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Third-year USC law student Stephanie Wharen is set to compete in the 2015 Ringside World Championship Boxing Tournament. From August 1-8, arguably one of the most prestigious events within amateur boxing.

On the weekend of July 19, Wharen competed with teammate Jaylon Pridgin in a Georgia boxing tournament where she earned the gold and silver medals, respectively.

Following their success in the Georgia tournament, their coach, Domico Neal, entered the pair into the Ringside World Boxing Championship novice division.

The week-long tournament is predicted to host over 1,100 fighters and over 1,000 fights.

This tournament will finally give Wharen the chance to compete for a world title," Wharen said. "It will give Jaylon those same competition opportunities as well as give him the last few competition opportunities as we prepare for cutting-edge research and innovative teaching."

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Wharen’s routine involves a two-hour-long gym session three days a week, and a long-distance running days on top of that.

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SLED ultimately made the arrest, after authorities say that Gillespie was allegedly involved sending child porn using file-sharing. If he is convicted, Gillespie will face 110 years total, with ten years in prison on each of the eleven counts of sexual exploitation of a minor in the second degree. —James Stewart, News Editor

Four treated for rabies in Lexington County after caring for animal

The Department of Health and Environmental Control says four people are being monitored during post-exposure treatment of rabies in Lexington County, according to The State.

A DHEC spokeswoman claims that the dog was found in northwest Columbia and was given to an adoption agency in Irmo by animal control. The dog was later placed into a foster home near Gaston, not knowing the dog’s true condition.

DHEC states that after being two people, and exposing two others to the disease, the dog was euthanized on July 23 and a rabies test was administered the following day. As of August, there have been 81 confirmed cases of rabies during 2015 in South Carolina, compared to a total of 139 cases in 2014.

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Statehouse holds subcommittee over KKK/NBPP rallies

Legislators hosted a hearing on Tuesday afternoon to question why the decision was made to allow both rallies occur on grounds simultaneously, according to WIS. When lawmakers asked the Department of Administration why it had approved both permits for the same time, the response given indicated that the agency wanted to avoid lawsuits being filed in regard to freedom of speech rights.

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media on the internet, like movies and songs, because they often have viruses attached to them.

In the physical realm of computer problems however, broken hard drives often occur as a result of poor care and improper shutdown of laptops. For people who are technologically challenged, these are problems which seem insurmountable, which is why it’s often easier to take the computer to a specialist — someone who can act as a gateway between technology’s complexity and its respective users’ tendencies toward technological shortcuts.

At USC, iCARE specialists act as this gateway for students — and for free. But for whatever reason, these services are widely unknown to people experiencing computer troubles at USC.

Boone thinks this is because students don’t know about the iCARE Center even exists or the services it offers that the students immediately pay for.

“We’re not pushing anything or selling anything. We’re just here to support students in the use of technology,” Boone said.

Boone also attributes the lack of knowledge about the iCARE Center to a reasoning similar to the old Southern saying “if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.”

“Until it’s broken, nobody worries about it,” Boone said. “Until you’re sick, nobody goes to the doctor.”

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**Go Set a Watchman** fulfills low expectations

by Morgan Smith

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Set a Watchman” is much more representative of a white man from the south in the late 1950s. Although he is a man of the low, he is a man of the times and we watch through the second half of the book as Jean Louise comes to terms with that heartbreakinglyerevivefher father’s racism.

After reading “Go Set a Watchman,” it is clear as to why a different draft of the book was necessary to gain the acclamation publishers were hoping for. The book lacks an eventful plot and necessary details and relies on flashbacks from Jean Louise’s childhood to tell us what is going on. It makes several references to events we learn more about in “To Kill a Mockingbird,” but if a reader had not read “To Kill a Mockingbird” first, they may be completely lost as to what is going on and see the book as a dead end. However, as a “To Kill a Mockingbird” fanatic, it is amazing to see how the characters turn out 20 years later.

“Go Set a Watchman” is a recommendable read; just don’t get your hopes up for a second round of “To Kill a Mockingbird.”

7. Have a bonfire. These are some of your last weeks hanging out with your hometown friends or local acquaintances. Grab a barrel or some firewood, play some music, get some marshmallows and have a bonfire with your friends.

8. Game night. Throwback to your childhood with some Monopoly and Trouble. Maybe even place a bet on how harshly you are going to dominate the game board. Or maybe you are more sophisticated and want to bust out some poker or card games.

9. Sleep all day. This doesn’t sound too exciting, but once school starts you are going to be dying to sleep in. So take advantage of the day and rest.

10. Go out on the town. There are still so many places I have not been in Columbia or in my hometown. So take this chance to explore, maybe you’ll find something awesome.
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But today's politics demands you and me to...
Aries  Leave could be tricky. Travel’s better tomorrow. A major revolution or change may come up. Think it over. New ventures make the most sense. Take advantage of opportunities that suddenly spark. Move quickly and let your actions determine your path. All is well.

Taurus  Changes in financial affairs could require discipline. Don’t lose your way among so much of what has been expected. Stand firm. A bully will present against you and your chances. Step back and persuade a rationally. Negotiate a fair price.

Gemini  Don’t just blindly react. Trust an old friend. Act on your own impulsive, but include your partner in the decision. Get their perspective. Provide support, and it comes when you need it. Discover a hidden truth together.

Cancer  A break through at work catches you by surprise. You’re not in this for the money. You’re not in this for the money, but don’t neglect your priorities. Include your knowns, your balancesheet. Put fresh air and water on your bottom line. Figure out what you have into writing. Watch for hidden complications. Details still need to be written. New ideas don’t always lead to cash. Lighten up your messes before leaving the room. Make a personal discovery.Capricorn

Sagittarius  Rise a level. Share brilliant insights and ideas. Listen to all considerations. Anticipates changes. Details will need to be resolved. It could get chaotic, with possibility of sparks. Make a mess and discover more. Capricorn Make a personal discovery. Get them in writing. Watch for hidden complications. New ideas always don’t need a time. Completion leads to cash. Lighten your load. Give away something that another much. Aquarius

Pisces  Plant the seeds of your most project. Keep your eyes on the prize. A change in the top opens new possibilities. An amazing opportunity presents itself. Don’t get intimidated. Advance hastily, you will not regret. Assume responsibility. You’ve earned it.
people the same opportunities Kennedy Shriver did. Her daughter, Maria Shriver, spoke at the opening ceremonies about how much this organization has grown. "She was so proud of you and wanted more than anything for you to be respected, valued, appreciated for who you are," Shriver said. "Brave, good, kind, solid and yes, smart human beings."

The World Games are not about who does the best or which country can take home the most medals; it's about these athletes being brave and proud of themselves, and everyone coming together to cheer them on.

The 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games will come to a close on August 2 after nine days of competition.

The Oakland A's made the playoffs the past three seasons. However, the struggling A's have already shopped ace Scott Kazmir, within the division no less. Half a seasons of struggles have been in "sell" mode. Basically, they're making the conscious decision to throw in the towel and start fresh.

Kazmir was one of the few bright spots for the A's with a 2.24 ERA and 104 strikeouts. Now he is gone, and the A's will be resigned to waiting a few years before returning to the playoffs.

Six of the last seven World Series MVPs were acquired in some way other than a trade. The one exception is 2011 World Series MVP David Freese, who joined the Cardinals in a trade following a 2007 stint with the Single-A Lake Elsinore Storm.

Basically, midseason moves haven't paid off in the past few seasons. The vast majority of recent World Series winners were relatively quiet in the midseason trade market. In fact, the 2011 Boston Red Sox and the 2014 San Francisco Giants combined to make two midseason trades — both involving pitcher Jake Peavy. In one case anyone is wondering, Peavy went a combined 1-3 with a 6.65 ERA in the 2011 and 2014 postseasons.

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Famous people, from actors to athletes, attend the special olympics every year to watch those competing for gold.

Sophomore A’ja Wilson had an impressive freshman campaign, including a stint as one of the top point scorer for the Gamecocks during their NCAA Final Four run. In the gold game, A’ja Wilson dominated in nearly 16 minutes of playing time, scoring 15 points — a team USA record in a single game — and snagging 8 rebounds on a Russian team that had been previously unbeaten in the tournament. She also recorded three assists, two steals and a block.

After a slow first quarter of play, the rising sophomore dominated the paint the final three quarters, causing problems for anyone trying to keep Wilson in check. Wilson took whatever Russia threw at her. Whether it was the 6-4 power forward Rana Mauss or captain Darya Kolosovskaya, Wilson either out-muscled or out-skilled the tall past defenders.

But that’s not to say the game wasn’t close early on. Russia was ahead or tied for most of the first quarter before longshoring the lead to 27-19 midway in the second quarter off a three-pointer from Elizaveta Krymova. After USA called a timeout to try to slow the Russian momentum, Wilson began to look like a woman determined to win. Within the next minute and a half, she jumpstarted team USA with four points and terrific defense, and USA went on a 20-7 run. They never took their foot off the gas and had the rest of the game in route to a 78-70 victory.

Wilson lead the USA team in total points at 18.3 per game. She will be back on campus for the fall semester, getting ready for NCAA play starting in November.

MLB’s trading deadline errors need to be cleaned up

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Friday marks the 2015 MLB trade deadline, and so far, we’ve already seen a few high-profile players on the move.

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