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On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress approved the Declaration of Independence, setting the 13 colonies on the road to freedom as a sovereign nation.

This most American of holidays is marked with typical festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues across the country.

As we celebrate this Independence Day, we reflect on how our Founding Fathers enshrined the importance of statistics in our Constitution as a vital tool for measuring our people, places and economy.

In honor of this special day in the history of our nation, here are a few facts about our independence and celebrations.

Compiled by the United States Census Bureau

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The Signers

The number of signers of the Declaration of Independence. Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston comprised the Committee of Five that drafted the declaration. Jefferson, regarded as the strongest and most eloquent writer, wrote most of the document.



2.5 million

In July 1776, the estimated number of people living in the newly independent nation.

326 million

The nation's estimated population on July 1, 2017.

\$296.2 million

The value of fireworks imported from China in 2016, representing the bulk of all U.S. fireworks imported (\$307.8 million). U.S. exports of fireworks, by comparison, came to just \$10 million in the same year.



33 places

The number of counties and census-incorporated places that contain the word "Liberty" in the name. Of the 33 areas, four are counties: Liberty County, Texas (81,704); Liberty County, Georgia (62,570); Liberty County, Florida (8,202); and Liberty County, Montana (2,409).

\$5.4 million

The value of U.S. imports of American flags in 2016. The vast majority of this amount (\$5.3 million) was imported from China.

70 and 26

Signers' ages

Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania was the oldest signer, and Edward Rutledge of South Carolina was the youngest signer.



ADAMS



JEFFERSON

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presidents

Future presidents John Adams (second president) and Thomas Jefferson (third president) signed the declaration. Both died on the 50th anniversary of signing the declaration (July 4, 1826).

Judge to decide coroner's lawsuit

Clarendon ballot dispute ruling postponed to after hearing of merit July 20

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

MANNING — Lawyers from Columbia, Kingstree and Manning filed into Clarendon County Courthouse on Tuesday morning for an injunction hearing that will determine if Lannette Samuels-Cooper's name can remain on the November ballot as the Democratic candidate for county coroner after the incumbent she beat on the June 12 primary claimed she is not qualified for the position.



MOCK



SAMUELS-COOPER

For two hours, attorneys representing Samuels-Cooper and Coroner Bucky Mock, who filed for the hearing, argued their cases before Third Circuit Court Judge Ferrell Cothran, who will ultimately decide on whether to approve the injunction. More than 75 people filled the room for the public hearing.

After a brief recess to allow attorneys and Cothran to meet in chambers,

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'When all signs point to same direction' to help others

Water heater leak leads to senior's big electric bill

BY KEVIN HOWELL
Special to The Sumter Item

After traveling recently and navigating the subway in a major city, one thought became evident to me: When all signs are clear and understandable, it becomes easy to go in the right direction.

As Crisis Relief Ministry director at Sumter United Ministries, it can be similar when conducting interviews with clients and determining whether we should assist someone.

Recently, an older woman who lives alone and off her Social Security income visited Crisis Relief Ministry with a financial request to assist with an electric bill's final notice. Her total income is less than \$1,000 a month.

Seniors like her often have growing out-of-pocket medical costs and don't qualify for food stamp benefits of any substantial amount. Usually, if a senior in this income range has interviewed at the ministry before, I expect to see them repeatedly in years to come. This woman, however, had not requested assistance in years — a clear sign to all of us at the ministry that something unusual had occurred.

She had a modest budget and was incredibly energy conscious. Her electric bills averaged less than \$100 a month, but recently her bill increased by 60 percent. It took three trips by a handyman to conclude a problem existed near the water heater.

A leak had steadily worsened over three months before it was

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Sandra Metzdorf, a U.S. Army veteran and a military spouse, is also the founder / owner of With These Hands Natural Gourmet Foods.

U.S. Army veteran continues to serve with Sumter's 1st food truck

Why I Serve is a new series in partnership with *With These Hands Natural Gourmet Foods*. Each month will bring you a glimpse into the life of a different military service member stationed at Shaw Air Force Base. To start the series, we're introducing you to the *With These Hands* founder and owner, Sandra Metzdorf, a U.S. Army veteran and a military spouse of a retired Air Force officer who served at Shaw. Go to *The Item's* Facebook and Instagram to watch the interview.



I serve and continue to serve out of gratitude because of the sacrifice and commitment that active duty personnel, their family and the community gives every day.

Name: Sandra Metzdorf
Title: Founder/owner of *With These Hands Natural Gourmet Foods*, Sumter's first food truck that provides healthy, nutritious, tasty meals that also now serves directly on base.

Military branch: U.S. Army
Duties: Enlisted at 18 and served for four years as a heavy equipment mechanic. After leaving to work in corporate America, went back to serve in the transition assistance program to help military personnel and their families transition and acclimate to civilian life after their service.

Why did you enlist?: "I'm a second-generation immigrant. I'm from Colombia, South America, and there, serving in a public way, whether that be in the military, in the police force or teaching, that's compulsory. You are by law expected when you become an adult to in some capacity serve the community. So when my family came to the United States, there was a real awareness that the scope of possibility had expanded ... and, in essence, that American dream was really alive ... There was a sense of gratitude and a sense of a little tapping, hey, it's your turn to go and so something to make this whole thing better."

How did you end up in Sumter?: "I met an Air Force officer, and he requested to be stationed here because I was working in Wilmington, North Caroli-

na. He went to Korea ... We went all around the country and the world, from Israel to Australia, and when it came time to plan his retirement, we said what's the quality of life we want to have? ... Really, Sumter answered all of those questions ... and we started our life here."

What is something you learned in the military that has translated to civilian life?: "The military really began the foundation, if you will, that we are part of a group that wants to make our environment better, whether that be your town, your neighborhood or your country ... My service continues with that same true north to be part of that change that we want to see."

"I serve and continue to serve out of gratitude because of the sacrifice and commitment that active-duty personnel, their family and the community gives every day."

Win a customized golf cart, support Crime Stoppers

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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In appreciation of its assistance in investigations by offering rewards for information, the Sumter Police Department and two local organizations are sponsoring a fundraiser to give back to Sumter Crime Stoppers by holding a raffle for a customized golf cart. The East Coast Scooters golf cart has custom SS rims with off-road tires, a custom paint job, a lift kit, chassis-mounted lighting and a carbon fiber dashboard. The cart also has a Pioneer Bluetooth stereo system and Memphis Audio speakers donated by Power Audio.



PHOTO PROVIDED

This patriotically customized golf cart is the prize in a \$10 raffle fundraiser that will benefit Sumter Crime Stoppers.

Friday at Simpson Hardware on Wesmark Boulevard and at 6 p.m. on Friday during the P-15's game at Riley Park, 655 Church St.

For more information, call (803) 720-4651.

This fundraiser is sponsored by Sumter Police Department, East Coast Scooters and Power Audio.

Tickets for the raffle are \$10 each, and the drawing will take place on Tuesday. Participants do not need to be present to win.

Raffle tickets will be available from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on

Local restaurant owner turns over complaint to insurance company

BY BRUCE MILLS
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A local restaurant owner with a clean track record has turned over a customer's complaint about finding a dead roach in his food to his insurance company to handle with the patron.

Earl Wilson, owner of KFC at 1014 Broad St., said he met with the customer from Saturday night, David Cox of Sumter, on Monday evening and Wilson's insurance company would be contacting Cox for a follow-up investigation since he's still not satisfied.

Cox posted an image on his Facebook page late Saturday of a KFC sandwich with a dead roach on the bun and said he had purchased the sandwich that night for his son from the Broad Street fast-

food restaurant. The post received numerous views and shares.

Wilson said he wasn't in the restaurant at the time of the alleged occurrence, but from what he understands Cox went through the drive-thru window between 8:45 and 9 p.m. Saturday for the purchase.

Later, he returned to the store's drive-thru after the restaurant had closed at 10:30 p.m. with the sandwich and told the manager on duty he had found a dead roach in his son's sandwich.

Wilson said his manager looked at the sandwich but didn't see a roach. She then returned to Cox his money for the purchase, apologized to him for his inconvenience, and offered him more food.

The man declined

and drove off.

Employees later saw the Facebook post from Cox on the internet.

Wilson said Tuesday his five Sumter restaurants — three KFCs and two Arby's — have never had anything like this happen before. He said his KFCs have always been inspected by DHEC, KFC Corp. and an outside vendor for KFC. Pest control checks are also conducted every month, he said.

When contacted Tuesday, DHEC's local agency food team lead — James Arthur — said that KFC location has "a good inspection history," and his office had not received any phone calls or emails of complaints.

Efforts to contact Cox through his Facebook page on Tuesday afternoon were unsuccessful.

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Churches named St. Andrew, 1 black, 1 white, forging ties

BY ADAM PARKER

The Post and Courier of Charleston

CHARLESTON — The arms of congregation members at two West Ashley churches have gotten longer in recent years. They now reach as far as a half mile along Ashley River Road and into the sanctuaries of their sister churches.

As a consequence of this outreach, the two groups, which share a patron saint and a troubled history, eventually could forge ties that bind.

This troubled past has been known for a long time, but a recent discovery by Paul Porwoll, the official historian of Old St. Andrew's Parish Church, has shed new light on the injuries perpetrated by slavery and discrimination, and it has prompted Porwoll to pen a book that corrects the record, confronts some of the demons of racism and celebrates the potential for a better future.

That book, "In My Trials, Lord, Walk With Me: What an Antebellum Parish Register Reveals about Race and Reconciliation," recognizes hundreds of slaves whose names were omitted from copies of the church registry.

Porwoll's discovery of the original handwritten registry two years ago — a book dating to 1830-1859 whose cover is torn off, binding damaged and pages yellowed and chipping away — revealed a disturbing discrepancy. The historian's obligation to reckon with the truth has not only resulted in this new volume but a determination by members of both Old St. Andrew's and St. Andrew's Mission to embrace one another.

"The relationship that has been built between these two churches is intentional," Porwoll said.

He thought he knew everything there was to know about his church, and that he had recorded most of it in his 2014 book "Against All Odds: History of St. Andrew's Parish Church, Charleston, 1706-2013." But the South is a complicated place that hasn't revealed all its secrets or come to terms with its racist past, Porwoll was forced to admit.

Old St. Andrew's was erected after the South Carolina Colonial Assembly, seeking to mimic the Church of England's Anglican structure and hierarchy, established 10 Lowcountry parishes, such as St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, St. Bartholomew's, St. Philip's and St. James' — essentially swaths of territory each with a parish church at its heart.

Between its founding in 1706 and the start of the Civil War in 1860, the sanctuary of the parish church was shared by blacks and whites, though they remained segregated within. The church registry recorded weddings, funerals and baptisms, and it included everyone, slave and free, black and white.

In 1845, Magwood's Chapel was founded to accommodate slaves. In the 1890s, at the start of the Jim Crow period of institutionalized segregation, the chapel became St. Andrew's Mission. Today, it remains predominantly black.

The Rev. John Grimke Drayton, who was associated with Old St. Andrew's from 1851 until his death in 1891, and served as rector twice, was no fan of slavery and led an effort to minister to blacks before and after the war.

After emancipation in 1865, churches throughout the South abandoned any remnants of integrated services. Blacks affiliated with new church institutions started their own congregations and built their own sanctuaries, often just up the road from their white counterparts.

Old St. Andrew's, located in the midst of post-war devastation, was an odd exception; it did not lose its black worshippers altogether, but the building was uninhabitable and remained dormant for 11 years.

By the time it was open again in March 1876, the con-

"What makes this relationship so extraordinary is we've gotten to the point where we don't see it as extraordinary."

PAUL PORWOLL

Official historian of Old St. Andrew's Parish Church, West Ashley

gregation was severely diminished. A new era of rebuilding commenced.

The fragile register became available to Porwoll in 2016 when the South Carolina Historical Society released a collection of materials on Old St. Andrew's.

"I doubted I'd find anything new," he wrote in an email. "Was I wrong?"

Sitting with the register before him, Porwoll naturally compared the original with the copy, dated circa 1897. Scanning the typed copy, he came across a strange entry: "Mary Catherine daughter." It was crossed out with typed dashes.

In the original handwritten version, the line reads: "(Mary Catherine) daughter of Lindey & Cato, negroes, both belonging to..." The entry goes on to note a baptism.

Porwoll concluded that the register's scribe, when he came upon the word "negro," refused to continue with the entry and thereafter paid closer attention to the document to avoid further references to black people in the copy.

And this raised a question: How many blacks have been left out?

"As I carefully turned the pages of the fragile original, I saw entry after entry of slave baptisms, slave marriages, slave confirmations and slave burials," Porwoll wrote in his email. "Instead of the register being 100 percent white-focused, it was almost 83 percent black."

The value of the register extends beyond the parish church; it could be a boon to genealogists seeking to extend the branches of their family tree, according to Wevoneeda Minis, a Lowcountry-based family researcher.

"It's important because in a period of time where there's a dearth of records for blacks who do want to trace back that far, it's another kind of record," Minis said. "You'll probably find information that you won't find anywhere else."

The Rev. Jimmy Gallant has been vicar of St. Andrew's Mission Church for five years, and he has welcomed the chance to forge stronger bonds with the mostly white congregation up the street, an opportunity Porwoll's research has enhanced, he said.

"This church," he said, referring to Old St. Andrew's, "has embraced me."

Gallant and his counterpart at the parish church, the Rev. Marshall Huey, often bring their congregations together for Wednesday services, especially during the Lenten season. Worshipers black and white gather for supper, for teachings, for fellowship. And they convene each year for a sunrise Easter service on the grounds of Magnolia Plantation, an event that draws hundreds from the area.

Huey said the two churches now are planning to celebrate St. Andrew's Day together at the end of November, marking the moment in 1706 when the 10 early South Carolina parishes were established.

At Gallant's church, the congregation now includes a number of white worshippers from the adjacent Charleston Rehab Center, which helps people with alcohol and drug addictions.

"We want to send the signal that this corridor is God's corridor," he said.

Except during the few years of the war, the churches of the diocese were a part of The Episcopal Church, but in 2012 many congregations in the area cut ties with The Episcopal Church because of theological and organizational differences.

A protracted legal battle ensued involving acrimonious disputes over church property. Earlier this month, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to consider a petition from the disaffiliated Diocese of South Carolina, to which Old St. Andrew's and St. Andrew's Mission Church belong, thereby putting an end to the legal process. Many congregations that left The Episcopal Church now must return the property, according to a S.C. Supreme Court ruling, and this is causing concern among parishioners disinclined to give up their sanctuaries.

It remains uncertain just how the situation will resolve — what properties will be returned, when and how. But the strengthened bond between Old St. Andrew's and St. Andrew's Mission surely will make things a little easier, according to Francis Seabrook.

He has been a member of St. Andrew's Mission Church for 48 years. The congregation always has emphasized the "mission" in its name, reaching out to widows, orphans and people in distress, Seabrook said. In the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo in 1989, the church was the only building in the area with power, and its members coordinated a water and food distribution drive.

Several extended families comprise the bulk of its modest membership, so fellowship with Old St. Andrew's has presented new opportunities to share blessings, Seabrook said.

"Hopefully we'll get to a point where there won't be a difference between Old St. Andrew's and the mission church," especially in light of the property dispute, he said.

Interaction leads to deeper relationships which, in turn, can sometimes lead to difficult conversations about race and the troubled history of the parish, Seabrook said.

"I think we're moving in that direction now," he said. "The basic, fundamental principal of Christianity is openness and forgiveness. If we can't get to the point of doing that we're playing church and actually not living out the Gospel."

Roxanne Erskine, a member of Old St. Andrew's for the past 3 1/2 years, echoed Seabrook's sentiments, saying many would welcome that kind of dialogue.

"If we do come together as congregations, we're going to have to talk about those kinds of things," Erskine said. "We can't become unified if we ignore the elephant in the room." Porwoll's book, she said, is "a start with coming to grips with this."

And the two priests are good shepherds, strengthened by their collaboration, she said.

"Marshall and Jimmy are such dynamic leaders, and have such an authentic regard for one another as people and fellow priests, they are a tremendous example to the congregation," Erskine said.

Porwoll said he has created digital images of the fragile register to ensure its survival and enable others to access its contents. He hopes his book can help fuel more and more fellowship and dialogue.

"Hopefully, one of the things this book does is throw it all out there, the good, the bad, the ugly," he said.

That can create opportunity. And it can send a message to the community at large that "we are one church," Porwoll said.

"What makes this relationship so extraordinary is we've gotten to the point where we don't see it as extraordinary."



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Suspect wrote he aimed to kill everyone in newsroom

BY DAVID MCFADDEN
The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — A man charged with slaying five people at a Maryland newspaper sent three letters on the day of the attack, police said, including one that said he was on his way to the *Capital Gazette* newsroom with the aim “of killing every person present.”

Sgt. Jacklyn Davis, a spokeswoman for Anne Arundel County police, said the letters were received Monday. They were mailed to an attorney for *The Capital* newspaper, a retired judge of the Maryland Court of Special Appeals and a Baltimore judge.

The letter Jarrod Warren Ramos sent to the Annapolis newspaper’s Baltimore-based lawyer was written to resemble a legal motion for reconsideration of his unsuccessful 2012 defamation lawsuit against the paper, a columnist and then-publisher Tom Marquardt.

Marquardt shared a copy of the letter with The Associated Press.



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The victims of the shooting in the newsroom of the *Capital Gazette* in Annapolis, Maryland, on Thursday were from left, John McNamara, Wendi Winters, Rob Hiaasen, Gerald Fischman and Rebecca Smith.

“If this is how the Maryland Judiciary operates, the law now means nothing,” Ramos wrote. He quoted a description of the purpose of a defamation suit, saying it was intended for a defamed person to “resort to the courts for relief instead of wreaking his own vengeance.”

“That’ is how your judiciary operates, you were too cowardly to confront those lies, and this is your receipt,” Ramos wrote.

He signed it under the chilling statement: “I told you so.” Below that, he wrote that he was going to the newspaper’s office “with the objective of killing every person present.”

In a letter attached to what appeared to be the faux court filing, he also directly ad-

ressed retired special appeals court Judge Charles Moylan, who decided against Ramos in his defamation case. Ramos sued the paper after pleading guilty to harassing a high school classmate.

“Welcome, Mr. Moylan, to your unexpected legacy: YOU should have died,” he wrote. He signed it: “Friends forever, Jarrod W. Ramos.”

Ramos, 38, has a well-documented history of harassing the paper’s journalists. The defamation suit was thrown out as groundless, and he often railed against current and former *Capital* staff in profanity-laced tweets. Police found him hiding under a desk after Thursday’s attack and jailed him on five counts of first-degree murder.

At a memorial service Monday night for one of those killed, editor Rob Hiaasen, Marquardt said he once slept with a baseball bat by his bed because he was so worried about Ramos. He also said that they “stepped up security” at the newspaper years ago and posted Ramos’ photo around the office. “But then he went dormant for about two years, and we thought the problem has been solved. Apparently, it was just building up steam,” he said.

The mourning in Annapolis continued Tuesday, marked by a lowering of U.S. flags to honor the victims. President Donald Trump ordered flags flown at half-staff on federal property through sunset.

Annapolis Mayor Gavin Buckley said Monday that Trump, who has repeatedly called journalists the “enemy of the people,” had declined his request to lower the flags. The White House said Tuesday that Trump ordered the flags lowered as soon as he learned of the mayor’s request.

Hiaasen was remembered Monday evening in stories,

poems, prayers and songs at the “celebration of life” ceremony Monday evening. He was fatally shot last week at the *Capital Gazette* along with colleagues Gerald Fischman, John McNamara, Rebecca Smith and Wendi Winters.

An overflow crowd sought solace with laughter and funny memories and occasional sobs. At the heartrending gathering, friends and colleagues lauded him as a dedicated professional who was committed to the craft of journalism and loved mentoring the next generation of reporters. He was remembered for his love of family and enduring pride in his job. He made friends easily and had a bunch of them.

Hannah Hiaasen, his youngest daughter, said the family called him “Big Rob” — a nickname that perfectly fit the assistant managing editor who stood 6-foot-5. But it wasn’t just his height that made the nickname ring true to those who knew him best.

“He had a really, really big heart,” she said, before reading a poem in her dad’s honor.

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'Dogged persistence,' says the man who took down the mob

BY ALANNA DURKIN RICHER
Associated Press

BOSTON — Behind the convictions of Boston's most powerful mobsters over the past 30 years, there has been one constant: federal prosecutor Fred Wyshak.

For the dauntless assistant U.S. attorney, last month's murder conviction of former New England Mafia Boss Francis "Cadillac Frank" Salemme likely closes the book on a lengthy saga that exposed the FBI's overly cozy relationship with its gangster informants and decimated the region's organized-crime underworld.

"It has been, to some extent, dogged persistence to get where we needed to get to bring these organized crime groups to the end," Wyshak said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Wyshak, 65, arrived at Boston's U.S. attorney's office in 1989 after pursuing mobsters in New Jersey and was recruited by state police investigators to help do what no one else seemed willing to: go after notorious gangster James "Whitey" Bulger and his Winter Hill Gang.

It was Wyshak and his colleagues' impending racketeering indictment against Bulger, Salemme and Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi in 1995 that caused Bulger to disappear for the next 16 years, thanks to a tip from corrupt FBI agent John Connolly.

Wyshak spent the next three decades securing convictions against Flemmi, Connolly and finally Bulger, who was captured in California at age 81 in 2011. All three men are likely to die behind bars.

And last month, Wyshak took down the last man standing from organized crime's heyday in Boston and its environs when a jury convicted 84-year-old Salemme, once the head of the New England family of La Cosa Nostra, of killing nightclub owner Steven DiSarro in 1993.



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Federal prosecutor Fred Wyshak poses at his office in the Moakley Federal Courthouse in Boston. Behind nearly every effort to take out big-time Massachusetts mobsters over the last three decades there has been one constant ... Wyshak.

'Who knows if not for him what it would look like today, the landscape.'

DICK LEHR

A former Boston Globe reporter and co-author of "Black Mass" talking about federal prosecutor Fred Wyshak

"He has steamrolled organized crime, the Italian and the Irish mob — with help, but he was the centrifugal force," said Dick Lehr, a former *Boston Globe* reporter and co-author of "Black Mass," which inspired the movie with the same name. "Who knows if not for him

what it would look like today, the landscape."

Many law enforcement officials who pursued mobsters alongside Wyshak in the 1990s have since retired or moved onto cushier jobs, including his longtime partner, Brian Kelly, who went into private practice after Bulger was sen-

tenced to two life terms in 2013.

Wyshak, now head of the public corruption unit in the U.S. attorney's office, said he was determined to stay because he loved it.

That doesn't mean it was easy.

Wyshak's voice cracked with emotion, and tears filled his eyes as he described threats against him that put state troopers outside his house for weeks at a time or forced him to park in the courthouse garage.

And his own neighbors eyed him skeptically when they heard his name in the same breath as mobsters and corrupt agents when Judge Mark

Wolf held hearings in 1998 that revealed how the FBI protected Bulger and Flemmi, he said.

"People read the newspapers and don't really understand what's going on. All they know is that the FBI and the government is corrupt and they're in bed with these mob guys, and Fred Wyshak has the case, and he must be in trouble, too," he said.

In the beginning, Wyshak had to fight not only mobsters, but also the FBI, which wanted to keep Bulger and Flemmi's role as informants under wraps, he said.

And hours of listening to mobsters matter-of-factly describe committing grisly murders as easily as others would talk about going to a baseball game takes a toll.

"It's almost like an out-of-body experience sitting there listening to this stuff," Wyshak said.

After Salemme's conviction in June, U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling declared it the end of a "long and dark chapter" in Boston history.

But Wyshak is hesitant to say he's sure it's really the end. More remains are out there in secret graves, he said. And he thought the saga was over before, and was proven wrong.

"Unless we catch Whitey Bulger, this marks the end of what is really a sad chapter for federal law enforcement," Wyshak said in 2008 after Connolly was convicted of second-degree murder.

"It has been a long haul," he said at the time.

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Cothran announced a merit hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on July 20 for parties on both sides to make their presentations complete with affidavits, witnesses and evidence. Cothran said that following the hearing he will make his ruling before the state's Aug. 15 candidate certification deadline.

On Tuesday, Mock's attorney, Robert E. Tyson Jr., said the case his client brought against Samuels-Cooper is "pretty straightforward."

"The law is the law," Tyson told Cothran. "We are not protesting the election results. We are challenging qualifications."

In his argument before Cothran, Tyson said Samuels-Cooper filed a defective affidavit and "is not qualified."

Tyson said Samuels-Cooper does not have the death investigation experience needed to become coroner.

"She has said she has not had death investigation (experience)," Tyson told the judge. "She has worked in the coroner's office with Mr. Mock for many years, but she does not meet the criteria. She's not qualified."

Tyson referenced the state-mandated statutes outlining the needed qualifications for becoming a coroner in South Carolina.

"This is a state statute," he said. "It is the state law. They need to check the state law."



Left, Clarendon County Coroner Bucky Mock is seen with his attorney, Robert E. Tyson Jr., on Tuesday morning at Clarendon County Courthouse. Right, LaNette Samuels-Cooper is seen sitting Tuesday at Clarendon County Courthouse.



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When his time came to address the court, Samuels-Cooper's attorney, Ronnie Sabb from Kingstree, focused on the electoral process and the voters of Clarendon County.

"On the eve of the celebration of our independence, a day to be proud to be a free American," Sabb said, "in part, our freedom is embodied in the electoral process."

"You see, in essence, you are asking the court to nullify the voice of the voters of Clarendon County," Sabb said. "The voters have spoken in this election."

Sabb said though errors were made when Samuels-Cooper filed her affidavits, those errors should not "take away the right and the voice of the voters."

As the court proceedings continued, attorney Thomas Parkins C. Hunter with the state Attorney General's Office told the court, "We do not take a position on the qualifications of any candidate."

Manning attorney Shaun Kent, who was on hand representing Clarendon County Election Commission, said, "We're here looking for direction from the court, not to take a position either way."

The proceedings stalled when Cothran asked the attorneys present about dates on affidavits that had been filed by Samuels-Cooper.

"Is there any type of stamping process?" Cothran asked about the process for noting the date when documents are

received. "Is there any process? (Do they) stamp it when it was received? Nothing shows that."

With no information available on processing documents as to date received, Cothran asked for a brief recess and invited all the attorneys into his office.

After the recess, it was decided to hold a merit hearing where both sides of the issue can argue their sides with their respective witnesses, evidence and documentation.

"We had our chance to talk about the importance of deference being given to the will of the voter of Clarendon County," Sabb said after the hearing. "My client was elected fairly and squarely and is the Democratic nominee for coroner of Clarendon County."

"This is now going to be a full hearing," Tyson said following Tuesday's hearing. "The judge understands the issues. It will be Mrs. Samuels-Cooper who will need to explain why she's qualified. We have what we believe is a solid case. Mrs. Samuels-Cooper is not qualified by state law."

The merit hearing will be held at Clarendon County Courthouse at 9:30 a.m. on July 20 before Cothran. Cothran will have until the Aug. 15 certification deadline to make his decision.

Editor's note: Sharron Haley is a freelance reporter for The Sumter Item and covers Clarendon County. She is also the campaign manager for Bucky Mock.

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detected and repaired. During the time, her water usage also increased significantly.

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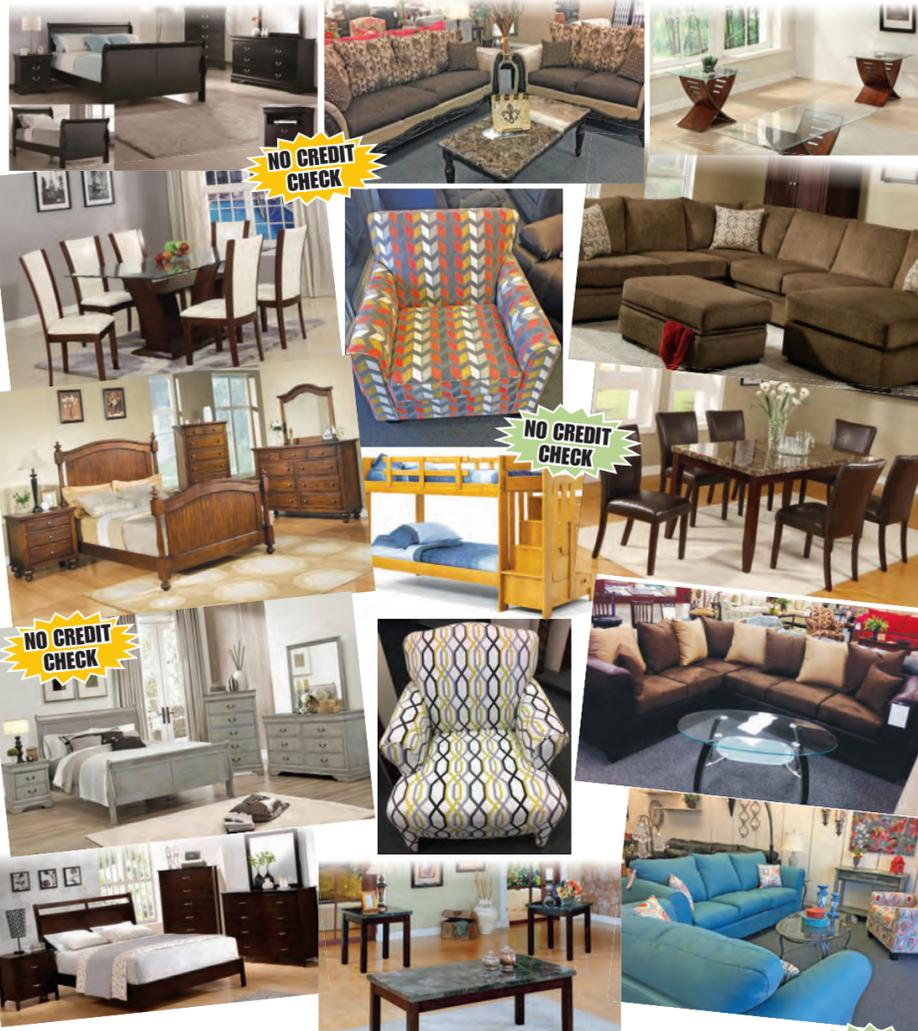
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COMMENTARY

Justice Kennedy's 1st priority: The First Amendment

It became official just after lunchtime on Wednesday, just after the Supreme Court announced its final decisions of the term and went into recess. Justice Anthony Kennedy, the 104th person to serve on the court, is retiring, effective just after his 82nd birthday next month, after 30 years of service.

Justice Kennedy's decision, announced in a two-paragraph letter to President Donald Trump, has been predicted — and eagerly anticipated and dreaded — for years now. He has been the swing vote in several noteworthy — for some, notorious — cases going back to the early 1990s, as well as the author of the opinion of the court in many.

Appointed by President Ronald Reagan after two nominees failed to be confirmed, Kennedy has long been feted by many liberals for these stands. Since the early 1990s, he has stood against repealing the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion. Starting with his decision to overturn two sodomy convictions in 2003, he has opposed discrimination against gays and was the author of *Obergefell v. Hodges*, the 2015 decision that legalized same-sex marriage.

Kennedy joined mostly Democratic-appointed colleagues in taking what were considered liberal stands on other issues as well, including the death penalty for young offenders, judicial review for Guantanamo detainees and state laws attempting to strengthen or supplement federal enforcement of immigration laws.

On these, conservative legal scholars looked askance. Some ridiculed Kennedy's flowery language in decisions like *Obergefell v. Hodges*. Some classed him with other Republican-appointed justices who sided regularly with liberals.

But that's an overstatement. Justice Kennedy came out on the same side as Republican-appointed colleagues on the Second Amendment, on partial-birth abortion bans, on the unconstitutionality of bans on political speech, and on subjecting states to special voting-rights scrutiny based on evidence from 1964 and 1972. In every one of the past year's 19 cases decided by 5-4 votes, he came out against the four Democratic-appointed justices.

In my view, it makes sense to see Justice Kennedy not so much as a liberal warrior in our culture wars but as a judge who placed an especially high value on the First Amendment freedom of speech. People should be free to engage in gay sex, and organizations should be free to engage in political speech.

That concern about freedoms of expression characterized his most recent decisions. He applied sharp scrutiny on government efforts to force public employees to pay for political speech they op-

posed (*Janus v. AFSCME*) and to force a Christian baker to custom design a cake for a same-sex couple (*Masterpiece Cakeshop Ltd. v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission*).

Even where he saw First Amendment rights at stake in legislative redistricting cases, he ruled in 2004 and again this year that he professed to see no neutral principle distinguishing plans that were unconstitutionally partisan from those

that weren't. Any verbal formula, he apparently believed, would just leave judges free to rule for their partisan friends.

This led legal scholar Rick Hasen to predict — accurately — his decision to retire and then call his decision "final abdications" that indicate "a depressing kind of defeatism." He evidently sees Justice Kennedy as a committed culture warrior for the left.

But language in some of his most controversial opinions shows not a desire for one side's total victory but for both sides' friendly accommodation of the other.

In *Obergefell*, Justice Kennedy took care to recognize that "religions, and those who adhere to religious doctrines, may continue to advocate with utmost, sincere conviction that, by divine precepts, same-sex marriage should not be condoned."

In *Masterpiece Cakeshop*, Justice Kennedy wrote, "To describe a man's faith as 'one of the most despicable pieces of rhetoric that people can use' is to disparage his religion in at least two distinct ways: by describing it as despicable, and also by characterizing it as merely rhetorical — something insubstantial and even insincere."

This is not so much legal argumentation as it is a plea for combatants in the culture war to show respect — even friendly respect — for one another.

The Senate will probably "confirm Justice Kennedy's successor this fall," as Majority Leader Mitch McConnell quickly promised, despite hysterical predictions that abortion will be criminalized and same-sex marriage abolished.

But Justice Kennedy's central legacy is his firm defense of the First Amendment. Against California's claim that its law requiring pro-life pregnancy counselors to promote abortions is "forward-looking," Kennedy wrote, "It is forward thinking to begin by reading the First Amendment as ratified in 1791; to understand the history of authoritarian government as the Founders then knew it." First things first.

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Declaring independence

Editor's note: In celebration of the Fourth of July, The Sumter Item presents "The Declaration of Independence of the Thirteen Colonies" for your holiday reading enjoyment.

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In CONGRESS, July 4, 1776

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That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these

ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.

But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain (George III) is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these

States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

(The bulk of the Declaration, not included here, is a list of specific grievances against the King. What follows is the conclusion.)

We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by the authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare.

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And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

COMMENTARY

In celebration of our propositional nation

On this July Fourth, with the recent opening of Sumter's Temple Sinai Jewish History Center, we are reminded of a letter that George Washington wrote to a Jewish congregation in Newport, Rhode Island, in 1790.

In this letter, Washington assured the congregants that the United States



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not what faith Americans practice, but rather that they conduct themselves as "good citizens." What matters are the "inherent natural rights" that appear in the Declaration of Independence, and that Americans commit to living with one another in a community based on these rights.

This is what people mean when they call the United

Anyone can be an American if they accept the basic propositions at the heart of our country: that all human beings are equal, and that we have inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

States of America a "propositional nation." Anyone can be an American if they accept the basic propositions at the heart of our country: that all human beings are equal, and that we have inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Being an American is about accepting these propositions. It is not about what we look like, where our families come from, or what house of worship we attend.

This is what FDR meant when he wrote, "Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart," not "a matter of race or ancestry." It is what George W. Bush celebrated in his first inaugural address, declaring that "America has never been united by blood or birth or soil. We are bound by ideals that move us beyond our backgrounds, lift us above our interests, and teach us what it means to be citizens."

This doesn't mean that

the United States has always lived up to these ideals. We should remember that FDR celebrated an inclusive Americanism while Japanese-Americans were imprisoned in internment camps. Like all great undertakings, America is still a work in progress.

But this shouldn't blind us to the special nature of the American project: a nation based on ideas rather than ancestry or tradition. "America," said Ronald Reagan, "represents something universal in the human spirit." Americans don't share a common parentage. What we share is a common commitment to a set of beliefs about the equal worth of all human beings, and the equal rights to which all human beings are entitled.

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

Sumter Chapter Parents of Murdered Children (POMC) — Third Tuesday, 5:30-7 p.m., Bernie HOPE Center, 210 S. Purdy St. Open to anyone who has lost a

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

do. Listen to reason, but make up your own mind. Use strength, courage and intelligence to help you make your mark and live life your way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): An encounter you have with someone will leave you feeling down. Approach others with caution, and be willing to let everyone have his or her own opinion. Stubbornness will be what stands between you and victory.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stick to the basics; you'll get the most accomplished. Don't let anyone interfere with your plans, or you'll become confused and uncertain about what to do next. Rely on what you know.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be observant as well as cautious when handling financial and medical matters. Know what you're up against and act accordingly. Serious situations will require special attention and precision if you plan to reach your destination unscathed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Shake off negativity. It's not worth arguing over something you can't change. Focus on personal change that will help you project a positive image of the person you are and what you have to offer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Share with someone you love or enjoy working alongside. Collaborating will encourage a closer bond and bring better results. Don't be afraid to let your inner voice be heard. A creative idea will open up a window of opportunity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let anyone limit what you can do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you have an idea, follow through. It's what you do, not what you say, that will count in the end. Be true to your word and follow your dream; you'll gain respect. Romance is encouraged.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Live life your way. Don't allow anyone to interfere with your plans or goals. Surround yourself with people and things that inspire you to strive for perfection and fulfilling your dreams. Don't let emotions stand between you and success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A different environment will give you a new perspective on something you want to do. Handle money matters cautiously. A moderate budget will help you avoid unnecessary stress. Don't try to buy love. Avoid emotionally manipulative people.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Move forward with confidence. Change is good and will help you put an end to conditions that have been dragging you down. Embrace what life has to offer, and explore new possibilities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Stick close to home with what's familiar and safe. Taking a risk will result in added stress. Slow down and be an observer for a change. Romance should be your priority.

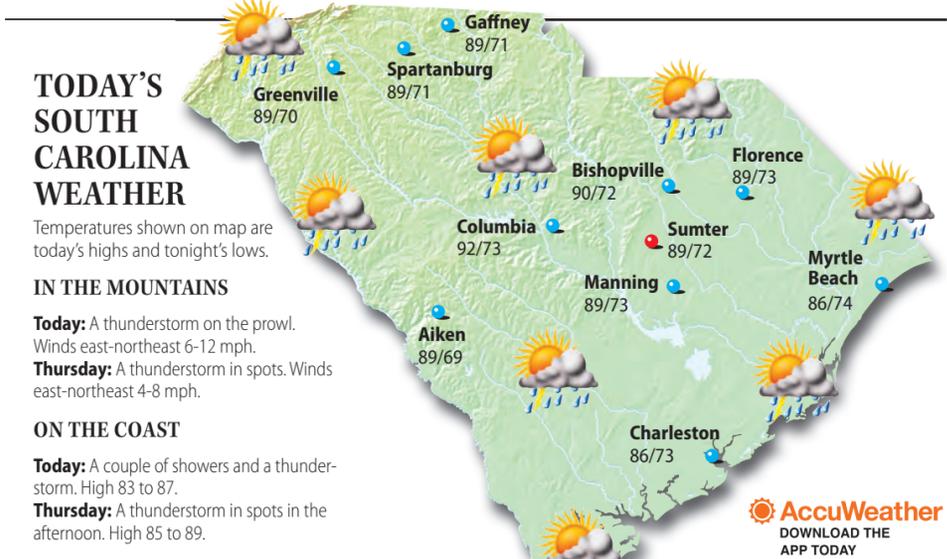
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Share your enthusiasm and imaginative plans with someone who is looking to make similar changes. Getting involved in events that are meaningful will encourage encounters that are stimulating and progressive.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

| TODAY | TONIGHT | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | | | |
| Periods of sun with a t-storm | A thunderstorm around early | A stray afternoon thunderstorm | Partly sunny and humid | A shower and t-storm around | Mostly cloudy with a t-storm |
| 89° | 72° | 89° / 71° | 92° / 73° | 84° / 68° | 84° / 68° |
| Chance of rain: 55% | Chance of rain: 40% | Chance of rain: 40% | Chance of rain: 25% | Chance of rain: 60% | Chance of rain: 55% |
| ENE 7-14 mph | E 4-8 mph | E 6-12 mph | SW 3-6 mph | N 4-8 mph | ENE 7-14 mph |



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

| Temperature | High | Low | Normal high | Normal low | Record high | Record low |
|-------------|------|-----|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| 93° | 93° | 73° | 90° | 69° | 100° in 1970 | 58° in 1988 |

| Precipitation | 24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest. | Month to date | Normal month to date | Year to date | Last year to date | Normal year to date |
|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 0.00" | 0.00" | trace | 0.47" | 17.61" | 21.87" | 23.26" |

LAKE LEVELS

| Lake | Full pool | 7 a.m. yest. | 24-hr chg |
|----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| Murray | 360 | 357.80 | +0.03 |
| Marion | 76.8 | 75.72 | +0.02 |
| Moultrie | 75.5 | 75.37 | +0.01 |
| Wateree | 100 | 97.76 | +0.05 |

RIVER STAGES

| River | Flood stage | 7 a.m. yest. | 24-hr chg |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| Black River | 12 | 7.27 | +0.33 |
| Congaree River | 19 | 3.48 | +0.07 |
| Lynches River | 14 | 2.82 | -0.27 |
| Saluda River | 14 | 2.37 | -1.08 |
| Up. Santee River | 80 | 77.83 | -0.30 |
| Wateree River | 24 | 8.39 | -1.12 |

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise 6:16 a.m. Sunset 8:37 p.m.
 Moonrise 12:15 a.m. Moonset 11:56 a.m.

| Last | New | First | Full |
|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| July 6 | July 12 | July 19 | July 27 |

TIDES

| AT MYRTLE BEACH | High | Ht. | Low | Ht. |
|-----------------|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|
| Today | 1:33 a.m. | 2.9 | 8:36 a.m. | 0.3 |
| | 1:58 p.m. | 2.6 | 8:39 p.m. | 0.7 |
| Thu. | 2:15 a.m. | 2.8 | 9:19 a.m. | 0.3 |
| | 2:46 p.m. | 2.7 | 9:34 p.m. | 0.8 |

NATIONAL CITIES

| City | Today | Thu. |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| Atlanta | 88/72/t | 88/71/t |
| Chicago | 92/75/t | 90/66/t |
| Dallas | 95/77/t | 96/78/pc |
| Detroit | 91/76/t | 90/68/t |
| Houston | 83/74/r | 91/76/t |
| Los Angeles | 80/62/pc | 89/68/pc |
| New Orleans | 90/77/t | 87/75/t |
| New York | 88/74/t | 88/75/pc |
| Oriando | 87/73/t | 88/73/t |
| Philadelphia | 91/74/pc | 90/76/pc |
| Phoenix | 107/86/s | 114/92/s |
| San Francisco | 71/58/pc | 76/61/pc |
| Wash., DC | 90/77/pc | 89/78/t |

REGIONAL CITIES

| City | Today | Thu. | City | Today | Thu. |
|----------------|---------|---------|------------------|----------|----------|
| Asheville | 87/69/t | 83/67/t | Florence | 89/73/t | 90/72/t |
| Athens | 89/70/t | 88/70/t | Gainesville | 88/72/t | 88/72/t |
| Augusta | 91/69/t | 90/69/t | Gastonia | 91/72/t | 88/71/t |
| Beaufort | 87/74/t | 89/74/t | Greensboro | 90/73/t | 89/73/t |
| Cape Hatteras | 89/75/t | 88/76/t | Goose Creek | 86/73/t | 87/71/t |
| Charleston | 86/73/t | 88/72/t | Hickory | 90/71/t | 86/70/t |
| Charlotte | 91/72/t | 90/71/t | Hilton Head | 86/74/t | 87/73/t |
| Clemson | 89/73/t | 88/72/t | Jacksonville, FL | 85/73/t | 86/73/sh |
| Columbia | 92/73/t | 91/72/t | La Grange | 90/73/t | 88/72/t |
| Darlington | 89/73/t | 89/71/t | Macon | 89/71/t | 90/70/t |
| Elizabeth City | 88/75/t | 88/75/t | Marietta | 89/72/t | 87/70/t |
| Elizabethtown | 87/73/t | 88/71/t | | | |
| Fayetteville | 90/73/t | 90/72/t | | | |
| | | | Marion | 88/69/t | 84/68/t |
| | | | Mt. Pleasant | 85/74/t | 87/73/t |
| | | | Orangeburg | 88/71/pc | 88/71/t |
| | | | Port Royal | 85/74/t | 86/74/t |
| | | | Raleigh | 89/73/t | 88/72/t |
| | | | Rock Hill | 90/72/t | 88/71/t |
| | | | Rockingham | 90/72/t | 89/71/t |
| | | | Savannah | 85/73/t | 88/73/t |
| | | | Spartanburg | 89/71/t | 85/71/t |
| | | | Summerville | 85/72/t | 87/70/t |
| | | | Wilmington | 87/74/t | 86/72/t |
| | | | Winston-Salem | 91/73/t | 88/73/t |

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SUMTER ANIMAL CONTROL PETS OF THE WEEK



TOP: Brianna is a young mixed breed girl, approximately 1 to 2 years old, who is looking for a family that will show her love and spend time with her. Brianna has a good amount of energy, however, a game of ball or Frisbee with the kids will tucker her out. She loves to be petted and showered with affection. This beautiful, small young dog deserves her forever home, and we know her family is out there somewhere.

BELOW: Dena is a young mixed breed girl, approximately 12 to 18 months old. She is small in size but big in personality. Dena loves dogs, people, treats and rolling in the grass. She just generally enjoys life. You can tell by the way she carries herself that this is a happy, pleasant dog to be around. Dena is young enough to fit into any situation with some training and positive reinforcement, she is the kind of dog who is only too happy to learn.

If you would like to meet Brianna in kennel 24 or Dena in kennel 30 at Sumter Animal Control, 1240 Winkles Road, call the adoption coordinator at (803) 774-3232 or email rescuesumtersc@gmail.com. As with all of our adoptable dogs, we do require a spay or neuter agreement, and it is strictly enforced. Proof of spay/neuter after adoption will be required. We have many other adoptable dogs as well as animals who were found and are waiting for their owners to claim them. Check Sumter Animal Control on Facebook.

CAN'T ADOPT BUT WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN SOME WAY? Sumter Animal Control accepts donations of the following: Capstar flea control pills (at Petco or Tractor Supply), bleach (gallons or spray bottle), metal food and water bowls in all sizes, towels, waterless pet shampoo, dog cologne, kibble, puppy food, newspapers and leashes and collars. Tax-deductible donations can be made via PayPal at sumterstrays@gmail.com. One hundred percent of your donation will be used for the animals at Sumter Animal Control.

PREP FOOTBALL

Grabbing some attention

Lakewood quarterback Richardson picks up 8 offers since April, 3 from FBS schools

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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It's hard not to notice Malik Richardson on the football field. He is 6-feet-4-inches tall, weighs 200 pounds, can run like the wind with the football in his hand and can sling it around the field with his right arm as well.

And college programs have started taking interest in the Lakewood High School quarterback over the past few months. Richardson has received eight offers since April — three of them from Football Bowl Subdivision schools, four from Football Championship Subdivision schools and one from an NCAA Division II school.

"It's a blessing to be getting all of these offers," Richardson said. "I thank God for it all. I know it will work out for my good."

Richardson's first offer came from The Citadel, an FCS school in the Southern Conference, in April. Three other SoCon schools have offered in Wofford, Furman and Western Carolina, which is his most recent offer.

His three FBS offers are from East Carolina of the American Athletic Conference and Coastal Carolina and Georgia Southern, both of the Sun Belt Conference.

North Greenville is the lone DII school.

"I knew sooner or later I was going to start getting some offers," Richardson said. "I thought I had a pretty good year, and people would start showing some interest."

Richardson completed 85 of 165 passes for 907 yards and seven touchdowns against seven interceptions for the Gators, who went 2-8 in Larry Cornelius' first season as head coach. However, he led LHS in rushing, finishing with 769 yards and eight TDs on 132 carries. He rushed for over 100 yards in two games. "Malik definitely improved over the

year and over the off season," Cornelius said. "I was the quarterback coach last year, but I've got (assistant) Bren Maloney as the quarterback coach so he can give Malik a lot more 1-on1 attention."

"I think that is paying off for Malik. He's improved his arm strength, his delivery is better, and he has gotten better with his accuracy as well."

Richardson said The Citadel, Wofford, North Greenville, Georgia Southern and Western Carolina are looking at him as a quarterback. The others are considering him as possibly a wide receiver or a safety on defense.

Richardson said he would like the opportunity to play quarterback on the collegiate level, but it is not a necessity for him.

Richardson has been getting contacted by Power 5 schools South Carolina, Tennessee and Syracuse, but none of those have offered.

Cornelius said Richardson will see some time at wide receiver for the Gators this season.

"We have a pretty good backup at quarterback in Cody Windham, so we're putting in a package where Malik will move out to wide receiver," said Cornelius, who uses a fast-paced spread offense. "That will give us two receivers who are 6-4 (in Richardson and Quentin Hodge) and one who is 6-6 (Juwan Perdue). We're excited about that."

Cornelius is wanting Richardson to narrow his list down to two prior to the start of the season to avoid distractions. Richardson said he was initially planning to announce his commitment at the end of July or the first of August, but he isn't sure if he will go that far or not.

He's academically ready where he can graduate from Lakewood in December and enroll for the spring semester at the school of his choice.

"I don't know if I want to do that though," he said.



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Lakewood quarterback Malik Richardson has received eight college offers since April. The first to offer was The Citadel, and Furman, Wofford, Coastal Carolina, East Carolina, Georgia Southern, Western Carolina and North Greenville have since joined.

PRO BASKETBALL

Warriors add fifth All-Star by signing center Cousins

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — As he has long desired, DeMarcus Cousins will finally get a chance to play for a winner once he's healthy from a torn left Achilles tendon.

When Boogie returns to the court this season, the volatile big man will give the Golden State Warriors five 2018 All-Stars in their starting lineup to chase another title — with Cousins trying for his first after never appearing in the playoffs. The center, who has had his problems with technical fouls, will sign with the two-time defending champions after the moratorium period is lifted Friday, a person with direct knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press on Monday night. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the contract is yet to be completed.

Cousins is set to join a starting lineup of two-time MVP Stephen Curry, Kevin Durant, who is fresh off his second straight NBA Finals MVP, Klay Thompson and Draymond Green.

"The 3rd splash Brother," Curry posted on Twitter with a series of happy crying emojis. "Let's go @boogiecousins."

Cousins' Pelicans lost to the Warriors in a five-game Western Conference semifinals while Cousins was injured. The 27-year-old Cousins played in New Orleans for coach Alvin Gentry, a top assistant for Steve Kerr when the Golden State won the 2015 championship — the franchise's first title in 40 years — and still a close friend and confidant of Golden State's head coach.

Cousins tore his Achilles in late January and underwent



AP FILE PHOTO

Injured center DeMarcus Cousins has signed a 1-year contract with 2-time defending NBA champion Golden State.

surgery. He has posted regular updates on social media with the hash tags "The Resurgence" and "0 Doubt."

"I been grinding since a youngin in the trenches this ain't nothing new to me," he wrote last month on Twitter.

According to the Elias Sports Bureau, the Warriors would be the first team since Boston in 1975-76 to play five All-Stars from the previous season at the same time. That group was Jo Jo White, Charlie Scott, Dave Cowens, Paul Silas and John Havlicek.

Durant has again agreed to a two-year deal with a player option to sign a more a lucrative contract next summer, which also provides the Warriors financial flexibility as general manager Bob Myers builds the roster to go after another title. Golden State will play its final season at Oracle Arena in Oak-

land before a move to new Chase Center in San Francisco's Mission Bay neighborhood.

The Warriors lost center JaVale McGee on Sunday to the Lakers, who landed LeBron James with a \$153.3 million, four-year contract.

Green, for one, is a huge fan of Cousins.

"He's incredible. He can score the ball," Green said in January 2017 at Sacramento when Cousins was still with the Kings. "I think DeMarcus is the best center in the game. A lot of times people don't give him that credit. A part of it is they try to downplay his status because of his reputation or getting technical fouls or things like that. He is the best big man in the game hands down. It's always interesting to watch, interesting to play against, interesting to play with, because he's so incredibly talented."

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

P-15's one loss away from 4th in League III

FROM STAFF REPORTS

LEXINGTON — The Sumter P-15's are a loss away from finishing fourth in American Legion baseball League III after falling to Lexington 5-4 on Monday at the Post 7 field.

Sumter and Lexington played on Tuesday at Riley Park with the P-15's needing a victory to keep alive their hopes of finishing second and getting to host a best-of-5 state playoffs first-round series next week. Sumter fell to 13-8 overall and 7-4 in league play with Monday's loss, while Post 7 improved to 14-5 and 8-3.

Hartsville is also in the mix for second place as well. Post 53 defeated Orangeburg 10-3 on Monday to improve to 7-4 overall and 6-4 in League III. Hartsville and Orangeburg play again today, and Hartsville is scheduled to take on Dalzell-Shaw on Thursday in Bishopville. The game was rained out last Friday.

Lexington's Chase Crouch had a 2-out, walkoff single with the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh inning off of Sumter relief pitcher Daniel Twitty to get the

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Manning-Santee holds on to top Dalzell-Shaw 4-3

BY EDDIE LITAKER
Special to The Sumter Item

MANNING — Manning-Santee's American Legion baseball team closed out its regular-season home schedule on Monday with a 4-3 win over Dalzell-Shaw at Monarch Field.

It would prove to be Post 68's final home game of the season as Hartsville clinched League III's fourth playoff spot with a 10-3 win at Orangeburg on Monday. Post 68, now 4-7 in league play and 8-9 overall, could have forced a 1-game playoff for the

final spot with a 2-game Orangeburg sweep of Hartsville and a 2-game sweep over the Jets in a series that was scheduled to conclude on Tuesday at the Robert E. Lee Academy field in Bishopville.

While the win would prove to be bittersweet for M-S with news of the Hartsville win, the loss was another heartbreaker for the Jets, who are still in search of their first regular-season win, and starting pitcher Eric Lisenby, who went the distance

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AREA SCOREBOARD



PHOTO PROVIDED BY MARK MORGAN

The YAS NFL Flag Football program will conclude its first season on Saturday with three games at the Alice Drive Middle School field. The YAS teams — age groups 5-7, 8-10 and 11-13 — will play teams from Pelion and Clinton.

Football & Cheer tackle registration set for Saturday

The YAS Pop Warner Sumter Spartans Football & Cheer tackle program will be held on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Alice Drive Middle School field.

The teams are open to children ages 5-14. The program is also looking for football and cheer coaches.

Also, the YAS NFL Flag Football program will be playing their final regular-season games of the year.

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

CHURCHES CHALLENGE REGISTRATION

Registration is being taken

for the 19th annual Churches Challenge Golf Tournament and Praise Rally on Aug. 24-25.

The praise rally will be held at Alice Drive Baptist Church, while the tournament will be held at Sunset Country Club.

On Friday, Aug. 24, the players, their families and event sponsors will gather for fellowship, devotion, praise music and food at 5:30 p.m. at Alice Drive Baptist Church located at 1305 Loring Mill Road. A barbecue dinner with all the trimmings will be catered by Shoney's.

On Saturday, Aug. 25, at Sunset, there will be a morn-

ing flight and an afternoon flight for the golfers. Sign in for the for the morning flight is 7 a.m. with play set to begin at approximately 8 a.m. The afternoon flight will begin sign in at 11 a.m. and is scheduled for a 1 p.m. tee time.

The cost is \$45 per golfer and includes the praise dinner on Friday as well as lunch and beverages on Saturday.

The tournament is known for its prizes with none greater than the \$51,000 prize if someone sinks a hole-in-one on the 18th hole. Should someone ace the hole, his or her church will receive a

check for \$50,000 and the player will receive \$1,000.

The Sumter CGA Chapter has returned more than \$100,000 to the community through awards to the churches, charities and expense purchases from local businesses. Some of the different charities to have benefited are United Ministries, The Salvation Army, Fireside Fund and different children's homes and youth programs.

The CGA encourages female golfers and young golfers to participate in the event as well.

Registration forms can be mailed to CGA, 1285 Clara Louise Kellogg Drive, Sumter,

SC 29153 or can be brought to the office at Dillon Park, next to Crystal Lakes Golf Course.

For more information, call (803) 773-2171.

SUMTER JUNIOR GOLF FOUNDATION CAMPS

The Sumter Junior Golf Foundation will be holding two more summer camps at Crystal Lakes Golf Course.

The next camp is scheduled July 9-13. It will run Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon each day.

The final camp will be held July 23-27.

For more information, call (803) 775-1902 or (803) 773-2171.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

7 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Wimbledon Men's and Women's Second-Round Matches from London (ESPN).

11 a.m. — Major League Baseball: Boston at Washington (MLB NETWORK).

Noon — Professional Tennis: Wimbledon Men's and Women's Second-Round Matches from London (ESPN).

1 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at New York Yankees (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).

4 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Baltimore at Philadelphia (ESPN).

4 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Wimbledon Day 3 Highlights from London (TENNIS).

6 p.m. — Youth Lacrosse: World Series of Youth Lacrosse Championship Match from Denver (ESPN2).

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

7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Cincinnati (ESPN).

7 p.m. — USL Soccer: Ottawa Fury at Indy Eleven (ESPNU).

8 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Atlanta at Dallas (FOX SPORTSOUTH).

10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis at Arizona (ESPN).

MLB STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Atlanta | 49 | 34 | .590 | — |
| Philadelphia | 45 | 37 | .549 | 3½ |
| Washington | 42 | 41 | .506 | 7 |
| New York | 33 | 48 | .407 | 15 |
| Miami | 35 | 51 | .407 | 15½ |

Central Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|----|------|----|
| Milwaukee | 50 | 35 | .588 | — |
| Chicago | 48 | 35 | .578 | 1 |
| St. Louis | 43 | 40 | .518 | 6 |
| Pittsburgh | 40 | 44 | .476 | 9½ |
| Cincinnati | 37 | 48 | .435 | 13 |

West Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Arizona | 47 | 38 | .553 | — |
| Los Angeles | 45 | 39 | .536 | 1½ |
| San Francisco | 45 | 41 | .523 | 2½ |
| Colorado | 42 | 43 | .494 | 5 |
| San Diego | 37 | 49 | .430 | 10½ |

MONDAY

Atlanta 5, N.Y. Yankees 3, 11 innings
 Boston 4, Washington 3
 Cincinnati 5, Chicago White Sox 3
 Miami 3, Tampa Bay 2, 10 innings
 Milwaukee 6, Minnesota 5, 10 innings
 Colorado 5, San Francisco 2
 St. Louis 6, Arizona 3
 L.A. Dodgers 17, Pittsburgh 1

TUESDAY

Chicago Cubs 5, Detroit 3
 Milwaukee 2, Minnesota 0

WEDNESDAY

Boston (Rodriguez 9-3) at Washington (Fedde 1-3), 11:05 a.m.
 Atlanta (Teheran 6-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 5-3), 1:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (TBD) at Miami (Urena 2-9), 1:10 p.m.
 Detroit (Liriano 3-4) at Chicago Cubs (Quintana 6-6), 2:20 p.m.
 Baltimore (Hess 2-5) at Philadelphia (Nola 10-2), 4:05 p.m.
 San Diego (Lauer 3-5) at Oakland (Manaea 8-6), 4:05 p.m.
 Minnesota (Berrios 8-6) at Milwaukee (Anderson 6-6), 4:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Oswalt 0-1) at Toronto (Stroman 1-5), 7:07 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Covey 3-3) at Cincinnati (Romano 4-8), 7:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Musgrove 3-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Hill 1-3), 8:10 p.m.
 San Francisco (Suarez 3-4) at Colorado (Anderson 5-3), 8:10 p.m.
 St. Louis (Mikolas 8-3) at Arizona (Corbin 6-3), 10:10 p.m.

THURSDAY

Miami at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
 Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
 San Diego at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
 St. Louis at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|-----|
| Boston | 57 | 29 | .663 | — |
| New York | 54 | 28 | .659 | 1 |
| Tampa Bay | 42 | 42 | .500 | 14 |
| Toronto | 39 | 45 | .464 | 17 |
| Baltimore | 24 | 59 | .289 | 31½ |

Central Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Cleveland | 46 | 37 | .554 | — |
| Detroit | 38 | 49 | .437 | 10 |
| Minnesota | 35 | 47 | .427 | 10½ |
| Chicago | 29 | 55 | .345 | 17½ |
| Kansas City | 25 | 59 | .298 | 21½ |

West Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Houston | 55 | 31 | .640 | — |
| Seattle | 54 | 31 | .635 | ½ |
| Oakland | 46 | 39 | .541 | 8½ |
| Los Angeles | 43 | 42 | .506 | 11½ |
| Texas | 38 | 47 | .447 | 16½ |

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THURSDAY

Texas at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.
 Baltimore at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

WORLD CUP

SECOND ROUND

Saturday, June 30
Game 50
At Kazan, Russia
 France 4, Argentina 3
Game 49
At Sochi, Russia
 Uruguay 2, Portugal 1
Sunday, July 1
Game 51
At Moscow
 Russia 1, Spain 1, Russia wins 4-3 on penalty kicks
Game 52
At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia
 Croatia 1, Denmark 1, Croatia wins 3-2 on penalty kicks
Monday, July 2
Game 53
At Samara, Russia
 Brazil 2, Mexico 0
Game 54
At Rostov-on-Don, Russia
 Belgium 3, Japan 2
Tuesday, July 3
Game 55
At St. Petersburg, Russia
 Sweden 1, Switzerland 0
Game 56
At Moscow
 England 1, Colombia 1, England wins 4-3 on penalty kicks

QUARTERFINAL

Friday, July 6
Game 57
At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia
 Uruguay vs. France, 10 a.m.
Game 58
At Kazan, Russia
 Brazil vs. Belgium, 2 p.m.
Saturday, July 7
Game 60
At Samara, Russia
 Sweden vs. England, 10 a.m.
Game 59
At Sochi, Russia
 Russia vs. Croatia, 2 p.m.
SEMIFINAL
Tuesday, July 10
Game 61
At St. Petersburg, Russia
 Game 57 winner vs. Game 58 winner, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, July 11
Game 62
At Moscow
 Game 59 winner vs. Game 60 winner, 2 p.m.

THIRD PLACE

Saturday, July 14
Game 63
At St. Petersburg, Russia
 Game 61 loser vs. Game 62 loser, 10 a.m.
FINAL
Sunday, July 15
Game 64
At Moscow
 Game 61 winner vs. Game 62 winner, 11 a.m.

BASEBALL LEADERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING — Gennett, Cincinnati, .336; Almona, Chicago, .329; Markakis, Atlanta, .324; Kemp, Los Angeles, .323; Crawford, San Francisco, .311; Freeman, Atlanta, .311; Arenado, Colorado, .310; Suarez, Cincinnati, .306; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, .304; Martinez, St. Louis, .298.
RUNS — Albies, Atlanta, 65; Blackmon, Colorado, 61; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 57; Hernandez, Philadelphia, 57; Pham, St. Louis, 56; Arenado, Colorado, 55; Baez, Chicago, 53; Freeman, Atlanta, 53; Bellinger, Los Angeles, 52; Yelich, Milwaukee, 52.
RBI — Baez, Chicago, 61; Suarez, Cincinnati, 61; Arenado, Colorado, 60; Story, Colorado, 59; Rizzo, Chicago, 58; Freeman, Atlanta, 56; Markakis, Atlanta, 56; Aguilar, Milwaukee, 55; Kemp, Los Angeles, 55; Gennett, Cincinnati, 54.
HITS — Markakis, Atlanta, 106; Gennett, Cincinnati, 103; Freeman, Atlanta, 100; Albies, Atlanta, 97; Castro, Miami, 96; Anderson, Miami, 94; Arenado, Colorado, 93; Crawford, San Francisco, 90; Turner, Washington, 90; 2 tied at 89.
DOUBLES — Albies, Atlanta, 27; Markakis, Atlanta, 27; Carpenter, St. Louis, 24; Rendon, Washington, 24; Story, Colorado, 23; McCutchen, San Francisco, 22; 5 tied at 21.
TRIPLES — KMarte, Arizona, 8; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 7; Baez, Chicago, 6; Nimmo, New York, 6; Contreras, Chicago, 5; 10 tied at 4.
HOME RUNS — Arenado, Colorado, 21; Harper, Washington, 21; Aguilar, Milwaukee, 19; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 18; Muncy, Los Angeles, 18; Albies, Atlanta, 17; Bellinger, Los Angeles, 17; Desmond, Colorado, 17; Schwarber, Chicago, 17; 5 tied at 16.
STOLEN BASES — MTaylor, Washington, 23; Turner, Washington, 22; Inciarte, Atlanta, 21; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 18; Cain, Milwaukee, 16; Dyson, Arizona, 16; Hamilton, Cincinnati, 15; Peraza, Cincinnati, 14; Baez, Chicago, 13; Hernandez, Philadelphia, 13.
PITCHING — Lester, Chicago, 11-2; Nola, Philadelphia, 10-2; Scherzer, Washington, 10-5; Godley, Arizona, 9-6; 7 tied at 8.
ERA — deGrom, New York, 1.85; Foltyniewicz, Atlanta, 2.02; Scherzer, Washington, 2.16; Lester, Chicago, 2.25; Nola, Philadelphia, 2.48; Mikolas, St. Louis, 2.61; Newcomb, Atlanta, 2.71; Guerra, Milwaukee, 2.88; Corbin, Arizona, 3.14; Wacha, St. Louis, 3.20.
STRIKEOUTS — Scherzer, Washington, 174; Corbin, Arizona, 134; deGrom, New York, 134; Gray, Colorado, 119; Greinke, Arizona, 108; Foltyniewicz, Atlanta, 107; Nola, Philadelphia, 107; Velasquez, Philadelphia, 107; Pivetta, Philadelphia, 104; Stripling, Los Angeles, 96.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING — Altuve, Houston, .338; Betts, Boston, .337; Segura, Seattle, .335; Martinez, Boston, .324; Simmons, Los Angeles, .319; Duffy, Tampa Bay, .315; Trout, Los Angeles, .313; Rosario, Minnesota, .312; Machado, Baltimore, .310; Castellanos, Detroit, .309.
RUNS — Lindor, Cleveland, 73; Trout, Los Angeles, 66; Betts, Boston, 65; Springer, Houston, 60; Segura, Seattle, 59; Judge, New York, 58; Martinez, Boston, 58; Ramirez, Cleveland, 58; Rosario, Minnesota, 57; Benintendi, Boston, 56.
RBI — Martinez, Boston, 67; Haniger, Seattle, 62; Machado, Baltimore, 59; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 57; Gattis, Houston, 56; Judge, New York, 56; Lowrie, Oakland, 56; 4 tied at 55.
HITS — Altuve, Houston, 114; Segura, Seattle, 109; Castellanos, Detroit, 105; Lindor, Cleveland, 101; Rosario, Minnesota, 101; Martinez, Boston, 100; Machado, Baltimore, 99; Lowrie, Oakland, 95; AJones, Baltimore, 94; Ramirez, Cleveland, 93.
DOUBLES — Escobar, Minnesota, 34; Abreu, Chicago, 27; Bregman, Houston, 27; Lindor, Cleveland, 27; Castellanos, Detroit, 26; Pillar, Toronto, 25; Lowrie, Oakland, 24; Ramirez, Cleveland, 24; 5 tied at 23.
TRIPLES — Sanchez, Chicago, 8; Hernandez, Toronto, 6; Benintendi, Boston, 5; Jones, Detroit, 4; Moreland, Boston, 4; Profar, Texas, 4; Smith, Tampa Bay, 4; 11 tied at 3.
HOME RUNS — Martinez, Boston, 25; Ramirez, Cleveland, 24; Trout, Los Angeles, 24; Judge, New York, 23; Lindor, Cleveland, 23; Betts, Boston, 21; Cruz, Seattle, 21; Machado, Baltimore, 21; 3 tied at 20.
STOLEN BASES — Gordon, Seattle, 21; Anderson, Chicago, 17; Benintendi, Boston, 16; Davis, Cleveland, 16; DeShields, Texas, 16; Merrifield, Kansas City, 16; Betts, Boston, 15; Ramirez, Cleveland, 15; Smith, Tampa Bay, 15; Segura, Seattle, 14.
PITCHING — Severino, New York, 13-2; Kluber, Cleveland, 12-4; Snell, Tampa Bay, 11-4; Happ, Toronto, 10-4; Morton, Houston, 10-2; Porcello, Boston, 10-3; 5 tied at 9.
ERA — Severino, New York, 1.98; Verlander, Houston, 2.12; Snell, Tampa Bay, 2.24; Sale, Boston, 2.40; Bauer, Cleveland, 2.46; Cole, Houston, 2.50; Morton, Houston, 2.55; Kluber, Cleveland, 2.64; Skaggs, Los Angeles, 2.64; Sabathia, New York, 3.02.
STRIKEOUTS — Sale, Boston, 164; Cole, Houston, 151; Bauer, Cleveland, 148; Paxton, Seattle, 145; Verlander, Houston, 144; Severino, New York, 138; Morton, Houston, 133; Snell, Tampa Bay, 123; Kluber, Cleveland, 120; Berrios, Minnesota, 111.

WNBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|----|
| Washington | 10 | 6 | .625 | — |
| Connecticut | 9 | 7 | .563 | 1 |
| Atlanta | 8 | 8 | .500 | 2 |
| Chicago | 6 | 10 | .375 | 4 |
| New York | 5 | 11 | .313 | 5 |
| Indiana | 1 | 16 | .059 | 9½ |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|----|
| Phoenix | 13 | 5 | .722 | — |
| Los Angeles | 12 | 5 | .706 | ½ |
| Seattle | 12 | 5 | .706 | ½ |
| Minnesota | 10 | 6 | .625 | 2 |
| Dallas | 7 | 8 | .467 | 4½ |
| Las Vegas | 6 | 12 | .333 | 7 |

MONDAY'S GAMES

No games scheduled

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

No games scheduled

THURSDAY'S GAMES

New York at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Indiana at Dallas, 8 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Connecticut at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
 Chicago at Las Vegas, 10 p.m.<

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Named John Vidalin chief operating officer for business operations. Recalled RHP Yefry Ramirez from Norfolk (IL). Placed INF Steve Wilkerson on the 10-day DL, retroactive to July 2. Placed OF Colby Rasmus on the restricted list.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Recalled OF Greg Allen from Columbus (IL). Placed OF Lonnie Chisenhall on the 10-day DL. Signed C Noah Naylor and RHP Ethan Hankins.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Activated RHP Joe Smith from the 10-day DL. Selected the contract of C Tim Federowicz from Fresno (PCL). Placed C Brian McCann on the 10-day DL, retroactive to July 1.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Brady Singer.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Reinstated LHP-OF Shohei Ohtani from the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Miguel Almona from Salt Lake (PCL). Optioned RHPs Deck McGuire and Eduardo Paredes to Salt Lake (PCL). Signed RHPs Gabriel Hernandez, Luis Nuñez and Daniel Rojas; CF Darwin Moreno; SS Jean Pueli and LHP Roelis Taveras to minor league contracts.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Recalled LHP Gabriel Moya from Rochester (IL). Optioned RHP Zack Littell to Rochester.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned RHP Jonathan Loaisiga to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Reinstated RHP A.J. Cole from the 10-day DL.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Reinstated 3B Matt Chapman from the 10-day DL. Optioned INF Frank Barreto to Nashville (PCL).

TEXAS RANGERS — Activated 1B Ronald Guzmán from the seven-day concussion list. Optioned RHP Chris Martin to Round Rock (PCL).

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Signed R

PRO BASEBALL

Acuna's homer lifts Braves over Yankees 5-3

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — This time, the short porch at Yankee Stadium ended up hurting the home team.

Even with one of baseball's tallest players posted at the wall.

Ronald Acuna Jr. hit a two-run homer in the 11th inning that nicked the glove of a leaping Aaron Judge in right field, and the Atlanta Braves beat the New York Yankees 5-3 on Monday in a matchup between the top teams in each league entering the night.

"It should give us a lot of confidence," Braves manager Brian Snitker said. "It's good for our young guys that come into a place like this against a team like this, as good as they are, and play well."

Johan Camargo homered early and Jesse Biddle pitched out of a late jam for the NL East leaders, who followed up a three-game sweep in St. Louis with their fourth consecutive victory. Atlanta (49-34) is 15 games over .500 for the first time since the conclusion of the 2013 season.

New York (54-28) fell a game behind first-place Boston in the AL East.

The 20-year-old Acuna also doubled and drove in three runs, four years to the day after the touted rookie signed with the Braves.

"First time here at Yankee Stadium," he said through a translator.



Atlanta Braves' Ronald Acuna Jr. (13) hits a two-run home run during the eleventh inning of a baseball game against the New York Yankees on Monday in New York.

"First home run at Yankee Stadium is very special to me."

Judge hit his 23rd homer and second in two nights. Gleyber Torres had three hits and scored twice, but the rookie second baseman's 10th error

since he was called up April 22 helped Atlanta get started in the 11th.

Playing on the outfield grass, Torres booted Nick Markakis' leadoff grounder. One out later, Acuna lofted a 1-2 pitch from David Robertson (5-3) the other way. Judge, all 6-foot-7 of

him, got in good position at the auxiliary scoreboard and jumped, but the ball glanced off the tip of his webbing and cleared the fence.

"Tough play. I want to make that play for D-Rob and I wasn't able to come through," Judge said. "That's all it is, just a little timing. If I time it up right I make that play. On that one, I was just a little late."

Robertson slumped near the mound as an excited Acuna circled the bases with his seventh home run — third in the past six games.

"Man, when he hit it I thought it was an out, to be honest with you," Robertson said. "Playing here at Yankee Stadium, you see it happen all the time. The short porch gets you in right field."

Robertson had faced 182 right-handed batters without giving up a home run since Adam Rosales connected off him on June 25, 2017.

A.J. Minter got three outs for his fourth save.

"He's got a save in Wrigley Field and Yankee Stadium. I mean, that's pretty good for a first-year reliever," Snitker said. "And you can tell, he's liking that situation, too. He doesn't back down. He's got a lot of confidence in himself."

New York stranded 12 and went a season-worst 0 for 12 with runners in scoring position.

MLB ROUNDUP

Rizzo, Schwarber lead Cubs to 5-3 victory over Tigers

CHICAGO (AP) — Anthony Rizzo drove in his second run of the game in the seventh inning to snap a tie, Kyle Schwarber followed with a solo homer in the eighth and the Chicago Cubs rebounded from an early three-run deficit to edge the Detroit Tigers 5-3 on Tuesday for their fifth straight win.

With one out in the seventh, Jason Heyward and Ben Zobrist singled off Tigers reliever Daniel Stumpf (1-4). Rizzo's slow bouncer up the middle resulted in a force of Zobrist at second, but Jose Iglesias' throw to first was too late to double up Rizzo and Heyward scored from third to put Chicago ahead for the first time, 4-3.

Schwarber hit his team-leading 17th homer to right against a steady wind off Lake Michigan in the eighth.

Trailing 3-0, Albert Almora, Jr. and Heyward each drove in a run with a double, then Rizzo followed with an RBI single in Chicago's three-run fifth.

Detroit leadoff hitter Mikie Mahtook had three singles and scored a run. Niko Goodrum drove in a run with a double, and Jeimer Candelario and James McCann each had an RBI as the Tigers lost their 12th game in their past 14.

Justin Wilson (3-2), Chicago's second reliever, worked around an error to pitch a scoreless seventh and earn the win. Pedro Strop pitched a scoreless ninth for his second save in four chances.

THAMES HOMERS AS BREWERS DOWN TWINS 2-0

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Eric Thames hit a two-run homer and three pitchers combined on a two-hit shutout as the Milwaukee Brewers slipped past the Minnesota Twins 2-0 on Tuesday.

The Twins fell to 1-7 on their current nine-game road trip.

Milwaukee broke through in the fifth against Minnesota starter Jake Odorizzi (3-6) when pinch-hitter Nate Orf walked and stole second before Thames hit his 12th home run of the season, a liner that barely cleared the right-field fence.

Milwaukee starter Junior Guerra (5-5) pitched five shut-out innings. He gave up two hits while walking three and striking out eight.

Josh Hader pitched a season-high three innings in relief for the Brewers and didn't allow a hit. Corey Knebel notched his ninth save in 11 attempts by striking out the side in the ninth.

Orioles slugger Chris Davis can't shake extended slump

BALTIMORE (AP) — Chris Davis doesn't blame the fans at Camden Yards for showering him with boos, especially when he's walking back to the dugout after another strikeout.

The Orioles slugger is enduring a nightmare season. Although his power numbers have improved slightly since a recently mandated layoff, Davis is batting .156 with seven homers, 24 RBIs and 99 strikeouts at the midpoint of the season.

Not exactly what the Orioles were expecting when they signed the left-handed hitting first baseman to a guaranteed seven-year, \$161 million contract in January 2016.

At the time of the deal, Davis averaged 42 home runs and 109 RBIs over the previous three seasons and was coming off a year in which he hit .262 with 47 homers and 117 RBIs.

Since then, his production has dipped annually. His 2017 numbers — .215, 26 and 61 — were downright prolific compared to this year.

Thus, the jeers from the home fans, who have grown weary of watching the



Baltimore Orioles' Chris Davis removes his batting gloves after striking out against the Seattle Mariners in a baseball game on June 26 in Baltimore.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

struggles of the highest-paid player on the worst team in the big leagues.

"I understand their frustration," Davis said. "I know exactly what I'm capable of and what I've done in the past. I know that the standard is high and I haven't been playing that well. But I have to move forward and continue to try to find a way to still have an impact on this season."

It's probably too late for his bat to make a difference.

His most significant influence on the team, unfortunately, is that his sizable contract makes it that much more difficult for Baltimore to pay big bucks to several of its pending free agents, most

notably Manny Machado.

The Orioles and Davis appear destined to be together through the 2022 season, so both sides must make the best of it. That's why Davis was given an eight-game hiatus in June to get his swing down and his head right. Up to that point, he had tried just about everything else.

"For me, it was exhausting," Davis said. "My solution to a lot of my problems in baseball has always been to work. I felt as long as I was working, as long as I was trying, that I would figure it out. This is the first time in my career when I was kind of at a point where I didn't know what else to do."

AL East, AL West races in rarified air so far ahead of postseason

BY NOAH TRISTER

The Associated Press

Since divisional play began in 1969, only three times has a division had two teams with at least 100 wins.

That could happen again this year in the AL East — and maybe the AL West as well.

The Yankees, Red Sox, Astros and Mariners are all on pace to win over 100 games, and they've created tight races atop those two divisions. With two wild cards in each league, those four teams have some breathing room in the race for the postseason, but there should be plenty of incentive to win the division title and avoid the one-game, winner-take-all scenario that the wild cards have to deal with.

The Yankees and Red Sox just played a three-game series in New York. The games weren't all that suspenseful — they ended 8-1, 11-0 and 11-1, with the Yankees winning two of three.

The first time two teams from one division won at least 100 games was in 1980, when the Yankees (103-59) outlasted the Orioles (100-62) atop the

AL East. A seven-game winning streak in mid-September helped New York hold on.

In 1993, the last year before the wild card, the Braves (104-58) and Giants (103-59) dueled all the way to the final day before San Francisco was done in by a 12-1 loss to the rival Dodgers. Atlanta was 10 games out on the morning of July 23 but went 49-16 the rest of the way.

The only time in the six-division era that a 100-win team failed to finish first was when Oakland went 102-60 in 2001 and still ended up 14 games behind a 116-win Seattle team.

None of the teams involved in those three previous examples made it to the World Series, so consider that a word of caution to this year's American League behemoths.

Some other developments around the majors:

SHORTER WAITS

If the Mariners make the postseason this year, it will be their first appearance since that remarkable 2001 season. Baseball's next-longest drought belongs to the Marlins, who haven't made it since winning the World Se-

ries as a wild card in 2003.

The addition of extra wild cards has made it easier for teams to avoid long stretches without a postseason berth. The Padres haven't made it since 2006 and the White Sox haven't been in since 2008. Aside from those two teams,

the Marlins and the Mariners, every major league franchise has made the postseason at least once since 2011.

HIGHLIGHT

The outfield wall in Toronto is high enough that it doesn't lend itself to home run-rob-

bing catches. Blue Jays center fielder Kevin Pillar figured out a solution, however, planting a foot on the wall and using it to vault himself up while making a catch on a drive by Detroit's Nicholas Castellanos. Even Castellanos applauded that catch Sunday.

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Gamecocks after Florida defensive lineman Sorrells

University of South Carolina football head coach **Will Muschamp** is zeroing in on one-time Florida defensive lineman commitment **Jaquaze Sorrells** of Largo, Fla.

Sorrells camped at USC last month and plans to return for an official visit, probably for the Georgia game. Alabama, Texas A&M and Florida State are three others he said have been recruiting him hard. He's not claiming a favorite, but USC is in the neighborhood.

"South Carolina is a top school for me," Sorrells said. "I've only got a certain amount of time to make my decision. As of now, they are in good shape."

Sorrells said he had 54 tackles and seven quarterback sacks last season. He is planning to sign and graduate early.

USC recently offered athlete **Trayvon Moss** of Tulsa, Okla., and he plans to look closer at USC. His recruiting is now starting to pick up steam after a slow start due to injury issues as a freshman and sophomore. Playing a combo of defensive positions as a hybrid linebacker/safety, Moss said he collected 165 tackles last season with 16 sacks and six interceptions. On offense, he scored 20 touchdowns.

Some of his other offers are Tennessee, North Carolina, Oregon State, Louisville, Washington State, Virginia and Northwestern. With its offer, USC now sits in good position with Moss.

"I would say they are definitely top tier on my list right now," Moss said. "I really don't have a list yet, but I see them at the top of my list. I've just been taking it slow and talking things over with my mom. I know when I probably do go take some visits South Carolina probably will be the first school, or the first couple."

Right now, Moss doesn't plan to make his decision until after his season. He will take his official visits right after the season and then make his decision. He plans to graduate early and sign early.

USC ATH target **Jaylen McCollough** tweeted plans for an announcement on Aug. 17. He has a final four of USC, Tennessee, Alabama and Auburn.

USC made the final six with LB **Jamie Pettway** of Albany, Ga. The others are Vanderbilt, Mississippi, Louisville, Florida Atlantic and Tennessee.

USC offered 2021 defensive back **James Williams** (6-foot-3-inches, 200 pounds) of Opa Locka, Fla. He is a Miami commitment and also has offers from Florida, Kentucky, Michigan, Central Florida, FSU, Louisville, Syracuse, Pittsburgh and others.

CLEMSON

Clemson QB target **Brendon Clark** of Manchester, Va., a former Wake Forest commitment, is set to announce his new commitment today. Notre Dame, UNC and Virginia Tech are the other top options for Clark.

LB **Spencer Lytle** of Bellflower, Calif., has set Aug. 4 for his commitment announcement. He has visited Clemson twice, most recently on June 11. He's also taken an official visit to Wisconsin. Those are the two he said that are sticking out the most to him right now, though he's not talking about a short list.



Phil Kornblut
RECRUITING
CORNER

"I have a great feel for Clemson and what the program is about," Lytle said. "They are losing seven linebackers over the next two years, and I would be the only linebacker coming in as an early enrollee in the 2019 class. "After talking to (defensive coordinator) **Coach (Brent) Venables**, I feel great about my chances to play early at Clemson. I really feel good about playing early at both Clemson and Wisconsin."

Some of the other schools he has visited are Texas, A&M, ND, California, Texas Christian, UCLA, Arizona State and Colorado.

LB **Vonta Bentley** of Birmingham, Ala., visited Clemson last month and had extensive meetings with head coach **Dabo Swinney** and Venables. He also met with university president **Jim Clemens**.

All that attention has Clemson in great shape with him.

"Clemson leads because they are showing the most love, being real with me," Bentley said. "They said that they need me and want me and that means a lot to me. If other schools step up to the plate like that and say the same thing then I'll know I'm a need for their program. Other schools that I go to, I probably won't have the opportunity to meet with the president."

Bentley plans to return to Clemson for the All-In Cookout in late July. Alabama has been his only other visit thus far, though he had planned to go to Louisiana State before that trip fell through. He might visit Tennessee at some point.

Bentley said LSU would be the closest competition for Clemson at this point. He does not plan to make a summer decision.

Clemson made the short list of 15 schools with '20 defensive **Bryan Bresee** of Damascus, Md. The others on the list are Maryland, Michigan, Alabama, Ohio State, Oklahoma, ND, A&M, Wisconsin, Penn State, Southern California, VT, LSU, UF and UGA.

Tre Williams, a '20 DL from Washington, includes Clemson in his top 10. The others are PSU, Tennessee, Michigan, VT, UF, A&M, Ohio State, Alabama and UGA.

CLEMSON AND USC

Clemson offered DE **Jaden McKenzie** of Wake Forest, N.C. He comes from the same school as Tiger defensive tackle **Dexter Lawrence**. Some of his other offers are USC, Tennessee, UNC, Duke, East Carolina, UCF, Memphis and Georgia State.

Jalin Hyatt, a '20 wide receiver from Dutch Fork High in Irmo, has offers from VT and Duke that he earned from his performance at their camps. VT stands out the most with him right now, and he plans a return trip to Blacksburg on July 29. He also camped at USC and Clemson, and both remain interested and plan to scout him this season. He's also been hearing from WF and has been contacted by Virginia.

OTHERS

Dillon High DE **Shamar McCollum** was offered by Oregon. He also has offers from Duke, UNC, Arkansas, Missouri, WF, ECU, Coastal Carolina and others.

OL **Keiondre Jones** of Hoganville, Ga., announced a final three of Auburn, Florida and Mississippi State. He also had USC and Clemson offers.

LB **Makiya Tongue** of Baton Rouge, La., cut his list to Arizona State, UGA and Texas. Clemson was on his previous short list.

WR **Jacoby Pinckney** of Dorman High in Roebuck announced a commitment to VT last week. He chose VT over Michigan, Alabama and UGA. Both USC and Clemson offered him early in the process, but neither recruited him moving forward. Last season, Pinckney had 65 receptions for 1,075 yards and seven TDs.

USC DB target **Chris Steele** reportedly committed to Southern Cal, according to the *Rivals* site that covers the Trojans. Steele has not confirmed that report and has set Saturday for an official announcement.

Clemson OL target **Jake Hornbrook** committed to Stanford.

Running back/DB Anthony Wilson of Spring Valley High in Columbia committed to Wofford, Dutch Fork High OL **Kameren Stewart** committed to Coastal, and Myrtle Beach High OL **Evan Jumper** committed to Furman.

One-time USC and Clemson WR target **Jashawn Sheffield** of St. Simons Island, Ga., committed to Auburn, while USC DE target **Curtis Fann** of TwinCity, Ga., committed to FSU.

WR **Darrell Harding**, who had a USC

offer but didn't receive a strong push, committed to Duke, while DB **DJ Turner** of Suwanee, Ga., who had USC and Clemson offers, committed to Michigan.

Clemson did not make the cut with DE **David Ojabo** of Blairstown, N.J., from 15 to his final five. Making the cut were Michigan, A&M, PSU, ND and Ohio State.

Jalen Coit, a '20 WR from Cheraw High, was offered by Kansas.

BASKETBALL

USC men's head coach **Frank Martin** recently offered 6-0 '19 point guard **Giovanni Santiago**, who will play for Hargrave Prep in Virginia this season. Santiago is a native of Puerto Rico who has been attending high school in Cincinnati. He was in the '18 class but decided to reclassify to '19 and attend a prep school to improve his recruiting stock.

USC noticed and became his first big-time offer. USC scouted him in the recent tournament in Canada and Santiago made an unofficial visit late last month. Santiago is also getting interest from Florida International, Alabama-Birmingham, North Texas and others.

He will play Amateur Athletic Union ball in July so he has not set any future visits. His plan at this point is not to sign until next April so he can play the full season at Hargrave before making a decision.

Last season at Hughes High in Cincinnati, Santiago averaged 15 points, seven assists and four rebounds per game.

Clemson offered 6-1 '19 6-1 recruit **Al-Amir Dawes** of Newark, N.J., according to *PrepCircuit*. Some other listed offers are Seton Hall, DePaul, Minnesota, Rutgers and La Salle.

Per his AAU coach, USC offered 6-8 '19 recruit **Patrick Williams** of Charlotte. He also has a Clemson offer and others from Arizona, Charlotte and Dayton.

Christian Brown, a 6-7 '19 recruit from Lower Richland High in Hopkins, has taken an official visit to Nevada-Las Vegas, and said he's undecided about any future visits at this time. Clemson and USC assistant coaches remain in contact. He said LSU, Maryland, UF, UGA and Houston are some of the others keeping in touch. He has not decided if he will sign early or late.

Tre Jackson, a 6-1 '19 recruit from Blythewood High was offered by Charlotte and Murray State. Some of his other offers are Coastal, Winthrop, College of Charleston, Southern Mississippi and Hofstra.

PJ Hall, a 6-8 '20 recruit from Dorman High, was offered by Winthrop.

WOMEN'S PRO BASKETBALL

As midseason point nears, parity ruling the day in WNBA

NEW YORK (AP) — Parity is rampant in the WNBA this season as the league reaches the midway point.

Only three losses separate the top eight teams.

Phoenix, Los Angeles and Seattle are at the top of the standings. Minnesota got off to a rough start, but lately has turned things around with seven consecutive victories.

"I think it's the best and I've been in the league a lot of years. It's the best year since I've been here. Every team has everyone playing for them with no one sitting out," Seattle coach Dan Hughes said. "There's a fine line between a lot of us. If you're not on your game every night you're probably going to get beat."

Seattle's next opponent is New York on Tuesday night. The Liberty have struggled to a 5-11 start this season after finishing with the third best record the past few seasons. New York has nearly the entire team back and just seem to play or two away from winning games.

"We're right there, we just are missing a rebound or a defensive assignment," Liberty forward Shavonte Zellous said. "We still have faith in each other that we can turn things around."

New York is currently sitting in 11th place in the standings. The only team that is below the Liberty is the Indiana Fever, who is off to the worst start in franchise history with a 1-16 record. They are in danger of breaking the record for the league's worst season set by the Tulsa Shock in 2011 when they went 3-31.

Phoenix took over the No. 1



Seattle Storm head coach Dan Hughes reacts as his team scores against the Connecticut Sun late in the second half of a WNBA basketball game on June 15 in Seattle. Everything seems to be going right for Hughes and the Storm so far. The team has the second best record in the league at 10-4 in the veteran coach's first season in Seattle.

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position in the power poll for the first time since it began three years ago.

POWER POLL: A LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S WNBA POLL:

1. Phoenix (13-5): Suffered a big blow when Sancho Lytle was lost for the season with an ACL injury.

2. Seattle (12-5): Storm plays seven of their 10 remaining 10 games in July on the road.

3. Minnesota (10-6): Seven straight wins has vaulted the Lynx back into the thick of the race for the top seeds. Maya Moore has been putting up MVP-type numbers during the streak.

4. Los Angeles (12-5): Lost a couple games in a row with Nneka Ogumike sidelined with a back injury. She returned and the Sparks won again.

5. Washington (10-6): Come to a difficult part of the schedule with seven of 10 games this month on the road.

6. Connecticut (9-7): Have three more road games before finally getting a chance to head home again. Sun play 11 of final 15 games at home.

7. Atlanta (8-8): Finally have everyone healthy and have been getting quality minutes from Imani McGee-Stafford.

8. Dallas (7-8): Wings suffered

a scary moment when Liz Cambage got poked in the eye against Minnesota. Fortunately all tests came back negative.

9. Las Vegas (6-12): The Aces got Moriah Jefferson back from her microfracture surgery and could make a surprising run to the playoffs.

10. Chicago (6-10): Won three straight before a tough overtime loss to New York on Sunday.

11. New York (5-11): It took overtime, but the Liberty snapped a five-game losing streak with a win in Chicago.

12. Indiana (1-16): Signed Cappie Pondexter on Sunday to get a little more veteran leader-

ship in the locker room

PLAYER OF THE WEEK:

Maya Moore averaged 27.3 points, 5.7 rebounds and 2.7 assists to lead Minnesota to three more wins this past week. Diana Taurasi also received votes this week.

GAME OF THE WEEK:

Sparks at Lynx, Thursday. The two WNBA finalists from the past two years will play for the third time this season. Los Angeles has won the first two meetings.

Visit poll online: <https://collegebasketball.ap.org/ap-wnba-power-poll-week-8-0>

PRO BASKETBALL

LeBron's arrival transforms Lakers back into glamour show

BY GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — From George Mikan to Kobe Bryant, superstars have been the Lakers' lifeblood for decades.

LeBron James is already the biggest star of his generation, and he followed a familiar path to Los Angeles' bright lights when he decided to sign with the Lakers as a free agent.

It's no coincidence that this glamorous, 16-time champion franchise has consistently attracted already great players with outsized ambition. The 33-year-old James has taken on the challenge that Wilt Chamberlain, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Shaquille O'Neal all accepted near the primes of their careers.

Becoming a basketball superstar is one thing, and nobody is bigger than James after 15 prolific NBA seasons and three championships. Succeeding with the Lakers is something different, according to many of the men who have worn this gold jersey.

Just ask Bryant, who won two Olympic gold medals as James' teammate while spending his entire 20-year career with the Lakers.

"The NBA does better when the Lakers are at their highest potential," Bryant, who retired in 2016, told Fox Sports Radio on Monday. "And for the city of LA, it's important for us to have that star power. Jerry (West) was here. Elgin Baylor was here. Wilt was here. Magic was here. Cap (Abdul-Jabbar) was here. Shaq, myself, and now let's carry it forward again. You've got LeBron here now. It's his turn now. Hopefully he can — which he will — take this franchise back to prominence."

Given the Golden State Warriors' addition of DeMarcus Cousins to what was



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The decision by LeBron James (23) to sign with the Los Angeles Lakers has transformed the Lakers back into the glamour show the franchise has maintained during most of its time in Los Angeles.

already a ludicrously loaded roster, a championship seems logically out of reach for anybody else in the NBA. James already was aware of the upstate challenge he'll face after losing three of the last four NBA Finals to the Warriors in Cleveland.

And with innumerable variables still to be settled before the regular season, it's impossible to predict what James will be able to accomplish with a revamped Lakers roster.

But at least the worst half-decade in franchise history should become a bad memory for Lakers fans, who seethed through five irrelevant seasons highlighted mostly by Bryant's retirement tour. The Lakers' 35 victories last year were their best performance during five years without a postseason game for a team that had never missed the playoffs more

than two seasons in a row.

After James announced his decision to join the Lakers on a four-year, \$153.3 million deal Sunday, the Lakers' jersey sales skyrocketed and prices spiked on the secondary ticket market. Fans gathered among the statues in Star Plaza outside Staples Center, tossing chalk into the air in a simulation of James' famed gesture.

Los Angeles also made a flurry of complementary moves as Johnson attempted to assemble an immediate playoff contender on the wreckage of five playoff-free years.

Rajon Rondo, JaVale McGee and Lance Stephenson are joining along with James. Kentavious Caldwell-Pope is staying, along with — for now — the young core of Brandon Ingram, Lonzo Ball, Kyle Kuzma and Josh Hart.

Julius Randle, Isaiah

Thomas and several others are out. The Lakers will build around James, and they'll continue to attempt to land Kawhi Leonard or another superstar to team up with him over the next year.

With Randle's departure, the Lakers will have no players left on their roster who played with Bryant in his final game in 2016. The Lakers are steaming toward a new future, with little tying them to the lamentable recent past.

But with the signing of a free-agent superstar, the Lakers already have followed through on the most important part of the plan set forth 16 months ago by Magic Johnson when he took over the club's basketball operations. Although he spent his entire career with LA, Magic knows the magnitude of the Lakers' lure.

Chamberlain made this move in 1968, with the NBA's reigning Most Valuable Player requesting a trade from Philadelphia to join Baylor and West.

Abdul-Jabbar did it in 1975 after requesting a trade from Milwaukee to a cosmopolitan city, and he went on to become the NBA's career scoring leader during 14 seasons with the Lakers.

O'Neal went west as a free agent in 1996, embracing the advantages of living in Hollywood while moonlighting as an actor and rapper.

James is arguably bigger than them all, a multi-media star with a legitimate entertainment production company already churning out content for the likes of NBC, the History Channel and Starz.

When James suits up for the season opener, six of the top eight scorers in NBA history will be Lakers.

"This is a special place," Johnson said recently. "We know what's special about this franchise. The people we choose to come here are going to know that, too."

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win. Crouch's hit drove in Cole Lemacks, who had reached on a fielder's choice.

The game was scoreless through the first three innings, but the P-15's struck for two runs in the top of the fourth against Post 7 starter Jonathan Howlett. Lexington made three errors in the inning, one allowing a run to

score. The other run came in on a Ryan Moore single.

Lexington responded with three runs in the bottom of the inning off of Sumter starter Lathan Todd. After Ryan DeRienzo was hit by a pitch, he scored on a single by David Jacobs to make it 2-1. Crouch drew a walk and Spencer Wood followed with a 2-run triple to make it 3-2.

Post 7 pushed the lead to

4-2 with a run in the fifth, but Sumter tied the game in the sixth. Jacob Holladay drew a walk from reliever Austin Muse before Moore sent him home with an RBI triple. Bobby Crisp followed with an double to tie the game at 4-4.

Muse was relieved by Jae Crouch, who got Sumter to hit into an inning-ending double play.

Stokes to end the fifth. The potential tying run reached in both the sixth and seventh innings, but Trey Bolton lined into an unassisted double play at first to end the sixth and Parrish flied out to right for the final out with Taylor Twiford at third after being hit by a pitch, taking second on a wild pitch and advancing to third on a balk by reliever Justin Evans.

"You hate to go back to just one play or two plays but really, if we make those plays we get out of here with (giving up) no earned runs and we get the win, probably," said Jets head coach Jamey Lisenby. "It's just frustrating. We left them loaded one inning, and if we just push one of those runs across we're in a tie ball game. In the top of the seventh, we've got the tying run at third and probably our two best hitters (Eric Lisenby and Parrish) and we don't get him home. It's just missed opportunities. It's missed opportunities over and over and over again, and that's what I told them."

"I told them tonight I watched a good ball game. I thought that was a very good ball game. Take back a play here or there and we win that ball game, but it's just like always — should have won the game, but we don't win the game. I thought Eric did really well on the mound. He threw the ball extremely well, kept them off balance, a lot of popups, so we'll go from there."

Morgan Morris, one of nine M-S players competing in their final regular season home game for the program, closed 3-for-3 with two singles and a double, scoring once and ending 2-for-3 on stolen base attempts.

Eric Lisenby and Parrish both singled twice to pace Post 175's 7-hit offensive effort against Page, who struck out three and walked three in his six innings on the mound.

"Our pitching has been good all year long," said Spencer Jordan. "We've probably had one or two performances this year from our pitchers where we couldn't hold serve, but other than that our pitching has been outstanding, our defense has been outstanding, and, again, like I've said the whole time, if we could string together a couple of hits here and there, we'd be very dangerous."

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while scattering seven hits with one strikeout and three walks. Lisenby was able to induce Post 68 batters into 10 fly ball outs, including six infield popups.

Lisenby worked himself out of trouble a few times, leaving seven Post 68 baserunners stranded in scoring position, but could not escape the third, when M-S scored all four of its runs. The key play came with two outs, the bases loaded and Nathan Bright at the plate. Bright lifted a fly ball to right that D-S right-fielder Shane Gaymon and centerfielder Tyler Warren converged upon, but neither fielder called the other off on the play and Gaymon missed in his effort to corral the ball and end the inning. Two runs scored on the play and Jake Jordan followed with a 2-run double to right that plated the final Post 68 runs.

"You have to give Lisenby a great amount of credit," said M-S head coach Spencer Jordan. "He really kept us off balance all night long. He pitched a great game. It was a shame that they didn't make one or two more plays behind him, but certainly we're thankful that Jake came around with what I thought was a good line-drive hit that scored those other two runs, and we live to fight another day."

Those two extra runs would prove to be crucial for Post 175 as the Jets rallied for their three runs in the top of the fourth after M-S starter Dalton Page hit a rough patch. After retiring Lisenby on a comebacker to the mound, Chris Parrish and Hunter McGee reached on consecutive singles and Hunter Day worked Page for his first walk of the night. A Warren grounder to second, a double steal and an infield single from A.J. Herrera pulled D-S within one, but that would be as close as the Jets would get.

Post 175 had its opportunities over the final three innings, but could not get the key hit when needed. After 2-out singles by Lisenby and Parrish and an intentional pass to cleanup hitter McGee, Hunter Day left the bases full after a first-pitch foul pop out to catcher Luke

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Katie Altman, Water Resources Extension Agent

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If you have a river, stream, lake, or pond on your property, then you have the opportunity to explore a unique form of gardening called shorescaping. A shorescape is a landscaped shoreline that uses attractive plants as a source of beauty and protection. A shorescape can help alleviate problems such as erosion, poor water quality, and wildlife management.

If you mow your grass to the edge of the water, you will likely see erosion and/or water quality issues along your shoreline. Turf grass has a relatively shallow root system, which doesn't provide much protection from erosion. Water quality may also become an issue due to excess nutrients in your water. You probably fertilize your lawn to keep it looking green. Even if you don't apply fertilizer to your lawn, you may have pets and wildlife leaving waste in your yard. When it rains, any excess fertilizer or animal waste on your lawn will get washed into your water, adding nutrients that cause algal blooms. Algal blooms will cause your water to turn green and cause dissolved oxygen levels to drop. Drops in oxygen levels are caused when the algae dies and bacteria decompose them. Those bacteria use up the oxygen in the water, leading to problems like fish kills. A shorescape creates a buffer between land and water. The roots

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For Tiger, many introductions are in order

BY DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

POTOMAC, Md. — Tiger Woods finished the Quicken Loans National with a 66 and was on his way to discuss his performance with the media when he was asked to stop for a few pictures.

That's not unusual. Except on this occasion, the request came from the guy who had just signed his card.

"He's in my opinion the greatest golfer ever to play, so it was one of my best rounds I've ever played," Bronson Burgoon gushed after his round of 67.

Woods posed with Burgoon and his caddie, and then one of Burgoon's friends stepped in for a picture.

Hold on. One more. Burgoon's wife came over, and Woods delivered another big smile as if they were old friends.

Woods has a lot of new friends this year.

He played the final round of the Honda Classic with Sam Burns, who was born a month before Woods made his professional debut. At the Wells Fargo Championship, he played the final round with Brandon Harkins, a 31-year-old rookie.

Woods spent Saturday on the TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm with Joel Dahmen, who also got a picture with Woods, in the scoring area away from the crowd.

"He made his fourth birdie in a row and I couldn't stop smiling," Dahmen said. "That was the coolest thing ever on a golf course."

There are no feature groups on the weekend. Pairings are determined strictly by the score. Woods has ended up with a half-dozen players whom he had never met until being introduced on the first tee.

Actually, Dahmen said they had met before, at least in his eyes. It was at the Wells Fargo Championship, and they were in player dining when they reached the glass refrigerator at about the same time.

"He said, 'Please, go ahead,' when he was grabbing a Coke and I was grabbing a beer," Dahmen said. "So that was the first time."

Woods has overcome four surgeries on his left knee and four surgeries on a back. At this rate, his next golf-related injury might be his neck from straining it as he tries to sneak a glance at golf bags to see whose names are on it.

It's a reminder how much turnover there has been in golf since Woods last played a full schedule five years ago. Sure, he played for the first time in 2013 with players like David Lynn, Kevin Chappell, Richard H. Lee and Robert Streb.

Different now is that Woods is bigger than ever, without winning, perhaps because his legend grew when it looked as though he might never be back. And at 42, it's only natural that he'll be paired with players much younger, players who grew up watching him dominate the sport.

Being gone for what amounted to two full years kept Woods out of the loop except for being an assistant at the Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup. He knows guys in their early 20s, like Justin Thomas and Jordan Spieth and Daniel Berger.

Mackenzie Hughes? Not so much.

The Canadian was paired with Woods on Saturday at The Players Championship. They had never met, but that was on Hughes.

"I was sitting next to him in the locker room eating lunch," Hughes said. "He was 5 feet from me, but I had no valid excuse to say, 'Hey, I'm Mackenzie Hughes.' So I sat there quietly and listened like a fly on the wall."

Inside the ropes? That was special.

"It's 90 degrees, but I can assure you I had some shivers at times when you hear some of the roars and you realize, I'm playing with Tiger

Woods," he said.

Burgoon is in only his second full year on the PGA Tour, though he played with Spieth in the Houston Open and with Rickie Fowler two years ago in New Orleans. Nothing compared to Sunday at the TPC Potomac.

"I've never seen anything like it," Burgoon said. "I've played with Jordan and Rickie. They bring a crowd, but nothing ... I mean, that's a sea of people. Unbelievable."

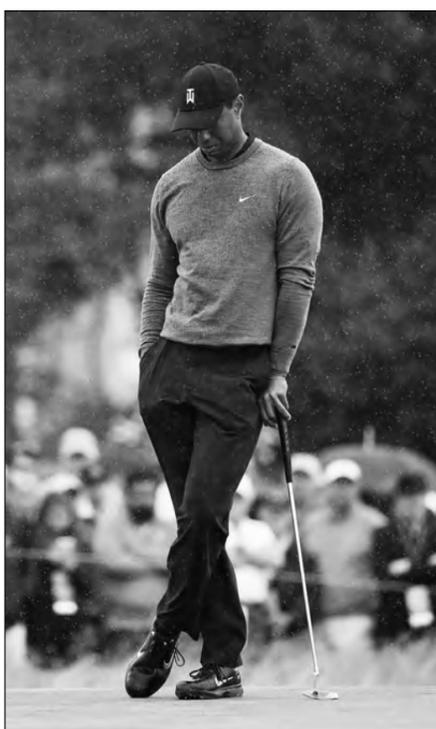
Nothing got to Woods like meeting Burns, a 21-year-old from LSU still trying to get his PGA Tour card. It was the first time Woods has played with someone who was half his age, and that wasn't even the worst of it.

The most prominent player Woods knows from LSU was David Toms. Burns was teammates with Toms' son.

"That's when it kind of hit that there's been a big turnover and I've been away from the game for a while," Woods said.

Burns said he couldn't feel the club in his hand on the first tee, though he handled the nerves just fine. He shot 68 and beat Woods by two.

"You see the guy on TV, you see him all over the place and you're standing there next to him on the tee box and you're like, 'That's Tiger Woods,'" Burns said. "We had a blast. He was super nice. I think we're all happy to see him back playing golf."



Tiger Woods waits to putt on the 15th green during the second round of the U.S. Open Golf Championship in Southampton, New York, on June 15. Woods is playing a regular schedule, but still not winning six months into the year.

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America's Independence Day

Too Bad, King George!

On July 4, 1776, people living in the American Colonies declared their independence. They wanted to be independent, or free, from the rules of King George III of England. They wanted to form their own country.

They wrote a document to send to King George. It was called the Declaration of Independence, written on July 4, 1776. This famous document says that all people are created equal and with certain rights.

Unscramble the words to discover the rights mentioned in the Declaration of Independence.

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Kvitova out, Muguruza, Halep through

LONDON (AP) — Two-time champion Petra Kvitova made a stunning first-round exit from Wimbledon on Tuesday as she lost 6-4, 4-6, 6-0 to unseeded Aliaksandra Sasnovich of Belarus.

The eighth-seeded Kvitova entered the tournament as one of the favorites despite having withdrawn ahead of the third round at Eastbourne last week with a right hamstring complaint.

However, that didn't appear to be affecting her as she rallied to level the match by winning the second of two closely fought sets.

Despite the 2011 and 2014 Wimbledon champion being vastly more experienced than Sasnovich — who has never been beyond the third round at a Grand Slam — Kvitova was the one to overcome by nerves in the deciding set.

"The nerves were there again," Kvitova said. "I just tried to kind of fight with myself."

As Kvitova faltered, the other major contenders on her side of the women's draw advanced in style.

After losing just one set on her way to the Wimbledon title a year ago, Garbine Muguruza picked up exactly where she left off, beating British wild card Naomi Broady 6-2, 7-5 on Tuesday.

The No. 3-seeded Muguruza saved the only break point she faced and could have ended the encounter more swiftly had she taken advantage of her own chances.

"I'm pretty happy with my serve and controlling the emotions," Muguruza said. "You know, to be back in a Grand Slam is always difficult, so I'm excited with the way I'm playing."

The usual adulation afforded to the reigning champion fulfilling the honor of opening proceedings on Centre Court on Day 2 of the tournament was tempered by the nationality of Mugu-

ruza's opponent. Muguruza was shown respect but the British crowd backed Broady.

However, the 2016 French Open champion quickly dispelled any thoughts of an upset by breaking Broady's opening service game, and did it again to take the first set 6-2.

Broady saved six break points in the second set before succumbing to Muguruza's constant pressure in the 12th game.

Muguruza had no complaints. "I found the crowd very fair, with both of us," she said.

The Spaniard failed to build upon her dominant display at last year's Wimbledon as she exited the U.S. Open in the second round and this year's Australian Open in the fourth.

However, her best tennis — and both of her Grand Slam titles — have come during the European summer, and a run to the French Open semifinals last month suggests that may be the case once more.

Only an inspired performance from eventual champion Simona Halep knocked her out at Roland Garros, and with grass being better suited to Muguruza, she is a major contender at Wimbledon.

"The fact that it's different surfaces, it helps," Muguruza said.

Her next opponent will be unseeded Belgian Alison Van Uytvanck.

The top-seeded Halep, playing her first match since winning the French Open, recorded a comfortable 6-2, 6-4 win over Japan's Kurumi Nara.

Johanna Konta, who knocked out Halep on the way to the semifinals a year ago, made it through to the second round by defeating Natalia Vikhlyantseva of Russia 7-5, 7-6 (7).

Australian trio Daria Gavrilova, Ashleigh Barty, and Samantha Stosur all advanced with straightforward wins.

The 26th-seeded Gavrilova cruised



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Garbine Muguruza returns the ball to Naomi Broady during their first-round singles match in the Wimbledon Championships in London on Tuesday. Defending champion Muguruza won 6-2, 7-5.

past U.S. lucky loser Caroline Dolehide 6-2, 6-3. She will face Stosur in the next round, after the 2011 U.S. Open champion defeated Shuai Peng of China 6-4, 7-5.

Meanwhile, the 17th-seeded Barty defeated Swiss opponent Stefanie Voegele 7-5, 6-3 to claim her first main-draw singles victory at the All England Club. She will next face British wild card Gabriella Taylor or 2014 runner-up Eugenie Bouchard.

There were also surprise defeats on the men's side of the draw as both

David Goffin and Dominic Thiem lost.

The 51st-ranked Matthew Ebden upset 10th-seeded Goffin of Belgium 6-4, 6-3, 6-4, before seventh-seeded Thiem retired hurt with his opponent, Marcos Baghdatis, leading 6-4, 7-5, 2-0. American Jack Sock, seeded 18th, was up by two sets but still lost 6-7 (5), 6-7 (3), 6-4, 7-5, 6-2 to Matteo Berrettini.

There were no such difficulties for former champions Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic, who both won in straight sets.

Tennis tours eye outside help for players harassed online

BY HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

LONDON — Madison Keys was the U.S. Open runner-up last year and a French Open semifinalist last month, is considered a contender at Wimbledon right now and, still, total strangers insult her, sometimes with menacing or obscene language, on a regular basis via social media.

"Try to find another job," read one message sent to the American via Twitter after she lost at the Australian Open. Another called her "the most overrated player in all of tennis." Those are just a couple of examples that happen to be suitable for print. Often, as Keys says, "It's really disgusting, horrible things."

She is hardly alone. Professional tennis players of every sort — women and men, highly ranked and otherwise, from countries all around the globe — scan their cellphones after matches at Wimbledon and other tournaments and are greeted by online harassment. Personal insults. Threats against family members. And frequently, players say, complaints from disgruntled

gamblers. To help deal with this phenomenon, the ATP set up a partnership this year with a company that deals with risk assessment and management, and the WTA is close to finalizing a deal with the same group, Theseus, The Associated Press has learned.

"Today, I just looked briefly; I had two or three messages, like: 'How can you lose to someone ranked lower than you?' 'You should die.' 'Quit tennis.' Stuff like that," Peter Polansky, a Canadian ranked 110th, said after his first-round exit at the All England Club on Monday. "It's guys who bet money on you and lost. ... Just the things they say are, like, 'Wow.' It's tough to step in and stop all that. I don't think it's preventable."

Kevin Anderson, the South African who lost to Rafael Nadal in last year's U.S. Open final, said: "Every player experiences it, no matter who you are. I try to stay away from it. I know it's out there."

Now players can alert London-based Theseus, which also works with athletes in other sports and entertainment figures, to troubling messages and be told wheth-

er the item simply can be ignored or is serious enough to warrant alerting law enforcement. Neither the ATP nor Theseus would disclose how many tennis players have taken advantage of the new relationship or how often police or other authorities have been contacted.

"This is an issue that isn't going to go away," ATP spokesman Simon Higson wrote in an email, "and it is important that our players are able to understand what they are receiving, why, how to respond and what actions they are advised to take."

The WTA's senior director for athlete assistance, Kathy Martin, said the women's tour has been working for years to educate and counsel players on the issue.

"It's a societal issue, so of course we're going to see it in our demographic," Martin said in a telephone interview. "It's obviously very distressing players are getting messages like that. We take it seriously."

Stalking and player safety are real concerns in a sport shaken by the stabbing of International Tennis Hall of Famer Monica Seles during a tournament 25 years ago.

"When people are sending stuff to you, it's fine. But when they start to harass your family, there's an edge. And if that person who wrote something about my family came here, I would kill him. I would kill him and go to jail for it. I wouldn't mind," said Sergiy Stakhovsky, a player from Ukraine who's been ranked as high as 31st and is best known for upsetting Roger Federer at Wimbledon in 2013.

How often do bothersome messages crop up?

"Literally all the time," Keys said. "Sometimes if you win. Sometimes if you pull

out of a tournament because you're hurt. Sometimes because someone's mad at you for no apparent reason."

This was not something players of past generations encountered, of course.

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram weren't around when, say, Jim Courier was ranked No. 1 and winning Grand Slam titles in the early 1990s.

"There was no way to access players in my day unless you were at a tournament," the current U.S. Davis Cup captain said.

"They'd wait outside your hotel (for autographs). That was about it."

OBITUARIES

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VERLIE JOHNSON

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Born on April 22, 1922, in Lee County, she was a daughter of the late Paul Jenkins and Mary Johnson.

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

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SUMMONS

IN THE FAMILY COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DOCKET NO: 2018-DR-43-0298

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

DELILA W. TAYLOR, Plaintiff, vs. CHARLES R. TAYLOR, Defendant.

TO: THE DEFENDANT, CHARLES R. TAYLOR:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified that an action has been filed against you in this Court. Within thirty (30) days of the day you receive this Summons, you must respond in writing to this Complaint by filing an Answer with this Court. You must also serve a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff's Attorney at the address shown below. If you fail to answer the Complaint, judgment by default could be rendered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

Plaintiff complains of the Defendant as follows:

1. Plaintiff and Defendant are husband and wife, having been married on April 5, 2013.
2. No child was born of the marriage and none is expected.
3. Plaintiff and Defendant are citizens and residents of the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, having been so for at least three months prior to the institution of this action.
4. This Court has subject matter and in personam jurisdiction over the parties, and venue is proper before this Court.

FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION: (Divorce upon the Grounds of Habitual Drunkenness and/or Habitual Drug Use, and/or One Year Continuous Separation)

5. The above allegations are incorporated herein by reference.
6. During the marriage, Defendant had a fixed habit of habitually abusing alcohol to the point of intoxication and/or passing out.
7. Defendant also had a habit of smoking marijuana and consumed and abused this substance until the parties' separation or about January 2016 when Defendant was removed from the former marital residence due to his habitual use of intoxicants.
8. The parties have not cohabitated since January 2016.
9. Plaintiff seeks a Decree of Divorce from the Defendant upon the ground of habitual drunkenness and/or habitual drug use, or in the alternative, one year of continuous separation.

FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION: (Bar to Alimony)

10. The above allegations are incorporated herein by reference.
11. Defendant is able-bodied and capable of self-support.
12. Plaintiff is able-bodied and capable of self-support.
13. Defendant is currently residing with his live-in girlfriend.
14. Based upon the length of the marriage, together with other factors enumerated under the South Carolina s, Defendant should be permanently barred from receiving alimony from the Plaintiff, both temporarily and permanently.

FOR A THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION: (Restraining Orders)

15. The above allegations are incorporated herein by reference.
16. Due to the Defendant's abusive conduct during the marriage, including verbal and emotional abuse upon the Plaintiff, together with the history or physical assault

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upon Plaintiff, as well as threats of endangering her life, Plaintiff seeks permanent Restraining Orders of and against Defendant prohibiting any form of contact whatsoever for any reason, both temporarily and permanently.

FOR A FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION: (Resume Use of Maiden Name)
17. The above allegations are incorporated by reference.
18. Plaintiff seeks to resume the use of her maiden name of Walker.
19. Plaintiff asserts that she is not doing so for any fraudulent purpose, to avoid prosecution, or that she is on any terrorist or other offender list in order to avoid prosecution thereof.

FOR A FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION: (Attorney Fees, Suit Money and Costs)

20. The above allegations are incorporated by reference.
 21. Due to the conduct of Defendant as alleged herein, the Plaintiff is entitled to an award of attorney fees, suit money and costs due to his marital fault causing the breakup of the marriage. Plaintiff further asserts that there is no property to divide between the parties, but should Defendant seek equitable distribution or special equity, Plaintiff further requests that the Court consider an award of attorney's fees and costs against Defendant.
- WHEREFORE,** Plaintiff prays that she be granted all relief contained herein, together with such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Carrie A. Warner P.O. Box 6306 Columbia, SC 29260 (803) 799-3074 Office (803) 252-3548 Facsimile Attorney for Plaintiff

IN THE FAMILY COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DOCKET NO.: 2017-DR-43-0288 ORDER OF CONTINUANCE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

JENNIFER BYRD, Plaintiff, vs. MILTON BYRD, Defendant.

On this day came counsel for Plaintiff, Ryan W. Lane, and moved this Honorable Court for a continuance of the Final Hearing scheduled for May 2nd, 2018. Counsel for Plaintiff presents the following grounds for which this Motion is being requested:
1. The Pro Se Defendant has not been timely served with Notice of the scheduled Final Hearing.
2. Therefore, the Plaintiff, by and through her counsel requests a continuance of the Final Hearing.

WHEREFORE, for good cause, it is, accordingly, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the thirty-minute Final Hearing shall be rescheduled for July 23, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.

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‘Not my kid!’

You may be surprised by what’s on that device

BY MARTHA IRVINE
AP National Writer

CHICAGO — Ayrial Miller is clearly annoyed. Her mother is sitting with her on the couch in their Chicago apartment, scrolling through the teen’s contacts on social media.

“Who’s this?” asks Jennea Bivens, aka Mom.

It’s a friend of a friend, Ayrial says, and they haven’t talked in a while.

“Delete it,” her mom says.

The 13-year-old’s eyes narrow to a surly squint. “I hate this! I hate this! I hate this!” she shouts.

Yes, Bivens is one of “those moms,” she says. The type who walks into her daughter’s bedroom without knocking; the kind who tightly monitors her daughter’s phone. She makes no apology.

Nor should she, says a retired cyber-crimes detective who spoke to her and other parents in early June at Nathan Hale Elementary School in Chicago.

“There is no such thing as privacy for children,” Rich Wistocki told them.

Other tech experts might disagree. But even they worry about the secret digital lives many teens are leading, and the dreadful array of consequences — including harassment and occasional suicides — that can result.

RISQUE TRADING CARDS, SECRET ‘BURNERS’ AND STRANGERS

Today’s kids are meeting strangers, some of them adults, on a variety of apps. They range from the seemingly innocuous Musical.ly — which lets users share lip-syncing videos — to WhatsApp and, more recently, Houseparty, a group video chat service. Teens are storing risqué photos in disguised vault apps, and then trading those photos like baseball cards.

Some even have secret “burner” phones to avoid parental monitoring or share passwords with friends who can post on their accounts when privileges are taken away.

David Coffey, a dad and tech expert from Cadillac, Michigan, said he was floored when his two teens told him about some of the sneaky things their peers are doing, even in their small, rural town.

“I gotta hand it to their creativity, but it’s only enabled through technology,” says Coffey, chief digital officer at ID-Shield, a company that helps customers fend off identity theft.

LIVING INVISIBLE LIVES THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

It’s difficult to say how many kids are pushing digital boundaries this way, not least because the whole point is to escape adult detection. Social media accounts are easy to establish and discard. Particular apps also rise and fall out of favor among teens with lightning speed, making them a moving target for researchers.

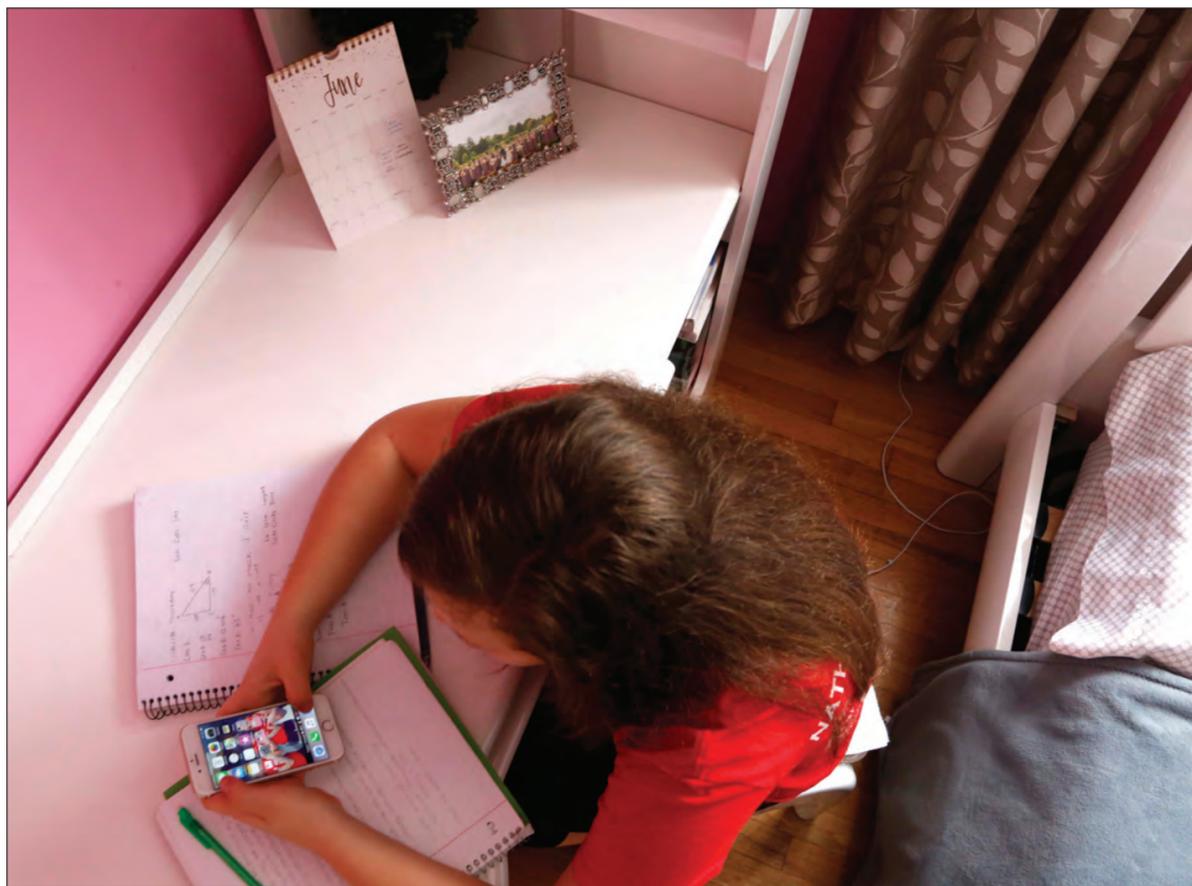
But academics, experts like Wistocki and Coffey, and many teens themselves say it’s surprisingly common for kids to live online lives that are all but invisible to most parents — for better or worse.

Parents are clearly outmatched. Exposed to tablets and smartphones at an increasingly early age, kids are correspondingly savvier about using them and easily share tips with friends. Parents, by contrast, are both overwhelmed and often naive about what kids can do with sophisticated devices, says Wistocki, whose packed schedule has him crisscrossing the country to speak to parents and young people.

AN ‘OMINOUS DEVICE’ LEFT IN THE HANDS OF KIDS

Wistocki often holds up a mobile phone and tells wide-eyed parents that giving a kid this “ominous device” — and allowing them to have it any time, including charging in their rooms at night — is like handing over the keys to a new Mercedes and saying, “Sweetheart you can go to Vegas. You can drive to Texas, Florida, New York, wherever you want to go.”

And kids are more than happy to oblige. At a separate talk for students at



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Ewelina Cudzych, 13, checks her phone in her Chicago home. Cudzych, who starts high school this fall, says she understands that parents would want to monitor a phone sometimes but thinks teens should be given more freedom as they prove they can be responsible. “If they’re not independent, how are they going to live in the new world?” she asks.

Nathan Hale, a large K-8 public school near Chicago’s Midway airport, Wistocki asked who had accounts on Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat and other apps and games with social components. Most of the kids in attendance, many younger than 13, raised their hands.

Afterward, one girl, all frizzy hair and braces, approached a reporter with desperation. “Please, please, please, please, don’t use my picture or a video of me raising my hand,” the 13-year-old begged repeatedly, despite assurances that she wasn’t caught on camera.

“Don’t use mine either,” a friend quickly piped in. Throughout the day, kids said their parents either don’t know they’re on social media or have little idea what they do with their accounts.

That exasperates Dawn Iles-Gomez, the school’s principal, whose days are increasingly filled with drama that begins on social media.

And it’s often not the usual suspects in her office, she says, but a diverse parade of students she sees acting one way in person and very differently in the digital world.

“It’s shocking — the language and the threats and the mean things that are said,” she says. “And I would say 75 percent of the time, I call a parent and their parent will say, ‘Well, no, they said they didn’t do that.’”

“And I’m like, ‘Well — they did.’”

CYBERSTALKING, PURCHASING CONTRABAND AND SEXTING

These kinds of incidents can turn particularly ugly, sometimes involving surprisingly young participants.

In January, two 12-year-olds were arrested in Panama City Beach, Florida, for cyberstalking that police said led to the suicide of a classmate named Gabriella Green, who’d been repeatedly bullied.

In other instances, young people are buying drugs via social media or encrypted websites. Or, as Coffey’s kids explained to him, they can use prepaid “gift” cards for Amazon or eBay — available at almost any drugstore — to buy contraband. They order makeup, say, or vaping accessories, and have them delivered to friends’ houses.

Law enforcement officials say the taking and sharing of racy “sexting” photos and videos also has become a common and even expected component of dating life for many teens.

Last year in Naperville, the Chicago suburb where Wistocki worked as a detective for many years, a 16-year-old killed himself after police discovered that he’d recorded himself having sex with a classmate and then shared the recording with his hockey teammates. While searching his phone, they also found photos of other partially nude girls in a secret photo vault app disguised as a calculator.

And yet, Wistocki says, too often parents remain in denial with what he calls “NMK — not my kid.”

‘AS PARENTS, WE NEED TO WAKE UP, NO DOUBT’

To get parents to the meeting with Wistocki at Nathan Hale, the principal offered extra eighth-grade graduation passes and other incentives. Only about 70 parents showed up; the school has 930 students.

Kathleen Kazupski, a mom with two daughters ages 13 and 17, was one of them. “As parents, we need to wake up, no doubt,” she said afterward.

She came, in part, because she discovered last fall that her younger daughter was messaging with a boy she didn’t know — first on Snapchat and then via text — until Mom put an end to it. “I scared the hell out of her.”

Bivens, Ayrial’s mom, also attended. She uses an app called MMGuardian, one of several available, to manage and monitor her 13-year-old daughter’s phone use. She shuts the phone down during the school day (though her daughter can still call her) and at bedtime. She turns off certain apps, sometimes as punishment, and monitors texts.

To closely watch most social media, though, she has to use her daughter’s phone. When that’s not possible, she checks what she can see from the accounts she knows exist, using her own accounts. Recently, she got after her daughter for cussing on some of her video posts.

“It’s a full-time job,” Bivens concedes. “People laugh at me because I monitor her stuff. But I don’t have the same problems as other people do.”

A 2016 Pew Research Center survey found that only about half of parents said they had ever checked their children’s phone calls and text messages or even friended their kids on social media. They were even less likely to use tech-based tools to monitor their teens or block certain apps.

TOOLS TO HELP PARENTS MONITOR, RESTRICT USE

Android phones now offer some parental restriction options, including screen time limits and app blocking, via a service called Google Family Link — though it’s designed specifically for kids younger than 13. An upcoming update to iPhone system software, which already allows for parental approval of app and music purchases, will give parents more control over screen time, app usage and web surfing on iPhones, iPads and iPods.

Independent monitoring apps also have proliferated. Some give parents more options for viewing and managing what their kids are posting on ser-

vices such as Instagram or Snapchat — often for a monthly fee. These tend to be more effective on Android phones, says Wistocki, who recommends such tools in his talks with parents.

He closely monitored his own sons until they turned 18, and tells parents they should do the same.

Other tech experts agree that monitoring makes sense for younger kids.

SHUTTING DOWN SOCIAL MEDIA IS NOT EVERYONE’S ANSWER

Pam Wisniewski, a computer-science professor at the University of Central Florida, is among those who suggest a gradual loosening of the strings as teens prove they can be trusted.

“I’m almost to the point where I feel like the world would be better off without social media,” says Wisniewski, who studies human computer interaction and adolescent online safety. “But I’m also a pragmatist.”

Rather than cutting off kids from social media, she encourages parents to look for teachable moments. When inappropriate material runs through their feed, for instance, she suggests discussing coping strategies, such as hiding that person’s posts or blocking them.

Sarita Schoenebeck, an assistant professor and director of the Living Online Lab at the University of Michigan, says her research also has found that shutting teens out of social media only tends to make them sneakier.

“No kid wants to be pulled over and told not to do this,” Schoenebeck says. “Try to figure out how to talk about it in an open-minded way.”

Even Wistocki, while hardcore on monitoring, tells parents to offer their children the “Golden Ticket” — no punishment when they come to them about mistakes they’ve made online or help they need with a social media problem.

Ayrial’s mom is all for that, especially having learned that monitoring and blocks on apps aren’t foolproof. Recently, Ayrial started a live videostream on Twitter and encountered a stranger who asked her to show her bare feet. It was a “creepy” request, the teen said, that caused her to end the connection quickly.

She had sidestepped a block on social media by using a tablet. But she did tell Mom what happened soon after.

Ayrial still isn’t happy that her mom is going through her contacts with her. The soon-to-be eighth-grader appreciates that “she cares about me,” but hopes Mom will eventually “back up” a bit.

“When I’m in high school, that might get embarrassing sometimes, you know?” she says. “You need to learn your own — how do I put this? — discipline. You need to learn from your own mistakes.”

If Mom doesn’t give her that space, she says, she’s always coming up with new tricks to get online secretly, just as her friends do.

And no, she won’t share how.

BIZARRO



WALLACE THE BRAVE



ANDY CAPP



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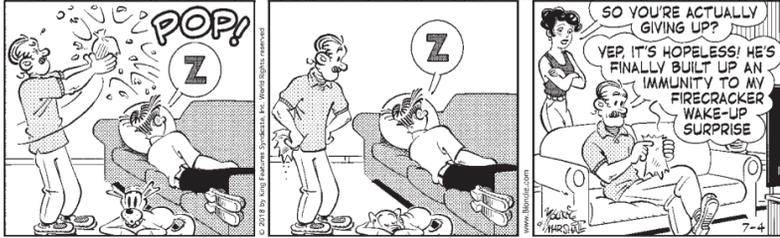
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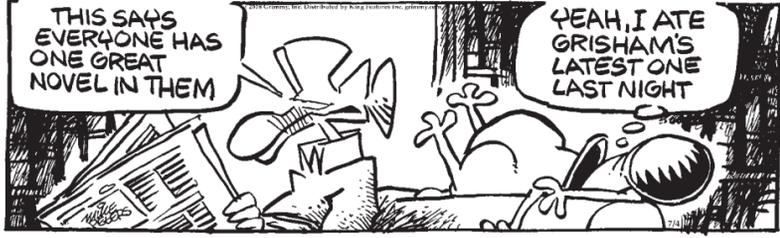
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Disapproving son tries to end mother's romance



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — I am a 64-year-old widow who lost my husband 5 1/2 years ago. I became re-acquainted with a former classmate at a high school reunion, and we started dating. He makes me laugh, takes me to dinner and movies, and we have a great time together. One night, I let him stay over because he was going to go to church with me the next morning. He lives 45 minutes away. My son drove by (intentionally), saw his car and confronted us at church in front of people. He walked up to my

friend and said, "Well, how did you enjoy your sleepover at my mother's house last night?" This was the first time they had ever met! Their bitterness toward each other has escalated, and now my son has given me an ultimatum: Choose between his family or my friend. He has my only grandchildren. I am so depressed, I don't know what to do. I don't want my son dictating my life, but I want to see my grandchildren. They truly are the most important people in my life. I could break up with my friend, but then my son would think he won. Any thoughts?
So, so sad

DEAR SAD — You are all adults. Your son was a mile out of line to do what he did. Why would he be patrolling your

home? Personally, I think what he did was a little sick. This is not a question of winning or losing. For your own sake, you must not allow him to tell you how to conduct your personal life. I would recommend family therapy for all of you if your self-righteous son would agree. But if he won't, my advice to you is to live your own life.

DEAR READERS — Have a very happy and healthy Fourth of July, everyone. And please be safe!
Love, Abby

Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$14 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

HACRI
ROBMO
GRAFLU
DEELTS

Ans. here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: WATCH GRIND TIMELY UNTOLD
Answer: When Harry and Meghan splashed each other on their honeymoon, it was a — ROYAL "WETTING"

SUDOKU

HOW TO PLAY:
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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Jeffrey Wechsler 7/4/18

ACROSS

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9 Chemistry lab fluids
14 "Gray's Anatomy," for one
15 Austen novel
16 Four-page sheet
17 Wilson of "Father Figures"
18 Ground corn, e.g.
19 "Poems are made by fools like me" poem
20 "What a terrifying experience!"
23 Major constellation
24 Fitting
28 "Love to everyone!"
32 Summer on the Seine
33 Sch. term
34 Author Joyce Carol
35 Arctic deer
38 Org. providing creature comfort?
42 Sue Grafton's "___ for Lawless"
43 "Cats" monogram
46 Leave the firm to work solo
50 Run

51 "There is ___ in the affairs of men": Brutus
53 They're "presented" in 20-, 28- and 46-Across
57 Sprint, e.g.
60 Bearded critter
61 Picket fence piece
62 First-stringers
63 Quasimodo creator
64 Head, in Le Havre
65 Mucky-muck
66 Lose one's cool
67 River of central Germany

11 Martinique, par exemple
12 Quit working
13 Coast Guard pickup
21 Chicago-to-Chattanooga dir.
22 LP's 33 1/3
25 Adoptee from the 38-Across, perhaps
26 Sugar suffix
27 GPS lines
29 Safety org. with "Travel Tips" blog posts
30 Part of HMS
31 First name in American poetry
35 Ancient underground tunnel
36 Sci. course
37 Stillwater sch.
38 In the past

39 Absorb, with "up"
40 "The Tell-Tale Heart" author
41 Mai tai liqueur
43 How food may be salted
44 Moved like a dust devil
45 Last chance to catch a live show
47 Baseball legend Mel
48 Paddock sounds
49 Like fish in ceviche
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| LOCAL CHANNELS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WIS | 10 | 3 | 10 | WIS News 10 at 7 (N) | Entertainment Tonight (N) | Macy's 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular: Fireworks and music, live from New York. (Live) | Macy's 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular: Fireworks and music, live from New York. | WIS News 10 at 11 (N) | (:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon | | | | |
| WLTX | 19 | 9 | 9 | News 19 at 7pm (N) | Inside Edition (N) | Young Sheldon (DVS) | Young Sheldon George Sr. takes the boys on a trip. | Big Brother (N) | Code Black "One of Our Own" Willis realizes his feelings for Rox. (N) | News 19 at 11pm (N) | (:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Anthony Scaramucci; Michael Avenatti. | (:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live | |
| WOLO | 25 | 5 | 12 | Wheel of Fortune "California Coast" | Jeopardy! (N) | The Goldbergs "A Wall Street Thanksgiving" | The Goldbergs A battle for the best Hanukkah party. | Modern Family Claire's "She Shed" is denied. | (:31) American Housewife "Then and Now" | Shark Tank Kitchen tool; men's garment. (DVS) | ABC Columbia News at 11 (N) | (:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live | |
| WRJA | 27 | 11 | 14 | Carolina Celebration of Liberty 2018 | A Capitol Fourth: The annual concert celebrating America. (Live) | A Capitol Fourth: The annual concert celebrating America. (Live) | A Capitol Fourth: The annual concert celebrating America. (Live) | A Capitol Fourth: The annual concert celebrating America. (Live) | Amanpour on PBS (N) | BBC World News | A Capitol Fourth | | |
| WACH | 57 | 6 | 6 | The Big Bang Theory "The Holiday Summation" | The Big Bang Theory "The Closure Alternative" | MasterChef "World Cup Dishes" The chefs prepare dishes using walnuts. (DVS) | Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back "Bella Gianna's" An Italian restaurant is transformed. (DVS) | WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live) | Sports Zone | DailyMailTV | TMZ (N) | | |
| WKTC | 63 | 4 | 22 | Last Man Standing "Thanksgiving" | Last Man Standing Bud gives Boyd a spanking. | The 3rd Annual Howie Mandel Stand-Up Gala: Stand-up performances; Howie Mandel. | Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Grace Byers" | Dateline "Heart of Darkness" A woman and her son are kidnapped. | Dateline "Diabolical" Michelle Hadley is exonerated. | The Game Melanie decides to confront Janay. | | | |
| CABLE CHANNELS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A&E | 46 | 130 | Ozzy and Jack's World Detour Ozzy and Jack thank their wives. | Ozzy and Jack's World Detour The duo attend a NASCAR race in Texas. | Ozzy and Jack's World Detour Black Sabbath cover band. | (:01) Ozzy and Jack's World Detour Antics in the heart of horse country. | (:04) Ozzy and Jack's World Detour Jack and Ozzy travel to Cajun country. | Ozzy and Jack's World Detour | | | | | |
| AMC | 48 | 180 | (:15) **** "Jaws" (1975, Suspense) Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw, Richard Dreyfuss. A man-eating shark terrorizes a New England resort town. | (:15) **** "Jaws 2" (1978, Suspense) Roy Scheider, Lorraine Gary, Murray Hamilton. Tourist town and police chief dread huge white shark at beach. | (:02) Insane Pools: Off the Deep End Hit the Floor | (:02) Insane Pools: Off the Deep End Hit the Floor | (:02) Insane Pools: Off the Deep End Hit the Floor | (:02) Insane Pools: Off the Deep End Hit the Floor | (:02) Insane Pools: Off the Deep End Hit the Floor | (:02) Insane Pools: Off the Deep End Hit the Floor | (:02) Insane Pools: Off the Deep End Hit the Floor | (:02) Insane Pools: Off the Deep End Hit the Floor | |
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| BET | 61 | 162 | Hit the Floor | Hit the Floor | Hit the Floor | Hit the Floor | Hit the Floor | Hit the Floor | Hit the Floor | Hit the Floor | Hit the Floor | Hit the Floor | |
| BRAVO | 47 | 181 | (6:15) *** "The School of Rock" (2003, Comedy) Jack Black. An unemployed guitarist poses as a teacher. | (:45) *** "The School of Rock" (2003, Comedy) Jack Black, Joan Cusack, Mike White. An unemployed guitarist poses as a teacher. | (:15) ** "Talladega Nights" (2006, Comedy) Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly. A NASCAR driver has a new rival. | | | | | | | | |
| CNBC | 35 | 84 | Shark Tank | Shark Tank | Shark Tank (DVS) | Shark Tank | Shark Tank | Shark Tank | Shark Tank | Shark Tank | Shark Tank | Shark Tank | |
| CNN | 3 | 80 | Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown | Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown | Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown | Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown | Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown | Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown | Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown | Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown | Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown | Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown | |
| COM | 57 | 136 | South Park "Chick-enlover" | South Park | South Park "TSST!" | South Park "Christian Rock Hard" | South Park | South Park "Le Petit Tourette" | South Park "Ginger Kids" | South Park | The Daily Show With Trevor Noah | (:31) The Office "Diversity Day" | (12:01) South Park "Whale W..." |
| DISN | 18 | 200 | Bunk'd | Bunk'd | Bunk'd | Bunk'd | Raven's Home | Raven's Home | Stuck in the Middle | Stuck in the Middle | Andi Mack | Andi Mack | DuckTales |
| DSC | 42 | 103 | American Chopper "Metal Health" | American Chopper OCC builds a bike inspired by a '65 GTO. (N) | Sticker Shock "Episode 11" (N) | Misfit Garage | Misfit Garage | Misfit Garage | Misfit Garage | Misfit Garage | Misfit Garage | Misfit Garage | Misfit Garage |
| ESPN | 26 | 35 | MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Cincinnati Reds. From Great American Ball Park in Cincinnati. (N) (Live) | MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Arizona Diamondbacks. From Chase Field in Phoenix. (N) (Live) | | | | | | | | | |
| ESPN2 | 27 | 39 | Lacrosse | 2018 Hot Dog Eating Contest | 2018 World Series of Poker Main Event. From Las Vegas. (N) (Live) | | | | | | | | |
| FOOD | 40 | 109 | Guy's Grocery Games | Guy's Grocery Games | Guy's Grocery Games "Culinary Idols" | Guy's Grocery Games | Guy's Grocery Games | Guy's Grocery Games | Guy's Grocery Games | Guy's Grocery Games | Guy's Grocery Games | Guy's Grocery Games | |
| FOXN | 37 | 90 | The Story With Martha MacCallum (N) | Tucker Carlson Tonight (N) | Hannity (N) | The Ingraham Angle (N) | The 700 Club | The 700 Club | The 700 Club | The 700 Club | The 700 Club | The 700 Club | |
| FREE | 20 | 131 | (4:30) **** "For-rest Gump" | ** "Armageddon" (1998, Science Fiction) Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton, Liv Tyler. Premiere. A hero tries to save Earth from an asteroid. | | | | | | | | | |
| FSS | 21 | 47 | MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at New York Yankees. From Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y. | Driven | MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at New York Yankees. | | | | | | | | |
| HALL | 52 | 183 | (6:00) "Summer Love" (2016, Romance) Rachael Leigh Cook, Lucas Bryant. | Fourth of July at the White House: Musical performers and fireworks. | The Middle "Thanksgiving II" | The Middle "A Simple Christmas" | The Middle "A Simple Christmas" | The Middle "A Simple Christmas" | The Middle "A Simple Christmas" | The Middle "A Simple Christmas" | The Middle "A Simple Christmas" | The Middle "A Simple Christmas" | |
| HGTV | 39 | 112 | Beach Hunters | Beach Hunters | Property Brothers | Property Brothers | Property Brothers | Property Brothers | Property Brothers | Property Brothers | Property Brothers | Property Brothers | |
| HIST | 45 | 110 | American Pickers (DVS) | American Pickers "Celebrating Independence Day" Items that have defined America. (N) | (:03) American Pickers (DVS) | American Pickers | American Pickers | American Pickers | American Pickers | American Pickers | American Pickers | American Pickers | |
| ION | 13 | 18 | Blue Bloods "Confessions" Frank attempts to find a missing boy. | Blue Bloods "Unbearable Loss" A felon dies in a prisoner van crash. | Blue Bloods "Genetics" An adoption dispute gets complicated. | Blue Bloods "Not Fade Away" Danny protects a released ex-con. | Blue Bloods "The One That Got Away" Frank intervenes in a child abuse case. | Blue Bloods "In & Out" | Blue Bloods "In & Out" | Blue Bloods "In & Out" | Blue Bloods "In & Out" | Blue Bloods "In & Out" | |
| LIFE | 50 | 145 | (6:00) ** "Tyler Perry's The Single Moms Club" (2014) Nia Long. | ** "Two Weeks Notice" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Sandra Bullock, Hugh Grant, Alicia Witt. A millionaire confronts his feelings for his lawyer. | (:03) *** "Marley & Me" (2008, Comedy-Drama) Owen Wilson, Jennifer Aniston. A couple's new puppy grows up to become an incorrigible handful. | | | | | | | | |
| MSNBC | 36 | 92 | Hardball With Chris Matthews (N) | All In With Chris Hayes | The Rachel Maddow Show (N) | The Last Word | The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N) | Rachel Maddow | Rachel Maddow | Rachel Maddow | Rachel Maddow | Rachel Maddow | |
| NICK | 16 | 210 | The Loud House | The Loud House | Double Dare | Double Dare | *** "The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water" (2015) | Friends | (:35) Friends | (12:10) Friends | | | |
| PARMT | 64 | 153 | (6:00) *** "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (1989) Harrison Ford. | *** "Raiders of the Lost Ark" (1981, Adventure) Harrison Ford, Karen Allen. | | | | | | | | | |
| SYFY | 58 | 152 | (6:30) "Lake Placid: Legacy" (2018) Katherine Barrell. Explorers come upon an island that hosts a deadly predator. | ** "National Treasure: Book of Secrets" (2007, Action) Nicolas Cage, Jon Voight, Harvey Keitel. Ben Gates sets out to establish an ancestor's innocence. | ** "In Time" (2011) Justin Timberlake. Premiere. Time is the currency in a world where people no longer age. | | | | | | | | |
| TBS | 24 | 156 | Wrecked "Javier and Wrecked "Cop Tricks" | The Big Bang Theory | The Big Bang Theory | The Big Bang Theory | The Big Bang Theory | The Big Bang Theory | Full Frontal With Samantha Bee | Conan The cast of "Avengers: Infinity War." | Full Frontal With Samantha Bee | Full Frontal With Samantha Bee | |
| TCM | 49 | 186 | (6:30) ** "The Devil's Disciple" (1959) Burt Lancaster, Kirk Douglas. | **** "Yankee Doodle Dandy" (1942, Musical) James Cagney, Joan Leslie, Walter Huston. Life of song-and-dance man George M. Cohan. (DVS) | The 685-Lb. Teen | Dr. Pimple Popper | The 685-Lb. Teen | Dr. Pimple Popper | Dr. Pimple Popper | Dr. Pimple Popper | Dr. Pimple Popper | Dr. Pimple Popper | |
| TLC | 43 | 157 | My 600-Lb. Life "Tamy Lyn's Story" Tamy becomes a hermit. | (7:54) Claws "Scream" Quiet Ann's brother pays a visit. (DVS) | *** "Live Free or Die Hard" (2007, Action) Bruce Willis, Justin Long, Timothy Olyphant. America's computers fall under attack. | *** "Con Air" (1997) (DVS) | | | | | | | |
| TNT | 23 | 158 | (6:46) Claws "Russian Navy" Jenn falls off the wagon. (DVS) | Impractical Jokers | Impractical Jokers | Impractical Jokers | Impractical Jokers | Impractical Jokers | Impractical Jokers | Impractical Jokers | Impractical Jokers | Impractical Jokers | |
| TRUTV | 38 | 129 | Impractical Jokers | Impractical Jokers | Impractical Jokers | Impractical Jokers | Impractical Jokers | Impractical Jokers | Impractical Jokers | Impractical Jokers | Impractical Jokers | Impractical Jokers | |
| TV LAND | 55 | 161 | M*A*S*H | (:36) M*A*S*H | (:12) Everybody Loves Raymond | Love-Raymond | Love-Raymond | Two and Half Men | Two and Half Men | King of Queens | King of Queens | King of Queens | |
| USA | 25 | 132 | NCIS "Alibi" The team re-examines a hit-and-run. (DVS) | NCIS "House Divided" The search goes on for Gibbs and McGee. | NCIS "Twofer" A case of a murdered Navy lieutenant. (DVS) | Colony "Sea Spray" Snyder digs up dirt on Everett Kynes. (N) (DVS) | Colony "Pilot" | (:01) Modern Family (DVS) | (:31) Modern Family (DVS) | (12:01) Modern Family | | | |
| WE | 68 | 166 | ** "P.S. I Love You" (2007) Hilary Swank. A widow gets messages left by her husband to help her cope. | ** "Godzilla" (2014) Aaron Taylor-Johnson. Godzilla and malevolent foes battle for supremacy. | ** "Godzilla" (2014) Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Ken Watanabe. | | | | | | | | |
| WGNA | 8 | 172 | Last Man Standing | Last Man Standing | | | | | | | | | |

Tonight's TV options include several patriotic choices

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

When did patriotism become an oldies act? Like anything or anyone who has been around for nearly 40 years, the annual "A Capitol Fourth" (8 p.m., PBS, TV-G, check local listings) patriotic fireworks and concert celebration has settled into some familiar grooves. John Stamos ("Fuller House") returns to host the event, broadcast live from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol.

Musical performers include Jimmy Buffett and the Broadway cast of "Escape to Margaritaville," The Beach Boys, Pentatonix, The Temptations, Luke Combs, Lauren Alaina, CeCe Winans, Joshua Bell, Renee Fleming and the National Symphony Orchestra.

Not to dwell on details, but what exactly does "wasting away again in Margaritaville" have to do with the Declaration of Independence?

For the record, The Beach Boys, frequent performers at this event, are scheduled to receive its National Artistic Achievement Award. Previous recipients include Gloria Estefan, Stevie Wonder, Reba McEntire and John Williams.

This is a far cry from 1983, when Secretary of Interior James Watt banned The Beach Boys from the Independence Day concert on the National Mall because, he explained, rock bands attracted "the wrong element."

Watt sought to replace them with Wayne Newton so as not "to encourage drug abuse and alcoholism." Watt was chastised by his boss, President Ronald Reagan, as well as first lady Nancy Reagan, who contended that The Beach Boys were just fine with them. The band has been a fixture at July 4th events ever since.



Kelly Clarkson rehearses for the 2018 "Macy's 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular," airing at 8 p.m. today on NBC.

- Fans of The Beach Boys can continue the "fun, fun, fun" with two documentaries: "The Beach Boys: An American Band" (9:05 p.m., HDNET Movies) and "The Beach Boys: An American Family" (10:50 p.m., HDNET Movies).
- Just down the street from the Capitol, Sara Evans hosts "Fourth of July at the White House" (8 p.m., Hallmark, TV-G). Look for performances by "American Idol" finalists Jax and Jonny Brenns and pianist Lola Astanova. The U.S. Marine Band, the U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters and the U.S. Air Force Band's Max Impact will also perform.
- Farther up the Eastern Seaboard, Matt Iseman and Akbar Gbajabiamila ("American Ninja Warrior") host a live broadcast of "Macy's 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG; repeat-

ing at 10 p.m.). Look for performances by Kelly Clarkson, Ricky Martin, Blake Shelton and Keith Urban.

- Bloomberg Television's Alix Steel and Carol Massar co-host the "Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular" (8 p.m., Bloomberg, TV-G), live from Boston.
- For those who prefer movies with a patriotic flair, TCM airs the 1942 musical biography "Yankee Doodle Dandy" (8 p.m., TCM), starring James Cagney as showman George M. Cohan. A film adaptation of the Broadway musical "1776" (10:15 p.m.) follows.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- CNN presents a mini marathon of "Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown" episodes (7 p.m. to 3 a.m.).

- Walnuts set the agenda on "MasterChef" (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14).
- A family-run Italian restaurant needs therapy on "Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back" (9 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14).
- A drunk driver strikes Rox as he cares for an injured fireman on "Code Black" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- A new invention promises to control cooking splatter on "Shark Tank" (10 p.m., ABC, r, TV-14).
- Will and Katie worry about their family's safety on "Colony" (10 p.m., USA, TV-14).

SERIES NOTES

On two episodes of "Young Sheldon" (CBS, r, TV-PG), secret herbs and spices (8 p.m.), road trip to a space launch (8:30 p.m.) * On two

helpings of "The Goldbergs" (ABC, r, TV-PG), stock tips and gravy (8 p.m.), a festival of lights (8:30 p.m.) * Comedians perform on "The 3rd Annual Howie Mandel Stand-Up Gala" (8 p.m., CW, r, TV-14) * Guests vie for veto power on "Big Brother" (9 p.m., CBS) * Claire wants a shed of her own on "Modern Family" (9 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * Grace Byers and Brad Sherwood appear on "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" (9:30 p.m., CW, r, TV-14) * Moving day approaches on "American Housewife" (9:30 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG).

CULT CHOICE

Clown phobia looms large in the 2017 adaptation of Stephen King's "It" (9 p.m., HBO), starring Jaeden Lieberher and Bill Skarsgard.

LATE NIGHT

Rep. Karen Bass (D-Calif.) sits down on "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central, r) * Chris Pratt, Scarlett Johansson, Chris Hemsworth, Anthony Mackie and Danai Gurira are booked on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS, r) * Anthony Scaramucci, Michael Avenatti and Chromeo appear on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS, r) * Jimmy Fallon hosts Tina Fey, Paul Bettany and Courtney Barnett on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC, r) * Jesse Tyler Ferguson, Louie Anderson and Cold War Kids visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:25 a.m., NBC, r) * Reba McEntire, Lucy Hale, Glenn Howerton and Kelsea Ballerini appear on "The Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

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Celebrate Fourth of July

Let them eat cake OR cobbler

BY AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

A big flag sheet cake is the perfect Fourth of July dessert; and at a time when patriotic-colored berries are at their best, vibrant blueberries and red raspberries are a fitting topping.

We knew that our workhorse Yellow Sheet Cake was the ideal base for the cake, so our challenge when developing this recipe was simply determining the best frosting.

Whipped cream, the most common topping for this summer cake, had little staying power and the juicy berries bled into the cream. A simple American buttercream in the form of our Vanilla Frosting worked much better and ably glued the stars and stripes to the cake.

Once our cake was topped with berries, we were able to bring the flag to the table. You may have extra frosting after coating the tops and sides of the cake. Wait until a few hours before serving to arrange the berries to ensure that they taste fresh at serving time.



FLAG CAKE

Servings: 12-15

Start to finish: 1 hour and 30 minutes, plus 2 hours to cool the cake

Yellow Sheet Cake:

- 2 1/2 cups (10 ounces) cake flour
- 1 3/4 cups (12 1/4 ounces) sugar
- 1 1/4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup buttermilk, room temperature
- 3 large eggs, separated, plus 3 large yolks, room temperature
- 10 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and cooled
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- Pinch cream of tartar
- 5 cups Vanilla Frosting:
- 1 pound (4 sticks) unsalted butter, each stick cut into quarters and softened
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 cups (16 ounces) confectioners' sugar

Toppings:

- 5 ounces (1 cup) blueberries
- 15 ounces (3 cups) raspberries

Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 325 F. Grease and flour 13-by-9-inch baking pan. Whisk flour, 1 1/2 cups sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt together in bowl. Whisk buttermilk, egg yolks, melted butter, oil and vanilla together in second bowl.

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Using stand mixer fitted with whisk attachment, whip egg whites and cream of tartar on medium-low speed until foamy, about 1 minute. Increase speed to medium-high and whip whites to soft billowy mounds, about 1 minute. Gradually add remaining 1/4 cup sugar and whip until glossy, stiff peaks form, 2 to 3 minutes; transfer to third bowl.

Add flour mixture to now-empty mixer bowl and mix on low speed, gradually adding buttermilk mixture and mixing until almost incorporated (a few streaks of dry flour will remain), about 15 seconds. Scrape down bowl, then mix on medium-low speed until smooth and fully incorporated, 10 to 15 seconds.

Using rubber spatula, stir one-third of whites into batter. Gently fold remaining whites into batter until no white streaks remain. Transfer batter to prepared pan and smooth top with rubber spatula. Gently tap pan on counter to settle batter. Bake until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 28 minutes to 32 minutes, ro-

tating pan halfway through baking.

Let cake cool completely in pan on wire rack, about 2 hours.

While cake cools, assemble the frosting. Using stand mixer fitted with paddle, beat butter, cream, vanilla and salt on medium-high speed until smooth, about 1 minute. Reduce speed to medium-low, slowly add sugar, and beat until incorporated and smooth, about 4 minutes.

Increase speed to medium-high and beat until frosting is light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. (Frosting can be refrigerated for up to 3 days; let soften at room temperature, about 2 hours, then rewhip on medium speed until smooth, 2 to 5 minutes.)

To assemble, line edges of cake platter with 4 strips of parchment to keep platter clean. Place cake on platter. Spread frosting evenly over top and sides of cake. Using blueberries, outline 6 by 4 1/2-inch rectangle in top left corner of cake. Make diagonal rows of blueberries within outline, leaving single blueberry's width between rows. Lay additional blueberries evenly between rows to make blueberry checkerboard. Gently press blueberries to adhere.

For red stripes, lay raspberries on their side and gently nestle them next to one another. There should be 4 short rows of raspberry stripes across top of cake and 3 long rows of raspberry stripes across bottom of cake. Gently press raspberries to adhere. Serve.

It's not a coffee cake or a pancake; It's both — a cobbler



BY AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

Chef Bridget Lancaster developed this blueberry cobbler, admitting she's not a "biscuit-style cobbler lover — they just taste too much like doughy dumplings."

In "Cooking at Home," Lancaster writes: "Somewhere between a blueberry coffee cake and a stack of blueberry pancakes, it's my go-to dessert whenever I head to a cookout, or when I have overnight houseguests. And don't let the 'cobbler' moniker limit you to serving this just as a dinner dessert. It's absolutely perfect for brunch — and even tastes great when drizzled with a smidge of maple syrup."

Keep a close eye on the butter as it melts in the oven so that it doesn't scorch. Place the hot baking dish with butter on a wire rack after removing it from the oven. Avoid untreated aluminum pans here. If using frozen blueberries, thaw them first.

TEXAS-STYLE BLUEBERRY COBBLER

Servings: 8-10

Start to finish: 1 hour and 10 minutes, plus 30 minutes to cool

- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter cut into 4 pieces, and 8 tablespoons melted and cooled
- 1 1/2 cups (10 1/2 ounces) sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
- 15 ounces (3 cups) blueberries
- 1 1/2 cups (7 1/2 ounces) all-purpose flour
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups milk

Adjust oven rack to upper-middle position and heat oven to 350 F. Place 4 tablespoons cut-up butter in 13-by-9-inch baking dish and transfer to oven. Heat until

butter is melted, 8 to 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, pulse 1/4 cup sugar and lemon zest in food processor until combined, about 5 pulses; set aside. Using potato masher, mash blueberries and 1 tablespoon lemon sugar together in bowl until berries are coarsely mashed.

Combine flour, remaining 1 1/4 cups sugar, baking powder, and salt in large bowl. Whisk in milk and 8 tablespoons melted, cooled butter until smooth. Remove baking dish from oven, transfer to wire rack, and pour batter into prepared pan.

Dollop mashed blueberry mixture evenly over batter, sprinkle with remaining lemon sugar, and bake until golden brown and edges are crisp, 45 to 50 minutes, rotating pan halfway through baking. Let cobbler cool on wire rack for 30 minutes. Serve warm.