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Admiral travels home to Sumter



'When [U.S. Sen.] McCain passed last year, I was reminded last year of how much of a public servant he was, and I was inspired to do more.'

MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM
Rear Adm. Cedric Pringle visited Sumter High School, his alma mater, on Monday on a trip to promote careers in the Navy. He graduated from the school in 1986 and said students interested in STEM fields might be a good fit in the Navy.

Official visits alma mater SHS to promote Navy opportunities

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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He may sail the world and command an expeditionary strike group, but the U.S. Navy admiral returned home this week to revisit his humble beginnings.

Rear Adm. Cedric Pringle stopped through Sumter on Monday during an executive outreach trip to his hometown and the Columbia area that involved meeting with local leaders in government, diversity, education and veterans groups. Sumter High School has grown and been renovated since his 1986 graduation, but he still sees a connection between the school's educational opportunities and his duties in the Navy.

"We're always looking for students who have an eye for STEM topics and are interested in next-generation



technology," the San Diego-based Expeditionary Strike Group 3 commander said. "I was always inspired by STEM topics, and the way we do business in the Navy just fit into that mold very well."

Pringle, who labels himself as a lifetime Gamecock between his Sumter High and University of South Carolina alumni status, said he was inspired to enlist in the Navy by his four-years-older brother, who would travel to various places in South America with his Naval assignment and send postcards back to his brother in high school.

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Alston: Council holding district 'hostage'

Trustee backs up his comments made at Monday board meeting

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A Sumter school board member said Sumter County Council is holding the school district "hostage" and holding onto a past deficit as rationale to not approve its tax increase request.

While reviewing next year's budget and possible millage rate scenarios at Monday's board meeting, Area 1 Trustee Brian Alston asked fellow board member and Finance Committee Chairman Johnny Hilton if he felt "county council was holding our school district hostage?"



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The school district does not have fiscal autonomy under state law, so council is in charge of approving district millage rate requests. The county has turned the school district down two consecutive years for additional local tax revenue. Council members will vote on June 25 on the district's request for an additional \$1.2 million in tax revenue for the 2020 budget via a 9.01-mill increase.

Hilton's response to Alston on Monday was "hostage" is a strong term and that it's in the best interest of the board to be good stewards of taxpayers' money because constituents talk about issues with their council members.

On Wednesday, *The Sumter Item* asked Alston if he stood by his words from Monday in claiming denying an increasing in funding via taxes is holding the district hostage. He said he did.

He said if Sumter County wants to grow, it must have an educated workforce, that education must be fully funded and that children must be each governing body's top priority.

He added he thinks county council is inhibiting development "by holding onto the events of the past," referencing the district's financial crisis from two years ago when the fiscal 2016 official audit report revealed \$6.2 million in overspending.

"I say that because that has been the common theme of why council does not feel comfortable with giving us the millage increase. They say, 'Well, you didn't properly use the money in which you have been given in the past, so how can we trust that you are going to do right with the money going forward?'" Alston said. "As long as we have that mindset, we're not going to be moving the county or the district forward."

The superintendent at the time the overspending occurred and was discovered, Frank Baker, was elected to an at-large seat on the school

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'Complete distrust' amid recent Air Force child sex assault case

BY JUSTIN PRITCHARD and FOSTER KLUG
The Associated Press

To the mothers, the 13-year-old boy appeared largely unsupervised as he roamed among the clusters of townhomes on the U.S. Air Force base in Japan.

It would have been unre-

markable — the neighborhood was full of kids — except that young girls were starting to report the boy had led them from play and molested them.

"We were like, 'How is this OK?'" the mother of one 5-year-old girl told The Associated Press, which granted her anonymity to protect her daughter's privacy. She locked

her kids inside.

The first girl to report had to wait six days for officials on the largest Air Force installation in the Pacific to provide counseling. The mothers did not sense much urgency from Air Force criminal investigators either.

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The air traffic control tower for Kadena Air Base airfield is seen in Japan in 2018. For decades, justice has been elusive on American bases when the children of service members sexually assaulted each other.

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Beach, Boogie & BBQ event to raise money for YES Scholarship Fund

Sumter's Footnotes will perform

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If you like music and helping kids out, then you may want to consider attending Beach, Boogie and BBQ at La Piazza in Downtown Sumter at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 15. For just a \$5 donation, patrons can come see The Footnotes, a Sumter original band, with returning members Hugh Hodge (singer), Charlie Stafford (guitarist) and Mark Bradley (lead singer), who have been away from the band recently until now. "We all grew up in Sumter and played all through high school and college," Footnotes trombone player and band promoter Steve Morris said. "We didn't play for 28 years (after that), but we've been back together for 20 years. It's been fun being back together and being able

to play music with people you grew up with. We started playing at the Teenage Canteen in 1967, which was a Community Center thing with local bands." The Footnotes are now in the South Carolina Beach Music Hall of Fame. Beer, wine and BBQ will also be available for purchase, and all proceeds will go toward the Youth Education Scholarship Fund, which makes it possible for underprivileged children to attend Sumter Opera House concert programming. "To raise money for these kids is a way to give back," Morris said. "It felt like the perfect fit. If it goes good, we'll do it again next year. I hope people come and have a good time." Outside food and drinks, coolers and chairs are not permitted at the event.



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A Sumter firefighter puts out the flames of a burning car that hit a power pole and flipped on East Red Bay Road on Wednesday afternoon.

Bystanders help pull teenager from car fire

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Smoke billowed into the tree line, past the broken power pole and over the vehicles with flashing lights, the puffs turning from black to white as the water diluted the flames.

Witnesses said they were thankful the crash didn't end in more tragedy.

A gold sedan carrying four people, who witnesses said were teens including one who just graduated from Sumter High School and one rising senior, crashed into a power pole on East Red Bay Road just east of the railroad tracks and power station at Brent Street. The overturned vehicle came to a rest upside down and quickly became engulfed in flames.

Ashley Blanding, of Sumter, was driving behind the car when she said she could see it begin to lose control. She slowed down to give herself space. Then it ran off the road, flipped and crashed, she said.

"I couldn't not stop," she said. When she got out, one person was trapped inside, she said. Flames were already crawling onto the top of the car over him.

Two occupants were transported to Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital to treat injuries that did not appear to be life threatening, a Sumter County Sheriff's Office deputy said. The other two said they did not need an ambulance.

Duke Energy arrived on scene to test the lines, one of which rested on the car as Sum-



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ter Fire Department personnel pummeled it with water.

A woman who lives on Reaves Street nearby and didn't want her name used said she was about to leave her house when she heard several booms. By the time she arrived on scene, she saw several people helping the occupants. Bystanders and first responders arrived within minutes, but she said the quick thinking was crucial.

"If they would have waited until first responders got there," she said, "he may have been dead."



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Democratic presidential candidate and former Texas Congressman Beto O'Rourke speaks during the 2019 California Democratic Party State Organizing Convention in San Francisco on June 1.

Beto O'Rourke to talk at Sidewalk Cafe Saturday

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One of the candidates in the crowded field vying for the Democratic presidential nomination will visit Sumter this weekend.

Beto O'Rourke will host a town hall at Sidewalk Cafe at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday at 154 S. Main St. This three-day trip to South Carolina will be his third since announcing his bid in the 2020 presidential campaign and will also include a roundtable with citizens of the Geechee Nation, a criminal justice roundtable in North Charleston and a town hall in Greenville, and he will also attend church in Spartanburg.

O'Rourke, who hails from El Paso, Texas, and represented the state's 16th congressional district in the U.S. House from 2013 to 2019 after declining his bid for re-election to challenge Ted Cruz for his U.S. Senate seat last year, has already held 15 events in South Carolina, including in Rock Hill, Columbia, Orangeburg, Charleston, Clemson, Denmark, Beaufort and other communities such as the campuses of the University of South Carolina, Voorhees College, South Carolina State University and Clemson University.

His Sumter visit will immediately follow his appearance at the Black Economic Alliance Forum in Charleston earlier Saturday afternoon.

Poll of the week

This week's question: How well do you swim?

- **Moderately. I feel comfortable swimming in most situations** 32% | 19 VOTES
- **I don't know how to swim.** 24% | 14 VOTES
- **Extremely. I feel comfortable swimming anywhere.** 22% | 13 VOTES
- **OK. I don't like open or deep water.** 12% | 7 VOTES
- **Poorly. I'll get in the water but don't feel comfortable having to swim.** 10% | 6 VOTES



Answers are combined from our poll on www.theitem.com. Have a question you want us to ask? Email pressrelease@theitem.com.

Next week's question: Do you think Sumter County Council should approve Sumter School District's request for a millage increase?

Yes
No
Yes, but not the full amount
I haven't been paying attention to the issue.



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Businesses discontent with Trump's trade policies

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's aggressive and wildly unpredictable use of tariffs is spooking American business groups, which have long formed a potent force in his Republican Party.

Corporate America was blindsided last week when Trump threatened to impose crippling taxes on Mexican imports in a push to stop the flow of Central American migrants into the United States.

The two sides reached a truce Friday after Mexico agreed to do more to stop the migrants. But by Monday, Trump was again threatening the tariffs if Mexico didn't abide by an unspecified commitment, to "be revealed in the not too distant future."

Such whipsawing is now a hallmark of Trump's trade policy. The president repeatedly threatens tariffs, sometimes imposes them, sometimes suspends them, sometimes threatens them again. Or drops them.

Business groups, already uncomfortable with Trump's attempts to stem immigration, are struggling to figure out where to stand in the fast-shifting political climate. They have happily supported Trump's corporate tax cuts and moves to loosen environmental and other regulations. But the capriciousness of Trump's use of tariffs has proved alarming.

"Business is losing," said Rick Tyler, a Republican strategist and frequent Trump critic. "He calls himself 'Mr. Tariff man.' He's proud of it... It's bad news for the party. It's bad news for the free market."

"It was a good wakeup call for business," James Jones, chairman of Monarch Global Strategies and a former U.S. ambassador to Mexico, said of Trump's abrupt move to threaten to tax Mexican goods.

Just last week, the sprawling network led by the billionaire industrialist Charles Koch announced the creation of several political action committees focused on policy — including one devoted to free trade — to back Republicans or Democrats who break with Trump's trade policies. A powerful force in Republican politics, the network is already a year into a "multi-year, multi-million dollar" campaign to promote the dangers of tariff and protectionist trade policies.

The Chamber of Commerce, too, is in the early phases of disentangling



Steel rods produced at the Gerdau Ameristeel mill in St. Paul, Minnesota, await shipment. Last week's flareup over the Mexico tariffs may prove to be a pivotal juncture. The spat was especially alarming to businesses because it came seemingly out of nowhere.

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itself from the Republican Party after decades of loyalty. The Chamber, which spent at least \$29 million largely to help Republicans in the 2016 election, announced earlier this year that it would devote more time and attention to Democrats on Capitol Hill while raising the possibility of supporting Democrats in 2020.

Few expect the Chamber or business-backed groups like the Koch network to suddenly embrace Democrats in a significant way. But even a subtle shift to withhold support from vulnerable Republican candidates could make a difference in 2020.

Trump's boundless enthusiasm for tariffs has upended decades of Republican trade policy that favored free trade. It has left the party's traditional allies in the business world struggling to maintain political relevance in the Trump era.

Trump's tariffs are taxes paid by American importers and are typically passed along to their customers. They can provoke retaliatory tariffs on U.S. exports. And they can paralyze businesses, uncertain about where they should buy supplies or situate factories.

"Knowing the rules helps us plan for the future," said Jeff Schwager, president of Sartori, a cheese company that has had to contend with retaliatory tariffs in Mexico in an earlier dispute.

Trump seems unfazed.

Myron Brilliant, head of international affairs at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, went on CNBC on Monday to decry "the weaponization of tariffs" as a threat to the U.S. economy and to relations with trading partners.

Trump responded by phoning in to the network to declare "I guess he's not so brilliant" and defend his trade policies.

"Tariffs," he said, "are a beautiful thing."

Trump can afford to be confident about his grip over the party: Roughly nine in 10 rank-and-file Republicans support his performance as president, according to the latest Gallup polling. So Republicans in Congress have been reluctant to tangle with him.

But last week's flareup over the Mexico tariffs may prove to be a pivotal juncture. The spat was especially alarming to businesses because it came seemingly out of nowhere. Less than two weeks earlier, Trump had lifted tariffs on Mexican and Canadian steel and aluminum — action that seemed to signal warmer commercial ties between the United States and its neighbors.

"This really came out of left field," said Daniel Ujcz, a trade lawyer at Dickinson Wright. "It was something we thought we had settled, and we hadn't."

Congress was already showing signs

of wariness, especially over Trump's decision to dust off a little-used provision of trade law to slap tariffs on trading partners. Section 232 of the Trade Expansion of 1962 lets the president impose sanctions on imports that he deems a threat to national security.

Trump has deployed that provision to tax imported steel and aluminum. And he's threatening to impose Section 232 tariffs on auto imports, a chilling threat to American allies Japan and the European Union.

Congress is considering bipartisan legislation to weaken the president's authority to declare national-security tariffs. In doing so, lawmakers would be reasserting Congress' authority over trade policy, established by the Constitution but ceded over the years to the White House.

The legislation has stalled in Congress this spring. But on Tuesday, Iowa Republican Chuck Grassley, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said the bill would be ready "pretty soon." Given "how the president feels about tariffs," Grassley said, "he may not look favorably on this. So I want a very strong vote in my committee and then, in turn, a very strong vote on the floor of the Senate."

Congressional reluctance to challenge Trump could be tested in coming months. Lawmakers may balk if he proceeds with plans to tax \$300 billion worth of Chinese goods that he hasn't already targeted with tariffs — a move that would jack up what consumers pay.

Likewise, taxing auto imports — an idea that has virtually no support outside the White House — would likely meet furious resistance. So would any move to abandon a trade pact with Mexico and Canada. Trump has threatened to withdraw from the 25-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement if Congress won't ratify a revamped version he negotiated last year.

For all their disenchantment with Trump, the Chamber of Commerce may yet find it hard to break its ties to the party. Though the Chamber says it's weighing a more bipartisan approach, it recently featured a sign on its front steps: It likened Trump to Republican icons Ronald Reagan and Dwight Eisenhower.

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Japan premier warns U.S., Iran 'accidental conflict' is possible

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The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe traveled to Tehran on Wednesday to warn that an “accidental conflict” could be sparked amid heightened tensions between Iran and the U.S., a message that came hours after Yemen’s Iranian-backed Houthi rebels attacked a Saudi airport, wounding 26 people.

Abe’s trip is the highest-level effort yet to de-escalate the crisis as Tehran appears poised to break the 2015 nuclear deal it struck with world powers, an accord that the Trump administration pulled out of last year. It’s also the first visit of a sitting Japanese premier in the 40 years since the Islamic Revolution.

But success may prove difficult for Abe, as the Houthi rebel attack on Saudi Arabia’s Abha regional airport underscored. The attack is just the latest in a wave of rebel drone and missile attacks targeting the kingdom, which has been mired in a yearslong war in Yemen that has killed an estimated 60,000 people and pushed the Arab world’s poorest nation to the brink of famine.

Iran is threatening to resume enriching uranium closer to weapons-grade level on July 7 if European allies fail to offer it new terms. While President Donald Trump says he wants to talk to Tehran, the U.S. has piled on sanctions that have seen Iran’s rial currency plummet along with its crucial oil exports.

The U.S. also has sent an aircraft carrier and B-52 bombers to the region, along with hundreds more troops to back up the tens of thousands already deployed across the Middle East. The U.S. blames Iran for the Houthi assaults, as well as a mysterious attack on oil tankers off the coast of the United Arab Emirates.

Abe called for “more patience” on all sides in the crisis, which he warned could spiral out of control.

“At the moment, tension is rising. We should do anything we can to prevent an accidental conflict from happening, and Iran should play its constructive role,” Abe said in an address to journalists after talks with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani. “There is possibility of an accidental conflict, and a military conflict should be prevented at all costs.”

Rouhani for his part iterated a warning that Iran would offer a “crushing”



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Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, center, shakes hands with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani during the official arrival ceremony at the Saadabad Palace in Tehran, Iran, on Wednesday. The Japanese leader was in Tehran on a mission to calm tensions between the U.S. and Iran.

response if attacked by the U.S. He also claimed that Japan wanted to again buy Iranian crude oil, something it had stopped under threat of U.S. sanctions. Abe did not acknowledge expressing that in their talks.

“Whenever the economic war stops, we will see a very positive development in the region and the world,” Rouhani said.

Neither leader took questions from journalists.

Abe will see Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Thursday.

The Japanese premier was seen as an interlocutor for Trump. Abe had just invited the American president to Japan last month and is in the process of negotiating with him over economic issues as well.

N.C. man pleads guilty to killing 3 Muslim students in 2015

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Moments after a North Carolina man pleaded guilty to gunning down three Muslim university students, a prosecutor played a cellphone video of the slayings in the courtroom Wednesday as one of the victims’ relatives fainted, others wept openly and a man hurled an expletive at the confessed killer.

Craig Stephen Hicks, 50, entered the plea to three counts of first-degree murder in a packed Durham courtroom. It

came two months after incoming District Attorney Satana Deberry dropped plans to seek the death penalty in hopes of concluding a case that she said had languished too long.

“I’ve wanted to plead guilty since day one,” Hicks told Superior Court Judge Orlando Hudson. The judge said Hicks had agreed as part of his plea to accept three consecutive life sentences without parole and 64 to 89 months for the crime of discharging a gun

into a building.

Police said that in February 2015, Hicks burst into a condo in Chapel Hill owned by 23-year-old Deah Barakat and fatally shot Barakat, his wife, Yusor Abu-Salha, 21; and her 19-year-old sister Razan Abu-Salha.

At the time of the shootings, Chapel Hill police said Hicks claimed he was provoked by competition over parking spaces at the condo complex. Relatives of the vic-

tims said their family members were targeted because they were Muslim, and they asked federal authorities to pursue hate-crime charges. Authorities later indicated they did not have sufficient evidence to successfully prosecute Hicks on those charges.

Moments after Hicks entered his plea, Assistant District Attorney Kendra Montgomery-Blinn played a cellphone video of the slayings as the victims’ parents and siblings watched

from the front row. At one point, Barakat’s older sister, Dr. Suzanne Barakat, fainted. She later appeared at a news conference with other family members, and an attorney said she was OK.

Women wept openly, and a young man hurled an expletive at Hicks after watching the video, shown on a large pull-down screen and on two flat-screen televisions that were used to give people in the courtroom a better view.



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Abuse, neglect in nursing facilities unreported

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nursing facilities have failed to report thousands of serious cases of potential neglect and abuse of seniors on Medicare even though it's a federal requirement for them to do so, according to a watchdog report released Wednesday that calls for a new focus on protecting frail patients.

Auditors with the Health and Human Services inspector general's office drilled down on episodes serious enough that the patient was taken straight from a nursing facility to a hospital emergency room. Scouring Medicare billing records, they estimated that in 2016 about 6,600 cases reflected potential neglect or abuse that was not reported as required. Nearly 6,200 patients were affected.

"Mandatory reporting is not always happening, and beneficiaries deserve to be better protected," said Gloria Jarmon, head of the inspector general's audit division.

Overall, unreported cases worked out to 18% of about 37,600 episodes in which a Medicare beneficiary was taken to the emergency room from a nursing facility in circumstances that raised red flags.

Responding to the report, Administrator Seema Verma said the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services does not tolerate abuse and mistreatment and slaps significant fines on nursing homes that fail to report cases.

Verma said the agency, known as CMS, is already moving to improve supervision of nursing homes in critical



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Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General Deputy Inspector General for Audit Services Gloria Jarmon is seen in her office in Washington.

areas such as abuse and neglect and care for patients with dementia.

CMS officially agreed with the inspector general's recommendations to ramp up oversight by providing clearer guidance to nursing facilities about what kinds of episodes must be reported, improving training for facility staff, requiring state nursing home inspectors to record and track all potential cases and monitoring cases referred to law enforcement agencies.

Neglect and abuse of elderly patients can be difficult to uncover. Investigators say many cases are not reported because vulnerable older people may be

afraid to tell even friends and relatives much less the authorities. In some cases, neglect and abuse can be masked by medical conditions.

The report cited the example of a 65-year-old woman who arrived at the emergency room in critical condition. She was struggling to breathe, suffering from kidney failure and in a state of delirium. The patient turned out to have opioid poisoning, due to an error at the nursing facility. The report said a nurse made a mistake copying doctor's orders, and the patient was getting much bigger doses of pain medication as a result. The woman was treated and sent back to the same nursing facility. The nurse got remedial training, but the facility did not report what happened. The report called it an example of neglect that should have been reported.

The nursing facilities covered by the report provide skilled nursing and therapy services to Medicare patients recovering from surgeries or hospitalization. Many facilities also play a dual role, combining a rehabilitation wing with long-term care nursing home beds.

Investigators said they faced a challenge scoping out the extent of unreported cases. They couldn't query a database and get a number, since they were looking for cases that weren't being reported to state nursing home inspectors.

To get their estimate, auditors put together a list of Medicare billing codes that previous investigations had linked to potential neglect and abuse. Common problems were not on the list. Instead it included red flags such as fractures,

head injuries, foreign objects swallowed by patients, gangrene and shock.

The investigators found a total of 37,600 records representing 34,800 patients. Auditors then pulled a sample of cases and asked state inspectors to tell them which ones should have been reported. Based on the expert judgment of state inspectors, federal auditors came up with their estimate of 6,600 unreported cases of potential neglect and abuse.

Investigators found that nursing facility staff and even state inspectors had an unclear and inconsistent understanding of reporting requirements.

Medicare did not challenge the estimates but instead said that billing data comes with a built-in time lag and may not be useful for spotting problems in real time.

Separately, the report also flagged potential problems with state nursing home inspectors reporting documented cases of abuse or neglect to local law enforcement. Federal auditors pulled a sample of 69 cases across five states in which inspectors verified that nursing facility patients suffered neglect or abuse. Only two were reported to local law enforcement, although reporting is required.

In one case, a male resident was sitting in the facility's dining room when an employee walked by and pushed the back of his head, then kept walking. The employee denied it, but his actions were captured on surveillance video. The report said state inspectors verified what happened but did not report it to local law enforcement.

Southern Baptists combat sex abuse as critics rally

BY JAY REEVES
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BIRMINGHAM, Alabama — Confronting an unprecedented sex-abuse crisis, delegates at the Southern Baptist Convention's national meeting voted Tuesday to make it easier to expel churches that mishandle abuse cases.

The Rev. J.D. Greear, president of the nation's largest Protestant denomination, said the SBC faced a "defining moment" that would shape the church for generations to come.

"This is not a distraction from the mission," Greear said of the fight against sex abuse. "Protecting God's children is the mission of the church."

The SBC's meeting comes as U.S. Catholic bishops convene in Baltimore to address a widening sex-abuse crisis in the Catholic Church. The Southern Baptist Convention says it had 14.8 million members in 2018, down about 192,000 from the previous year. The Catholic Church is the largest denomination in the U.S., with 76.3 million members as of last year — down from 81.2 million in 2005.

Sex abuse already was a high-profile issue at the SBC's 2018 national meeting in Dallas, after which Greear formed an advisory group to draft recommendations on how to confront the problem. Greear was unanimously re-elected to a second term on Tuesday.

Pressure on the SBC has intensified in recent months due in part to articles by the *Houston Chronicle* and *San Antonio Express-News* asserting that hundreds of Southern Baptist clergy and staff have been accused of sexual misconduct over the past 20 years, including dozens who returned to church duties, while leaving more than 700 victims with little in the way



Jules Woodson, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, speaks during a rally outside the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting on Tuesday in Birmingham, Alabama. First-time attendee Woodson spoke through tears as she described being abused sexually by a Southern Baptist minister.

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of justice or apologies.

Stung by the allegations, SBC leaders forwarded to the delegates meeting in Birmingham a proposed amendment to the SBC constitution making clear that an individual church could be expelled for mishandling or covering up sex-abuse cases. It was endorsed by the delegates, as was a similar proposal designating racism as grounds for expulsion.

Delegates also voted to assign the SBC's credentials committee to review claims against churches with regard to sexual abuse and racial discrimination.

Even before this week's meeting, some action had been taken on recommendations from Greear's study committee.

For example, a nine-member team developed a training curriculum to be used by churches and seminaries to improve responses to abuse. The team includes a psychologist, a former prosecutor, a detective and attorney and abuse survivor Rachael Denhollander, the first woman to go public with charges against sports doctor Larry Nassar ahead of the prosecution that

led to a lengthy prison sentence.

The study group also is considering new requirements for background checks of church leaders, and it is assessing options for a database listing credibly accused abusers, though Baptist leaders say that process has been difficult because of legal issues.

Outside the convention hall, about two dozen demonstrators handed out flyers to Southern Baptists and held up signs with messages including: "End church abuse cover-ups" and "Be like Jesus: Take abuse seriously & love victims."

Some participants at a rally said they are abuse survivors and have been attending denominational meetings for years. First-time attendee Jules Woodson spoke through tears as she described being abused sexually by a Southern Baptist minister.

"He remains in the pulpit. I've reached out to him personally, and he refuses to respond. And so I'm asking the SBC to hold him accountable," said Woodson, of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Ahead of the meeting, there was a surge of debate related

to the Southern Baptist Convention's doctrine of "complementarianism" that calls for male leadership in the home and the church.

Particularly contentious is a widely observed prohibition on women preaching in Southern Baptist churches. Those recently challenging that policy include Beth Moore, a prominent author and evangelist who runs a Houston-based ministry for women.

"What I want to say to my own family of Southern Baptists: Our family is sick. We

need help," Moore said at a panel discussion Monday night. "We have this built-in disesteem for women, and it's got to change."

A female delegate to the SBC meeting, Alex Hebert, said she was pleased with the denomination's overall effort to address sexual misconduct.

"I think there's a huge push toward repentance and looking into what we can do to prevent that from happening and to prevent people who have been participating in that" from being part of church leadership, said Hebert, holding her 1-year-old son in her arms.

Hebert, 26, said she is very comfortable in her own Southern Baptist congregation, Calvary Baptist Church in Kemp, Texas, where her husband is head pastor.

Nathan Morton, a pastor from South Carolina, said he knows sexual misconduct is a problem based on personal experience, but he trusts the SBC's current leadership to address the problem.

"I had staff members that were abused by ministers when they were younger. Ministers got shuttled from one place to the other. Now there's some positive, proactive issues and resolutions coming up that's made us a greater and stronger denomination," said Morton, 56.

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NAVY FROM PAGE A1

Pringle's education took him from USC to receive his commission through the Naval ROTC to his Master of Science in Financial Management from the Naval Postgraduate School and his Master of Arts in National Security Strategy from the Naval War College.

His first three years were spent as a junior officer in the engineering department on an aircraft carrier, then as chief engineer responsible for the entire department. Since enlisting, he has traveled to 76 countries, "a lot that I didn't know existed when I was a student."

In 2012, he took command of the Navy's first hybrid propulsion drive ship, USS Makin Island. During his tenure, the ship completed its maiden deployment and earned the Battle "E" Award, the Retention Excellence Award, Afloat and Aviation Operation Safety Awards and the President's Volunteer Service Award for community outreach.

He helped provide hurricane relief in Louisiana after Katrina and in Haiti after Matthew.

Back home this week, he visited Sumter's 3D lab.

"It was cool to see the 3D lab because we have them on board our ships now. So, that type of skill set that is built here can be employed on board a Navy ship," he said.

He said he joined the Navy to chal-

lenge himself and to see the world. The training is hard, but the Navy does not set you up for failure, he said.

"There are 130 or so career fields in the Navy. Not everyone will be admiral, and that's OK. If you want to be a firefighter, a doctor, a lawyer, those skill sets are in the Navy," he said.

Pringle has been in his career field for 32 years, and he still gets inspired by those he works with.

He has served on Capitol Hill and ashore in various positions, including as director of the Navy Senate Liaison for the Secretary of the Navy's

Office of Legislative Affairs.

He has traveled to Afghanistan with Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-SC, and to Vietnam with the late Sen. John McCain.

McCain's drive and his leadership qualities and his priority to be a public servant inspired Pringle to start going on trips like this week's, to educate the public and today's students about the opportunities available to them through the Navy.

"When McCain passed last year, I was reminded last year of how much of a public servant he was, and I was inspired to do more," he said.

The Navy needs talented individuals, and who knows how far that ripple can travel if Pringle keeps reaching out to those still in schools on land. That inspiration could dive deeper than the oceans he sails across in between his trips home.



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Rear Adm. Cedric Pringle walks through the halls of Sumter High School with Principal Nicholas Pearson on Monday during his visit to Sumter.

ALSTON FROM PAGE A1

board in November. He retired from his role as superintendent after it was revealed the overspending depleted the district's general fund balance to what was called a critical \$106,449. In the two years in between, the balance has been built back up to more than \$10 million.

Later in the day, the newspaper contacted Sumter County Council Chairman Jim McCain on whether he and fellow council members think the deficit crisis from two years ago is a major stumbling block for the district in getting additional funding from council now.

McCain told *The Sumter Item* Alston is wrong in his assessment but that he did not want to make a statement at this time because council is crafting a response.

"We will let our letter do our talking for us," McCain said. "There are a lot of moving parts on this thing, and we will address them."

ALSTON ON REVAMPED BOARD'S ACTIONS

Alston also told *The Sumter Item* the revamped nine-member school board — with a five-member change-over in the November 2018 general election — has kept to its mission of creating an educated workforce in Sumter.

Since November, the board has voted to reopen Mayewood Middle School less than one year after it was consolidated into the newly named R.E. Davis K-8 College Preparatory Academy by the previous board, led a failed appeal to the state Board of Education of state Superintendent Molly Spearman's fiscal emergency declaration over that change and was condemned in multiple public statements from community leaders including those at Shaw Air Force Base and the governor. Alston said the board has acted in the best interests of students.

"If you were to take politics out of all those things," Alston said, "the common theme has been to ensure

that Sumter School District provides a quality and equal education that's equitable on every level."

He said his vote to reopen Mayewood was because the R.E. Davis facility wasn't ready to be a K-8 school at the start of this past school year. The campus was a K-8 school until the '90s.

Alston also said further improvements to R.E. Davis and an effort to move the district's alternative program, Brewington Academy, away from Mayewood should have continued despite the board's vote in early February to reopen the East Brewington Road campus. He said improvements to R.E. Davis were necessary even if it went back to being an elementary school next year.

District administration have said that moving Brewington became a moot point after the board voted to reopen Mayewood.

Administration didn't take up the issue again of looking to relocate Brewington until after the decision to keep Mayewood closed was finalized in mid-May. Earlier this week, administration and the board agreed that Brewington will remain housed at the Mayewood campus next year.

Alston said the previous board's decision to close Mayewood and F.J. DeLaine Elementary School in Wedgefield, in the area he represents, were made in haste.

Money has been saved, he said, but at the expense of students.

He said those expenses are "more than what you and I and others may see."

"For one, the fact that R.E. Davis' athletics program was still using Mayewood uniforms," Alston said. "Just those experiences or what that trickles down for a child that 'I am not valued because the district didn't even get me uniforms that match the school I attend. I am using old uniforms. I'm being bused to Mayewood to play on Mayewood's football field, but I am now a student at R.E. Davis College Preparatory Academy.'

"I think those educational experiences were the things that were tainted."

ASSAULT FROM PAGE A1

They told the families they'd waited 13 days to meet the boy's father.

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"We come here, and it takes the worst cases that you can imagine to find out that you don't have the services to support your children," the 5-year-old's mother said. "There's a feeling of complete distrust."

This was not supposed to happen again. Last August, Congress ordered the Defense Department to overhaul how it handles allegations of sexual assault among the tens of thousands of military kids who live or attend school on U.S. bases worldwide.

Yet the case at Kadena Air

Base began unfolding in February — six months after President Donald Trump signed those landmark reforms.

For decades, justice has been elusive on American bases when the children of service members sexually assaulted each other. Help for victims and accountability for offenders was rare in the nearly 700 reports over a decade that an AP investigation documented.

The new law required reforms across the Pentagon. The school system it runs for service members' children had to create new student protections. The Family Advocacy Program, whose social service counselors would turn victims away, must review reports. The Office of the Secretary of Defense will track cases and create a policy for how to handle them.

The reforms are now rolling out, and the rollout has been uneven.

The Air Force has not drafted new guidelines. Instead, it is "reserving decision on adding or amending policy until publication of a Department of Defense policy," according to spokesman Maj. Nicholas Mer-

curio.

Like other armed services, Air Force representatives are helping form that policy. A Pentagon spokeswoman could not say when it will be published.

Mercurio called the Japan case "an extremely difficult situation." He said the Air Force has scrambled to deliver "helping resources to the families involved while remaining focused on protecting the rights and privacies of all parties and preserving the integrity of the ongoing investigation."

Kadena Air Base spokeswoman Lt. Col. Christy Stravolo noted that the 13-year-old boy has returned to the U.S. with his family. That happened within several weeks of the first allegations. Attempts to reach his parents were unsuccessful.

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The Army didn't wait to follow the Pentagon's lead. It wrote its own policy.

That March 21 directive mandates both a criminal investigation and victim assistance through Family Advocacy,

which now must inform counterparts on other bases when an offender's family transfers.

Because military law doesn't apply to family members, justice must come under civilian law. So cases on Army bases will be referred to state or local district attorneys who, unlike federal prosecutors, have juvenile justice systems.

"There's a recognition that states are best able to adjudicate," said Charles Lozano, an Army attorney who helped draft the policy.

The policy does not explore the nuances of overseas bases, where host-nation civilian authorities may treat juvenile sex crime allegations very differently. Instead of handing over suspects to Japanese officials, for example, the military often flies them back.

Rep. Jackie Speier, who chairs the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Mili-

tary Personnel, said she was encouraged that the Army's policy was "more comprehensive" than the law required.

"We're going to continue to track this," Speier said. "I'm not certain that this is enough. I'm very watchful in terms of observing what happens when these incidents occur. And they will occur."

The Navy and Marines fall between the Army and Air Force.

The Marine Corps is updating its guidelines to include "language and protocols that address problematic sexual behavior in children and youth," according to Maj. Craig Thomas. Publication is expected by year's end.

Naval leaders have directed base commanders to work with social services, according to spokesman Lt. Samuel Boyle. The Navy also has issued interim guidance, which it would not share.



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COMMENTARY

Biden's surrender to radicals damaged his prospects

WASHINGTON — For decades, Catholic Democratic politicians have been justifying their pro-choice position by telling us that they were personally opposed to abortion but could not impose their religious view on others. For most, the argument was a fig leaf to justify their shameful failure to protect innocent unborn life. But it appeared that Joe Biden really believed it.

For more than 40 years, Biden supported the Hyde Amendment, which bars federal funding for abortions.

In 1994, when a constituent wrote to Biden, urging him, "Please don't force me to pay for abortions against my conscience," Biden replied, "I agree with you."

He pointed out that he had voted no fewer than 50 times against federal funding of abortions, promising, "Those of us who are opposed to abortion should not be compelled to pay for them." In his 2007 book "Promises to Keep," Biden wrote, "I've stuck to my middle-of-the-road position on abortion for more than 30 years."

But middle-of-the-road is

no longer good enough in today's Democratic Party. So when Biden recently reaffirmed his support for the Hyde Amendment, his opponents for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination pounced. "There is #NoMiddleGround on women's rights," Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., tweeted. "Abortion is a constitutional right." Sen. Kamala Har-



Marc Thiessen

ris, D-Calif., chastised Biden, declaring "No woman's access to reproductive health care should be based on how much money she has. We must repeal the Hyde Amendment." Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., and a number of other Democrats also piled on, as did Planned Parenthood, NARAL and Emily's List.

As recently as last week, the former vice president was still standing firm. It appeared this might be his "Sister Souljah moment," when he separated himself from the extremists in his party. This was both principled and good politics: Just

36% of Americans support federal funds to pay for abortion.

But then Biden gave in to the mob.

He tried to justify his flip-flop at a Democratic National Committee event in Atlanta on Thursday night by declaring, "If I believe health care is a right, as I do, I can no longer support an amendment that makes that right dependent on someone's ZIP code." This is absurd. Americans have a constitutional right to keep and bear arms, but the government is not obligated to provide weapons to poor people who cannot afford them.

Biden's surrender to the pro-abortion radicals damaged his presidential prospects. First, it made him seem weak and unprincipled. Few pro-choice voters would have abandoned Biden because he opposed taxpayer-funded abortion; indeed, plenty of pro-choice voters agree with that position.

But voters will abandon a politician who abandons his principles.

Second, it hurt Biden with the one group he claims he can win back for Democrats: working-class

voters who cast their ballots twice for him and President Barack Obama but switched to Donald Trump in 2016. These once-reliable Democratic voters are more socially conservative than the liberal elites. Abortion radicalism doesn't appeal to them.

Third, Biden's capitulation refocused the national spotlight on abortion extremism in the Democratic Party.

After Alabama passed the most restrictive abortion law in the country, Democrats thought they had the upper hand in painting Republicans as abortion extremists.

But now the focus is back on Democrats and their insistence on taxpayer-funded abortion-on-demand up to the moment of birth. In New York, Democrats just lit up the Freedom Tower to celebrate the passage of a new law that removes most restrictions on abortion, even in the third trimester, and in Illinois, the legislature just voted to repeal the state's Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act.

As a senator, Biden consistently voted against late-term abortions. Will he cave on that as well?

Democrats don't seem to understand that most Americans — including many who identify as pro-choice — don't see abortion as something to celebrate but as a necessary evil that should be allowed only in some limited circumstances.

A Marist-Knights of Columbus poll found that just 13% say abortion should be available at any time during a pregnancy, while 80% say it should be allowed only during the first trimester; in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother; or not allowed at all. And a new NPR-PBS NewsHour-Marist poll finds that a 38% plurality believes life begins at conception, while a 75% supermajority says it begins at the point of viability at the very latest. A majority of Americans support restrictions on abortion and oppose federal funding.

Sadly, Biden has aligned himself with the radical minority. He should be ashamed.

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COMMENTARY

Rapists' rights defy reason in abortion debate

WASHINGTON — In Alabama, where a new law denies abortion to women even in cases of incest or rape, a rapist may still pursue custody rights of a child conceived during his assault.



Kathleen Parker

I'll give you a moment to digest that sentence. It gets worse. In a recent case, a young woman in Alabama sought help when she said her step-uncle, who raped her when she was 15, was being released from prison after a drug conviction and wanted to share custody of the child who resulted from the alleged rape. Theoretically, he could even gain full custody. Minnesota is the only

other state without a statute terminating parental rights for a person found to have conceived a child by rape or incest.

More than half of the 50 states terminate parental rights when there is "clear and convincing evidence" that the child was conceived during rape. And nearly half terminate parental rights only when a rapist is convicted.

But this is problematic, too. An estimated three out of four rapes go unreported, and the rate is especially high when the rapist is known to the victim or is a family member. An estimated 90 percent of rape victims know the assailant. Last month, Alabama lawmakers considered a bill that addressed ending parental rights in cases of rape that result in conception, but the Legislature removed that language, limiting the law to cases in which

people sexually assault their children.

As if sexual assault isn't life-scarring enough, imagine having to engage with one's rapist through a shared-parenting arrangement.

On the other hand, there's also the possibility, as some activists suggest, that women might claim rape during custody fights. Marital rape can be a particularly difficult case to make, but precedents do exist. Nothing is as simple as one might hope.

Obviously, we are committed to a presumption of innocence for the accused, but it is inevitable that — especially given the number of unreported rapes — many rapists escape prosecution. Without a police report and a rape kit, there may be no way for the mother to prove the assault.

In such cases, coparenting can become a real possibility.

And this prospect might incline some pregnant women to seek an end to the pregnancy.

But in Alabama, their options would be limited. Even though the new law is being challenged in court, it's already difficult for many people to get an abortion in the state. In 2014, according to the Guttmacher Institute, 93% of counties in Alabama had no clinic that provided abortion.

If Alabama is trying to become the worst state in America for women, its strategy is strong.

In fairness to the unborn, as well as to the strictly pro-life, a child conceived through rape is surely innocent and deserves the same protections as one conceived in holy matrimony. I get that.

But rape and incest have long been accepted as extraordinary circumstances under which abortion could

largely be tolerated. What kind of people would effectively force a 15-year-old rape victim to have a child by her step-uncle and then face the prospect of shared custody with him?

It isn't a stretch to say that, with its new draconian abortion law and its failure to block parenting rights to rapists, Alabama essentially has installed a medieval system in which women are treated as chattel, notwithstanding the duly elected Gov. Kay Ivey, who signed the bill. Though public stonings haven't (yet) been suggested for disobedient women, we may not be as far removed from such practices as we might pretend to be.

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AROUND TOWN

Kidz Klub Summer Camp for ages 6-15 is now enrolling at the South HOPE Center, 1125 S. Lafayette Drive. STEM activities, reading and travel. Registration fee is \$15 and cost is \$30 weekly. Visit www.kidz-klub.us.

The South Sumter Resource Center will offer a free five week summer camp for ages 7 to 17 years old. Camp will run four days per week from June 17 through July 19. Lunch and snacks will be served daily. Applications can be picked up from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the South Sumter Resource Center, 337 Manning Ave. Volunteers are welcome. Call Linda Clark at (803) 436-2276.

The Par 4 Pets Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, June 15, 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. Fee includes golf cart, lunch and beverages. During registration, Mulligans will be available for \$5, maximum of two per person. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place teams as well as prizes for closest to pin on all par three's. Call Kathy Stafford at (803) 469-3906, Teresa Durden at (803) 917-4710 or Mike Ardis at (803) 775-1902.

A Juneteenth celebration, sponsored by the Lee County Juneteenth Committee, will be held beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 15, at the MM Levy Park aka Garrett's Field, 40 E. Church St., Bishopville. Bring your lawn chairs and umbrellas. There will be food, drink, music and more.

The Paxville Community Development Corp. will hold its certificate of completion ceremony at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 17, at the Center, 10183 Lewis Road, Manning (Paxville community). The public is invited to attend. Address questions to Emily Brown at (803) 452-5141 or email paxvilleccdc99@gmail.com.

The Knit and Stitch Sewing Group will meet from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, June 18, at the Wesmark Branch of the Sumter County Library, 180 W. Wesmark Blvd. Open to anyone who enjoys knit-

ting, crocheting, embroidery, cross stitch or any other sewing hobby. This is an opportunity to learn new sewing hobbies, exchange patterns or simply enjoy fellow stitchers. The group meets every third Tuesday.

The Carolina Coin Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, at the Parks and Recreation Department building, 155 Haynsworth St. The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month and visitors are always welcome. Call (803) 775-8840.

In honor of World Sickle Cell Awareness Day, the Sumter James R. Clark Memorial Sickle Cell Office will hold a drop-in from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, at the South Sumter Resource Center, 337 Manning Ave. Those living with the disease, their family, friends and community members are all invited. Refreshments will be served.

The Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association will host an "All White Affair" at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 21, at the Historic Lincoln Center, 22 Council St. There will be dancing, a silent auction, door prizes, refreshments and special presentations. Donation of \$15.

In observance of "Home-ownership Month," a housing and job fair will be held 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, at the South Sumter Resource Center, 337 Manning Ave. Find out if you qualify for a home. A drawing contest for ages 6-18 with theme of "My Dream House" and an essay contest (100-plus words) for ages 6-18 with the theme of "What Home Ownership Means to Me" will be held. Deadline for entry into contests is 5 p.m. on Monday, June 17. Refreshments, door prizes and fun for kids.

The Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 23, at 26 Council St. Call (803) 775-0444 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday or Wednesday.

Looking for something relaxing to do on a Sunday evening? Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, music, fellowship, birthday celebrations and dancing from 6 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, June 23, at the VFW, 610 Manning Ave. For details, call (803) 968-5219.

WEATHER

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85°	60°	81° / 58°	84° / 64°	89° / 69°	91° / 70°
Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 25%
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Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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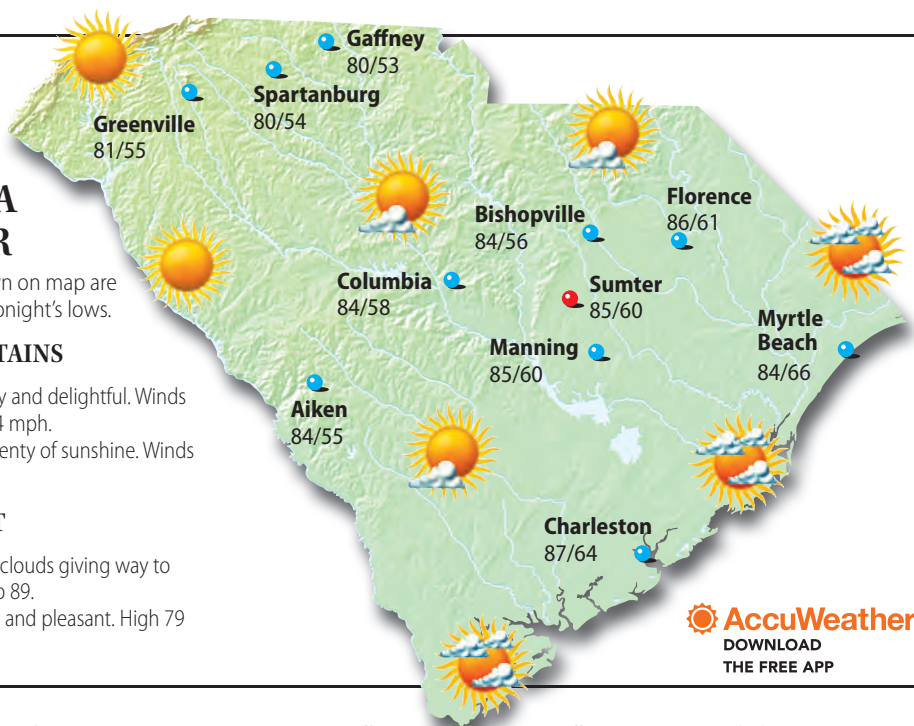
Today: Mostly sunny and delightful. Winds west-southwest 7-14 mph.

Friday: Nice with plenty of sunshine. Winds southeast 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Humid with clouds giving way to some sun. High 83 to 89.

Friday: Partly sunny and pleasant. High 79 to 85.



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Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
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Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date	Last year to date	Normal year to date
	0.02"	2.47"	2.07"	14.58"	13.50"	19.69"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.60	+0.13
Marion	76.8	75.56	-0.07
Moultrie	75.5	74.86	none
Wateree	100	102.45	+4.09

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	4.31	+0.84
Congaree River	19	8.12	-1.49
Lynches River	14	3.53	+0.29
Saluda River	14	7.25	-0.32
Up. Santee River	80	80.44	+0.37
Wateree River	24	25.32	+5.65

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:10 a.m.	Sunset	8:34 p.m.
Moonrise	4:58 p.m.	Moonset	3:42 a.m.

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June 17	June 25	July 2	July 9

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	7:09 p.m.	3.4	1:17 p.m.	-0.3
Fri.	7:14 a.m.	2.9	2:01 a.m.	0.0
	8:01 p.m.	3.5	2:09 p.m.	-0.4

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	80/59/s	81/61/s
Chicago	67/54/pc	76/64/pc
Dallas	85/68/s	89/74/s
Detroit	65/50/sh	74/60/pc
Houston	92/69/s	93/77/pc
Los Angeles	76/61/pc	73/61/pc
New Orleans	90/74/s	91/77/s
New York	66/59/r	72/60/pc
Oriando	86/70/t	87/71/t
Philadelphia	75/60/t	75/59/s
Phoenix	112/79/s	104/76/s
San Francisco	71/56/pc	69/55/pc
Wash., DC	76/61/t	76/59/s

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.	City	Today	Fri.
Asheville	76/51/pc	76/51/s	Florence	86/61/pc	82/58/s
Athens	81/56/s	82/56/s	Gainesville	88/71/pc	90/71/pc
Augusta	87/57/s	84/57/s	Gastonia	81/53/s	79/53/s
Beaufort	89/66/pc	85/64/pc	Goldsboro	84/61/pc	80/57/s
Cape Hatteras	83/68/c	79/68/pc	Goose Creek	86/63/pc	82/59/s
Charleston	87/64/pc	83/61/s	Greensboro	77/56/pc	75/55/s
Charlotte	81/56/s	78/55/s	Greenville	81/55/s	78/55/s
Clemson	81/54/s	79/57/s	Hickory	78/53/t	76/52/s
Columbia	84/58/s	82/57/s	Hilton Head	86/67/pc	82/66/pc
Darlington	84/58/pc	81/55/s	Jacksonville, FL	88/70/pc	85/70/pc
Elizabeth City	86/64/c	80/60/s	La Grange	82/57/s	82/59/s
Elizabethtown	84/60/pc	80/53/s	Macon	88/57/s	85/59/s
Fayetteville	84/61/pc	80/58/s	Marietta	77/56/s	80/57/s
			Marion	77/50/t	76/50/s
			Mt. Pleasant	86/66/pc	82/63/pc
			Myrtle Beach	84/66/pc	79/63/pc
			Orangeburg	84/57/s	80/56/s
			Port Royal	87/67/pc	83/66/pc
			Raleigh	80/57/pc	77/56/s
			Rock Hill	81/54/s	79/53/s
			Rockingham	84/56/pc	80/52/s
			Savannah	89/65/pc	85/64/pc
			Spartanburg	80/54/s	78/52/s
			Summerville	85/61/pc	82/58/s
			Wilmington	86/64/pc	82/59/s
			Winston-Salem	77/55/pc	76/54/s

PUBLIC AGENDA

SUMTER COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION / ELECTION COMMISSION
Today, 5:30 p.m., registration / election office, 141 N. Main St.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take good care of your needs. Proper

diet, fitness and lifestyle changes will help you overcome any of the emotional issues that have been causing you stress and holding you back. A positive opportunity is heading your way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Change what you don't like, and keep moving. It's up to you to do the legwork if you want to make progress. Trust in what you know and what you can do. Share your feelings, and improve important relationships.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let change unnerve you. Size up whether it's good for you, and make a choice to participate or to walk away. When in doubt, ask a trusted friend to give you good advice. Romance is encouraged.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Waiting for someone else to go first will not help you get ahead. Let your imagination lead the way and your creativity guide you down a path that will bring about positive change in your life and in your relationships.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A change at home may not be welcome, but if you are patient and focus on personal growth, it will turn in your favor. Spend time with those who get you and support what you are trying to achieve.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't join in if someone is trying to tempt you to be indulgent. Stick to those who are reliable and productive; it will help you achieve something that will change your life. Don't let poor influences lead

you astray.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take a break from your daily routine, and venture down a path that encourages you to explore possibilities. Refuse to let anyone bring you down or cause you grief. Let go of the past, and embrace the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Listen to what's being said, and evaluate how it pertains to you. A change of attitude or feelings will encourage you to make a move or adjust your beliefs or plans to fit your needs. Follow your heart.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be honest about what you want. Refuse to be enticed by what someone else is doing. Keep your life simple and your relationships honest. Make changes that are geared toward saving money and improving your health.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make a change at home or at work that will encourage a better quality of life. Speak up about your likes and dislikes, and address issues that will bring you in sync with the people who can influence your future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If you want to make a personal change, do so, but not because someone is trying to sell you something or isn't happy with you. Change begins within and should be based on what you want and are prepared to do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Plan to get out and participate in events and projects you believe in. You can make a difference if you devote time to improving your community, your relationships with others or the life path you want to pursue.

PICTURES FROM THE PUBLIC



Christine Gonzales comments on her photo submission, "The Housatonic River empties into Long Island Sound in Stratford, Connecticut. This picture was taken at sunrise at the mouth of the river."

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FRANK GUNN / THE CANADIAN PRESS VIA AP

Golden State Warriors forward Kevin Durant protects the ball from Toronto Raptors forward Pascal Siakam (43) in Game 5 of the NBA Finals in Toronto on Monday. Durant reinjured his Achilles during the game, though the severity of it is still not confirmed.

Even being injured, Warriors' Durant leads free-agent pack

BY TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — This was already going to be a summer filled with fireworks in the NBA.

Nothing has changed. Kevin Durant's Achilles injury, the severity of which isn't yet confirmed, means he probably won't be able to play much — if any — next season. But this is a testament to how much he overshadows much of the NBA landscape: Durant will still likely dictate how the free-agency dominoes fall this summer.

Durant could exercise his \$31.5 million player option and stay with the Warriors, and

that's likely going to be his worst-case financial scenario. He could opt out and sign a longer deal to stay in the Bay. Or he could opt out, sign elsewhere and start collecting massive checks from either the New York Knicks or Brooklyn Nets or Los Angeles Clippers or someone else.

Kyrie Irving's decision could hinge on what Durant does. Kawhi Leonard's decision could be affected by what Durant does. How the Knicks, Nets, Clippers, Dallas Mavericks, Los Angeles Lakers, Atlanta Hawks and all the other teams who have cap space will start spending their money on June 30 ... it all will

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Fahey upsets 3rd-seeded Mateas

Other high seeds advance at PPO

BY DANNY KELLY
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It didn't take long for an upset at the Palmetto Pro Open.

American Katharine Fahey defeated fellow American and No. 3 seed Maria Mateas in the first round of the tournament on Wednesday at Palmetto Tennis Center.

However, this was not the first time the two had met on the court.

"I actually played her earlier in the season when we were both in college," Fahey said.

Fahey, who just graduated from college, played for the University of Michigan, while Mateas, who is ranked No. 328 in the world according to the World Tennis Association, currently plays for Duke University.

"It was a tough match, so I knew she was gonna be a good opponent," she said. "And, you know, she's ranked high, so I was just kinda ready to battle;



DANNY KELLY / THE SUMTER ITEM

Katharine Fahey, above, defeated No. 3 seed Maria Mateas 6-1, 6-2 in a huge upset on Wednesday at the Palmetto Pro Open at Palmetto Tennis Center.

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Koepka faces long odds for another U.S. Open title

BY DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Brooks Koepka should already have enough motivation for this U.S. Open.

At stake is a shot at a U.S. Open record not touched in 104 years — three straight victories by Willie Anderson.

On his mind was a Fox Sports preview that Koepka interpreted as another example of him not getting the credit he deserves, another chip on his broad shoulder, another chance to prove everyone wrong.

"A bunch of people on Twitter I think tagged me in it — in the promo — and I guess they were amazed that I wasn't in it," Koepka said Tuesday. "I just clicked on the link and watched it. Just kind of shocked. They've had over a year to kind of put it out. So I don't know. Somebody probably got fired over it — or should."

Was it a slight?

Fox had four U.S. Open promos, three of which included Koepka, one of them devoted entirely to Koepka and the history he can match. The other was entirely about Tiger Woods, the Masters champion who returns to the scene of his record 15-shot victory at Pebble Beach.

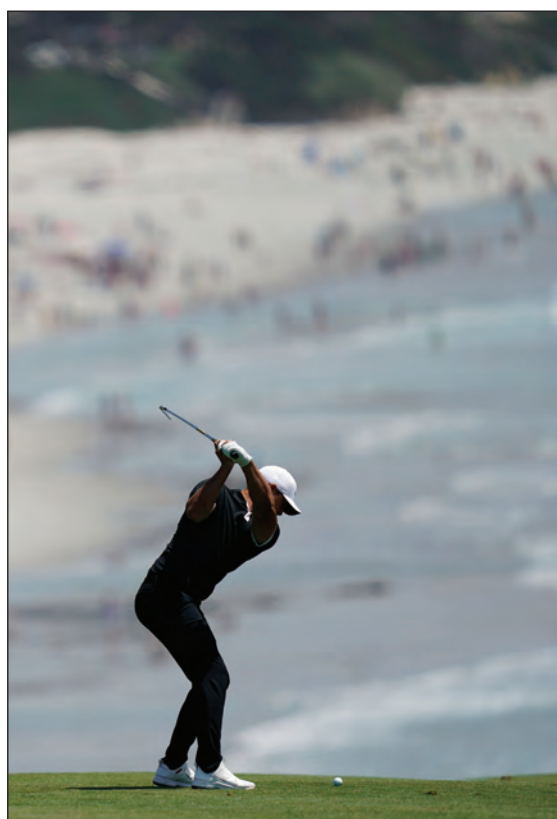
Koepka wasn't clear about what shocked him. If there is any cause for a beef in the Woods promo, it was talk about passing the torch to the next generation and showing images of Rory McIlroy, Dustin Johnson and Jordan Spieth — but no Koepka.

The good news for Koepka?

He says it's getting harder for him to hide when he's out in public. He can feel eyes on him when he walks into a restaurant, and he's not sure why all the fuss.

"I just view myself as a regular guy, just like everybody else," he said. "And I just happen to be really good at golf. And that's it."

It was hard not to notice, maybe even appreciate, the interview room. Only six people at-



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Brooks Koepka hits from the fairway on the ninth hole during a practice round for the U.S. Open Championship golf tournament on Monday in Pebble Beach, California.

tended his pre-tournament press conference last year at Shinnecock Hills when he was the defending champion, although it was late on a Wednesday afternoon. This time, it was hard to find six empty seats.

Koepka has everyone's attention at Pebble Beach. He has won four of his last eight majors, a stretch of success only Woods, Jack Nicklaus and Ben Hogan have equaled in the era of four majors.

Even so, it's another name that enters the equation this week.

Koepka recalls seeing Anderson's name on a building in Scotland last summer, right after he won his second U.S. Open. By then, Koepka was vaguely aware that the Scottish-born Anderson had won the U.S. Open in 1903, 1904 and 1905.

"I just try to put that in the back of my mind," Koepka said in a tone nearly as flat as

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Panthers put focus on QB Newton's throwing mechanics after surgery

BY STEVE REED
AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — When Cam Newton starts throwing the football again in meaningful games, the Panthers want to make sure he's doing it the right way.

Carolina's coaching staff is placing an added emphasis on improving Newton's throwing mechanics as the 30-year-old quarterback continues his recovery from arthroscopic surgery on his right shoulder.

Newton threw about 20 passes to stationary targets on the first day of mandatory minicamp Tuesday.

Newton has done some light throwing before, but these were his first tosses in front of reporters since undergoing surgery in January.

The team promoted the event on Monday, announcing it would be live-streamed for fans to watch. But there wasn't much to see.

The 2015 league MVP didn't overexert his arm, essentially throwing light warmup passes of less than 15 yards to teammates. He did not participate in team drills.

Panthers coach Ron Rivera said the goal is for Newton to return to using the mechanics he displayed early in the 2018 season before developing shoulder soreness and struggling in the second half of the season.

"If you go back and look at some of the things that happened earlier in the year before the shoulder injury, you can see the improvement, you can see the footwork and the development," Rivera said. "When the shoulder started to go, everything just kind of fell to the wayside. Now he has an opportunity to go back, rework those things and do the things he needs to improve."

Rivera, a former NFL linebacker, said he couldn't describe in detail exactly what tweaks the Panthers are trying to make with Newton's mechanics, joking that he can teach about how to tackle but not how to throw a football.

Newton offered no insight either, running by reporters after practice without stopping for interviews.

Rivera said Newton is going through the steps of his injury rehabilitation and the team is pleased with his progress.

"He did exactly what we had scripted out and made



NEWTON

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SPORTS ITEMS

Post 175 falls to 4-5 with loss to Camden

CAMDEN — Dalzell-Shaw Post 175 fell to 4-5 on the season with a 7-1 American Legion baseball loss to Camden Post 17 on Tuesday at Legion Field.

Camden scored all of its runs in the third inning. The Jets got their run in the top of the seventh.

Dalzell finished with two hits with Josh Burns and Peyton Godwin picking them up. Burns scored the run and also drew a walk. Grant McElveen also drew two walks.

Dalzell was scheduled to play at Lake City on Wednesday.

JUNIOR P-15'S WIN, TIE

The Sumter Junior P-15's tied the Pee Dee Patriots 2-2 before beating them 8-5 in the second game of a doubleheader on Tuesday at Riley Park.

In the first game, Pee Dee took a 2-0 lead before Sumter rallied to tie it in the 5-inning contest. Tyler Jones had two hits, while Austin Trapp and William Reese each had a run batted in.

In the second game, Sumter opened a 6-2 lead after two innings. Pee Dee scored three runs in the top of the fourth before the Junior P-15's picked up two insurance runs in the bottom of the inning.

Tyler Jones had two hits for Sumter, and Xavier Brown had two hits and an RBI.

DIAMOND PRO CAMP BEGINS MONDAY

The Diamond Pro Instructional Baseball Camp will hold two sessions at Palmetto Park, the first one beginning on Monday.

The first session is for children ages 7-8 and will run Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The second session will run from June 24-26 and will be open to children 9-10.

The camp will run from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day.

The fee is \$60 per player, and there will be 40 spots available in each camp. Campers will receive a T-shirt.

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

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

PAR 4 PETS TOURNAMENT SATURDAY

The 5th Annual Par 4 Pets Golf Tournament originally set for June 8 has been rescheduled for Saturday at Crystal Lakes Golf Course.

Spots are still available in the tournament. The entry fee is \$160 per team or \$40 per player with a format of 4-man Captain's Choice. The fee includes a golf cart, lunch and beverages.

Mulligans are available dur-

ing registration with a maximum of two per player.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:30.

Prizes will be given to the top three teams as well as those who are closest to the pin on the par-3 holes.

For more information, contact Kathy Stafford at (803) 469-3906, Teresa Durden at (803) 917-4710 or Mike Ardis at (803) 775-1902.

BRAVES 7 PIRATES 5

ATLANTA — Now that his knee is healthy, Brian McCann showed he has plenty of power left at 35 years old.

McCann hit one of four Atlanta homers in the second inning and took Pirates starter Chris Archer deep again with a tiebreaking, three-run shot in the sixth to help the Braves beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 7-5 on Tuesday night.

"It probably hurt me for a little bit there, but once I got it fixed and I came back in September last year, I knew I could make an aggressive move on the baseball," he said. "I'm healthy. I feel good. Got my bat speed back."

The Braves, tied for first in the NL East, have won five straight. The game was called following a 1-hour, 48-minute rain delay after eight innings. *From staff and wire reports*



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Joey Logano stands with the trophy after winning a NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Michigan International Speedway on Monday in Brooklyn, Michigan.

NASCAR's top series a 2-team show for now

BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) — NASCAR's top series has been a two-team show.

Joey Logano's victory at Michigan on Monday gave Team Penske its fifth Cup win of the season. That's two fewer than Penske had all of last year, when Logano won the series title. In another year, Penske might be the clear choice as NASCAR's dominant team, but that's not the case at the moment. Joe Gibbs Racing has nine victories — together, these two teams have combined to win 14 of the 15 races so far.

"When I think of key races to win, obviously the crown jewel events that we probably all know, Brick-

yard, Daytona, Darlington, those type of racetracks that really stand out," Logano said. "This one is next in line to me because of Roger Penske, this being in his backyard. You always want to win at your home track."

It's been quite a few weeks for Penske, who won his 18th Indianapolis 500 thanks to Simon Pagenaud and now has the points leader in NASCAR with Logano. Of course, to win Monday, Logano had to hold off two of Gibbs' top cars — the No. 19 of Martin Truex Jr. and the No. 18 of Kyle Busch. Truex complained afterward that he thought Logano was too quick on an overtime re-start.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

6 a.m. — Professional Tennis: ATP Stuggart Day 3 Matches, ATP/WTA Hertogenbosch Day 3 Matches and WTA Nottingham Day 3 Matches (TENNIS).

9 a.m. — Women's International Soccer: FIFA Women's World Cup Group A Match from Grenoble, France - Nigeria vs. South Korea (FOX SPORTS 1).

10 a.m. — Professional Tennis: ATP Stuggart Day 3 Matches, ATP/WTA Hertogenbosch Day 3 Matches and WTA Nottingham Day 3 Matches (TENNIS).

Noon — Women's International Soccer: FIFA Women's World Cup Group B Match from Valenciennes, France - Germany vs. Spain (WACH 57).

Noon — Major League Baseball: Oakland at Tampa Bay or Cincinnati at Cleveland (MLB NETWORK).

12:30 p.m. — PGA Golf: U.S. Open First Round from Pebble Beach, Calif. (FOX SPORTS 1).

3 p.m. — Women's International Soccer: FIFA Women's World Cup Group B Match from Nice, France - France vs. Norway (WACH 57).

3 p.m. — Horse Racing: Races from Elmont, N.Y., and Louisville, Ky. (FOX SPORTS 2).

3 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Colorado (MLB NETWORK).

3 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Finals Media Availability from Oakland, Calif. (NBA TV).

6 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: K&N Pro Series West from Dacano, Colo. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

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

7:30 p.m. — PGA Golf: U.S. Open First Round from Pebble Beach, Calif. (WACH 57, FOX SPORTS 1).

8 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Indiana at Dallas (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).

8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Detroit vs. Kansas City from Omaha, Neb. (ESPN).

8 p.m. — Professional Swimming: TYR Pro Swim Series Day 1 Races from Fresno, Calif. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

9 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Finals Game 6 - Toronto at Golden State (WOL 25).

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

At TD Ameritrade Park Omaha

Omaha, Neb. (Double Elimination; x-if necessary)

Saturday, June 15

Game 1 - Michigan (45-20) vs. Texas Tech (44-18), 2 p.m.

Game 2 - Florida State (41-21) vs. Arkansas (46-18), 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 16

Game 3 - Louisville (49-16) vs. Vanderbilt (54-11), 2 p.m.

Game 4 - Mississippi State (51-13) vs. Auburn (38-26), 7:30 p.m.

Monday, June 17

Game 5 - Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 2 p.m.

Game 6 - Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 18

Game 7 - Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 2 p.m.

Game 8 - Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19

Game 9 - Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 loser, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 20

Game 10 - Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 8 p.m.

Friday, June 21

Game 11 - Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 2 p.m.

Game 12 - Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 22

x-Game 13 - Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 2 p.m.

x-Game 14 - Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 7 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (Best-of-3)

Monday, June 24: Pairings TBD, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 25: Pairings TBD, 7 p.m.

x-Wednesday, June 26: Pairings TBD, 7 p.m.

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	41	25	.621	—
Tampa Bay	41	26	.612	½
Boston	34	34	.500	8
Toronto	23	43	.348	18
Baltimore	21	45	.318	20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	44	21	.677	—
Cleveland	34	32	.515	10½
Chicago	32	34	.485	12½
Detroit	24	39	.381	19
Kansas City	21	45	.318	23½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	46	22	.676	—
Texas	36	30	.545	9
Oakland	35	34	.507	11½
Los Angeles	33	35	.485	13
Seattle	28	42	.400	19

TUESDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Yankees 12, N.Y. Mets 5, 1st game
Baltimore 4, Toronto 2

N.Y. Mets 10, N.Y. Yankees 4, 2nd game
Cleveland 2, Cincinnati 1, 10 innings

Oakland 4, Tampa Bay 3
Texas 9, Boston 5

Chicago White Sox 7, Washington 5
Houston 10, Milwaukee 8

Minnesota 6, Seattle 5
Kansas City 3, Detroit 2

L.A. Angels 5, L.A. Dodgers 3

TODAY'S GAMES

Seattle (Kikuchi 3-4) at Minnesota (Pineda 4-3), 1:10 p.m.

Toronto (Stroman 3-8) at Baltimore (Ynoa 0-2), 7:05 p.m.

L.A. Angels (Skaggs 4-6) at Tampa Bay (Yarbrough 5-2), 7:10 p.m.

Texas (Sampson 5-3) at Boston (Price 4-2), 7:10 p.m.

Detroit (Boyd 5-4) vs. Kansas City (Bailey 4-6) at Omaha, Neb., 8:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Happ 6-3) at Chicago White Sox (Nova

3-5), 8:10 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Boston at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.

Cleveland at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.

L.A. Angels at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.

Texas at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.

Kansas City at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.

Toronto at Houston, 8:10 p.m.

Seattle at Oakland, 9:37 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	38	29	.567	—
Philadelphia	38	29	.567	—
New York	33	34	.493	5
Washington	31	36	.463	7
Miami	23	42	.354	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	38	29	.567	—
Chicago	37	29	.561	½
St. Louis	33	32	.508	4
Pittsburgh	30	36	.455	7½
Cincinnati	29	36	.446	8

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	45	23	.662	—
Colorado	35	31	.530	9
Arizona	35	33	.515	10
San Diego	33	34	.493	11½
San Francisco	27	38	.415	16½

TUESDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Yankees 12, N.Y. Mets 5, 1st game
N.Y. Mets 10, N.Y. Yankees 4, 2nd game

Philadelphia 7, Arizona 4
Cleveland 2, Cincinnati 1, 10 innings

St. Louis 7, Miami 1
Atlanta 7, Pittsburgh 5, 8 innings

Chicago White Sox 7, Washington 5
Houston 10, Milwaukee 8

Colorado 10, Chicago Cubs 3
San Francisco 6, San Diego 5

L.A. Angels 5, L.A. Dodgers 3

TODAY'S GAMES

Pittsburgh (Musgrove 4-6) at Atlanta (Teheran 4-4), 12:10 p.m.

Arizona (Greinke 7-2) at Washington (Fedde 1-0), 7:05 p.m.

St. Louis (Flaherty 4-3) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 3-6), 7:10 p.m.

San Diego (Quantrill 1-2) at Colorado (Gray 5-5), 8:40 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Lester 5-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 5-1), 10:10 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Arizona at Washington, 7:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Miami, 7:10 p.m.

St. Louis at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.

Texas at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.

Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:20 p.m.

San Diego at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.

Chicago Cubs at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

Milwaukee at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7)

Eastern Conference

Toronto 4, Milwaukee 2
Wednesday, May 15: Milwaukee 108, Toronto 100

Friday, May 17: Milwaukee 125, Toronto 103

Sunday, May 19: Toronto 118, Milwaukee 112, 2OT

Tuesday, May 21: Toronto 120, Milwaukee 102

Thursday, May 23: Toronto 105, Milwaukee 99

Saturday, May 25: Toronto 100, Milwaukee 94

Western Conference

Golden State 4, Portland 0
Tuesday, May 14: Golden State 116, Portland 94

Thursday, May 16: Golden State 114, Portland 111

Saturday, May 18: Golden State 110, Portland 99

Monday, May 20: Golden State 119, Portland 117, OT

FINALS (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

Toronto 3, Golden State 2

Thursday, May 30: Toronto 118, Golden State 109

Sunday, June 2: Golden State 109, Toronto 104

Wednesday, June 5: Toronto 123, Golden State 109

Friday, June 7: Toronto 105, Golden State 92

Monday, June 10: Golden State 106, Toronto 105

Thursday, June 13: Toronto at Golden State, 9 p.m.

x-Sunday, June 16: Golden State at Toronto, 8 p.m.

NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7)

Eastern Conference

Boston 4, Carolina 0

Thursday, May 9: Boston 5, Carolina 2

Sunday, May 12: Boston 6, Carolina 2

Tuesday, May 14: Boston 2, Carolina 1

Thursday, May 16: Boston 4, Carolina 0

Western Conference

St. Louis 4, San Jose 2

Saturday, May 11: San Jose 6, St. Louis 3

Monday, May 13: St. Louis 4, San Jose 2

Wednesday, May 15: San Jose 5, St. Louis 4, OT

Friday, May 17: St. Louis 2, San Jose 1

Sunday, May 19: St. Louis 5, San Jose 0

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I was just gonna try my best. I wasn't really expecting anything, but yeah, I think I went out there and competed well."

Beating such a highly ranked player gives Fahey confidence going forward in the tournament.

"This is only my second pro tournament this summer," she said. "So it definitely gives me a lot of confidence. I think first rounds are always tough; you know, the nerves definitely play a factor, but I think I played well. I think I handled my nerves well and I'm happy to get the win."

Fahey will move on to play American Kenya Jones on Thursday. Jones defeated American Connie Ma 7-5, 4-6, 6-3 on Wednesday to advance to the second round.

Another player to advance on Wednesday was No. 5 seed American Sophie Chang, who beat fellow American Mccartney Kessler 6-4, 6-3 to move on.

Chang, who is from Havre de Grace, Maryland, is glad to get her first win of the tournament under her belt.

"First rounds are always the toughest, you know, because you don't have as much rhythm perhaps," she said. "She (Kessler) came through qualies (qualifiers) so I knew that she had played a couple matches. I know she's a tough competitor, so I was definitely happy to pull that out because it was pretty close in both sets."

Chang, who is ranked No. 386 in the world according to the WTA, got a confidence boost from winning her first tournament match.

"Someone told me once, 'when you win your first round in tournament, you feel like you can win the whole tournament,'" she said. "Like, the possibilities are endless. When you make it past that first round, you just feel a bit more relaxed and more

comfortable, and you've gotten a win under your belt. So, definitely boosts your confidence a little, I'd say."

Chang is also glad to be back playing in a place that has played a significant role in her tennis career.

"It's great to be back in Sumter," she said. "I won my very first WTA point here in singles like four years ago or five years ago and my first tournament here in doubles. It's a very special place for me and I love all the people here and I love the community."

Chang will now face American Pamela Montez on Thursday.

Other singles matches played on Wednesday included No. 1 Usue Maitane Arconada defeating Jada Robinson 6-0, 6-3, No. 2 Hailey Baptiste defeating Andrea Renee Villarreal 6-1, 7-5, No. 6 Dea Herdzelas beating Tess Sugnaux 7-5, 6-2, Carson Branstine defeating Vladica Babic 6-3, 6-2, Hayley Carter defeating Brynn Boren 7-63, 6-0, Marcela Zacarias beating Madison Westby, 6-2, 6-1, and Gergana Topalova beating Nika Kukharchuk 4-6, 6-1, 6-1. A weather delay interrupted two singles matches, leaving Petia Arshinkova and Andreea Ghitescu tied at five games apiece in the first set and Natasha Subhash leading No. 4 Tereza Mihalikova three games to two in the first set.

Doubles matches were also delayed due to rain. Mateas and Branstine won the first set 6-2 over Fahey and Alexa Graham, and Joelle Kissell and Peyton Stearns won the first set over Haley Giavara and Madeleine Kobelt 6-2, but Kissell and Stearns were trailing in the second set 2-1. Carly Briggs and Carson Tanguilig had yet to start play against No. 2 Babic and Carter, and the same was the case for Victoria Duval and Kessler playing Villarreal and Zacarias.

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be determined, at least on some level, by what Durant does.

If he stays in Golden State, that's more money for everyone else.

If he hits the open market, it'll be about what team wants to gamble.

Here's a tip to those teams that wanted Durant before he got hurt again in Game 5 of the NBA Finals.

If the opportunity presents itself, sign him.

Free agency usually isn't about just one year. It's about the long haul. Durant is only 30 years old. He's not a high-flyer who plays above the rim all the time. He's not a plodding big man. He's not someone with a lot of gray in the goatee. He's a world-class scorer and jump-shooter in his prime. A year from now, if the recovery from the Achilles injury indeed takes that long, he'll be far from over the hill.

"This is a devastating injury for a basketball player, but Durant can return to be the same or very close," Dr. David Chao, a long-time NFL team physician, practicing orthopedic surgeon and now a sports medical analyst with a large following wrote Tuesday. "This does not mark his downfall as an elite player."

In the short term, it just means Durant's NBA Finals are over. Game 6 is Thursday

night, and the Warriors trail the Toronto Raptors 3-2 in the title series.

In the long term, it might mean so much more — including the possibility that his time playing for Golden State is over.

Achilles recoveries for basketball players have typically taken about a full year. Even if it turns out to be a partial tear, it's still a tear. Some team was going to pay Durant a lot of money in 2019-20 and some team still will, probably without the immediate on-court services of perhaps the best player in the world in return.

The first decision is the medical course of action.

The financial course of action will be decided soon after.

All will not be lost next season for the team that has Durant on its roster. That team will apply for, and get, a disabled player exception that will allow them to sign someone else for probably about \$9 million and not have that count toward the team's cap.

That player won't be of Durant's caliber, because so few players are. But a year or so later, the team would have Durant.

There's risk with any signing. And signing any player that will command so much of a team's salary cap while facing a grueling rehab would seem particularly risky.

"He's going to come back stronger though," Warriors guard Klay Thompson said. "That's the kind of fighter he is."

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his heart rate. "It's just another golf tournament. I have to go out and do what I'm supposed to do. It's going to be a tough test this week — we all know that."

Four players have had a shot at three straight U.S. Open titles since then. None came particularly close. The most recent opportunity fell to Curtis Strange in 1990 at Medinah, where a 68 brought him within two shots of the lead until he faded to a 75 in the final round and tied for 21st.

"He says it's another day, another round, another tournament," Strange said. "It's not. It's the U.S. Open. He's going for three in a row. But of anyone I've seen who walks the walk, it's Brooks Koepka. He goes about his business in a professional way every day."

Koepka realizes history is against him, and not just because it has been 104 years since anyone won a third straight U.S. Open.

The last player to win any major three straight times was

Peter Thomson in the British Open (1954-56). Take even a stock PGA Tour event, and it has been eight years since Steve Stricker was the last to win the same event three years in a row at the John Deere Classic.

Woods won at least three straight years six times in five tournaments (he had two stretches of three straight wins at Firestone).

"I'm not thinking about it," Koepka said. "I know the odds are stacked up probably even more against me now to go three in a row than to back it up. It's hard to win the same event three times in a row."

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some targeted throws," Rivera said. "We will see how he feels today and (Wednesday), and that will dictate how much more he does" in minicamp.

Rivera's expectation is that Newton will be cleared to practice fully when training camp be-

gins in late July. Rivera said he's eager to see Newton in his second year in coordinator Norv Turner's offense.

"You saw the growth and the progression and he will now be in the second year of the system," Rivera said. "Understanding exactly what he needs to do as a quarterback. The decisions he needs to make, is going to dictate a lot about his throwing style as well."

OBITUARIES

PATRICIA ANN SCOTT BUCKMAN

Patricia Ann Scott Buckman, wife of Bobbie L. Buckman, was born on March 12, 1954, in Sumter County, to the late Charlie Davis Jr. and Wilber Clavon Davis. She departed this earthly life on Monday, June 10, 2019, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.



BUCKMAN

Patricia, also known as "Pat," was educated in the public schools of Sumter County. At an early age, she joined Galilee Missionary Baptist Church,

Mayesville, where she served faithfully and cooperatively with the Jubilee Choice. Pat retired from Cooper Hand Tools after 30 plus years of committed service.

She leaves to cherish precious memories: her husband, Bobbie L. Buckman; one son, Ricky T. Scott Sr. of Sumter; two daughters, Andrea L. Scott of Sumter and Tabitha M. Scott of the home; four grandchildren, Ricky T. Scott Jr., Ari'Elle Scott, Jacques Young and Jamarcus Young, all of Sumter; four brothers, Dock (Ronetta) Clavon of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Charlie Davis III of Sumter, James (Loretta) Davis of Myrtle Beach and Anthony Davis of Sumter; six sisters, Bobbie Rush, Betty (Johnny) Mouzon, Mary Sanders and Harriett (Frankie) Moore, all of Sumter; Marilyn (James) Neal of Pinewood and Theresa Martin of Columbia; one aunt, Mary Green of Sumter; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Cassandra Scott; one nephew, Raymond L. Rogers; one niece, Becky A. Davis; and her grandparents.

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

Mrs. Buckman will be placed in the church at noon on Friday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 325 W. Fulton St., Sumter, SC 29150 with Pastor James Blessingame, eulogist, and Pastor Donna Jackson officiating.

The family will receive friends at 4123 N. Lake Cheryvale Drive, Sumter, SC 29154.

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.

MARIE MCCANTS

SUMMERTON — Marie McCants, 94, died on Saturday, June 8, 2019, at McLeod Health Clarendon, Manning.

She was born on Sept. 17, 1924, in Sardinia, a daughter of the late Richard and Elma White McCants.

Funeral services for Mrs. McCants will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Hayes F. Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel, 114 N. Church St., Man-

ning, with the Rev. Samuel Sparks presiding, the Rev. Benny McCants officiating, and Minister Kelvin Briggs, the Rev. Carnell Hampton and Elder Sammie Taylor assisting. Burial will follow at Melina Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gable.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her niece and husband, Yvonne "Vickey" and George McFadden Sr., 1282 Leon McFadden Road, Gable.

These services have been entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC of Manning.

ALBERT LEE RHODES SR.

Albert Lee Rhodes Sr., 70, husband of Lucile McLeod Rhodes, departed this life on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at his residence.

He was born on Feb. 5, 1949, in Dillon, a son of the late Edwards Sr. and Beulah Blue Rhodes.

The family will receive friends at the home, 1028 Huddersfield Drive, Sumter, SC 29154.

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

MICAH KION COOPER

Little Master Micah Kion Cooper, 15 months old, died on Saturday, June 8, 2019, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.

He was born on Feb. 19, 2018, in Sumter, a son of Michael Cooper and Kamishoin Ross.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his grandmother, Sandra McFadden Cooper, 1029 Dibert St.

Graveside services for Little Micah will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Hickory Grove Baptist Church, 1146 Old Manning Road, Turbeville, with the Rev. Herman M. Gibson, pastor.

These services have been entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC of Manning.

MOSES RICHBURG JR.

Moses Richburg Jr., 62, died on Sunday, June 9, 2019, at Kindred Hospital, Ontario, Canada.

He was born on May 26, 1957, in Clarendon County, to the late Moses Richburg Sr. and Rebecca McGette Richburg.

Funeral services are incomplete and will be announced at a later date by King-Fields Mortuary, Summerton.

FRANK PRIDE LAIDLER

Frank Pride Laidler, 90, affectionately penned "Doc" by his adopted father, was born on April 12, 1929, in Unadilla, Dooly County, Georgia. He was the second child of 12

children raised in a unique way by his father and mother, T.J. Cobb and Lydia Laidler Cobb. He departed this earthly life on Saturday, June 7, 2019, at his home.

Frank attended North Side Elementary School in Cordele, Georgia. After graduating the eighth grade, he moved to Florida to live with his cousin, Theodore Laidler, where he worked as a chef apprentice. He served one tour in the Korean War and 15 years in the United States Army Reserve. In the early 1950s, he migrated to Detroit, Michigan, joining the large influx of minorities seeking better employment. He was employed by Packard Motor Car Co. but got wind that Ford Motor Co. was offering an equal opportunity employment package that included a chief engineer test. "Doc" surprised Ford and passed the test and worked for Ford Motor Car Co. for 37 years in various positions as chief engineer, welder and plant manager. For years, he served as shop steward for their union, the United Auto Workers, and became a voting member of the executive board for Ford.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Susie Ritter Laidler; his children, Marilyn Laidler, Alton Ritter (Yolonda) and Debbie Ritter Smith; eight grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Jerome Peter Cobb; four sisters, Bertha Cobb Everett, Mary Pearl Cobb Cuspad, Diane Cobb Woolery (Randy); one aunt, Julie Mae Cobb; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 1455 Morris Way Drive, Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel, Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter, with Bishop Jeffery Johnson officiating and Pastor Jannie Dingle, eulogist.

The funeral procession will

leave at 1:20 p.m. from the home.

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.

JOHNNY WAYNE ZION

CHESTER — Johnny Wayne Zion, 72, died Monday, June 10, 2019, at his home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Orrs Baptist Church with the Rev. Daniel Wightman and the Rev. Randall Runion officiating. Interment will follow in Chester Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. today at Barron Funeral Home, 133 Wylie St., Chester.

Mr. Zion was born March 15, 1947, in Kingsport, Tennessee, and was a son of the late Luther M. Zion and Eliza Starnes Zion. He was a graduate of Lynn View High School in Kingsport and also East Tennessee State University. Mr. Zion was a veteran of the United States Air Force having served during Vietnam. After the Air Force, the family relocated to Sumter in 1974, where he worked at SC DHEC until his retirement. He was a member of Orrs Baptist Church where he was a Deacon and a choir member.

He is survived by his wife of more than 28 years, Terri Boyd Zion; one son, Trevor Bauknight (Amanda) of Sumter; two sisters, Linda Abbott (John) of Gray, Tennessee, and Aleta Zion of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Zion was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Zion.

Memorials may be made to Orrs Baptist Church, 1266 Lancaster Road, Chester, SC 29706, or Hospice Care of SC, 1639 Ebenezer Road, Rock Hill, SC 29732.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.barronfuneralhome.com.

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 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Superstore Amy and Jonah return to work.	A.P. Bio "Ride the Ram" It's Spirit Week at Whitlock.	A.P. Bio The college fair comes to Whitlock.	Abby's "The Fish" Bill invites his ex-wife to the bar.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Mea Culpa" Stone may be guilty of sexual assault. (DVS)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Sienna Miller; Josh Charles. (N)	
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	The Big Bang Theory Wolowitz buys a scooter.	(:31) Young Sheldon (DVS)	(:01) Mom Marjorie's husband passes away.	Life in Pieces Tim gets a toupee. (N)	Elementary "Red Light, Green Light" An explosion at a traffic stop. (N)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Kevin Bacon; Mark Ronson; Lykke Li. (N)	
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Great Outdoors"	Jeopardy! (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live "Game Night" (N)	(:31) NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	2019 NBA Finals Toronto Raptors at Golden State Warriors. The Raptors and Warriors play Game 6 of the NBA Finals in Oracle Arena's last match. (N) (Live)			ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(12:05) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	
WRJA	27	11	14	Rick Steves' Europe The pros and cons of cruising.	Palmetto Scene Cecil Williams; Women Vision SC.	"Anne of Green Gables: The Good Stars" (2017, Drama) Ella Ballentine, Julia Lalonde, Amariah Faulkner. Anne Shirley turns 13 and faces new experiences.		PBS Previews: Chasing the Moon		Professor T "A Fatal Mistake" A double poisoning case.	Amanpour and Company (N)		The This Old House Hour
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory Rebound relationship.	2019 U.S. Open Golf Championship First Round. From Pebble Beach Golf Links in Pebble Beach, Calif. (N)	(Live)		WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)		Sports Zone		DailyMailTV (N)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Mandy's boyfriend impresses Mike.	Last Man Standing A Valentine's Day music video.	iZombie "Filletoed to Rest" Liv consumes a perfectionist's brain. (N)	In the Dark "I Woke up Like This" Murphy and Jess search for Max. (N)		The Good Wife "Running" Alicia must choose Peter or Will.		The Good Wife "Taking Control" Alicia has to make a tough decision.		The Game Derwin is unhappy about bad publicity.
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130	Live PD Presents: PD Cam	Live PD Presents: PD Cam	Live PD Presents: PD Cam	Live PD Presents: PD Cam	Live PD Presents: PD Cam (N)	Live PD Presents: PD Cam (N)	(:01) Hero Ink "Never Forget" (N)	(:32) Hero Ink "Training Day" (N)	(:05) Live PD Presents: PD Cam	(:35) Live PD Presents: PD Cam	(12:03) Live PD Presents: PD Cam
AMC	48	180	(5:00) *** "Cast Away" Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt.	(2000, Drama)	*** "Moneyball" (2011, Drama) Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill, Philip Seymour Hoffman. A baseball manager challenges old-school traditions.	*** "The Sandlot" (1993) Thomas Gury. The new boy in town falls in with neighborhood ballplayers.		*** "The Sandlot" (1993) Thomas Gury. The new boy in town falls in with neighborhood ballplayers.		*** "The Sandlot" (1993) Thomas Gury. The new boy in town falls in with neighborhood ballplayers.		*** "The Sandlot" (1993) Thomas Gury. The new boy in town falls in with neighborhood ballplayers.	
ANPL	41	100	River Monsters "Canadian Horror"	River Monsters "Death Down Under"	Fish or Die "The Four Norsemen" (N)	Fish or Die "Danger Down Under" (N)	River Monsters "Deep Sea Demon"	Fish or Die					Fish or Die
BET	61	162	black-ish Dre plans a prank on Junior.	black-ish "Jack of All Trades"	black-ish "Being Bow-racial"	black-ish Junior tries to help Bow.	Games People Play Laila is in a dangerous situation.	Ladies' Night "Caymans, We Have a Problem" Tensions reach new levels.					(:08) *** "The Players Club" (1998) LisaRaye, Bernie Mac. A woman works as a stripper to pay her tuition.
BRAVO	47	181	(6:00) Project Runway	Project Runway "One Elle of a Day" Designers receive their final challenge.	Project Runway (Season Finale) (N)		Watch What Happens Live		Watch What Happens Live		Project Runway		
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)		Anderson Cooper		
COM	57	136	(6:50) The Office "Boys and Girls"	(:25) The Office "Valentine's Day"	The Office Dwight confronts his fear.	The Office "Michael's Birthday"	The Office "Drug Testing"	The Office "Conflict Resolution"	The Office "Casino Night"	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	(:36) Klepper (N)	(12:07) South Park	
DISN	18	200	Raven's Home	Andi Mack	Bunk'd Model rocket competition.	Bunk'd	Coop & Cami Ask the World	Sydney to the Max	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Andi Mack	Bunk'd	
DSC	42	103	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid "60 Days" (N)		Naked and Afraid XL "South China Sharks" Survivalists enter shark-filled waters. (N)				Naked and Afraid		
ESPN	26	35	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	MLB Baseball: Detroit Tigers vs Kansas City Royals. From TD Ameritrade Park in Omaha, Neb. (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	27	39	Baseball Tonight (N) (Live)	NBA: The Jump (N) NFL Live	Professional Fighters League		NBA at the Mic (N) (Live)						
FOOD	40	109	Chopped "Mac and Cheese"	Chopped "Say Cheese!"	Chopped "Just Add Cheese!"		Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Chopped		
FOXN	37	90	Julian Castro	The Story	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News at Night With Shannon		Tucker Carlson		
FREE	20	131	(6:00) *** "Monsters, Inc." (2001) Voices of John Goodman.	Siren "No North Star" Everyone deals with the oil rig attack. (N)	(:01) *** "A Bug's Life" (1998, Children's) Animated. Insects help an ant fend off grasshoppers.	The 700 Club Kirk Cousins talks about fatherhood. (N)		*** "401 Dalmatians" (1996)					
FSS	21	47	MLB Baseball: Pirates at Braves	Outdoors	ACC All-Access	College Wrestling From March 10, 2019.	MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Atlanta Braves.						
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "Valentine in the Vineyard" (2019) Rachael Leigh Cook.	"All of My Heart: The Wedding" (2018, Romance) Brennan Elliott, Lacey Chabert, Edward Asner. A distant relative of Jenny's claims rights to the inn.	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls "Golden Moments"	The Golden Girls "Golden Moments"	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	
HGTV	39	112	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters (N)	Christina/Coast	Unspouse	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	House Hunters	Christina/Coast
HIST	45	110	Mountain Men "Hell or High Water"	Mountain Men "New Blood"	Chicago P.D. "A War Zone" A body leads to a college drug ring.	Chicago P.D. "Some Friend" A dead teen in an athlete's home.	Chicago P.D. "300,000 Likes" A witness to a murder gets killed.	(:03) Ms. T's Music Factory The students compete at Clayborn Temple. (N)	(:05) Little Women: Atlanta (N)	(:18) Little Women: Atlanta	(12:01) Little Women: Atlanta		
ION	13	18	Chicago P.D. "Big Friends Big Enemies" A car crashes through a crowd.	Little Women: Atlanta Minnie is demoted from maid of honor. (N)	Little Women: Atlanta A rift develops between Emily and Bri. (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow			
LIFE	50	145	Little Women: Atlanta "For Better or Worse" Bri decides to try a solo career.	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	*** "Star Trek Beyond" (2016) Chris Pine. Premiere. Kirk and his crew face an alien threat on a hostile planet.		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends			
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	*** "Men in Black" (1997, Action) Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith, Linda Fiorentino.	Lip Sync Battle (N)	(:37) *** "Men in Black" (1997) Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith.							
NICK	16	210	Smarter Than Mom	Henry Danger	*** "Volcano" (1997, Action) Tommy Lee Jones, Anne Heche, Gaby Hoffmann. Earthquakes and lava ravage Los Angeles.		(10:55) Krypton Seg-EI is stranded far from home.	Scorpion King 3: Battle					
PARMT	64	153	Mom	*** "Men in Black" (1997, Action) Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith, Linda Fiorentino.	Lip Sync Battle (N)	(:37) *** "Men in Black" (1997) Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith.							
SYFY	58	152	(6:04) *** "The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor" (2008, Adventure) Brendan Fraser, Jet Li.	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Conan Actor Don Cheadle. (N)	Seinfeld "The Wig Master"	Seinfeld "The Calzone"		
TBS	24	156	The Big Bang Theory	Seinfeld "The Bottle Deposit"	Seinfeld "The Bottle Deposit"	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Conan Actor Don Cheadle. (N)	Seinfeld "The Wig Master"	Seinfeld "The Calzone"	
TCM	49	186	(6:00) *** "Operation Pacific" (1951) John Wayne, Patricia Neal.	*** "Sands of Iwo Jima" (1949, War) John Wayne, John Agar, Forrest Tucker. A Marine sergeant toughens recruits and a colonel's son.	(:15) *** "Tora! Tora! Tora!" (1970, War) Martin Balsam, Soh Yamamura, Joseph Cotten. History of Pearl Harbor attack, seen from both sides.	Dr. Pimple Popper "Tumor Takeover"	Untold Stories of the E.R.	My 600-Lb. Life					
TLC	43	157	Say Yes to the Dress	My 600-Lb. Life Lee's anger issues; Sarah's depression. (N)	Blended" (2014, Romance-Comedy) Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore, Joel McHale. Two single-parent families are stuck together at a resort. (DVS)	*** "How to Be Single" (2016, Romance-Comedy) Dakota Johnson, Rebel Wilson. A wild woman shows her newly single friend how to have fun. (DVS)							
TNT	23	158	Bones "The Maggots in the Meathead" Remains are found at the Jersey Shore.	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	Carbonaro Eff.	Inside Carbonaro	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	
TRUTV	38	129	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	Carbonaro Eff.	Inside Carbonaro	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	
TV LAND	55	161	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	King of Queens	King of Queens	
USA	25	132	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A woman is assaulted by a masked man.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A reckless mother's child disappears.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A powerful family fights a rape charge.	Queen of the South A local kingpin makes a discovery. (N)	(:01) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A teen stops an assault on his mother.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit					
WE	68	166	Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta	Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta	Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta	Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta	Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta	Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta	Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta	Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta	Bridezillas		
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	Last Man Standing	Married ... With	

FX's failed-clown comedy 'Baskets' begins season 4

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Television's revolving door ushers two sitcoms toward their exits as another returns. Two canceled NBC sitcoms air their finales as FX's aggressively eccentric "Baskets" (10 p.m., TV-MA) endures.

Both departing comedies stood out in their own ways. "A.P. Bio" (8:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., NBC, TV-14) offered a curiously unlikable concept. Glenn Howerton starred as a rising academic star forced to relocate to his hometown and teach at a mere high school after his post-graduate career went sideways. His disdain for his students and his mercenary use of their time and efforts for personal and professional revenge schemes never rose to the level of comedy. The show seemed to dare its audience to despise it, and viewers were only too eager to oblige. It joins a long list of comedies that flamed out in a second season when it was obvious they should have been canceled after one.

Wisely yanked after only a short outing, "Abby's" (9:30 p.m., NBC, TV-PG) offered a revival of the "Cheers" premise with a few unusual wrinkles. The bar where everybody knew your name was set outdoors in the hostess' backyard. Much was made that the show itself was shot al fresco before a studio audience. I guess you had to be there.

If those two network comedies seemed contrived, "Baskets" grounds a near-cartoon concept in spectacularly mundane concerns, allowing its remarkable cast moments to shine.

Zach Galifianakis stars as Chip Baskets, a man who had to give up his dreams of working as a French-trained clown to work in a rodeo in his hometown of Bakersfield, California. He also plays his dirtbag twin brother, Dale. Louie Anderson portrays their mother, Christine, whose combination of agoraphobia, avoirdupois and affection offers the comedian a role of a lifetime.

Not to give too much away, but in the season opener, Christine obsesses about paint colors and about the relationship between her cat, Ronald Reagan, and Susan, the "Democrat" fe-



Alex Morris, left, stars as Ken and Louie Anderson as Christine Baskets in the "Cat People" season four premiere episode of "Baskets," airing at 10 p.m. today on FX.

line belonging to her new beau (Alex Morris). Chip frets about new business ventures for the Buckaroo Rodeo, now closed for the season. He also schemes a way to pick up his ex-wife, Penelope (Sabina Sciubba), from the airport. A vivacious singer who only married Chip for her green card, Penelope never fails to humiliate her ex.

Not unlike cooking or chemistry, comedy requires a careful blending of ingredients. With its remarkable mix of the bizarre and the banal, "Baskets" has found an amusing formula.

"Strange Angel" a pulpy tale of post-World War II rocketry and L.A.-based occult gatherings, returns for a second season, streaming on CBS All Access.

CULT CHOICE

TCM unspools four consecutive WWII movies starring John Wayne: "Back to Bataan" (2 p.m., TV-PG), "Flying Leathernecks" (4 p.m., TV-PG), "Operation Pacific" (6 p.m., TV-PG) and "Sands of Iwo Jima" (8 p.m., TV-PG).

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Fox turns its cameras on the golf course, offering **U.S. Open** (7:30 p.m.) coverage in prime time.
- A paler's noggin perks up Liv's chef on **"iZombie"** (8 p.m., CW, TV-14).
- Possible terrorism on **"Elementary"** (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).

SERIES NOTES

Amy is overwhelmed on **"The Big Bang Theory"** (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-PG) * Overexposed on **"Superstore"** (8 p.m., NBC, r, TV-14) * Bad marks on **"Young Sheldon"** (8:30 p.m., CBS, r, TV-PG) * Marjorie needs bucking up on **"Mom"** (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * A plan with a van on **"In the Dark"** (9 p.m., CW, TV-14) * Wiggling out on **"Life in Pieces"** (9:30 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * Stone invites Benson to dig into his history on **"Law & Order: Special Victims Unit"** (10 p.m., NBC, r, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

Rep. Tim Ryan is booked on **"The Daily Show With Trevor Noah"** (11 p.m., Comedy Central) * Don Cheadle is booked on **"Conan"** (11 p.m., TBS, TV-14) * Kevin Bacon, Mark Ronson and Lykke Li are scheduled on **"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Sienna Miller, Josh Charles, Ryan Tedder and OneRepublic on **"The Tonight Show"** (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Tom Hanks, Pamela Adlon and Koffee appear on **"Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (11:35 p.m., ABC) * Sen. Amy Klobuchar and Regina Spektor visit **"Late Night With Seth Meyers"** (12:35 a.m., NBC) * Dax Shepard, Jodie Comer, Paul Rudd and Avril Lavigne appear on **"The Late Late Show With James Corden"** (12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

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Actress June Lockhart, right, is shown in a family portrait with her parents, Gene and Kathleen Lockhart in 1953.

Who put the 'June' in June Lockhart?

BY NICK THOMAS

Tinseltown Talks

On several occasions over the years, I've interviewed June Lockhart — the TV matriarch in shows such as "Lassie" and "Lost in Space" — who turns 94 this year on June 25. Obviously, her parents christened her, but was it simply a matter of being named after the month of her birth?

Well, sort of, was her answer — there's more to the story. The month played a reoccurring role in the early lives of her parents Gene and Kathleen Lockhart, who were also actors. Thomas Edison was involved, too! "Edison had a cross-country train tour every year to showcase his latest inventions," June explained from her Santa Monica home during one of our interviews. "(He) knew how to promote his new inventions by taking his product to the dealers."

As his train traveled across the country, the inventor would also entertain the dealers in large cities by presenting his own theatrical productions.

"My father was in one of the plays in 1922 and again the following year when my mother was hired in June," said Lockhart. "Edison introduced my parents to each other in his office in West Orange, New Jersey, before rehearsals got underway."

That year, Edison and his troupe traveled from New York to Chicago and St. Louis then worked their way across the southern half of the United States, and finally up the Pacific coast to Banff, Canada, where the tour ended. That's when, says Lockhart, "Daddy made his move!"

The couple married the next year (1924) in Chicago — in June.

"I was born the following year, also in June," said Lockhart. "They were expecting a boy who was to be named Gene Jr., so my being a girl was quite a surprise. My birth certificate reads 'Female Lockhart!' They later chose June as my name because it was a significant month in their lives."

Nick Thomas teaches at Auburn University at Montgomery, Alabama, and has written features, columns, and interviews for more than 700 magazines and newspapers. See www.getnick.org

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MERCHANDISE

Garage, Yard & Estate Sales

Yard Sale: 1045 Lewis Rd. Thurs. 8-? & Fri. 7-? Clothes, shoes, and more.

Garage Sale: Sat. June 15th 7am-11am at 540 Benton Cr. Bedroom furniture, books, baby & kids stuff, kids clothing, and much more. Low prices, a lot of stuff under \$1.

1475 Jefferson Rd. Saturday, 8 am - 12 noon. Cleaning up a bit! Clothes & misc. items.

Indoor Moving Sale Extension: All day sale starting **8am Sat.** at 2311 Toxaway Dr. New stuff from storage building, knockout roses, hydrangeas, and lots of bedding plants, very beautiful!

Garage, Yard & Estate Sales

Garage Sale: Fri/Sat, June 14 and 15, 7:00 am to 2:00 pm., 6120 Tarleton Rd., Datzell, 29040 (Gen Sumter Estates); jewelry, household items, antiques, new 500-1000 piece puzzles, and numerous miscellaneous items.

Estate Sale: 1515 Kingsbury Rd. Sat. 8 am - ? 3 family sale. Everything must go! Antiques & other misc.

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Two burial plots at Evergreen cemetery. Located in 1st circle by Guignard Dr. \$3500. Call John 803-458-8795

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Counseling practice seeks part-time receptionist/office assistant. Hours will be Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 1 pm. Office experience required. Send resumes to anewtomorrowbhs@gmail.com. Please DO NOT apply in person and NO CALLS. Deadline to apply is June 26, 2019.

Help Wanted Part-Time

Camp Bob Cooper (Clemson University Youth Learning Institute) Summerton, SC is now hiring for Part-Time Food Service Workers, up to 40 hours per week, shifts vary, some weekends. Must have a valid ID, reliable transportation, and be able to pass a background check. Please call 803-478-2105. Clemson University is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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LEGAL NOTICES

Summons & Notice

SUMMONS (Deficiency Judgment Waived) (Mortgage Foreclosure) (Mobile Home Repossession) Non-Jury

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CASE NO. 2019CP4300490

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. Plaintiff,

-vs- Phillip A. King; Delia V. King aka Debra King; Michelle V Ervans; Roger Ervans; South Carolina

Summons & Notice

Department of Motor Vehicles; South Carolina Department of Revenue; Gerald Gaylord, Defendant(s)

TO THE DEFENDANT(S): ROGER ERVANS

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 1640 St. Julian Place, Columbia, South Carolina 29202, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for a judgment by default granting the relief demanded in the Complaint.

TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDE(S), AND/OR TO PERSON UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY, INCOMPETENTS AND PERSONS CONFINED AND PERSON IN THE MILITARY:

YOUR ARE FURTHER SUMMONED

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AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a Guardian ad Litem within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff.

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint in the above-captioned action were filed on March 13, 2019, in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 6-1-80 of the SC Code of Laws, public notice is hereby given that the Town of Summerton Council will hold a Public Hearing on the municipal budget for the fiscal year 2019-20:

Date: June 25, 2019

Time: 1 PM

Location: Summerton Town Hall

10 Main Street

Summerton, SC 29148

Current Fiscal Year Revenues	Projected Revenue FY 2019-20	Percentage Change in Revenue	Current Fiscal Year Millage
\$804,420	\$804,983	0.0007%	102.49
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