chris Hemsworth. (CC)	*** Thor: Ragnarok (2017, Action) Tom Hiddleston, Chris Hemsworth. (CC)	*** Thor: Ragnarok (2017, Action) Tom Hiddleston, Chris Hemsworth. (CC)	*** Thor: Ragnarok (2017, Action) Tom Hiddleston, Chris Hemsworth. (CC)	*** Thor: Ragnarok (2017, Action) Tom Hiddleston, Chris Hemsworth. (CC)	*** Thor: Ragnarok (2017, Action) Tom Hiddleston, Chris Hemsworth. (CC)	*** Thor: Ragnarok (2017, Action) Tom Hiddleston, Chris Hemsworth. (CC)	*** Thor: Ragnarok (2017, Action) Tom Hiddleston, Chris Hemsworth. (CC)	*** Thor: Ragnarok (2017, Action) Tom Hiddleston, Chris Hemsworth. (CC)	*** Thor: Ragnarok (2017, Action) Tom Hiddleston, Chris Hemsworth. (CC)	*** Thor: Ragnarok (2017, Action) Tom Hiddleston, Chris Hemsworth. (CC)
GOLF	45	Golf Central (N) (CC)	Golf (N)	Golf (N)	PGA TOUR (N)	PGA TOUR (N)	PGA TOUR (N)	PGA TOUR (N)	PGA TOUR (N)	Golf's Greatest Rounds The Open - 2014 (CC)	Golf's Greatest Rounds The Open - 2014 (CC)	Golf's Greatest Rounds The Open - 2014 (CC)	Golf's Greatest Rounds The Open - 2014 (CC)	The Smylie Show (CC)	Vanity Index Podcast (N)	Vanity Index Podcast (N)	Vanity Index Podcast (N)
HALL	62	A Godwink Christmas: Miracle of Love (N)	*** Everything Christmas '23 Cindy Busby. (CC)	*** Everything Christmas '23 Cindy Busby. (CC)	*** Everything Christmas '23 Cindy Busby. (CC)	*** Everything Christmas '23 Cindy Busby. (CC)	*** Everything Christmas '23 Cindy Busby. (CC)	*** Everything Christmas '23 Cindy Busby. (CC)	*** Everything Christmas '23 Cindy Busby. (CC)	*** Christmas Under Construction Jessica Lowndes. (CC)	*** Christmas Under Construction Jessica Lowndes. (CC)	*** Christmas Under Construction Jessica Lowndes. (CC)	*** Christmas Under Construction Jessica Lowndes. (CC)	Gold. Girls (N)	Gold. Girls (N)	Gold. Girls (N)	Gold. Girls (N)
HGTV	65	Farmhouse Fixer (N)	Crashers (N)	Crashers (N)	Crashers (N)	Crashers (N)	Crashers (N)	Crashers (N)	Crashers (N)	Renovation Resort (N)	Renovation Resort (N)	Renovation Resort (N)	Renovation Resort (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunters (N)
HIST	51	Alone "Worlds Collide: Part 1" (CC)	Alone "Worlds Collide: Part 2" (CC)	Alone "Worlds Collide: Part 2" (CC)	Alone "Worlds Collide: Part 2" (CC)	Alone "Worlds Collide: Part 2" (CC)	Alone "Worlds Collide: Part 2" (CC)	Alone "Worlds Collide: Part 2" (CC)	Alone "Worlds Collide: Part 2" (CC)	Alone "Cold Omen" (N) (CC)	Alone "Cold Omen" (N) (CC)	Alone "Cold Omen" (N) (CC)	Alone "Cold Omen" (N) (CC)	:35 Forged in Fire (N)	:35 Forged in Fire (N)	:35 Forged in Fire (N)	:35 Forged in Fire (N)
LIFE	25	Castle "Deep in Death" (N)	Castle (N)	Rizzoli "... Goodbye" (N)	Rizzoli "... Goodbye" (N)	Rizzoli "... Goodbye" (N)	Rizzoli "... Goodbye" (N)	Rizzoli "... Goodbye" (N)	Rizzoli "... Goodbye" (N)	Rizzoli "Doomsday" (N)	Rizzoli "Doomsday" (N)	Rizzoli "Doomsday" (N)	Rizzoli "Doomsday" (N)	:05 Rizzoli "Knockout" (N)	:05 Rizzoli "Knockout" (N)	:05 Rizzoli "Knockout" (N)	:05 Rizzoli "Knockout" (N)
LMN	46	Maid for Revenge '23 Kathryn Kohut. (CC)	*** The Killer With No Name '24 Kabby Borders. (CC)	*** The Killer With No Name '24 Kabby Borders. (CC)	*** The Killer With No Name '24 Kabby Borders. (CC)	*** The Killer With No Name '24 Kabby Borders. (CC)	*** The Killer With No Name '24 Kabby Borders. (CC)	*** The Killer With No Name '24 Kabby Borders. (CC)	*** The Killer With No Name '24 Kabby Borders. (CC)	*** While They Were Sleeping Alicia Leigh Willis. (CC)	*** While They Were Sleeping Alicia Leigh Willis. (CC)	*** While They Were Sleeping Alicia Leigh Willis. (CC)	*** While They Were Sleeping Alicia Leigh Willis. (CC)	*** Betrayed by Love '24 Sara Ball. (CC)	*** Betrayed by Love '24 Sara Ball. (CC)	*** Betrayed by Love '24 Sara Ball. (CC)	*** Betrayed by Love '24 Sara Ball. (CC)
MSNBC	43	Deadline: White House (L) (N) (CC)	The Beat With (L) (N) (CC)	The Weeknight (L) (N)	The Beat With (L) (N) (CC)	The Weeknight (L) (N)	The Beat With (L) (N) (CC)	The Weeknight (L) (N)	The Beat With (L) (N) (CC)	All in With Chr. (L) (N)	The Briefing (L) (N) (CC)	The Briefing (L) (N) (CC)	The Briefing (L) (N) (CC)	Last Word (L) (N)	The 11th (L) (N)	The 11th (L) (N)	The 11th (L) (N)
MTV	36	Big Bang (N)	Big Bang (N)	Big Bang (N)	Big Bang (N)	Big Bang (N)	Big Bang (N)	Big Bang (N)	Big Bang (N)	The Office (N)	The Office (N)	The Office (N)	The Office (N)	The Office (N)	The Office (N)	The Office (N)	The Office (N)
NEWSN	16	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)	The Hill with Blake (N)	Vargas Report (N) (CC)	The Hill with Blake (N)	Vargas Report (N) (CC)	The Hill with Blake (N)	Cuomo (N) (CC)	On Balance (N) (CC)	On Balance (N) (CC)	On Balance (N) (CC)	Katie Pavlich (N) (CC)	Jesse Weber Live (N) (CC)	Jesse Weber Live (N) (CC)	Jesse Weber Live (N) (CC)
NGEO	70	Shark vs. Whale (N)	Shark vs. Tuna (CC)	Man vs. Shark (CC)	Man vs. Shark (CC)	Bull Shark (CC)	Man vs. Shark (CC)	Bull Shark (CC)	Man vs. Shark (CC)	Great White vs (CC)	Sharks: Reef Rivals (N)	Sharks: Reef Rivals (N)	Sharks: Reef Rivals (N)	Great White Gauntlet (N)	When Sharks Attack (N)	When Sharks Attack (N)	When Sharks Attack (N)
NICK	29	Patrick Star (N)	SpongeBob (N)	SpongeBob (N)	SpongeBob (N)	SpongeBob (N)	SpongeBob (N)	SpongeBob (N)	SpongeBob (N)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol (N)	PAW Patrol (N)	PAW Patrol (N)	PAW Patrol (N)	PAW Patrol (N)	PAW Patrol (N)	PAW Patrol (N)	PAW Patrol (N)	PAW Patrol (N)	PAW Patrol (N)	PAW Patrol (N)	PAW Patrol (N)	Peppa Pig (N)	Peppa Pig (N)	Peppa Pig (N)	Peppa Pig (N)
OXY	171	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered "Internal Affairs" (CC)	Dateline: Secrets "Deadly Omission" (CC)	Dateline: Secrets "Deadly Omission" (CC)	Dateline: Secrets "Deadly Omission" (CC)	Dateline: Secrets "Deadly Omission" (CC)	Dateline: Secrets "Deadly Omission" (CC)	Dateline: Secrets "Deadly Omission" (CC)	Dateline: Secrets "Deadly Omission" (CC)	Dateline: Secrets "Sound and Fury" (N) (CC)	Dateline: Secrets "Sound and Fury" (N) (CC)	Dateline: Secrets "Sound and Fury" (N) (CC)	Dateline: Secrets "Sound and Fury" (N) (CC)	Dateline: Secrets (N)	Dateline: Secrets (N)	Dateline: Secrets (N)	Dateline: Secrets (N)
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue (N)	Bar Rescue (N)	Bar Rescue (N)	*** The Goonies (1985, Children) Josh Brolin, Sean Astin. (CC)	*** The Goonies (1985, Children) Josh Brolin, Sean Astin. (CC)	*** The Goonies (1985, Children) Josh Brolin, Sean Astin. (CC)	*** The Goonies (1985, Children) Josh Brolin, Sean Astin. (CC)	*** The Goonies (1985, Children) Josh Brolin, Sean Astin. (CC)	*** Raiders of the Lost Ark '81 Harrison Ford. (CC)	*** Raiders of the Lost Ark '81 Harrison Ford. (CC)	*** Raiders of the Lost Ark '81 Harrison Ford. (CC)	*** Raiders of the Lost Ark '81 Harrison Ford. (CC)	Harrison Ford. (CC)	Harrison Ford. (CC)	Harrison Ford. (CC)	Harrison Ford. (CC)
SYFY	55	Movie (N)	*** Holes (2003, Children) Jon Voight, Sigourney Weaver. (CC)	*** Holes (2003, Children) Jon Voight, Sigourney Weaver. (CC)	*** Holes (2003, Children) Jon Voight, Sigourney Weaver. (CC)	*** Holes (2003, Children) Jon Voight, Sigourney Weaver. (CC)	*** Holes (2003, Children) Jon Voight, Sigourney Weaver. (CC)	*** Holes (2003, Children) Jon Voight, Sigourney Weaver. (CC)	*** Holes (2003, Children) Jon Voight, Sigourney Weaver. (CC)	*** Angels & Demons (2009, Action) Ewan McGregor, Tom Hanks. (CC)	*** Angels & Demons (2009, Action) Ewan McGregor, Tom Hanks. (CC)	*** Angels & Demons (2009, Action) Ewan McGregor, Tom Hanks. (CC)	*** Angels & Demons (2009, Action) Ewan McGregor, Tom Hanks. (CC)	The Ark "The Other You" (N)	The Ark "The Other You" (N)	The Ark "The Other You" (N)	The Ark "The Other You" (N)
TBN	68	Turning (N)	S. Furtick (N)	Harvest (N)	Prince (N)	Graham (N)	Kirk Today (N)	Allen (N)	Stakelbeck (N)	Praise (N)	Harvest (N)	Harvest (N)	Harvest (N)	Turning (N)	Stakelbeck (N)	Praise (N)	Praise (N)
TBS	24	Big Bang (N)	Big Bang (N)	Big Bang (N)	Big Bang (N)	Big Bang (N)	Big Bang (N)	Big Bang (N)	Big Bang (N)	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (L) (N) (CC)	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (L) (N) (CC)	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (L) (N) (CC)	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (L) (N) (CC)	The Office (N)	The Office (N)	The Office (N)	The Office (N)
TCM	54	The King's Vacation (N)	:15 *** The Working Man (N)	:15 *** The Working Man (N)	:15 *** The Working Man (N)	:15 *** The Working Man (N)	:15 *** The Working Man (N)	:15 *** The Working Man (N)	:15 *** The Working Man (N)	*** Two Mules for Sister Sara Shirley MacLaine. (CC)	*** Two Mules for Sister Sara Shirley MacLaine. (CC)	*** Two Mules for Sister Sara Shirley MacLaine. (CC)	*** Two Mules for Sister Sara Shirley MacLaine. (CC)	:15 *** Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison (N)	:15 *** Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison (N)	:15 *** Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison (N)	:15 *** Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison (N)
TLC	23	Dangerously Obese (N)	Dangerously Obese (N)	Obese "A Heavy Secret" (N)	Obese "A Heavy Secret" (N)	Obese "A Heavy Secret" (N)	Obese "A Heavy Secret" (N)	Obese "A Heavy Secret" (N)	Obese "A Heavy Secret" (N)	Most Extreme Humans (N)	Most Ext. (N)	Most Ext. (N)	Most Ext. (N)	Save My Skin (N)	Save My Skin (N)	Save My Skin (N)	Save My Skin (N)
TNT	28	*** Dune (2021, Sci-Fi) Rebecca Ferguson, Timothée Chalamet. (N)	Rebecca Ferguson, Timothée Chalamet. (N)	Rebecca Ferguson, Timothée Chalamet. (N)	:15 *** Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga '24 Anya Taylor-Joy. (CC)	:15 *** Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga '24 Anya Taylor-Joy. (CC)	:15 *** Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga '24 Anya Taylor-Joy. (CC)	:15 *** Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga '24 Anya Taylor-Joy. (CC)	:15 *** Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga '24 Anya Taylor-Joy. (CC)	:15 *** Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga '24 Anya Taylor-Joy. (CC)	:15 *** Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga '24 Anya Taylor-Joy. (CC)	:15 *** Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga '24 Anya Taylor-Joy. (CC)	:15 *** Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga '24 Anya Taylor-Joy. (CC)	:15 *** The Batman '22 Robert Pattinson. (CC)	:15 *** The Batman '22 Robert Pattinson. (CC)	:15 *** The Batman '22 Robert Pattinson. (CC)	:15 *** The Batman '22 Robert Pattinson. (CC)
TOON	69	Regular (N)	Regular (N)	Grim (N)	Grim (N)	Burgers (N)	Burgers (N)	Burgers (N)	Burgers (N)	Family Guy (N)	Family Guy (N)	Family Guy (N)	Family Guy (N)	Family Guy (N)	Family Guy (N)	Family Guy (N)	Family Guy (N)
TRUTV	40	Imp. Jokers (N)	Imp. Jokers (N)	Imp. Jokers (N)	Imp. Jokers (N)	Imp. Jokers (N)	Imp. Jokers (N)	Imp. Jokers (N)	Imp. Jokers (N)	For Love of the Game (1999, Drama) Kelly Preston, Kevin Costner. (CC)	For Love of the Game (1999, Drama) Kelly Preston, Kevin Costner. (CC)	For Love of the Game (1999, Drama) Kelly Preston, Kevin Costner. (CC)	For Love of the Game (1999, Drama) Kelly Preston, Kevin Costner. (CC)	Foul Play (N)	Foul Play (N)	Foul Play (N)	Foul Play (N)
TVLAND	47	A. Griffith (N)	A. Griffith (N)	A. Griffith (N)	A. Griffith (N)	A. Griffith (N)	A. Griffith (N)	A. Griffith (N)	A. Griffith (N)	Raymond (N)	Raymond (N)	Raymond (N)	Raymond (N)	Raymond (N)	Raymond (N)	Raymond (N)	Raymond (N)
USA	30	9-1-1 "Sob Stories" (CC)	9-1-1 "Voices" (CC)	9-1-1 "Voices" (CC)	9-1-1 (N)	9-1-1 (N)	9-1-1 (N)	9-1-1 (N)	9-1-1 (N)	WNBA Pre. (N)	WNBA Basketball Minnesota Lynx at Connecticut Sun (L) (N) (CC)	WNBA Basketball Minnesota Lynx at Connecticut Sun (L) (N) (CC)	WNBA Basketball Minnesota Lynx at Connecticut Sun (L) (N) (CC)	Basketball Indiana Fever at Los Angeles Sparks (L) (N)	Basketball Indiana Fever at Los Angeles Sparks (L) (N)	Basketball Indiana Fever at Los Angeles Sparks (L) (N)	Basketball Indiana Fever at Los Angeles Sparks (L) (N)
WE	61	NCIS "The Immortals" (N)	NCIS "The Curse" (CC)	NCIS													

Swimming with sharks: National Geographic airs summertime SharkFest for a 14th year

By Caroline Collacutt
TV Media

Swimming with sharks: Cue the “Jaws” theme music, find your spot on the couch and take a bite out of National Geographic’s apex summer event, as SharkFest kicks off this Sunday, July 5, with “Hammerhead Sharks Up Close with Bertie Gregory” premiering on National Geographic.

“In Mexico’s Pacific waters, Bertie Gregory [‘Dolphins Up Close with Bertie Gregory’] goes in search of one of the ocean’s most iconic predators: the hammerhead shark,” reads the network’s description. “Once abundant in these seas, ham-

merhead populations have plummeted, making sightings increasingly rare.”

“Joining forces with leading shark scientists and local experts,” the description continues, “Bertie investigates what’s driving the hammerhead decline, and how protected waters offer hope for the future. His journey culminates in a rare and unforgettable encounter that shines a light on the future of one of the world’s most famous sharks.”

As with previous years, National Geographic has prepared nonstop underwater entertainment to air alongside Bertie’s adventure, combining jaw-dropping encounters with the latest scientific information,

revealing new insights into the predator’s behaviors, habits and ongoing conservation efforts.

In “World’s Biggest Mako,” for example, a team of scientists searches the waters above New Zealand to find the elusive giant mako shark. Aided by local fishermen, these experts encounter increasingly large makos — a species once considered endangered but which now seems to be making a comeback.

Meanwhile, in “Attack of the Samurai Sharks,” experts examine a 3,000 year old cold case, trying to determine if an ancient skeleton could’ve been the earliest known victim of a shark attack. Found in Japan, the victim’s skeleton was dis-



Bertie Gregory hosts “Hammerhead Sharks Up Close With Bertie Gregory”

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Solution on page 19

covered with unusually deep cut marks — marks once thought to be from a Samurai sword attack. However, shark experts Alyssa White, Gavin Naylor, Kirin Sekito and Masato Nakatsukasa offer their own killer theory.

Other series, such as “Shark vs. Giant Crocs,” examine the species’ relationship to other toothy predators down below. Experts Nico Lubitz and Adam Barnett travel into the wilds of northeastern Australia, where they investigate reports of bullsharks clashing with saltwater crocodiles along the Daintree River. While “[attempting] to fit a camera to the back of a big territorial boss croc, they risk [it] all,” a press release explains.

Dive into shark-infested waters, when SharkFest begins Sunday, July 5, on National Geographic.

Expect the unexpected: Clear your schedule and prepare for a summer filled with vetoes, evictions and HOH nominations, as Season 28 of “Big Brother” kicks off with a supersized, 90-minute episode airing this Thursday, July 9, on CBS.

But that’s not all. The drama continues just three days later, with an-

other 90-minute episode making its debut the following Sunday, July 12, giving viewers a good taste of what’s to come before starting “Big Brother’s” usual Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday release schedule the following week.

The upcoming season will see the return of long-standing host Julie Chen Moonves (“Entertainment Tonight”), who follows along as a group of total strangers learn to co-habitate under one roof. While under constant, 24/7 surveillance, these houseguests face unique challenges, unexpected relationships, feuds and more — all with the threat of eviction looming constantly over their heads. Each week, one player is asked to leave the house, making numbers dwindle until only one player remains, earning themselves a \$750,000 prize.

While this season’s contestants have yet to be announced, The U.S. Sun has previously reported that Season 28 will likely see the return of veteran “Big Brother” houseguests.

“Sources close to production have spilled that CBS executives are actively planning to bring back a mix of veteran players alongside brand-new contestants for the first time in

over six years,” The U.S. Sun claim.

Regardless, this upcoming season will see a historic moment for “Big Brother” as it reaches its milestone 1,000th episode. The program is set to become “the first entertainment television series in American history to reach 1,000 original episodes in prime time” (per GoldDerby), with 975 episodes currently under its belt. Season 28 is set to reach this milestone sometime in August, with “Big Brother” seasons usually featuring 30 to 40 episodes. The series’ last big milestone — hitting 500 episodes — took place in September of 2013, near the end of “Big Brother’s” 15th season.

Additionally, fans can expect the return of the “Big Brother” companion series, “Big Brother: Unlocked,” which shares exclusive footage from inside the house, extended interviews, surprise guest appearances, behind-the-scenes drama and more.

“Packed with new segments and returning fan favorites, the series breaks down gameplay, evaluates the competition and shares insider perspectives, starting Friday, July 10,” explains CBS.

The history-making Season 28 of “Big Brother” premieres Thursday, July 9, on CBS.

Thursday Best Bets

Celebrity Family Feud

WTVD WPDE 8:00 pm

Steve Harvey returns to referee the survey-says showdowns as celebrities and their families face off for charity in this season premiere. Expect quick wits, wild guesses and Harvey’s signature reactions as famous faces battle over the survey board.

Big Brother

WBTW 8:00 pm

A fresh group of strangers move into the iconic house, cut off from the world and watched around the clock in this Season 28 premiere. Alliances form, betrayals brew and only one houseguest outlasts the rest in this long-running competition series.



Steve Harvey hosts “Celebrity Family Feud”

Sleepless in Seattle

TCM 8:00 pm

After the death of his wife, Sam Baldwin (Tom Hanks) is tricked into talking on a call-in radio program by his son, Jonah (Ross Malinger). Across the country, Annie Reed (Meg Ryan) hears Sam speak and instantly falls in love with him.

Project Runway

FREE 8:30 pm

The largest field in the show’s history hits the runway as 22 designers compete for fashion glory in this Season 22 premiere. Heidi Klum, Law Roach and Nina Garcia return to judge while Christian Siriano mentors them through a brutal competition.

THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 9, 2026

		TW	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
5	WRAL	5	WRAL News at 4PM (N)	WRAL News	News (N)	WRAL News	NBC News	WRAL News	Inside (N)	Surviving Earth (N)	The Americas (N)	Law-SVU "Corrosive"	WRAL News	:35 J. Fallon				
9	WMBF	9	WMBF News at 4 (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	NBC News	WMBF News	Inside (N)	Surviving Earth (N)	The Americas (N)	Law-SVU "Corrosive"	News at 11	:35 J. Fallon				
11	WTVD	11	11 Eyewitness News (N)	ABC 11 News (N) (CC)	News (N)	World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel	Celebrity Family Feud (N)	Press Your Luck (N)	Greatest "Beefcakes!"	News (N)	:35 J. Kimmel					
13	WBTW	13	News 13 First (N) (CC)	News (N)	WBTW News	News (N)	CBS-News	Wheel	Jeopardy!	Big Brother (SP) (N) (CC)	Ghosts (CC)	Matlock	News (N)	:35 Comics				
15	WPDE	10	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	ABC15 News at 5 (N) (CC)	News (N)	World News	News (N)	ET (N)	Celebrity Family Feud (N)	Press Your Luck (N)	Greatest "Beefcakes!"	News 15 (N)	:35 J. Kimmel				
21	WWMB	3	Tribunal	Tribunal	Maury	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Trivial Pursuit	Trivial "Easy Rider"	National Desk (N)	National Desk (N)					
31	WUNU	12	Sewing	Quilting	Compass (N)	BBC World	PBS News Hour (N) (CC)	Key	My Home N..	Best	Sci NC (CC)	N.C. Wknd	Reel South (CC)	Shaped by	Amanpour (N)			
40	WUVC	4	El gordo y la flaca (L) (N)	Primer impacto (L) (N)	Noticias (N)	Noticiero (N)	Rosa "Estrella fugaz" (N)	Tan cerca de ti, nac (N)	Guardián de mi vida (N)	Hermanas, un amor (N)	Noticias 40	:35 Noticiero						
43	WFXB	2	FIFA World FIFA Soccer Quarterfinal: Teams TBA (N)	Postgame	Big Bang	Sheldon	Sheldon	The 1% Club	Best Medicine	Fox News	:35 Not,News	Mod Fam	Goldbergs					
62	WFPX	8	NCIS: LA "Past Lives"	NCIS: LA "Missing"	NCIS: LA "LD50"	NCIS: LA "The Bank Job"	NCIS: LA "Chinatown"	NCIS: LA "Full Throttle"	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: LA "Hand-to-Hand"								
A&E	21	The First 48 "Gangland"	The First 48 "Truly Lost"	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48	First 48 "Complex Terror"	First 48 "Chain Reaction"	:05 The First 48					
AMC	41	Movie	:45 🏆🏆🏆🏆 Beverly Hills Cop ('84) Eddie Murphy. (CC)	🏆🏆🏆🏆 Beverly Hills Cop II ('87) Eddie Murphy. (CC)	TNA iMPACT! (L) (N) (CC)	🏆🏆🏆🏆 Happy Gilmore												
ANPL	64	Monsters "Russian Killer"	Monsters "Flesh Ripper"	River Monsters	River Monsters	Monsters "Jungle Killer"	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters					
BET	37	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Celebrity Family Feud	Celebrity Family Feud	Celebrity Family Feud	🏆🏆🏆 Breakin' All the Rules ('04, Rom) Gabrielle Union, Jamie Foxx. (P) (CC)									
CMT	48	King	King	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls			
CNBC	53	Closing Bell (L) (N) (CC)	Fast Money (L) (N) (CC)	Mad Money (N) (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)					
CNN	26	The Arena (L) (N)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	E. B. OutFront (L) (N) (CC)	Cooper 360 (L) (N)	The Source With (L) (N)	CNN NewsNight (L) (N)	Laura Coates Live (L) (N)									
COMC	34	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	:35 Office	:10 Office	:45 Office	:20 The Office (CC)	:55 Office	The Office	Daily Show	FamilyGuy			
CSPAN	56	Live From The Nation's Capital (CC)	Public Affairs Events	C-SPAN Primetime (CC)	C-SPAN Primetime (CC)													
DISC	42	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	In the Eye of	In the "Mile-Wide EF5"	In the Eye of	In the Eye of	In the Eye of	In the Eye of	In the Eye of	In the Eye of	In the Eye of	In the Eye of	In the Eye of				
DISN	57	Big City	Big City	Big City Greens	"Spinned Off; Broken Karted" Big Tech unveils its slate of AI-generated TV shows; Tilly drives Lupita's go-kart. (CC)	Ladybug	Ladybug											
E!	39	3:00 🏆🏆🏆 Men in Black 3	Will Smith. 🏆🏆🏆🏆 The Mask ('94) Cameron Diaz, Jim Carrey.	🏆🏆🏆🏆 Men in Black 3 (2012, Action) Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith.	🏆🏆🏆🏆 The Mask ('94) Cameron Diaz, Jim Carrey.													
ESPN	31	NFL Live (L) (N) (CC)	SportCtr (N)	Pardon (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)	NBA Summer League (L) (N) (CC)	NBA Summer League (L) (N) (CC)	NBA Summer League (L) (N) (CC)	NBA Sum. (L) (N)									
ESPN2	32	Football (N)	NBA Summer League (L) (N) (CC)	Football	NFL Live (CC)	Football	30 for 30	Elway to Marino (CC)	ESPN FC (L) (N) (CC)	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)								
FDSO	38	3:00 To Be Announced	Golf Life	Pre-Game	:15 To Be Announced	Programming to be announced.												
FNC	44	Will Cain (L) (N)	The Five (L) (N) (CC)	With Bret Baier (L) (N)	Ingraham (L) (N)	Jesse Watters (L) (N) (CC)	Hannity (L) (N) (CC)	Gutfeld! (N)	Fox News at Night (L) (N)									
FOOD	66	Bobby's Triple Threat	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Kitchen Nightmares	Kitchen "Kati Allo"				
FREE	18	3:30 🏆🏆🏆 Sweet Home Alabama	🏆🏆🏆 The Proposal ('09, Rom) Ryan Reynolds, Sandra Bullock. (CC)	Runway "22 for Season 22" (SP) (N)	Project Runway (N)	The 700 Club (CC)												
FX	67	3:30 🏆🏆🏆🏆 Captain America: The First Avenger	🏆🏆🏆🏆 The Avengers (2012, Action) Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr.. (CC)	The Bear (N)	🏆🏆🏆🏆 Deadpool ('16, Act) Morena Baccarin, Ryan Reynolds. (CC)													
GOLF	45	PGA Tour Golf ISCO Championship, First Round (L) (N) (CC)	Golf Central (N) (CC)	PGA Tour Golf Genesis Scottish Open, First Round	Golf First Round													
HALL	62	🏆 Pride, Prejudice and Mistletoe	Lacey Chabert. 🏆 Christmas Waltz ('20) Lacey Chabert. (CC)	🏆 Time for Us to Come Home for Christmas	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls									
HGTV	65	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House				
HIST	51	Secrets "Top Secret Sites"	Secrets Declassified	Secrets "Spy Tech"	Secrets "Deep Cover"	Secrets "Covert Heists"	Secrets Declassified (N)	:05 Aliens "Alien A.I." (N)	:05 Ancient Aliens									
LIFE	25	Castle "Fool Me Once"	Castle	NCIS "Light Sleeper" (CC)	NCIS "Head Case" (CC)	NCIS "Family Secret" (CC)	NCIS "Ravenous" (CC)	:05 NCIS "Bait" (CC)	:05 NCIS "Iced" (CC)									
LMN	46	🏆 A Lover Scorned ('19) Emilie de Ravin. (CC)	🏆 Cheerleader Nightmare ('18) Taylor Murphy. (CC)	🏆 To Catch a Cheater ('26) Kate Watson. (CC)	🏆 He's Not Worth Dying For ('22) Robin Givens.													
MSNBC	43	Deadline: White House (L) (N) (CC)	The Beat With (L) (N) (CC)	The Weeknight (L) (N)	All in With Chr. (L) (N)	The Briefing (L) (N) (CC)	Last Word (L) (N)	The 11th (L) (N)										
MTV	36	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Jersey Shore (CC)	Jersey "It's a Boy!" (N)	Jersey Shore (CC)	🏆🏆🏆🏆 Friday ('95, Com) Chris Tucker, Ice Cube. (CC)									
NEWSN	16	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)	The Hill with Blake (N)	Vargas Report (N) (CC)	Cuomo (N) (CC)	On Balance (N) (CC)	Katie Pavlich (N) (CC)	Jesse Weber Live (N) (CC)									
NGEO	70	Baby Sharks (CC)	Sky Sharks: Clo (CC)	Sharkcano: Hawaii (CC)	Return (CC)	Shark Below Zero (CC)	Shark (N)	Shark (N)	Shark (N)	Shark (N)	Shark (N)	Shark (N)	When Sharks Attack					
NICK	29	Patrick Star	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	🏆🏆🏆 The Boss Baby 2: Family Business	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang				
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Mr. Crocod	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol				
OXY	171	Dateline: Unforgettable	"A Walk in the Rain" (CC)	Dateline: Unforgettable	"Death at the Spa" (CC)	Unforgettable	"The Death of Dr. Schwartz" (N) (CC)	Dateline: Unforgettable	Dateline: Unforgettable	Dateline: Unforgettable	Dateline: Unforgettable	Dateline: Unforgettable	Dateline: Unforgettable	Dateline: Unforgettable				
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	🏆🏆🏆🏆 Raiders of the Lost Ark ('81) Harrison Ford. (CC)	🏆🏆🏆🏆 Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom	Harrison Ford.	🏆 Indiana Jones & the La...											
SYFY	55	🏆 The Strangers: Chapter 1	Madelaine Petsch.	🏆🏆🏆 I, Robot (2004, Sci-Fi) Bridget Moynahan, Will Smith. (CC)	🏆🏆🏆 Man on Fire (2004, Crime Story)	Dakota Fanning, Denzel Washington. (CC)												
TBN	68	Turning	S. Furtick	Harvest (N)	Prince (N)	Healing	Kirk Today	Allen (N)	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)	Rosenberg	Vinia: Er	My First	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)			
TBS	24	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Foul Play	Foul Play		
TCM	54	:15 🏆🏆🏆🏆 The Night of the Iguana ('64) Richard Burton.	🏆🏆🏆🏆 Hot Summer Night	🏆🏆🏆🏆 Sleepless in Seattle ('93) Tom Hanks.	🏆🏆🏆🏆 Philadelphia ('93) Tom Hanks.													
TLC	23	Little "Palm Desert-ed"	Little "Mirage a Trois"	Little Singles	90 Day: The Last Resort	Last Resort (N)	Little Singles (N)	Jay & Pamela (N)	Baylen Out Loud									
TNT	28	3:00 🏆🏆🏆🏆 Kong: Skull Island	🏆🏆🏆 The Legend of Tarzan ('16) Alexander Skarsgård. (CC)	🏆🏆🏆🏆 Kingsman: The Secret Service ('15) Colin Firth. (CC)	:45 🏆🏆🏆🏆 Kong: Skull Island													
TOON	69	Regular	Regular	Grim	Grim	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morty	Rick Morty	
TRUTV	40	American	American	American	American	Endurance	🏆🏆🏆 Victory ('81) Michael Caine, Sylvester Stallone. (P) (N) (CC)	🏆🏆🏆 Victory ('81) Sylvester Stallone. (CC)										
TVLAND	47	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King			
USA	30	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	🏆🏆🏆 Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom ('18) Bryce Dallas Howard, Chris Pratt.	🏆🏆🏆 Jurassic World: Fallen ...									
WE	61	NCIS "Bete Noir" (CC)	NCIS	NCIS "UnSEaled" (CC)	NCIS "Dead Man Talking"	NCIS "Missing" (CC)	NCIS "Split Decision" (CC)	NCIS "The Weak Link"	NCIS "Reveille" (CC)									

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5	WRAL	5	WRAL News at 4PM (N)	WRAL News	News (N)	News (N)	WRAL News	NBC News	WRAL News	Inside (N)	America's Got Talent "Auditions 5" (CC)				Dateline NBC (N) (CC)		WRAL News	:35 J. Fallon		
9	WMBF	9	WMBF News at 4 (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	NBC News	WMBF News	Inside (N)	America's Got Talent "Auditions 5" (CC)				Dateline NBC (N) (CC)		News at 11	:35 J. Fallon		
11	WTVD	11	11 Eyewitness News (N)	ABC 11 News (N) (CC)	News (N)	News (N)	World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel	Celebrity Jeopardy! (N)	20/20 (N) (CC)		Boston Blue				News (N)	:35 J. Kimmel		
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hollywood Q&A



Ray Stricklyn, Jill St. John and David Hedison in "The Lost World"

By Adam Thomlison
TV Media

Q: I just saw an old '60s movie called "The Lost World" that was about dinosaurs still living in the modern day. And I know that the second "Jurassic Park" movie was called "The Lost World." Is the "Jurassic Park" sequel somehow a remake of this old movie?

A: It got confusing once the film adaptations happened, but author Michael Crichton, who wrote the books that were the basis of the "Jurassic Park" movies, borrowed the title as an homage. But not from the 1960 movie that you saw (I did say it's confusing).

Your film was, in fact, an adaptation of the book "The Lost World" by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (more famous for the Sherlock Holmes stories). It was, as you say, about an island in Central America where dinosaurs still walk the Earth.

When Crichton was writing a sequel to his hit novel "Jurassic Park," in which his genetically re-engineered dinosaurs were transplanted to an island in Central America, he

selected "The Lost World" as a title as a nod to the Doyle book that went there first.

Though the 1997 film adaptation of Crichton's "The Lost World" made more money (more than \$600 million in global box office), Doyle's book has been adapted more.

The 1960 version you saw was the second movie version. The first was made all the way back in 1925, making it a landmark in early filmmaking. And there have been many more adaptations since, including a 2001 miniseries version by BBC and A&E and a looser, three-season TV series made for syndication in 1999 (it aired on the WB Network in North America).

Whereas the 1997 version of Crichton's novel is the only adaptation that's been made so far; that might have something to do with the fact that his book is still under copyright and would be expensive to get the rights to, whereas Doyle's book is now in the public domain.

Q: What's Naomi Watts been up to?

A: Spoken like someone who

Screen scramble

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Answer: □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

Unscramble the letters for each word to reveal five movies and TV shows. Then, rearrange the circled letters to discover the actor who has appeared in all five.

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didn't see the opinion-splitting Hulu drama "All's Fair."

Naomi Watts ("Mulholland Drive," 2001) executive-produced and co-starred in the first season of the legal drama, which was frankly better known and got a lot of press for starring celebrity socialite Kim Kardashian ("Keeping Up With the Kardashians").

It was released in November, and was almost immediately renewed for a second season. Plus, it's been confirmed that Watts will be back as Liberty Ronson, one of the show's gang of high-flying divorce attorneys.

Production was slated for this

spring, but no release date has been set yet. We can hope for a similar November release, but Hulu doesn't have to stick to that schedule.

That's just one of the things on Watts's plate at the moment.

She recently completed filming of a pair of feature-length dramas: the political thriller "The Housewife" and the ensemble family drama "Mother Courage." However, there's no word on a release date of either of these.

Have a question? Email us at questions@tvtabloid.com. Please include your name and town. Personal replies will not be provided.

Late laughs

The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon

New York City is buzzing right now because last night [June 3], the New York Knicks won Game 1 of the NBA Finals! Yeah, everywhere you look, there's blue and orange. It's like seeing President Trump swimming in the new [Lincoln Memorial] Reflecting Pool.

Everyone in the city is so excited. Last night [June 3], I saw a Wall Street stockbroker vaping outside a sports bar with Zohran Mamdani.

The [New York] Knicks are three wins away from a ticker-tape parade. President Trump was like, "If you need any paper for shredding, give me a call."

Jimmy Kimmel Live!

Thank you for joining us here for our post-game report from Hollywood following Game 2 of the NBA Finals. You are watching a special Friday night edition of "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" Man, oh man. Wait until the president finds out we're adding shows.

Tonight's [June 5] game, the basketball game was in San Antonio between the Spurs and the New York Knicks. The last time these teams squared off in the Finals was 1999, back when people were betting with Beanie Babies.

Late Night With Seth Meyers

During an Oval Office event yesterday [June 3], President Trump said that his administration removed homeless encampments around Washington, D.C., in time for the country's 250th anniversary and added ... that he has, quote, "re-grassed many of the areas." Oh, yeah, he's definitely "re-grassed." Some would say he's re-grassed all the way to childhood.

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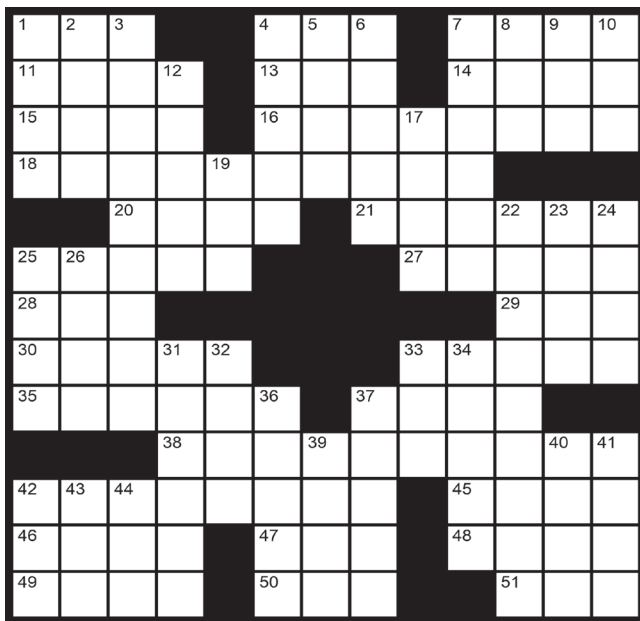


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7. Don
11. Big times
13. Egyptian cobra
14. The "A" in "M*A*S*H"
15. Reason for an R rating
16. Like James Corden's show
18. Comedy that takes place in Cloud 9
20. Barrie buccaneer
21. Symbol of hotness
25. John, Paul and John Paul
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28. Actor Vigoda
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30. Movie theater chain
33. Flip-flop
35. Put under
37. Captured
38. Peter Krause series
42. Priyanka Chopra series
45. Hymn exclamation
46. Shade provider
47. Place for a nap
48. Levelheaded
49. Baby
50. Microbrewery output
51. ____ in "kangaroo"
1. Panhandles
2. Drop ____ (moon)
3. "Star Trek" measure
4. Bogus
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9. Invoice abbr.
10. Ham holder
12. Request from the boss
17. Actor Estrada
19. Hi-____ monitor
22. '70s prime-time cop
23. Actor Ken
24. Yearn
25. People to hang with
26. Double-reed instrument
31. "People's Court" judge
32. Immediately
33. Kid
34. Twinkie cousins
36. Susan's "All My Children" role
37. It might mature in 10 years
39. Biol. branch
40. Chaplin of "Game of Thrones"
41. Henna and others
42. Logical conclusion
43. Home of the tallest bldg. in the world
44. Director DuVernay

Down

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Answer: MATTHEW RHYS

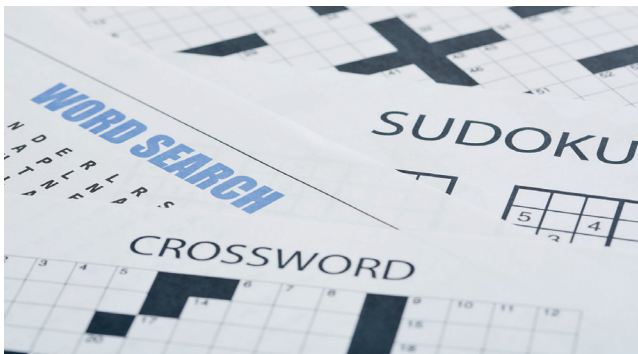
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How to celebrate
and commemorate
America’s semiquincentennial

Commemorations of America’s national history are part of annual celebrations of American independence that take place each year on July 4, which marks the anniversary of the nation’s birth. Those celebrations have a reputation for being particularly festive and tend to be capped off by awe-inspiring fireworks displays once the sun sets on the Fourth of July.

The liveliness of annual celebrations of American independence figures to be taken up a notch in 2026, when the United States will celebrate its semiquincentennial. Two hundred and fifty years of nationhood warrants a particularly jovial celebration, and there are many ways Americans can commemorate and celebrate the nation on this momentous occasion.

Support a local historical society.

Local historical societies have played a vital role in preserving United States history, and many of those who work in support of these organizations do so on a volunteer basis. Expressions of support for local historical societies can go a long way toward helping them continue to fulfill their missions. Financial donations, letters to state and local political officials urging increased funding for historical societies, visits to local historical sites, and even volunteering to help organizations fulfill their missions are a handful of ways to ensure these groups can continue to make invaluable contributions to their communities and the nation.



Volunteer with local government.

Pitching in to help local government organizations planning semiquincentennial celebrations is another great way to honor America’s two hundred and fiftieth anniversary. The days and weeks surrounding July 4 will likely be filled with anniversary-related events and celebrations, but many communities also plan to commemorate the semiquincentennial throughout 2026, providing plenty of opportunities for volunteers of all ages to lend a hand.

Help digitize archival materials.

The modern world is accustomed to digital files and instant access to information, but the vast majority of records pertaining to American history and accounts of Americans’ personal experiences remain preserved on paper. Photos and documents wear down over time, and American archivists face an uphill battle as they work to digitize records for the purpose of long-term preservation. Anyone who wants to lend a hand and help to preserve local and national history can speak with a local library or university librarian about what’s being done to digitize historical accounts and records and offer to lend a hand with such efforts. If no such efforts are currently being undertaken in your community, offer to spearhead a digitalization project and recruit others to participate.

Explore the country.

Travel presents another great way to celebrate the nation on its two hundred and fiftieth birthday. The United States is a vast nation with many unique subcultures and local customs, not to mention countless locales that have featured prominently in American history. When planning vacations in 2026, resolve to stay within U.S. borders and seek ways to learn about the nation’s history during your travels.



America’s semiquincentennial is a big deal, and there’s much residents of the United States can do to take an active role in the celebration and commemoration of the nation’s history.

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A nation gets a name



September 9, 1776, may not be the first date Americans think of when pondering their nation’s history, but it’s a significant day nonetheless. According to the National Constitution Center, on September 9, 1776, the Second Continental Congress adopted a new name for a collective of colonies that had been referred to as the “United Colonies.” The name chosen on that day in late summer 1776, the United States of America, has endured. While the opening sentence of the Declaration of Independence, which was issued on July 4, 1776, refers to the “thirteen united States of America,” it was a little more than two months later when the Congress passed a series of resolutions, including one in which it replaced “United Colonies” with “United States” as the fledgling nation’s new name.

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As we celebrate this Fourth of July, we have much to be proud of. Because of your dedication, our community is healthier, stronger, and more hopeful for the future.

Thank you for the compassion you show, the sacrifices you make, and the teamwork you demonstrate every day. Together, we continue to prove what can be accomplished when a community is served by One Great Team.

I wish you and your families a safe, enjoyable, and meaningful Independence Day.

Chris Ellington
President and CEO, UNC Health Southeastern

Notable facts about the

Land of the Free

The United States of America is often characterized as “the land of the free,” a characterization that serves as a feather in the cap of the nation that will celebrate its two hundred and fiftieth anniversary in 2026. Upon hearing the phrase “land of the free,” it’s understandable if thoughts immediately go to protected rights like freedom of speech, freedom of religion and freedom of the press. But what about the “land” in the land of free? As Americans prepare to celebrate their nation’s semiquincentennial, recognition of various geographical features of the land of the free can underscore why the United States of America is such a unique place to call home.

Alaska’s location makes it a particularly unique place in the land of the free.

It may surprise no one to learn that Alaska features the northernmost point in all of the United States. But it may raise an eyebrow or two to learn that The Last Frontier contains both the easternmost and westernmost points in the country. The Prime Meridian is an imaginary line that divides the Earth into the eastern and western hemispheres. According to The State of Alaska, the westernmost point in the state, and thus the entire country, is Amatignak Island. Seventy miles away and still in Alaska, but on the other side of the meridian and thus technically in the eastern hemisphere, sits Pochnoi Point on Semisopchnoi Island, which is the easternmost point in the country.

The tallest mountain in the world is in America.

Climbers who train for years in the hopes of one day making their way up Mount Everest might be surprised to learn the mountain located on the border between Koshi Province, Nepal and the Tibet Autonomous Region is not, in fact, the world’s tallest mountain. While Mount Everest is the highest mountain above sea level, the world’s tallest mountain is Mauna Kea, which is in the Hawaiian islands. According to the American Geography Portal, when measured from its base on the sea floor to its summit, Mauna Kea is more than 32,000 feet tall, topping Mount Everest by a few thousand feet.

Oregon is home to one of the world’s deepest lakes.

With a depth of approximately 1,950 feet, Crater Lake in south-central Oregon is the eleventh deepest lake in the world and the second deepest lake in North America. The National Park Service notes that Crater Lake, fed by rain and snow, is among the most pristine lakes on Earth, making it a popular destination for artists, photographers and sightseers.

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Alexander Hamilton’s legacy rose to new heights in the twenty-first century, a remarkable feat given that the Founding Father passed away in 1804. The debut of the Broadway musical Hamilton in 2015 reinvigorated interest in the American statesman, but even the most ardent fans of Lin-Manuel Miranda’s wildly popular play may not realize that Alexander Hamilton made a notable “mistake” that has endured through the centuries. A careful reading of the United States Constitution reveals that the home state of each delegate is listed alongside his name. The names of the delegates’ states were written into the document by Alexander Hamilton. Benjamin Franklin was the Pennsylvania delegate at the time, and when writing the state Franklin represented next to his name, Hamilton spelled it “Pensylvania.” That spelling notably contains two “Ns” and not the three in the modern spelling of the state’s name used today. But before Americans point a finger at the Founding Father for misspelling the name, it’s worth noting that Hamilton was not necessarily incorrect. Indeed, it was considered acceptable to spell “Pennsylvania” with two or three Ns in the late eighteenth century. Alas, modern readers of the Constitution cannot be blamed for wishing spellcheck had been around when the United States became a nation.

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1 “America is another name for opportunity.”

4 “Give me liberty, or give me death!”

2 “Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.”

5 “...there never was a good War, or a bad Peace.”

3 “Within the soul of America is freedom of mind and spirit in man. Here alone are the open windows through which pours the sunlight of the human spirit.”

- A. Patrick Henry
- B. Benjamin Franklin
- C. Ralph Waldo Emerson
- D. Thomas Paine
- E. Herbert Hoover



1. C, 2. D, 3. E, 4. A, 5. B

Guess Who?

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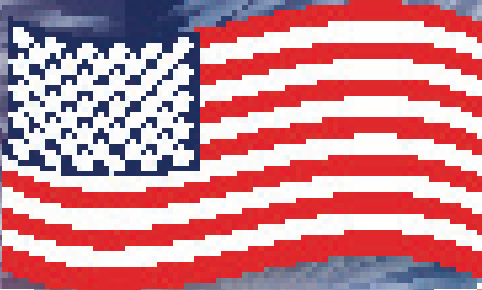
1. I was born in Virginia on April 28, 1758. I am the last Founding Father to serve as a president as well as the last president of the Virginia dynasty. Wildly popular, I won my second term almost unopposed, and I am known for my stable leadership.

2. I was born in Virginia on February 9, 1773 and went on to become the ninth president of the United States. Mine is known as the shortest presidency in United States history, despite the longest inauguration speech. I was commander in chief for just over 30 days.

3. I was born in Texas on October 14, 1890. I am known for my command of the Allied forces in Europe during World War II, and later for my two terms as President of the United States. During my presidency, I focused on maintaining peace and prosperity through a strong military and alliances.

4. I was born in Virginia on February 22, 1732. I became the commander of the Virginia Regiment during the French and Indian War. I was later instrumental in a movement against the oppression of the American colonists by the British Crown, and became commander in chief of the Continental Army.

1. James Monroe 2. William Henry Harrison
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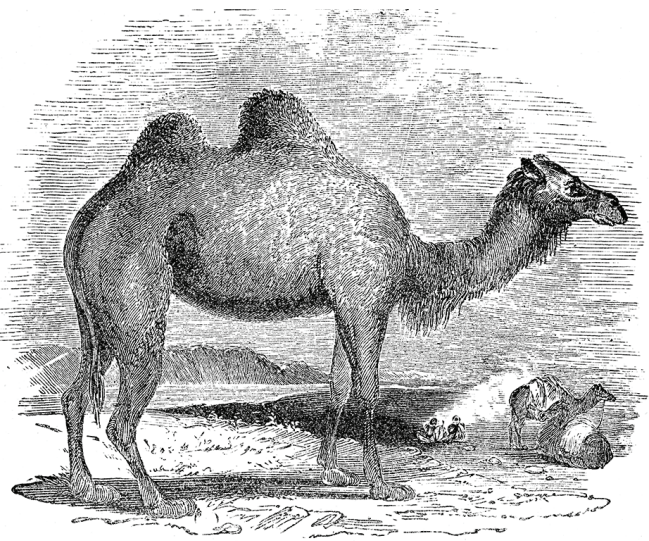


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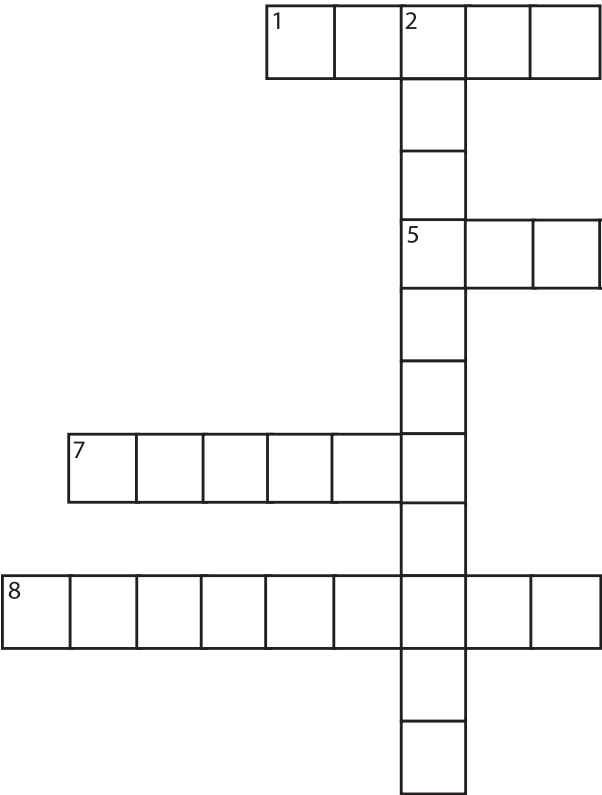
Camels have a unique place in American history

Jefferson Davis’s name is inextricably linked to the American Civil War, during which the politician who represented Mississippi in the United States Senate served as president of the Confederate States. But Davis’s influence on the United States predated the nation’s civil war, and he even played a notable role in one of the more unique events in American military history. While serving as Secretary of War in 1855, Davis ordered Brevet Major Henry C. Wayne to arrange for the importation of camels to be used for military purposes. Davis had urged Congress to establish a United States Army Camel Corps. for years, and even formally introduced measures to establish such a unit in the early 1850s, efforts that ultimately proved unsuccessful. Though few might associate camels with the United States, Davis’s campaign to bring camels into the American military fold was not as eccentric as it might seem in modern times. According to the Army University Press, the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo, which officially ended the Mexican-American War upon its signing in 1848, added more than half a million square miles of land to the United States, a significant portion of which included desert



lands in what is now the American southwest. The discovery of gold in California around this same time also increased traffic in this new region of the country, which remained dangerous even after the signing of the treaty. Advocates of a camel corps insisted the animals would allow the U.S. Army, tasked with keeping the region safe, to do their job more effectively. Though the camel experiment ultimately failed due to a number of variables, it remains a unique and lesser known event in American military history.

Kids’ Criss-Cross Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1. Feeling of satisfaction
 - 5. State of being free
 - 6. Privileges or protections
 - 7. Joined together
 - 8. Government by the people
- DOWN**
- 2. People
 - 3. Nation
 - 4. Formal choice



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Fun Facts

about some of the colonies
that formed the U.S.



It's been 250 years since the 13 colonies joined to form the United States of America, but those 13 territories continue to feature prominently throughout the country each and every day. That's because the 13 stripes on the American flag represent the original 13 colonies.

The American flag serves as a visible reminder of the 13 colonies, and that's not the only interesting fact about the territories that would become the United States of America.



Benjamin Franklin was among the most renowned and recognizable of the Founding Fathers of the United States, and his commitment to the ideals of the burgeoning nation did not waver even when the conflict that became the American Revolutionary War divided his family. William Franklin was a son Benjamin fathered

outside his common-law marriage to Deborah Read. Though William was raised by his father and Read, father and son did not see eye-to-eye on every issue, including the war. William, in fact, served as the thirteenth and final Colonial Governor of New Jersey, and remained a steadfast loyalist throughout the conflict. The prospects of victory were looking dim for loyalists by 1781, and William departed for England in 1782, never to return to New Jersey or the infant nation it became a part of. Curiously, William's own son from an extra-marital relationship, William Temple Franklin, sided with his grandfather during the conflict, and even served Benjamin Franklin while the latter negotiated a pivotal alliance between America and France.



There was a
constitution that
predates the United
States Constitution.

ConnecticutHistory.org notes that the Connecticut Colony had a framework for government by the mid-seventeenth century not unlike the one that would be spelled out in the U.S. Constitution. The Fundamental Orders of Connecticut were adopted in 1639 and are considered the first written constitution in America. Roger Ludlow of Windsor is believed to have drafted the Fundamental Orders, which consisted of a preamble and 11 orders (or laws) and mirrored trading company charters common at the time. Notably, the Orders did not reference the authority of the crown.



A debt sparked the
founding of
Pennsylvania.

After the restoration of the Stuart monarchy in 1660, Charles II of England took the throne. Money was tight at the time, so Sir William Penn, a British admiral, funded the rebuilding of the Royal Navy out of his own pocket. Charles II was petitioned for repayment by Sir William's son, also named William Penn, twenty years later. But the younger Penn, who had become a Quaker by this point, requested land in lieu of funds, with a goal toward establishing a place where religious tolerance was rule. The king granted the younger Penn's request in 1681, and decreed that the territory granted to Penn be named after his father. Thus, Pennsylvania got its name.



Rent was cheap in New Hampshire
by the mid-eighteenth century.

The colony of New Hampshire was so sparsely populated by the end of the French and Indian War in 1762 that Governor Benning Wentworth came up with a unique way to entice people to move to what's now known as the Granite State. According to History.com, Wentworth recruited settlers by offering one-acre lots that required annual rental payments of just a single ear of Indian corn payable on December 25.

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TRIVIA

- This infamous figure was a decorated American military officer who rose to the rank of Major General during the American Revolutionary War.

Answer: Benedict Arnold. Though Arnold is today widely remembered as a turncoat, he accomplished much for the Americans before defecting to the British in 1780, including leading the capture of Fort Ticonderoga in 1775.

Answer: False. While the eight-year-long conflict between the colonists and Great Britain that began in 1775 remained the longest war in American military history for nearly 200 years, the Vietnam War, in which America was engaged between 1960 and 1975, displaced it atop that list in the middle decades of the twentieth century. The invasion of Afghanistan, which began in 2001 and continued until 2021, has since become the longest conflict in American military history



Answer: True. Though Americans annually celebrate the nation's independence on July 4, the Continental Congress declared its independence on July 2, two days before signing the Declaration of Independence.

THE FIFTY STATES



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Did You KNOW?

The Library of Congress continually adds to its collection, which currently consists of millions of books in roughly 470 languages.

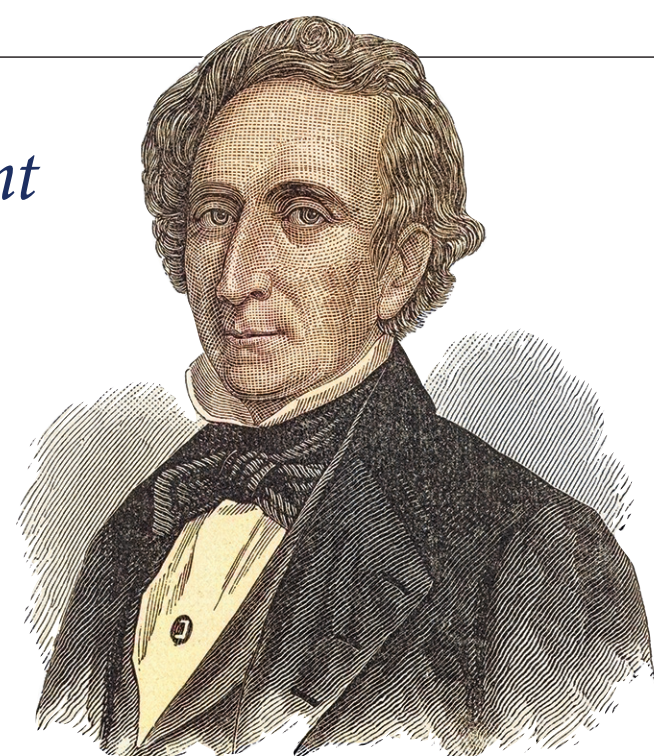
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John Tyler

*From the tenth president
to... 2025?!*

John Tyler's visage might not have survived on American currency the way images of various figures from America's early history have, but the tenth president of the United States did manage to remain newsworthy well into the twenty-first century. Tyler, who was born in 1790 and served as President of the United States from 1841 to 1845, was a father of 15. Despite passing away in January 1862, less than a year after the start of the American Civil War, Tyler still had a living grandson at the start of 2025. Harrison Ruffin Tyler, who passed away on May 25, 2025, at the age of 96, was the last surviving grandchild of President Tyler. That means the period from President Tyler's birth in 1790 until the death of his last surviving grandchild spanned nearly a quarter of a millennium.



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America then *and* now

Celebrations of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the United States of America will unfold throughout 2026. As millions join in the festivities, it can be fun to compare the nation in its infancy to the one that has since firmly established itself as a global leader.

Population

- **1780:** 2.8 million*
- **2025:** 342 million**

* The National Archives note that the first decennial census of the United States was not taken until 1790, so the figure cited for 1780 is a widely accepted estimate of the burgeoning nation's population during the opening years of the American Revolutionary War.

** This represents the U.S. Census Bureau population estimate as of late 2025.

Income taxes • 1776: 0%

Debates regarding income taxes may seem like an ever-present component of American life, but colonists did not pay income tax in 1776. Though taxation was undeniably a notable issue throughout colonial America, the Tax Foundation notes the situation was considerably different in 1776 than it is today, when taxes are a highly debated component of American life. In 1776, the British Crown relied on tariffs and excise taxes to fund the American colonies, whereas modern Americans pay federal and, in most states, state income taxes to finance a range of public goods and services.

Land mass

- **1783:** 800,000 sq miles
- **2026:** just under 3.6 million sq miles

The Times Atlas of World History indicates that the United States had an area of approximately 800,000 square miles in 1783. The country is considerably larger today, with a rough land mass of just under 3.6 million square miles according to the U.S. Census Bureau. To put that expansion since the nascent days of the nation in perspective, today the combined land mass of the country's two largest states eclipses the land mass of the entire nation in the early 1780s. Alaska (estimated land mass 571,000 square miles) and Texas (262,000), with roughly 833,000 square miles between them, are larger than the total land mass of the United States in 1783.

States

According to the National Constitution Center, a series of resolutions passed by the Second Continental Congress in September 1776 officially cited the collective colonies fighting in the American Revolutionary War as the "United States."

- 1776: 13
- 2026: 50

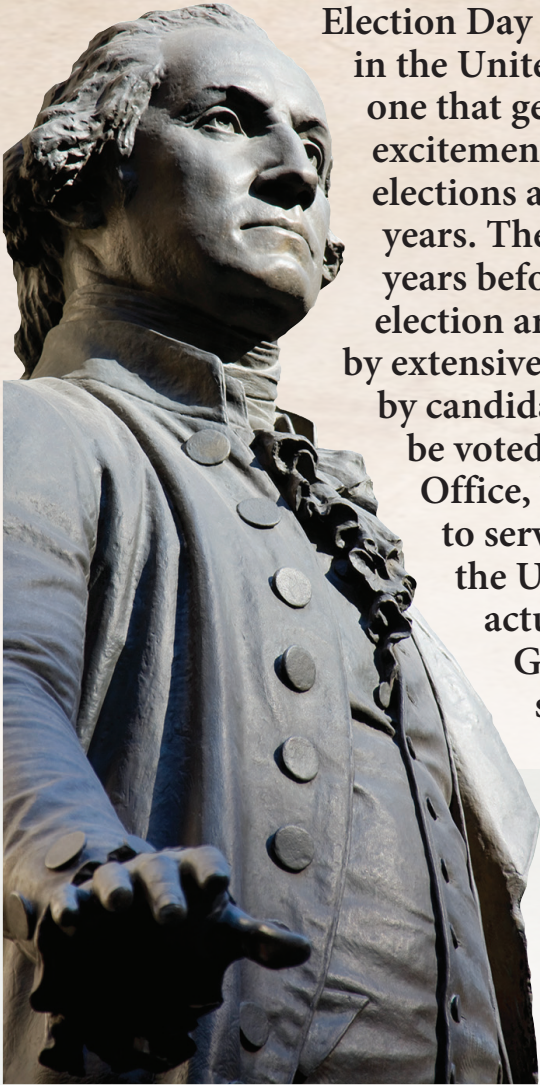
Transportation

- Late eighteenth century: Horses
- 2025: 298.7 million registered vehicles

The Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress notes that walking was the most common and cheapest mode of transportation in the late eighteenth century. Horses and wagons enabled business and distance travel, but such modes were only available to those who could afford it, greatly limiting who could get around by any means other than their own feet. Getting around in the present day is a little more accessible, and a recent analysis from Hedges & Company found there were 298.7 million registered vehicles in the U.S. in 2025.

An ERA

before presidential campaigns



Election Day is an annual event in the United States, and it's one that generates particular excitement when presidential elections are held every four years. The months and even years before a presidential election are typically marked by extensive campaigning by candidates hoping to be voted into the Oval Office, but the first man to serve as President of the United States never actually campaigned. George Washington served two terms as American president, but the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army was chosen each time by the electoral college despite never campaigning for the job. According to the Miller Center at the University of Virginia, the political campaigns modern voters know well did not exist in 1788. Despite the lack of campaigning, Washington was the electoral college's unanimous choice for president in 1789, a feat he repeated in 1792.





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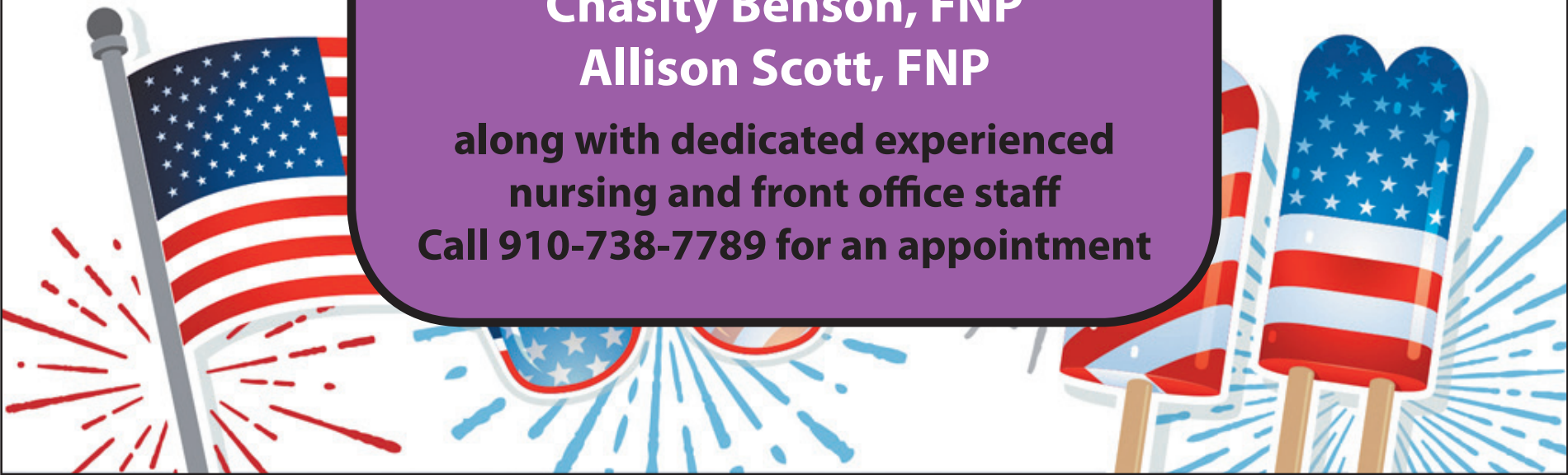
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Has your home state produced a president?

(Odds are against you)

When President Donald Trump was sworn in as President of the United States for a second time on January 20, 2025, he officially became the forty-seventh president in the nation’s history. With 47 presidents and 50 states, one could not be blamed for thinking most states have a native son who has held the highest political office in the land. But the National Conference of State Legislatures notes that fewer than half the states in the union have been the birthplaces of presidents. In fact, just two presidents were born west of the Mississippi River. Indeed, the following rundown indicates which states have produced presidents and who and how many claim those locales as their birthplace.

4

Massachusetts

Massachusetts: 4 presidents

Massachusetts was home to many notable events during the American Revolutionary War,

- so it comes as no surprise that the state has produced four U.S. presidents over the nation’s history. Those four presidents include:
- John Adams
 - John Quincy Adams
 - John F. Kennedy
 - George H.W. Bush

8

Virginia

- Virginia:** 8 presidents
- No state has produced more presidents than Virginia, which produced eight men who would go on to become U.S. presidents. Those eight men were:
- George Washington
 - Thomas Jefferson
 - James Madison
 - James Monroe
 - William Henry Harrison
 - John Tyler
 - Zachary Taylor
 - Woodrow Wilson

7

Ohio

- Ohio :** 7 presidents
- Ohio is second to Virginia in terms of native sons who have gone on to the office of the presidency. Seven U.S. presidents were born in Ohio, and those who claimed the place now affectionately known as “The Buckeye State” as their birthplace include:
- Ulysses S. Grant
 - Rutherford B. Hayes
 - James Garfield
 - Benjamin Harrison
 - William McKinley
 - William Howard Taft
 - Warren Harding

5

New York

- New York:** 5 presidents
- Five U.S. presidents, including current president Donald Trump, were born in New York. President Trump’s fellow New Yorkers to serve as president include:
- Martin Van Buren
 - Millard Fillmore
 - Theodore Roosevelt
 - Franklin Roosevelt

States to produce 2 presidents

Various states are the birthplaces of two men who have gone on to serve as President of the United States. Those states include:

North Carolina: James K. Polk and Andrew Johnson

Pennsylvania: James Buchanan and Joe Biden

Texas: Dwight Eisenhower and Lyndon Johnson

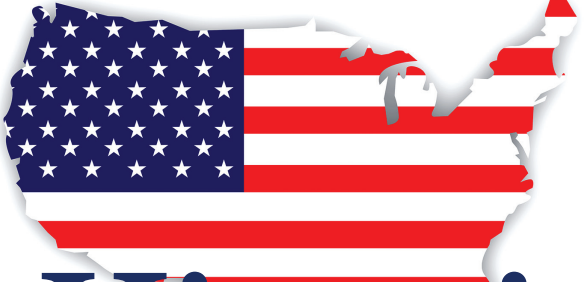
Vermont: Chester Arthur and Calvin Coolidge

States to produce 1 president

Thirteen states have sent one native son along to the office of the President of the United States, including:

Arkansas: Bill Clinton
California: Richard Nixon
Connecticut: George W. Bush

Georgia: Jimmy Carter
Hawaii: Barack Obama
Illinois: Ronald Reagan
Iowa: Herbert Hoover
Kentucky: Abraham Lincoln
Missouri: Harry S. Truman
Nebraska: Gerald Ford
New Hampshire: Franklin Pierce
New Jersey: Grover Cleveland
South Carolina: Andrew Jackson



Historic locales *across the* United States

Americans will celebrate the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the United States in 2026. A semiquincentennial is a notable anniversary, and there's been no shortage of noteworthy events throughout United States history. The places where many of those events took place have been preserved by local and national historical societies, and visiting such sites can make for a great way to gain a greater understanding of American history. The National Trust for Historic Preservation® works to maintain and revitalize historic sites, and that boasts a number of benefits. History buffs may insist there's no experience quite like visiting a historic site and feeling an immediate connection to past eras and peoples. And such sites also provide a boost to local economies while helping to establish a shared sense of civic duty and belonging, which ultimately helps to build strong communities. With so much to gain from visiting historic locales, those celebrating 250 years of the United States can visit any of these sites across the country to bolster those celebrations.

• **Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, Detroit, Michigan:**

America has long had a love affair with automobiles, so any tour of historical sites in the United States should include a trip to the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant. The birthplace of the Model T, the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant is among the most significant automotive heritage sites across the globe. The museum features more than 65 rare vehicles and enough original automotive artifacts to impress anyone interested in an industry that helped to reinvent the United States and even the world.



• **Cozens Ranch Museum, Fraser, Colorado:**

History buffs with a passion for the era of the pioneers will want to add Cozens Ranch Museum to their travel bucket list. The Grand County Historical Association notes that former Central City sheriff William Zane Cozens moved to the Fraser Valley with his family in 1874 and soon set to building a residence, among other structures. Countless weary travelers who made it through the Berthoud Pass in the nineteenth century visited Cozens Ranch over the years, making this is a must-visit site for those looking to experience a taste of pioneering life during a much romanticized era in American history.

• **Historic Rural Schoolhouses of Montana, Montana:**

The National Trust notes that each of Montana's 56 counties still features at least one rural schoolhouse, many of which are one- or two-room buildings where generations of school-aged children were educated. A visit to one of these schoolhouses provides incredible context to what life in the state of Montana was like in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.



• **Blandwood Museum, Greensboro, North Carolina:**

Designed in 1844 by New York architect Alexander Jackson Davis, Blandwood is America's oldest Italianate-style house and museum. John Motley Morehead was the twenty-ninth governor of North Carolina and owner of the house, which was where North Carolina was surrendered during the Civil War, thus ending the conflict in the state. Human rights activist Dorothea Dix was among the many who visited Blandwood over the years, and Dix convinced Governor Morehead to fund a state hospital for people with mental illness.



• **Ellis Island National Monument, New York, New York:**

The National Trust reports Ellis Island in New York Harbor accommodated more than 12 million immigrants seeking new opportunities in the United States. Perhaps the most telling figure regarding the influence of Ellis Island concerns how many current Americans can trace their ancestry to immigrants who were processed at this globally recognized landmark. The National Trust estimates that at least 40 percent of Americans have an ancestor processed at Ellis Island.



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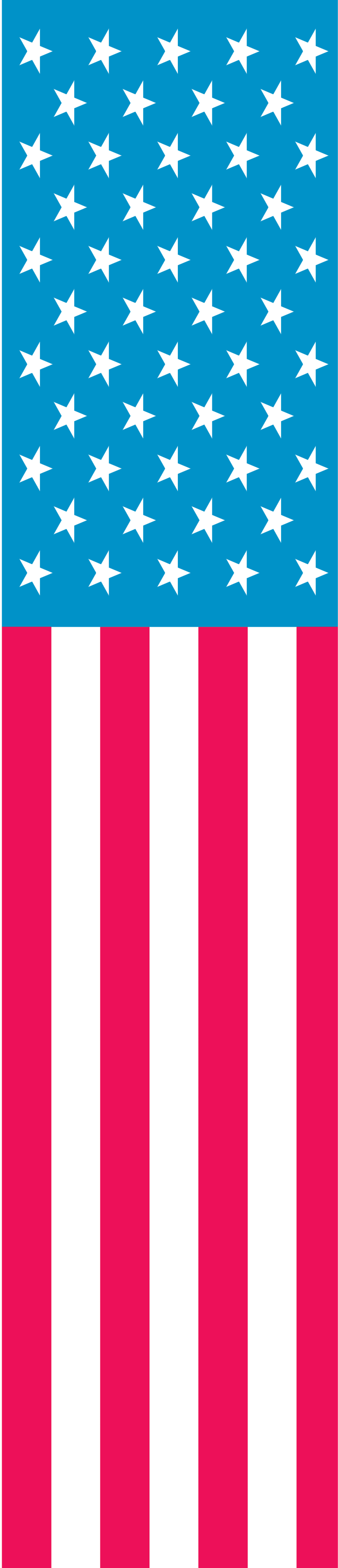




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How to celebrate
and commemorate
America’s semiquincentennial

Commemorations of America’s national history are part of annual celebrations of American independence that take place each year on July 4, which marks the anniversary of the nation’s birth. Those celebrations have a reputation for being particularly festive and tend to be capped off by awe-inspiring fireworks displays once the sun sets on the Fourth of July.

The liveliness of annual celebrations of American independence figures to be taken up a notch in 2026, when the United States will celebrate its semiquincentennial. Two hundred and fifty years of nationhood warrants a particularly jovial celebration, and there are many ways Americans can commemorate and celebrate the nation on this momentous occasion.

Support a local historical society.

Local historical societies have played a vital role in preserving United States history, and many of those who work in support of these organizations do so on a volunteer basis. Expressions of support for local historical societies can go a long way toward helping them continue to fulfill their missions. Financial donations, letters to state and local political officials urging increased funding for historical societies, visits to local historical sites, and even volunteering to help organizations fulfill their missions are a handful of ways to ensure these groups can continue to make invaluable contributions to their communities and the nation.



Volunteer with local government.

Pitching in to help local government organizations planning semiquincentennial celebrations is another great way to honor America’s two hundred and fiftieth anniversary. The days and weeks surrounding July 4 will likely be filled with anniversary-related events and celebrations, but many communities also plan to commemorate the semiquincentennial throughout 2026, providing plenty of opportunities for volunteers of all ages to lend a hand.

Help digitize archival materials.

The modern world is accustomed to digital files and instant access to information, but the vast majority of records pertaining to American history and accounts of Americans’ personal experiences remain preserved on paper. Photos and documents wear down over time, and American archivists face an uphill battle as they work to digitize records for the purpose of long-term preservation. Anyone who wants to lend a hand and help to preserve local and national history can speak with a local library or university librarian about what’s being done to digitize historical accounts and records and offer to lend a hand with such efforts. If no such efforts are currently being undertaken in your community, offer to spearhead a digitalization project and recruit others to participate.

Explore the country.

Travel presents another great way to celebrate the nation on its two hundred and fiftieth birthday. The United States is a vast nation with many unique subcultures and local customs, not to mention countless locales that have featured prominently in American history. When planning vacations in 2026, resolve to stay within U.S. borders and seek ways to learn about the nation’s history during your travels.



America’s semiquincentennial is a big deal, and there’s much residents of the United States can do to take an active role in the celebration and commemoration of the nation’s history.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



A nation gets a name



September 9, 1776, may not be the first date Americans think of when pondering their nation’s history, but it’s a significant day nonetheless. According to the National Constitution Center, on September 9, 1776, the Second Continental Congress adopted a new name for a collective of colonies that had been referred to as the “United Colonies.” The name chosen on that day in late summer 1776, the United States of America, has endured. While the opening sentence of the Declaration of Independence, which was issued on July 4, 1776, refers to the “thirteen united States of America,” it was a little more than two months later when the Congress passed a series of resolutions, including one in which it replaced “United Colonies” with “United States” as the fledgling nation’s new name.

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I wish you and your families a safe, enjoyable, and meaningful Independence Day.

Chris Ellington
President and CEO, UNC Health Southeastern

Notable facts about the

Land of the Free

The United States of America is often characterized as “the land of the free,” a characterization that serves as a feather in the cap of the nation that will celebrate its two hundred and fiftieth anniversary in 2026. Upon hearing the phrase “land of the free,” it’s understandable if thoughts immediately go to protected rights like freedom of speech, freedom of religion and freedom of the press. But what about the “land” in the land of free? As Americans prepare to celebrate their nation’s semiquincentennial, recognition of various geographical features of the land of the free can underscore why the United States of America is such a unique place to call home.

Alaska’s location makes it a particularly unique place in the land of the free.

It may surprise no one to learn that Alaska features the northernmost point in all of the United States. But it may raise an eyebrow or two to learn that The Last Frontier contains both the easternmost and westernmost points in the country. The Prime Meridian is an imaginary line that divides the Earth into the eastern and western hemispheres. According to The State of Alaska, the westernmost point in the state, and thus the entire country, is Amatignak Island. Seventy miles away and still in Alaska, but on the other side of the meridian and thus technically in the eastern hemisphere, sits Pochnoi Point on Semisopchnoi Island, which is the easternmost point in the country.

The tallest mountain in the world is in America.

Climbers who train for years in the hopes of one day making their way up Mount Everest might be surprised to learn the mountain located on the border between Koshi Province, Nepal and the Tibet Autonomous Region is not, in fact, the world’s tallest mountain. While Mount Everest is the highest mountain above sea level, the world’s tallest mountain is Mauna Kea, which is in the Hawaiian islands. According to the American Geography Portal, when measured from its base on the sea floor to its summit, Mauna Kea is more than 32,000 feet tall, topping Mount Everest by a few thousand feet.

Oregon is home to one of the world’s deepest lakes.

With a depth of approximately 1,950 feet, Crater Lake in south-central Oregon is the eleventh deepest lake in the world and the second deepest lake in North America. The National Park Service notes that Crater Lake, fed by rain and snow, is among the most pristine lakes on Earth, making it a popular destination for artists, photographers and sightseers.

You end up in the “same” place no matter which direction you go when departing Stamford, Connecticut.

Located in southwestern Connecticut, Stamford is in a notably unique geographic location. If you travel due east, due west, due south, or due north when departing Stamford, you will end up entering the same state: New York. This is the only place in all of the United States where traveling along the four compass points will leave you in the same place no matter the direction you choose.

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Completed map on page 2D



If only Hamilton had spellcheck

Alexander Hamilton’s legacy rose to new heights in the twenty-first century, a remarkable feat given that the Founding Father passed away in 1804. The debut of the Broadway musical Hamilton in 2015 reinvigorated interest in the American statesman, but even the most ardent fans of Lin-Manuel Miranda’s wildly popular play may not realize that Alexander Hamilton made a notable “mistake” that has endured through the centuries. A careful reading of the United States Constitution reveals that the home state of each delegate is listed alongside his name. The names of the delegates’ states were written into the document by Alexander Hamilton. Benjamin Franklin was the Pennsylvania delegate at the time, and when writing the state Franklin represented next to his name, Hamilton spelled it “Pensylvania.” That spelling notably contains two “Ns” and not the three in the modern spelling of the state’s name used today. But before Americans point a finger at the Founding Father for misspelling the name, it’s worth noting that Hamilton was not necessarily incorrect. Indeed, it was considered acceptable to spell “Pennsylvania” with two or three Ns in the late eighteenth century. Alas, modern readers of the Constitution cannot be blamed for wishing spellcheck had been around when the United States became a nation.

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Match the patriotic quote to the speaker

1 “America is another name for opportunity.”

4 “Give me liberty, or give me death!”

2 “Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.”

5 “...there never was a good War, or a bad Peace.”

3 “Within the soul of America is freedom of mind and spirit in man. Here alone are the open windows through which pours the sunlight of the human spirit.”

- A. Patrick Henry
- B. Benjamin Franklin
- C. Ralph Waldo Emerson
- D. Thomas Paine
- E. Herbert Hoover



1. C, 2. D, 3. E, 4. A, 5. B

Guess Who?

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1. I was born in Virginia on April 28, 1758. I am the last Founding Father to serve as a president as well as the last president of the Virginia dynasty. Wildly popular, I won my second term almost unopposed, and I am known for my stable leadership.

2. I was born in Virginia on February 9, 1773 and went on to become the ninth president of the United States. Mine is known as the shortest presidency in United States history, despite the longest inauguration speech. I was commander in chief for just over 30 days.

3. I was born in Texas on October 14, 1890. I am known for my command of the Allied forces in Europe during World War II, and later for my two terms as President of the United States. During my presidency, I focused on maintaining peace and prosperity through a strong military and alliances.

4. I was born in Virginia on February 22, 1732. I became the commander of the Virginia Regiment during the French and Indian War. I was later instrumental in a movement against the oppression of the American colonists by the British Crown, and became commander in chief of the Continental Army.

1. James Monroe 2. William Henry Harrison 3. Dwight D. Eisenhower 4. George Washington





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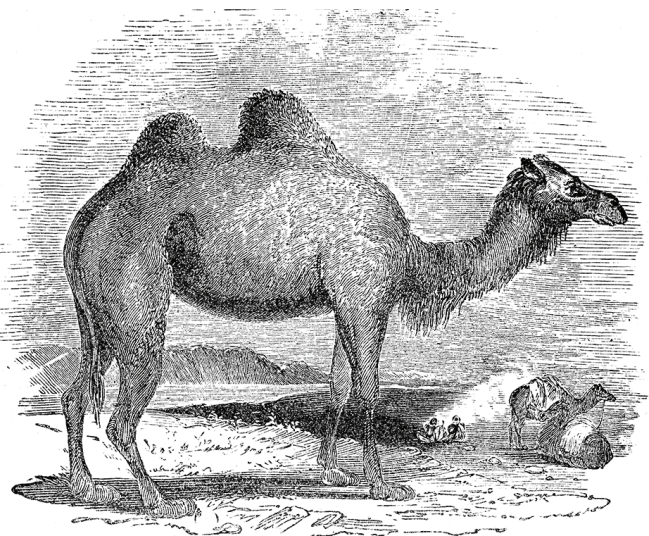
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Did You KNOW?

Camels have a unique place in American history

Jefferson Davis’s name is inextricably linked to the American Civil War, during which the politician who represented Mississippi in the United States Senate served as president of the Confederate States. But Davis’s influence on the United States predated the nation’s civil war, and he even played a notable role in one of the more unique events in American military history. While serving as Secretary of War in 1855, Davis ordered Brevet Major Henry C. Wayne to arrange for the importation of camels to be used for military purposes. Davis had urged Congress to establish a United States Army Camel Corps. for years, and even formally introduced measures to establish such a unit in the early 1850s, efforts that ultimately proved unsuccessful. Though few might associate camels with the United States, Davis’s campaign to bring camels into the American military fold was not as eccentric as it might seem in modern times. According to the Army University Press, the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo, which officially ended the Mexican-American War upon its signing in 1848, added more than half a million square miles of land to the United States, a significant portion of which included desert



lands in what is now the American southwest. The discovery of gold in California around this same time also increased traffic in this new region of the country, which remained dangerous even after the signing of the treaty. Advocates of a camel corps insisted the animals would allow the U.S. Army, tasked with keeping the region safe, to do their job more effectively. Though the camel experiment ultimately failed due to a number of variables, it remains a unique and lesser known event in American military history.

Kids’ Criss-Cross Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1. Feeling of satisfaction
 - 5. State of being free
 - 6. Privileges or protections
 - 7. Joined together
 - 8. Government by the people
- DOWN**
- 2. People
 - 3. Nation
 - 4. Formal choice



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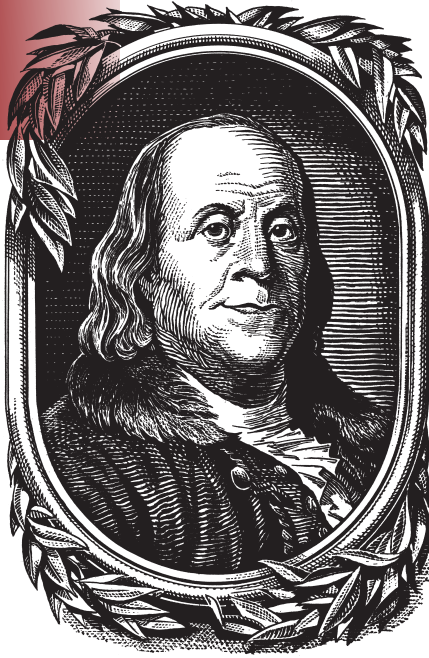
Fun Facts

about some of the colonies
that formed the U.S.



It's been 250 years since the 13 colonies joined to form the United States of America, but those 13 territories continue to feature prominently throughout the country each and every day. That's because the 13 stripes on the American flag represent the original 13 colonies.

The American flag serves as a visible reminder of the 13 colonies, and that's not the only interesting fact about the territories that would become the United States of America.



Benjamin Franklin was among the most renowned and recognizable of the Founding Fathers of the United States, and his commitment to the ideals of the burgeoning nation did not waver even when the conflict that became the American Revolutionary War divided his family. William Franklin was a son Benjamin fathered

outside his common-law marriage to Deborah Read. Though William was raised by his father and Read, father and son did not see eye-to-eye on every issue, including the war. William, in fact, served as the thirteenth and final Colonial Governor of New Jersey, and remained a steadfast loyalist throughout the conflict. The prospects of victory were looking dim for loyalists by 1781, and William departed for England in 1782, never to return to New Jersey or the infant nation it became a part of. Curiously, William's own son from an extra-marital relationship, William Temple Franklin, sided with his grandfather during the conflict, and even served Benjamin Franklin while the latter negotiated a pivotal alliance between America and France.



There was a
constitution that
predates the United
States Constitution.

ConnecticutHistory.org notes that the Connecticut Colony had a framework for government by the mid-seventeenth century not unlike the one that would be spelled out in the U.S. Constitution. The Fundamental Orders of Connecticut were adopted in 1639 and are considered the first written constitution in America. Roger Ludlow of Windsor is believed to have drafted the Fundamental Orders, which consisted of a preamble and 11 orders (or laws) and mirrored trading company charters common at the time. Notably, the Orders did not reference the authority of the crown.



A debt sparked the
founding of
Pennsylvania.

After the restoration of the Stuart monarchy in 1660, Charles II of England took the throne. Money was tight at the time, so Sir William Penn, a British admiral, funded the rebuilding of the Royal Navy out of his own pocket. Charles II was petitioned for repayment by Sir William's son, also named William Penn, twenty years later. But the younger Penn, who had become a Quaker by this point, requested land in lieu of funds, with a goal toward establishing a place where religious tolerance was rule. The king granted the younger Penn's request in 1681, and decreed that the territory granted to Penn be named after his father. Thus, Pennsylvania got its name.



Rent was cheap in New Hampshire
by the mid-eighteenth century.

The colony of New Hampshire was so sparsely populated by the end of the French and Indian War in 1762 that Governor Benning Wentworth came up with a unique way to entice people to move to what's now known as the Granite State. According to History.com, Wentworth recruited settlers by offering one-acre lots that required annual rental payments of just a single ear of Indian corn payable on December 25.

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American Revolutionary War

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• On which day were the battles at Lexington and Concord fought?
Answer: April 19, 1775

• True or False: Bunker Hill was fought on Bunker Hill.
Answer: False. Despite its name, the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 17, 1775, was fought on Breed’s Hill.

• The mercenary-like forces hired to fight alongside the British during the American Revolutionary War were known as what?
Answer: Hessians. Though soldiers from various German states were hired and deployed by the British during the conflict, the troops were principally drawn from the German state of Hesse-Cassel.

• This infamous figure was a decorated American military officer who rose to the rank of Major General during the American Revolutionary War.
Answer: Benedict Arnold. Though Arnold is today widely remembered as a turncoat, he accomplished much for the Americans before defecting to the British in 1780, including leading the capture of Fort Ticonderoga in 1775.

• Which of these notable rivers did George Washington lead his troops across on December 30, 1776?
A. The Hudson River
B. The Delaware River
C. The Rubicon
D. The Charles River

Answer: B. The Delaware River

• This Founding Father famously declared “Give me liberty, or give me death!” during a speech to the Second Virginia Convention in 1775.
A. Benjamin Franklin
B. Thomas Jefferson
C. John Adams
D. Patrick Henry

Answer: D. Patrick Henry

• True or False: The American Revolutionary War is the longest conflict in American military history.
Answer: False. While the eight-year-long conflict between the colonists and Great Britain that began in 1775 remained the longest war in American military history for nearly 200 years, the Vietnam War, in which America was engaged between 1960 and 1975, displaced it atop that list in the middle decades of the twentieth century. The invasion of Afghanistan, which began in 2001 and continued until 2021, has since become the longest conflict in American military history



A depiction of the Battle of Bunker Hill (circa eighteenth century)

• True or False: Fewer than half of all colonists favored fighting for independence from Great Britain?
Answer: True. Though specific figures are hard to confirm, various historians estimate that only about 40 percent of colonists supported the American Revolutionary War, while roughly one in five identified as loyalists to the crown. The remaining 40 percent are believed to have held moderate views.

• This treaty, signed in 1783, marked the end of the American Revolution.
A. The Treaty of Versailles
B. The Treaty of Paris
C. The Treaty of Tordesillas
D. The Treaty of Accession

Answer: B. The Treaty of Paris.

• True or False: The Continental Congress declared its independence from Great Britain on July 2.

Answer: True. Though Americans annually celebrate the nation’s independence on July 4, the Continental Congress declared its independence on July 2, two days before signing the Declaration of Independence.

THE FIFTY STATES



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Kids’ Criss-Cross Puzzle Answers:

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Did You KNOW?

The Library of Congress continually adds to its collection, which currently consists of millions of books in roughly 470 languages.

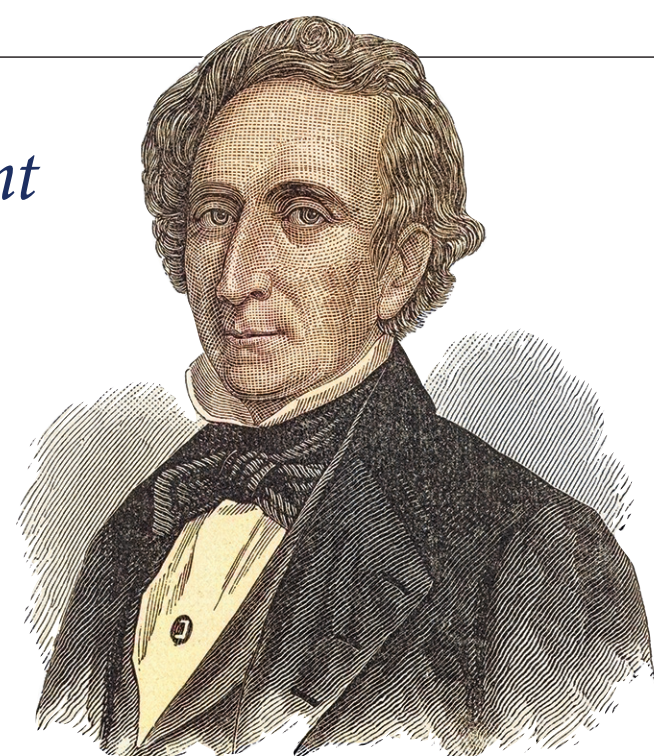
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John Tyler

*From the tenth president
to... 2025?!*

John Tyler's visage might not have survived on American currency the way images of various figures from America's early history have, but the tenth president of the United States did manage to remain newsworthy well into the twenty-first century. Tyler, who was born in 1790 and served as President of the United States from 1841 to 1845, was a father of 15. Despite passing away in January 1862, less than a year after the start of the American Civil War, Tyler still had a living grandson at the start of 2025. Harrison Ruffin Tyler, who passed away on May 25, 2025, at the age of 96, was the last surviving grandchild of President Tyler. That means the period from President Tyler's birth in 1790 until the death of his last surviving grandchild spanned nearly a quarter of a millennium.



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America then *and* now

Celebrations of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the United States of America will unfold throughout 2026. As millions join in the festivities, it can be fun to compare the nation in its infancy to the one that has since firmly established itself as a global leader.

Population

- 1780: 2.8 million*
- 2025: 342 million**

* The National Archives note that the first decennial census of the United States was not taken until 1790, so the figure cited for 1780 is a widely accepted estimate of the burgeoning nation's population during the opening years of the American Revolutionary War.

** This represents the U.S. Census Bureau population estimate as of late 2025.

Income taxes • 1776: 0%

Debates regarding income taxes may seem like an ever-present component of American life, but colonists did not pay income tax in 1776. Though taxation was undeniably a notable issue throughout colonial America, the Tax Foundation notes the situation was considerably different in 1776 than it is today, when taxes are a highly debated component of American life. In 1776, the British Crown relied on tariffs and excise taxes to fund the American colonies, whereas modern Americans pay federal and, in most states, state income taxes to finance a range of public goods and services.

Land mass

- 1783: 800,000 sq miles
- 2026: just under 3.6 million sq miles

The Times Atlas of World History indicates that the United States had an area of approximately 800,000 square miles in 1783. The country is considerably larger today, with a rough land mass of just under 3.6 million square miles according to the U.S. Census Bureau. To put that expansion since the nascent days of the nation in perspective, today the combined land mass of the country's two largest states eclipses the land mass of the entire nation in the early 1780s. Alaska (estimated land mass 571,000 square miles) and Texas (262,000), with roughly 833,000 square miles between them, are larger than the total land mass of the United States in 1783.

States

According to the National Constitution Center, a series of resolutions passed by the Second Continental Congress in September 1776 officially cited the collective colonies fighting in the American Revolutionary War as the "United States."

- 1776: 13
- 2026: 50

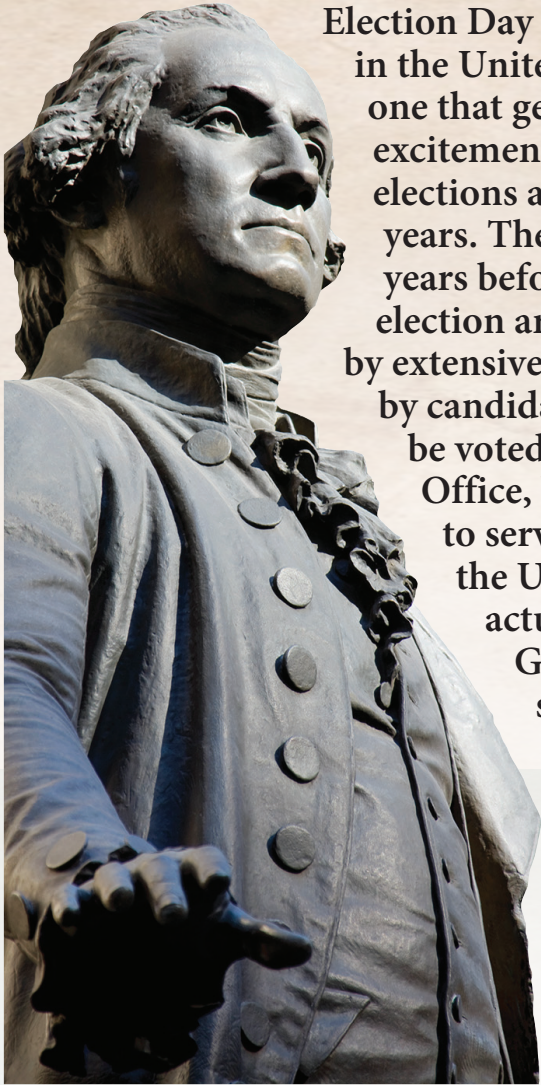
Transportation

- Late eighteenth century: Horses
- 2025: 298.7 million registered vehicles

The Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress notes that walking was the most common and cheapest mode of transportation in the late eighteenth century. Horses and wagons enabled business and distance travel, but such modes were only available to those who could afford it, greatly limiting who could get around by any means other than their own feet. Getting around in the present day is a little more accessible, and a recent analysis from Hedges & Company found there were 298.7 million registered vehicles in the U.S. in 2025.

An ERA

before presidential campaigns



Election Day is an annual event in the United States, and it's one that generates particular excitement when presidential elections are held every four years. The months and even years before a presidential election are typically marked by extensive campaigning by candidates hoping to be voted into the Oval Office, but the first man to serve as President of the United States never actually campaigned. George Washington served two terms as American president, but the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army was chosen each time by the electoral college despite never campaigning for the job. According to the Miller Center at the University of Virginia, the political campaigns modern voters know well did not exist in 1788. Despite the lack of campaigning, Washington was the electoral college's unanimous choice for president in 1789, a feat he repeated in 1792.





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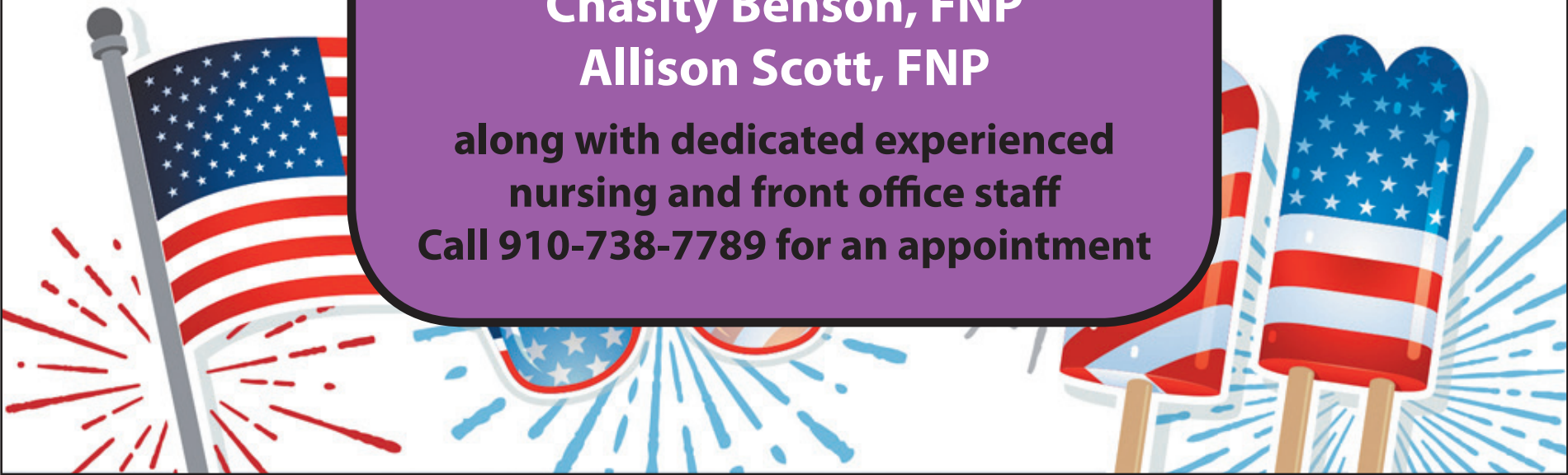
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Has your home state produced a president?

(Odds are against you)

When President Donald Trump was sworn in as President of the United States for a second time on January 20, 2025, he officially became the forty-seventh president in the nation’s history. With 47 presidents and 50 states, one could not be blamed for thinking most states have a native son who has held the highest political office in the land. But the National Conference of State Legislatures notes that fewer than half the states in the union have been the birthplaces of presidents. In fact, just two presidents were born west of the Mississippi River. Indeed, the following rundown indicates which states have produced presidents and who and how many claim those locales as their birthplace.

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Massachusetts

Massachusetts: 4 presidents

Massachusetts was home to many notable events during the American Revolutionary War,

- so it comes as no surprise that the state has produced four U.S. presidents over the nation’s history. Those four presidents include:
- John Adams
 - John Quincy Adams
 - John F. Kennedy
 - George H.W. Bush

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Virginia

- Virginia:** 8 presidents
- No state has produced more presidents than Virginia, which produced eight men who would go on to become U.S. presidents. Those eight men were:
- George Washington
 - Thomas Jefferson
 - James Madison
 - James Monroe
 - William Henry Harrison
 - John Tyler
 - Zachary Taylor
 - Woodrow Wilson

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Ohio

- Ohio :** 7 presidents
- Ohio is second to Virginia in terms of native sons who have gone on to the office of the presidency. Seven U.S. presidents were born in Ohio, and those who claimed the place now affectionately known as “The Buckeye State” as their birthplace include:
- Ulysses S. Grant
 - Rutherford B. Hayes
 - James Garfield
 - Benjamin Harrison
 - William McKinley
 - William Howard Taft
 - Warren Harding

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New York

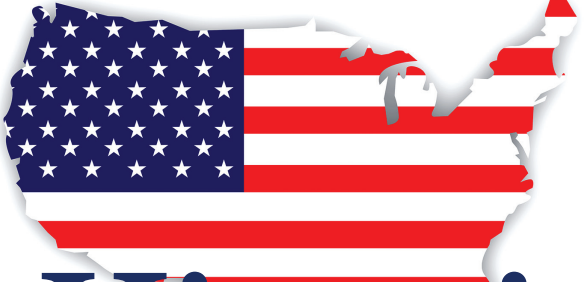
- New York:** 5 presidents
- Five U.S. presidents, including current president Donald Trump, were born in New York. President Trump’s fellow New Yorkers to serve as president include:
- Martin Van Buren
 - Millard Fillmore
 - Theodore Roosevelt
 - Franklin Roosevelt

- States to produce 2 presidents
- Various states are the birthplaces of two men who have gone on to serve as President of the United States. Those states include:
- North Carolina:** James K. Polk and Andrew Johnson

- Pennsylvania:** James Buchanan and Joe Biden
- Texas:** Dwight Eisenhower and Lyndon Johnson
- Vermont:** Chester Arthur and Calvin Coolidge

- States to produce 1 president
- Thirteen states have sent one native son along to the office of the President of the United States, including:
- Arkansas:** Bill Clinton
 - California:** Richard Nixon
 - Connecticut:** George W. Bush

- Georgia:** Jimmy Carter
- Hawaii:** Barack Obama
- Illinois:** Ronald Reagan
- Iowa:** Herbert Hoover
- Kentucky:** Abraham Lincoln
- Missouri:** Harry S. Truman
- Nebraska:** Gerald Ford
- New Hampshire:** Franklin Pierce
- New Jersey:** Grover Cleveland
- South Carolina:** Andrew Jackson



Historic locales *across the* United States

Americans will celebrate the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the United States in 2026. A semiquincentennial is a notable anniversary, and there's been no shortage of noteworthy events throughout United States history. The places where many of those events took place have been preserved by local and national historical societies, and visiting such sites can make for a great way to gain a greater understanding of American history. The National Trust for Historic Preservation® works to maintain and revitalize historic sites, and that boasts a number of benefits. History buffs may insist there's no experience quite like visiting a historic site and feeling an immediate connection to past eras and peoples. And such sites also provide a boost to local economies while helping to establish a shared sense of civic duty and belonging, which ultimately helps to build strong communities. With so much to gain from visiting historic locales, those celebrating 250 years of the United States can visit any of these sites across the country to bolster those celebrations.

• **Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, Detroit, Michigan:**

America has long had a love affair with automobiles, so any tour of historical sites in the United States should include a trip to the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant. The birthplace of the Model T, the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant is among the most significant automotive heritage sites across the globe. The museum features more than 65 rare vehicles and enough original automotive artifacts to impress anyone interested in an industry that helped to reinvent the United States and even the world.



• **Cozens Ranch Museum, Fraser, Colorado:**

History buffs with a passion for the era of the pioneers will want to add Cozens Ranch Museum to their travel bucket list. The Grand County Historical Association notes that former Central City sheriff William Zane Cozens moved to the Fraser Valley with his family in 1874 and soon set to building a residence, among other structures. Countless weary travelers who made it through the Berthoud Pass in the nineteenth century visited Cozens Ranch over the years, making this is a must-visit site for those looking to experience a taste of pioneering life during a much romanticized era in American history.

• **Historic Rural Schoolhouses of Montana, Montana:**

The National Trust notes that each of Montana's 56 counties still features at least one rural schoolhouse, many of which are one- or two-room buildings where generations of school-aged children were educated. A visit to one of these schoolhouses provides incredible context to what life in the state of Montana was like in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.



• **Blandwood Museum, Greensboro, North Carolina:**

Designed in 1844 by New York architect Alexander Jackson Davis, Blandwood is America's oldest Italianate-style house and museum. John Motley Morehead was the twenty-ninth governor of North Carolina and owner of the house, which was where North Carolina was surrendered during the Civil War, thus ending the conflict in the state. Human rights activist Dorothea Dix was among the many who visited Blandwood over the years, and Dix convinced Governor Morehead to fund a state hospital for people with mental illness.



• **Ellis Island National Monument, New York, New York:**

The National Trust reports Ellis Island in New York Harbor accommodated more than 12 million immigrants seeking new opportunities in the United States. Perhaps the most telling figure regarding the influence of Ellis Island concerns how many current Americans can trace their ancestry to immigrants who were processed at this globally recognized landmark. The National Trust estimates that at least 40 percent of Americans have an ancestor processed at Ellis Island.



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