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Lee prison nurse arrested after contraband found

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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South Carolina Department of Corrections Police Services has charged another corrections facility employee, this time at Lee Correctional Institution, for allegedly bringing contraband into the state prison on Tuesday.

Patricia M. Montgomery, former head nurse administrator at Lee Correctional Institution in Bishopville, was arrested after two men's watches were found on her person and two packages of tobacco wrapped in condoms were found inside her vehicle that was parked on SCDC property, according to an arrest warrant.

MONTGOMERY

The watches were found during a routine search as she entered the facility on Wisacky Highway on Tuesday, and the tobacco was found during a subsequent search.

The tobacco wrapped in condoms is consistent with known methods used to smuggle in contraband, according to the warrant.

Montgomery is charged with attempting to furnish a prisoner with contraband.

She was held at Sumter-Lee

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Celebrating a couple months off school

Children kick off their first afternoon of summer vacation by splashing in the spray park at North HOPE Park on Thursday afternoon.

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Lakewood grad soars despite hardships

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Clara Clayborne, sister of Joseph Boozer, stands with Lakewood High School senior Justin Johnson, 19, after Class Day on Wednesday.

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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A Lakewood High School senior showed that his will to do well in school is much stronger than his reading disability after he received more than nine recognitions, including six scholarships, during Class Day on Wednesday.

One of those scholarships, the Joseph Boozer Scholarship offered by the Osteen family who own *The Sumter Item*, was given to Justin Johnson, 19, for graduating as one of the top in his class despite having dyslexia.

The $500 scholarship was started by the Osteens after the 1988 drowning death of Joseph Boozer, 15, the son of a longtime employee.

Boozer, a 10th-grade student at the former Furman High School, drowned after falling off a large inner tube while playing with two friends in Lake Marion. His two friends were rescued during the incident.

The Boozer scholarship is awarded once a year to a minority Lakewood senior based on academic achievements. Students who apply for the scholarship must also write an essay and complete an interview to be considered, which *Item* staff conduct and decide who will be awarded.

This year's scholarship was awarded to Johnson, who displayed a similar academic prowess as Joseph Boozer, a student known for his hard work in athletics and academics.

"I have a very hard time reading quickly," Johnson said, "but that has not deterred me from reading."

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Clemson's 'Making It Grow' gardening show crew wins 4 Telly Awards for 2018

BY DENISE ATTAWAY
Public Service and Agriculture

SUMTER — The Emmy Award-winning "Making It Grow" gardening show has more Telly Awards to add to its slate of accolades.

Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service's Amanda McNulty, Sean Flynn and the rest of the crew of "Making It Grow" received four prestigious Telly Awards this year, bringing the total Telly Awards for the show to 19 since 2000.

FLYNN

McNULTY

The live, interactive "Making It Grow" show is produced by South Carolina ETV and Clemson University. McNulty said winning these awards is an honor for the show's crew.

"Our most important mission is to help people use environmentally sustainable methods and still be successful in growing plants," McNulty said. "To do that, we emphasize identifying the

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United Way program director recognized

Sumter's Melanie Dees leads Diamonds to prevent adolescent pregnancy

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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A statewide organization that works to prevent teen pregnancy awarded a Sumter County program director its most distinguished award.

Melanie Dees, program director at United Way Diamonds, received the Murray L. Vincent Outstanding Prevention Professional Award from the SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. The award, named in memory of Dr. Murray Vincent, recognizes someone who has "significantly impacted the prevention of adolescent pregnancy in South Carolina while exemplifying the characteristics of the award's namesake."

Dees has committed more than 15 years of her life to serving the community, said Megan Ray, marketing/communications specialist for United Way of Sumter, Clarendon and Lee Counties. She helps others and brings out the best in people through "work, volunteer endeavors and the church."

SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy honored her at its summer institute.

There has been a 56 percent decline in teenage pregnancy in Sumter County since United Way Diamonds began in 2000.

"Our Diamonds program is a comprehensive, age-appropriate abstinence-based teen pregnancy prevention and reproductive health education initiative of United Way of Sumter, Clarendon and Lee Counties," Ray said. "We provide an interactive, science-based curriculum to youth ages 12 to 19 years old through partnerships with schools, churches and community organizations. We discourage premature sexual experimentation, STDs, unplanned pregnancies and repeat pregnancies in youth. We promote positive self-esteem and community service, while teaching goal-setting, decision-making and problem-solving skills."

She said Dees understands what it means to serve and that she continues to do so after having retired from the U.S. Air Force.

"She is devoted to making our community better by focusing on our youth," Ray said. "She gives countless hours to ensure our youth strive to be the best and to reduce teen pregnancy rates in our area."

MELANIE DEES

Study says vaping by kids isn't up, but some are skeptical

CDC official: Some under-estimation is possible in regard to Juul e-cigarettes

NEW YORK (AP) — Vaping held steady last year in high school students and declined in middle school kids, according to new government data, but some researchers are skeptical because the survey may have missed out on a booming e-cigarette brand.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention survey did not specifically ask about Juul e-cigarettes, and research suggests some kids don't equate the trendy devices with other types of e-cigarettes.

Given that omission and the skyrocketing sales of Juul last year, the survey may be missing a big part of what's going on, said Jidong Huang, a Georgia State University researcher.

E-cigarettes are battery-powered devices that provide users with aerosol puffs that typically contain nicotine, and sometimes flavorings like fruit, mint or chocolate. They're generally considered a less dangerous alternative to regular cigarettes, but health officials have warned nicotine is harmful to developing brains.

The new CDC study is based on a questionnaire filled out annually by roughly 20,000 students in grades 6 through 12. The study focused on "current users" — defined as kids who said they had used a tobacco product in the previous 30 days.

The CDC survey, and others, have shown a general decline in the use of tobacco products.

But the level of vaping soared until 2016, when there was a puzzling and dramatic drop, from 16 percent to 11 percent of high school students. That translated to a decline in teen vapers from 3 million to 2.2 million in just one year.

Experts at the time attributed the decline to public health warnings, sales restrictions and the possibility that fewer kids saw e-cigarettes as being novel.

The new CDC study, released Thursday, found high school vaping was at about the same level last year as it was in 2016, about 11 percent. That translates to about 1 in 9 students, meaning it continued to be the most commonly used product.

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A Massachusetts high school principal displays vaping devices that were confiscated from students.

Cigarette use continued to fall, though slightly, and last year dropped into a tie with cigars for second place. That marks the first time cigars have been smoked as commonly as cigarettes among children.

Among middle schoolers, about 1 in 30 said last year that they had recently vaped. That was a decrease from the year before, when the figure was about 1 in 23.

Brian King, who oversees the CDC's tobacco survey work, said he thinks the survey captures a sizable proportion of kids who are using Juul e-cigarettes, but he acknowledged there could be "some under-estimation." He said there are plans to add questions about Juul, but those likely won't appear until next year's survey.

Similar plans are being made for an annual University of Michigan survey of adolescent tobacco use, said Richard Miech, who leads that study. Because kids currently aren't being asked about Juul specifically, researchers can't say for sure if vaping is increasing or decreasing, he said.

Juul e-cigarettes first went on sale in 2015. They look like computer flash drives, can be recharged in computer USB ports and have prefilled cartridges containing nicotine. They also offer kid-friendly flavors like fruit and creme brulee, and teens can smoke them discreetly, even in class.

Last year, Juul became the top-selling e-cigarette brand, with more than $650 million in retail sales. That's due at least partly to aggressive marketing through Instagram and other social media, Huang noted in a recent article in the journal Tobacco Control.

More data is needed to see how much of those sales were to kids, he said in an interview.

Blood, platelet donations are still needed during summer

BY MELANIE SMITH
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As families head out on road trips for their long-awaited summer vacations, many potential donors may not have time to give essential blood and platelets for patients.

The Red Cross is now giving extra incentives for people to donate, according to *redcrossblood.org*. Through Sunday, donors will get a $5 *Amazon.com* gift card courtesy of Suburban Propane. Donors can also be entered through July 8 for a chance to win a trip for four to Cedar Point in Ohio or Knott's Berry Farm in California in 2018. To enter, visit *redcrossblood.org*.

Giving blood is easier than ever with Red Cross' RapidPass, which the site says will take about 10 to 15 minutes and will save donors time before their appointment by enabling them to fill out answers to health questions and read pre-donation instructions. Donors can then print their RapidPass or download or email it to themselves on a mobile device to bring with them to the appointment.

To be eligible to donate blood, you must be in good health and feeling well on the day of the appointment and must be at least 16 in most states and weigh 110 pounds. Donors can make a blood donation every 56 days.

To donate platelets, you must be in good health and feeling well on the day of the appointment, must be at least 17 years old in most states and weigh at least 110 pounds. Platelet donors can give every seven days.

To make an appointment and possibly save up to three lives, visit *redcrossblood.org*, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or download the Blood Donor App for free on iPhone and Android devices. Through the app, donors can keep track of their donations, get blood shortage alerts and even be notified when their donation is on its way to a patient. They can also complete their RapidPass through the app.

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• Thursday, June 14, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. — South Carolina Cotton Museum, 121 W. Cedar Lane, Bishopville

• Friday, June 15, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Component Maintenance Squadron, Shaw Air Force Base, 558 Killian Ave., 20 CMS Squadron Building

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Military base calls immigration agents on pizza delivery man

NEW YORK (AP) — He went from delivering pizza to being detained by immigration officers.

An Ecuadorean restaurant worker making a delivery to an Army garrison in Brooklyn wound up being detained June 1 after a routine background check at the gate revealed there was a warrant for his arrest for immigration law violations, officials said.

Now, Pablo Villavicencio is in Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody pending removal from the country, ICE spokeswoman Rachael Yong Yow said.

"Villavicencio-Calderon was detained by military police officers and turned over to ICE," Yong Yow said.

Villavicencio's wife, Sandra Chica, said he went to deliver pizza to Fort Hamilton last week and was asked for identification by the guard who received him.

Villavicencio, who worked at Nonna Delia's pizzeria, an hour away by car in Queens, produced a city identification card, but the official told him he wanted to see a state driver's license.

An Army spokeswoman told *The New York Times* that if visitors don't have a military identification card, they have to get a pass that requires a background check. The check on Villavicencio showed there was an active ICE warrant on file, at which point he was detained by military police, said Fort Hamilton spokeswoman Catherine SantoPietro.

"This is unhuman," Chica said during a phone interview. "He was not committing any crime. He is a father who is working for his daughters. Every day our daughters ask me why their dad is not coming home."

Chica, who was born in Colombia and moved to the U.S. a decade ago, said she is a U.S. citizen. She and Villavicencio have two daughters, who are 3 and 2 years old and were born in the U.S.

Chica and the two girls attended a news conference in front of the army base Wednesday along with Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams and City Councilman Justin Brannan. Both politicians said they were seeking answers from Fort Hamilton.

"Is our city, state and nation any safer today because they took a pizza delivery guy off the streets?" asked Brannan.

Yong Yow, the ICE spokeswoman, said that in March 2010 Villavicencio was granted voluntary departure by an immigration judge but failed to depart by July, as ordered.

"As such, his voluntary departure order became a final order of removal," she said.

Chica said this was not the first time Villavicencio delivered pizza at the base.

"What prompted them to call ICE?" she asked. "They only care about statistics, one more deported man. They don't care about the impact this will have on us."

Immigrant family advocacy groups like Make the Road New York have called for an investigation. Steven Choi, executive director of the New York Immigration Coalition, said in a press release "it's absolutely disgusting when the strongest military in the world punches down by going after pizza delivery men."

Public Notice of Candidate Filing
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Filing opens noon, July 16, 2018 and closed noon, July 30, 2018
Filing will take place at the Sumter County Courthouse, 141 North Main Street Room 114 Sumter, and South Carolina 29150

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No regrets; it was totally worth the price

Clay Smith

It's the standard joke among fathers of the bride: For your daughter's wedding you have two roles — first, when asked "Who gives this woman to be married to this man?," you respond, "Her mother and I." Second, open your wallet and surrender all your cash and credit cards. In the run up to my daughter Hannah's wedding, I heard a hundred variations of this joke.

I even joined in the joking. I told people God gave a man two kidneys so he could sell one on the black market to pay for his daughter's wedding. If he had more than one daughter, there was always dialysis. I approached dads with 2-year-old girls and asked them how much they had saved for their daughter's wedding. It was my way of sharing the panic.

Weddings today can get out of hand. The old standard was a reception in the church social hall with wedding cake, mixed nuts, mints and lime sherbet punch. According to a survey done by The Knot, the average wedding in the United States now runs around $36,000. One wedding venue we contacted told us they had not done a wedding in the last 10 years for less than $50,000 (not including dresses, flowers and lodging). While most of my life I've tried to be above average, this was one time I wanted to be below average — way below.

Gina and I were nervous about the money, I'll admit. We had set aside some funds, but nowhere near enough for even a basic wedding. We scrimped and saved, robbed Peter to pay Paul (which is not actually in the Bible). More than once we had the tough conversation: How much can we afford? When a friend told us "A wedding is like buying a new Mercedes and then driving it over a cliff," we had to ask ourselves, "Is this worth it?"

The weekend for Hannah's wedding finally came. In a word, it was "amazing." During the rehearsal dinner, there were wonderful speeches affirming her and her husband to be. When she made her speech about me and her mother, I cried. The wedding itself was like something out of Disney: the sky was robin's egg blue, a gentle breeze was blowing, the birds were singing (literally), and Hannah was beautiful in her wedding dress. Her groom cleaned up pretty good, too. During the minister's prayer, I keep my eyes open (Don't judge, I know you keep your eyes open too) just drinking it all in. Psalm 118:24 kept running through my mind: "This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!" The reception was magical, with good food, family, friends and dancing. When the night was over, I knew my daughter knew she was loved and treasured. It was a weekend of amazing grace.

The next day, as Gina and I bathed in the afterglow, God put two powerful thoughts in my soul. First, it was worth it. All my anxiety about the cost of the wedding was totally useless. It was worth every penny to see her happy, joyful and loved. She is my precious child; why wouldn't I want her to have a moment like this? I know enough of life to know there will be moments that drain her. There will be other times she must fight uphill battles. There will be days when life floods her. To provide her with a gift of a special time of love and joy — of course I want that for her. I decided I would not be one of those dads that complains in perpetuity about the cost of my daughter's wedding. Instead, I will claim it as a graceful day of joy.

The second thought God put in my soul was the simple truth of John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life."

God loves you, God treasures you. So God paid an absurd price for you. He gave his only son Jesus for you. Your sins, the ugliness of your life and past, are wiped away by the beauty of Jesus' perfect life, sacrifice and resurrection. God never complains about the price he paid for you.

No wonder Paul and John refer to the collection of Jesus followers as "the bride of Christ." The Book of Revelation describes a scene where the bride of Christ comes down out of heaven as a bride adorned for her husband. The pivotal moment in the history of heaven is a wedding.

I don't know if this will happen exactly this way, but I can imagine in that moment, in the new heaven and the new earth, when Christ and his bride come together, that our heavenly Father is keeping his eyes open on the beauty the moment. And in that moment, our heavenly Father looks at us and says, "No regrets. You are totally worth the price."

CHURCH NEWS

Agape Outreach Ministries, 100 E. Red Bay Road, announces:

* Saturday, June 23 — Prayer brunch at 11 a.m. Marian Anderson will speak.

Allen Chapel AME Church, 471 Lynam Road, announces:

* Saturday, June 16 — Father's Day cookout from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

* Sunday, June 17 — Father's Day worship service at 10 a.m.

* Saturday, June 23 — "Fun Day" from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be food, fun, games, health screenings and more.

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 2571 Joseph Lemon-Dingle Road, Jordan community, Manning, announces:

* Sunday — The 35th annual youth day will be celebrated during 10 a.m. services. The church youth and 2018 graduates will be honored.

* Saturday, June 16 — The Scholarship Ministry will hold a festival / flea market from 7 a.m. until on the grounds of the church parsonage, S.C. 260 and Joseph Lemon-Dingle Road, Manning.

Bethel AME Church, 1605 S.C. 261, Wedgefield, announces:

* Monday-Thursday, June 11-14 — Vacation Bible School 6-8 nightly featuring door prizes, arts, crafts and refreshments.

Cross Road Christian Fellowship / St. Peter BC, 845 Webb St., announces:

* Sunday — The gospel play "Church Folk Done Gone Krazy" will be presented at the Weldon Auditorium, 17 Maple St., Manning. Doors open at 3 p.m. with the play beginning at 4 p.m. Tickets are $25 in advance or $30 at the door. Ticket locations: The Hair Goddess Studio in Manning, Radio Shack in Manning and Imports Ltd. in Sumter.

Dalzell United Methodist Church, 3330 Black River Road, Dalzell, announces:

* Monday-Friday, June 18-22 — Vacation Bible School for ages 3-12. Free dinner each night at 5:30 p.m. Family fun night will be Friday. Call (803) 469-0160 and leave a message if you have any questions.

Faith Missionary Baptist Church No. 1, 115 Laurel St., announces:

* Monday-Friday, June 11-15 — Revival at 7 nightly. Dr. Gregory Jackson Sr. will speak.

* Saturday-Sunday, June 23-24 — Family and friends weekend as follows: noon-4 p.m. Saturday, family and friends picnic; 11:30 a.m. Sunday, worship service.

Fellowship Outreach Ministries, 1981 Florence Highway, announces:

* Thursday-Friday, June 21-22, and Sunday, June 23 — Appreciation services for Pastors Mitchell and Charity Boone at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday and 3 p.m. on Sunday.

First Baptist Missionary Church, 219 S. Washington St., announces:

* Sunday, June 17 — Men's day at 10:45 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Garry James will speak.

* Monday-Thursday, June 18-21 — Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8 p.m. Classes for all ages. Call (803) 775-1462.

High Hills Missionary Baptist Church, 6750 Meeting House Road, Dalzell, announces:

* Monday-Friday, June 11-15 — Vacation Bible School 6-8 nightly.

* Sunday, June 16 — Father's Day / Men's Day observance during 10:15 a.m. service.

* Monday-Wednesday, June 25-27 — Revival at 7 nightly. The Rev. Willie Wright will speak.

Hopewell Baptist Church, 3285 Peach Orchard Road, Dalzell, announces:

* Monday-Thursday, June 11-14 — Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30 p.m. nightly.

Mount Pisgah AME Church, 217 W. Bartlette St., announces:

* Sunday — Youth day program at 10 a.m. Clayton Williams, son of Charles and Dr. Valencia Gray Williams and grandson of Judge Ruben and Jean Gray, will speak.

Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 325 Fulton St., announces:

* Sunday — Graduate's recognition worship celebration honoring the Class of 2018, pre-k through college, at 10:45 a.m.

* Monday-Friday, June 11-15 — Vacation Bible School 8-11:30 a.m. daily.

* Sunday, June 17 — Father's Day / Brotherhood anniversary worship celebration at 10:45 a.m. Minister Jarren A. Johnson will speak.

Mulberry Missionary Baptist Church, 1400 Mulberry Church Road, announces:

* Sunday — The 149th anniversary of the church will be celebrated at 10:45 a.m. Pastor Leroy Blanding Sr. will speak.

* Monday-Friday, June 18-22 — Vacation Bible School 5-7 nightly with closing service at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Preschool through adult.

* Sunday, June 24 — Pastor's Aide ministry anniversary at 10:45 a.m. Pastor Leroy Blanding Sr. will speak.

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 3249 U.S. 15 S., announces:

* Sunday — Graduation and youth day awards program at 10 a.m. Dr. Norris L. Williams will speak.

* Wednesday-Saturday, June 13-16 — Vacation Bible School 6-8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and picnic 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday at the pavilion. All ages.

* Monday-Thursday, June 18-21 — Revival at 7 nightly. The Rev. George P. Windley Jr. will speak.

* Sunday, June 24 — Men's day annual program at 10 a.m.

New Fellowship Baptist Church, 105 S. Purdy St., announces:

* Monday-Thursday, June 11-14 — Vacation Bible School 6-7:30 nightly.

New Salem Baptist Church, 2500 W. Oakland Ave., announces:

* Sunday-Wednesday, July 15-18 — Vacation Bible School 6-8 p.m. Sunday kickoff party with games, waterslide, obstacle course, snow cones, hot dogs and chips; and 6-8:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday.

New Zion AME Church, 78 Elliott Highway, Bishopville, announces:

* Sunday — The 2018 baccalaureate services will be held at 10:30 a.m. U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn will speak.

Pine Grove AME Church, 41 Pine Grove Road, Rembert, announces:

* Monday-Friday, June 11-15 — Vacation Bible School at 6:30 nightly. Classes for all ages.

Pine Hill AME Church, 1505 U.S. 521 S., announces:

* Friday, June 15 — Revival at 7 p.m. Bishop Samuel Green Sr. will speak.

Pinewood Baptist Church, 10 E. Fulton St., Pinewood, announces:

* Sunday-Thursday, June 10-14 — Vacation Bible School for ages 3 through adult as follows: 6-9 p.m. Sunday; 6:30-9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, family night and commencement followed by supper. Call (803) 452-5373 or visit *www.pinewoodbaptist.org* .

Refreshing Springs Kingdom Outreach, meets at Colony Square, 741 Bultman Drive, Suite 21, announces:

* Sunday — The fifth anniversary of the church and 13-year ministerial anniversary will be held at 3 p.m. Pastor Irene Jamison will speak.

* Sunday, June 17 — Father's Day service at 5 p.m.

* Saturday, June 30 — Kingdom United prayer breakfast at 10 a.m.

Salem Missionary Baptist Church, 320 W. Fulton St., announces:

* Wednesday-Friday, June 13-15 — Vacation Bible School at 6 nightly.

* Saturday, June 16 — Family and friends day.

St. John Baptist Church, 3944 Brewer Road, Manning, announces:

* Wednesday-Friday, June 13-15 — Revival at 7:30 nightly. The Rev. Terry Johnson will speak.

St. Paul AME Church, 835 Plowden Mill Road, announces:

* Wednesday-Friday, June 13-15 — Revival at 7 nightly. Speakers vary nightly.

* Sunday, June 17 — Father's Day celebration at 10 a.m.

* Monday-Friday, June 18-22 — Vacation Bible School 6-8 nightly.

* Sunday, June 24 — Family and friends / promotion and awards day at 10 a.m.

St. Peter AME Church, 5903 S.C. 527, Mayesville, announces:

* Sunday — The youth ministry will conduct the morning worship at 11 a.m. followed by a dinner. Deasia Brown will speak.

Sumter First Church of the Nazarene, 3700 Patriot Parkway, announces:

* Sunday, June 17, and Wednesday, June 20 — The church's 75th birthday will be celebrated with a combined worship service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday and a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, 155 Wall St., announces:

* Monday-Friday, June 18-22 — Vacation Bible School 6-8 nightly.

Union Station AME Church, 945 S. Main St., announces:

* Monday-Friday, June 18-22 — Vacation Bible School 5:30-8 nightly. Ages 3-18.

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* Sunday — The Gospel Kings 11th anniversary will be celebrated at 4 p.m. On the program: Daughters of the King, Elijah Bradford and the Valentinos, Justified and more.

First-ever Best of Sumter celebration

The Sumter Item held its first-ever Best of Sumter winners celebration on Tuesday at La Piazza in downtown Sumter. Businesses, professionals, educators, restaurants, medical providers and community leaders came out for the red carpet event to celebrate the 264 winners of the 2018 readers' choice contest. More than 101,000 votes were tallied. To see more photos and video of the event, visit our Facebook and Instagram pages. The event was sponsored by, from left, clockwise: Let's Party! Event Decor & Party Supplies, Dixie Products, JJ Hardee Construction and Design, DJ Howie D, University of South Carolina Sumter, Hamptons, and James Formal Wear (not pictured).

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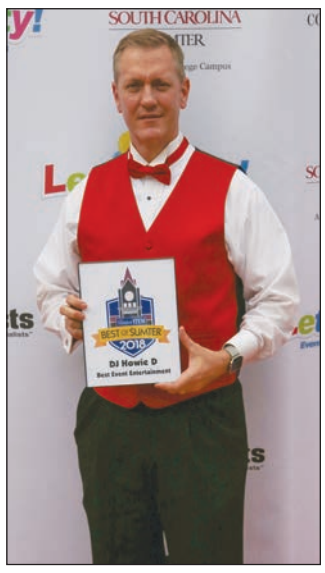

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Sun. Church Service 10:00 am
Tues. Bible Study 11:00 am
Wed. Bible Study 6:00 pm

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Wed. Bible Study: 6:30 pm

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Sunday School 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am & 6:30 pm
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Pentecostal

First United Penecostal Church
14 Plowden Mill Rd • 775-9493
Pastor Theron Smith
Sunday Service: 10:00 am
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Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30 pm

Sumter First Pentecostal Holiness Church
2609 McCrays Mill Rd • 481-8887
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Colin Myers helps his father, Nick Myers, build a Buddy Bench as his brother, Evan, and his grandfather, Benton Blakely, offer their help.

Buddy Benches will help teach children to be kind

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

NEW ZION — Need a friend? Feeling lonely or excluded? Sometimes all it takes is one random act of kindness for a child's day to go from bad to great.

Tiffany Myers, along with her husband, Nick, her children, Colin and Evan, and her father, Benton Blakely, decided to help youngsters who are dealing with bullying, violence and tragedy in their lives by giving them a place to go when they need someone to talk to or just someone to sit beside.

The family began erecting Buddy Benches, "seats that are built with the idea that small acts of kindness can go a long way."

"This is a project that is near and dear to our hearts," Myers said. "With the issue of bullying on the forefront of parents' minds, Buddy Benches could be a solution, or at the very least helpful, at preventing those situations."

According to Myers, their plan is to place the benches on school playgrounds and teach students how they are to be used.

"If students are in need of a friend or are feeling lonely or excluded, they are taught to take a seat on the Buddy Bench," she said. "Students are also taught that if they see a classmate seated on one of the benches, that they should approach that student and ask them to play. It's a wonderful concept that we've seen at other schools, and we wanted Walker-Gamble Elementary kids to have them as well."

Myers said she approached her husband, who is a volunteer firefighter at Shaw Air Force Base and Clarendon County, and her father, who is a member of Clarendon County Council, about constructing the benches.

"They were quick to volunteer their time and resources to help," Myers added.

"This is a great idea, and we are happy to help with such a worthwhile cause," Blakely said. "It's also great to have the whole family involved in the project. Three generations working together on a family project is always fun; helping our community is an extra bonus."

Myers' family along with her father have donated benches to Walker-Gamble Elementary School, where the school's art teacher, Jesse Williams, has agreed to take the lead with painting and decorating them.

"Violent incidents and tragedies keep occurring in our country, and it's heartbreaking and terrifying," she said. "I believe if we catch kids early enough, maybe we can prevent some of these tragedies from occurring."

Myers said that the theme of the benches is inspired by an anonymous quote, "If you can be anything … be kind."

Clarendon County Councilman Benton Blakely, right, dropped off a pair of Buddy Benches that he, his grandsons, Evan and Colin Myers, and his son-in-law, Nick Myers, built recently. Walker-Gamble Elementary Principal Allen Kirby accepted the gift on behalf of the school and its students.

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Members of the Azalea Garden Club of Manning prepared and delivered 40 floral arrangements to businesses in Manning earlier this week. From left, members participating are Sue Jordan with grandson Bennett, Ann Plowden, Ginny Flynt, Nannette Fry, Betty Johnson, Jane Benton, MaryJo Gamble, President Ginny Honea, Edna Ellis, Mary Jo Schoeck, Carolyn Rearick and on the stairs Marie Land, Meg Lee and Judy Langley.

Club gives flowers to businesses, departments

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

MANNING — The Azalea Garden Club of Manning did its part in celebrating National Garden Week, June 3 through 9, by designing and delivering 40 floral arrangements to businesses throughout the Manning area on Monday.

Along with thousands of garden clubs across the country, the Azalea Garden Club of Manning strives to promote the National Garden Club objectives of beautification, education of environmental efforts, gardening and involvement of garden clubs in local communities.

Delivering their lovely arrangements to businesses throughout Manning is an annual event that the Azalea Garden Club members are proud to do. The event showcases their talents while adding some charm to the businesses.

Last week, Azalea Garden Club members Marie Land and Sara Ann Aycock shared their talents by preparing several beautiful floral arrangements for the Manning High School Baccalaureate Service and for

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Temporary change made for Manning 5 precinct

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to the Sumter Item

MANNING — There has been a last-minute change for voters of Manning Precinct 5.

For Tuesday's Democratic and Republican primary elections, the voters of Manning Precinct 5 will vote at Weldon Auditorium, not at Manning United Methodist Church where they would normally vote.

The change was necessary because the church had an event already scheduled for that day and could not act as a polling site.

At Weldon Auditorium, 7 Maple St., voters should use the front entrance. Handicapped parking spaces are located on the right side of the building, and the handicapped entrance is located on the left side of the front entrance.

The Clarendon County Voter Registration Office will be open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. tomorrow for absentee voting.

For a complete list of precincts and their locations, log onto: *http://www.clarendoncountygov.org/files/ClarendonCountyPrecincts2.pdf*.

If you have any questions about precincts or balloting, please contact the Clarendon County Voter Registration and Elections Office at 411 Sunset Drive or call the office at (803) 435-8215.

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From left, Central Carolina Technical College President Dr. Michael Mikota, Meritor Site Manager Richmond Jones, Central Carolina Technical College Foundation Executive Director Meree McAslister and Meritor Human Resources Generalist April Samuels are seen.

Central Carolina Technical College Foundation's Meritor scholarship endowment continues

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MANNING — Eighteen years ago, Meritor established a scholarship endowment through the Central Carolina Technical College Foundation to benefit Clarendon County students enrolled in Industrial and Engineering Technology programs at Central Carolina Technical College. The tradition continued with Meritor recently donating $2,800 to the CCTC Foundation.

The Meritor Scholarship Endowment is evidence of Meritor's continued efforts in supporting CCTC and Clarendon County's economic workforce development through annual scholarships.

"The Central Carolina Technical College Foundation is very appreciative of our partnership with Meritor that has expanded more than 18 years. The Meritor Scholarship Endowment provides scholarship support to Central Carolina Technical College students from Clarendon County enrolled in the Industrial and Engineering Technology programs. We are pleased to recognize Meritor for its continued generosity and commitment to workforce development and education of Clarendon County students," CCTC Foundation Executive Director Meree McAlister said.

For more information about Central Carolina Technical College's Foundation, endowment opportunities and scholarships, please call Meree McAlister at (803) 778-6646.

Edna Ellis, left, and Ann Plowden present a lovely floral arrangement to Major Donnie Drose, left, Chief Gene Morris and Sheriff Tim Baxley at Clarendon County Sheriff's Office earlier this week.

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MHS' Senior Award Night.

"We like to use a variety of flowers in our arrangements," Aycock said as she designed the podium arrangement for the Baccalaureate Service. "We use tall greenery to add height to arrangements, and you use heavier flowers toward the bottom."

Land said most of the flowers the pair used in their arrangements came from their own gardens.

"We just cut what we think will look good," Land said as she designed several floral arrangements for Weldon's lobby and stage area. "It's all about what looks good now."

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Case No.: 2018-CP-14-00183

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CLARENDON

Cynthia B. Rogers,
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Alice J. Rollins,
Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT ABOVE NAMED:
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TO: THE DEFENDANT ABOVE-NAMED, ALICE J. ROLLINS

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the original Summons and Complaint for injuries caused in an automobile accident in the above entitled action were filed in the Office of the Clarendon County Clerk of Court on May 1, 2018, at 3:10 p.m., the object and prayer of which is to grant judgment against the Defendant for actual damages and for punitive damages commensurate with the conduct of the Defendant.

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Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
for
Clarendon School District Two
Budget for 2019-2019

Clarendon School District Two will hold a public hearing on the 2018-2019 fiscal year operating budget at 5:30 p.m. on June 26, 2018. There will be a designated time on the agenda for anyone who wishes to speak concerning this item. The meeting will be held at the school district office at 15 Major Drive in Manning.

The proposed millage required to support the budget for 2018-2019 is 137.6 mills.

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Crestwood High School

Class of 2018

Aaliyah Charlot
Valedictorian

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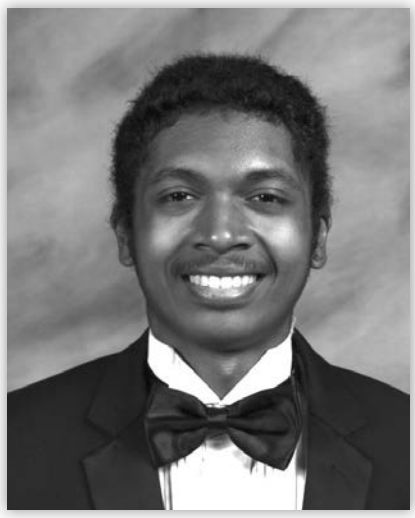

Andrew Smith
Salutatorian

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Aliyah Nicole Charlot *
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Dy'Mond Ceara Gipson
Aviauna Armani Grant
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Shikera Nyree Lastar Grant
Brittany Nicole Griggs
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Shykia Nicole Hardy
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Keegan Lee Haselton
Hailey Jade Hayes-Berube
Darrell Jordan Herriott
Nigeria Ta'Shana Hill
Braeley Anthony Hill-Robinson*
Shana'ya Jenay Hilton-Bolden
Brianna Alexia Holliday
Olivia Louise Hopwood
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Nakeem Shamar Ingram
Alexas Breanna Jackson*
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Briana Tykemia Jackson
Malik Jermaine Jackson
Nazir Jimmel Jackson
Tremetrius Latrell Jackson
Yolanda Jaimes
Destinee Zahra Noriel Jamison
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Nyckolas Lynn Johnson*
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Christina Marie Jones
Hailey Elizabeth Kearnes*
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Maya Summer Martin*
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Dajsha Cherise Massingill
Austin Michael Matula
Kristina Michelle McAdoo*
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Rayshawd ShaMaine Robinson
Dakota Ray Rodriguez*
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Jensie Ruby Sabillon
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Omar Davante' Stevenson
Lesley Ann Strickland *
LaQuisha Unique Stuckey
Micheal Chad Stuckey
Jordan Markeise Stukes
Brandon Da Quan Taylor
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Jaquanda Tierra Shontay Thompson
Allan Christopher Turner *
Duane Allan Turner III
Sierra Elizabeth Tyler
Deion Antonio VanBuren
Devin Jenise Vance
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India Keiasia Wactor
Kiara Mariaun Wade
Shakayla Marie Wallace
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Jah'Che Breanne Whitfield
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Deonte' Tyrone Wilson
Tansrita Amani Wilson
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Brittany Megan Adkins
Erin Kelly Currier
Ladarah Talia Daniels
Aiyana Msaada Dukes
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Albert Deshawn Gardner
Eric Shane Gaymon
Aliyah Simone Grady
Deliasha Shantanique Green
Kaitlynn Marie Horton
Ja'Breyah Cy'Nae James
Brandy Angele'a Lemmon
Blaire Elisabeth Lewis
Alexandra Monserrat Manzo
Kelsie Cheyenne Ratliff
Alaya Keara Richardson
Kodesia Gertashia Scarborough
Nathan Ray Schrader
Krysten Alexis Skinner
Selena Chantae Vaughn
Aaliya Sherre Wilson
Samantha Imogene Worthen

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail." ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Lakewood High School

Class of 2018

Sydney Gonzales
Valedictorian

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for collectively earning more than $9.3 million in
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Hannah Partin
Salutatorian

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Kathleen Virginia Ator *
Courtney Ann Bagley
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Samuel Levi Barkley
Destiny Lanasia Celise Belton
Johnvanté Armeen Bender
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Ryan Morgan Benenhaley
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Miekell Tyson Blackwell
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Jessica Lesile Bond
Zana Sharveyá Boston
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Kaitlyn Gwyn Brown
Tyrek Dequan Brown
Zion Kenneth Lester Israel Brown
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Gregory Brunson, Jr.
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Shayla Hope Brunson
Adrianna Jerrell Budden
Tyreek Ra'mon Butler
Phillip Michael Osteen Cadena
Erin Elizabeth Cannon
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Serena Ashanti Choice *
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Justin Tyler Crain
Bobby Duane Crisp
Quanté Shamar Dargan
Anthony Ellison Davis, Jr.
Luther Allen Davis, Jr.
Mahalia Yurong Davis
Hunter William Day
Gwendi Diaz
Isaac Ikeem Dinkins
Desire' Nicole Dixon
Jason Tyrell Douglas
Amber Kimani Dowling
Lamont Dudley, Jr.
Darkies Raekwon Dunham
Donjana Rena Dunham-Pennix
Nina Marie Durant
Tamarus Malique Edwards
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John Michael Elswick
Gabriel Jaren English *
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Searra Irene Fishbeck
Hunter James Floyd
Zacharie Nathaniel Flyte
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ShaCarolyn Breanna Goines *
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Sydney Jolene Dana Gonzales *
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De Andre Markel Goodman
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Kayla Mira Grant
Ayanna Denise Green
Joshua Nicholas Grinnell
Brittany Marie Griswold *
Garrett Joseph Haas
Isabella Kaitlyn Hair
Da'Shawn Terrill Hampton
Rachell Elaine Harglerode *
Tahnazia Naheema Harrison
Tyshanna Khavondria Harry
Ja'Lin Omar Harvin-Thomas
Justin Robert Hatfield
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Jason Blythe Henderson
Samuel Stephen Heyward
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Jamerica Anquayshia Unique Johnson-Roach
Shadesha Diesha Jones White
Donald Wesley Jones
Kenneth Brooks Jones, Jr.
Mia Michelle Jones
Kaitlin Elaine Josey *
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Jamari Janae Kelly
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Nycolaus Callum King*
Derek Winfield Kirby
Devin Albert Kirby
Hailey Elizabeth Ann Knotts
Serena Nicole Laboy
Kandijah Toni Law
Nyeshia Rose Law
Alia Tiana Lawrence
Ahkeem Elijah Lawson
Ana Victoria Lazo-Wright
Daniesha Janae Levine
Ra'ven Sharenz Logan *
Noreon Zantrell Ludd
Deandrae Mack, Jr.
Demetrius O'Neal Mack
Summer Leigh Magaw
Ty'Shonda Shyasjha Maple
Austin Ricardo Martinez *
Paroudyce Michelle Mason
Kimouri Ti'Shay Massey
Briana Ny'Aisha McBride
Kaseem Sentell McBride
D'erra Renai McCarthy
Eric Michael McClam
Tnea Shane Lashawn McClary
Caleb Garret McCloud
Jade Hazel McCoy *
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Kennique Nyxa Keizhon Perry
Jamar Jerome Peterson
Dennis Pineda Cardenas
Amiyah Sharnice Pinkney
Christian Nathaniel Plemons
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Adriana Abigail Ora Powell
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Quadaijah TiKemma Richardson
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Malaysia Alia Spears
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Lathan Robert Todd *
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Ty'Juan Lamar Washington
Destini Diane Waterman
Noah Hunter Waters
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Jayden Christmas
Valencia Croom
Bailey Dickson
Trent Frye
Donavon Grider
Gianna Hill
Faith Howard
Makayla Johnson
Micah Johnson
Jonathan Paul Jones
Janiece Matthews
Scott McConn
Tyress Patterson
Juwan Perdue
Alejandro Pineda-Cardenas
Malik Richardson
Kali Roland
Brittany Sanders
Dayjah Sanseverino
Nia Tindal

"Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom." Oprah Winfrey

Sumter High School

Class of 2018

McKenzie Faye Michelson
Valedictorian

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Salutatorian

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Ransom Anderson
Shakera La'Quasia Anderson
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Clayten Lafe Barnes*
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Anya Yvette Bethea
Carmen Alicia Blake*
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Mel'Anita Rakwanya Boyd
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Amaz Willie Braddy-Sumpter*
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Tyler Wade Browder
Armani Andrea Brown
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Shonteria Brown
Terrionta Delors Brown
Trinity LuVon Brown*
Dione Izaiah Brown-Coleman
James Edward Brownlee
India E'mani Angel Brunson
Jahmani D'Yana-Zhané Brunson
Janeisha Alliyah Brunson
Tynaizah Unique Brunson
Lei'Lani Shanice Bullard
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Euprice Dewayne Corre Cross
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Everett Javonta Dinkins
Ja'Nautica Ny'Asia Dinkins
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Loucinda Christine Favor*
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Hunter Jalen Ferebee
Raina' Nicole Flakes
Harold H. Fleming
Deonte Marquett Flowers
Ronald Dixon Flowers
Hannah Kay Floyd
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Marcus T. Fountain
Amaya Gemanie Franklin
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Davis Maxwell Fuller
Shakyla Anastasia Funchess-Dantzler
Anthony-John Orgo Gabriel
Winfield Deas Gadson
Nayonna Shaynice Gardner
Keyonte Arnez Gass
Denzel Khalif Gayle
Odell Rayshaun Gibbs
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Larrissa Chasity Nichole Greene
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J'Lyn J'Anthony Hilton
Khamaya Janae Hilton
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Toniesha Lashane Holmes
Meggan Elizabeth House
Ozhane Breshawn Howard
Andrew Joseph Huggins
Dyllan James Humphries
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Emily Sue Irvin*
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Donquell Demond Isaac
Monquell Seymond Isaac
Shannan Jamal Isaac
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Zykiem Rayquan Jackson
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Da'Quanté Ryshed Jacobs
Woodley Kate James*
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Joon Jang
Zykeria Danija Jefferson
J'Quan Tylek Jenkins-Johnson
De'Ovion Shaniya Jenkins-Rose
Jarod Rourke Jennings
Jimmie Lee Joe
Brendan Alexander Markel Johnson
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Lauryn Denise Johnson
Marcus Je'Von Johnson
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Haleigh Garrison Jordan*
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Kaleb David Keelin
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Anna Grace Kelley
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Juelle Trinty King
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Kyla Danielle Kitterman
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Kewaumie Rodrigueze Lackey
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Joshua Andrew Langlois
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COMMENTARY

Boehner's right that it's Trump's party right now

"There is no Republican Party. There's a Trump party," John Boehner told a Mackinac, Michigan, gathering of the GOP faithful last week. "The Republican Party is kind of taking a nap somewhere."

Ex-Speaker Boehner should probably re-check the old party's pulse, for the Bush-Boehner GOP may not just be napping. It could be comatose.

Consider. That GOP was dedicated to free trade, open borders, amnesty and using U.S. power to punish aggressors and "end tyranny in our world." That GOP set out to create a new world order where dictatorships were threatened with "regime change," and democratic capitalism was the new order of the ages.

Pat Buchanan

Yet, Donald Trump captured the Republican nomination and won the presidency — by saying goodbye to all that.

How probable is it that a future GOP presidential candidate will revive the Bush-Boehner agenda the party rejected in 2016, run on it, win and impose it on the party and nation?

Bush-Boehner Republicanism appears to be as dead today as was Harding-Coolidge Republicanism after 1933. And if Trumpism is not the future of the GOP, it is hard to see what a promising GOP agenda might look like.

A brief history: In seven elections starting in 1992, Republicans won the presidency three times, but the popular vote only once, in 2004, when George W. was still basking in his "Mission Accomplished" in Iraq.

What fractured and overwhelmed the Bush-Boehner Republican Party?

First, demography. The mass immigration of Third World peoples that began with the 1965 immigration act, and the decline in the birth rate of native-born Americans, began to swamp the Nixon-Reagan New Majority.

Second, the collapse of the Soviet Empire and USSR removed the party's great unifying cause from Eisenhower to Bush I — the Cold War.

After the Red Army went home, "America First" had a new appeal!

Third, faithful to the free trade cult in which they were raised, Republicans championed NAFTA, the WTO and MFN for China.

Historians will look back in amazement at how America's free trade zealots gave away the greatest manufacturing base the world had ever seen, as they quoted approvingly 18th- and 19th-century scribblers whose ideas had done so much to bring down their own country, Great Britain.

Between 1997 and 2017, the EU ran up, at America's expense, trade surpluses in goods in excess of $2 trillion, while we also picked up the bill for Europe's defense.

Between 1992 and 2016, China was allowed to run $4 trillion in trade surpluses at our expense, converting herself into the world's first manufacturing power and denuding America of tens of thousands of factories and millions of manufacturing jobs.

In Trump's first year, China's trade surplus with the United States hit $375 billion. From January to March of this year, our trade deficit with China was running at close to the same astronomical rate.

"Trade deficits do not matter," we hear from the economists.

They might explain that to Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

And perhaps someone can explain the wisdom of handing 4 percent of our GDP each year to an adversary nation, as U.S. admirals talk tough about confronting that adversary nation over islets and reefs in the South China Sea.

Why are we enriching and empowering so exorbitantly those whom we are told we may have to fight?

Fourth, under Bush II and Obama, the U.S. intervened massively in the Near and Middle East — in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria, Yemen. And the forces that pushed up into those conflicts, and so disillusioned the nation that it elected Barack Obama, are back, pushing for a new war, on Iran. They may get this war, too.

Yet, given the anti-interventionist and anti-war stance of Trump's winning campaign, and of the Bernie Sanders campaign, U.S. involvement in Middle East wars seems less America's future than it does her past.

After his 16 months in office, it appears as though the Trump presidency, no matter how brief, is going to be a watershed moment in U.S. and world history, and in the future of the GOP.

The world is changing. NATO and the EU are showing their age. Nationalism, populism and tribalism are pervasive on the Old Continent. And America's willingness to bear the burden of Europe's defense, as they ride virtually free, is visibly waning.

It is hard to see why or how Republicans are ever again going to be the Bush-Boehner party that preceded the rise of Trump.

What would be the argument for returning to a repudiated platform?

Trump not only defeated 16 Bush Republicans, but he also presented an agenda on immigration, border security, amnesty, intervention abroad, the Middle East, NAFTA, free trade, Putin and Russia that was a rejection of what the Bush-Boehner Party had stood for and what its presidential candidates in 2008 and 2012, John McCain and Mitt Romney, had run on.

If the Republican Party is "napping," let it slumber on, undisturbed, for its time has come and gone. We are in a new world now.

Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of a new book, "Nixon's White House Wars: The Battles That Made and Broke a President and Divided America Forever."

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THE TIMES AND DEMOCRAT
June 5

Political discourse has sunken to new lows

The political discourse in America has deteriorated.

Day after day there are accusations and counter accusations, some based in fact, many not. President Donald Trump gets a lot of the blame for the tone of the discourse, but the deterioration of the debate did not begin with his campaign and administration.

Trump speaks his mind, often sounding like the reality TV host he once was. He makes sweeping statements that set off his critics, many of whom are so anti-Trump that they can't see the forest for the trees when it comes to anything but hatred for the president.

Some media, particularly TV talk shows, try to pass themselves off as providers of news. But they are as guilty as any politician or group of sinking the discourse to new lows. Depending on the host, guests and network, it's either pro-Trump all the time or anti-Trump from start to finish.

Elected officials themselves complain about discourse, but they generally blame the opposition as the root cause.

There are exceptions. S.C. Congressman Trey Gowdy is one. He's been on both sides of the debate, which generally means he must be "shooting straight" when it comes to calling things as he sees them.

Having been accused of being a GOP partisan in his role as chairman of the special committee investigating events surrounding the 2012 terrorist attack in Benghazi, which was in part responsible for discovering Hillary Clinton's private email server, Gowdy has stood firm in a professional approach. His track record as a federal prosecutor has served him well.

Now Gowdy is again speaking frankly in the face of the present administration's ongoing accusations about "Spygate" and allegations of FBI improprieties involving the Trump campaign.

This past week, the Upstate Republican who chairs the House Oversight Committee went public in saying there is no evidence the FBI planted a "spy" in Trump's 2016 campaign.

"I am even more convinced that the FBI did exactly what my fellow citizens would want them to do when they got the information they got and that it has nothing to do with Donald Trump," Gowdy told Fox News.

Gowdy later said he had "never heard the term 'spy' used" and did not see evidence of it. "Informants are used all day, every day by law enforcement," he told "CBS This Morning."

As noted in Associated Press reporting, "Gowdy's comments that undermine the president's claims are particularly striking" because of his individual stature, senior leadership role and history with the Benghazi/Clinton probe.

Though his assessment does not fit the political narrative for Trump, no one can accuse Gowdy of disloyalty to the GOP or even the president. He, like other leaders, should lead, being unwilling to let politics and partisanship rule when they should not.

Earlier this year, in discussing his retirement from Congress, Gowdy identified much of the problem in Washington:

"I like jobs where facts matter. I like jobs where fairness matters" — when it's not just about winning, Gowdy told CNN. That is not Washington today.

"There's a proper way to do things," Gowdy said. "I am more at peace in jobs that reward fairness and that are fact-centric than I am in Congress."

"Facts don't seem to matter in the modern political environment."

At least in terms of Gowdy's role for the remaining months of his term, telling it as he sees it based on the facts as he has them does matter. His departure from Congress and the world of national politics is the country's loss.

THE POST AND COURIER
June 3

Debacle is a warning to repair infrastructure

The good news is that the westbound portion of the I-526 bridge over the Wando River has been fixed and reopened well ahead of schedule. The bad news is that a history of problems stretching back since its opening in 1991 suggests more headaches might be just around the corner.

And while the bridge is safe for now, it's worth starting the planning process for its eventual replacement. We're going to have to get in line.

According to the state Department of Transportation, there are more than 700 "structurally deficient" bridges in South Carolina. Only 465 are slated to be replaced in the next 10 years given budget constraints. DOT officials say the state needs at least another $31 million annually to fully repair and replace its aging bridges.

The state Legislature should come up with that money. Repairing and replacing bridges helps avoid costly emergencies and traffic nightmares. And while the Wando River bridge closing was frustrating, a collapse would have been an unthinkable tragedy.

A *Post and Courier* report by Glenn Smith and Andrew Knapp revealed that poorly sealed joints, corrosion, water intrusion, cracks and other problems have plagued the Wando River bridge for years. The DOT has inspected it weekly since problems with a cable were detected in 2016.

That's not likely a sustainable, long-term plan for a road that must accommodate about 35,000 vehicles each day. Planning, permitting and building a new bridge will take a long time. It's better to start now than wait until the next crisis.

It's also important that the area continue to learn from this debacle rather than immediately reverting to business as usual.

To handle traffic over the past few weeks, commuters have gotten creative. They have worked non-traditional hours, telecommuted, carpooled, biked and walked. As a result, the gridlock of the first few days of the bridge shutdown eventually gave way to heavy, but flowing, traffic.

It wasn't an ideal situation, but it worked.

Those traffic solutions can work all the time — not just during an emergency. And adjusting commuting patterns is a far more effective and fiscally responsible way to ease congestion than building new or wider roads.

Besides, the state lacks the funds to preserve its existing bridge infrastructure. It would be unwise to add additional burdens before shoring up all of the needs that have already been identified. And the past few weeks have added a new need to the list.

DOT and state officials are to be commended for resolving a traffic crisis and repairing the bridge ahead of schedule. Local officials adapted admirably to a difficult situation as well. Charleston area commuters can breathe a sigh of relief ... But there is still work to do.

The Wando River bridge will eventually need to be replaced. And so will hundreds of other bridges around South Carolina. Sooner rather than later.

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He has been able to keep up with his classwork by listening to audio books and following along.

"I feel as though everybody needs to strive to find a way to make it work for themselves and work really hard," he said.

Johnson's determination to not let his reading disability hold him back led him to receive the highest overall GPA in English in his class. He plans to continue moving forward despite his challenges after graduation today by turning his hardship into a passion. Johnson intends to study English and business management at Morris College and write in his free time.

Elizabeth Boozer, mother of Joseph Boozer, and her daughter, Clara Clayborne, were excited to see Johnson be recognized multiple times while waiting to present him with the Boozer scholarship.

"I let him know that of all the years that we've been doing this he is the most decorated senior that has gotten the Joseph Boozer Scholarship," Clayborne said.

She said Johnson's determination to do well in school despite having dyslexia makes his story even more amazing. He didn't let that limit him, she said.

"It's a testament to the fact that if you work hard, you can," Clayborne said.

"That's an attribute my brother would have had," she said about Johnson's work ethic. "I can't even tell you how proud we are."

Clayborne said she and her family anticipate learning about the scholarship recipient every year to learn about the student's character.

"We are happy to be one of the [groups that is] going to be contributing to his future," she said about Johnson. "It seems that he is going to have a bright future."

"We want to thank the Osteens for setting up the scholarship," Elizabeth Boozer said.

It's not a small thing to recognize people after they pass because a lot of times people are forgotten, Clayborne said.

She said the fact that the scholarship was set up shows the bridge connecting the employer and employee.

Johnson received more than $19,000 in scholarships through Morris College, the Lakewood Leadership Foundation Boozer Scholarship, the Margaret Dyne Scholarship and the Catchall Masonic Lodge #425 Scholarship.

He was also recognized for completing the Morris College Upward Bound program, receiving the President's Award for Education Excellence and for participating in National Technical Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society and Future Farmers of America.

"I'm deeply honored," Johnson said about receiving multiple scholarships and recognitions.

He also thanked his teachers and Principal John Michalik for their help and encouragement while attending Lakewood.

"I am just really thankful," he said, "and excited to go forward in my life."

AWARDS FROM PAGE A1

problem before taking action — is it an insect or a disease? — and choosing the correct method of controlling it.

"By encouraging our viewers to make careful choices in selecting plants, in placing them properly in their landscape or garden and using thoughtful cultural practices, we help them reduce plant stress, which results in healthier plants more resistant to pests," she said. "We are honored and excited our team was chosen by peers in the industry to receive these awards."

Flynn, who has produced the show since 1999, agreed.

"One aspect that I am really thrilled about is that we won in four different categories," Flynn said. "That speaks to the wide variety of topics we highlight and to the overall quality in covering different subject matter. This is great recognition for the entire team."

The "Making It Grow" team this year won a silver award in the General-How-To/DIY for Television category for the show How to Make Pine Cone Zinnias. This show demonstrated how to use pine cones to create zinnias for a number of decorations. In the show, Rebecca Turk, director of education and events at Moore Farms Botanical Garden, shows McNulty how fun and simple it is. Turk also shares tips she has learned and different ways these tips can be used. Other crew members who made the show a success were Flynn, Mark Adams and Craig Ness.

"Making It Grow" brought home a bronze award in the General-Education for Television category for The Pawpaw Patch show. In this show, McNulty travels to Clemson's Musser Fruit Research Center, where she talks with Greg Reighard, a professor of plant and environmental sciences, about how pawpaws are an excellent food source. Pawpaws exceed apples, peaches and grapes in most vitamins, minerals, amino acids and food energy value. The intense tropical flavor and aroma may also be useful for developing processed food products such as blended fruit drinks, baby food, ice creams and others. In addition to McNulty and Flynn, other crew members involved in shooting this show were Tommy Burgess and Steve Yountz.

The team received another bronze award, in the General-Cultural for Television category, for The Jamestown Foundation show. In this show, which was developed after a suggestion by Alma Harris, executive director of the State Extension Advancement Council, McNulty travels to Jamestown in the Mars Bluff Community of Florence and talks with Terry James about The Jamestown Foundation. The Jamestown settlement was founded in 1870 by Ervin James, a former slave. Ervin wanted to leave his family with land ownership rather than a legacy of slavery and sharecropping. Five years after The Civil War, during the Reconstruction Era, Ervin bought more than 200 acres of land near the Pee Dee River. From 1870 to present day, the land is still owned by the descendants of Ervin James. Joining McNulty for this show were crew members Burgess, Flynn and Ness.

The third bronze award for the group's show The James Beard Dinner won in the General-Documentary: Individual for Television category. In the show, McNulty visits City Roots Farm in Columbia, where local chefs and dishes are featured at the James Beard Foundation Dinner. McNulty talks with managing partners Vanessa Driscoll Bialobreski and Kristian Niemi as they prepare for the event. John Nelson, chief curator of the A.C. Moore Herbarium at the University of South Carolina and a regular guest on "Making It Grow," also is featured in this segment.

In addition to McNulty, other crew members involved with this show were Burgess, Flynn and Ness.

"Making It Grow" airs at 7 p.m. Tuesdays on SCETV and on taped delay at 8 p.m. Tuesdays and 3:30 p.m. Saturdays on the South Carolina Channel.

The Telly Awards were founded in 1979 to honor excellence in local, regional and cable television commercials.

ARREST FROM PAGE A1

Regional Detention Center before she was released on a $3,000 personal recognizance bond on Wednesday.

Montgomery began working at the state prison as a contract employee on June 13, 2017, and as a full-time employee as of May 21, 2018. Montgomery's employment was terminated on June 6.

Lee Correctional Institution is the location of the country's largest prison riot in a quarter century during which seven inmates were killed and more than 20 others were injured in April. The riot reportedly began over territory, money and contraband such as cellphones, according to SCDC Director Bryan Stirling.

Since the riot, at least 16 South Carolina Department of Corrections employees — including Patricia Montgomery and Kyontae Ty' Tiauna Moni Stroman, a former correctional officer at Turbeville Correctional Institution who was arrested on Saturday — have been charged with bribery and bringing contraband into their respective facilities.

Cellphones are a major concern for correctional institutions because the devices can allow inmates to continue illegal activity from inside the facility walls.

To help prevent this, the Federal Communications Commission has been asked to block cellphone signals in state prisons.

In May, corrections officials announced that South Carolina will be the first state in the country to use drones to monitor the inmates and prison grounds of 21 state prisons in an effort to keep contraband such as cellphones and drugs from being thrown over security fences.

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Rembert Area Community Coalition will hold summer camp for ages 3 1/2 to 12 years old from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 11-July 20, at the Rembert Youth Center (behind Rembert Car Wash), 20 Horatio-Hagood Road, Rembert. Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. each day and lunch will be served at noon each day. Reduced rate for multiple children. Apply online at *www.raccinc.org*

The Par 4 Pets Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, June 9, at Crystal Lakes Golf Course. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Format is 4-Man Captain's Choice with entry fee of $160 per team ($40 per player). Entry limited to first 20 teams. During registration, Mulligans will be available for $5, maximum of two per person. Call Kathy Stafford at (803) 469-3906, Teresa Durden at (803) 917-4710 or Mike Ardis at (803) 775-1902.

The senior group of the Mayesville Community Center will hold a fundraiser with raffle from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, at the Community Center, 55 Pringle St., Mayesville. Food available for purchase will include fried fish, hot dogs, French fries and drinks. There will also be slightly used clothing items for sale. Raffle tickets are $1 each and raffle prizes are: $50 gift card for first place; floor fan for second place; and household items basket for third place. Call Neola Davis at (803) 453-6078 or Margie Jefferson at (803) 453-5441.

The Lincoln High School Class of 1968 will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 10, at the Lincoln High School cafeteria, 22 Council St. Plans will be discussed for the 50th class reunion. Call James L. Green at (803) 968-4173.

The Sumter Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, at Shiloh-Randolph Manor, 125 W. Bartlette St. Selena Page-Black, M.A. Organizational Leadership, will speak. It's time to reserve gala tables for Dec. 11. If you know a blind person, contact Debra Canty, chapter president, at (803) 775-5792 or *debra.canty@frontier.com*.

The Sumter Combat Veterans Group will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 15, at 529 N. Wise Drive. Dinner is $5 per plate and will be served after the meeting. Dinner will consist of sausage dog with chili, coleslaw, chips and a drink or water.

A Juneteenth celebration will be held beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 16, at the Mary McLeod Bethune Park, 1175 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Road, Mayesville. Bring your lawn chairs and umbrellas. There will be food, drink, music and more.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart, General George L. Mabry Jr. Chapter 817, will host a cookout from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, at the VA Outpatient Clinic, 407 N. Salem Ave. Members of the chapter will be serving all veterans visiting the clinic on that date.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep emotions out of the workplace or when dealing with anyone who is in a position superior to your own. Listen and make adjustments based on what's best for you, but do so without making a fuss. Avoid making a physical change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Hold tight and be strategic. Making an abrupt move will lead to uncertainty. It is best to refrain from showing anger or getting involved in physical situations that could make you appear unstable or inconsistent. Focus on personal improvements.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make your voice heard. Stand up and be counted. Put your heart and soul into your beliefs, and challenge anyone who is reticent to hear you out. You can make a difference if you use intelligence, fair play and a friendly nudge.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Refuse to let someone get to you. Listen and look for simple, effective ways to deal with any differences you have with others, or choose to do your own thing. Avoid an argument at all costs, and be willing to walk away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Stick to friends who are disciplined and unlikely to tempt you or lead you astray. A business meeting or trip can lead to information that will encourage you to form a partnership. Scrutinize the details before making a commitment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may desire change, but before you get started, check out your options and head in a direction that will help to stabilize your world. Upsetting someone you love by doing something risky will not be worth it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Alter your living quarters or take a trip that offers a unique environment. A pick-me-up will help reduce stress and get you away from some of the trials and tribulations you face at home or at work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put time and effort into something you love to do. A creative outlet will help build confidence as well as encourage you to find a way to make money. A romantic encounter will improve your day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Spend time fixing up your residence or making your way to a place that offers mental stimulation and positive challenges. Test your agility, physical stamina and ability to think fast and react quickly. Live in the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't react too quickly. Put space between you and someone you aren't getting along with. Take time to think matters through and consider the consequences should you take action prematurely. Positive actions will bring good results.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Learn from past mistakes. Use your experience and intelligence to help you overcome anyone or anything that tempts you to do something you probably shouldn't. Use the past to help you bring about a better future.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll learn a difficult lesson if you let someone get away with something that can disrupt your life. Personal changes should come from within and should be put into play because they are what you want and need, not for someone else's benefit.

WEATHER

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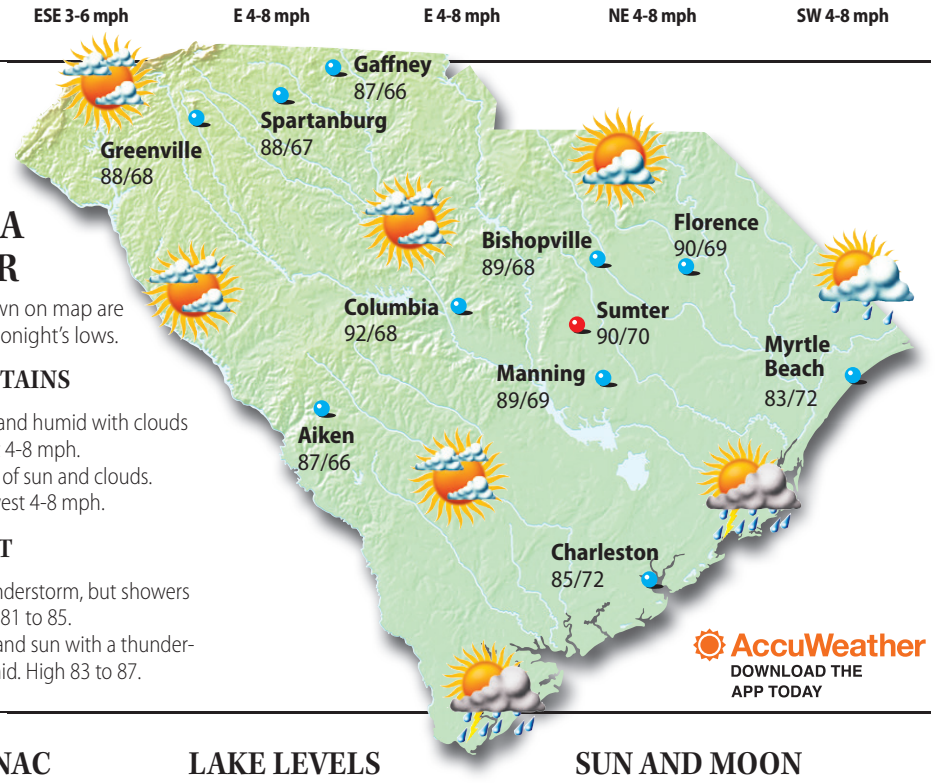
AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Very warm with clouds and sun	Partly cloudy and humid	A thunderstorm in the area	Partly sunny and very warm	An afternoon thunderstorm	Partly sunny, a t-storm; humid
90°	70°	90° / 71°	94° / 72°	91° / 70°	88° / 71°
Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 15%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 20%	Chance of rain: 50%	Chance of rain: 55%
ENE 6-12 mph	ESE 3-6 mph	E 4-8 mph	E 4-8 mph	NE 4-8 mph	SW 4-8 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.



IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Very warm and humid with clouds and sun. Winds east 4-8 mph.
Saturday: A blend of sun and clouds. Winds west-southwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: A stray thunderstorm, but showers around north. High 81 to 85.
Saturday: Clouds and sun with a thunderstorm in spots; humid. High 83 to 87.

LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature

High	90°
Low	70°
Normal high	86°
Normal low	64°
Record high	97° in 2008
Record low	49° in 1976

Precipitation

24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	0.00"
Month to date	trace
Normal month to date	1.18"
Year to date	13.02"
Last year to date	19.01"
Normal year to date	18.80"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.79	-0.08
Marion	76.8	76.26	+0.02
Moultrie	75.5	74.86	+0.12
Wateree	100	100.83	-0.21

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	8.67	-0.38
Congaree River	19	5.09	-0.89
Lynches River	14	3.29	-0.33
Saluda River	14	4.74	-0.05
Up. Santee River	80	80.79	-0.38
Wateree River	24	18.23	-0.87

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:10 a.m.	Sunset	8:32 p.m.
Moonrise	2:46 a.m.	Moonset	3:03 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
June 13	June 20	June 28	July 6

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	4:42 a.m.	2.7	11:41 a.m.	0.2
	5:15 p.m.	2.9	---	---
Sat.	5:37 a.m.	2.8	12:14 a.m.	0.6
	6:09 p.m.	3.1	12:33 p.m.	0.0

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	90/70/pc	90/69/pc
Chicago	75/62/t	75/61/c
Dallas	95/75/pc	95/74/pc
Detroit	80/64/pc	74/59/r
Houston	95/74/pc	95/76/pc
Los Angeles	81/62/s	82/64/s
New Orleans	92/72/s	91/75/t
New York	82/66/pc	80/62/t
Orlando	88/71/t	89/73/pc
Philadelphia	84/67/pc	82/64/t
Phoenix	108/82/pc	110/81/s
San Francisco	69/56/pc	67/53/s
Wash., DC	85/70/pc	84/69/t

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	85/61/t	85/62/t
Athens	91/68/pc	91/68/pc
Augusta	91/69/pc	92/69/pc
Beaufort	85/71/t	87/71/t
Cape Hatteras	84/71/s	85/72/pc
Charleston	85/72/t	87/73/pc
Charlotte	88/66/pc	91/68/pc
Clemson	88/68/pc	87/68/pc
Columbia	92/68/pc	91/69/pc
Darlington	89/68/pc	90/69/pc
Elizabeth City	84/68/s	87/70/pc
Elizabethtown	87/68/sh	88/70/pc
Fayetteville	91/68/pc	91/70/pc
Florence	90/69/pc	90/70/pc
Gainesville	88/69/t	83/70/pc
Gastonia	88/68/pc	89/67/pc
Goldsboro	88/68/sh	88/71/t
Goose Creek	85/71/sh	87/71/pc
Greensboro	87/67/pc	90/68/pc
Greenville	88/68/pc	91/69/pc
Hickory	87/64/pc	89/65/pc
Hilton Head	83/72/t	86/74/pc
Jacksonville, FL	88/71/t	86/71/t
La Grange	91/69/pc	89/69/pc
Macon	90/67/pc	90/69/pc
Marietta	90/67/pc	90/68/pc
Marion	85/63/t	85/63/t
Mt. Pleasant	83/72/t	86/73/pc
Myrtle Beach	83/72/pc	83/72/pc
Orangeburg	88/69/t	88/69/pc
Port Royal	84/72/t	87/72/t
Raleigh	88/66/pc	91/69/pc
Rock Hill	88/67/pc	89/67/pc
Rockingham	88/66/pc	90/69/pc
Savannah	87/72/t	85/72/t
Spartanburg	88/67/pc	89/67/pc
Summerville	85/69/t	87/69/pc
Wilmington	86/73/sh	86/73/t
Winston-Salem	88/66/pc	90/68/pc

ANSWERS TO TODAY'S PUZZLES

CROSSWORD

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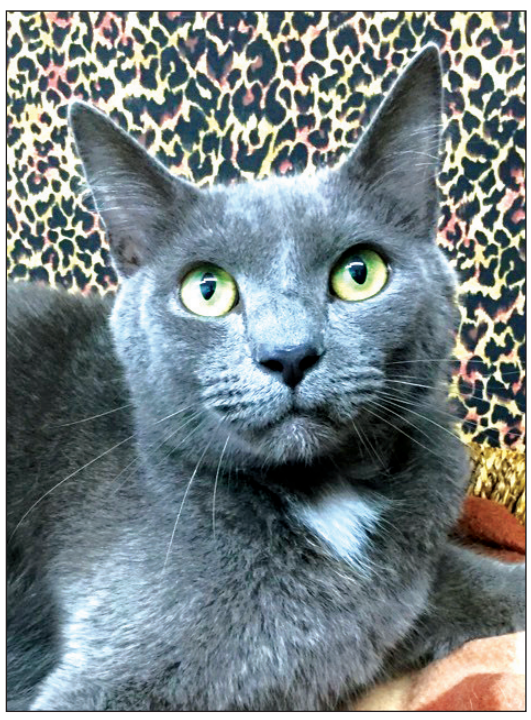
JUMBLE

RISKY SWOON LUNACY INLAND

To enter the cave with the low entrance, they would need all their — DUCKS IN A ROW

SUMTER SPCA PETS OF THE WEEK



FAR LEFT: Teal is a spayed 1-year-old Labrador retriever / husky mix. She is super with other dogs and children. Teal loves to be active and to run and play with other pups. She also enjoys receiving love and attention and would make a great family dog.

LEFT: Jerry is a neutered and housebroken 3-year-old American short hair. He is wonderful with other cats and children. He lives for back scratches and lots of love and attention. He is a gorgeous boy who would also make a great couch potato.

The Sumter SPCA is located at 1140 S. Guignard Drive, (803) 773-9292, and is open 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day except Wednesday and Sunday. Visit *www.sumterscspca.com*.

The SPCA relies heavily on community support and donations. Currently, the biggest needs are for dry puppy and kitten food, wet cat food, cat litter and cleaning supplies. The following are also appreciated:
Newspapers, stuffed animals, heavy duty trash bags (30 gallon or larger), dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, bleach, paper towels, sheets and comforters, baby blankets, canned dog and cat food, dry dog food, treats, leashes and collars, disinfectant spray, all-purpose cleaner, air freshener, no scratch scrubbers, two-sided sponges for dishes, litter freshener and, of course, monetary donations are also gratefully accepted.

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SECTION B

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2018

PALMETTO PINK OPEN

Pros coming to Sumter

Taylor Townsend ranked No. 71 in world, top seed in 12th PPO

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Sloane Stephens gave the Palmetto Pro Open its first ever alumni to win a Grand Slam event when she claimed the 2017 U.S. Open. Stephens, who played in the event in '08, will be playing for her slam title on Saturday in the French Open.

Now the PPO will have another first when the 12th edition of the event begins on Sunday with qualifying matches at Palmetto Tennis Center. The Palmetto Pro Open will have its first ever top 100 player in the world competing in the event, and she is a very familiar face to Gamecock City tennis fans.

Taylor Townsend, the 22-year-old who won the inaugural Sumter Pink Open in October of last year, will bring a ranking of No. 71 in the world as the No. 1 seed in the PPO.

This will be the third time Townsend is a No. 1 seed in a PTC event. Along with being No. 1 in the Pink Open, she was the No. 1 seed in the '15 PPO. She lost in the first round of that event, while winning both singles and doubles in the Pink Open with partner Jessica Pegula.

There are over 200 places in the rankings between Townsend and No. 2 seed Usue Maitane Arcondada. The 19-year-old has a ranking of 288.

Townsend comes into the PPO, a $25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event, on a roll. She won the French Open Wild Card Challenge for the third time in her career and then won her first-round match. She lost in the second round to world No. 1 Simona Halep 6-3, 6-1. Halep is Stephens' opponent in Saturday's final.

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SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Taylor Townsend returns a shot in her championship match victory in the Sumter Pink Open last October at Palmetto Tennis Center. Townsend, ranked No. 71 in the world, will be the No. 1 seed in the Palmetto Pro Open, which begins on Sunday at PTC with qualifying rounds.

USC SUMTER SOCCER

Sumter High's Reyes set to play soccer for Fire Ants

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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The opportunity to play soccer beyond high school didn't look like it might be coming Chris Reyes' way. Reyes, who played striker for four seasons at Sumter High School had no offers to play soccer at the collegiate level.

That is until new University of South Carolina Sumter head coach Skottowe Fox came along.

Fox liked what he saw of Reyes, and the former Gamecock recently signed to become a Fire Ant.

"The coach came and talked to me about the opportunity to play there," Reyes said. "I decided I might as well go to school here and do what I love — play a little more soccer."

REYES

Reyes is hoping to carry it beyond the two years at USC Sumter. He said he started playing soccer in the recreational leagues when he was six years old before moving on to play club soccer.

"Since I was little I always wanted the chance to play soccer at this level," Reyes said.

He was a strong offensive contributor this past season for SHS, which finished the year with a 10-12 record. This past season, he was second on the team in goals with 13 while leading it with eight assists.

As a junior, he was again second on the team in goals with nine and tied for the assist lead with six. As a sophomore, Reyes had seven goals and two assists.

Gamecock head coach Jimmy Watson has nothing but praise for Reyes.

"He came in as a freshman and contributed, and he did that every year," Watson said. "He was double digits in goals for us this year, but the biggest thing was he led us in assists.

"Chris is not a selfish player at all," Watson added. "He did what he could to help us win. He played hard and he worked hard."

Reyes goes to a USC Sumter squad that went 3-11 overall last season. It was USC Sumter's first season since the program was reinstated following a 5-year hiatus. USCS had a men's program for four years before it was disbanded following the 2011 season.

USC BASEBALL

South Carolina returns to basics, reverses its NCAA fortunes

COLUMBIA — First-year coach Mark Kingston knew the only way he could jolt South Carolina out of its midseason funk was getting back to the basics of baseball — good pitches, good swings and good gloves.

It worked.

The once struggling Gamecocks turned things around, landed a spot in the NCAA Tournament and are headed to the super regionals as one of the final 16 teams standing.

"They could've mailed it in a long time ago," said Kingston, hired last June as just South Carolina's third baseball coach in 21 years. "They didn't. They refused to give in. They continued to make adjustments."

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South Carolina right-hander Adam Hill pitches during the Gamecocks' NCAA regional tournament game against Ohio State last week in Greenville, N.C. The Gamecocks will face Arkansas in a best-of-3 super regional in Fayetteville, Arkansas, beginning on Saturday.

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AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Sumter wallops Manning-Santee 18-0 in five innings

BY EDDIE LITAKER
Special to The Sumter Item

MANNING — After losing two of three games and suffering through an uncharacteristically sloppy start in the field in Tuesday's 8-4 League III loss to Hartsville, Sumter's Senior American Legion baseball team took out its frustrations on Manning-Santee Wednesday in the form of an 18-0, 5-inning beatdown at the Manning High School field.

A night after giving up five runs on four errors in the first inning of the loss to Hartsville, Sumter came out the aggressor with five runs of its own in the top of the opening inning. The difference from the previous night was, rather than benefiting from errors in the field, the P-15 batters were just hitting the cover off the ball against five Post 68 pitchers to the tune of 13 hits, including five for extra bases.

"We swung the bats pretty well, that's for sure," said Sumter head coach Curtis Johnson, whose team improved to 4-2 overall and 4-1 in league play. "We just tried to go out and play well. We wanted to string a clean game together (after committing six errors in the Hartsville loss) and play well, and our guys had a good approach and they did a good job. It's one of those things where you don't think about losing two out of three. You think about what's the task in front of us right now and how can we come out on the right side of that."

JOHNSON

Post 68 head coach Spencer Jordan could only praise Sumter for its complete effort in the blowout win.

"Give Sumter some credit. They overcame some adversity from last night, and certainly I know Coach Johnson has got to be proud of the effort they received tonight," said Jordan, whose team dropped to 3-5 overall and 0-3 in league play, with two of those losses coming to Sumter. "I've got to give them a lot of credit, on how they swung the bats tonight and, of course, their execution was outstanding. I wish I could say that we performed to par, but unfortunately we did not. Maybe I need to do a better job of preparing our team for big games. That might become our recipe for success, just being more focused and more intense, because obviously when we got down tonight we lost a lot of focus and intensity, and against a good team."

Chandler Hunter drew a leadoff walk against Post 68 starter Sandy Johnson before a Lathan Todd double, Ryan Moore single and Daulton Dabbs triple, along with a wild pitch from Johnson, helped to stake Sumter to its 5-0 lead.

M-S managed to get two on in the bottom of the first against Sumter starter Rylan Williamson as Braydon Osteen reached on the P-15's only error of the night and Luke Stokes singled to left, but Williamson struck out Justin Evans to end the threat.

Sumter sent 13 batters to the plate in the second while plating eight runs to stretch its lead to 13-0. Corey Blackley had two hits in the frame, a leadoff double and a 1-out infield single, scoring after his double, as three Post 68 pitchers took to the mound before finally closing out the inning.

Sandy Johnson lasted just one full inning, exiting after failing to retire any of the first four batters he faced in the second. His final line included two strikeouts, four walks, six hits and nine runs allowed.

Chandler Evans, the first M-S reliever called upon by Post 68 head coach Spencer Jordan, did not fare much better than starter Johnson. Evans allowed three inherited runners to score and all four batters than Evans faced came around to score before Jake Jordan came on to finally end the inning, recording all three outs.

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SPORTS ITEMS

Junior P-15's 6-0 after win over Turbeville

The Sumter Junior P-15's scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning, and that would be all they needed as they topped Turbeville's Junior American Legion baseball team 2-1 on Wednesday at Riley Park.

Tanner Epps picked up the win for Sumter, which improved to 6-0 on the season. He worked 5⅓ innings and struck out three. Wiley Coker got the save.

Bryce Lyons had two of the Junior P-15's five hits. He also drove in a run as did Aaron Carlton.

Kyler Odom worked four innings and struck out two while taking the loss for Turbeville. He also had two of Turbeville's six hits. Grant Barrineau had an RBI for Turbeville.

OWENS WON'T ATTEND HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

Terrell Owens says he will not attend the induction ceremony for the Pro Football Hall of Fame in August, an unprecedented decision by an enshrinee.

Owens was voted into the hall in February after being denied in his first two years of eligibility.

In a statement released Thursday by his publicist, Owens said: "While I am incredibly appreciative of this opportunity, I have made the decision to publicly decline my invitation to attend the induction ceremony in Canton.

"After visiting Canton earlier this year, I came to the realization that I wish to celebrate what will be one of the most memorable days of my life, elsewhere," Owens added. "At a later date, I will announce where and when I will celebrate my induction.""

The hall confirmed that the former All-Pro receiver informed them he would not be on hand Aug. 4 for the enshrinements.

WOODS WILL PLAY WITH THOMAS, JOHNSON AT U.S. OPEN

Tiger Woods will play the opening two rounds of the U.S. Open with Justin Thomas and Dustin Johnson, which feels like a grouping of Nos. 1-2-3 in the world ranking.

Except that Woods is No. 80.

The USGA released its tee times Thursday for the U.S. Open next week at Shinnecock Hills, and it offered two stacked groups for the morning and afternoon.

Phil Mickelson, Jordan Spieth and Rory McIlroy tee off together in the morning of the first round. Woods, Johnson and Thomas are together in the afternoon.

DIAMOND PRO CAMP STARTS MONDAY

The Diamond Pro Instructional Baseball Camp will hold two sessions at Palmetto Park.

The first will be held June 11-14 and the second will be held June 18-21. The camp, which is open to children ages 7-10, will run from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day.

The fee is $60 for one session and $100 if attending both sessions.

A pre-registration will be held on Sunday at 5 p.m. at Palmetto Park.

For more information, contact camp directors Frankie Ward at (803) 720-4081, Barry Hatfield at (803) 236-4768 or Robbie Mooneyham at (803) 938-3141.

BASKETBALL CAMP STARTS MONDAY

A basketball camp for girls entering grades 5-8 will be held June 11-14 at the Manning First Baptist Church gymnasium.

The camp is free and will run from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day. Jack Gibson and Betsy Reynolds will run the camp.

Emphasis will be on passing, dribbling, shooting and defensive skills.

POP WARNER FOOTBALL REGISTRATION JUNE 16

Registration for the YAS Pop Warner Sumter Spartans Football & Cheer tackle program will be held on Saturday, June 16, at Brand University located at 4676 Broad Street.

The registration event will also consist of a car wash and fish fry fundraiser.

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

From staff and wire reports

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

6:30 a.m. — Professional Tennis: French Open Men's Singles Semifinal Matches from Paris (TENNIS).
9 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Shot Clock Masters Second Round from Atzenbrugg, Austria (GOLF).
9:55 a.m. — Formula One Racing: Canadian Grand Prix Practice from Montreal (ESPNU).
11 a.m. — Professional Tennis: French Open Men's Singles Semifinal Matches from Paris (WIS 10, NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
11 a.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Chapel Hill Super Regional Game 1 from Chapel Hill, N.C. — Stetson vs. North Carolina (ESPN2).
11:30 a.m. — Women's International Golf: Curtis Cup Day 1 Foursomes from Scarsdale, N.Y. — United States vs. Great Britain and Ireland (FOX SPORTS 1).
11:30 a.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice from Brooklyn, Mich. (FOX SPORTS 2).
11:30 a.m. — Professional Golf: Web.com Tour Rust-Oleum Championship Second Round from Mundelein, Ill. (GOLF).
1 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Practice from Brooklyn, Mich. (FOX SPORTS 2).
1:30 p.m. — LPGA Golf: Shoprite LPGA Classic First Round from Galloway, N.J. (GOLF).
1:55 p.m. — Formula One Racing: Canadian Grand Prix Practice from Montreal (ESPNU).
2 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Fullerton Super Regional Game 1 from Fullerton, Calif. — Washington at Cal State Fullerton (ESPN2).
2 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs (MLB NETWORK).
3 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Practice from Brooklyn, Mich. (FOX SPORTS 1).
4 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Pole Qualifying from Brooklyn, Mich. (FOX SPORTS 1).
4 p.m. — PGA Golf: FedEx St. Jude Classic Second Round from Memphis, Tenn. (GOLF).
4 p.m. — IRL Racing: IndyCar Series DXC Technology 600 Pole Qualifying from Fort Worth, Texas (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
4:30 p.m. — International Volleyball: FIVB Nations League Preliminary-Round Match from Ottawa, Ontario — United States vs. Germany (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
5 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Corvalis Super Regional Game 1 from Corvalis, Ore. — Minnesota vs. Oregon State (ESPN2).
5 p.m. — Women's International Golf: Curtis Cup Day 1 Four-Ball Matches from Scarsdale, N.Y. — United States vs. Great Britain and Ireland (FOX SPORTS 1).
5 p.m. — Horse Racing: New York Stakes and Belmont Gold Cup from Elmont, N.Y. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
5:30 p.m. —- NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series PPG 400 Pole Qualifying from Fort Worth, Texas (FOX SPORTS 2).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
6:30 p.m. — American Legion Baseball: Hampton at Sumter (WWHM-FM 92.3, WWHM-FM 93.3, WWHM-AM 1290).
7 p.m. — College Track and Field: NCAA Outdoor Championships Day 2 from Eugene, Ore. — Men's Track Finals, Men's High Jump Final, Discus Final and Triple Jump Final and Women's Heptathlon Day 2 (ESPN2).
7 p.m. — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Principal Charity Classic First Round from Des Moines, Iowa (GOLF).
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Yankees at New York Mets or San Francisco at Washington (MLB NETWORK).
8 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Nashville Super Regional Game 1 from Nashville, Tenn. — Mississippi State vs. Vanderbilt (ESPN2).
8 p.m. — Professional Swimming: TYR Pro Series from Santa Clara, Calif. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8:30 p.m. — College Track and Field: NCAA Outdoor Championships Day 2 from Eugene, Ore. — Men's Track Finals, Men's High Jump Final, Discus Final and Triple Jump Final and Women's Heptathlon Day 2 (ESPN).
9 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Finals Game 4 — Golden State at Cleveland (WOLO 25).
9 p.m. —- NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series PPG 400 from Fort Worth, Texas (FOX SPORTS 1, WEGX-FM 92.9).
10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Los Angeles Dodgers (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).

SATURDAY

5 a.m. — Professional Tennis: French Open Men's Doubles Championship Match from Paris (TENNIS).
7:30 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Shot Clock Masters Third Round from Atzenbrugg, Austria (GOLF).
9 a.m. — Professional Tennis: French Open Women's Singles Championship Match from Paris (WIS 10).
9 a.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice from Brooklyn, Mich. (FOX SPORTS 1).
10 a.m. — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series LTi Printing 250 Pole Qualifying from Brooklyn, Mich. (FOX SPORTS 1).
10:55 a.m. — Formula One Racing: Canadian Grand Prix Practice from Montreal (ESPN2).
11:30 a.m. — Women's International Golf: Curtis Cup Day 2 Foursomes from Scarsdale, N.Y. — United States vs. Great Britain and Ireland (FOX SPORTS 1).
Noon — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Gainesville Super Regional Game 1 from Gainesville, Fla. — Auburn vs. Florida (ESPN).
Noon — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Chapel Hill Super Regional Game 2 from Chapel Hill, N.C. — Stetson vs. North Carolina (ESPN2).
Noon — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice from Brooklyn, Mich. (FOX SPORTS 2).
Noon — Major League Baseball: San Francisco at Washington or Milwaukee at Philadelphia (MLB NETWORK).
12:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Atlanta at New York City (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
1 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series LTi Printing 250 from Brooklyn, Mich. (WACH 57, WEGX-FM 92.9).
1 p.m. — PGA Golf: FedEx St. Jude Classic Third Round from Memphis, Tenn. (GOLF).
1:55 p.m. — Formula One Racing: Canadian Grand Prix Pole Qualifying from Montreal (ESPNEWS).
2 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Minnesota at Connecticut (NBA TV).
2 p.m. — Horse Racing: Metropolitan Miles, Woody Stephens Stakes and Just A Game Stakes from Elmont, N.Y. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
2:55 p.m. — International Soccer: France vs. United States from Lyon, France (ESPN).
3 p.m. — Track and Field: Oslo Bislett Games from Oslo, Norway (WIS 10).
3 p.m. — PGA Golf: FedEx St. Jude Classic Third Round from Memphis, Tenn. (WLTX 19).
3 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Austin Super Regional Game 1 from Austin, Texas — Tennessee Tech vs. Texas (ESPN2).
3 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Lubbock Super Regional Game 1 from Lubbock, Texas — Duke vs. Texas Tech (ESPNU).
3 p.m. — LPGA Golf: Shoprite LPGA Classic Second Round from Galloway, N.J. (GOLF).
3:30 p.m. — American Legion Baseball: Beaufort at Sumter (WWHM-FM 92.3, WWHM-FM 93.3, WWHM-AM 1290).
4 p.m. — Horse Racing: Belmont Stakes from Elmont, N.Y. (WIS 10).
4 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Boston or Cleveland at Detroit (MLB NETWORK).
5 p.m. — Major League Soccer: New York at Columbus (ESPN).
5 p.m. — Women's International Golf: Curtis Cup Day 2 Four-Ball Matches from Scarsdale, N.Y. — United States vs. Great Britain and Ireland (FOX SPORTS 1).
5 p.m. — Professional Golf: Web.com Tour Rust-Oleum Championship Third Round from Mundelein, Ill. (GOLF).
6:30 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Fayetteville Super Regional Game 1 from Fayetteville, Ark. — South Carolina vs. Arkansas (ESPN2, WNKT-FM 107.5).
6:30 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Fullerton Super Regional Game 2 from Fullerton, Calif. — Washington at Cal State Fullerton (ESPNU).
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Yankees at New York Mets (WACH 57).
7 p.m. — College Track and Field: NCAA Outdoor Championships Day 2 from Eugene, Ore. — Women's Track Finals, and Women's High Jump Final, Discus Final and Triple Jump Final (ESPN).
7 p.m. — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Principal Charity Classic Second Round from Des Moines, Iowa (GOLF).
7:30 p.m. — Arena Football: Baltimore at Albany (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
8:30 p.m. — IRL Racing: IndyCar Series DXC Technology 600 from Fort Worth, Texas (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
9 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Los Angeles Dodgers (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
9:30 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Nashville Super Regional Game 1 from Nashville, Tenn. — Mississippi State vs. Vanderbilt (ESPN).
9:30 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Corvalis Super Regional Game 2 from Corvalis, Ore. — Minnesota vs. Oregon State (ESPN2).
9:30 p.m. — College Track and Field: NCAA Outdoor Championships Day 2 from Eugene, Ore. — Women's Track Finals, and Women's High Jump Final, Discus Final and Triple Jump Final (ESPNU).
10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Los Angeles Dodgers (Joined In Progress (MLB NETWORK).
10 p.m. — Professional Boxing: Leo Santa Cruz vs. Abner Mares for the WBA Super Featherweight Title and Jermell Charlo vs. Austin Trout, for the WBC Junior Middleweight Title from Los Angeles (SHOWTIME).
11:30 p.m. — Professional Swimming: TYR Pro Series from Santa Clara, Calif. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
1 a.m. — Amateur Diving: FINA World Cup Women's 3-Meter Final from Wuhan, China (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	43	19	.694	—
New York	40	18	.690	1
Tampa Bay	28	32	.467	14
Toronto	26	35	.426	16½
Baltimore	19	41	.317	23

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	32	28	.533	—
Detroit	29	34	.460	4½
Minnesota	27	32	.458	4½
Kansas City	21	41	.339	12
Chicago	20	40	.333	12

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	38	23	.623	—
Houston	38	25	.603	1
Los Angeles	35	28	.556	4
Oakland	31	31	.500	7½
Texas	27	37	.422	12½

WEDNESDAY
Washington 11, Tampa Bay 2
Baltimore 1, N.Y. Mets 0
Cleveland 3, Milwaukee 1
N.Y. Yankees 3, Toronto 0, 13 innings
Boston 7, Detroit 1
Texas 8, Oakland 2
Chicago White Sox 5, Minnesota 2
Houston 7, Seattle 5
L.A. Angels 4, Kansas City 3

THURSDAY
Minnesota 7, Chicago White Sox 2
Baltimore at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Seattle at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Houston at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

TODAY
Baltimore (Cashner 2-7) at Toronto (Happ 7-3), 7:07 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Covey 1-1) at Boston (Sale 5-3), 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Bauer 4-4) at Detroit (Fulmer 2-5), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 7-2) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 4-0), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Gonzales 6-3) at Tampa Bay (Font 0-2), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (Verlander 7-2) at Texas (Fister 1-6), 8:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Richards 4-4) at Minnesota (Lynn 4-4), 8:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Junis 5-5) at Oakland (Montas 2-0), 10:05 p.m.

SATURDAY
Baltimore at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Boston, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 4:10 p.m.
Seattle at Tampa Bay, 4:10 p.m.
Houston at Texas, 7:15 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets, 7:15 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	35	25	.583	—
Atlanta	36	26	.581	—
Philadelphia	32	28	.533	3
New York	27	32	.458	7½
Miami	22	40	.355	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	37	25	.597	—
Chicago	35	24	.593	½
St. Louis	33	27	.550	3
Pittsburgh	31	31	.500	6
Cincinnati	22	41	.349	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	32	29	.525	—
Colorado	32	30	.516	½
Los Angeles	31	31	.500	1½
San Francisco	31	31	.500	1½
San Diego	29	35	.453	4½

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Washington 11, Tampa Bay 2
Baltimore 1, N.Y. Mets 0
Cleveland 3, Milwaukee 1
San Diego 3, Atlanta 1
San Francisco 5, Arizona 4, 10 innings
Pittsburgh 11, L.A. Dodgers 9
Colorado 6, Cincinnati 3
Chicago Cubs 7, Philadelphia 5
Miami 11, St. Louis 3

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Cincinnati 7, Colorado 5, 13 innings
L.A. Dodgers 8, Pittsburgh 7
St. Louis 4, Miami 1
Chicago Cubs 4, Philadelphia 3

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Pittsburgh (Kuhl 4-3) at Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 1-1), 2:20 p.m.
Milwaukee (Chacin 4-1) at Philadelphia (Velasquez 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Suarez 2-4) at Washington (Strasburg 6-5), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 7-2) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 4-0), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Lauer 2-3) at Miami (Smith 4-6), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Weaver 3-5) at Cincinnati (Harvey 1-4), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (Greinke 4-4) at Colorado (Marquez 4-5), 8:40 p.m.
Atlanta (McCarthy 5-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 3-1), 10:10 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
San Francisco at Washington, 12:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
San Diego at Miami, 4:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 4:10 p.m.
Arizona at Colorado, 7:15 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets, 7:15 p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

NBA FINALS

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Golden State 3, Cleveland 0
Thursday, May 31: Golden State 124, Cleveland 114, OT
Sunday, June 3: Golden State 122, Cleveland 103
Wednesday, June 6: Golden State 110, Cleveland 102
Friday, June 8: Golden State at Cleveland, 9 p.m.
x-Monday, June 11: Cleveland at Golden State, 9 p.m.
x-Thursday, June 14: Golden State at Cleveland, 9 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 17: Cleveland at Golden State, 8 p.m.

STANLEY CUP

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Washington 3, Vegas 1
Monday, May 28: Vegas 6, Washington 4
Wednesday, May 30: Washington 3, Vegas 2
Saturday, June 2: Washington 3, Vegas 1
Monday, June 4: Washington 6, Vegas 2
Thursday, June 7: Washington at Vegas, 8 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 10: Vegas at Washington, 8 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 13: Washington at Vegas, 8 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

THURSDAY
BASEBALL
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended free-agent LHP Fernando Abad 80 games and Chicago Cubs RHP David Garner (Iowa-PCL) 100 games for violations of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Optioned LHP Bobby Poyner to Pawtucket (IL). Recalled LHP Jalen Beeks from Pawtucket.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Optioned RHP Juan Minaya and LHP Aaron Bummer to Charlotte (IL). Selected the contract of LHP Xavier Cedeno from Charlotte.
DETROIT TIGERS — Signed RHP Jacob Turner to a minor league contract. Activated RHP Alex Wilson from the 10-day DL. Optioned 3B Ronny Rodriguez to Toledo (IL).
MINNESOTA TWINS — Reinstated RHP Trevor May from the 60-day DL and optioned him to Rochester (IL). Transferred C Jason Castro to the 60-day DL.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Optioned C Bruce Maxwell to Nashville (PCL). Reinstated RHP Paul Blackburn from the 60-day DL. Transferred OF Boog Powell to the 60-day DL.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Designated INF Brad Miller for assignment.
TEXAS RANGERS — Signed president of baseball operations and general manager Jon Daniels to a multi-year contract extension.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Designated 3B Kristopher Negron for assignment.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Placed LHP Tony Cingrani on the 10-day DL. Optioned LHP Caleb Ferguson to Oklahoma City (PCL). Recalled RHP Pedro Baez and LHP Edward Paredes from Oklahoma City.

AUTO RACING

Matt Kenseth comfortable with role at Roush Fenway

BY PETE IACOBELLI
The Associated Press

DARLINGTON — Matt Kenseth's goals are all short-term these days.

The 2003 NASCAR champion who rejoined owner Jack Roush at Roush Fenway Racing two months ago understands he's not yet a threat to win in the No. 6 Ford. And with a part-time schedule, Kenseth is not worried about points or the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series playoffs.

"It's a lot different than anything I ever done before," Kenseth said Wednesday at Darlington Raceway, where he took part in a tire test. "It's stepping into something that's somewhat of a project."

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And one that Kenseth's not sure he's yet helped improve.

He was 36th in his return with Roush Fenway at Kansas last month due to an accident. Kenseth took the pole for the All-Star race at Charlotte and finished 14th in the race, then 17th a week later in the Coca-Cola 600. Kenseth felt the team had improved a week ago with a 13th at Pocono and is looking for better things this weekend at Michigan.

Kenseth had 39 wins in 21 years of racing, most of those as Roush driver. Their biggest moments came in the 2003 championship season when the ultra-consistent Kenseth had a win and 25 top 10s to capture the title.

After the 2012 season, Kenseth jumped to Joe Gibbs Racing where he finished second in the championship chase in 2013. He lost his ride at JGR after this past season and could not find a fulltime seat for 2018.

Instead of fretting about lost opportunities or lobbying for a spot, Kenseth stayed content and comfortable on the sidelines with his family. His 25-year-old son Ross races stock cars, and Matt and wife Katie have four daughters ranging from 8-year-old Kaylin to five-month old Mallory.

But amid the family time, a call came from his old boss, Roush.

Kenseth thought about the offer and, because of his respect for Roush, decided to return and help improve the one-time powerhouse No. 6 ride made famous by Hall of Famer Mark Martin. Trevor Bayne was in the No. 6 at the start of the season.

Kenseth said his role is to help get his car and the No. 17 team of Ricky Stenhouse Jr. running alongside NASCAR's best.

"There's a lot of great things there and they have a lot of good momentum," Kenseth said of the Roush Fenway teams. "But we still know there's a lot of work to do to get both cars up there contending week in and week out."

That's part of the reason Kenseth and the team came to Darlington for the tire test. Kenseth won the Southern 500 here in 2013 and has 12 top-10 finishes in 24 starts, so he's adept at navigating the track. The extra laps, though, give him an extra chance to bond with the No. 6 crew during the tire tests.

"That's an important thing," he said.

Kenseth has enjoyed his changed role in NASCAR and hopes he can improve Roush Fenway's fortunes for this season and beyond — but not necessarily with him in the car long-term. The 46-year-old driver sees this season as a week-to-week proposition without an eye on staking himself to a full-time job because of satisfactory performance.

FRENCH OPEN

PPO alum Stephens, Halep in French Open women's final

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
The Associated Press

PARIS — When the French Open final was played a year ago, Sloane Stephens was nowhere near Roland Garros. She was in Chicago with coach Kamau Murray, working her way back from a foot injury that required surgery and sidelined her for 11 months.

"Indoors on a hard court. Getting ready for grass. Barely walking. Playing tennis next to a bunch of 5- and 6-year-old screaming kids," Murray recalled. "So to be here from there, I think, is rewarding, because those times were not easy."

The times are good now. Stephens closed in on her second Grand Slam title by beating pal Madison Keys 6-4, 6-4 on Thursday in the first all-American semifinal at the French Open since 2002. It also was a rematch of the U.S. Open final won by Stephens last September.

"It's always hard playing someone from your country and such a good friend," Stephens said, "so I was really pleased to be able to get through that and play some good tennis."

The 10th-seeded Stephens' opponent in Saturday's final will be Simona Halep, who emphatically ended the impressive French Open run of 2016 champion Garbine Muguruza by defeating her 6-1, 6-4.

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Sloane Stephens clenches her fist after defeating Madison Keys 6-4, 6-4 in their semifinal match in the French Open on Thursday at Roland Garros in Paris.

Halep, who assured herself of retaining the No. 1 ranking with the victory, earned a fourth chance to win her first major title.

She twice has lost in the final at Roland Garros — to Maria Sharapova in 2014 and to Jelena Ostapenko in 2017 — and was the runner-up to Caroline Wozniacki at the Australian Open in January.

"I lost three times until now and no one died," Halep said, "so it will be OK."

Muguruza, a two-time major champion, entered the semifinals having not lost a set in the tournament. She also was coming off a lopsided victory in the quarterfinals a day earlier, overwhelming Sharapova 6-2, 6-1.

But it took Muguruza quite a while to get going against Halep, who managed to keep sending ball after ball back over the net.

Backed by fans who loudly chanted her first name between games, Halep went ahead 3-0 with the help of only one winner. Of her first 14 points, 13 arrived via errors by Muguruza — nine unforced, four forced.

It was 5-0 by the time Muguruza eventually claimed a game.

Muguruza's last stand came at 4-all in the second set, a 13-minute game in which she held three break points. But she failed to convert any of those, and Halep held there, before breaking at love to end it.

While the Romanian sometimes has trouble with so much on the line, Stephens has been perfect in title matches on the WTA tour, going 6-0.

"I mean, there is no formula. I didn't, like, try to do it. I'm not trying to break a record. It's just how it's happened for me," Stephens said, "I think once I get going in a tournament, I'm pretty consistent, which is good. I just try to keep that going."

She had never made it past the fourth round on the red clay of Paris until now. This year, she was two points from defeat in the third round against Camila Giorgi of Italy before turning that match around.

Stephens hasn't dropped a set since.

"When you make it out of that," Murray said, "you build a little bit of confidence."

Like Halep, Stephens is an incredibly talented defensive player, and she kept stretching points Thursday until Keys would err.

In all, Keys made 41 unforced errors, 30 more than Stephens.

"It's really tough to get any ball by her, but especially today, she was neutralizing so well. And she was hitting so many deep, heavy balls, that I really felt like I was having to go for a lot," said Keys, who is now 0-3 against Stephens.

"There is a lot of times where I feel like she made the ball by a centimeter," Keys continued, "and I was missing it. Just one of those days where I think she played incredibly well."

There was a stretch after winning the U.S. Open that Stephens did not manage to do that.

Ever.

She endured an eight-match losing streak after leaving New York, going 0-6 for the rest of 2017 and then 0-2 to begin 2018, including a first-round loss at the Australian Open.

"Life came at me fast after the U.S. Open," said Stephens, whose late father, John, was the 1988 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year with the New England Patriots.

She regrouped and got headed back in the right direction. At the Miami Open in March, she won the title, beating four major champions in a row.

Now she stands between Halep and her first Grand Slam trophy.

FRENCH OPEN

Nadal into 11th French Open semi; del Potro in 1st since '09

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
The Associated Press

PARIS — That Rafael Nadal would reach a record 11th French Open semifinal, closing in on his 11th championship at Roland Garros, was hardly surprising.

That he trailed by a set and a break before rain delays allowed him to change tactics and recover to get there? Now that, certainly, was unusual.

His opponent Friday will be Juan Martin del Potro, who got choked up after waiting nearly a decade to return to the final four in Paris — and dealing with three wrist operations in the interim.

Both men advanced by winning quarterfinals suspended the night before because of rain. The No. 1-ranked Nadal quickly announced Thursday that he was not going to be as passive as he was in the early going against 11th-seeded Diego Schwartzman, seizing 12 of the initial 13 points after they stepped out under a blue sky and pulling away for a 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 victory at Court Philippe Chatrier.

"Totally different guy yesterday," Schwartzman said. "Maybe the day when you can beat Rafa was yesterday."

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Juan Martin Del Potro returns the ball to Marin Cilic during del Potro's 7-6 (5), 5-7, 6-3, 7-5 victory in the quarterfinals of the French Open on Thursday at Roland Garros in Paris.

Across the way at Court Suzanne Lenglen, No. 5 del Potro got distracted by a spectator right before a key double-fault, then marched over toward the stands to try to figure out who it was.

Otherwise, he stayed steady in a 7-6 (5), 5-7, 6-3, 7-5 win over No. 3 Marin Cilic in a matchup between two past U.S. Open champions.

The other men's semifinal is No. 7 Dominic Thiem of Austria against 72nd-ranked Marco Cecchinato of Italy, who never won a Grand Slam match until last week and was cleared of a match-fixing charge on a technicality in 2016.

After del Potro served out his victory at love to get to his first semifinal at the clay-court Grand Slam tournament since 2009, he sat in his changeover seat, chest heaving.

The 6-foot-6 (1.98-meter) Argentine wiped away tears during his on-court interview, telling fans who chanted his nickname, "delPo": "It has been a long time without good feelings on my body. ... I was close to quit this sport. And now I don't have any words to describe this moment. It's so good for me, for my team, for my family."

Now comes what del Potro called "the challenge that every player wants to have" — taking on Nadal at Roland Garros. The 32-year-old Spaniard is 84-2 for his career at the French Open, winning four consecutive titles from 2005-08, another five consecutive from 2010-14, and No. 10 a year ago.

Broaden the scope to all best-of-five-set matches on red clay, and his record is 109-2.

And yet, insists Nadal: "I just go on court knowing that every match is difficult, and I can lose and I can win."

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Before that, Townsend won two of the four events in which she played and was a semifinalist in the other two. That is what catapulted her up the rankings board.

Seventeen players are listed in the 32-player main draw. In that main draw as a No. 11 seed is defending PPO champion Ashley Lahey. Lahey, who is ranked No. 463, won the tournament as a wild-card.

Rounding out the top 10 are Alize Lim (302) at No. 3 followed by Robin Anderson (355), a 4-time All-American who played at UCLA. Shilin Xu (363) is No. 5 followed by Maria Mateas (391), Chieh-Yu Hsu (396), Astra Sharma (397), Marcela Zacarias (405) and Quinn Gleason (428).

The qualifying matches to fill the final spots in the singles main draw and doubles main draw will begin on Sunday and run through Tuesday. Some of the main draw matches will begin on Tuesday as well.

Play will begin at 9 a.m. each day.

The singles championship match on Sunday is scheduled for a 1 p.m. start.

There will be a pro-am event where members of the public can meet the players on Tuesday beginning at 6:30 p.m. and lasting until 8:30 p.m.

Ashley Lahey returns a backhand shot during her victory in the championship match of the Palmetto Pro Open last June. Lahey, who won the event as a wild-card entry, will be seeded 11th when play in the main draw of the PPO begins on Tuesday at Palmetto Tennis Center.

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NCAA BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

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Florida head coach Kevin O' Sullivan will be trying to take his defending national championship team back to the College World Series by winning its home super regional against Auburn beginning on Saturday.

Super regional primer: 16 teams are vying for 8 spots in CWS

BY ERIC OLSON
The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Super regionals are the next stop on the NCAA Tournament's road to Omaha. The eight best-of-three series starting Friday and Saturday will determine the field for the College World Series.

Friday openers: No. 11 national seed Stetson (48-11) at No. 6 North Carolina (41-18); Mississippi State (35-26) at Vanderbilt (34-25); No. 14 Minnesota (44-13) at No. 3 Oregon State (47-10-1); Washington (33-23) at Cal State Fullerton (35-23).

Saturday openers: Auburn (42-21) at No. 1 Florida (45-18); South Carolina (36-24) at No. 5 Arkansas (42-18); Duke (44-16) at No. 9 Texas Tech (42-17); Tennessee Tech (52-10) at No. 13 Texas (40-20).

Some things to know:

LET'S DO IT AGAIN

Defending national champion and No. 1 national seed Florida has the nation's longest streak with five consecutive appearances in super regionals. The Gators are looking to become the first back-to-back champion since South Carolina in 2010-11.

Mississippi State is in super regionals for the third year in a row. Cal State Fullerton, Oregon State and Vanderbilt are in the round of 16 for the second straight year. Florida, Fullerton and Oregon State made it to the CWS in 2017.

WELCOME IN

First-time participants are Duke, Minnesota, Stetson and Washington. Auburn is in for the first time since 1999.

LOTS OF SCORING

Teams averaged 6.29 runs per game and batted .281 in regionals, the highest figures since the switch to the toned-down BBCOR bats in 2011. In 40 of the 100 games, one or both teams scored 10 or more runs. Last year, that was the case in 25 of 104 games.

SEC MINI TOURNAMENT

The Southeastern Conference sent a record-tying six teams to super regionals for the second year in a row and third time since 2004. All of them are matched up against each other this time. Florida won two of three against Auburn at home in April; Arkansas won two of three against South Carolina at home in April and beat the Gamecocks last month in the SEC Tournament; and Vanderbilt swept three games at Mississippi State in March. None of the teams paired in the other five super regionals met this season.

MAMMOTH MATCHUP

Game 1 of Auburn-Florida features the pitching matchup of No. 1 overall draft pick Casey Mize (10-5, 2.95 ERA) of the Tigers against No. 18 pick Brady Singer (11-1, 2.27). The two squared off April 26 in Gainesville, Florida. Both allowed four hits in seven innings, with Mize striking out 10 and Singer eight. Singer got the win, 3-1.

DUKE BULLPEN SHINES

Duke will be hoping to get more out of its starting pitchers against Texas Tech. Three of the four starters turned in their shortest outings of the season in the Athens Regional. The bullpen was outstanding, though, with a 1.55 ERA over 29 innings covering five games. Relievers combined to strike out 31 and walk two. Closer Jack Labosky allowed one hit in six shutout innings. The longest start was by Mitch Stallings, who went seven innings in the regional-clinching win over Georgia two days after going 4⅓ in a win over Campbell.

FANTASTIC FRESHMEN

Duke designated hitter Chris Crabtree is among freshman impact players. Crabtree is batting a tournament-best .714 with two homers, three doubles and nine RBIs. Others to watch are Auburn roommates Steven Williams (.615) and Edouard Julien (.538), Mississippi State's Rowdy Jordan (.455, three doubles) and Tanner Allen (three doubles, two homers), Texas Tech's Gabe Holt (three doubles), Arkansas' Heston Kjerstad (.500, five RBIs), Oregon State's Kevin Abel (0 runs in 8 innings) and Cal State Fullerton's Tanner Bibee (11 strikeouts in 6⅔ innings).

GOING DEEP

Three of the top four home run-hitting teams are still alive. Offensive juggernaut Tennessee Tech leads the way with 134 homers, the most since Elon hit 138 in 2009. Florida is third, with 91, after hitting 70 last season. Arkansas is fourth, with 90, after hitting 83 last season and 49 in 2016.

STREAK VS. STREAK

Stetson, led by ace and No. 14 overall draft pick Logan Gilbert, carries a nation's-best 18-game win streak into its matchup with North Carolina. The Tar Heels have won 16 in a row in Chapel Hill, the second-longest active home win streak (Stetson has won 17 in a row at home). The Hatters and Tar Heels are meeting for the first time since 1985.

LET THERE BE A 3

A No. 3 regional seed — Washington or Cal State Fullerton — is assured of advancing to the CWS for the third time in four years. Texas A&M made it last year and Virginia in 2015.

NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL SUPER REGIONALS

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Host school is home team for Game 1; visiting school is home team for Game 2; coin flip determines home team for Game 3
At Baum Stadium at George Cole Field
Fayetteville, Ark.
Saturday, June 9: Arkansas (42-18) vs. South Carolina (36-24), 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 10: Arkansas vs. South Carolina, 3 p.m.
x-Monday, June 11: Arkansas vs. South Carolina, 7 p.m.
At Boshamer Stadium
Chapel Hill, N.C.
Friday, June 8: North Carolina (41-18) vs. Stetson (48-11), 11 a.m.
Saturday, June 9: North Carolina vs. Stetson, Noon
x-Sunday, June 10: North Carolina vs. Stetson, Noon
At Hawkins Field
Nashville, Tenn.
Friday, June 8: Vanderbilt (34-25) vs. Mississippi State (35-26), 8 p.m.
Saturday, June 9: Vanderbilt vs. Mississippi State, 9:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 10: Vanderbilt vs. Mississippi State, 6 p.m.
At Goss Stadium at Coleman Field
Corvallis, Ore.
Friday, June 8: Oregon State (47-10-1) vs. Minnesota (44-13), 5 p.m.
Saturday, June 9: Oregon State vs. Minnesota, 9:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 10: Oregon State vs. Minnesota, 9 p.m.
At Goodwin Field
Fullerton, Calif.
Friday, June 8: Cal State Fullerton (35-23) vs. Washington (33-23), 2 p.m.
Saturday, June 9: Cal State Fullerton vs. Washington, 6:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 10: Cal State Fullerton vs. Washington, 9 p.m.
At Alfred A. McKethan Stadium
Gainesville, Fla.
Saturday, June 9: Florida (45-18) vs. Auburn (42-21), Noon
Sunday, June 10: Florida vs. Auburn, Noon
x-Monday, June 11: Florida vs. Auburn, 8:30 p.m.
At Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park
Lubbock, Texas
Saturday, June 9: Texas Tech (42-17) vs. Duke (44-16), 3 p.m.
Sunday, June 10: Texas Tech vs. Duke, 6 p.m.
x-Monday, June 11: Texas Tech vs. Duke, 4 p.m.
At UFCU Disch-Falk Field
Austin, Texas
Saturday, June 9: Texas (40-20) vs. Tennessee Tech (52-10), 3 p.m.
Sunday, June 10: Texas vs. Tennessee Tech, 3 p.m.
x-Monday, June 11: Texas vs. Tennessee Tech, 1 p.m.

NCAA BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

Duke savoring its surprising regional title, 1st trip to supers

BY JOEDY MCCREARY
The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — A breakout year for Duke's baseball program continues this weekend as the Blue Devils prepare for the first super regional in school history.

If they can beat Texas Tech twice in Lubbock, the Blue Devils will advance to their first College World Series since 1961.

To get this far, Duke had to win four straight games in its regional tournament — and came from behind in each game.

"The one thing about this group is," coach Chris Pollard said, "they've got willpower."

It's been a year to remember for Duke (44-16), which set a program record for victories and finished second in the Atlantic Coast Conference Coastal Division on its way to earning its second NCAA berth in three years after snapping a 55-year postseason drought in 2016.

The biggest name in this group is outfielder Griffin Conine, the son of former major leaguer Jeff Conine who led the team with 18 home runs and 52 RBIs and was drafted in the second round by the Toronto Blue Jays.

Now, after a remarkable weekend in Athens, Georgia, they're preparing to face the Red Raiders, the No. 9 national seed, with the winner of the best-of-three series earning a trip to Omaha, Nebraska, college baseball's biggest stage.

"It's definitely a fun time celebrating this, but we still have a lot more work to do," said freshman Chris Crabtree, selected the most outstanding player of the regional after going 10 for 14 with two home runs and nine RBIs.

"And that's going to be the focus for the next few days, and then kind of take the momentum on to the super" regional, he added.

The Blue Devils would be done had they not come up with those big rallies — and none was bigger than the first.

Duke, which lost 6-0 to Troy in its NCAA opener, trailed Campbell 8-1 in the seventh inning of an elimination game when lightning held things up for more than 90 minutes. After the break, the Blue Devils came back to win 16-8 after scoring 11 in the ninth inning.

"These guys kind of reached a tipping point," Pollard said, adding that he told the team "I'm more frustrated for you than I am with you. We've got a lot of guys that have a whole lot invested in this program and this season. We've got three innings left, maybe something special happens, maybe it doesn't ... (but) we've got to be able to walk out of here with our heads up. These guys went back out, we had a couple of hits fall in that they were able to capitalize on."

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That's led to a matchup at Arkansas (42-18) starting Saturday for a spot in the College World Series . None of that would've happened without the Gamecocks stellar turnaround after sitting at 20-17 in mid-April and losing four of their first five Southeastern Conference series.

"We had to circle the wagons and we did that," said Kingston, who joined South Carolina from South Florida. "It was just one thing after another starting to build that momentum."

South Carolina's finished the season on a 16-7 tear. That included winning their final five SEC series starting with its first three-game sweep of LSU since 2006.

The Gamecocks, whose chances of making the SEC Tournament were dicey two months ago, were seeded second in the NCAA Tournament at host East Carolina and comfortably swept the regional Monday with an 8-4 win over UNC Wilmington for their first trip to the best-of-three super regional series since the Gamecocks went 0-2 against Oklahoma State at home in 2016.

The biggest change on the field was moving freshman right-hander Logan Chapman into the series-opening role down the stretch. He had allowed five hits or less in three of his final five regular-season starts. Chapman's emergence gave the rest of the staff and the bullpen a chance to rest and recover.

Relievers Ridge Chapman and Sawyer Bridges, who missed time with injuries this season, were back healthy and throwing strong for NCAA play, Kingston said.

Kingston will start his top pitchers in junior Adam Hill and sophomore Cody Morris against Arkansas.

"It's a big start," Morris said. "At the same time, I've got to keep doing what I've been doing and pitching the way I am."

For his hitters, Kingston went back to them taking batting practice from 90-plus mph batting machines rather than from someone throwing behind a screen. The Gamecocks improved their run production from 4.6 runs a game the first 15 SEC games to 6.4 runs a game in the final 15.

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NBA FINALS

Dynasty's doorstep: Golden State takes 3-0 lead

BY TOM WITHERS
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Kevin Durant stood calmly near midcourt — and a very familiar spot — as teammates Stephen Curry and Draymond Green screamed at him in celebration.

Another momentous shot for Durant.

And soon, probably another NBA championship.

Durant scored a career playoff-high 43 points, draining a long 3-pointer in the final minute to cap his magnificent performance, and the Warriors beat LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers 110-102 in Game 3 of the NBA Finals on Wednesday night to move within a victory of a sweep, their second straight title and third championship in four years.

The Warriors are on dynasty's doorstep.

Afterward, the defending champs could be heard loudly celebrating inside their locker room, perhaps a warmup for a bigger party to come.

The Cavaliers, meanwhile, are in a hole that might as well be 6 feet deep. Teams that have fallen behind 3-0 in the playoffs are 0-131.

It might be time for the guys from Northern California to order some champagne from Napa Valley.

With the Cavs down 103-100, Durant stood defiantly and almost motionless after dropping his 33-footer — just a few feet from where he made one in Game 3 last year — and effectively ended the fourth straight finals matchup between two teams who have gotten to know each other well since 2015.

After Durant scored, Curry and Green rushed to his side and the trio walked back toward Golden State's bench where the other Warriors were hugging and high-fiving.

As always Durant stayed cool.

"I don't want to downplay anything, but I don't want to act like this is the end of the road," Durant said. "So just get back to work tomorrow and figure out a better game plan."

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Cleveland's LeBron James shoots against Golden State's Draymond Green during the first half of Game 3 of the NBA Finals on Wednesday in Cleveland. The Warriors won 110-102 to take a 3-0 lead in the series. Game 4 is tonight.

Durant said the similarity with last year's shot — a moment that helped define his first championship — didn't occur to him.

"No, not at all," he said. "I just took the shot."

There was nothing James or the Cavs could do but think about what might have been after losing two games that were within their reach.

"Tonight will be tough," said James, who scored 33 and rolled his right ankle in the first half. "Tomorrow I'll replay some plays and some moments and things of that nature. When I wake up Friday morning I'll be locked in on the game plan of what needs to be done to help our team win. That's just who I am."

Golden State will now have four chances to wrap up its title starting with Game 4 on Friday night. The Warriors are trying to join a select list of teams to win three championships in four years.

Kevin Love added 20 points for the Cavs, who have fallen into a hole in which no team has ever emerged. Cleveland came back from a 3-1 deficit to stun the Warriors in the 2016 finals, but that was when Durant was in Oklahoma City and James had a different supporting cast.

The Warriors won despite a 3-of-16 shooting performance from Curry, who did come up big down the stretch as the Cavs were trying to salvage their season.

Now Cleveland could be down to one final game with James, who recorded his 10th triple-double in the finals. The three-time champion can opt out of his $35.6 million contract and test free agency this summer, and it may be time for the 33-year-old to find a team capable of beating the Warriors.

These Cavs can't figure it out.

Durant, who tilted this rivalry toward the West Coast when he signed with the Warriors as a free agent before last season, was brilliant from the start. He helped offset a rough night for Curry, who made a finals-record nine 3-pointers in Game 2, but was just 1 of 10 from behind the arc and didn't score his second field goal until there were under three minutes left.

Curry's scoop shot put the Warriors up 98-97 and defensive specialist Andre Iguodala, who didn't play in Games 1 or 2 because of a knee injury, came up with a steal under the basket. Curry finally buried a 3 and after James matched him with a long shot, Iguodala drove the lane for a thundering dunk.

Moments later, Durant delivered his dagger to silence Cleveland's crowd.

"No, that wasn't the same shot," James said when asked to compare Durant's 3 to last year's. "The one he made tonight was about four or five feet behind the one he made last year. He's an assassin. That was one of those assassin plays right there."

Durant scored 24 in the first half, when the Warriors attempted 13 free throws to zero for the Cavs, a disparity that induced further wrath on the officials from Cleveland fans still stinging from the now infamous reversed call in Game 1.

James arrived at 6 p.m. dressed more casually — camouflage pants, purple hoodie, "Billionaire Boys Club" baseball cap — than on the road where he and the Cavs have been wearing suits during the postseason.

Everything is more relaxed and familiar at home for James and his teammates, who were counting on a return to their own noisy building, where they play better and shoot better, to get them back into the series.

The Warriors had other plans.

NBA FINALS

Warriors' Durant shoots down Cavs with long trey — again

BY TIM REYNOLDS
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — This was not exactly the same shot from Kevin Durant.

Game 3 of the NBA Finals again, yes.

Left wing pull-up, yes.

Back in Cleveland, yes.

Final minute again, yes.

But this one was deeper than his dagger was a year ago — and it cut deeper as well. And on a night where Stephen Curry couldn't shoot and Klay Thompson wasn't much better, Durant put the Golden State Warriors on his slender shoulders and carried them to the brink of becoming back-to-back NBA champions for the first time.

Durant's 33-footer was the final act in his 43-point night, and the Warriors beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 110-102 in Game 3 of the finals on Wednesday night to take a 3-0 lead in the title series for the second straight season. A year ago, his shot from a bit closer — 26 feet, officially — put the Warriors ahead to stay in what became a five-point win. This time, the longer one put Golden State up by six and sent fans starting to head toward the exits.

"Different game, different season, different feel," Durant shrugged afterward, knowing full well how similar it was to the one he hit last season and knowing what it means right now. "Just a different vibe around the team."

No, it isn't.

That team had a championship vibe. Soon, maybe Friday, maybe not until Monday, this team will have the same.

This was why the Warriors needed Durant, and this is why Durant needed the Warriors. He was an elite player before he went to Golden State. He's now about to be a two-time champion because he went to Golden State. And it's a reminder to the rest of the NBA that when the free-agency shopping kiosks open on July 1, this is the team to be chasing.

They did not have a super regular season. They are a Superteam, without question.

To win any NBA Finals game, on the road, when LeBron James has a triple-double, when they trailed most of the night, when the deficit was as many as 13 early, when Curry and Thompson shot a combined 7 for 27 ... only a Superteam can pull that off.

"It's almost like playing the Patriots," Cleveland superstar LeBron James said Wednesday night. "You can't have mistakes. They're not going to beat themselves. You know, so

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Golden State forward Kevin Durant (35) shoots over Cleveland forward Jeff Green (32) during the second half of Game 3 of the NBA Finals on Wednesday in Cleveland. The Warriors defeated the Cavaliers 110-102 to take a 3-0 lead in the series.

when you're able to either force a miscue on them, you have to be able to capitalize and you have to be so in tuned and razor sharp and focused every single possession. You can't have miscommunication, you can't have flaws ... because they're going to make you pay."

NBA FINALS

Rocky season for GS, but perfect ending now awaits

CLEVELAND (AP) — By Golden State standards, this season was downright bumpy.

The Warriors won only 58 regular-season games, by far their fewest in this four-year run of excellence. They went 7-10 in their final 17 games of the regular season. Stephen Curry, Kevin Durant, Draymond Green, Klay Thompson and Andre Iguodala all got hurt. They needed to win a Game 7 on the road to reach the NBA Finals, and they could have easily lost two of the first three games of this series.

Yet here they are.

Golden State is on the cusp of another NBA championship, holding a 3-0 series lead over the Cleveland Cavaliers going into Game 4 of the finals. The Warriors could be champions again as early as Friday night, and this crown — after experiencing plenty of turbulence this season — would most definitely be one to savor.

"Going into this season, I don't think anybody could have guessed or predicted the ups and downs and the roller coaster we've been on," Curry said Thursday as the Warriors prepped for the possible clincher. "So, definitely a different year, just overall, personally with injuries, as a team with dealing with injuries, dealing with the kind of expectations that have been placed on us from the outside and the noise around us as a team."

They went 67-15 on the way to the NBA title in 2015, matched that record on the way to another title last season and went 73-9 — the best record in league history — in 2016 only to fall short in the finals against Cleveland. That series, one where the Warriors led 3-1, changed when they couldn't finish the job while being presented with serious adversity.

This year, there's been a toughness to go along with the finesse.

They overcame deficits of 17 and 15 points against Houston in the final two games of the Western Conference finals, the second of those on the Rockets' home floor. They overcame an 11-point deficit in Game 1 of the NBA Finals against Cleveland, and rallied from 13 points down to beat the Cavaliers in Game 3 on Wednesday.

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Colorado's Tony Wolters is hit by a pitch from Cincinnati relief pitcher Amir Garrett in the sixth inning of their game on Thursday in Cincinnati. The Reds won 7-5 in 13 innings.

Winker's homer in 13th sends Reds over Rockies 7-5

CINCINNATI — Jesse Winker hit a two-run homer in the 13th inning, completing the Cincinnati Reds' late rally to a 7-5 victory on Thursday that averted a sweep by the Colorado Rockies.

One out away from getting their second series sweep at Great American Ball Park, the Rockies blew the lead in the ninth and wound up losing for the fifth time in seven games. They've blown leads in all of the five losses.

DODGERS 8
PIRATES 7

PITTSBURGH — Joc Pederson went deep twice, Cody Bellinger hit his third home run in as many games and the Los Angeles Dodgers used nine pitchers to hold off the Pittsburgh Pirates 8-7 on Thursday.

Pederson led off the game with a solo blast off Jameson Taillon (3-5) and added a two-run shot in the eighth off Michael Feliz for his second multi-home run game in a week.

CARDINALS 4
MARLINS 1

ST. LOUIS — Miles Mikolas rebounded from his first loss of the season to pitch three-hit ball over seven innings and lead the St. Louis Cardinals over the Miami Marlins 4-1 on Thursday.

PADRES 3
BRAVES 1

SAN DIEGO — Matt Strahm and four other San Diego relievers combined on a four-hitter and the Padres beat Atlanta 3-1 Wednesday to take two of three from the Braves.

The Padres turned to their bullpen for the second time in 11 games because rookie left-hander Joey Lucchesi remains on the disabled list. The other time was a 6-1 loss at the Los Angeles Dodgers on May 27, also started by Strahm.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TWINS 7
WHITE SOX 2

MINNEAPOLIS — Jose Berrios pitched a six-hitter for his second complete game this season, and the Minnesota Twins hit three home runs against James Shields in a 7-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Thursday.

Berrios (7-5) retired his first 14 batters before Omar Narvarez's double. By that time, the 23-year-old right-hander already had a 7-0 lead. He struck out 10 and walked none to win for the fourth time in five starts. Berrios has 44 strikeouts and four walks in 37⅔ innings over that span, and he has made a career-best five straight starts of six innings or more.

From wire reports

PRO BASEBALL

Heimlich goes undrafted again as teams pass on troubled past

BY DENNIS WASZAK JR.
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Oregon State pitcher Luke Heimlich, who as a teenager pleaded guilty to molesting a 6-year-old relative, was not selected in the Major League Baseball draft for the second straight year.

Heimlich is a two-time Pac-12 pitcher of the year and is regarded as one of college baseball's top players, but his troubled past has given big league teams pause.

The 22-year-old left-hander was expected to be drafted in the early rounds last year until The Oregonian reported last June that Heimlich admitted to the crime when he was 15. He did not play for Oregon State last year in the second round of the NCAA Tournament or the College World Series.

Heimlich recently insisted in stories by Sports Illustrated and The New York Times he was actually innocent and said he pleaded guilty because of poor legal advice — to avoid the possibility of jail time and prevent further stress for the girl.

P-15'S

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Jake Jordan would record one more out in the third before giving way to Jonathan Baltzeger on the mound as Sumter pushed its lead to 16-0 with three in that frame. Baltzeger was responsible for two of the three runs in the Sumter third, walking four and hitting two in his 1 2/3 innings of work.

Taylor Lee pitched the final inning for M-S, giving up the game's final two runs after issuing a walk to Trent Frye and surrendering singles to Hunter and Tray Yates. In scoring the 17th Sumter run of the night, Frye was the last of the P-15's starting nine to cross home plate.

"We've got to get better pitching, top to bottom from start to finish," Coach Jordan said. "It was not Sandy's night. Still, we have to do a better job of responding in our half of the first inning. Nonetheless, I'll take the blame for us not being as prepared as we should have been tonight. Hopefully we'll execute a little bit better tomorrow night (Thursday) when we play Lake City."

While Post 68's pitchers struggled throughout on Wednesday, Sumter got a strong effort from Williamson and Charlton Commander, who came on to pitch the final two innings. Williamson struck out five, walked one and allowed just two singles in his three innings of work while M-S managed just a base on balls and a single off Commander, who recorded four of his six outs on strikeouts.

Ryan Moore continued to hit the ball well for the P-15's, finishing a home run shy of the cycle with three runs scored and two runs batted in. Hunter and Jacob Holladay also scored three times apiece, with both reaching on a walk and two singles.

Curtis Johnson said he was not surprised by the character his team displayed on Wednesday in its strong response to adversity.

"You expect that (type of response)," Johnson said. "We've got a bunch of older guys, and you expect them to have that mentality because they're older and they've been around, so I wasn't really surprised with that. I felt like they were going to come out and play well, but you just never know how the ball is going to bounce sometimes. It bounced our way tonight and we played well, so hopefully we can keep it together. Our goal is to try to start a streak and see how many we can win in a row."

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL SCHEDULES

SUMTER P-15'S
Today Hampton, 7 p.m.
June 9 Beaufort, 4 p.m.
June 11 at Orangeburg, 7 p.m.
June 12 at Hampton, 7 p.m.
June 13 Camden, 7 p.m.
June 14 at Camden, 7 p.m.
North/South Tournament in Salisbury, N.C.
June 16 vs. Garner, N.C., 4 p.m.
June 16 vs. Rowan County, N.C., 7:30 p.m.
June 17 vs. Randolph County, N.C., noon
June 18 Dalzell, 7 p.m.
June 19 Dalzell, 7 p.m.
Palmetto Invitational at Riley Park
June 20 Kentucky, TBA
June 21 Ohio, TBA
June 22 Chapin/Newberry, 7:30 p.m.
June 23 Troy, Ala., 6:30 p.m.
June 24 Tallahassee, Fla. 1 p.m.
July 2 at Lexington, 7 p.m.
July 3 Lexington, 7 p.m.
July 5 at Florence, 7 p.m.
July 6 Florence, 7 p.m.

MANNING-SANTEE POST 68
June 7 Lake City, late
June 12 Orangeburg, 7 p.m.
June 14 at Orangeburg, 7 p.m.
June 15 Dalzell, 7 p.m.
June 19 at Camden, 7 p.m.
June 21 Camden, 7 p.m.
June 22 Hartsville, 7 p.m.
June 27 at Lexington, 7 p.m.
June 28 Lexington, 7 p.m.
July 2 Dalzell, 7 p.m.
July 3 at Dalzell, 7 p.m.

DALZELL-SHAW POST 175
June 7 Orangeburg, late
June 11 West Columbia, 7 p.m.
June 12 Hartsville, 7 p.m.
June 13 at West Columbia, 7 p.m.
June 15 at Manning, 7 p.m.
June 18 at Sumter, 7 p.m.
June 19 at Sumter, 7 p.m.
June 20 at Hartsville, 7 p.m.
June 26 at Hartsville, 7 p.m.
June 28 at Camden, 7 p.m.
June 29 Hartsville, 7 p.m.
July 2 at Manning, 7 p.m.
July 3 Manning, 7 p.m.

OBITUARIES

LEROY WILDER

Our dearly beloved brother, Leroy Wilder, died on Monday, June 4, 2018.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Taw Caw Missionary Baptist Church in Summerton, where Dr. W.T. Johnson serves as pastor.

WILDER

Viewing will be held from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Summerton Funeral Home LLC, 23 S. Duke St., Summerton, phone (803) 485-3755.

ROGER DURANT

Roger Durant, 62, husband of Alice McKnight Durant, departed this life on Wednesday, June 6, 2018, at his residence.

He was born on Nov. 7, 1955, in Washington, D.C., a son of the late Essix Durant and Dora Rhames.

The family will receive friends at the home, 3290 Mt. Zion Road, Lynchburg, SC 29080.

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

MARY ELLEN C. KING

Mary Ellen Coleman King departed this life on Thursday, May 31, 2018, at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center.

She was born on Jan. 25, 1953, in Sumter, the youngest of four children to Ellen Coleman and the late Harold Coleman. She was educated in the public schools of Sumter County and attended Sumter Area Technical College. She met and later married Frankie King. Their union was blessed with three children, whom she loved dearly.

Mary worked as a mental health and behavior specialist for more than 20 years with the state of New York, before retiring and returning to her hometown. She worked in this field for a short time for the state of South Carolina, before fully embracing the retired life.

She leaves to cherish her memories: a mother, Ellen Coleman; children, Simone Tanaisha, Kerensa Jaylene and Frankie Jr. (Jeannette); grandchildren, Kayden, Jenybel and Kash; siblings, Minnie and Harold (Shirley); sister-in-law, Lucille Hampton; brothers-in-law, Jasper King, Henry King Jr. and David (Kathy) King; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Harold Coleman; her husband, Frankie King Sr.; her brother, Sammy Coleman; and a grandson, Marcus Xavier King.

Public viewing will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. today at Job's Mortuary.

Mrs. King will be placed in the church at 10 a.m. on Saturday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, with Elder Duane Kyles officiating and Elder Terry Dinkins, eulogist.

Interment will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday at Florence National Cemetery in Florence.

The family will receive friends at 665 Duffie Drive, Wedgefield.

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

Online memorials may be sent to the family at *jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com* or visit us on the web at *www.jobsmortuary.net*.

LEE J. NESBITT

Lee J. Nesbitt, 83, husband of Rebecca C. Nesbitt, died on Thursday, June 7, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Services will be announced by Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home & Crematory, 221 Broad St., Sumter, (803) 775-9386.

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THELMA B. BRAYBOY

BISHOPVILLE — Thelma Brown Brayboy, 98, formerly of Salisbury, Maryland, passed peacefully on Wednesday, June 6, 2018, at McCoy Memorial Nursing Center, Bishopville.

The family will receive friends at the home of her goddaughter, Lucile Benjamin Thomas, 135 Deerfield Lane, Bishopville.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Square Deal Funeral Home Chapel, 106 McIntosh St., Bishopville. Interment will follow at Broad Branch Cemetery, Bishopville.

These services have been entrusted to Square Deal Funeral Home, 106 McIntosh St., Bishopville.

MARY LEE A. JACKSON

BISHOPVILLE — Mary Lee Abraham Jackson, 83, widow of Lorene Jackson, entered eternal rest on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

She was born on Dec. 29, 1934, in Lee County, a daughter of the late Eddie Lee Abraham and Blanche Capers Hickman.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and Steven Roach, 521 Dogwood Drive, Bishopville.

Visitation will be held from 2 until 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, Bishopville, with the pastor, the Rev. Yancy Martin, officiating. Interment will follow at St. Mark Memorial Garden.

Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville, is in charge of arrangements.

JENESTER R. BOLDEN

BISHOPVILLE — Jenester Reddick Bolden, widow of John Bolden, entered eternal rest on June 5, 2018, at her residence, 146 Eddie Watkins Road, Bishopville.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the residence.

Visitation will be held from 2 until 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Bishopville, with the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Kay Adams Best, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville, is in charge of arrangements.

EVA MAE BURCH

Eva Mae Burch was born on June 28, 1942, a daughter of the late Virlene Bessie Abraham and Davie Hickmon. She entered into eternal rest on Monday, June 4, 2018, after an extended illness.

Ms. Burch received her formal education from the public schools of Lee County. At an early age, she started her Christian journey and joined Elizabeth Baptist Church, where she was a very active member throughout her life, until her health began to fail.

She met and married Arthur Burch. This union was blessed with a loving family and extended family.

Ms. Burch leaves behind an abundance of fond and loving memories that will forever be cherished by her three children, Gracie (Henry) Richardson of Sumter, Brenda (Sylvester) Isaac of Rembert and Arthur Burch of Newark, New Jersey; four grandchildren, Joe (Samantha) Pouge Jr. of Columbia, Sylvester Isaac Jr. of Marietta, Georgia, and Mary Isaac and Everlena Isaac of Rembert; five great-grandchildren; two special friends that stuck by her side, Sister Maggie Harmon and Jennie White; a host of nieces, nephews and family friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 24 Carrol Drive, Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Walker Avenue Church of God, 100 S. Walker Ave., Sumter, with Pastor Bobby G. Damon, eulogist.

The remains will be placed in the church at 10 a.m. for viewing until time of services.

The procession will leave at 10:30 a.m. from the home.

Burial will be at Corbett Cemetery, Bishopville.

Services directed by the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at *williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com*. Visit us on the web at *www.WilliamsFuneralHomeInc.com*

WOODROW WASHINGTON

BISHOPVILLE — Woodrow Washington entered eternal rest on June 2, 2018, at Cottonwood Villa Assisted Living Facility, Bishopville.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home of Isaac Toney, 271 Elliott Highway, Bishopville.

Visitation will be held from 2 until 6 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

Funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday at Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville. Interment will follow at Boone Memorial Garden, Bishopville.

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COUNTY OF SUMTER

CHROME CAPITAL, LLC,
Plaintiff(s),
-vs-
David Bookhardt,
Defendant.

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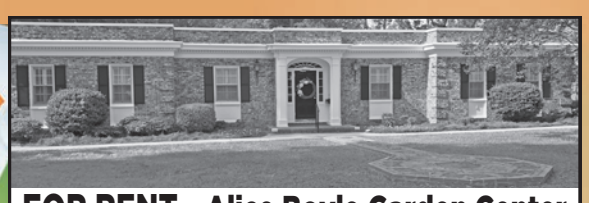
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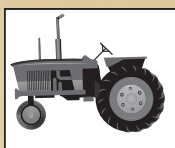
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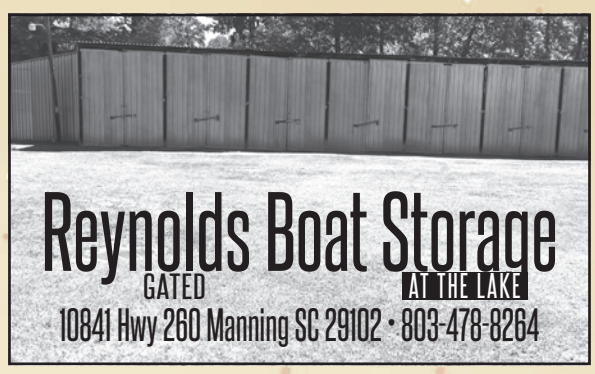
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IN BRIEF

White House starts anti-opioid ad campaign aimed at youth

The White House launched an anti-opioid advertising campaign targeting young people Thursday. The Trump administration declared the epidemic a public health emergency in October.

Actors in the new public education campaign re-enact the actual stories of young adults when they were in the throes of opioid addiction.

It was created by the Truth Initiative, which helped bring down cigarette smoking among young people over the past 20 years with its ads.

Texas school district where 10 were fatally shot adds police

The Texas school district where eight students and two teachers were fatally shot last month has increased the number of police officers and guards on campuses.

The Santa Fe Independent School District said the increased security presence began Wednesday at the district southeast of Houston.

Yellowstone head says Trump administration forcing him out

Yellowstone National Park's superintendent says he's being forced out after disagreements with the Trump administration over how many bison the park can sustain.

Superintendent Dan Wenk last week announced he intended to retire March 30, 2019. He said Thursday that he's been informed a new superintendent will be in place in August.

Wenk said he wasn't given a reason, and the only dispute he's had with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke was over bison. Ranchers in neighboring Montana, where Zinke served as a congressman, have long sought reductions in bison. Wenk says the current population is sustainable.

Sweden truck attacker convicted of murder, receives life term

An Uzbek man who drove a stolen beer truck into a crowd in Stockholm last year, killing five people and wounding 14 others, was convicted Thursday of terror-related murder and given a life sentence.

Rakmat Akilov had said he wanted to punish Sweden for joining a coalition against the Islamic State militant group.

Weather, danger halt search for survivors at Guatemala volcano

Rescuers suspended search-and-recovery efforts Thursday at villages devastated by the eruption of Guatemala's Volcano of Fire, leaving people with missing loved ones distraught.

Conred, the national disaster agency, said weather conditions and still-hot volcanic material were making it dangerous for rescuers.

Prosecutors also ordered an investigation into whether emergency protocols were followed properly, as many residents were caught with little or no time to evacuate.

From staff and wire reports

Cardboard overruns landfills

Online shopping has boosted use of boxes as recycling declines

Elizabeth Weise
USA TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO – Walk down the street on garbage day in many towns, and evidence of our love affair with online shopping is plain to see. Recycling bins overflow with boxes from Amazon, eBay, Walmart and others.

All those folded and flattened corrugated cardboard boxes are a testament to Americans' diligent recycling efforts — to a degree.

A USA TODAY analysis of several industry studies on cardboard use and recycling paints a different story. Americans are sending more corrugated cardboard to the landfill than to recycling plants compared with past years.

Online sales have surged in the past five years, and cardboard use jumped 8% in the same period, according to the American Forest & Paper Association. Yet cardboard recycling has dropped.

Last year, 300,000 fewer tons of corrugated paper were recycled in the USA than in the year before, even as domestic consumption increased 3.5%,

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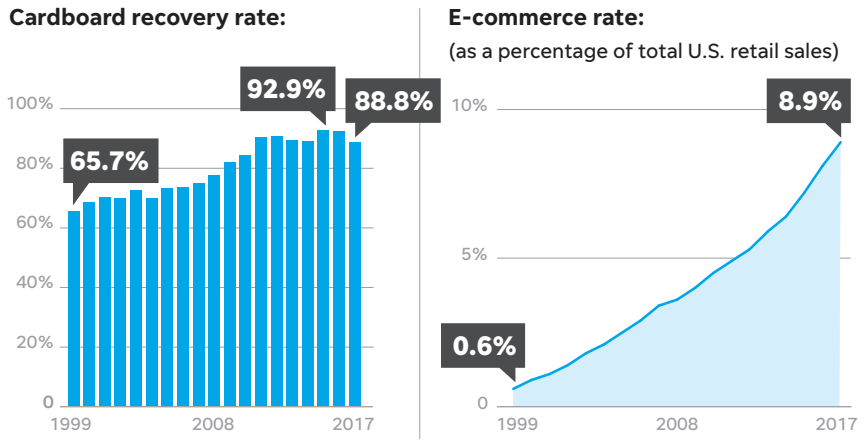
Cardboard recycling down as online sales rise



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Critical policy jobs go vacant

Trump issued order but hasn't filled posts to fix U.S. infrastructure

John Fritze
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – Nearly 10 months after signing an executive order to speed environmental reviews of infrastructure projects, the Trump administration has failed to name key federal officials charged with implementing the policy.

President Trump frequently criticizes the time it takes to review highway, bridge and other projects, and his administration is working to cut the average review to two years. But critics say it is the White House itself that has been slow to appoint some of the caretakers of his effort.

President Trump frequently criticizes the time it takes to review highway, bridge and other projects.

Trump made fixing the nation's crumbling infrastructure a central theme of his campaign and has described lengthy environmental assessments of infrastructure projects as standing in the way. One study found that the typical project takes six years to clear federal regulatory hurdles.

Despite the president's interest in the issue, he has not selected a chair of the Council on Environmental Quality, a White House office that plays a major role overseeing environmental reviews. He has not named the head of a permitting council charged with monitoring those assessments.

Several top positions at the Department of Transportation, including the head of the Federal Aviation Administration and the Federal Highway Administration, are filled with acting administrators.

"One of the key things the White House isn't doing is using the permitting council to knock heads together," said Scott Slesinger, legislative director at the National Resources Defense Council. "You need to put the money

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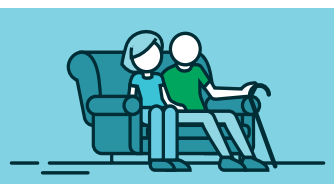

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of Americans would prefer someone else take responsibility to have a loved one see a doctor about Alzheimer's disease.

SOURCE Alzheimer's Association survey of 1,000 adults
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'Clear-sky' flooding worsens in U.S. as sea levels rise

Doyle Rice
USA TODAY

High-tide flooding is happening across the USA at twice the rate it was just 30 years ago, according to a report released this week.

And this flooding is caused by rising seas, not necessarily by a storm. As ocean levels rise because of global warming, flooding can now occur with high tides in many locations.

The situation also is called "sunny-day," "clear-sky" or "nuisance" flooding, and 27 locations across the nation set or tied records for most days with floods from May 2017 to April 2018, the report said.

William Sweet, an oceanographer with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and co-author of the report, said Wednesday that "what used to be uncommon is now becoming fairly common."

Ben Horton, a Rutgers University researcher who was not involved in the study, called it "a warning, a shot across the bow. Across the whole of the U.S. coastline, we are in dire need of action."

The report found tidal flooding was at record levels last year along parts of the southeast Atlantic and eastern Gulf coasts. It examined only coastal flooding, not inundation brought on by sudden, heavy rain or overflowing rivers.

"As they examine their risk, communities can use this information to help better mitigate and prepare for high tide flooding from long-term sea-level rise," according to NOAA.

These floods are seldom life-threatening. They're mostly caused by climate-related sea-level rise, NOAA said.

The effects of rising sea levels along most of the continental U.S. coastline are expected to become more severe in the coming decades, NOAA said.

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and the people on the ground to get these things done."

Administration officials said that work is underway and that progress is being made. A dozen departments and agencies signed an agreement in April committing to the two-year goal and a system in which one agency will make decisions about each project.

David Bernhardt, deputy secretary at the Department of Interior, said he is aware of at least five projects Interior officials are considering under an expedited review, including solar and wind energy developments. He declined to name them specifically.

Bernhardt said the department, which reviews projects planned for federal lands, took steps to reduce the length of reviews, such as cutting the number of days to approve required public notices from three months to about 15 days.

"The president enables us to deliver results and is willing to accept out-of-the-box thinking," Bernhardt said.

Critics say the administration has not produced a list of projects considered "high priority" and say developers are waiting for more detailed guidance on how the sped-up process will work. Many point to a lack of permanent officials.

Trump named Kathleen Hartnett White to head the Council on Environmental Quality last fall but withdrew her name in February after she failed to gain traction in the Senate. The office oversees implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Nixon-era law that requires environmental assessments of major projects. The White House didn't name a replacement.

The president has not named an executive director at the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council, an entity created by a 2015 law aimed at speeding approvals. Trump's executive order allows the council to designate certain projects for faster review and charges it with helping agencies meet the two-year goal.

The position does not require Senate approval.

Sens. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, and Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., sent a letter to the White House last year expressing concern about the delay. They wrote that "a lack of clear leadership from the top" hampered progress on improving timelines.

Signaling the importance of the issue, Trump signed an initial executive order four days after his inauguration setting out broad goals for speeding reviews.

The administration sought input from governors about projects that should be expedited. Six governors responded with several projects each, but administration officials could not say whether any but one were put in a queue for expedited review.

Ciara Matthews, a spokeswoman for Republican Gov. Greg Abbott of Texas, said the governor's office had not heard back from Washington about his request and declined further comment. Ali Bay, a spokeswoman for California Gov. Jerry Brown, a Democrat, referred questions to the Trump administration.

One project listed by a governor that has received attention from the administration is a roughly $1 billion effort to connect the Mississippi River to wetlands in the Barataria Basin of Louisiana. The timeline for that project was shortened in April by nearly two years.

Analysts were skeptical of how widespread success has been.

"To date, there has been very little impact, if any at all, on permitting timelines and overall environmental review times for infrastructure projects," said Christy Goldfuss, former managing director of the Council on Environmental Quality in the Obama administration, who is with the left-leaning Center for American Progress. "The Trump administration has tried to govern through press releases and announcements but has done very little to exercise their existing authority."

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according to the AF&PA.

Without enough cardboard sent to recycling centers to be used to create new boxes, manufacturers may need more timber. Recycled content and timber each make up about half of what's in a corrugated box.

"We need those boxes to come back. The alternative is trees," said Bill Moore of Moore & Associates, a recycling industry consultant in Atlanta.

From box-store baler to the curb

For all our efforts to flatten boxes into recycling bins, consumers aren't that good at recycling cardboard.

Many of the cardboard shipping boxes used to go to retail stores. Workers at your local Kmart, Sears or Target would load the flattened boxes into a machine that bound them into bales that the stores could resell for $74 or more a ton. Grocery and big-box stores recycled 90% to 100% of their cardboard, Moore estimated.

Consumers aren't as efficient at it.

Garbage companies are starting to rethink the size of their recycling bins.
ELIZABETH WEISE/USA TODAY

About 40% of Americans either don't have access to or don't sign up for curbside recycling, said Betsy Dorn, director of RSE USA, a sustainable-packaging consulting firm in Orlando.

Few recycle all their cardboard, often because it's a hassle. The city of Charlotte asks residents to tear or cut it into pieces that fit loosely into recycling carts and tells people not to fold it.

Nationally, consumers send back 25% of their cardboard for reuse, Dorn estimated.

China — a big buyer of U.S. corrugated boxes — is being pickier about what it buys. It will no longer accept bales of cardboard that are contaminated.

"China has stopped buying, and the recyclers in the United States can't find enough buyers, so some of that goes to landfill. And that's not eco-friendly at all," said Hanna Zhao, a senior economist who follows global recovered-paper markets for RISI, a forestry consulting firm in Bedford, Mass.

Online shopping's ripple effect

Online retailers are dealing with the problem. Ten years ago, Amazon introduced 100% recyclable packing, so products can ship in their original packaging. That reduced the number of boxes by 500 million over the decade.

Walmart increased its number of box sizes from 11 to 27, to use the least amount of cardboard.

Those moves haven't help improve recycling rates.

The problem is expected to become more urgent. E-commerce will make up 25% of all retail sales by 2025, according to ABIresearch, suggesting more boxes could go from doorstep to trash.

'Zero tolerance' policy crams courts

Children taken from arrested immigrants

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USA TODAY

McALLEN, Texas – The government's new "zero tolerance" policy toward undocumented immigrants and its tactic of separating families at the border have taxed the immigration system, from overflowing holding facilities to crammed courts.

This is especially evident in the eighth-floor courtroom of the U.S. District Court of the Southern District of Texas in this border town, the busiest in the nation for illegal crossings.

Wednesday morning, 72 shackled defendants shuffled into the courtroom, filling nearly all six rows of wooden pews. Handcuffs were removed during the hearing, but their ankles remained shackled together.

They had all been charged with a federal misdemeanor for crossing into the USA without papers. Thirteen of them had been separated from their children, some as young as 6 years old. A hearing of similar size was scheduled for later in the afternoon.

Before the policy was enacted in May, the court saw 20 to 30 immigrants a day charged with crimes, said Azalea Aleman-Bendiks, an assistant federal public defender with the court. Today, that number hovers around 150.

"The numbers are just staggering," she said in an interview with USA TODAY. "I don't know how much longer we're going to be able to keep up with this flow."

Last month, the Trump administration began stepping up criminal prosecutions of people crossing the border illegally, charging nearly everyone who crosses over without proper documentation with a federal misdemeanor. By doing so, under law, children entering the USA alongside adults fall under the care of the Office of Refugee Resettlement, or ORR, while those criminal cases are pursued.

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions said the policy is intended to deter people from crossing illegally into the USA.

Hundreds of immigrant rights advocates rally at the Federal Building in Lower Manhattan against U.S. border policies.
SPENCER PLATT/GETTY IMAGES

"We believe every person that enters the country illegally like that should be prosecuted," Sessions told conservative radio host Hugh Hewitt on Tuesday. "And you can't be giving immunity to people who bring children with them recklessly and improperly and illegally."

Critics said the policy has created a self-inflicted crisis, similar to one in 2014, when more than 70,000 unaccompanied minors flooded over the border with Mexico, overrunning holding facilities and courtrooms.

U.S. Rep. Filemon Vela, D-Texas, spent the past week along the border, meeting with church officials and immigrant advocates.

He said he requested information from the Department of Homeland Security, which oversees immigration agencies, particularly on the status of the children.

"It's a mess," Vela said. "This is essentially an unaccompanied-minor crisis manufactured by the president of the United States."

Officials have not released exact figures on how many children are held alone and how often they're reunited with their parents.

"This is essentially an unaccompanied-minor crisis manufactured by the president of the United States."
U.S. Rep. Filemon Vela, D-Texas

The Department of Health and Human Services, which is responsible for the minors, did not reply to several interview requests.

Since mid-May, Aleman-Bendiks said, more than 430 children have been separated from their parents in the McAllen sector.

At Wednesday's hearing, she asked each of the 13 defendants who had been separated from their children to stand. None of them had criminal records, and one had been deported.

Aleman-Bendiks said she had asked the ORR for lists of the children to help reunite the families but hadn't received a reply.

The defendants were given a phone number to call to inquire about their children, but they didn't have access to phones in their holding facilities, she said. She feared some of the parents would get deported without their sons or daughters and asked the court for help.

"This is a tragedy that is happening right before this court," Aleman-Bendiks said.

Magistrate Judge Peter Ormsby said he sympathized with the families, but his court didn't have jurisdiction to order the agencies to release information.

"I trust and hope you will be reunited with your family members," he told the defendants. "But I also hope you understand that the reason you were separated is that you violated the laws of the United States."

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Trump floats idea of U.S. invite for Kim

But he says he's 'totally prepared' to walk away

David Jackson
USA TODAY

Kim Jong Un

WASHINGTON – President Trump said Thursday that he's ready for his close-up with North Korea's Kim Jong Un, even though "I don't think I have to prepare very much" for next week's session in Singapore — and he might even invite Kim to the White House if things go well.

Exuding optimism, Trump said a nuclear-weapons agreement with North Korea would require more than one meeting, but striking a deal could lead to a normalization of relations with North Korea, a country that has frequently declared the United States an enemy.

"It's about attitude; it's about willingness to get things done," Trump said days before he's scheduled to talk with Kim about starting a process toward an agreement. "But I think I've been preparing for this summit for a long time, as has the other side."

Trump met at the White House on Thursday with another major player in Asia, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Abe said he told the president, "I would like to take this opportunity to make sure that we two have the utmost policy coordination as to our approach to the planned summit meeting."

During a joint news conference, Trump and Abe pledged to work together on North Korea after the Singapore summit.

Trump played down the prospects of the summit by saying it would take many meetings to strike a meaningful nuclear agreement with North Korea — but he also exuded confidence about the long-term prospects of cooperation with Kim's government.

President Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe have pledged close cooperation on North Korea. SUSAN WALSH/AP

Trump said his hopes for a nuclear deal include normalization of relations between the United States and North Korea, which have been at odds since the Korean War of 1950-1953.

"Normalizing relations is something that I would expect to do, I would hope to do, when everything's complete," Trump said in the White House Rose Garden.

Trump said part of his summit meeting with Kim could be a pledge to work with North and South Korea on a treaty that would formally end the Korean War, which remains in a state of cease-fire.

Asked whether he'd invite Kim to the White House or to his Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, Fla., Trump said, "Maybe we'll start with the White House. What do you think?"

But only if things go well in Singapore, Trump said. If not, he said, he is prepared to end negotiations before they start in earnest, noting that he canceled the Singapore meeting before putting it back on the schedule.

> **"I don't think I have to prepare very much. … It's about attitude; it's about willingness to get things done."**
> **President Trump**

"All I can say is I'm totally prepared to walk away," he said. "I did it once before. You have to be able to walk away."

Some Japanese are concerned that Trump will focus an agreement on the elimination of long-range missiles that threaten the United States while ignoring shorter-range weapons North Korea could use to threaten its neighbors, including Japan.

"The overriding concern is that Trump's eagerness to call the June 12th meeting a historical success will result in a bad deal," said Mireya Solis, a senior fellow and Japan specialist with the Brookings Institution.

After Trump pledged to work with other Asian countries throughout talks with North Korea, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said he would visit Japan, as well as South Korea and China, after the Singapore summit.

Trump said he would demand complete denuclearization before he considered easing sanctions on Kim's economy. "They have to denuke," Trump said.

Suicide claims more lives than cars, opioids

Study points to alarming trend in U.S. since 1999

Liz Szabo
Kaiser Health News

Kate Spade's husband, Andy, says she suffered from depression and anxiety. ANDREW GOMBERT/EPA-EFE

Fashion designer Kate Spade's death this week reminded Americans of the enormous toll of suicide, a growing problem that claims nearly 45,000 lives a year.

Suicide rates in the USA have risen nearly 30% since 1999, according to a report released Thursday from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Suicides increased in men and women, in all ethnic groups, and in urban and rural areas. Suicide and "self-harm," a category that includes attempted suicides, cost the nation $70 billion a year in medical care and lost work time, the CDC says.

Nearly half of people who died by suicide had a known mental health condition, according to the CDC. Spade's sister, Reta Saffo, said she believes the designer suffered from bipolar disorder, also known as manic depression. The designer's husband, Andy, said in a statement that she "suffered from depression and anxiety for many years" and "was actively seeking help" before she died Tuesday.

The country needs to take suicide and mental illness more seriously, said Jeffrey Lieberman, a professor of psychiatry at Columbia University. He said depression and bipolar disorder can be treated successfully.

"Suicide is not an acceptable outcome for depression," Lieberman said.

Although more Americans die from suicides than car accidents or opioids, the stigma of mental illness prevents suicide from getting much attention, apart from fleeting news coverage when celebrities, such as comedian Robin Williams, take their own lives, Lieberman said.

People suffering from serious mental illness are at high risk of suicide, said Jennifer Payne, director of the Women's Mood Disorders Center at Johns Hopkins Hospital. About 10% of people with major depression die of suicide. About 15% of people with bipolar disorder die from suicide.

Mental illness generally first appears when people are in their teens or 20s. Sometimes friends and families of people with a milder form of bipolar disorder — one that does not induce psychotic behavior — can mistake their condition for depression, Payne said. People who experience milder manic episodes— called hypomania — can seem energetic and productive, rather than deranged.

It's common for people with mental illness to suffer from multiple conditions, such as bipolar disorder and panic disorder, Lieberman said. Some people with mental illness suffer from substance abuse, as well, sometimes "self-medicating" to ease their moods.

Although drugs such as lithium can effectively treat bipolar disorder, some people with the condition are reluctant to use the medication because they feel it dulls their creativity, Payne said.

Although mental illness can be life-threatening, many people with depression or bipolar disorder lead successful lives. Actresses Carrie Fisher and Margot Kidder spoke openly about coping with bipolar disorder. Pop stars Mariah Carey and Demi Lovato also have acknowledged having bipolar disorder.

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Curiosity rover finds 'building blocks' of life on Mars surface

Doyle Rice
USA TODAY

The "building blocks" for life have been discovered in 3 billion-year-old organic matter on Mars, NASA scientists announced Thursday.

Researchers cannot yet say whether their discovery stems from life or a more mundane geological process. However, "we're in a really good position to move forward looking for signs of life," said Jennifer Eigenbrode, a NASA biogeochemist and lead author of a study published Thursday in the peer-reviewed journal *Science*.

The findings also were remarkable in that they showed that organic material can be preserved for billions of years on the harsh Martian surface.

The material was discovered by the Mars Curiosity rover, which has been collecting data on the Red Planet since August 2012. The organic molecules were found in Gale Crater — believed to have once contained a shallow lake the size of Florida's Lake Okeechobee.

For the past six years, the Curiosity "has sifted samples of soil and ground-up rock for signs of organic molecules — the complex carbon chains that on Earth form the building blocks of life," according to *Science*. "Past detections have been so faint that they could be just contamination."

Now, samples taken from two drill sites on an ancient lake bed have yielded complex organic molecules that look strikingly similar to the goopy fossilized building blocks of oil and gas on Earth.

The rover also discovered traces of methane in the Martian atmosphere, as reported in a second paper in *Science*. This is significant because most methane on Earth comes from biological sources.

"The detection of organic molecules and methane on Mars has far-ranging implications in light of potential past life on Mars," Inge Loes ten Kate, a Utrecht University scientist, said in an accompanying article in *Science*.

"Curiosity has shown that Gale Crater was habitable around 3.5 billion years ago, with conditions comparable to those on the early Earth, where life evolved around that time.

"The question of whether life might have originated or existed on Mars is a lot more opportune now that we know that organic molecules were present on its surface at that time," Kate said.

NASA's Thomas Zurbuchen said that "with these new findings, Mars is telling us to stay the course and keep searching for evidence of life."

The nuclear-battery-powered Curiosity rover, a $2.5 billion mobile chemistry lab, launched in 2011.

It's about the size of a car, has a seven-foot-long arm, and carries 10 science instruments, 17 cameras and a laser to "vaporize" rocks.

Contributing: Associated Press

NASA's Curiosity rover has made an important discovery exploring Gale Crater on Mars. It is shown here in 2011 in a composite self-portrait. NASA VIA AP

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WLTX 19	9	9	**News 19 at 7pm** (N)	**Inside Edition** (N)	**Undercover Boss: Celebrity Edition** "Jewel" Jewel looks for gifted musicians. (N)		**Hawaii Five-0** "E Uhi Wale No 'A'Ole E Nalo, He Imu Puhi" McGarrett enlists the help of a hacker.		**Blue Bloods** "Pick Your Poison" Eddie arrests a loathed acquaintance. (DVS)		**News 19 at 11pm** (N)	**(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert** Penelope Cruz; David Koechner; Interpol. (N)	
WOLO 25	5	12	**Wheel of Fortune** "Tennis Week" (N)	**Jeopardy!** (N)	**Jimmy Kimmel Live** Actor Ryan Gosling. (N)	**(:31) NBA Countdown** (N) (Live)	**2018 NBA Finals** Golden State Warriors at Cleveland Cavaliers. The Cavaliers play host to the Warriors at Quicken Loans Arena in Game 4 of the NBA Finals. (N) (Live)					**ABC Columbia News at 11** (N)	**(12:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live** (N)
WRJA 27	11	14	**Samantha Brown's Places to Love**	**This Week In South Carolina**	**Washington Week** (N)	**ForEveryone.net**: Tim Berners-Lee.	**Foreigner Live at the Symphony**: Foreigner performs in Switzerland.		**Great Museums -- Sound Tracks: The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame & Museum**		**Amanpour on PBS** (N)	**BBC World News**	**Washington Week**
WACH 57	6	6	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory** Raj faces his loneliness.	**Phenoms** Four rising midfield stars must make important decisions on and off the field on the road to Russia. (N)		**Phenoms** Five wingers and attacking midfielders deal with high expectation while making their national team. (N)		**WACH FOX News at 10** (N) (Live)		**Sports Zone**	**DailyMailTV** (N)	**TMZ** (N)
WKTC 63	4	22	**Last Man Standing** "Tree of Strife"	**Last Man Standing** Mike gets a history of the house.	**My Last Days** "My Last Days: Diane" (Season Finale) Diane Nguyen focuses on positivity. (N)		**Life Sentence** "Love Factually" Stella is desperate to talk to Wes. (N)		**American Ninja Warrior** "National Finals Week 1" Finalists compete in a new course.		**American Ninja Warrior** "National Finals Week 2" The top contestants tackle the course.		**The Game** Derwin beats Malik at a video game.
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130	**(5:00) Live PD** "Live PD -- 06.02.18" Riding along with law enforcement.		**(:06) Live PD: Rewind** "Live PD: Rewind No. 117" (N)		**Live PD** "Live PD -- 06.08.18" Riding along with law enforcement. (N)						**Live PD** "Live PD -- 06.08.18"
AMC	48	180	**(6:00) ★★ "National Lampoon's Vacation"** (1983) Chevy Chase.		★★ **"Die Another Day"** (2002, Action) Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry, Toby Stephens. James Bond and an American spy track a North Korean villain.						**Fear the Walking Dead** Madison decides to help an adversary.		**(12:02) Into the Badlands**
ANPL	41	100	**Tanked**		**Tanked**		**(:01) Tanked** "The Dunk Tanks" (N)		**(:02) Tanked**		**(:02) Tanked** "Ty Dolla's Fresh Tank"		**(12:02) Tanked**
BET	61	162	**(5:35) ★★ "The Wood"** (1999, Drama) Omar Epps, Taye Diggs.		**(7:55) ★★ "Soul Plane"** (2004, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Tom Arnold, Method Man. Passengers and crew party aboard an airliner.				**Martin** Martin hires jobless Cole.	**Martin** "Headin' for Trouble"	**Martin** "Swing Thing"	**Martin** The Paynes end up homeless.	**In Contempt** "BLM, Part One"
BRAVO	47	181	**The Real Housewives of New York City** Luann is the talk of the town.		**(:02) ★★★ "The Wedding Singer"** (1998, Romance-Comedy) Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore. A 1980s wedding crooner attempts to find true love.				**(:12) ★★★ "The Wedding Singer"** (1998, Romance-Comedy) Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore, Christine Taylor. A 1980s wedding crooner attempts to find true love.				
CNBC	35	84	**American Greed** "Badge of Dishonor"		**American Greed**		**American Greed** "Recipe for Murder"		**American Greed**		**American Greed**		**American Greed**
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COM	57	136	**(6:50) The Office** "Junior Salesman"	**(:25) The Office** "Vandalism"	**The Office** "Couples Discount"	**The Office** Andy returns from his trip.	**The Office** Andy returns from his trip.	★ **"Tammy"** (2014, Comedy) Melissa McCarthy, Susan Sarandon, Kathy Bates. A woman hits the road with her feisty grandmother.					**Julian McCullough: Maybe I'm a Man**
DISN	18	200	**(6:00) "Descendants"** (2015) Dove Cameron, Kristin Chenoweth.		**(:05) "Disney's Descendants 2"** (2017, Children's) Dove Cameron, Cameron Boyce. The pressure to be perfect gets to be too much for Mal.				**(:10) Andi Mack**	**(:40) Raven's Home**	**(:05) Andi Mack**	**Bunk'd**	**DuckTales**
DSC	42	103	**BattleBots** Tombstone versus Gigabyte.		**BattleBots** "Just Keep Spinning" (N)		**Bering Sea Gold** "King of Nome" (N)		**(:04) American Chopper: Rebuilt** (N)		**(:04) Bering Sea Gold** "King of Nome"		**Amer. Chopper**
ESPN	26	35	**SportsCenter** (N) (Live)		**NBA Countdown**	**College Track and Field** NCAA Men's and Women's Outdoor Championships. From Eugene, Ore. (N)					**SportsCenter** (N) (Live)		**SportsCenter**
ESPN2	27	39	**College Baseball**		**College Baseball** NCAA Tournament, Super Regional: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)						**SC Featured**	**NBA at the Mic** (N) (Live)	
FOOD	40	109	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**
FOXN	37	90	**The Story With Martha MacCallum** (N)		**Tucker Carlson Tonight** (N)		**Hannity** (N)		**The Ingraham Angle** (N)		**Fox News at Night with Shannon**		**Tucker Carlson**
FREE	20	131	**(6:50) ★ "Zookeeper"** (2011, Comedy) Kevin James, Rosario Dawson, Leslie Bibb. Talking animals teach their shy caretaker how to woo a woman.				**Marvel's Cloak & Dagger** "First Light" Two teenagers acquire superpowers.		**Marvel's Cloak & Dagger** Tandy's past catches up with her.		**The 700 Club**		★★ **"She's All That"** (1999)
FSS	21	47	**Fight Sports: Boxing** Also includes coverage of Jeff Horn vs. Ali Funeka.				**Power of Sports**	**Power of Sports**	**3 Wide Life** (N)	**Raceline** (N)	**Future Phenoms**	**ACC All-Access**	**Atlanta Pregame**
HALL	52	183	**(6:00) "Once Upon a Prince"** (2018) Megan Park, Jonathan Keltz.		**"Love on the Sidelines"** (2016, Romance) Emily Kinney, John Reardon, Hayley Sales. Sparks fly between an injured quarterback and his assistant.				**The Middle** "The Man Hunt"	**The Middle** "The Wisdom Teeth"	**The Golden Girls**	**The Golden Girls** "Adult Education"	**The Golden Girls** "The Flu"
HGTV	39	112	**Fixer Upper**		**Dream Home**	**Dream Home**	**Dream Home**	**Dream Home**	**House Hunters** (N)	**Hunters Int'l**	**Tiny House**	**Hunters Int'l**	**Dream Home**
HIST	45	110	**Ancient Aliens** "The Alien Frequency"		**Ancient Aliens: Declassified** "Alien Weapons" Advances in technology and weapons. (N)								**Ancient Aliens**
ION	13	18	**CSI: Crime Scene Investigation** "Exile" A Cuban singer's sister dies.		**CSI: Crime Scene Investigation** Sara becomes a murder suspect.		**CSI: Crime Scene Investigation** The deaths of several poker players.		**CSI: Crime Scene Investigation** A former prom queen is murdered.		**CSI: Crime Scene Investigation** A body found near a forest reserve.		**CSI: Crime Scene Investigation**
LIFE	50	145	**(6:00) "Babysitter's Black Book"** (2015) Spencer Locke, Perry Reeves.		**"Double Mommy"** (2016, Suspense) Morgan Obenreder, Mark Grossman. A young mother and her boyfriend have to protect her from a rapist.				**(:03) "Double Daddy"** (2015, Drama) Mollee Gray, Brittany Curran, Cameron Palatas. A teen impregnates his girlfriend and another student.				**(12:01) "Double Mommy"** (2016)
MSNBC	36	92	**Hardball With Chris Matthews** (N)		**All In With Chris Hayes** (N)		**The Rachel Maddow Show** (N)		**The Last Word**		**The 11th Hour With Brian Williams** (N)		**Rachel Maddow**
NICK	16	210	**Henry Danger**	**Henry Danger**	★★ **"Happy Feet Two"** (2011) Voices of Elijah Wood, Robin Williams.				**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**(:35) Friends**	**(12:10) Friends**
PARMT	64	153	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**	★★★ **"Remember the Titans"** (2000, Drama) Denzel Washington, Will Patton.					★★★ **"Creed"** (2015, Drama)	
SYFY	58	152	★★ **"Journey 2: The Mysterious Island"** (2012) Dwayne Johnson, Michael Caine. A distress signal leads a teen to an island of treasures. (DVS)				**Futurama** "The Sting"	**Futurama**	**Futurama** "Three Hundred Big Boys"	**Futurama** "Spanish Fry"	**Futurama** "Bend Her"	**Futurama** "Obsoletely Fabulous"	**Futurama** (Part 1 of 4)
TBS	24	156	**Bob's Burgers**	**Bob's Burgers**	★★★ **"Transformers"** (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth. (DVS)						**ELEAGUE** Street Fighter Invitational Group B. (N)		
TCM	49	186	**(5:45) ★★★ "Hotel"** (1967, Drama) Rod Taylor, Catherine Spaak.		★★★ **"Warlock"** (1959, Western) Richard Widmark, Henry Fonda, Anthony Quinn. A gunfighter and a cowboy join forces to wipe out a gang.				**(:15) ★★★ "The Left Hand of God"** (1955, Adventure) Humphrey Bogart, Gene Tierney, Lee J. Cobb. A pilot poses as a priest to escape war-torn China.				★★★ **"Obsession"** (1949)
TLC	43	157	**Say Yes to the Dress**		**90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After?** Annie questions her marriage to David. (N)				**90 Day Fiancé**	**My 600-Lb. Life** (N)	**90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After?**		
TNT	23	158	★★★ **"Unstoppable"** (2010, Action) Denzel Washington, Chris Pine, Rosario Dawson. Two men try to stop a runaway train carrying toxic cargo. (DVS)				★★ **"Focus"** (2015, Comedy-Drama) Will Smith, Margot Robbie, Adrian Martinez. A con man's former protege/lover throws him off his game. (DVS)				**Claws** "Self-Portrait" The ladies go to their new, fancy salon. (DVS)		**(12:11) Claws** "Escape"
TRUTV	38	129	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**(:45) Impractical Jokers** "Stage Fright"		**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Late Snack**	**Comedy Knockout**
TV LAND	55	161	**M*A*S*H**	**(:36) M*A*S*H**	**(:12) Everybody Loves Raymond**		**Love-Raymond**	**Love-Raymond**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**King of Queens**	**King of Queens**	**King of Queens**
USA	25	132	**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Chameleon" Female serial-killer.		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** A powerful family fights a rape charge.		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** A teen stops an assault on his mother.		**Modern Family** "Mistery Date"	**Modern Family** (DVS)	**Modern Family** (DVS)	**Modern Family** "New Year's Eve"	**(12:01) Modern Family** "Fulgencio"
WE	68	166	**(6:45) Mama June: From Not to Hot**		**(7:53) Mama June: From Not to Hot**		**Mama June: From Not to Hot** (N)		**Bridezillas** "Runaway Zilla & Vain Zilla"		**Mama June: From Not to Hot**		**Bridezillas**
WGNA	8	172	**M*A*S*H**	**M*A*S*H** "Deluge"	**M*A*S*H**	**M*A*S*H**	**M*A*S*H**	**M*A*S*H**	**M*A*S*H**	**M*A*S*H**	**100 Code** Conley narrows his search.		**Rules/Engagement**

Netflix revives, updates riveting 'The Staircase'

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Your summer binge has arrived. With a revised and updated version of **"The Staircase"** (TV-MA), Netflix taps into two TV trends.

We live in an era when everything that has aired must be rebooted. We've also seen an abundance of "true crime" docuseries, from HBO's prestigious "The Jinx" to ID's nonstop re-enactments of murder and mayhem.

For the uninitiated, "The Staircase" focuses on the 2001 death of Kathleen, the second wife of novelist Michael Peterson. He claimed she fell down the stairs. The police never accepted that explanation for a second, placing him under suspicion of murder from the time they first arrived.

This acclaimed dissection of the Peterson case has aired in several incarnations. Produced for French television by director Jean-Xavier de Lestrade, it first appeared in the United States in 2004 as a two-hour "Primetime" special, hosted by ABC News' Cynthia McFadden. The eight-part miniseries aired on France's Canal Plus later that year and on the BBC and Sundance in 2005.

Many see "The Staircase" as the granddaddy of the exhaustive binge takes on murder investigations. One gets the sense that de Lestrade's camera crew arrived just moments after the accident. Or murder. "The Staircase" covers all aspects of the investigation, prosecution and defense as the seemingly happily married father and stepfather fights for his freedom, while his children recoil at the very notion that he could have been violent to Kathleen.

It's that slow, thorough take that keeps "The Staircase" riveting after all these years. It's remarkably dispassionate and free of cliche and emotional manipulation.

Curiously, while "The Staircase" paved the way for groundbreaking series like ESPN's "O.J.: Made in America," the Peterson case doesn't trade in hot-button issues or sociological subtext. Nobody is trying to make a point about race, class or gender, so the focus remains on the evidence or its absence.

WHATSUP / NETFLIX

Michael Peterson, left, and director Jean-Xavier de Lestrade are shown in a scene from the Netflix documentary "The Staircase," which is now streaming.

It's hard to write about this three-episode update without providing spoilers, so let's just say that new installments of "The Staircase" will follow up on Peterson and other family members since the events depicted in the original.

You know a series has become influential when it generates imitators and even spoofs. NBC's satire series "Trial & Error" sends up "The Staircase" approach, as does the deliciously ridiculous Netflix mockumentary series, "American Vandal." Both will return for second seasons.

• Canceled last year, the Netflix headscratcher **"Sense8,"** created by The Wachowskis, ties up loose ends with a movie-length series finale, released today.

• The comedy docuseries **"Just Another Immigrant"** (9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Showtime, TV-MA) follows Romesh Ranganathan, a popular British comedian, as he uproots his wife, children and Sri Lankan mother and moves to Los Angeles. Not content to depict the normal travails of recent arrivals from foreign shores, Ranganathan sets an ambitious goal for himself, booking the 6,000-seat Greek Theater for a stand-up performance and giving himself just three months to sell tickets.

In addition to its immigration angle, "Another" is a good test of how much British television stardom translates across the pond. Ranganathan is so well known in the United Kingdom that he's appeared on "The Great British Bake Off." That and $4 will get him a cup of coffee in L.A.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

• **"Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (8 p.m., ABC, TV-14) and **"NBA Countdown"** (8:31 p.m., ABC) anticipate **Game 4 of the NBA Finals** between the Golden State Warriors and Cleveland Cavaliers (9 p.m., ABC).

• **"Phenoms"** (8 p.m. and 9 p.m., Fox, TV-14) wraps up with two episodes covering soccer's best midfielders and wingers.

• Young people with terminal illnesses persevere and inspire on the season finale of **"My Last Days"** (8 p.m., CW, TV-PG).

• Eddie arrests an old acquaintance on **"Blue Bloods"** (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

• Ethan Hawke, Toni Collette, Aidan Turner, Jo Brand and Liam Payne appear on **"The Graham Norton Show"** (11 p.m., BBC America, TV-14).

CULT CHOICE

A grim tale of murder evidence, the 1949 thriller **"Obsession"** (midnight, TCM) was directed in London by blacklisted Hollywood director Edward Dmytryk, who was living in exile.

SERIES NOTES

Jewel appears on **"Undercover Boss: Celebrity Edition"** (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * Hackers put lives in danger on **"Hawaii Five-0"** (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Work gets in the way of reconciliation on **"Life Sentence"** (9 p.m., CW, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

Penelope Cruz, David Koechner and Interpol are booked on **"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Sterling K. Brown, Willie Geist and Pete Lee on **"The Tonight Show"** (11:35 p.m., NBC, r) * Billy Bob Thornton, Hannibal Buress and Aloe Blacc appear on **"Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (11:35 p.m., ABC) * David Letterman, Aurora and Steven Wolf visit **"Late Night With Seth Meyers"** (12:35 a.m., NBC, r).

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SATURDAY EVENING JUNE 9

	SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM
LOCAL CHANNELS													
WIS 10	3	10	**WIS News 10 - Special Edition**		**Taken** "Carapace" Bryan must protect his cousin. (N)		**Dateline NBC** (N)				**WIS News 10 at 11** (N)	**(:29) Saturday Night Live**	
WLTX 19	9	9	**WLTX Special Champion 2018**		**Ransom** "Hardline" A prime minister's child is kidnapped. (N)		**48 Hours**		**48 Hours**		**News 19 at 11pm** (N)	**Blue Bloods** "The Thin Blue Line" A Mexican drug cartel targets Danny. (DVS)	
WOLO 25	5	12	**Wheel of Fortune** "America's Game"	**Jeopardy!**	**The Crossing** "The Androcles Option" Sophie has information about Reece. (N)		**The Crossing** "These Are the Names" (Season Finale) Jude and Nestor's unlikely ally. (N)		**20/20** "Lights, Camera, Summer!" Summer blockbusters.		**ABC Columbia News at 11** (N)	**American Ninja Warrior** "National Finals Week 1" Finalists compete in a new course.	
WRJA 27	11	14	**The Paradise on Masterpiece**		**Father Brown** "The Theatre of the Invisible" Cast member is suspected of murderer.		**The Doctor Blake Mysteries** "Hear the Angels Sing" The death of a policeman.		**Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries** "Game, Set and Murder" Miss Fisher hosts a tennis tournament.		**Austin City Limits** "Norah Jones; Angel Olsen" Singers Norah Jones and Angel Olsen.		**Bluegrass Underground** "Kasey Chambers"
WACH 57	6	6	**MLB Baseball** New York Yankees at New York Mets. From Citi Field in Flushing, N.Y. (N) (Live)						**WACH FOX News at 10**	**The Simpsons** Animated. Grandpa considers suicide.	**Love Connection** "Kirstie & Joe" (DVS)		**Ring of Honor Wrestling**
WKTC 63	4	22	**Last Man Standing** Mike tries to cheer Eve up.	**Last Man Standing** Mike thinks Kyle is going to propose.	**Rookie Blue** "Integrity Test" Andy, Dov, Gail and Nick undertake a risky plan.		**Saving Hope** "A New Beginning" Alex treats a fitness buff.		**Leverage** "The Runway Job" The team infiltrates the fashion world.		**Impractical Jokers** A time sensitive challenge.	**Impractical Jokers** The Jokers make some tough calls.	**Impractical Jokers** "In Poor Taste Buds"
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130	**(:06) Live PD: Rewind** "Live PD: Rewind No. 118" (N)		**Live PD** "Live PD -- 06.08.18" Riding along with law enforcement.				**Gotti: Godfather & Son**: John Gotti Jr.'s childhood and youth. (Part 1 of 2)				**(12:02) Live PD**
AMC	48	180	★★★ **"Tombstone"** (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer, Michael Biehn. Doc Holliday joins Wyatt Earp for the OK Corral showdown.						**(:05) ★★★ "Tombstone"** (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer, Michael Biehn. Doc Holliday joins Wyatt Earp for the OK Corral showdown.				
ANPL	41	100	**Dr. Jeff: Extra Dose** "He's Ours Now"		**Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet**		**(:02) Dodo Heroes** Prosthetics for dogs.		**(:04) Vet Gone Wild** "Sneak Peek" (N)		**(:04) Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet**		**Dodo Heroes**
BET	61	162	**(4:35) ★★ "The Fighting Temptations"** (2003) Cuba Gooding Jr.		**(7:55) ★★ "Lottery Ticket"** (2010, Comedy) Bow Wow, Brandon T. Jackson, Naturi Naughton. A young man wins a multimillion-dollar prize.					**★★ "Madea's Witness Protection"** (2012, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Eugene Levy, Doris Roberts. Madea uses tough love on a Wall Street banker and his family.			
BRAVO	47	181	**(6:16) ★★★ "Superbad"** (2007, Comedy) Jonah Hill, Michael Cera. Co-dependent teens hope to score booze and babes at a party.				**(8:46) ★★ "Talladega Nights"** (2006, Comedy) Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly, Sacha Baron Cohen. A NASCAR driver has a new rival.				**(:08) ★★ "Talladega Nights"** (2006, Comedy) Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly. A NASCAR driver has a new rival.		
CNBC	35	84	**The Deed**		**Undercover Boss** "Muscle Maker Grill"		**Undercover Boss** "Shoppers World"		**Undercover Boss** "Frontier Airlines"		**Undercover Boss** "Hooters"		**Undercover Boss**
CNN	3	80	**CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera** (N)		**CNN Special Report**		**Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown**		**Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown**		**Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown**		**Anthony Bourd.**
COM	57	136	**(5:30) ★ "Tammy"** (2014) Melissa McCarthy, Susan Sarandon.		**(7:55) ★ "Joe Dirt"** (2001, Comedy) David Spade, Dennis Miller, Brittany Daniel. A mullet-headed janitor relates his personal tale of woe.				**★★ "Step Brothers"** (2008, Comedy) Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly, Richard Jenkins. Two spoiled men become rivals when their parents marry.				
DISN	18	200	★★★ **"Big Hero 6"** (2014) Voices of Ryan Potter. Animated. A robotics prodigy uncovers a dangerous plot.		**(:45) Big Hero 6: The Series**		**(:10) Big Hero 6: The Series**	**(:35) DuckTales**	**DuckTales**	**Gravity Falls**	**Gravity Falls**	**Bunk'd** (Part 2 of 2)	**DuckTales**
DSC	42	103	**Expedition Unknown**		**Expedition Unknown**		**Expedition Unknown**		**Expedition Unknown**		**Expedition Unknown** "Lasseter's Gold"		**Expedition Un.**
ESPN	26	35	**College Track and Field** NCAA Men's and Women's Outdoor Championships. From Eugene, Ore. (N)					**College Baseball** NCAA Tournament, Super Regional: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)					
ESPN2	27	39	**(6:30) College Baseball** NCAA Tournament, Super Regional: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)					**College Baseball** NCAA Tournament, Super Regional: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)					
FOOD	40	109	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**	**Diners, Drive**
FOXN	37	90	**Fox Report** (N)		**Watters' World** (N)		**Justice With Judge Jeanine** (N)		**The Greg Gutfeld Show** (N)		**Watters' World**		**Justice Judge**
FREE	20	131	**(5:45) ★★★ "Wreck-It Ralph"** (2012) Voices of John C. Reilly.		**(7:50) ★★★ "The Incredibles"** (2004, Children's) Voices of Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter, Samuel L. Jackson. Animated. A former superhero gets back into action.					**★★★ "The LEGO Movie"** (2014) Voices of Chris Pratt, Will Ferrell. Premiere. Animated. An ordinary LEGO figurine must help stop a tyrant's plan.			
FSS	21	47	**Atlanta Pregame**	**MLS Soccer** Atlanta United FC at New York City FC.				**Postgame**	**Boxing 30**	**3 Wide Life**	**Running**	**Future Phenoms**	**Atlanta Pregame**
HALL	52	183	**"The Perfect Bride"** (2017, Romance) Pascale Hutton, Kavan Smith, Leanne Lapp. A fitness instructor starts to fall for a client's fiance.				**"The Perfect Bride: Wedding Bells"** (2018) Pascale Hutton, Kavan Smith. Premiere. Nick and Molly have six weeks to plan the wedding of their dreams.				**The Golden Girls** "The Auction"	**The Golden Girls** "Blind Date"	**The Golden Girls**
HGTV	39	112	**Fixer Upper**	**Fixer Upper**	**Fixer Upper** Renovating a ranch.		**Fixer Upper** "The Floating Fixer Upper"		**House Hunters Renovation** (N)		**Mountain Life** (N)	**Mountain Life** (N)	**Fixer Upper**
HIST	45	110	**American Pickers** (DVS)		**American Pickers: Bonus Buys** "Midwest Picking" A Model-A tow truck; bubbletop cars.						**(:05) American Pickers** (DVS)		**American Pick.**
ION	13	18	**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** A wealthy teen is found murdered.		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** A woman's body is found in a park.		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** A young Jewish boy is brutally attacked.		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** A sperm bank is robbed of embryos.		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** Crooked prison guard suspected.		**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit**
LIFE	50	145	**(6:00) "Girl Followed"** (2017, Suspense) Emma Fuhrmann, Joey Lawrence.		**"A Daughter's Revenge"** (2018, Suspense) Jessica Sipos, Linden Ashby. Premiere. Elle uses her friend Anna as an instrument of revenge.				**(:05) "Psycho Brother-In-Law"** (2018, Suspense) Brittany Falardeau, Zach Gold, Mike Duff. Kate's brother-in-law wants to take over the family.				**(12:01) "A Daughter's Revenge"**
MSNBC	36	92	**The Rachel Maddow Show**		**The Last Word**		**The 11th Hour With Brian Williams**		**Deadline: White House**		**Hardball With Chris Matthews**		**The Beat With**
NICK	16	210	**The Thundermans**		**Nicky, Ricky**	**Knight Squad** (N)	**Star Falls** (N)	**Full House**	**Full House**	**Full House**	**Friends**	**(:35) Friends**	**(12:10) Friends**
PARMT	64	153	★★★ **"Creed"** (2015, Drama) Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone. Rocky Balboa mentors Apollo Creed's son.						★★★★ **"Rocky"** (1976) Sylvester Stallone. A heavyweight champ gives a club fighter a title shot.				
SYFY	58	152	**"Lake Placid vs. Anaconda"** (2015, Action) Robert Englund, Yancy Butler, Corin Nemec. Killer crocodiles and giant anacondas clash.				**"Lake Placid: Legacy"** (2018, Horror) Katherine Barrell, Tim Rozon, Luke Newton. Explorers come upon an island that hosts a deadly predator.				**Futurama** (Part 1 of 4)	**Futurama** (Part 2 of 4)	**Futurama** (Part 3 of 4)
TBS	24	156	**Seinfeld** "The Trip"	**Seinfeld** "The Pitch"	**Seinfeld** "The Ticket"	**Seinfeld** "The Bubble Boy"	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**Full Frontal With Samantha Bee**	**The Last O.G.** "Clemenza"	**Snoop Dogg: Joker's Wild**
TCM	49	186	**(6:00) ★★★ "The Three Musketeers"** (1973) Oliver Reed, Raquel Welch.		**★★ "Bell, Book and Candle"** (1958, Comedy) James Stewart, Kim Novak, Jack Lemmon. A witch casts a love spell on a San Francisco publisher.				**★★★ "Boys' Night Out"** (1962, Comedy) Kim Novak, James Garner, Tony Randall. Businessmen prove eager subjects for a sociology student.				**★★★ "Conflict"** (1945)
TLC	43	157	**Say Yes to the Dress: Atlanta**		**Say Yes to the Dress: Atlanta**		**(:04) I Want THAT Wedding**		**Linda and Drew Say I Do**		**(:10) Say Yes to the Dress: Atlanta**		**I Want THAT**
TNT	23	158	★★ **"Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice"** (2016, Action) Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill, Amy Adams. Batman embarks on a personal vendetta against Superman. (DVS)						**(:15) ★★ "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice"** (2016, Action) Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill, Amy Adams. Batman embarks on a personal vendetta against Superman. (DVS)				
TRUTV	38	129	**Carbonaro Eff.**	**Inside Carbonaro**	**Carbonaro Eff.**	**Carbonaro Eff.**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**	**Impractical Jokers**
TV LAND	55	161	**Love-Raymond**	**Love-Raymond**	**(:12) Everybody Loves Raymond**		**Love-Raymond**	**Love-Raymond**	**Mom**	**Mom**	**King of Queens**	**King of Queens**	**King of Queens**
USA	25	132	**NCIS** "Sharif Returns" A terrorist with a chemical weapon. (DVS)		**NCIS** "Heartland" (DVS)	**(:43) NCIS** "Truth or Consequences" The team tries to replace Ziva.		**(:25) NCIS** "Squall" (DVS)	**(:08) NCIS** "Rogue" The team investigates a car explosion. (DVS)		**(10:50) NCIS** "Willoughby" An undercover operation is compromised.		**Ninja Warrior: Ninja vs. Ninja**
WE	68	166	**Criminal Minds** "North Mammon"		**Criminal Minds** "Empty Planet"		**Criminal Minds** "The Last Word"		**Criminal Minds** "Lessons Learned"		**Criminal Minds** Possible serial killer.		**Criminal Minds**
WGNA	8	172	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**100 Code** Conley narrows his search.		**Person of Interest**

How much does Broadway matter to TV viewers?

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Sara Bareilles and Josh Groban host the **72nd Annual Tony Awards** (8 p.m. Sunday, CBS), celebrating the best of Broadway over the past year. Both have been nominated for recent Tonys, Bareilles for the score to "Waitress" and Groban for his performance in "Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812."

Never a big ratings winner, the Tony Awards are very special for theater fans. But how much does Broadway matter to the rest of us? To popular culture? How many songs from Broadway musicals have topped the charts over the past half-century? How many times did "American Idol" judge Simon Cowell use the word "cabaret" as a pejorative?

A recent appreciation of the 75th anniversary of "Oklahoma!" by Todd S. Purdum in *The New York Times* called the musical the "Hamilton" of its time. I'm not sure the comparison is apt. He cites an anecdote by war correspondent John Hersey of American combat soldiers in Sicily in 1943 breaking into "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'" in their foxholes. Are today's soldiers deployed around the globe humming tunes from "Hamilton" or "Dear Evan Hansen" in their barracks?

It's rather telling that the kinds of musicals that have been adapted for live TV events over the past several years tend to be old standards like "Grease" and "The Sound of Music." Next year, NBC will present a live version of "Hair," a musical that debuted a half-century ago.

This past season, NBC made a pointed effort to drag contemporary musical theater into prime time. Ultimately, "Rise" and its tale of a high school drama club's production of "Spring Awakening" sank under the weight of its own self-importance. "Smash," NBC's sudsy 2012 backstage tale of the making of a Broadway musical, never really thrived.

Perhaps TV's healthiest relationship to "new" musicals is in the musical episodes that long-running series produce, particularly toward the end of their run when the talent seem to have done everything else. "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," "Ally McBeal," "Grey's Anatomy," "How I Met Your Mother," "Scrubs," "The Powerpuff Girls" and "Psych" have all presented musical episodes, often as cheeky send-ups. Those efforts parallel the rise of musicals like "The Producers" from Mel Brooks and "The Book of Mormon" from Trey Parker and Matt Stone, both hit Broadway shows from non-Broadway talent, affectionate parodies of musical theater tradition.

Arguably, television's greatest contribution to contemporary Broadway can be summed up in two words and an ampersand. Bit parts and cameos on the New York-based "Law & Order" franchise have kept hundreds, if not thousands, of actors employed between shows.

• A&E continues to revive its "Biography" franchise with **"GOTTI: Godfather & Son"** (10 p.m. Saturday and 9 p.m. Sunday, TV-14), a four-hour two-night profile of several generations of the notorious headline-grabbing Gambino crime family. It puts special focus on the relationship between convicted gangster John Gotti and his son and namesake and features conversations between John Jr. and his dying father at a federal prison medical facility in Springfield, Missouri.

Touted as "unprecedented," this is the latest in Gotti-centric programming from the channel once known as the "Arts & Entertainment Network." In 2004, A&E aired the reality series "Growing Up Gotti," featuring the mobster's daughter Victoria and her wacky brood. In 2014, the network broadcast a reunion special, "Growing Up Gotti: Ten Years Later." I'm holding out for "A Very Gotti Wedding." The movie "Gotti," starring John Travolta, hits theaters on June 15.

• Next to clips of cute puppies or kittens, footage of people being nice to animals is catnip for some viewers. Animal Planet teams up with the digital content company Dodo to present **"Dodo Heroes"** (9:02 p.m. Saturday, Animal Planet, TV-PG), profiles of individuals who go to great lengths to help out critters great and small.

First up is Derrick Campana, who runs Animal OrthoCare, a company that creates prosthetics for pets and larger animals. He's seen traveling the world, helping a quadriplegic dog in Arizona and then jetting to Botswana, where he fits a large animal named Jabu with the world's first elephant orthotic leg brace.

• **"Claws"** (9 p.m. Sunday, TNT, TV-MA) enters its second season in a beauty salon knee-deep in criminal intrigue. Filled with larger-than-life characters, this is a classic case of cluttering up a potentially likable series with layers of mob intrigue and violence.

It's hardly alone. "Barry" did a great comedic job of sending up the pretenses of an actors' studio. Why did its central character need to be a mob hitman, a psychopathic killer? **"Succession"** (10 p.m. Sunday, HBO, TV-MA) concerns an ailing patriarch and his insecure brood eager for his attention and blessing. In short, the stuff of great drama. Why does HBO think we'll only watch if it concerns billionaires?

RICHARD FOREMAN JR. / AMC

From left, Colman Domingo stars as Victor Strand, Alycia Debnam-Carey as Alicia Clark, Kim Dickens as Madison Clark and Danay Garcia as Luciana in the "No One's Gone" season four mid-season finale of "Fear the Walking Dead," airing at 9 p.m. Sunday on AMC.

SATURDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

• On back-to-back episodes of **"The Crossing"** (ABC, TV-PG), a plan for escape (8 p.m.), unlikely allies (9 p.m.). The second is the series finale.

• A daughter uses an unsuspecting friend to get back at her stepfather in the 2018 thriller **"A Daughter's Revenge"** (8 p.m., Lifetime).

• A sober Patrick comes to terms with his late mother on the finale of **"Patrick Melrose"** (9 p.m., Showtime, TV-MA).

SUNDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

• Scheduled on **"60 Minutes"** (7 p.m., CBS): an interview with Brad Parscale, digital media director for the Trump campaign; a profile of international street artist "JR."

• If necessary, the Washington Capitals host the Vegas Golden Knights in **Game 6 of the NHL Stanley Cup Final** (8 p.m., NBC).

• The series conclusion of **"Carriers at War"** (8 p.m., Smithsonian) showcases the new USS Ford, noted for its technology and infamous price tag.

• Emma discovers the bar's real worth on the season finale of **"Vida"** (8:30 p.m., Starz, TV-MA).

• **"Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown"** (9 p.m., CNN) visits Berlin.

• Madison takes a stand on **"Fear the Walking Dead"** (9 p.m., AMC, TV-MA).

• Bianca is refused service at a gay bar serving only "real" men on **"Pose"** (10 p.m., FX, TV-MA).

CULT CHOICE

A magic spell bonds a New York publisher (Jimmy Stewart) with a fetching witch (Kim Novak) and her eccentric circle (Jack Lemmon, Hermione Gingold and Elsa Lanchester) in the 1958 romantic comedy **"Bell, Book & Candle"** (8 p.m. Saturday, TCM).

SATURDAY SERIES

A very expensive Dutch treat on **"Ransom"** (8 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * Bryan's cousin becomes a target on **"Taken"** (8 p.m., NBC, TV-14).

SUNDAY SERIES

The Kardashians play **"Celebrity Family Feud"** (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * A future Lisa recalls forgettable birthdays on **"The Simpsons"** (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-PG) * On two helpings of **"Ghosted"** (Fox, TV-PG), bugging out (8:30 p.m.), cold water from the top (9:30 p.m.) * Comics face off on **"The $100,000 Pyramid"** (9 p.m., ABC, TV-14) * Three cinematic takes on Peter's termination on **"Family Guy"** (9 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) * Celebrities are asked **"To Tell the Truth"** (10 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).

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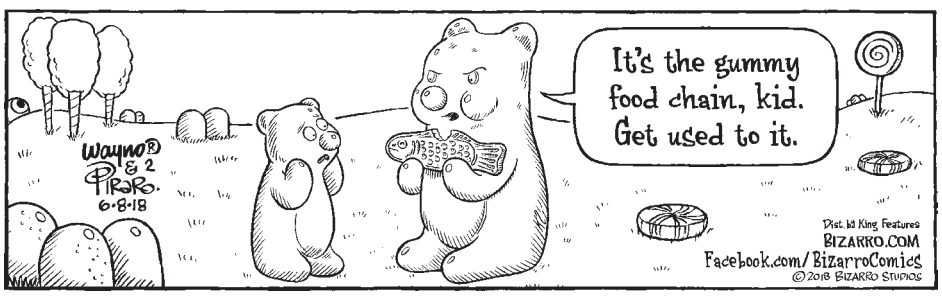

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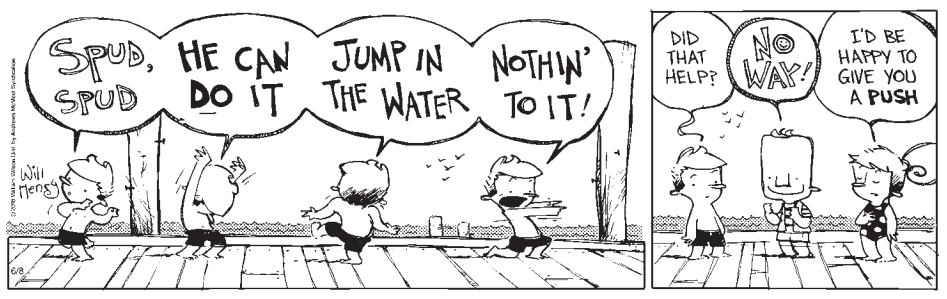

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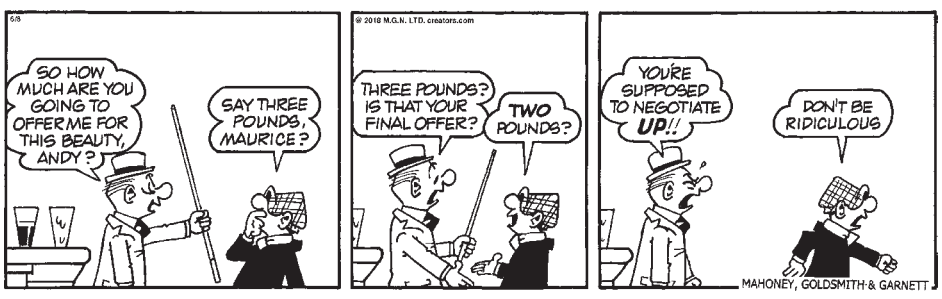

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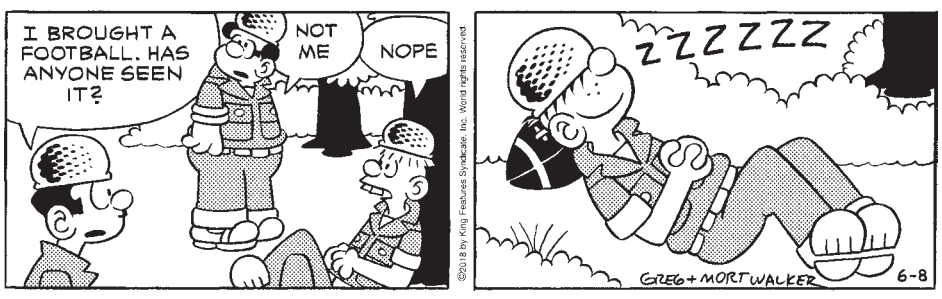

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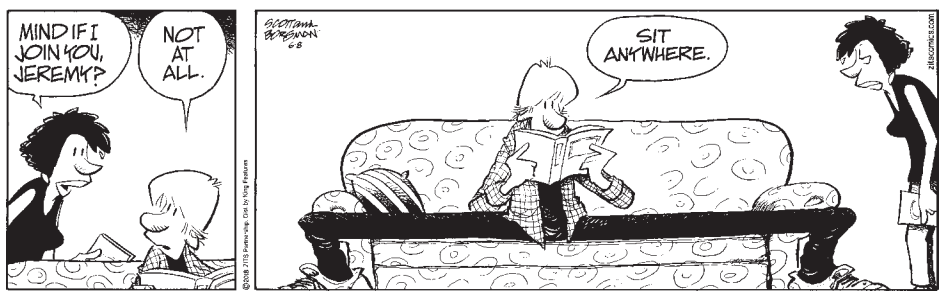

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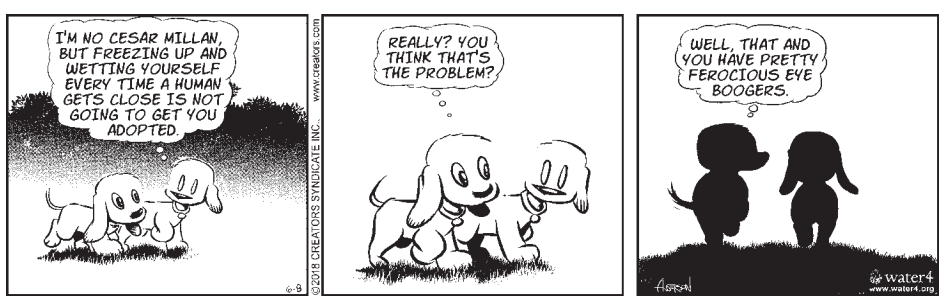

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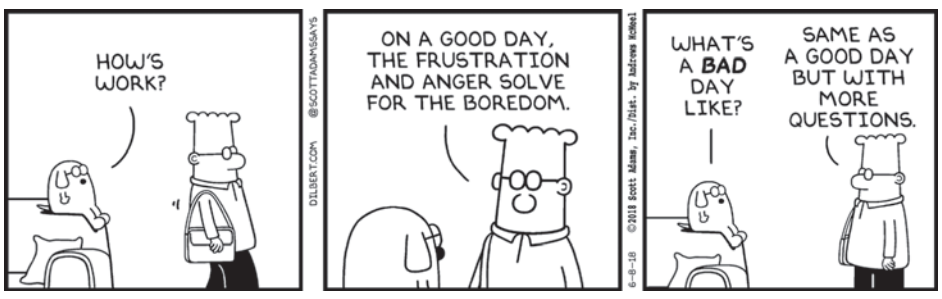

JEFF MACNELLY'S SHOE

Woman looks for exit out of one-way friendship

Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — I have a friend who brags nonstop about her boyfriend, her job, her new car, etc. She only comes out of the woodwork every so often to text me things like, "Roy just got a $13 raise at work!" I respond with wholehearted support and congratulations, then don't hear from her again until days later, when I receive another text saying something like, "My boss said I can work any hours I want from now on!"

I'm not sure why she sends me these messages. Could it be to make me jealous of her "fairytale" lifestyle, which I'm not sure I believe she even truly lives?

We have no other meaningful conversation or time together, and I am growing tired of texts that are solely meant to showcase her wins in life. I have tried to distance myself by responding less and less and not initiating conversations, but then she asks why I'm "mad" at her. I feel like I am nothing more than a wall she posts her accomplishments on. I have no desire to be "friends" with her anymore, but I'm not sure how to get out of it. Thoughts?

Ex-friend in the East

DEAR EX-FRIEND — Continue to respond to her texts less and less frequently. If she asks if you are mad at her, tell her you aren't mad, you are busy. If she wants more detail, tell her you have noticed that she has shown no interest in what your life is like, and to you that's not friendship.

DEAR ABBY — I have noticed that your letter writers often assign a fictitious name to the person they are writing about. I wonder why they do this. What is the purpose?

John Doe in Tampa

DEAR JOHN — I change all the names in the letters I print. I do this to prevent embarrassment for the letter writer as well as the person who's being complained about.

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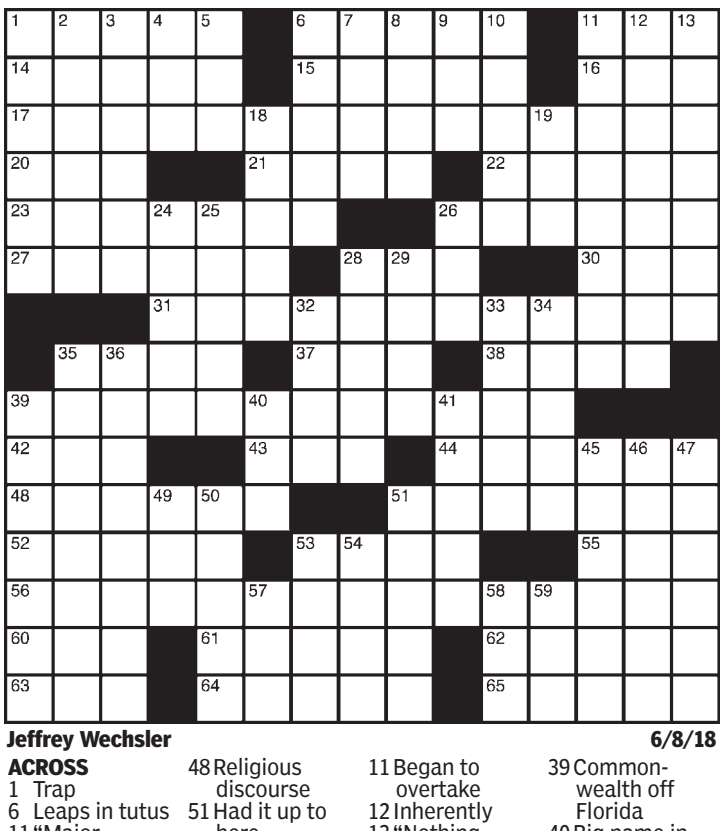
THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

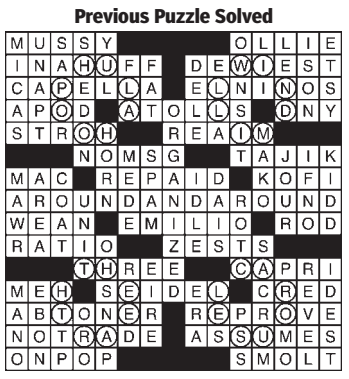


Jeffrey Wechsler **6/8/18**

ACROSS
1 Trap
6 Leaps in tutus
11 "Major Barbara" monogram
14 Dress style
15 Think the world of
16 Roger's relative?
17 Surveillance camera?
20 Set of pieces
21 They're for members only
22 When the break rm. gets busy, perhaps
23 Opposite sides
26 Fine art and antiques, say
27 Desires more from Us?
28 Slithery danger
30 Holmes and Watson, e.g.
31 Interconnected irrigation channels?
35 Garage sale term
37 Actor Stephen
38 Lose impact
39 Member of Cassidy's baseball team?
42 One-time connection
43 Put in
44 Signal on the road
48 Religious discourse
51 Had it up to here
52 Org. offering puppy love?
53 Tenerife, por ejemplo
55 Nutritional fig.
56 Obsessively uniform French fries?
60 Gardner on screen
61 Ahi et al.
62 Take a little off
63 "Think you I am no stronger than my __": Portia
64 Part of a caddie's burden
65 Unwelcome company

DOWN
1 Bazaar figure
2 "Primary Colors" screenwriter May
3 Bit of winter wear
4 Business end?
5 Bk. after Ezra
6 Two-faced god
7 Verge
8 Barnyard males
9 Diamond stat
10 Groups breaking away
11 Began to overtake
12 Inherently
13 "Nothing wrong that I can find"
18 Clarifying words
19 8-Down, for instance
24 "M*A*S*H" figure
25 "Would that it were true!"
26 Dian Fossey subject28 Down the road
29 Complication
32 Street __
33 Occasionally newsworthy comment
34 Bazaar array
35 Crash insurance?
36 Short-lived 1760s levy
39 Commonwealth off Florida
40 Big name in chips
41 WWII peril
45 Like much sandstone
46 Gung-ho
47 Toys with
49 Global sports org. concerned with wickets
50 "Chicago Hope" Emmy winner
51 Give short shrift to, with "over"
53 Access-providing fig.
54 Go across
57 NATO HQ locale
58 Handy program
59 Half of sei

Previous Puzzle Solved



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.

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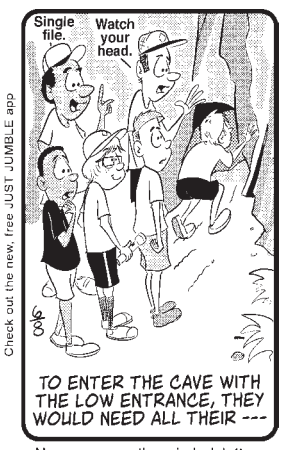

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TWIRL WEDGE SMOOTH GOVERN
Answer: Jim Morrison and his band had so many fans, it was difficult to — GET IN THE DOORS

SUDOKU

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

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

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		7		3				
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