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Children climb over a wall during Battle Buddies on Saturday. The obstacles were constructed and decorated by members of Palmetto Optimist Club.

Climbing toward a better Sumter

4th Battle Buddies promotes fitness, positive relationships between kids, law enforcement

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Though the sun was blazing on Saturday, children enjoyed a few runs through the Battle Buddies obstacle course at Sumter County Fairgrounds.

The fourth Battle Buddies event was hosted by the Palmetto Optimist Club. One of the basic programs of Optimist International, the parent program of Palmetto Optimist Club, is "Respect for Law," said Melissa Marshall, president of Palmetto Optimist Club.

She said Battle Buddies is the local group's take on that program combined with its fitness program by having law enforcement, fire department and military personnel mentor children through the course.

"It's just our opportunity to say, 'Look, kids of the community, these are friendly people. They're not someone to be scared of,'" she said.

Marshall said the fitness side of the event was to get kids outside and away from video games and other non-physical activities that someone could do for hours at a time.

Volunteers from Crestwood High School's Junior ROTC program also helped on the obstacle course on Saturday.

The health aspect of Battle Buddies ties into promoting a positive influence between children and first responders and the military, said Nettie Bryant, director of health and fitness for Palmetto

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Preparing for impact



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Simpson employees Chip Humphries, left, and Derek Owen load a generator onto a customer's truck Tuesday afternoon.

Generator safety crucial

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Portable generators are becoming increasingly popular to supply backup power during natural disasters such as hurricanes, but experts say there are a few important safety issues that must be considered.

The main aspect to generator safety is to never use a generator inside a home, garage or near open windows or return vents to a home or building of any kind, according to Chip Humphries of Simpson Hardware in Sumter and other sources. When fuel is used, it produces carbon monoxide, which is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas that if inhaled can result in an individual potentially being hospitalized or dead.

Humphries said people often try to use

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Florence could bring heavy rainfall to area

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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With slight variations in the forecast on the exact bullseye and arrival time, Hurricane Florence continues to head straight toward to Carolinas.

A westward shift in the National Weather Service prediction brought the cone down from saying the eye will head north into Virginia once it makes landfall between Wilmington and Emerald Isle, North Carolina, on Friday afternoon. The 5 p.m. update

showed the Category 4 major hurricane heading more directly west through the North Carolina-South Carolina border. The last update of the day is at 11 p.m. after press time.

As of the 5 p.m. update, Florence was about 785 miles east-southeast of Cape Fear, North Carolina, with maximum sustained winds of 140 miles per hour and moving west-northwest at 17 mph.

A storm surge warning and hurricane warning were issued

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Hurricane Joaquin led to historic rainfall referred to as the "1,000-year flood" in the tri-county area.

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Hurricane Hugo caused widespread destruction in Sumter on Sept. 22. Shaw AFB recorded winds at 109 mph. One person died in a mobile home.



1999

Hurricane Floyd struck N.C. as a Category 2 storm but caused flooding in S.C.

2016

Hurricane Matthew swept up the coast of S.C. and caused heavy rain. Sumter recorded a 61 mph gust.



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The Lemira Percussion Ensemble will perform two concerts Monday for the 2018 World Equestrian Games in Tryon, North Carolina. The 33-member LPE is celebrating its 20th anniversary this school year.

Local students to perform for equestrian games

Lemira Percussion Ensemble invited to international event

BY IVY MOORE
Special to The Sumter Item

The Lemira Percussion Ensemble will present two performances on Monday as part of the 2018 World Equestrian Games being held this year in Tryon, North Carolina, at Tryon International Equestrian Center. The games take place

every four years and are presented by the International Federation for Equestrian Sports, founded in 1921 by horsemen from eight countries, including the United States, Belgium, Denmark, France, Italy, Japan, Norway and Sweden; the founders dedicated themselves to the kind and fair treatment of competition horses.

Lemira Percussion Ensemble, or LPE, celebrates its 20th season this school year. The group of about 33 students was founded in 1999, when Lemira Elementary School was awarded a Target 2000 grant to enrich its music curriculum and to promote cultural awareness of other programs, according to a news release.

Students in the ensemble must maintain acceptable grades and behavior in order to participate. They each spend more than 600 hours each year rehearsing, traveling and performing.

Inspired by Diane Downs, director of the Louisville Leopard Percussionists, Lemira teacher Leila Lucas created the LPE. She was later joined by retired LPE teacher Stephen Winn in working with the ensemble.

LPE's repertoire includes classical music, bucket drumming, Taiko (Japanese drumming), Latin American, jazz and drumline, and the musicians often play unusual instruments that include pipes, buckets, trashcans and boomwhackers. The group has performed hundreds of times in

Sumter and around South Carolina, as well as in five other states. LPE plays regularly at Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston and at many other prestigious festivals and venues.

The afternoon concert by LPE will be presented at Tryon International Equestrian Center, and the group's evening concert will take place at Rogers Park in downtown Tryon.

For more information about Lemira Percussion Ensemble, visit www.lemirapercussionensemble.com.

Business news



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The pharmacy at Rite Aid, 1077 Broad St. and near Sumter Mall, is set to close Oct. 3. According to a store employee, the general merchandise area will close on or around Oct. 17.

Sumter's final Rite Aid to close next month

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Sumter's third and final Rite Aid will close soon, according to store employees.

The pharmacy at Rite Aid, 1077 Broad St. (in front of Sumter Mall), is set to close Oct. 3. According to an employee, the store's general merchandise area will close on or around Oct. 17.

According to a staff pharmacist, prescriptions will be automatically transferred over to the nearby Walgreens at 1000 Broad St.

Walgreens officially began purchasing about 2,000 Rite Aids across the U.S. last fall. Some reports indicate Walgreens will close about 600 of the locations in the process.

A Walgreens spokesperson could not be reached Tuesday for comment.

Hurricane Florence

Statewide burning ban issued until further notice

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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COLUMBIA — With the approach of Hurricane Florence, the South Carolina Forestry Commission will issue a State Forester's Burning Ban for all counties, effective 7 a.m. today.

A State Forester's Burning Ban prohibits all outdoor burning, including yard debris burning, campfires and burning for forestry, wildlife or agricultural purposes in unincorporated areas, states a news release from the agency.

While open-fire cooking is not included in the ban, the commission strongly advises all citizens to be extremely vigilant until the ban — which will stay in effect until an official announcement from the forestry commission states otherwise — is lifted.

Though most of the state is anticipated to receive a lot of rain later this week because of Hurricane Florence, SCFC Fire Chief Darryl Jones said the ban is to reduce the possibility of fire and other emergencies.

"We're issuing the ban not

solely because of elevated fire danger but rather because so many firefighting and emergency personnel and resources are committed to hurricane-related response," he said.

Many of the firefighting personnel from the forestry commission and local fire departments have been dispatched to Pee Dee and coastal regions to assist with evacuation procedures and law enforcement activities, and later, damage assessment and cleanup, states the release.

Forecasts for the next few days also predict higher-than-normal wind gusts prior to the arrival of rain, which combined with recent dry conditions could make it possible for outdoor fires to easily escape and spread rapidly.

In addition to performing its normal wildfire suppression operations, the forestry commission has deployed more than 30 firefighting, law enforcement and incident management personnel to support the state's coordinated emergency response to the arrival of Hurricane Florence.

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in the advisory from South Santee River, which is between Charleston and Georgetown, to Duck, North Carolina, and the Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds, including the Neuse and Pamlico rivers.

“Florence is expected to slow down considerably by late Thursday into Friday. On the forecast track, the center of Florence will move over the southwestern Atlantic Ocean between Bermuda and the Bahamas through Wednesday and approach the coast of North Carolina or South Carolina in the hurricane warning area on Thursday and Friday,” the agency said.

Florence is expected to drop between 15 and 25 inches of rainfall with isolated maximum amounts of 35 inches near the “storm’s track.”

“Hurricane conditions are expected to reach the coast within the hurricane warning area on Friday. Winds are expected to first reach tropical storm strength on Thursday, making outside preparations difficult or dangerous. Preparations to protect life and property should be rushed to completion,” the advisory said.

CLOSURES AND CANCELLATIONS

Following is a list of current and upcoming closures and cancellations related to Hurricane Florence. Go to theitem.com for a complete and updated list:

- Robert E. Lee Academy will be closed Wednesday, Sept. 12, through Friday, Sept. 14.
- Thomas Sumter Academy will be open Wednesday, Sept. 12, but will not hold athletic events and will be closed Thursday and Friday.
- The Clarendon County Administrative Offices will close at noon on Wednesday, Sept. 12, and will remain

closed Thursday and Friday.

- Clarendon Hall will remain closed Sept. 12-14. All athletic events and practices are canceled. A normal scheduled is planned to begin again on Monday, Sept. 17.
- All events scheduled for National Assisted Living Week, which is Sept. 9-15, at Brookdale Sumter have been canceled.
- Clarendon County government offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday.
- The Sumter County Battle of the Badges blood drive event scheduled for Friday, Sept. 14, has been canceled.
- Manning City Council has rescheduled its regular monthly

meeting from Monday, Sept. 17, to Monday, Sept. 24, at 6:30 p.m. at Manning City Hall, 29 W. Boyce St.

- Laurence Manning Academy will be closed Wednesday, Sept. 12; Thursday Sept. 13; and Friday, Sept. 14, according to Jessica McFaddin, director of public information for the Manning-based school.
- Public schools in Sumter, Lee and Clarendon counties are closed until further notice, according to an executive order from Gov. Henry McMaster that local school district officials confirmed. Inland school facilities and buses may be needed for emergency shelters and transportation to help the expected one million coastal evacuees.

CLOSURES AND PREPARATIONS

Public schools throughout Sumter, Lee, Clarendon and 23 other counties were closed on Tuesday and will remain closed until further notice, as ordered by Gov. Henry McMaster on Monday. He also ordered mandatory evacuations from the entire coast to begin Tuesday at noon, so inland school facilities and buses are available for shelters and transportation. McMaster lifted on Tuesday the mandatory evacuations in the southern-most parts of the state, including zones in Beaufort, Colleton and Jasper counties with the exception of Edisto Beach, according to the South Carolina Emergency Management Division.

Mandatory evacuations remain in effect for all zones in Horry, Georgetown, Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester counties.

Private schools in the area are closing, too, and state government offices are also closed from the governor’s order, though he did on Tuesday lift the mandatory closures of schools and state offices in Aiken, Bamberg, Beaufort, Barnwell, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper counties.

As of Tuesday afternoon, no decision had been made about the closure of Sumter city or county offices, according to Joe Perry, spokesman for the county.

Representatives from the

City of Sumter, Sumter County Government, Sumter Fire Department, Sumter Police Department, Sumter County Sheriff’s Office, Sumter County Emergency Medical Services and Sumter County Coroner’s Office met Tuesday afternoon to discuss the potential impact from Florence on the area.

“Traffic is expected to increase in the area, and we urge motorists to be patient and mindful that people are evacuating the coast,” Perry said.

As the entire state is preparing for Florence’s arrival, the Palmetto SC Region of the American Red Cross is also getting volunteers ready to open shelters and respond to any disaster as it may occur.

Anyone who wants to volunteer at shelters should visit www.redcross.org/sc to start an application. After that, a member of the Red Cross will reach out, and a background check will be performed.

“For days now, our dedicated volunteers have been working non-stop to prepare for Hurricane Florence,” said Louise Welch Williams, regional CEO. “If South Carolina residents are looking for volunteer opportunities, the Red Cross would love them to join our team.”

The Red Cross says sending food and clothing does more harm than good because it takes time and money right now to sort and store the items, which diverts limited time and resources away from helping those most affected. Help people affected by disasters large and small by texting “FLOR-ENCE” to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.

Forecasts are updated at 8 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. each day, making running the most current updates in a printed newspaper extremely difficult. Though the forecasts have not drastically changed since they began following Florence this week, please visit us online at www.theitem.com, where we will have updates as they come in. For shelter and evacuation information, visit www.scedm.org.

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Discovery of dog saves man from conviction

SALEM, Oregon (AP) — The discovery of a black Labrador named Lucy led to the unraveling of a criminal case Monday against an Oregon man who had begun serving a 50-year prison sentence.

Joshua Horner, a plumber from the central Oregon town of Redmond, was convicted on April 12, 2017, of sexual abuse of a minor.

In the trial, the complainant testified Horner had threatened to shoot her animals if she went to the police about the alleged molestation, and said she saw him shoot her dog, killing it, to make his point.

Six months after a jury convicted Horner in a verdict that was not unanimous, he asked the Oregon Innocence Project for help. The group took up his case.

When the group raised concerns in April about the case with Deschutes County District Attorney John Hummel, he agreed to work with them.

Horner had insisted he never shot the dog. Finding the dog would show the complainant had lied under oath. But if it was alive, where was it?

An Oregon Innocence Project volunteer and an official from Hummel's office searched for it. The black Lab had reportedly been given away. The investigators were sniffing on the trail, but they had trouble tracking down the purported dog's owner.

"They made a couple trips around Deschutes County; he was not there," said Steve Wax, legal director of the Oregon Innocence Project. "We heard he was in Seattle. Then we learned he had a place on the Oregon Coast."

It was there, in the town of Gearhart northwest of Portland, that the pair finally found Lucy after her owners agreed to rendezvous at a golf course.

"She was drinking a bowl of water and sitting in shade underneath a porch. We played with her. Petted her. It was wonderful," said Lisa Christon, the Oregon Innocence Project volunteer.

Lucy was identified by an undisputed chain of custody and her looks.

"She's a very distinctive-looking black Lab; not purebred. She's got this adorable shaped head and really long ears," Christon said.

That key evidence showed the complainant had not been truthful when testifying, the district attorney said.

"Lucy the dog was not shot. Lucy the



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This photo provided by Lisa Christon shows the black Labrador named Lucy at McMenamins Gearhart Golf Links in Gearhart, Oregon. The discovery of Lucy led to the unraveling of a criminal case against an Oregon man who had begun serving a 50-year prison sentence.

dog is alive and well," Hummel's office said in a statement.

Hummel told the court Monday he's not certain that Horner did not sexually abuse the complainant, but that he's now not convinced he did. The Associated Press is not naming her because it doesn't identify alleged victims of sexual abuse.

Deschutes County Judge Michael Adler dismissed the case.

Horner, in a statement released by the Oregon Innocence Project, thanked the group, his family, friends and Hummel.

"Kelli and I are ready to pick up the pieces of our lives," Horner said, referring to his wife. The couple came out of the courthouse Monday holding hands and smiling.

Horner had walked out of a state prison in Pendleton on Aug. 3 after the Oregon Court of Appeals reversed his conviction and ordered a new trial. The appeals court said the defense had not been allowed to present certain evidence that was unrelated to the dog.

Now, Horner no longer faces that second trial. He declined a request for an interview, saying he is not ready to speak with the press just yet.

After Lucy was found, the complainant failed to attend a meeting in August to discuss her testimony, Hummel said. Last Wednesday, one of his investigators heard she was at a home near Redmond. When he pulled up to the driveway, she

ran away.

Horner had been indicted under a previous district attorney, but the trial and conviction came under Hummel's watch.

Hummel said in an email the issue of the dog being shot was raised for the first time during the trial, so there was no investigation to be done regarding it prior to trial, "and we had no credible reason to question the statement after it was made."

He said exonerations are a reminder that while America has "the best system of justice in the world it is not perfect. Mistakes will be made, and we should be judged by how we respond to them."

Wax, who was Oregon's former top federal public defender for 31 years before joining the Oregon Innocence Project, said this case is highly unusual.

"To be able to establish that a person should not have been convicted, you need something objective," Wax said in a telephone interview. "In most child sex abuse cases, there is no evidence. Finding Lucy alive showed the complainant lied under oath in her testimony."

It was the first exoneration for the Oregon Innocence Project, launched in 2014 to exonerate the wrongfully convicted and promote legal reforms.

Wax praised Hummel for his willingness to re-examine the case.

"Nationwide, what Mr. Hummel did was unusual," Wax said. "It is to be commended. It should be the model."

Dealership replaces car flipped by fans

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — A man's car fell victim to celebrating University of Kentucky fans and has been replaced by a local dealership.

News outlets report Big M Superstore donated the 2005 Mazda 3 to 19-year-old Matt O'Hara, whose car was flipped Saturday. The Northern Kentucky University student was visiting friends in Lexington the night of the Wildcats' 27-16 victory over the Florida Gators.

That win was the first against Florida in more than three decades, and hundreds of fans poured into State Street to celebrate. No injuries were reported, but when O'Hara made his way back to his parking spot, he found some possessions strewn nearby. His car had been impounded.

Dealership owner Stephen Montgomery says he looked for a way to help as soon as he heard of O'Hara's plight.

Putin treats China's leader to pancakes

VLADIVOSTOK, Russia (AP) — Russian President Vladimir Putin has treated Chinese President Xi Jinping to Russian pancakes in a show of warm personal ties between the two leaders.

The two leaders ate pancakes with caviar and had shots of vodka at an exhibition at the sidelines of an economic forum in the far eastern port of Vladivostok.

Beijing and Moscow have developed a "strategic partnership" reflecting their shared opposition to the "unipolar" world, the term they use to describe perceived U.S. global domination.

The rapprochement has been driven by a strong personal relationship between Putin and Xi.

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Why N.C. is particularly vulnerable to hurricanes

BY BEN FINLEY
Associated Press

As Hurricane Florence churns toward the East Coast with catastrophic power, the storm has become a reminder of how vulnerable North Carolina's coast is.

Vast amounts of new development now stand on the shifting sands of barrier islands there, amid the rising waters of climate change.

Except for a few short stretches, the state is flanked almost entirely by those islands, which are susceptible to flooding and storm surges. Climate change and development are only making matters worse. North Carolina's governor has ordered a mandatory evacuation for the barrier islands.

Here's a look at why North Carolina could be particularly hit hard and how climate change and development have made living on the coast even more risky.

WHY IS NORTH CAROLINA SO VULNERABLE?

North Carolina's coast is almost entirely made up of narrow, low-lying barrier islands. And a modern wave of tourist-driven development, including acres of pricey vacation homes, has been built in places where it probably should not have been.

The Outer Banks stretch along the northern half of the state's coast and jut out into the Atlantic. But barrier islands also flank much of the lower part of the

state. These islands are particularly vulnerable to storm surges and to being washed over from both sides.

Development only makes the problem worse because communities replenish shorelines that are eroding or have been depleted by storms. As sea levels rise, barrier islands typically move toward the mainland over long periods of time. Holding them in place by artificial means only makes them more vulnerable.

"You look out there and you think the shoreline is a fixed line in the sand, and it's not," said Laura J. Moore, an associate professor of geology at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

"The sea level is rising, and the shoreline needs to move with it," she said. "By preventing islands from moving, we're ultimately leading to the diminishment and loss of the islands."

WHAT COULD HAPPEN?

Florence could be the most destructive storm to hit North Carolina's coast since record keeping began, said Robert S. Young, director of the Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines, which is a joint venture between Duke University and Western Carolina University.

The storm surge could surpass the one wrought by Hurricane Hazel in 1954, which was 18 feet above median sea level when it hit Sunset Beach near the South Carolina border.

On the Outer Banks, new

inlets could form while others are widened and deepened. The storm likely will blow water into the Pamlico and Albemarle sounds. As Florence churns back out, the wind could blow that water back over the Outer Banks.

"We will once again kiss Highway 12 goodbye," Orrin H. Pilkey, a professor emeritus of geology at Duke University, said of the Outer Banks' main highway.

Much of the mainland in eastern North Carolina is also likely to flood from heavy rains because the terrain is so flat and the water table is so high.

But the damage likely won't be as catastrophic as Hurricane Sandy was when

it hit New Jersey or other storms that have struck far more developed areas in places like Florida.

"It's not a worst-case scenario for property damage," said Young. "Many of these communities have tried to limit development. But there's still a lot of property value there. The damage still might be catastrophic on a North Carolina scale."

WHAT ROLE DOES CLIMATE CHANGE PLAY?

Climate change is making a bad situation worse.

Warmer waters increase the size and intensity of hurricanes. The storm season is longer. As sea levels rise, shorelines become more vulnerable. Water ta-

bles are higher, making coastal areas more susceptible to flooding.

"A storm like this would have been massively destructive 100 years ago, even before we had that century of rising sea levels," Young said. "And it will be significantly greater 100 years from now depending on what sea-level rise does."

Pilkey, of Duke University, said he hopes Florence offers people more motivation to retreat from North Carolina's barrier islands.

"Sooner or later we need to get out of there," he said. "We'll retreat now in a planned fashion. Or we'll retreat later in response to a catastrophe like the one that's about to happen."



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Children are helped through the obstacle course by parents, volunteers from Crestwood High School's Junior ROTC program and local first responders.

BUDDIES

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Optimist Club.

"I had an idea to bring a positive connection because of my military background," said the nine-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force with experience in military law enforcement.

The focus was to encourage children to view first responders and military in a positive light because of growing negativity toward law enforcement at the time of the first Battle Buddies event in 2016, she said.

"Instead of just talking about it," Bryant said, "I kind of wanted to try to make a small change in the community."

Marshall said the obstacle course is a result of the club members brainstorming and constructing the different features themselves.

In preparation for the event, members held workdays where they constructed and painted the obstacles. Some items used in the obstacle course were donated by local businesses and community members.

It gets bigger every year,

Bryant said about the course, and it's exciting to see the kids have fun and to see their looks of accomplishment.

When they first see certain obstacles, they get nervous but get through it with the help of the mentors, she said.

Other activities on Saturday included a competition where children voted on their favorite motorcycle displayed by members of the Green Knights Military Motorcycle Club; face painting; a bounce house; shaved ice from Kona Ice; and demonstrations from local dance and martial arts groups.

Marshall said the money raised during Battle Buddies will go to Optimist International for scholarships, while money raised specifically from concessions on Saturday would go toward the Junior Optimist Club, which is just like Palmetto Optimist Club except it's managed by children, she said.

"They have their own government. They have their own budget," she said. "We teach them how to do that."

Marshall said it is instilling in younger people the importance of being good community members and volunteers.

SAFETY

FROM PAGE A1

generators in their garage to prevent potential equipment theft but that that's a bad idea.

"Don't ever run a generator in the garage or even up too close under the roof's edges near a house," Humphries said. "If a window is open or you have a vent nearby, that carbon monoxide can come back in the house, and you will never know it. So, ventilation is very key for safety."

As far as electrical use, most people today use heavy-duty extension cords that run from the generator directly to the appliance that they are operating.

Humphries said that is the safest way to use a generator. A second method for usage involves "hard-wiring" the generator into your home and a "back-feed" process through the house.

Humphries recommended any generator operator contact a licensed electrician first to set up a "back-feed" through the home's electrical system.

Besides location, there are other key aspects to generator safety, according to Popular Mechanics and others. They fall under two areas: fuel and emissions.

FUEL

- Never fill up the generator's gas tank completely. The manufacturer's instructions will specify how much air space to leave between the gas in the tank and the base of the gas cap. It's generally at least 1 1/2 inches, according to Popular Mechanics. This is to prevent

FIRE SAFETY

State Fire Marshal Jonathan Jones is urging fire safety with any use from generators to candles. "I urge every family to have on hand a basic disaster supply kit," Jones said. "This includes first aid supplies, a battery-operated portable radio, flashlight and extra batteries. During a hurricane, power outages are anticipated, and I want to remind everyone the use of candles and portable generators can pose additional hazards."

Candles

- Use a sturdy candle holder on an uncluttered space.
- Extinguish before they get too close to the holder.
- Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended.

Cooking

- Ensure eyes of the stove are turned off, especially during an outage.
- Never use portable fuel-burning camping equipment inside a home or garage.
- Never burn charcoal inside a home or garage

fuel spills because gasoline will expand in the tank when the generator is in use.

- If any gas is spilled onto the generator in the fueling process, wipe it up immediately.
- Before refueling, turn the generator off, allow it to cool

down for several minutes, and then refill.

EMISSIONS

- Wherever the generator is positioned outside the home, the exhaust port on it should point away from the house.

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COMMENTARY

No, I'm Spartacus! Booker launches gladiator bid

WASHINGTON — It was Day Three of the Brett Kavanaugh hearings when Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., launched his 2020 presidential bid as a Thracian gladiator.

His eyes glimmering pools of earnestness, Booker girded his loins and told the chamber that he was going to do the unthinkable. He was going to put everything at risk, even his place in the U.S. Senate, and break the rules. He would release confidential documents that, Booker said, would expose Supreme Court nominee Kavanaugh as a supporter of racial profiling.

Least the immensity of the moment be lost on spectators, Booker sprang for the enduring image: "This is about the closest I'll probably ever have in my life to an 'I am Spartacus' moment," he said with a straight face. He was referring to the 1960 movie "Spartacus," about a failed slave revolt led by the title character (Kirk Douglas) against the Roman Republic. When the rulers warned that all the slaves would be crucified unless Spartacus identified himself, he stepped forward. Then all the other

slaves did the same, saying, "I am Spartacus."

Alas, the Kavanaugh documents technically were not confidential, having been released the night before by Bill Burck, the George W. Bush attorney charged with reviewing Kavanaugh's records from his time as a lawyer in the White House. The documents also did not support Booker's claim about profiling. But truth is no lingerer in the repositories of Booker's revelations.

Would that director Stanley Kubrick had been on hand. He might have instructed the other Democratic senators to rise at once and say, "No, I am Spartacus," and to rescue their colleague from certain parody. Apparently, at least some of the other senators and Booker himself already knew that the documents, previously marked "committee confidential," had been released, according to Burck. Thursday night, Booker told CNN's Anderson Cooper that he didn't know the emails had been released and insisted, almost boastfully, that he did, too, break the rules. One couldn't help wondering whether the "I am Spartacus" bumper stickers and "Break Rules" T-shirts were already being printed.

Booker has flirted with grandiosity before, if in the most humble way. Humble-bragging, I think they call it. As with his story of trying to save

the life of a boy shot down in a Newark neighborhood and then stumbling back to his apartment building, and sobbing as he tried to wash the blood from his hands, then falling crying on the shoulder of a wise tenant president, who told him: Stay faithful.

Then there was ol' T-Bone, the threatening drug pusher whom Booker says he befriended in Newark. Indeed, Booker used to mention T-Bone so often in speeches that inquiring minds went looking for him — to no avail. It seems T-Bone may not have existed, at least not in the singular. A New Jersey historian named Clement Price told National Review that Booker had admitted to him that T-Bone was actually a blend of several people. In the vernacular of pardonable political sins, he was a composite, a familiar archetype of the luckless and the lost.

Booker's supporters, including Price, have forgiven his periodic explorations of hyperbole, saying that the story, if not precisely true, served a good purpose. Others, undoubtedly, will readily trade T-Bone for Spartacus as fresher evidence of Booker's intention to evolve into a higher life form before our very eyes.

He's a consummate storyteller, to be sure. He never looks at a note, as I've observed him on the hustings, and he mesmerizes his audiences. At

a Florence, S.C., church where he introduced then-candidate Hillary Clinton with a stemwinder in 2016, dripping sweat and passion, people in the audience were no doubt wondering: Why isn't he the one running?

All in good time, my friends, all in good time.

It's plain that Booker has been running all his life — as a Stanford football player, as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, as a law student at Yale. Yet, despite his studious pursuit of life lessons, he seems to have missed one: Don't show them your hand, meaning, don't let them see how much you want it.

All we learned from Booker's Spartacus moment was that he was desperate to wrest the day away from Kavanaugh. Gambling everything, he won a punchline.

Too bad. When you're already an elected senator, a beneficiary of the most elite education the world has to offer, a charismatic champion of the less fortunate — and a vegan to boot — you don't have to invent, embellish or grandstand. Truth is enough.

Besides, spoiler alert: In "Spartacus," everybody dies at the end.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ACKERMAN USED HIS SKILLS, IMAGINATION TO HELP COMMUNITY

I'm mourning the death of my good friend, Roger Ackerman. We met in 1984 when I joined the Sumter Rotary Club. Roger had joined in 1966, served as club president in 1978-79, was awarded Rotarian of the Year for our club in 1983 and again in 2017, and was named Rotary District 7770 Rotarian of the Year in 2015. His life exemplified the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self."

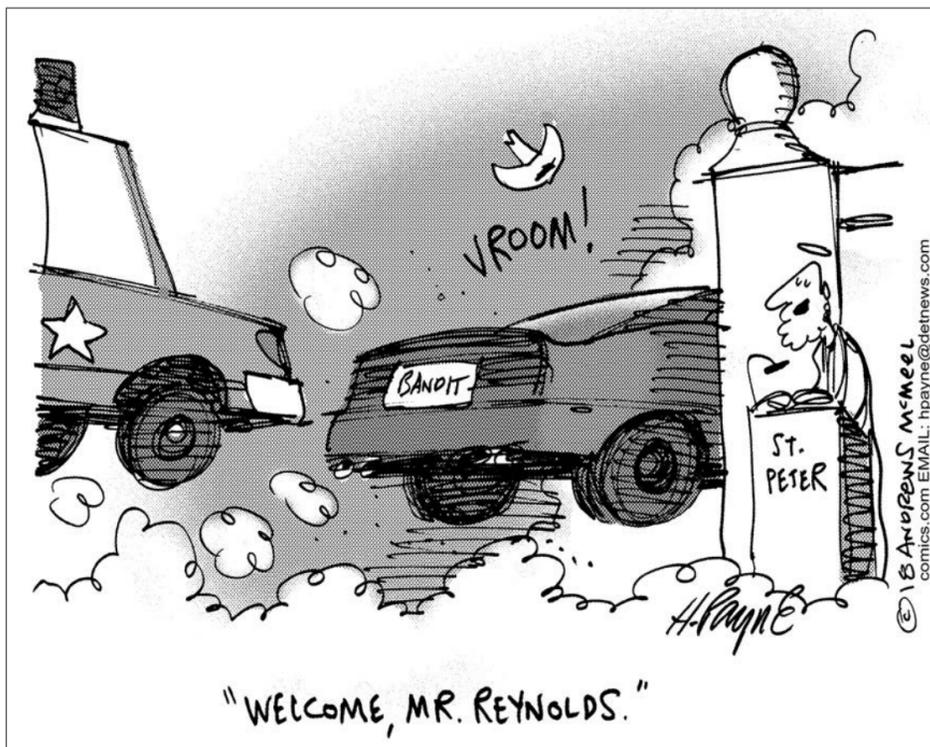
In this life, we are fortunate to have a handful of close friends, the ones who like you for who you are. For me, Roger was one of those friends.

As friends, we had lunch from time to time. In 1994, Roger told me, "I've been a Rotarian for nearly 30 years, and I need a new challenge." The

next year, Roger and the late Dr. Jack Bevan launched the C.A.R.T. Fund (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) starting with the three Sumter Rotary clubs. The idea was to capture pocket change (average 50 cents) and dollar bills for Alzheimer's research. Like Johnny Appleseed, Roger went from one Rotary Club to the next to sell the idea of C.A.R.T. One hundred percent of the money went for Alzheimer's research grants. Today, hundreds of Rotary clubs in the southeastern USA are collecting millions of dollars for this worthy cause.

That was my friend Roger Ackerman, the 1975 Sumter Little Theatre "Music Man" who used his imagination and sales skills for good causes. In the process he inspired us all. I'm forever grateful for his friendship.

CHUCK FIENNING
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COMMENTARY

Is Trump about to intervene in Syria's civil war?

Is President Donald Trump about to intervene militarily in the Syrian civil war? For that is what he and his advisers seem to be signaling.

Last week, Trump said of Syrian President Bashar Assad's campaign to recapture the last stronghold of the rebellion, Idlib province: "If it's a slaughter, the world is going to get very, very angry. And the United States is going to get very angry, too."

In a front-page story Monday, "Assad is Planning Chlorine Attack, U.S. Says," *The Wall Street Journal* reports that, during a recent meeting, "President Trump threatened to conduct a massive attack against Mr. Assad if he carries out a massacre in Idlib."

Idlib contains three million civilians and refugees and 70,000 rebels, 10,000 of whom are al-Qaida.

Friday, *The Washington Post* reported that Trump is changing U.S. policy. America will not be leaving Syria any time soon.

The 2,200 U.S. troops in Syria will remain until we see "the exit of all Iranian military and proxy forces and the establishment of a stable, non-threatening government acceptable to all Syrians."

"We are not in a hurry to go," said James Jeffrey, the retired Foreign Service officer brought back to handle the Syria account. "The new policy is we're no longer pulling out by the end of the year."

President Obama had a red line against Syria's use of poison gas, which Trump enforced with bombing runs. Now we have a new red line. Said Jeffrey, the U.S. "will not tolerate an attack. Period."

In an editorial Friday, the *Post* goaded Trump, calling his response to Assad's ruthless recapture of his country "pathetically weak." To stand by and let the Syrian army annihilate the rebels in Idlib, said the *Post*, would be "another damaging abdication of U.S. leadership."

What Trump seems to be signaling, the *Post* demanding and Jeffrey suggesting is that, rather than allow a bloody battle for the recapture of Idlib province to play out, the United States should engage Russian and Syrian forces militarily and force them to back off.

On Friday, near the U.S. garrison at Tanf in southern Syria, close to Iraq, U.S. Marines conducted a live-fire exercise. Purpose: Warn Russian forces to stay away. The Americans have declared a 35-mile zone around Tanf off-limits. The Marine exercise followed a Russian notification, and U.S. rejection, of a plan to enter the zone in pursuit of "terrorists."

Is Trump ready to order U.S. action against Russian and Syrian forces if Assad gives his army the green light to take Idlib? For the bombing of Idlib has already begun.

What makes this more than an academic exercise is that Vladimir Putin and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, at a meeting in Tehran last Friday, told President Erdogan of Turkey that the reconquest of Idlib is going forward.

Erdogan fears that the Syrian army's recapture of Idlib would send hundreds of thousands more refugees streaming to his border.

Turkey already hosts millions of refugees from Syria's civil war. Yet the massing of the Syrian army near Idlib and the Russian and Syrian bombing now begun suggest that the Assad-Putin-Rouhani coalition has decided to accept the risk of a clash with the Americans in order to bring an end to the rebellion. If so, this puts the ball in America's court.

Words and warnings aside, is Trump prepared to take us into the Syrian civil war against the forces who, absent our intervention, will have won the war? When did Congress authorize a new war?

What vital U.S. interest is imperiled in Idlib, or in ensuring that all Iranian forces and Shiite allies are removed, or that a "non-threatening government acceptable to all Syrians and the international community" is estab-

lished in Damascus?

With these conditions required before our departure, we could be there for eternity.

The Syrian civil war is arguably the worst humanitarian disaster of the decade. The sooner it is ended the better. But Assad, Russia and Iran did not start this war. Nor have Syria, Russia or Iran sought a clash with U.S. forces whose mission, we were repeatedly assured, was to crush ISIS and go home.

Trump has struck Syria twice for its use of poison gas, and U.S. officials told the *Journal* that Assad has now approved the use of chlorine on the rebels in Idlib. Moscow, however, is charging that a false-flag operation to unleash chlorine on civilians in Idlib is being prepared to trigger and justify U.S. intervention.

Many in this Russophobic city would welcome a confrontation with Putin's Russia, even more a U.S. war on Iran. But that is the opposite of what candidate Trump promised.

It would represent a triumph of the never-Trumpers and President Trump's relinquishing of his foreign policy to the interventionists and neo-conservatives.

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

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

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Journey of Hope (for family members of the mentally ill), Journey to Recovery (for the mentally ill) and Survivors of Suicide Support Group — Each group meets every first Thursday, 7 p.m., St. John United Methodist Church, 136 Poinsett Drive. Call (803) 905-5620.

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Celebrate Recovery — Fridays, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. program, Salt & Light Church, 360 Miller Road. For help with struggles of alcohol, drugs, family problems, smoking, etc.

SATURDAY MEETINGS:

Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy/Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Support Group — Third Saturday, 1:30 p.m., 3785 Blackberry Lane, Lot 7. Call (803) 481-7521.

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Sumter MS Support Group — First Sunday, 3 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church fellowship hall, 2751 S. Wise Drive. Call (803) 481-5344 or (803) 464-6440. Email I.am.me.not.ms@gmail.com or ms-miles013@gmail.com.

WEATHER

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TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Clouds and sun; warm and humid	Areas of low clouds	Mostly cloudy, a shower or two	Mostly cloudy, rain possible	A couple of showers possible	Cloudy and humid
90°	71°	90° / 75°	89° / 72°	82° / 72°	85° / 72°
Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 35%	Chance of rain: 30%	Chance of rain: 25%
ENE 6-12 mph	NNE 3-6 mph	N 8-16 mph	W 12-25 mph	WSW 10-20 mph	SE 8-16 mph

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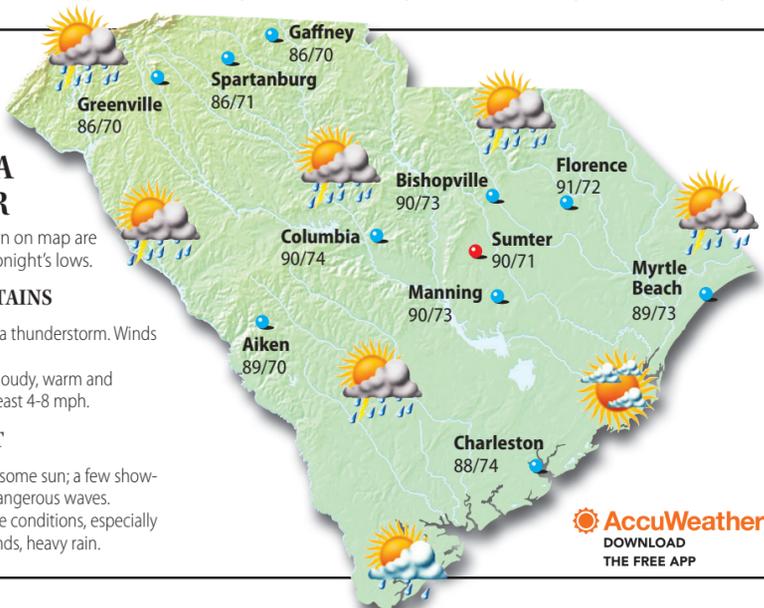
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Humid with a thunderstorm. Winds northeast 4-8 mph.
Thursday: Mostly cloudy, warm and humid. Winds northeast 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Humid with some sun; a few showers. High 86 to 90. Dangerous waves.
Thursday: Hurricane conditions, especially north; damaging winds, heavy rain.



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SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
92°	92°	71°	85°	64°	98° in 1954	47° in 1956

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
0.35"	0.35"	1.47"	2.11"	30.71"	34.86"	

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	356.65	-0.05
Marion	76.8	75.39	+0.01
Moultrie	75.5	75.11	-0.12
Wateree	100	97.45	+0.04

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	2.35	-0.07
Congaree River	19	3.81	+0.74
Lynches River	14	1.43	+0.20
Saluda River	14	2.14	none
Up. Santee River	80	76.18	-0.19
Wateree River	24	12.58	+6.23

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:03 a.m.	Sunset	7:33 p.m.
Moonrise	10:01 a.m.	Moonset	9:46 p.m.

Phase	First	Full	Last	New
	Sep. 16	Sep. 24	Oct. 2	Oct. 8

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AT MYRTLE BEACH	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	11:56 a.m.	3.6	6:16 a.m.	-0.2
Thu.	12:09 a.m.	3.4	7:02 a.m.	0.0
	12:47 p.m.	3.5	7:34 p.m.	0.2

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	88/73/t	90/74/pc
Chicago	80/60/s	78/60/s
Dallas	82/72/pc	87/73/pc
Detroit	77/61/pc	80/62/pc
Houston	82/74/t	84/75/t
Los Angeles	81/62/pc	82/64/pc
New Orleans	89/76/t	89/76/t
New York	78/70/t	78/68/c
Orlando	90/75/pc	91/75/t
Philadelphia	82/71/t	81/70/c
Phoenix	106/80/pc	105/81/s
San Francisco	67/53/pc	67/53/pc
Wash., DC	84/73/t	83/73/t

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Asheville	82/69/t	86/67/c	Florence	91/72/pc	88/75/r
Athens	89/71/t	92/70/c	Gainesville	92/74/pc	93/74/t
Augusta	92/72/t	94/73/c	Gastonia	87/72/t	88/72/sh
Beaufort	90/75/pc	94/76/sh	Goldsboro	90/74/c	87/74/r
Cape Hatteras	89/76/c	86/76/r	Goose Creek	88/74/pc	90/75/r
Charleston	88/74/pc	91/75/r	Greensboro	83/68/t	83/71/c
Charlotte	87/71/t	89/73/sh	Greenville	86/70/t	89/73/c
Clemson	87/73/t	90/71/c	Hickory	83/68/t	86/69/c
Columbia	90/74/t	92/76/sh	Hilton Head	88/76/pc	90/76/r
Darlington	91/73/pc	90/74/r	Jacksonville, FL	91/74/pc	93/73/pc
Elizabeth City	89/75/pc	87/73/r	La Grange	90/73/t	90/73/pc
Elizabethtown	92/75/pc	87/76/r	Macon	92/72/t	94/71/pc
Fayetteville	92/71/pc	88/74/r	Marietta	88/72/t	89/72/pc
Marion	84/69/t	86/68/c	Mt. Pleasant	88/75/pc	90/76/r
Mt. Pleasant	88/75/pc	90/76/r	Myrtle Beach	89/73/pc	87/75/r
Orangeburg	89/73/pc	91/74/sh	Port Royal	88/75/sh	92/75/sh
Raleigh	87/68/pc	84/71/sh	Rock Hill	87/71/t	89/72/sh
Rockingham	89/71/pc	86/75/sh	Savannah	90/73/pc	93/74/c
Spartanburg	86/71/t	88/71/c	Summerville	88/73/pc	89/74/r
Wilmington	90/73/pc	84/72/r	Winston-Salem	82/69/t	83/71/c

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Consider every angle before you decide to

make a change. Don't let temptation get the better of you. Stand firm when dealing with responsibilities and assigning who will take care of what. Avoid insult or injury by distancing yourself from unpredictable individuals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Use your resources and imagination to help deal with anyone who poses a problem for you. Have your facts straight and ready to share with anyone tempted to make your life difficult. A positive change is heading your way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep busy. Idle time will lead to disagreements and face-offs with people who want to make you look bad. Concentrate on what you want to accomplish, and don't let criticism or complaints tempt you to say something you'll end up regretting.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make changes that will bring you comfort or add to your convenience. How you handle situations involving peers will make a difference in your career choices in the not-too-distant future. Romance is encouraged.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Temptation will be your downfall. Don't make changes that are costly or not fully considered. Be willing to do the work yourself. Minor mishaps will occur if you get into an argument with someone looking for a fight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Set up meetings, discuss plans and make changes that will further your cause, purpose or plans. Getting along with others will help you gain support. Listen attentively and work diligently to secure your position, reputation

and relationships with important people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take on only what you know you can handle. It's better to do one job perfectly than to do several adequately. Focus on precision, detail and substance. Don't let complaints and criticism get to you. Believe and trust in your ability.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't get angry; be proactive. If something doesn't sit right with you, do something about it. Don't let anyone push you or take advantage of you. Do whatever it takes to maintain your integrity and your reputation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Finish what you start and leave nothing undone. Taking care of your responsibilities will make it difficult for anyone to complain or make you look bad. Don't trust hearsay or get involved in gossip. Gather facts and assess situations thoroughly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Test the water before taking a risk that may not be in your best interest. Trust in yourself and the plans you feel will bring you the best returns. Discuss joint ventures and the changes you want to make.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll get fired up easily if someone causes you emotional stress. Calm down; listen to all sides of a situation before making an adjustment. Moderation and keeping the peace will be in your best interest. Walk away from erratic individuals.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Set your sights high and make your intentions clear. You can make a lot of progress if you are open about the end result you want to see take place. A personal relationship will improve if you make a promise.

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SUMTER ANIMAL CONTROL PETS OF THE WEEK



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

TOP: Wilma, approximately 3 to 4 months old, is a bundle of adorable. This little girl loves chasing butterflies, belly rubs and well, just about everything. Wilma is one of the most endearing pups you will ever meet. Just watching her frolic will put a smile on your face. If you are looking for a young pup who will fit in with any situation, come and meet our 19-pound bundle of love today.

BELOW: Stacy, 2 to 4 years old, is sweet, petite and looking for her forever home. This girl is gentle and very people-oriented. She seems timid around other dogs, especially the larger ones. Perhaps she was bullied in the past. In any case, we would like her to be an only dog, so that she can have the benefit of all of the love, attention and interaction of her people.

If you would like to meet Wilma in kennel 23 or Stacy in kennel 31 at Sumter Animal Control, 1240 Winkles Road, call the adoption coordinator at (803) 774-3232 or email rescuesumtersc@gmail.com. As with all of our adoptable dogs, we do require a spay or neuter agreement, and it is strictly enforced. Proof of spay/neuter after adoption will be required. We have many other adoptable dogs as well as animals who were found and are waiting for their owners to claim them. Check Sumter Animal Control on Facebook.

PLAYERS OF WEEK



Center of attention

MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter High School's Tayvian Gass (68) won The Sumter Item Offensive Lineman Player of the Week for the second straight week despite moving from right tackle to center due to an injury on the offensive line.

Gass moves to middle of Sumter line to win award along with LMA's Brunson, Lee and Knights' Lowery

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Tayvian Gass has been selected as The Sumter Item Offensive Lineman of the Week for the second straight week. However, he didn't dominate at his normal right tackle spot

like he did in the Gamecocks' 34-10 win over Conway the prior week.

Instead, the 6-foot-4-inch, 305-pound Gass moved to the middle of the offensive line at center and stood out there as well in Sumter's 49-7 triumph over Lakewood.

"It really didn't matter to

me," Gass said of the position switch. "I want to do whatever I can to help the team win. I'm so versatile that I can play from left tackle to right tackle."

Joining Gass are two Lawrence Manning Academy players in running back Brewer Brunson, the Offen-

sive Player of the Week, and placekicker Jackson Lee, the Special Teams Player of the Week. Crestwood defensive end Parris Lowery is the Defensive Player of the Week.

Players are selected based on nominations from local high school coaches. Selections are made by The Sumter

Item.

The quartet will be honored at next week's weekly meeting of the Sumter Touchdown Club presented by FTC. The club is delaying the honors since none of the local schools with the possible exception of

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USC FOOTBALL

Carolina looking ahead, not back at Georgia

BY PETE IACOBELLI
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — South Carolina quarterback Jake Bentley has an additional job this week.

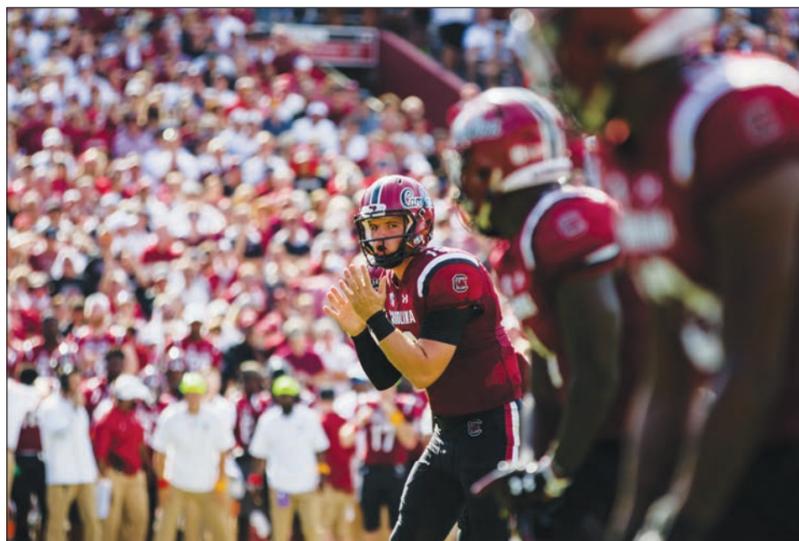
While preparing for South Carolina's upcoming game against Marshall, Bentley is making sure teammates have put last week's loss to Georgia behind them.

"I continue to remind the guys that," said Bentley, battered by the third-ranked Bulldogs in 41-17 loss. "To remind the guys to stay positive and understand that you can't let one loss affect the rest of the season."

South Carolina (1-1) looks to bounce back Saturday night at home against Marshall (2-0) of Conference USA.

The Gamecocks, who returned to the rankings at No. 24 last week, had pinned plenty of hope on surprising

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MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

South Carolina quarterback Jake Bentley, middle, brings his team to the line during the Gamecocks' 41-17 loss to Georgia last week. USC plays host to Marshall on Saturday.

PREP FOOTBALL



No movement in 5A football poll; Sumter still No. 8

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Sumter High School remained at No. 8 in the 5A classification in the latest S.C. Prep Media Football Poll released on Tuesday.

And not only did the Gamecocks hold their spot in the poll, so did each of the other nine teams as there was no movement.

Dutch Fork remains a unanimous No. 1 followed by Dorman, Gaffney, Fort Dorchester, T.L. Hanna, Hillcrest, Berkeley, Sumter, Byrnes and Summerville.

Sumter is 4-0 after beating Lakewood 49-7. The Gamecocks were scheduled to travel to Rock Hill to face Northwestern on Friday, but the game was postponed due to the threat of Hurricane Florence.

Sumter is set to play Bluffton for homecoming on Sept. 21.

Sumter is the only one of the seven local SCHSL schools to receive votes this week.

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PRO TENNIS

Serena Williams' treatment resonates among black women

BY DEEPTI HAJELA
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Serena Williams told the umpire at the U.S. Open final that he owed her an apology, that he had stolen something from her, and then she got penalized for her words, Breea Willingham could relate to her frustration and anger.

Willingham isn't a tennis star, but she is a black woman. She and others like her say Williams' experience resonates with them because they are often forced to

watch their tone and words in the workplace in ways that men and other women are not.

And if they're not careful, they say, they risk being branded "Angry Black Woman."

"So much of what she experiences we experience in the workplace, too," said Willingham, a professor of criminal justice at the State University of New York at Plattsburgh. "As black women ... we're expected to

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Serena Williams argues with the chair umpire during the women's finals of the U.S. Open on Saturday. Williams was fined for three violations.

AP FILE PHOTO

AREA ROUNDUP

Most high school football games postponed because of hurricane

The only local high school football game that still has the possibility of being played on Friday is Wilson Hall's game against Hammond in Columbia as Hurricane Florence bears down on the Southeast coast.

Officials at the schools are waiting a while longer before making a final determination.

The other local South Carolina Independent School Association schools have decided not to play on Friday. Robert E. Lee Academy will determine on Saturday if its game against Williamsburg Academy scheduled for Kingstree will be played on Monday.

Laurence Manning Academy was scheduled to travel to Charleston to face Porter-Gaud, Thomas Sumter Academy was to go to Lexington to play Northside Christian, and

Clarendon Hall was to go to St. Matthews to take on Calhoun Academy. None of the games have been rescheduled at this time.

All of the local South Carolina High School League teams had their games postponed on Monday when Gov. Henry McMaster cancelled classes for the rest of the week, including Sumter, Clarendon and Lee.

PTC EVENT CANCELLED

The Palmetto Tennis Center Invitational scheduled for Friday through Sunday at the PTC has been postponed due to the threat of Hurricane Florence.

The event was to bring in college players from schools in South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee.

Cross Country

TSA'S CROWE WINS INVITATIONAL

SPARTANBURG -- Thomas Sumter Academy's Bella Crowe won her second invitational meet of the year on Saturday, taking first place in the Bob Jenkins Coaches Classic.

Crowe, who won the CIU Invitational the previous week, led the Lady Generals to a second-place finish. TSA's Aubrey Stoddard finished second and Jordan Thornton was 11th.

The boys race was cancelled due the heat index and wet bulb conditions.

VOLLEYBALL

ROBERT E. LEE 3 CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 1

BISHOPVILLE -- Robert E. Lee Academy opened its SCISA Region III-2A schedule

with a 3-1 victory over Christian Academy of Myrtle Beach on Monday at the REL gymnasium.

The Lady Cavaliers, who improved to 4-2 overall, won by the scores of 27-25, 25-13, 20-25, 25-13.

Robert E. Lee won the junior varsity match 2-0 by the scores of 25-18, 25-21.

VARSITY GIRLS GOLF

WEST FLORENCE 213 SUMTER 236

Sumter High School lost to West Florence by 23 strokes in a match on Monday at Beech Creek Golf Club.

Audrey Shuping led the Lady Gamecocks, who shot 236 to WF's 213, with a 9-hole score of 57. Hannah Rogers and Denae Brunson both shot a 59

and Kathryn Parker shot a 61.

JV FOOTBALL

WILSON HALL 39 PORTER-GAUD 20

CHARLESTON -- Wilson Hall defeated Porter-Gaud 39-20 on Thursday at the P-G field.

Guylar Netchaev had two receiving touchdowns for the Barons and also led the defense with eight tackles.

Will Singleton, Alex McLeod and Cameron Coulter each ran for a touchdown. Coulter also had seven tackles on defense.

Will Croft returned an interception for a touchdown, and Alex Jackson blocked three punts.

From staff reports

SCOREBOARD

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	98	46	.681	—
New York	90	54	.625	8
Tampa Bay	79	64	.552	18½
Toronto	65	78	.455	32½
Baltimore	41	102	.287	56½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	81	63	.563	—
Minnesota	65	78	.455	15½
Detroit	59	85	.410	22
Chicago	56	88	.389	25
Kansas City	48	95	.336	32½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	90	54	.625	—
Oakland	87	57	.604	3
Seattle	79	64	.552	10½
Los Angeles	71	73	.493	19
Texas	62	82	.431	28

MONDAY'S GAMES

Houston 3, Detroit 2
Tampa Bay 6, Cleveland 5
N.Y. Yankees 7, Minnesota 2
Kansas City 4, Chicago White Sox 3, 10 innings
Texas 5, L.A. Angels 2

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Houston at Detroit, 6:40 p.m.
Oakland at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.
Texas at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Cleveland (Carrasco 16-8) at Tampa Bay (Snell 18-5), 1:10 p.m.
Houston (Cole 13-5) at Detroit (Norris 0-3), 1:10 p.m.
San Diego (Lucchesi 7-8) at Seattle (LeBlanc 8-3), 6:40 p.m.
Oakland (TBD) at Baltimore (Cashner 4-14), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Sanchez 4-5) at Boston (Price 14-6), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Severino 17-7) at Minnesota (Odorizzi 5-10), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Rodon 6-5) at Kansas City (Skoglund 1-5), 8:15 p.m.
Texas (Gallardo 8-4) at L.A. Angels (Pena 2-4), 10:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	80	64	.556	—
Philadelphia	74	69	.517	5½
Washington	72	72	.500	8
New York	65	77	.458	14
Miami	56	86	.394	23

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	83	60	.580	—
Milwaukee	83	62	.572	1
St. Louis	80	64	.556	3½
Pittsburgh	71	72	.497	12
Cincinnati	62	83	.428	22

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	79	64	.552	—
Los Angeles	78	66	.542	1½
Arizona	76	68	.528	3½
San Francisco	68	77	.469	12
San Diego	57	88	.393	23

MONDAY'S GAMES

Washington at Philadelphia, p.p.d.
Miami at N.Y. Mets, p.p.d.
Cincinnati 10, L.A. Dodgers 6
Milwaukee 3, Chicago Cubs 2
St. Louis 8, Pittsburgh 7
Colorado 13, Arizona 2
Atlanta 4, San Francisco 1

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Washington 3, Philadelphia 1, 1st game
L.A. Dodgers at Cincinnati, 6:40 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m., 2nd game
Miami at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
Arizona at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.
Atlanta at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

L.A. Dodgers (Stripling 8-3) at Cincinnati (DeSclafani 7-4), 12:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Taillon 12-9) at St. Louis (Poncedeleon 0-1), 1:15 p.m.
Atlanta (Sanchez 6-5) at San Francisco (Holland 7-8), 3:45 p.m.
Miami (Brigham 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 10-7), 4:10 p.m., 1st game
San Diego (Lucchesi 7-8) at Seattle (LeBlanc 8-3), 6:40 p.m.
Washington (Strasburg 7-7) at Philadelphia (Nola 16-4), 7:05 p.m.
Miami (Richards 3-8) at N.Y. Mets (Vargas 5-9), 7:10 p.m., 2nd game
Milwaukee (Anderson 9-7) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 11-10), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Corbin 11-5) at Colorado (Gray 11-7), 8:40 p.m.

MLB LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING Betts, Boston, .342; Martinez, Boston, .331; Trout, Los Angeles, .317; Altuve, Houston, .317; Segura, Seattle, .310; Brantley, Cleveland, .307; Smith, Tampa Bay, .306; Merrifield, Kansas City, .301; Andujar, New York, .298; Bregman, Houston, .297.
RUNS Lindor, Cleveland, 119; Betts, Boston, 116; Martinez, Boston, 104; Bregman, Houston, 99; Benintendi, Boston, 98; Ramirez, Cleveland, 97; Trout, Los Angeles, 93; Stanton, New York, 89; Chapman, Oakland, 88; Springer, Houston, 88.
RBI Martinez, Boston, 121; Davis, Oakland, 108; Ramirez, Cleveland, 98; Bregman, Houston, 97; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 95; Bogaerts, Boston, 93; Lowrie, Oakland, 89; Stanton, New York, 86; 4 tied at 85.
HITS Martinez, Boston, 172; Lindor, Cleveland, 169; Merrifield, Kansas City, 166; Segura, Seattle, 165; Betts, Boston, 164; Castellanos, Detroit, 164; Bregman, Houston, 160; Brantley, Cleveland, 158; Rosario, Minnesota, 156; Benintendi, Boston, 153.
DOUBLES Bregman, Houston, 49; Betts, Boston, 42; Bogaerts, Boston, 41; Lindor, Cleveland, 41; Andujar, New York, 40; Castellanos, Detroit, 40; Piscotty, Oakland, 38; 4 tied at 37.
TRIPLES Smith, Tampa Bay, 9; Sanchez, Chicago, 9; Hernandez, Toronto, 7; Kiermaier, Tampa Bay, 7; Span, Seattle, 7; 6 tied at 6.
HOME RUNS Davis, Oakland, 41; Martinez, Boston, 40; Ramirez, Cleveland, 37; Gallo, Texas, 35; Cruz, Seattle, 34; Lindor, Cleveland, 34; Stanton, New York, 33; Trout, Los Angeles, 33; Bregman, Houston, 30; 2 tied at 29.
STOLEN BASES Ramirez, Cleveland, 32; Merrifield, Kansas City, 31; Smith, Tampa Bay, 31; Gordon, Seattle, 30; Betts, Boston, 27; Anderson, Chicago, 26; Lindor, Cleveland, 23; Trout, Los Angeles, 22; 4 tied at 20.
PITCHING Kluber, Cleveland, 18-7; Snell, Tampa Bay, 18-5; Severino, New York, 17-7; Carrasco, Cleveland, 16-8; Happ, New York, 16-6; Porcello, Boston, 16-7; Verlander, Houston, 15-9; Morton, Houston, 14-3; Price, Boston, 14-6; Yarbrough, Tampa Bay, 14-5.
ERA Sale, Boston, 1.97; Snell, Tampa Bay, 2.06; Bauer, Cleveland, 2.22; Verlander, Houston, 2.72; Cole, Houston, 2.86; Kluber, Cleveland, 2.91; Morton, Houston, 3.15; Clevinger, Cleveland, 3.16; Fiers, Oakland, 3.36; Carrasco, Cleveland, 3.41.
STRIKEOUTS Verlander, Houston, 258; Cole, Houston, 251; Sale, Boston, 219; Bauer, Cleveland, 214; Severino, New York, 202; Carrasco, Cleveland, 201; Kluber, Cleveland, 194; Paxton, Seattle, 194; Clevinger, Cleveland, 191; Morton, Houston, 188.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING Gennett, Cincinnati, .320; Yelich, Milwaukee, .315; Zobrist, Chicago, .314; Cain, Milwaukee, .311; Freeman, Atlanta, .308; Markakis, Atlanta, .307; Martinez, St. Louis, .305; Goldschmidt, Arizona, .299; Rendon, Washington, .298; Peralta, Arizona, .297.
RUNS Blackmon, Colorado, 106; Yelich, Milwaukee, 98; Carpenter, St. Louis, 96; Albies, Atlanta, 95; Harper, Washington, 92; Arenado, Colorado, 91; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 90; Baez, Chicago, 89; Freeman, Atlanta, 89; Turner, Washington, 89.
RBI Suarez, Cincinnati, 101; Baez, Chicago, 100; Story, Colorado, 99; Aguilar, Milwaukee, 97; Arenado, Colorado, 96; Rizzo, Chicago, 92; Harper, Washington, 91; Hoskins, Philadelphia, 88; Markakis, Atlanta, 88; Gennett, Cincinnati, 87.
HITS Markakis, Atlanta, 172; Freeman, Atlanta, 171; Gennett, Cincinnati, 170; Peraza, Cincinnati, 165; Yelich, Milwaukee, 162; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 160; Story, Colorado, 160; Blackmon, Colorado, 158; Albies, Atlanta, 157; Turner, Washington, 157.
DOUBLES Carpenter, St. Louis, 40; Markakis, Atlanta, 40; Story, Colorado, 39; Freeman, Atlanta, 38; Rendon, Washington, 37; Albies, Atlanta, 36; Baez, Chicago, 36; Cabrera, Philadelphia, 34; Polanco, Pittsburgh, 32; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 32.
TRIPLES K Marte, Arizona, 10; Baez, Chicago, 9; Desmond, Colorado, 8; Nimmo, New York, 8; Rosario, New York, 8; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 8; Bellinger, Los Angeles, 7; Difo, Washington, 7; Hamilton, Cincinnati, 7; 4 tied at 6.
HOME RUNS Carpenter, St. Louis, 35; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 33; Arenado, Colorado, 32; Harper, Washington, 32; Muncy, Los Angeles, 32; Story, Colorado, 32; Suarez, Cincinnati, 32; Aguilar, Milwaukee, 31; Baez, Chicago, 30; Hoskins, Philadelphia, 30.
STOLEN BASES Turner, Washington, 37; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 31; Hamilton, Cincinnati, 30; Cain, Milwaukee, 26; Inciarte, Atlanta, 25; Story, Colorado, 25; MTaylor, Washington, 24; Jankowski, San Diego, 23; Peraza, Cincinnati, 22; Baez, Chicago, 21.
PITCHING Scherzer, Washington, 17-6; Nola, Philadelphia, 16-4; Lester, Chicago, 15-6; Chacin, Milwaukee, 14-6; Freeland, Colorado, 14-7; Godley, Arizona, 14-9; Mikolas, St. Louis, 14-4; Greinke, Arizona, 13-9; 5 tied at 12.
ERA deGrom, New York, 1.68; Nola, Philadelphia, 2.29; Scherzer, Washington, 2.31; Foltyniewicz, Atlanta, 2.75; Freeland, Colorado, 2.91; Corbin, Arizona, 3.01; Mikolas, St. Louis, 3.06; Greinke, Arizona, 3.08; Williams, Pittsburgh, 3.28; Wheeler, New York, 3.71; deGrom, New York, 2.30; Corbin, Arizona, 2.23; Nola, Philadelphia, 1.96; Marquez, Colorado, 1.95; Greinke, Arizona, 1.80; Foltyniewicz, Atlanta, 1.79; Godley, Arizona, 1.74; Pivetta, Philadelphia, 1.72; 2 tied at 1.68.

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	27	20
New England	1	0	0	1.000	27	20
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	48	17
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	3	47

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	20	15
Houston	0	1	0	.000	20	27
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	20	27
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	23	34

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	47	3
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	34	23
Cleveland	0	0	1	.500	21	21
Pittsburgh	0	0	1	.500	21	21

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	38	28
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	27	24
L.A. Chargers	0	1	0	.000	28	38
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	13	33

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	24	6
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	18	12
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	15	20
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	8	16

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	48	40
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	16	8
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	40	48
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	12	18

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	24	23
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	24	16
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	23	24
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	17	48

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	1	0	0	1.000	33	13
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	24	27
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	16	24
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	6	24

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Baltimore at Cincinnati, 8:20 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Washington, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Arizona at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m.
Detroit at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Oakland at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
New England at Jacksonville, 4:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Seattle at Chicago, 8:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20

N.Y. Jets at Cleveland, 8:20 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 23

New Orleans at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Denver at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Carolina, 1 p.m.<



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Laurence Manning running back Brewer Brunson (3) rushed for 217 yards and three touchdowns in a 48-25 victory over Heathwood Hall last week to earn The Sumter Item Offensive Player of the Week award.

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one will play games this week due to the threat of Hurricane Florence.

However, Friday's meeting is still on the docket. It will be held at Swan Lake Visitors Center beginning at 7:15 a.m. The visitors center is located inside the gates of Swan Lake-Iris Gardens on West Liberty Street.

Tommy Moody, a sports talk radio host on WNKT-FM 107.5 in Columbia, will be the guest speaker. He replaces fellow 107.5 host Heath Cline, who had to step down.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN TAYVIAN GASS, SUMTER

Gass found out on the Monday prior to the Lakewood game that he would be anchoring the middle of the line because of an injury to normal starter John Adams.

"I played center my first two games on B team my freshman year," said Gass, who was moved to tackle after that. "So that was all the experience I had there."

Not only is the blocking different, but there's that little thing about having to snap the football to the quarterback every play. Gass ended up with a grade of 75 percent and seven knockdown blocks.

"I was a little concerned about snapping the ball," he said. "I think I only had two bad snaps."

Sumter head coach Mark Barnes had nothing but praise for his versatile center.

"That was a big help to us," Barnes said of Gass moving inside. "He did a good job snapping the ball most of the night. He's so versatile we even got to play him some at guard."

Barnes expects Gass to be back at right tackle when Sumter plays host to Bluffton on Sept. 21.

OFFENSE BREWER BRUNSON, LAURENCE MANNING

While Wyatt Rowland had been the main offensive sparkplug for the Swampcats in their first two victories of the season, it was Brunson's turn in their 48-25 triumph over Heathwood Hall.

Brunson, a senior 4-year starter, rushed for 217 yards and three touchdowns on just 14 carries.

"I was able to get outside on the edge a lot," Brunson said. "The offensive line was doing a really good job of blocking to let me get out there."

LMA head coach Robbie Briggs has nothing but respect for Brunson.

"He's the heartbeat of our football team," Briggs said. "He does everything you ask him to do. He's just a blue collar type of player. He's one of the reasons we've had so much success over the last four years."

Adding to his offensive performance, Brunson also had nine tackles at cornerback.

SPECIAL TEAMS JACKSON LEE LAURENCE MANNING

Lee was perfect on his six extra point attempts against Heathwood Hall. That is nothing out of the ordinary; the junior is 22-for-22 on the season and has connected on his only field goal attempt of the season as well.

All of the extra point attempts meant Lee was kicking off a lot as well -- and he did a good job in that as well. The Highlanders' average field position after kick-offs was their 28-yard line, meaning they had to go over 70 yards to score a touchdown.

"That's just huge for us," Briggs said. "We have a formula that we use (with the kicking game), and he gives us 11 first downs a game. That is such a weapon for us."

Lee takes his kicking duties, which also includes punting, very seriously.

"The last two summers I've gone to a couple of camps to work on my kicking," Lee said. "It's allowed me to increase my distance on field goals, kickoffs and punts."

DEFENSE PARRIS LOWERY CRESTWOOD

The Knights may have to fell to 0-4 on the season with a 14-7 loss to Manning, but Lowery had very little, if anything, to do with it.

The sophomore had a monster game, coming up with seven tackles for loss among his 12 total tackles.

"I was able to get off my block pretty well," Lowery said of his ability to get loose behind the line of scrimmage so often. "I was able to put my hands on the blocker, and I used this little move that I do."

Lowery is one of eight new starters on the Crestwood defense. After giving up 108 points in their first two games, the Knights have only allowed 35 in their last two contests.

"Parris played very well," said Crestwood head coach Roosevelt Nelson. "He's feeling more comfortable, and he took advantage of this opportunity."



LEE



GASS



BRUNSON



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Crestwood defensive end Parris Lowery (55) makes a tackle on Manning wide receiver Aaron Smith during the Knights' 14-7 loss on Friday at Donald L. Crolley Memorial Stadium in Dalzell. Lowery was named *The Sumter Item* Defensive Player of the Week.

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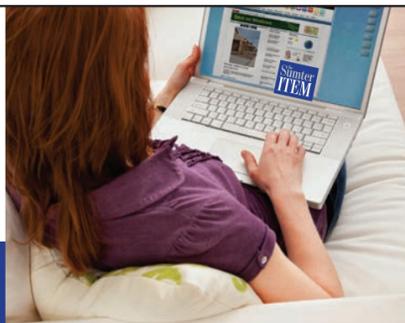
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PRO FOOTBALL

Darnold sharp, but Jets' rout of Lions a total team effort

BY NOAH TRISTER
The Associated Press

DETROIT — Sam Darnold showed he could recover from a careless mistake — a promising trait for any rookie quarterback.

What the New York Jets displayed on defense and special teams may have been even more encouraging for Darnold and his teammates.

Darnold threw an interception on the very first snap of his NFL career — and it was run back for a Detroit touchdown — but New York's quarterback shouldn't sweat that too much after the Jets stormed back and routed the Lions 48-17 on Monday night. Darnold threw for 198 yards and two touchdowns, and the Jets also scored on defense and special teams.

"We're going to play better every game, that's our goal," wide receiver Quincy Enunwa said. "Obviously you can't always make it happen, that's going to be what we're striving for. All three phases being successful, scoring on all three phases. When you can do that, you can be a pretty good team."

Darnold earned the starting



New York Jets defensive back Jamal Adams (33) returns an interception against the Detroit Lions during the Jets' 48-17 victory on Monday in Detroit. Read the full article at www.theitem.com.

job after the Jets drafted him third overall in this year's draft. His performance alone was cause for excitement Monday, but on this night, New York seemed to have a pretty solid cast around him as well. The Jets intercepted Matthew Stafford four times in a dismal debut for new Lions coach Matt Patricia.

"Give the Jets credit. They obviously are the ones that

played well tonight," Patricia said. "We have to do better, I have to coach better and we have to play better."

New York scored 31 unanswered points in the final 9:36 of the third quarter after the Lions had tied it at 17. Darron Lee returned an interception for a touchdown, and Andre Roberts scored on a 78-yard punt return 67 seconds later.

PRO FOOTBALL

Gruden's return to Raiders turns into dud after fast start

BY JOSH DUBOW
The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jon Gruden's return to the Oakland Raiders' sideline couldn't have gotten off to a better start, with Marshawn Lynch powering his way into the end zone for a touchdown.

The rest of the night turned out to be rather forgettable for the Raiders and showed that Oakland has a long way to go to get back to the level Gruden had the team playing at when his first stint as coach ended more than 16 years ago.

All that positive energy generated when Gruden was hired back in January turned to a chorus of boos by the end of a 33-13 loss to the Los Angeles Rams on Monday.

"It was great," Gruden said of being back on the sideline at the Oakland Coliseum. "It's not time for that anymore. It's about getting this football team better. It wasn't good enough tonight."

The Raiders (0-1) were good enough for one half as Derek Carr led the team to that opening-drive touchdown and two more field goals that gave Oakland a 13-10 lead at halftime.

But the Rams (1-0) then scored all 23 points in the second half, with Marcus Peters returning Carr's third interception of the game 50 yards for a game-sealing touchdown



Los Angeles Rams running back Todd Gurley, left, carries the ball for a touchdown as Oakland defensive back Reggie Nelson hangs on during the Rams' 33-13 win on Friday in Oakland, California.

that sent the fans who pined for Gruden's return for years heading to the exits.

"We are a better team than what was put out there on the field," tight end Jared Cook said. "This one game does not define us."

The Raiders took the opening kick and drove 75 yards for a touchdown on a 10-yard run by Lynch. The Rams had Lynch stood up at the 3, but he powered his way into the end zone with help from a push by his offensive linemen.

Oakland managed just six points the rest of the way against a defense fortified by

the offseason additions of former All-Pro Peters, Aqib Talib and Ndamukong Suh.

Carr threw an interception in the end zone to John Johnson in the second quarter, another in the fourth when he tried to pull back a pass at the last minute only to have the ball slip out and float right to linebacker Cory Littleton, and then the third on a miscommunication with Cook.

"He did some good things tonight and obviously there are some critical errors he has to eliminate," Gruden said. "He knows that. We all know that."

PRO FOOTBALL

Panthers rookie TE Thomas prepares to replace injured Olsen

BY STEVE REED
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — While the Carolina Panthers opened the regular season with a 16-8 win against the Dallas Cowboys, it did not come without a cost.

Three-time Pro Bowl tight end Greg Olsen spent the second half watching the game from the sideline on crutches with his right foot in a boot — the same foot he fractured in 2017 causing him to miss nine games. Later in the game, second-team All-Pro right tackle Daryl Williams was carted off with a knee injury and did not return.

Panthers coach Ron Rivera and general manager Marty Hurney offered no immediate updates Monday on the extent of the injuries.

"I've told you this, and I'll tell you again: I have not talked to RV (head athletic trainer Ryan Vermillion)," Rivera said Monday. "I usually wait until after this (news conference). It's a question I'm not going to answer. I don't know (the extent of the injury), to be honest with you."

The Panthers are expected to turn to rookie Ian Thomas to start Sunday at tight end against Atlanta, while Amini Silatolu will likely fill in at right tackle.

The Panthers are high on Thomas, who they think has the combination of receiving and blocking skills to be a good fit in their offense, even though he only played two seasons of major college football at Indiana.

"I think he's pretty well prepared," Rivera said. "There are some things, obviously, that he still has to learn and he has a long way to go in terms of having the natural feel that

Greg has and having that rapport Greg has.

"He's been good with his blocking, he's been good with his route running, he's been good with his receiving. But he's got to get better as a route runner, a blocker and a receiver. He's a young guy. There's a lot to his game he's got to learn."

When the Panthers drafted Thomas with the first pick in the fourth round this year they did so with the idea of bringing him along slowly and learning behind Olsen.

He was a project, more or less.

But now everything has been fast-tracked.

"It's like going right into the fire and playing right away," Thomas said.

"Learning from my mistakes every play. I played two years of college football but I guess now is my time to get all of the kinks out."

Thomas said he spoke to several teams before the NFL draft and walked away feeling that some of them felt like he wasn't a good blocker. He disagrees and is out to change that image.

"I felt like I have gotten much better over the last few months," Thomas said.

As for Williams, he dislocated his kneecap and tore the medial collateral ligament in training camp but managed to return for the season opener, which was no small feat. But he injured the same knee against the Cowboys when he got hit there by another player's helmet.

Silatolu, who had pretty much won the starting left guard spot before his own knee injury in preseason, will test his wares at the tackle spot if called upon to start.



Carolina tight end Greg Olsen (88) suffered an injury in Sunday's game against Dallas. Rookie Ian Thomas is expected to start in Olsen's place on Sunday.

PRO FOOTBALL

Too slow: Gronkowski's grab not reviewed by poky NFL

BY ARNIE STAPLETON
The Associated Press

DENVER — The NFL spent a lot of time and effort in the offseason simplifying what constitutes a catch and trying to make the game safer with new rules that require both offensive and defensive players to use their heads and not their helmets.

Blunders, however, are here to stay.

Take Rob Gronkowski's spectacular 28-yard catch between two Texans defenders — which maybe wasn't really a catch — that set up a touchdown in the final seconds of the first half, giving the Patriots a 21-6 lead on their way to a 27-20 victory Sunday.

The catch stood as called, not because NFL headquarters confirmed the reception upon review, but be-

cause the league didn't buzz the officials on the field fast enough to stop the next snap so they could further scrutinize Gronk's grab.

"New York did get back to us," referee Tony Corrente said. "However, unfortunately, they didn't get the game officials on the field until after the (next) play had already started."

Crucially, the catch/non-catch stood as called.

Houston coach Bill O'Brien, who would have been penalized for throwing his red challenge flag inside the 2-minute warning, could have called timeout to allow the league office more time. But he said he didn't have a good view of the play himself.

Anyway, the clock was running and O'Brien figured the Texans could hold New England to a field goal.

They couldn't.



New England tight end Rob Gronkowski scores a touchdown past Houston Texans defensive back Kareem Jackson, rear, and linebacker Zach Cunningham (41) during the first half of their game Sunday in Foxborough, Massachusetts. Read the full story at www.theitem.com.

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PRO GOLF

The rise of Justin Rose to No. 1 in the world

BY DOUG FERGUSON
The Associated Press

NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pa. — Justin Rose would like to have changed how he reached No. 1 in the world.

But not when. Rose felt emotionally conflicted when the BMW Championship ended in a light rain at Aronimink Golf Club. He was going for his third title in the Philadelphia area, including the U.S. Open he won at Merion five years ago. He hit what he thought was one of the better putts he had ever struck under pressure, a 15-footer for par in regulation, only to see it spin hard around the back edge of the cup.

And then in a playoff, his 5-foot par putt missed to the left, making Keegan Bradley a winner for the first time in six years.

The consolation prize was obvious: Rose replaced Dustin Johnson at No. 1 in the world.

"In the moment, we're all about trying to win a golf tournament," Rose said. "But give me half an hour maybe, and I might be able to say I really enjoyed it."

Reflection came much sooner in the form of a tweet:

"We did it Dad.... World Number 1. Thank you so much to my family, friends & everybody that has helped me achieve this incredible goal."

The words were accompanied by a photo of Rose from that Sunday afternoon at Merion when he hit all the right shots and became a major champion. He is shown pointing to the sky to acknowledge his father, Ken, who died of leukemia in September 2002.

The day Rose became No. 1 in the world was the anniversary of his death, a day the son never forgets.

No, he didn't get the trophy awarded after four rounds.

Rose got a title earned over the last two years by a mathematical formula, and over the last 20 years by sheer determination.

"It's boyhood dreams, know what I mean?" Rose said. "Today is all about the process, and there will be next week to win tournaments. But to get to world No. 1 is unbelievable. It's something I can say now in my career I've been the best player in the world. I've been to the top of the game."

And what a trip. He was a 17-year-old amateur at Royal Birkdale in 1998 who holed out for par on the final hole to tie for fourth, soaking up a celebration that suggested golf could only get sweeter.

And then it went sour over the next year when he turned pro and missed 21 consecutive cuts on the European Tour.

It took him nearly four years before he won for the first time in Europe. He went 12 years before winning on the PGA Tour, rallying from four shots behind to win the Memorial and get that hand-



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Justin Rose has come a long way during his golf career, taking 20 years to move into the No. 1 spot in the world.

shake with Jack Nicklaus. He won the U.S. Open in 2013 by denying Phil Mickelson. He added precious gold to the collection of silver trophies when he won in golf's return to the Olympics in 2016.

All he won Monday at Aronimink was a designation that can't be taken away.

Rose is the 22nd player to reach No. 1 in a world ranking that began in 1986. He is the fourth player from England, joining Luke Donald, Lee Westwood and Nick Faldo. Argue about the math, but not the results. In the last year, Rose has four victories, including a World Golf Championship, and four runner-up finishes.

Sure, it's awkward to celebrate one title right after losing another. It's not unusual, though.

Jordan Spieth reached No. 1 in the world for the first time with a runner-up finish in the 2015 PGA Championship. Martin Kaymer was assured No. 1 when he reached the final of the Match Play Championship in Arizona, only to lose the next day to Luke Donald. Greg Norman, Rory McIlroy and Vijay Singh each returned to No. 1 by losing in playoffs. The first time Nick

Faldo reached No. 1, he was home recovering from a wrist injury.

Rose is the third player this year to be No. 1, following Johnson and Justin Thomas. He joins eight other players in the last 20 years to win a major and a World Golf Championship and reach No. 1 in the world. The others are Tiger Woods, Ernie Els, Adam Scott, Jason Day, Rory McIlroy, Singh, Kaymer and Johnson.

How long will it last? Rose is assured of staying No. 1 when he returns next week to the Tour Championship.

But it really doesn't matter. For Rose, the 20 years and seven weeks it took him to reach the top was as rewarding — certainly memorable — as the moment he got there.

From 21 consecutive missed cuts to No. 1 in the world.

Two months ago, he had to make an 18-foot putt on the 18th hole at Carnoustie just to make the cut. Two days later, he was runner-up at the British Open. It was only the latest example in a career filled with them that better days are ahead.

He has the No. 1 ranking to prove it.

WEATHER

Hurricane Florence nixes 3 key games

BY AARON BEARD
The Associated Press

Hurricane Florence has forced the cancellation of several Top 25 games this weekend, including No. 13 Virginia Tech's home game against East Carolina, No. 14 West Virginia's trip to North Carolina State and No. 18 UCF's game at North Carolina.

The Category 4 storm's approach led to a series of schedule adjustments Tuesday for teams in the Carolinas and Virginia. The University of Virginia's scheduled home game Saturday against Ohio was relocated to Nashville, Tennessee and the start time for Wake Forest's Atlantic Coast Conference home game Thursday against Boston College was moved up. The decisions were made as Florence appears set to come ashore along the Carolinas' coastline late Thursday or early Friday with strong winds and heavy rain.

Several of the schools appeared to be publicly in agreement on the need for schedule changes due to Florence, though East Carolina's decision not to travel to Blacksburg nixed Saturday's game. ECU — which has already called off the rest of the week's classes — cited "significant imminent safety concerns" that included "the high probability

of a catastrophic impact on the region and perilous travel conditions before, during and after the storm."

East Carolina's announcement also noted the Greenville campus' history with serious flooding issues from Hurricane Floyd in 1999 and Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

"It is ECU's hope the game can be rescheduled at a later date this season," the school said.

In its own release, Virginia Tech officials had planned to wait until Wednesday to determine the status of the game based on updated storm projections.

"We will do what's best for Virginia Tech moving forward as it relates to East Carolina and to the game," Virginia Tech athletic director Whit Babcock said in a Tuesday statement.

"We certainly understand the need for safety, of course, we just felt that tomorrow, making the decision then, would've been more responsible and accurate. We informed ECU of this multiple times."

In North Carolina, the Tar Heels were set to play their first home game in Chapel Hill after two road losses. But the schools announced the change around midday while saying they could continue discussions on whether to play the game later this season.

Keeping Sumter Beautiful

Katie Altman, Water Resources Extension Agent

Master Rain Gardener

We all have our favorite plants, though we may love them for different reasons. Maybe we love them for their beauty, pleasant smell, hardiness, or their benefits to wildlife. Personally, I love plants that grow near wetlands, especially those that grow in the transition zone between wetland and upland. This area of transition tends to have a rich diversity of plant life. I'm the type of person who can't look at a lake or river without wanting to kick my shoes off and dip my toes in the water. So maybe I just feel a connection to these plants that I refer to as being "okay with getting their feet wet." What I mean by that is, these are plants that can survive being flooded for a little while but can also survive some drier periods. These types of plants tend to be a great candidates for rain gardens.

Rain Gardens are landscaped depressions that are designed to capture runoff from a roof, driveway, or lawn. That water is taken up by plants or infiltrates into the ground. Rain gardens perform best when they are planted with those special plants that are okay with getting their feet wet. Muhley grass, cardinal flower, and American beautyberry are just a few plants that can provide beauty and attract pollinators in rain gardens. Rain gardens can also help to reduce erosion and filter pollutants like excess nutrients that would otherwise end up in local streams and rivers.

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PRO BASEBALL

Albies provides jolt as Braves top San Francisco

BY GIDEON RUBIN
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The Atlanta Braves are threatening to turn a tight NL East race into a runaway finish.

Sean Newcomb pitched six strong innings, Ozzie Albies sparked the offense with two extra-base hits and Atlanta Braves beat the San Francisco Giants 4-1 on Monday night.

The Braves moved five games ahead of Philadelphia atop the NL East and reduced their magic number to 15 with their fourth win in five games.

The Giants lost their ninth straight, matching their worst skid since 2006.

Albies was 2 for 4 with a double, a triple, an RBI and two runs. Kurt Suzuki was 3 for 3, including a double leading off a two-run ninth inning.

Albies scored the go-ahead run in the seventh. He led off with a double against starter Dereck Rodriguez (6-3) and was awarded third when center fielder Gorkys Hernandez's throw trying to catch Albies after a wide turn at first was off the mark. Hernandez was charged with an error.

"Always aggressive," Albies said. "He throws behind me, I'm going."

Albies scored on Dansby Swanson's sacrifice fly that made it 2-1.

Albies had an RBI triple and scored a run in the ninth.

"He's an aggressive kid," Braves manager Brian Snitker said. "He's always looking to advance to the next base, that's for sure."

Newcomb (12-8) allowed a run on three hits. He struck out eight and walked none.

"I was just attacking the hitters the whole time, trying to make them uncomfortable," Newcomb said.

Braves closer A.J. Minter pitched a scoreless ninth for his 14th save.

Rodriguez gave up two runs, one earned, on five hits and two walks in 6 1/2 innings.

"I asked him to go back out for the seventh. I felt good regardless of pitches," Rodriguez said. "I thought I could pitch a pretty good inning. I feel strong. I want to keep going out there."

"I like playing with old school managers. It's the game I learned, bunting guys over to second, and grew up watching. Having Bochy as a manager and him having confidence in me is awesome."

The 26-year-old rookie joined some elite company.

Rodriguez became one of just two pitchers to allow two or fewer runs over six-plus innings 13 times in their first 16 career starts. The other is former Montreal Expos pitcher Steve Rogers, per to Stats, LLC.

The only other Giant to allow two or fewer runs in 13 of their first 16 starts in a season is Juan Marichal (1965).

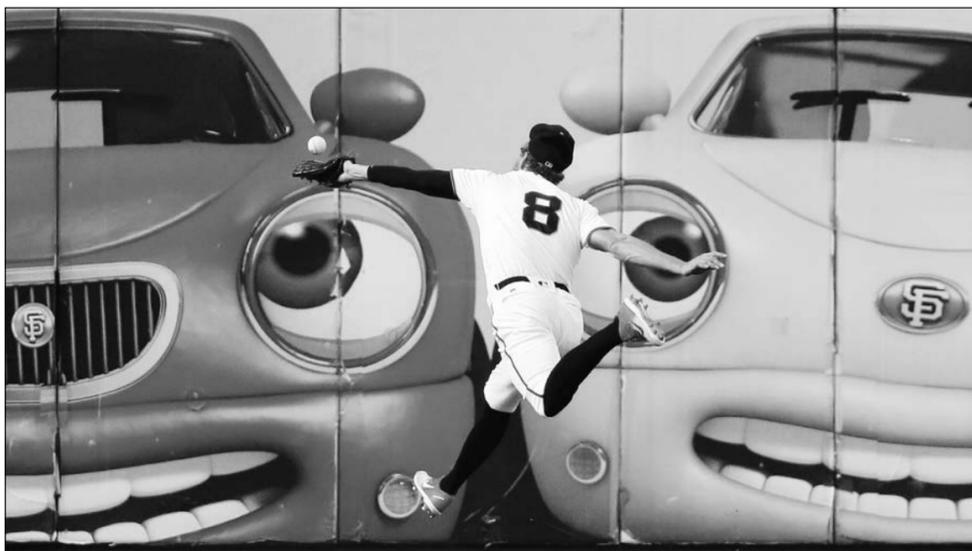
NOTABLE

Braves OF Ronald Acuna Jr. was among the first eight players named to represent Major League Baseball in the 2018 All-Star Tour with Nippon Professional Baseball in Japan, which opens Nov. 7 at the Tokyo Dome. ... Acuna's 25th home run on Sunday moved him into a three-way tie fifth place on the career list for players under 21 with Hall of Famers Eddie Matthews (1952) and Orlando Cepeda (1958).

TRAINER'S ROOM

Braves: RHP Arodys Vizcaino (right shoulder inflammation) will throw a bullpen session Tuesday for the first time in five days. He's expected to be activated by Friday, manager Brian Snitker said. ... RHP Brandon McCarthy (right knee tendinitis) threw a simulated game over the weekend but is not expected to pitch again this season. ... RHP Jose Ramirez (right shoulder inflammation) has been shut down for the rest of the season. ... IF Rio Ruiz was called up from Triple-A Gwinnett.

Giants: INF Ryder Jones (dislocated patella on left knee) will have surgery later this week. The 25-year-old was injured taking a swing during Sunday's game in Milwaukee.



San Francisco leftfielder Hunter Pence (8) can't catch up to a double by Atlanta's Freddie Freeman in the first inning of the Braves' 3-1 win on Monday in San Francisco.

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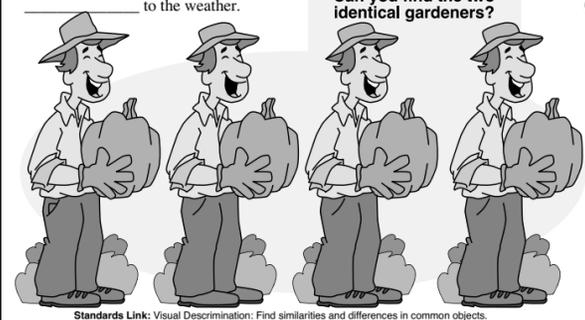
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What's growing on with school gardens?

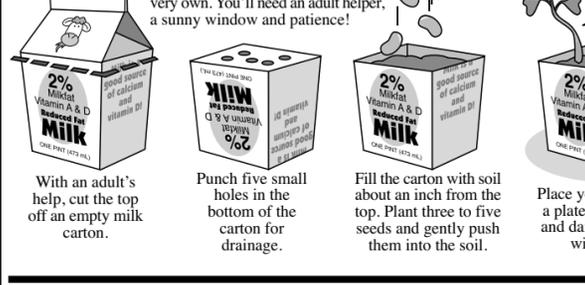
More and more schools are planting gardens as part of the effort to get kids to eat healthier foods.

Many experts believe that school gardens offer a powerful path leading to childhood obesity. Growing food in a school garden not only teaches students where food comes from and how it grows, but also helps kids to establish eating habits. The fruits and vegetables grown can even become part of a school's program.

Food for thought
But gardens can provide other, too. When kids grow gardens, they learn about plants, soil, and water management, and the fields of biology, ecology and environmental studies. They will probably pay closer to the weather.

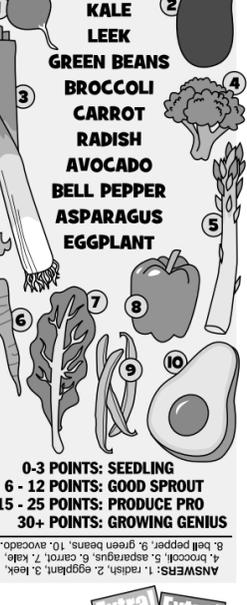


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Georgia at home and continuing to build on their 9-4 turnaround season of a year ago. Instead, Georgia led 14-0 in the first five minutes and scored 21 straight points in the third quarter to blow things open.

Offensive lineman Blake Camper said the game was difficult, but easy enough to place in the past.

Camper, the 6-foot-8, 309-pound right tackle, said coach Will Muschamp's message was nothing would change the loss to Georgia.

"All you can do is look at the mistakes that we made, correct them and move on," Camper said. "That's how life is."

There were several areas of concern after last week.

South Carolina gained only 54 yards rushing while yielding 271 to Georgia. Part of the problem, Muschamp said, was the Gamecocks seeing called runs shift into passes in their up-tempo, RPO (run pass option) attack.

First-year offensive coordinator Bryan McClendon took the blame at halftime and told Muschamp he would be more hard-headed about sticking to run plays.

But once Georgia scored in the third quarter, South Carolina had little choice but to throw the ball to get back in it, Muschamp said.

Muschamp and McClendon discussed how things unfolded with the head coach quickly jumping in that South Carolina's defense needed to make stops so the offense could have a chance.

"I said, 'You can't start shouldering blame on everything.' You can't do that as a coordinator," Muschamp said. "I said it's a team game and we've got to play better on the defensive side of the ball."

Muschamp's said some of the defensive lapses came from having the team's sacks leader from a year ago,



South Carolina wide receiver Bryan Edwards (89) looks to score during the Gamecocks' 41-17 loss to Georgia last week. USC is scheduled to play host to Marshall on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

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lineman D.J. Wonnum, out with a ligament tear in his left ankle for the next month. Another was just flat-out bad communication among defenders, the coach said.

Muschamp was troubled by the performance that he scaled back calls on defense entering the Marshall game, something he believes will give his players a better chance to succeed.

"The first thing you have to do as a coach is look in the mirror and say, are we doing too much? Because we had a lot of mental errors," he said.

"So we've scaled back."

The Gamecocks are also dealing with what many programs in the Carolinas and Virginia are facing — the approach of Hurricane Florence. Projections call for the storm to make landfall north of the Palmetto State, rain and wind should affect many parts of South Carolina.

Muschamp has talked with athletic director Ray Tanner several times on the situation and is confident the game will take place on schedule Saturday night.

Marshall has a flight for Friday. If

flying is too dangerous, busses are prepared to make the six-to-seven hour ride to Williams-Brice Stadium.

Classes at South Carolina are cancelled, and the football players are trying to take advantage of the time.

Bentley said he'd probably watch more film. Linebacker Sherrod Greene was attending a study hall to keep up with time missed in class.

All of it, Muschamp believes, keeps his team focused on what's ahead. "We've moved on," he said. "We're focused on Marshall."

OBITUARIES

IRENE L. SCHWARTZ

Irene Levinson Schwartz, 96, widow of Abraham Schwartz, died on Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018, at her home in Dunwoody, Georgia.

Born in New York, New York, she was a daughter of the late Harry Levinson and Anna Katz Levinson.

Surviving are three daughters, Lisa Gordon (Ken) of Dunwoody, Sally Kornhouser of San Francisco and Jacqueline Mandell of Oregon; and five grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. today at the Sumter Jewish Cemetery with Rabbi Sanford Marcus officiating.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com

Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home & Crematory, 221 Broad St., Sumter, is in charge of the arrangements, (803) 775-9386.



FRANCIS E. JEROR

DALZELL — Francis E. Jeror, 85, husband of the late Ruth Ray Jeror, died on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018, at the home he shared with his daughter.

Born on Aug. 17, 1933, in Malone, New York, he was a son of the late Joseph and Irene Russell Jeror. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War. He was later employed by Market Express on Broad Street Extension; as a groundskeeper at Shaw Air Force Base; and as a bus driver for the Sumter School District.

Survivors include four children, Paula Jeror of Cartersville, Georgia, Rickie Jeror of Easley, Timothy Jeror (Shawn) of Jacksonville, Florida, and Sheri Gibson (Shawn) of Dalzell; a brother, Floyd Jeror (Ernestine) of Malone; 12 grandchildren; and a number of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years; and two sons, Scott Jeror and Francis "Sonny" Jeror Jr.

Due to impending weather, funeral services have been rescheduled for 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018, in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with Chaplain Mark Payne officiating. Burial with military honors will be at the Florence National Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Our family wishes to thank Agape Hospice for your kindness and support. We are so grateful. Special thanks to Nichole and Gwen. Words cannot express our appreciation for the care and compassion that you gave our Daddy. Thank you and may God continue to bless you all.

Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter is in charge of the arrangements.

EARLINE D. BRADLEY

Deaconess Earline Virginia Daniels Bradley departed this life on Earth to enter eternal rest on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018, at her home surrounded by loved ones.

Born on Dec. 29, 1931, in Sumter County, she was a daughter of the late Ed and Mary Daniels White and the late James Kendrick. Earline was educated in the public schools of Sumter County. She accepted Christ at an early age and continued Christian growth at Mulberry Missionary Baptist Church up until the time of her death.

On April 2, 1955, Earline married the late Deacon James Thomas Bradley Jr and to this union four children were born.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: her four children, James Earl Bradley and Linda Bradley of the home, Lynn Bradley of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Valerie (Ronnie) Burgess of Myrtle Beach; a goddaughter, Lisa Richardson of Sumter; two special nieces, Bernice Keels and Jere Pitts of Sumter; a special nephew, Christian (Yolanda) Leaf of Rex, Georgia; eight grandchildren, Shaunda (Gregory) Lamar of Pearland, Texas, and Dr. Kayla Bradley of Sumter, both of whom were reared in the home, Gunnery Sgt. Renard (Ariea) Bradley of Oceanside, California, Etienne (Alicia) Bradley of Orangeburg, Keyonna Bradley of North Charleston, Kemily and Shakena Burgess of Myrtle Beach and Kelsey Burgess of Charlotte; honorary grandchildren, Pressley (Adrienne) Harvin Jr., Pastor Patrick (Dedra) Harvin, Pamelyn Harvin, Donte Rich and Deja and Jaron Richardson; 10 great-grandchildren, Symphoni,

Carlton and Sydney Lamar, Davion Tyler, Tatyanna Wells and De'kwan, Chase and Chasity Bradley, Ezra Bradley and Brenton Dickerson; adopted great-grandchildren, Pressley III, Christal, Haze and Michael Harvin; three brothers, Willis (Sadie) White, James White and Mozell (Roberta) White; sisters, Flossie York, Peggie White, Ethel Leaf and Lurie Wells; sisters-in-law, Velia Ladson, Lucy White and Martha Bradley; brother-in-law, William Jennings; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Earline was preceded in death by six brothers, Raymond Daniels, Ezell White, Ulysses Daniels, Edmond White, Johnnie White and Lee Jones; one sister, Betty McKnight; and one goddaughter, Anne Laverne Rich.

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

Mrs. Bradley will be placed in the church at 1 p.m. on Thursday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Mulberry Baptist Church, 1400 Mulberry Church Road, Sumter, with Pastor Leroy Blanding officiating. Interment will follow at Mulberry Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at 21 Monroe St., Sumter.

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.

BARBARA RAGIN

Barbara Ragin, 73, wife of Louis Ragin, departed this life on Monday, Sept. 10, 2018, at her residence.

She was born on Feb. 20, 1945, in New York, a daughter of the late Leon and Alfreda Johnson Wright.

The family will receive friends at the home, 1030 S. Main St.

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

LILLIAN C. PETERSON

Lillian Coplin Peterson, 84, widow of William T. Peterson Sr., departed this life on Monday, Sept. 10, 2018, at her residence.

She was born on July 4, 1934, in Sumter, a daughter of the late Robert and Rosa Brewer Coplin.

The family will receive friends at the home, 23 Neal St.

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

RICHARD DEAS

Richard Deas died on Monday, Sept. 10, 2018, at his home in Rembert.

Born in Sumter County, he was a son of Richard Deas Sr. and Elizabeth McLeod Deas.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at his home, 5830 Stagecoach Drive, Rembert.

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

MICHAEL C. GRIFFIN

Michael Collins Griffin, 63, died on Friday, Sept. 10, 2018, at his home.

Born in Sumter, he was a son of the late Herbert and Grace

Gainey Griffin. He was a member of Concord Baptist Church and a building contractor.

Survivors include two brothers, Bruce Griffin (Donna) and Chris Griffin (Wendy), both of Sumter; a sister, Gail Carter of Sumter; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Tina Marie Proctor Griffin; and a brother, Jerome Griffin.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. today in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Dr. Eugene Mosier officiating. Private burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Jimmy Wilson, Larry Brock, Josh Molina, Lance Proctor, Dane Griffin, Jeremy Griffin and Heath Griffin.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. today at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to Concord Baptist Church, 1885 Myrtle Beach Highway, Sumter, SC 29153.

Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter is in charge of the arrangements.

SAMUEL JOHN PRIVITERA

SUMMERTON — Samuel John Privitera, 71, husband of Joyce Evelyn Mabry Privitera, died on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018, at his residence.

Services will be announced by Stephens Funeral Home and Crematory.

Stephens Funeral Home & Crematory, 304 N. Church St., Manning, is in charge of arrangements, (803) 435-2179. www.stephensfuneralhome.org

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Family Court of Sumter, South Carolina
Third Judicial Circuit

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, SUMTER COUNTY (Plaintiff)

vs.
Tiffany Brown
David Mack
Shardea Williams
John Doe (Defendants)

IN THE INTEREST OF
Minor Child Born on December 16, 2008
Minor Child Born on April 19, 2012

TO DEFENDANTS:
Tiffany Brown
David Mack
Shardea Williams
John Doe

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED

And required to answer the complaint in the above referenced concerning the minor child above and that you have failed to contact the agency in regards to your whereabouts in this action, the original of which has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for James C. Campbell County, on April 18, 2018 a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request; and to serve a copy of your answer to the complaint upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff at Steven B. Suchomski, 105 N. Magnolia Street, Sumter, SC 29150 within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the statutory time allotted, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said Complaint. A hearing has been scheduled for September 13, 2018 at 9:00AM

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Summons and Notice Publication
Family Court of Sumter, South Carolina
Third Judicial Circuit

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, SUMTER COUNTY (Plaintiff)

vs.
Kristen Benenhaley
Donte Carroll
John Doe (Defendants)

IN THE INTEREST OF
Minor Child Born on July 17, 2017

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SUMMONS

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
2018-CP-43-00562

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

The Estate of Maggie Ellison, Plaintiff,

vs.

"John Doe" as a Class designating any and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the Complaint, or any claim adverse to Plaintiff's ownership or any cloud on title thereto and "Richard Roe" as Class designating any infant, defendants or person under disability. Defendants.

TO: ALL PERSONS, INCLUDING THE DEFENDANTS AND PERSONS IN WHOSE SERVICE THEY SHALL BE EMPLOYED AND/OR PERSON(S) WITH WHOM THEY RESIDE, IF ANY THERE BE), TAKE NOTICE:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint on the subscribed, 35 South Sumter Street, Post Office Box 370, Sumter, South Carolina 29151, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Summons & Notice

NOTICE OF PENDENCY ACTION (Lis Pendens)

TO: ALL PERSONS, INCLUDING THE DEFENDANTS AND PERSONS IN WHOSE SERVICE THEY SHALL BE EMPLOYED AND/OR PERSON(S) WITH WHOM THEY RESIDE, IF ANY THERE BE), TAKE NOTICE:

An action has been commenced and is pending in this Court on the Plaintiff's Complaint against the Defendants seeking to confirm the Plaintiff's fee simple title to the following described properties:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with the improvement thereon, if any situate, lying and being in the Township of Sumter, County, State of South Carolina, being shown on that certain plat prepared for Clarence McGhaney, by Julian B. Allen, RLS, dated July 29, 1992, and recorded in the Office of the Registered of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 92 at Page 1723, and having such metes and bounds as permitted under Section 30-5-250 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina.

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This being the same property conveyed fee simple to Maggie M. Ellison by Deed from Clarence McGhaney, Clarence McGhaney, Jr., Parrish McGhaney, Thais McGhaney, Bertha McGhaney, Brenda Smitherman, and Devorha Anderson dated May 27, 1998 and recorded on May 27, 1998 at 2:08pm in the Registers of Deeds Office for Sumter County in Volume 706 at Page 1376

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI

This matter is before me upon application of J. David Weeks, attorney for the Plaintiff. He has requested the appointment of Calvin Hastie, Esquire, as Guardian ad Litem Nisi for the unknown Defendants, nonresident and resident, if any there be who may be minors or under other legal disability.

It appears that the names and addresses of such Defendants or other persons under legal disability, if any there be, whether resident or nonresident, are unknown and cannot, with reasonable diligence, be ascertained. I am familiar with Mr. Hastie and am satisfied that he is a suitable and competent person to be appointed to represent and protect the interests of the minor Defendants and such others of them as may be under legal disability, if any there be, who has no interest in this proceeding adverse to those of such Defendants and is not connected in business with Plaintiff or his counsel.

Summons & Notice

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

That Calvin Hastie, Esquire, be and he is hereby, designated and appointed Guardian Ad

Litem Nisi for the unknown Defendants.

That Mr. Hastie's Nisi appointment shall be confirmed and made absolute in the event that no application for a substitute appointment is made by, or in the event that no application for a substitute appointment is made by, or on behalf of, such Defendants within thirty (30) days after notice of the Nisi appointment is served on them.

In effecting service of the nisi appointment, the Plaintiff shall publish with the Summons, a notice reporting Mr. Hastie's appointment as the Guardian Ad Litem Nisi, the date when his appointment becomes absolute, and the office in which this order is filed. Publication of such notices shall be made in "The Item", a newspaper of general circulation which is most likely to give notice to the unknown Defendants, if any there be. The notice shall be published once a week for three (3) successive weeks.

WEEKS LAW OFFICE, LLC
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Public Hearing

NOTICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION DESIGN REVIEW

The Historic Preservation Design Review Committee will meet on **Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Sumter Opera House (21 North Main Street, Sumter, South Carolina). This is a public hearing.

HP-18-22 214 Church St. (City)
Request for Historic Preservation Design Review approval for the replacement of windows on property located at 214 Church St. and recorded by Tax Map #228-05-05-022.

Documents pertaining to the proposed request(s) are on file in the Office of the Sumter City-County Planning Department and are available to be inspected and studied by interested citizens.

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James Chase, center, the leader of a Baltimore arabber stable, walks in a field with children belonging to an Old Order Mennonite family at the family's farm in New Holland, Pennsylvania. "It's a different world up there, and I always look forward to getting back," said Chase of the family's farm.

Black horsemen, Mennonites share a dependence

BY DAVID MCFADDEN
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BALTIMORE — At an inner-city stable in one of the grittiest areas of Baltimore, a vanishing breed of urban horsemen prepares for its weekly visit to Pennsylvania Dutch country, where Mennonite farmers are helping to carry on a merchant tradition handed down through generations of black families.

On this recent morning, a few of the remaining practitioners of an obscure trade and folk culture known as arabbing are taking ponies to get shod in New Holland, Pennsylvania, where horse-drawn buggies clip-clop along rural blacktops and craftsmen still make wooden wagon wheels, carriages and leather harnesses.

It's an unlikely cross-cultural bond: a tight community of black horsemen in impoverished West Baltimore and rural Old Order Mennonites who shun most modern conveniences. Their worlds come together via a dependence on horses and a determination to live proudly on the margins of modern society.

"We rely on Mennonite know-how because we don't have the knowledge and the tools to do some of this stuff anymore. It's the way we found to keep this life going," said James "Fruit" Chase, the leader of a roughly 20-horse stable that's the strongest remnant of Baltimore's old arabbing tradition.

Selling fruit and vegetables from horse-drawn carts — which took root with black families in Baltimore after the Civil War — persists in this city not through nostalgia but through need. Baltimore's remaining arabbers — a name derived from an old term for peddlers of 19th century London and pronounced AY-rabbers — work out of three licensed stables tucked away in areas where healthful food is scarce among corner markets and greasy take-out joints.

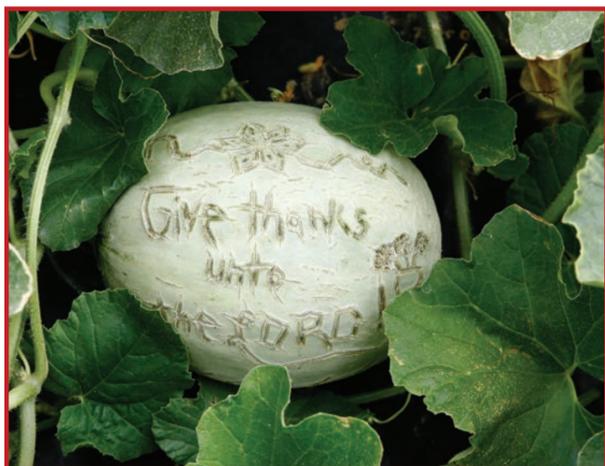
In recent decades, the street peddlers managed to forge a sustaining link with Pennsylvania's tradition-bound Mennonites — generally less austere cousins to the Amish.

Daniel Van Allen, the head of Baltimore's Arabber Preservation Society, describes the little-known connection between the arabbers and Old Order Mennonites as "the meeting of two sub-cultures."

"They're not involved with the same big-budget, big-money economy that



Children watch as arabber Bilal Yusuf Abdullah prepares his horse-drawn cart full of produce outside a stable in Baltimore. At one time, numerous stables could be found scattered across Baltimore and other U.S. cities. But by the 1960s, urban renewal, supermarkets and other developments reduced Baltimore's number to about 25. When the city's wholesale produce markets closed to make way for downtown developments, arabbers were pushed further to the margins.



A message reading "Give thanks unto the Lord" is carved into the skin of a melon at an Old Order Mennonite family's farm in New Holland, Pennsylvania.

the modern people are," said Van Allen, adding that Baltimore is the last U.S. city to have functional horse-cart vending.

Chase, a charismatic man with an easy smile, has developed warm friendships with conservative Mennonites, young and old. What was once a culture clash for him has become a weekly visit full of common ground. Two Associated Press journalists accompanied Chase and two arabbing colleagues on a recent visit to an Old Order Mennonite family's 35-acre farm, where water is pumped by hand and Scripture verses are read by candlelight.

The West Baltimore horseman — in a camouflage cap, jeans and sneakers — presented a striking contrast with patriarch Leon Hoover's family. The bearded farmer and his four boys dressed alike in straw hats and pants hitched up by suspenders. His wife and eldest daughter wore long dresses

and bonnets.

"You can't really go a lot of places and not see people arguing, fighting and fussing. But up here, it's like a piece of heaven," said Chase, relaxing on the porch of the Hoovers' rambling farmhouse after picking strawberries with the Mennonite youngsters he's introduced to his own.

Hoover, whose family has farmed an electricity-free patch of New Holland for generations, said he valued Chase's friendship. His children break out into wide grins every time they see West Baltimore's arabbers coming.

"We trust James. We don't travel much, and the children like to hear his stories from the city," Hoover said as he inspected tomato vines.

Pretty much every Monday, Chase also stops at a Mennonite auction that provides affordable horses, some for as little as \$700. Mennonite men outside the auction did the hard work of shoeing the arabbers' ponies and filing their back teeth on a blazingly hot afternoon.

Like many old traditions, arabbing has greatly diminished in Baltimore due to development and urban renewal. At one time, stables were scattered

across the city. But by the 1960s, their number had decreased to 25. Arabbers were pushed further toward the margins when the city's wholesale produce markets closed.

Now, Chase is one of a dozen people who still tenaciously cling to the trade, loading up bounties of wholesalers' produce on canopied red-and-yellow painted carts pulled by horses with bells and feather plumes.

Harnesses are embellished with heart-shaped brass rivets.

Faithful customers, often elderly people, emerge on blocks marred by boarded-up properties to buy from arabbers' carts. It's the only option many citizens in Baltimore's poorest areas have to purchase fresh food that doesn't involve a lengthy bus trip or two.

Baltimore's arabber clans say they've got no choice but to put in the hard hours to sustain the life they love. They

are "horse crazy," they say, and are deeply proud of family legacies stretching back over a century in some cases.

The highlight of their week? Traveling to Pennsylvania Dutch country.

"I let my city stress fade up there until I cross that Maryland line again," said Chase, as the sun rose over the Fremont Street stable decorated with colorful murals honoring his family's arabbing heritage.



James Chase, left, the leader of a Baltimore arabber stable helps a daughter of an Old Order Mennonite family carry produce boxes at her family's farm in New Holland.

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WALLACE THE BRAVE



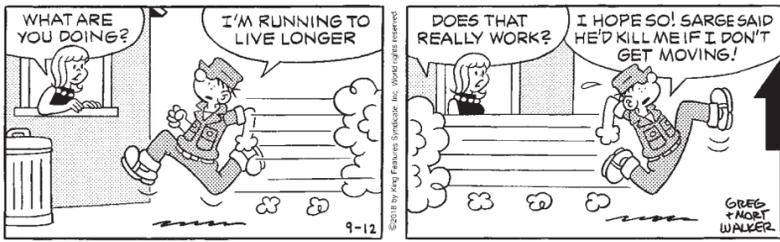
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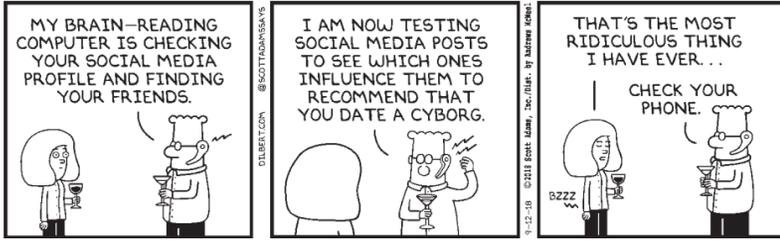
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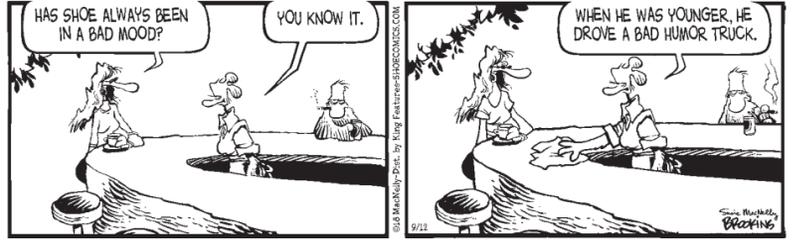
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JEFF MACNELLY'S SHOE



Man's social insecurities prolong his loneliness



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — When I was a teenager, there were many times when I made things awkward. It continues today. I try to have normal conversations with people, but when I do, I have nothing to say. My mind goes blank, so I keep quiet and walk away. I feel like the odd person out each time and like I'm not good enough. It really sucks.

The only time I'm successful socially with people is at work because I'm kind of forced to be. I want to make friends and possibly get a girl in my life, but it's almost impossible to do with my social

skills. This is so depressing and disappointing that I'm almost ready to quit trying. I need some tips and guidance. Do you have any?

Frustrated guy in Fairbanks

DEAR FRUSTRATED GUY — If you think you're alone in having this problem, you are mistaken. The majority of people have the same insecurities you do. No one is born knowing how to be social. Social adeptness is a skill like any other. It can be learned and, with some practice and effort, polished until it becomes second nature.

You don't have to be handsome to be well-groomed. You don't have to be brilliant or witty, either. Part of being social is showing an interest in other people. Ask them about what they think and encourage them to share their interests and opinions. And when

they tell you, be a good listener. Cultivate your own interests and you'll have something to talk about with others.

My booklet "How to Be Popular" contains tips on how to approach others, and what to say and what not to say when trying to make conversation. It can be ordered by sending your name and address, plus check or money order for \$7, to Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mt. Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. When you receive it, don't read it just once. Keep it on hand for reference because it contains many helpful suggestions about how to be the kind of individual others find interesting and attractive. Be courteous and show kindness to others. If you do these things, you will find the results you're looking for.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

LAWOL

PIRMC

NROPES

EGDANA



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above card.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ALIAS TUNER INTACT UTMOST
Answer: The campites being smaller than expected resulted in a — "TENTS" SITUATION

SUDOKU

HOW TO PLAY:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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C.C. Burnikel 9/12/18

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13 The Obama years, e.g.
14 Cube that rolls
15 "The Murders in the Morgue"
16 Harlem Globetrotters promoter Saperstein
17 Feel out of sorts
18 Official reproach
20 Diamond, for one
21 Not of the clergy
23 Peaceful '60s protest
24 Sandwich with tzatziki sauce
25 Vermeer, notably
28 Cold response?
31 Actor Pesci
32 ___ Free: caffeine-free soda
36 They're bound to sell
37 CIO partner
38 Hides from animals

39 Remove, as a knot
40 10% of MDX
41 Poky one
42 London gallery
43 Unisex fragrance
45 Strings for Orpheus
46 "Just like that!" sound
47 High temperature
48 Abbr. in job titles
49 2001 Pixar hit, and a hint to the start of 19-, 22- and 24-Down
52 Spanish surrealist
53 Poker variety
55 Formally ask for
58 Ignore the alarm clock
61 Come before
62 Ceramic casserole dish
63 Ancient land in the Fertile Crescent
64 Still going on

DOWN

1 Authentic
2 Diva's moment
3 West African country
4 Atlanta-based health agcy.
5 Traffic directive
6 Guess apparel

7 Luxury voyage vessel
8 Seriously overcooked
9 "Caspice?"
10 Shrewd
11 Car service app
12 Floor sample
19 1989 Al Pacino thriller
22 Website's list of browser data rules
24 Magic ring-wielding superhero
26 Get beaten
27 "House" actor Omar
28 Borders on
29 Sir Arthur Doyle
30 Spicy Mexican wraps
33 Serves as matchmaker
34 Uses a swizzle stick

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43 Mike Trout and Mickey Mantle, by pos.
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50 More pleasant
51 Grenoble's river
52 British bombshell
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55 Healthful getaway
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57 Drink from a kettle
58 "The Simpsons" disco guy
59 Cariou of "Blue Bloods"
60 Actor Beatty

Previous Puzzle Solved

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LOCAL CHANNELS													
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	America's Got Talent "Live Results 5" Five performers move on to the finals. (N) (Live)	World of Dance "World Final" (Season Finale) The top four acts take the stage. (N)		WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)			
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Big Brother Houseguests vie for the power of veto. (N)	SEAL Team "The Graveyard of Empires" The team's helicopter crashes.	Criminal Minds "Ex Parte" The team deals with a hostage situation. (DVS)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert			
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Teacher's Week" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Goldbergs Beverly decides to take up dance.	American Housewife "Sliding Sweaters"	Modern Family The family has bad news for Claire.	(:31) Splitting Up Together "Star of Milo"	Castaways "Is It Worth It?" Castaways obsess over other survivors. (N) (DVS)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	
WRJA	27	11	14	Travels With Darley	Expeditions With Patrick McMillan	Nature "Wild France" The flora and fauna of France.	Ancient Invisible Cities "Istanbul" (Season Finale) Exploring ancient Istanbul. (N)	NOVA "Iceman Reborn" Discoveries about Otzi the iceman. (DVS)	Amanpour and Company (N)		Nature The flora and fauna of France.		
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Monopolar Expedition"	The Big Bang Theory "The Separation Oscillation"	MasterChef "Battle of the Beef; The Semi Final" Skills tests using beef. (N) (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)			
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Mike accidentally upstages Vanessa.	Last Man Standing Vanessa's sister, April, visits.	Burden of Truth "Ducks on the Pond" A whistleblower comes forward. (N) (DVS)	Supergirl "Wake Up" An alien ship crash lands.	Dateline "Justice for Bonnie" Prosecutors need more than DNA.	Dateline "The Mystery on Horseshoe Drive" A man is shot and killed.	The Game The Sabers walkout crisis.			
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130	(6:00) Born This Way Cristina and Angel's wedding approaches.	Born This Way Presents: Deaf Out Loud: Deaf children in a hearing world.	Raising Tourette's "Finding Courage" Kristin faces her worst nightmare. (N)	(:01) Raising Tourette's "Celebration" Kristin gears up for graduation.	(:04) Born This Way "Joyride" John and Steven get behind the wheel.	Born This Way: Deaf Out Loud					
AMC	48	180	(5:30) ** "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004, Action) Dennis Quaid.	** "The Chronicles of Riddick" (2004, Science Fiction) Vin Diesel, Cole Hauser, Thandie Newton. A fugitive fights an invading ruler and his army.	** "Hancock" (2008, Action) Will Smith, Charlize Theron, Jason Bateman. A scruffy superhero carelessly wreaks havoc in Los Angeles.								
ANPL	41	100	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters: Branched Out Two tree houses with a high-tech feel. (N)	Treehouse Masters	TM: Branched Out						
BET	61	162	(6:58) ** "Soul Plane" (2004, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Tom Arnold, Method Man. Passengers and crew party aboard an airliner.	The Real Housewives of New York City "Passport Edition" (N)	The Real Housewives of Dallas "Rodeo Barbie" (N)	The Real Housewives of Orange County "Seeing Red"	Watch What Happens Live	The Real Housewives of Dallas "Rodeo Barbie"					
BRAVO	47	181	The Real Housewives of New York City "Wiggling Out"	The Real Housewives of New York City "Passport Edition" (N)	The Real Housewives of Dallas "Rodeo Barbie" (N)	The Real Housewives of Orange County "Seeing Red"	Watch What Happens Live	The Real Housewives of Dallas "Rodeo Barbie"					
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank Guest shark Troy Carter.	Crisis on Wall Street	(:04) American Greed	American Greed					
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) South Park "Chinpoko Mon"	(:25) South Park	South Park "AWE-SOM-O"	South Park "Casa Bonita"	South Park "Ginger Kids"	South Park	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	(:31) The Office	(12:01) South Park "Over Logging"	Jessie	
DISN	18	200	Bunk'd	Bunk'd An abandoned treehouse.	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Stuck in the Middle	Stuck in the Middle	Bunk'd	Bunk'd Three cabins compete.	Raven's Home (Part 2 of 2)	Raven's Home	
DSC	42	103	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	(:01) Expedition Unknown	(:02) Expedition Unknown	(:03) Expedition Unknown	Expedition Un.					
ESPN	26	35	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	MLB Baseball Milwaukee Brewers at Chicago Cubs. From Wrigley Field in Chicago. (N) (Live)	WNBA Basketball Seattle Storm at Washington Mystics. (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N)	NBA: The Jump	Around the Horn					
ESPN2	27	39	NFL Live	WNBA Basketball Seattle Storm at Washington Mystics. (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N)	NBA: The Jump	Around the Horn						
FOOD	40	109	Guy's Grocery Games "Dueling Dads"	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Games					
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News at Night with Shannon	Tucker Carlson					
FREE	20	131	(5:30) ** "A Walk to Remember" (2002, Romance) Shane West.	** "The Bodyguard" (1992, Drama) Kevin Costner, Whitney Houston, Gary Kemp. A bodyguard falls for the singer-actress he must protect.				The 700 Club	How I Met Your Mother "Glitter"				
FSS	21	47	College Football Lamar at Texas Tech.					Fight Sports: Boxing Also includes coverage of Jeff Horn vs. Ali Funeka.	Boxing 30 (N)				
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "Stop the Wedding" (2016) Rachel Boston, Niall Matter.	"Wedding Bells" (2016, Romance) Danica McKellar, Kavan Smith, Bruce Boxleitner. Two commitment-phobes find unexpected romance at a wedding.	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls				
HGTV	39	112	Property Brothers: Buying & Selling	Property Brothers "Lakeside Dreaming"	Property Brothers "Reno Interrupted"	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	Property Brothers "Modern Must-Have"	Property Brothers				
HIST	45	110	Forged in Fire "Pioneer Sword"	Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper (N)	Forged in Fire "Hollywood Edition" (N)	(:03) Forged in Fire "The Cutlass"	(:03) Forged in Fire "The Boar Spear"	Forged in Fire					
ION	13	18	Blue Bloods "A Deep Blue Goodbye" An ex-NYPD officer disappears.	Blue Bloods "Love Lost" Jamie rides with a new partner. (DVS)	Blue Bloods "Foreign Interference" A teen's death. (DVS)	Blue Bloods "Foreign Interference" A dangerous Russian enters the U.S.	Blue Bloods "The Thin Blue Line" A Mexican drug cartel targets Danny.	Blue Bloods "Unwritten Rules"					
LIFE	50	145	Grey's Anatomy Jo and Bailey treat a former astronaut.	Cast Confessions: The Facts of Life: Backstage secrets and hidden drama.	Biography "Nancy McKeon" The life and career of Nancy McKeon.	(:03) Biography "Diffrent Strokes" The child stars of the popular sitcom.	(:03) Biography "Dana Plato" Rise and fall of child star Dana Plato.	Cast Confessions: The Facts of Life					
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow					
NICK	16	210	Henry Danger	I Am Frankie (N)	SpongeBob	** "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" (2014, Action) Megan Fox, Will Arnett.	(:35) Friends	(12:10) Friends					
PARMT	64	153	(:06) Friends	(:44) Friends	(:22) Friends	** "Creed" (2015, Drama) Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone. Rocky Balboa mentors Apollo Creed's son.	** Walking Tall						
SYFY	58	152	(6:30) *** "Twister" (1996, Action) Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton, Cary Elwes. Storm chasers race to test a new tornado-monitoring device.	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee (N)	Conan Actor Bob Odenkirk; actor Zach Cregger.	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee			
TBS	24	156	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee (N)	Conan Actor Bob Odenkirk; actor Zach Cregger.	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee			
TCM	49	186	(6:00) "A Night at the Opera" (1935)	(:45) A Night at the Movies	*** "The Young Lions" (1958, Drama) Marlon Brando, Montgomery Clift, Dean Martin. World War II is experienced through the lives of three men.	Dr. Pimple Popper	My 600-Lb. Life Erica regrets not keeping a promise.						
TLC	43	157	My 600-Lb. Life "Chad's Story"	My 600-Lb. Life "Erica's Story" Erica regrets not keeping a promise.	Dr. Pimple Popper	My 600-Lb. Life Erica regrets not keeping a promise.							
TNT	23	158	(6:00) ** "Vacation" (2015) Ed Helms, Christina Applegate. (DVS)	** "We're the Millers" (2013, Comedy) Jennifer Aniston, Jason Sudeikis, Will Poulter. A dealer goes to Mexico with a fake family to score drugs. (DVS)	*** "Horrible Bosses 2" (2014, Comedy) Jason Bateman, Charlie Day, Jason Sudeikis, Nick, Dale and Kurt plot revenge on a thieving investor. (DVS)								
TRUTV	38	129	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	Comedy Knockout	Laff Mobb Laff	ImpRACTical Jokers		
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	(:36) M*A*S*H	(:12) Everybody Loves Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	
USA	25	132	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Brian Cassidy is accused of rape.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A sports reporter is stalked and raped.	Suits "Motion to Delay" An old foe backs the firm into a corner. (N)	(:01) The Sinner "Part VII" Heather and Ambrose search for Julian. (N)	(:03) The Purge "Take What's Yours" Jane considers the morality of Purge.	(12:02) Suits "Motion to Delay"					
WE	68	166	(5:30) *** "Dirty Dancing" (1987)	*** "Dirty Dancing" (1987) Jennifer Grey. A sheltered teen falls for a street-wise dance instructor.	*** "Dirty Dancing" (1987, Romance) Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze.								
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	Carter "The Flood"	

New season of 'American Horror Story' arrives as 'Castle Rock' concludes

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

It's the end of the world as we've never seen it. Or something. "American Horror Story: Apocalypse" (10 p.m., FX, TV-MA) debuts. While many series arrive heavily promoted, "Apocalypse" remains a fairly guarded secret. As of press time, the FX site hadn't even been updated to reflect its existence.

Suffice to say, it will feature many familiar faces from the anthology cast, including Sarah Paulson, Kathy Bates, Evan Peters, Adina Porter, Emma Roberts, Jessica Lange and Taissa Farmiga. Oh, and Joan Collins, too!

Hulu streams the final episode of "Castle Rock" (TV-MA), a series executive produced by Stephen King and set in a locale reverberating with references to his many works.

The gothic head-scratcher has emerged as the most addictive series of the summer. Today it comes to a "resolution" in its final episode, which is perhaps an understatement. Hulu has already announced a second season for the series. That's entirely fitting, because as a show with a very strong (and doomed) sense of place, "Castle Rock" is really about sticking around.

The new series "Dopesick Nation" (10 p.m., Viceland, TV-14) follows Frankie and Allie, former addicts who seek out and counsel others who have hit bottom and are looking to recover. As they discover, and viewers witness repeatedly, the desire to quit drugs and the hard work of sobriety can be two very different things.

Produced by Marlee Matlin and the Bunim/Murray production team behind "The Real World," the special "Deaf Out Loud" (8 p.m., A&E, TV-PG) follows three predomi-

nantly deaf families raising children to face a hearing world. What we discover is that feelings among the deaf about how to raise children with different abilities are as varied and contentious as in any other group. A shared concern is how to raise kids strong enough to face social stigmas and daily indignities.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Workaholics meet while serving as best man and maid of honor for mutual friends in the 2016 romance "Wedding Bells" (8 p.m., Hallmark, TV-G).
- A winner emerges from the top four on "World of Dance" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-PG).
- A corporate nemesis strikes back on "Suits" (9 p.m., USA, TV-14).
- The season finale of "Ancient Invisible Cities" (9 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings) explores Constantinople/Istanbul, the crossroads of East and West, the capital of the Roman Empire that became a center of Islamic culture and power.
- Matt goes the extra mile on "Castaways" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).
- Julian's absence unites Ambrose and Heather on "The Sinner" (10 p.m., USA, TV-MA).
- Bishop James makes a public attempt to win back Lady Mae on "Greenleaf" (10 p.m., OWN, TV-14).
- Sparks give way to laurel wreaths as a winner is crowned on the finale of "Robot Wars" (10:05 p.m., Science, TV-G).

CULT CHOICE

Frank Sinatra stars in the 1958 drama "Some Came Running" (11 p.m., TCM), adapted



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Gabriel Macht stars as Harvey Specter in the "Motion to Delay" episode of "Suits," airing at 9 p.m. today on USA.

from a novel by James Jones, who also wrote "From Here to Eternity." Directed by Vincente Minnelli and co-starring Rat Pack members Dean Martin and Shirley MacLaine.

SERIES NOTES

Beverly's dance moves raise eyebrows on "The Goldbergs" (8 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * Joanna feels stranded on "Burden of Truth" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14) * A foul mood on "American Housewife" (8:30 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * Hostile forces gather after a crash on "SEAL Team" (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Dede's drop-in takes its toll on "Modern Family" (9 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * Kara explores an alien crash site on "Supergirl" (9 p.m., CW, r, TV-14) * Milo's birthday presents challenges on "Splitting Up Together" (9:30 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * A hostage drama hits close to home on "Criminal Minds" (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

Anna Kendrick appears on "The Daily Show With Trevor

Graceland drops fee for vigil

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Elvis Presley fans will no longer pay about \$30 to visit his grave during the annual candlelight vigil on his death anniversary in Memphis, Tennessee.

Graceland officials say the charge to walk past Presley's resting place at his former home during Elvis Week has been discontinued. Devotees flock to Graceland every year to honor the rock n' roll icon during Elvis Week, the celebration of Presley's career as a singer and actor.

Presley died in Memphis on Aug. 16, 1977. He was 42.

Graceland instituted the charge in 2017, on the 40th anniversary of his death. The change upset some fans who were accustomed to participating in the vigil, free of charge.

During the vigil, fans hold lit candles as they visit the graves of Presley, his parents, and grandmother.

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Confetti Coleslaw

can stand up to ribs

BY ELIZABETH KARMEI
Associated Press

When hosting a backyard barbecue, it is easy to decide to make ribs because everyone loves them. They are one of those universal foods. If you eat meat, chances are you love pork ribs.

But it is a little harder to decide on the sides. Coleslaw and potato salad are the two most common barbecue sides with coleslaw being more prevalent. But how many of us leave that coleslaw untouched? I know I have. Even though I am firmly entrenched in the coleslaw camp, so many versions are lackluster. I love a classic coleslaw with fried chicken or a vinegar-dressed slaw with my pulled pork, but ribs beg for something a little more complex, colorful and assertive. Last week, I smoked ribs for some

of my very good "food" friends, and I wanted to make a side dish that they hadn't had this summer. I asked my sister, Mary Pat, what she thought would go well with my menu of saucy barbecue ribs, cheddar-jalapeno cornbread, and my apple cider-dressed cucumber salad. She reminded me of this brightly colored veggie coleslaw. I used to make it all the time, but somehow it fell out of rotation. I am so glad to be re-acquainted with this old friend.

It takes a fair amount of chopping so leave yourself enough time to put it together. You will find that the purple cabbage, carrots, sweet peppers and onion are the perfect base for a veggie slaw that is dressed with barbecue flavors and a hint of smoky pancetta and sweetness from white raisins. I love how the hearty slaw echoes the smoky sweet flavors of my barbecue-sauced ribs. If you don't feel like making ribs, it is equally delicious with chicken, grilled salmon, a burger or chili. It's the perfect side to celebrate the end of summer and ring in the fall!

CONFETTI COLESLAW

Servings: 10-12
Start to finish: 4 hours (20 minutes active)
4 ounces diced pancetta or bacon
1 red cabbage (about 3 pounds) cored and shredded into 1/8-inch-wide strips
4 medium-large carrots, peeled and shredded
1 small yellow bell pepper, diced
1 small red bell pepper, diced
1 small to medium Vidalia onion, diced
2/3 cup golden raisins
1/2 cup good-quality mayonnaise
1/2 cup sour cream
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
2 generous teaspoons ground cumin
1 teaspoon paprika
1/3 cup minced fresh cilantro
1 teaspoon fine grain sea salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
Cook pancetta in a heavy skillet until crisp. Drain, and reserve cooked bacon. Reserve a few tablespoons of the pancetta drippings.
In a large mixing bowl, combine cabbage, carrots, peppers, onions and raisins; toss well.
In a small bowl, mix reserved pancetta

drippings together with mayonnaise and sour cream until smooth. Whisk in mustard, cumin, paprika and cilantro. Season dressing with salt and pepper. Add more to taste.

Pour dressing over slaw mixture, tossing well to coat evenly. Reserve the cooked pancetta to top it just before serving. Transfer to a serving bowl. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight to let the flavors marry.

Before serving, re-mix coleslaw, and sprinkle with the pancetta. Serve chilled or slightly above room temperature.

Chef's Note: If your slaw seems dry, you may need more dressing. This will happen as the size of vegetables vary. You can double the dressing ingredients to make more, but let the slaw sit before adding more dressing because you don't want to over-dress it.

Nutrition information per serving: 210 calories; 114 calories from fat; 13 g fat (4 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 17 mg cholesterol; 377 mg sodium; 21 g carbohydrate; 4 g fiber; 14 g sugar; 4 g protein.

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Shrimp go wild

BY AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

Jolts of grill flavor and spicy heat can enhance the delicately sweet and briny flavor of shrimp, but it's easy to overdo it. Most recipes overcook the shrimp and finish them in a bath of mouth-numbing sauce; we wanted juicy shrimp with a smoky crust and chili flavor that was more than just superficial.

To achieve this, we sprinkled one side of the shrimp with sugar to promote browning and grilled this side for a few minutes. Then we flipped the skewers to finish gently cooking on the cooler side of the grill.

We created a flavorful marinade with pureed jalapenos, garlic, cumin and cayenne to give our shrimp skewers a spicy, assertive kick and then set some aside to double as a sauce. Butterflying the shrimp before marinating and grilling them opened up more shrimp flesh for the marinade and finishing sauce to flavor. We also packed the shrimp very tightly onto the skewers so they would cook more slowly.

GRILLED JALAPENO AND LIME SHRIMP SKEWERS

Servings: 4
Start to finish: 2 hours (20 minutes active)
You will need four 14-inch metal skewers for this recipe.
Marinade:
1-2 jalapeno chilies, stemmed, seeded and chopped
3 tablespoons olive oil
6 garlic cloves, minced
1 teaspoon grated lime zest plus 5 tablespoons juice (3 limes)
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/2 teaspoon salt

Shrimp:
1 1/2 pounds extra-large shrimp (21 to 25 per pound), peeled and deveined
1/2 teaspoon sugar
1 tablespoon minced fresh cilantro

Process all ingredients in food processor until smooth, about 15 seconds. Reserve 2 tablespoons marinade; transfer remaining marinade to medium bowl.

Pat shrimp dry with paper towels. To butterfly shrimp, use paring knife to make shallow cut down outside curve of shrimp. Add shrimp to bowl with marinade, and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or up to 1 hour.

For a charcoal grill: Open bottom vent completely. Light large chimney starter filled with charcoal briquettes (6 quarts). When top coals are partially covered with ash, pour evenly over half of grill. Set cooking grate in place, cover, and open lid vent completely. Heat grill until hot, about 5 minutes.

For a gas grill: Turn all burners to high, cover, and heat grill until hot, about 15 minutes. Leave all burners on high.

Thread marinated shrimp onto four 14-inch metal skewers. (Alternate direction of each shrimp as you pack them tightly on skewer to allow about a dozen shrimp to fit snugly on each skewer.) Sprinkle 1 side of skewered shrimp with sugar. Place shrimp skewers sugared side down on hotter side of grill (covered if using gas), and cook until lightly charred, 3 to 4 minutes. Flip skewers, and move to cooler side of grill (if using charcoal) or turn all burners off (if using gas), and cook, covered, until other side of shrimp is no longer translucent, 1 to 2 minutes. Using tongs, slide shrimp into clean medium bowl, and toss with reserved marinade. Sprinkle with cilantro and serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 211 calories; 91 calories from fat; 10 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 214 mg cholesterol; 1110 mg sodium; 6 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 1 g sugar; 24 g protein.

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