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5th suspect in Sumter man's death surrenders

Dill turns himself in, faces accessory charges

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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The fifth suspect facing charges in connection with the shooting death of a 31-year-old Sumter man turned himself in Tuesday after the sheriff's office and media circulated his wanted photo.

Anthony Dustin Dill, 32, of



DILL

Bell Road in Mayesville, faces charges of accessory after the fact of murder and is being held in Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center, according to Sumter County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Ken Bell.

The jail is also currently hosting four other suspects in the same case who were arrested within the last few days. On Tuesday, April 24, Jerry Lamars Johnson was reported missing. The next day, a fisherman found a body in Lake Marion in Orangeburg County.

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April was a 'fairly unremarkable month,' meteorologist says

After unusual first 3 months, last month's temperatures about normal

BY BRUCE MILLS
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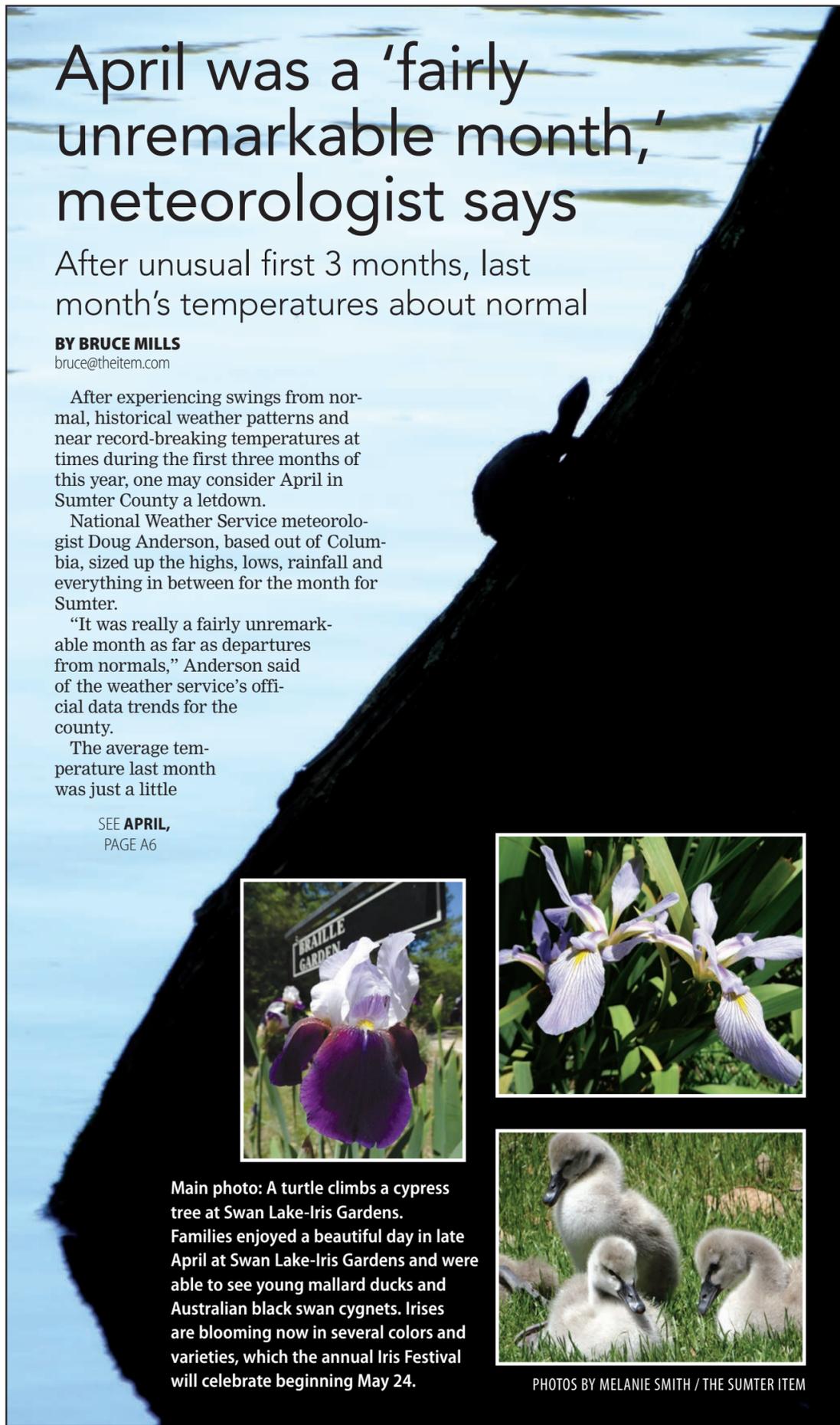
After experiencing swings from normal, historical weather patterns and near record-breaking temperatures at times during the first three months of this year, one may consider April in Sumter County a letdown.

National Weather Service meteorologist Doug Anderson, based out of Columbia, sized up the highs, lows, rainfall and everything in between for the month for Sumter.

"It was really a fairly unremarkable month as far as departures from normals," Anderson said of the weather service's official data trends for the county.

The average temperature last month was just a little

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Main photo: A turtle climbs a cypress tree at Swan Lake-Iris Gardens. Families enjoyed a beautiful day in late April at Swan Lake-Iris Gardens and were able to see young mallard ducks and Australian black swan cygnets. Irises are blooming now in several colors and varieties, which the annual Iris Festival will celebrate beginning May 24.

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Sumter County Republican Party hears from candidates

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Members of the Sumter County Republican Party were given an idea of who they could support during the primary and general elections this year during the group's regular meeting Thursday.

That evening, party members heard from Gov. Henry McMaster, who is running for re-election; U.S. Rep. Ralph

Norman, representing South Carolina's 5th District, running for re-election; and Nelson Faerber, a former U.S. Air Force attorney, running for secretary of state.

Norman said he hopes to continue the work he has already done if he is re-elected.

During the meeting, the representative said he is against abortion, does not feel government is the answer to everything and thinks fewer

regulations on businesses will encourage more entrepreneurship.

Norman also supports having work requirements for welfare services and is working on a bill with other legislators to require recipients to work a certain number of hours or attend educational programs to qualify for benefits.

"I'm sick and tired of able-bodied Americans not work-

ing," he said.

This would not affect the disabled or those 59 and older, he said.

"Work is dignity," Norman said. "Work puts food on the table for families. It gives self-worth to people."

When asked how people, including those in the same party, could come together for the betterment of the country, Norman said faith in a higher power would be the answer.

Members of the House — of various political parties and races — say a prayer together after voting and sometimes meet for Bible study during the week, he said.

"It's going to take prayer," Norman said.

The final guest speaker for the evening was Nelson Faerber — a former military prosecutor and defense counsel in

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Sumter mother charged with unlawful neglect after 1-year-old burned

Accused of going to work instead of seeking treatment

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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A 30-year-old Sumter woman was arrested on Monday after her 1-year-old son suffered third-degree burns and she supposedly failed to seek treatment.

Shemeka Monique Goodman, of Babbette Road Lot 10, is accused of placing her child "at unreasonable risk of harm" on April 23 and has been charged with unlawful neglect, according to Ken Bell, public information officer for the Sumter County Sheriff's Office.



GOODMAN

The child sustained burns to his lower back, upper right thigh, lower right thigh and lower left thigh, according to an arrest warrant.

"The mother was aware of his serious injuries and failed to seek adequate treatment for the child," the warrant states.

Goodman reportedly left her son with her boyfriend and went to work instead of seeking treatment.

The child was examined at a local medical facility on May 6 and referred to Augusta Burn Center for further treatment, according to the warrant.

The warrant states Goodman told law enforcement personnel she knew the child was hurt and "tried home remedies to treat his burns."

Goodman is being held in Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center awaiting a bond hearing.

Sumter Purple Heart elects new commander



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Sumter's Gen. George L. Mabry Jr. Chapter 817 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart recently elected a new chapter commander. Pictured is outgoing Commander Dave Nesbitt, right, turning the gavel over to new Chapter Commander Patriot Harry Thompson at the chapter's April meeting.

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Crestwood High School Choir directed by Deborah Horton will highlight the May 15 concert at Mayesville Presbyterian Church to raise funds for the nonprofit Sumter Feeds My Starving Children packing event. Volunteers will pack meals for hungry children Aug. 7 through 8.

Concert to benefit 'Feed My Starving Children'

BY IVY MOORE
 Special to The Sumter Item

A benefit concert at Mayesville Presbyterian Church will kick off the Sumter Feed My Starving Children charity endeavor at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Admission is by a cash donation in any amount to FMSC.

A diverse program of vocal and instrumental music by some of the area's most accomplished musicians will support the efforts of numerous organizations and individuals who have packed and distributed more than 800,000 meals to malnourished children around the world.

Mayesville Presbyterian Church organist and choir director Tammy Williams had high praise for the performers, beginning with the Crestwood High School Choir.

"Under the direction of Deborah Horton, director of choral activities at Crestwood for 17 years, the choir has earned a number of accolades, including consistently excellent showings at All-State Chorus each year," Williams said. "One of the choir's recent honors was an invitation in 2016 by Dr. Sonja Sepulveda to perform at Carnegie Hall. While in New York, the choir also sang at St. James the Divine Cathedral."

Violinist Brandi Sloan and pianist Susan Hutson will play Johannes Brahms' "Violin Sonata No. 1 in G Major, Opus 78." Williams said this sonata will "highlight the passionate, soaring melodies" for which Brahms is known.

Johann Gottfried Walther's "Concerto in B Minor" will be performed by Jim Hepler, minister of music and organist at St. John's Anglican Church in Florence. This piece, Williams said, "will spotlight the church's Zimmer pipe organ ..."

Sumter High School sophomore Mark Burns, who has been studying piano since he was 3, will play his own arrangement of Edward Perronet's hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," set to the familiar tune "Coronation" by Oliver Holden.

The son of Jamie and Regina Burns, Mark studies piano with Caroline Mack of the Caro-

line Mack Center for the Arts. He is also pianist for Bethel United Methodist Church and assistant accompanist for the Sumter High School Concert Choir.

Williams noted that Mayesville Presbyterian Church was a leader in organizing Sumter FMSC and that the May 15 concert is the church's primary fundraiser for this year. The church is located at 109 W. Sumter St., Mayesville.

SUMTER FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Proceeds from the concert will support local fundraising efforts for Feed My Starving Children, a Christian nonprofit organization committed to feeding hungry children. The annual drive brings volunteers from families, churches, businesses and civic groups across the U.S. to hand pack dry meal packets specially formulated for malnourished children.



Sumter FMSC committee chairwoman Sarah Bradham is shown during a visit to the Dominican Republic to see the impact Feed My Starving Children has had on the hungry children in that country. With her is Chimmi, a child fed with meals packed by Sumter FMSC volunteers.

The meals are vegetarian and nutritionally complete. Costs for the meals and shipping is borne by FMSC volunteers and donors. They are shipped to missions and human service agencies around the world, where they are used to feed children in schools, orphanages, hospitals and feeding programs, according to FMSC.

More than 800,000 meals have been shipped to hungry children in Swaziland, Haiti, the Dominican Republic and the Democratic Republic of

Congo in the four years since Sumter FMSC started. Williams noted that "3,783 children were fed a meal every day over the past year because of the efforts of the Sumter community."

The goal for this year's Sumter FMSC is to pack more than 400,000 meals at a cost of \$88,000. The cost of one meal is less than 25 cents, so any contribution is significant, Williams said. A \$10 donation will feed one child a meal a day for about six weeks.

Volunteers are needed to pack the meals Aug. 7 and 8.

For more information about Feed My Starving Children, visit www.fmsc.org/about-us/media-resources or Facebook at SumterFMSC or contact Sarah Bradham, committee chair, at spbradham@gmail.com.

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Celebrate women's health

Women are truly a powerful influence within their homes, friendship circles and communities. Their habits and attitudes about their health can impact those around them and especially the generations that follow them. May is Women's Health Month and a time to focus on the many aspects of health. Both men and women experience changes throughout their life, but a woman's body significantly experiences more change.



Missy Corrigan

culoskeletal changes can cause malalignments that can lead to pain and muscle fatigue over time. Muscular imbalances can occur after years of favoring one side of the body. Always carrying your bag on the same shoulder or carrying kids on the same hip can strain the muscles and cause strength differences in the left and right sides of the body. Strength training and stretching can help balance the body and keep it better aligned. Body weight movements, weight training and the use of bands, straps and balls can improve physical health.

Moving stable exercises to unstable devices like a ball, foam pad or suspended straps results in more muscle activation than increasing the intensity of a movement with speed or more weight. Performing exercises on unstable surfaces is quite challenging, and it requires more core and stabilizer muscle involvement, which can help balance out the body. For example, performing a push-up with your hands on a ball recruits many more muscles for support than if it were performed on the floor.

Women's health week kicks off this Mother's Day. Support the women in your life and help them become their healthiest yet!

Missy Corrigan is executive of community health for Sumter Family YMCA. She can be reached at mcorrigan@ymcasumter.org or (803) 773-1404.

Regardless of age, it is never too late to improve your health. Taking small steps and making small changes adds up to big results. In addition to getting annual check-ups and screenings, women need to focus on the following: get at least 30 minutes of physical activity a day; sleep at least seven hours a day; eat plenty of fruits and vegetables; set aside quiet time for reflection and meditation; spend quality time with friends; and find an enjoyable hobby.

Women face a lot of physical and emotional challenges throughout life, from puberty to pregnancy to menopause. The mus-

ODD NEWS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Raccoon family drops through ceiling

SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP, Michigan — A family of raccoons created a chaotic scene when they fell through a ceiling and into the living room of a Michigan home.

The Jackson Citizen Patriot reports that a homeowner in Sheridan Township sought help Friday after the raccoons fell from an attic. Police and firefighters easily picked up the four baby raccoons, but the mother eluded capture.

She bit a responder's gloves before hiding in a closet. The Albion Department of Public Safety posted video of the response on its Facebook page. Police said in a statement that a dog catcher pole was used to collar the raccoon. No people or animals were injured in the incident.

Woman blows up urine sample in microwave

DENVER — A Colorado woman has been cited by police after a container of what appeared to be urine blew up as she was heating it up in a microwave at a 7-Eleven.

Police say the incident oc-

curred in the convenience store chain's Aurora location last week when the clerk heard a loud bang and saw 26-year-old Angelique Sanchez take a white plastic bottle out of the microwave.

A police report says when confronted by the clerk, Sanchez wiped a yellow liquid that smelled like urine onto the floor and walked out.

Police located Sanchez at a nearby clinic where she had planned to take a urinalysis test for a potential employer.

The Denver woman was issued a summons for damaged property.

Bear breaks into home, snacks on fruit

NORTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. — A hungry bear broke into a California home and snacked on bread and fruit before sheriff's deputies were able to chase it away.

The Placer County sheriff's office posted a video of the bear inside the house on its Twitter account Thursday.

Bears are coming out of hibernation and deputies say this particular bear broke into a house at Northstar, North Lake Tahoe for groceries.

The homeowners called for help. In the video, the bear can be seen on a kitchen island.



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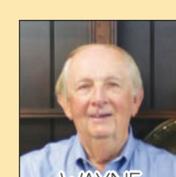
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Living on Hawaii volcano offers affordable paradise, risks

BY CALEB JONES
Associated Press

PAHOA, Hawaii — The slopes of Kilauea offer a lush rural setting and affordable land that contrasts sharply with Hawaii's more expensive real estate, but living on one of the world's most active volcanoes comes with risks: A dozen lava vents have opened in streets of the Puna district and 35 structures have burned down.

It was difficult to immediately tell from aerial surveys how many are homes and how many are other uninhabited structures, said Wil Okabe, acting mayor of Hawaii County.

Cheryl Griffith's Leilani Estates subdivision was ordered to evacuate after lava from Kilauea volcano burst through cracks in the ground, destroying homes. But the 61-year-old did not leave.

As lava crawled down Leilani Road in a hissing, popping mass, Griffith stood in its path and placed a plant in the crack in the ground as an offering to the Native Hawaiian volcano goddess, Pele.

"I love this place, and I've been around the volcano for a while," Griffith said. "I'm just not one to rush off."

The Puna district is a region of mostly unpaved roads of volcanic rock about a 30-minute drive from the coastal town of Hilo.

Puna has thick jungle as well as dark fields of lava rock from past eruptions. The gently sloping volcano dips from its summit to Puna's white sand beaches and jagged sea cliffs.

The region has macadamia nut farms and other agricul-



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In this photo taken from video, an unidentified man gets close to a lava flow advancing down a road in the Leilani Estates subdivision near Pahoia on the island of Hawaii on Monday. Kilauea volcano has destroyed more than two dozen homes since it began spewing lava hundreds of feet into the air last week, and residents who evacuated don't know how long they might be displaced.

ture along with multimillion-dollar homes with manicured lawns. Other houses are modest, sitting on small lots with old cars and trucks scattered about.

For many people outside Hawaii, it's hard to understand why anyone would risk living near an active volcano with such destructive power.

But the people here are largely self-sufficient and understand the risks of their location.

Amber Makuakane, a 37-year-old teacher and single mother of two, lost her three-bedroom house to the lava. She grew up here and lived in the house for nine years. Her parents also live in Leilani Estates.

"The volcano and the lava — it's always been a part of my life," she said. "It's devastating ... but I've come to terms with it."

Griffith said that is the hardest part of this lifestyle — they won't be able to recoup losses. Moments later, an explosion came from a nearby burning house.

Homeowners use rainwater-catch tanks and cesspools or septic tanks. Many rely on solar power, and some live entirely off the electrical grid.

Sam Knox, 65, who was born in Hawaii and now lives just a few hundred feet from a volcanic fissure, said he decided not to leave, despite the nearby explosions and the lava being

hurled into the sky and flowing across his neighbor's property.

"It was roaring sky high. It was incredible. ... Rocks were flying out of the ground," he said. Much of the area filled with lava in just four hours.

Kilauea is one of the world's

most active volcanoes and has been erupting continuously since 1983. There's no indication when this particular lava flow might stop or how far it might spread. Scientists from the U.S. Geological Survey expect the flow to continue until more magma drains from the system.

Hawaii Gov. David Ige, a Democrat, told evacuees Monday that he has called the White House and the Federal Emergency Management Authority to tell officials that he thinks the state will need federal help to deal with the erupting volcano.

On Sunday, some of the evacuees were allowed to return briefly to gather medicine, pets, and other necessities. They will be able to do so each day as long as authorities think it is safe.

Knox has some belongings packed in case he has to make a fast escape.

"I decided to stay because I wanted to experience this in my life," he said. "I'm ready to actually evacuate, but if I don't have to evacuate, I'm just going to keep staying here because I don't have no other home to go to."

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Study: Duped patients crowdfund for bogus medical care

BY LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO — They're the tech-age version of donor jars at the diner: crowdfunding websites that aim to link ailing people with strangers willing to help pay for medical treatment. But new research suggests duped patients sometimes crowdfund to pay for bogus stem cell treatments.

A study published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association focused on for-profit clinics that use direct-to-consumer advertising for costly unproven stem-cell treatments for conditions including chronic lung disease, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis and arthritis. Treatments are often marketed as cures or with a promise for vastly improved health.

Patients who believe the hype sometimes turn to crowdfunding websites when their health insurance won't pay. The study looked at GoFundMe, one of the most popular online sites for personal fundraising, and YouCaring, a similar site that GoFundMe acquired last month. Over four months last year, the researchers found 408 pleas involving stem cell treatment that got pledges for nearly \$1.5 million from 13,050 donors.

Most of the campaigns echoed the companies' claims, inadvertently spreading potentially misleading messages, the researchers said. Some clinics encourage patients to use crowdfunding, and crowdfunding sites recommend sharing pleas on social media to help raise funds, said study lead author Jeremy Snyder, a bioethicist at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, British Columbia. Their often desperate personal stories give clinics an additional advertising boost, he said.

The study didn't examine how many patients eventually underwent stem cell treatment or how those who did fared, but deaths and permanent injury including blindness from unproven stem cell treatments

have been reported.

The study highlights a phenomenon that has gotten little attention, and Snyder said he was "surprised by the scope of it."

"There's no blame for the individuals. They're kind of trapped," he said. "They want to believe a lot of the times that this is going to really cure me. It's absolutely a heart-breaking situation."

Part of the problem is clinics that manage to skirt regulatory scrutiny, Snyder said.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has the authority to regulate stem cell products and pledged last year to crack down on doctors selling risky, unproven treatments.

Stem cells have the ability to reproduce and to regenerate tissue. They are being studied as a potential way to treat many diseases but are approved in only a few medical procedures, including stem cells from donor bone marrow to treat leukemia and other blood diseases.

The study highlights treatments that involve taking stem cells from patients' own fat or blood, processing them in the lab and returning them to the body via injection or infusion.

Pete Canfield, of Spokane, Washington, has an incurable lung condition called chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He said he read up on blood stem cell treatments offered by the Lung Institute, a Scottsdale, Arizona clinic, and believed claims that they would ease his breathing difficulties.

He waged a GoFundMe campaign seeking \$10,000 when his health insurer refused to pay, writing that the treatment "has the potential to add several years to my life." He raised \$1,050, mostly from relatives.

Canfield, 65, said he maxed out his credit card to cover the rest and had the treatment in April 2017. He said blood was withdrawn from an arm, processed somehow and re-injected back into the same arm.

"They claim that when they insert the stem cells they will automatically go to the organ that needs it the most," Canfield said. "I was a little skeptical of that part of the claim, but I'm not a scientist."

He ended up being unimpressed by the results.

"I don't think it did anything to improve my physical well-being," he said.

Canfield said his disease has

since worsened and he now uses an oxygen machine nearly round-the-clock. He declined the clinic's offer to do a second procedure, saying, "I'm not going to waste my money or my time."

The Lung Institute did not respond to several phone and email requests for comment.

In a written statement, GoFundMe said it removes any campaigns that violate the site's service terms but that it allows pleas for funding medical treatment that is experimental and part of legitimate research. The company says it refunds donors if misuse is detected.

GoFundMe campaigns have raised more than \$5 billion since the site launched in 2010. More than one-third of money raised last year went to medical campaigns.

Adrienne Gonzales, a writer who started the GoFraudMe Facebook page and website after reading about scammers using GoFundMe to fleece donors, said crowdfunding serves an important purpose but that "it's kind of the wild west out there."

Requiring patients to provide a verification letter from their doctors would be

unfair, but "at the same time these are people asking the whole internet for money," she said.

Dr. Jeremy Sugarman, a Johns Hopkins University bioethicist, said crowdfunding sites might be able to help rein in some of the problem by recommending that patients and families seeking funds consult with their doctors about treatment claims, or refer them to other reputable resources.

Sugarman works with the ethics and policy committees at the International Society for Stem Cell Research, which offers online guidance for patients considering stem cell treatment, including:

- What are the possible benefits? What are the risks?
- What is the scientific evidence that the procedure will work?
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cooler than April's historically for the county, Anderson said. According to the weather service's data, Sumter's average daily overall temperature for April was 59.2 degrees, about 2.5 degrees below the historical norm for that indicator (61.7).

The average daily high temperature for the 30 days last month was 72.8 degrees. Historically, that indicator is 76.5 degrees for April in the county. The average daily low, typically the overnight low, for the month was 45.5 degrees, Anderson said. In the historical annuals, 50.1 degrees is the county's daily low for April. It was wetter in Sumter in April than most Aprils, according to the weather service. The county tallied 4.57 inches of rain compared to a norm for the month of 3.06 inches. But that rain total still didn't crack the top 20 for April rainfall totals for the county.

Rainfall for the year through Saturday, May 5, for Sumter was 10.59 inches, about five inches below the historical average 14.54 inches.

"April was wetter than normal," Anderson said. "But, so far this year, we're drier and in a deficit."

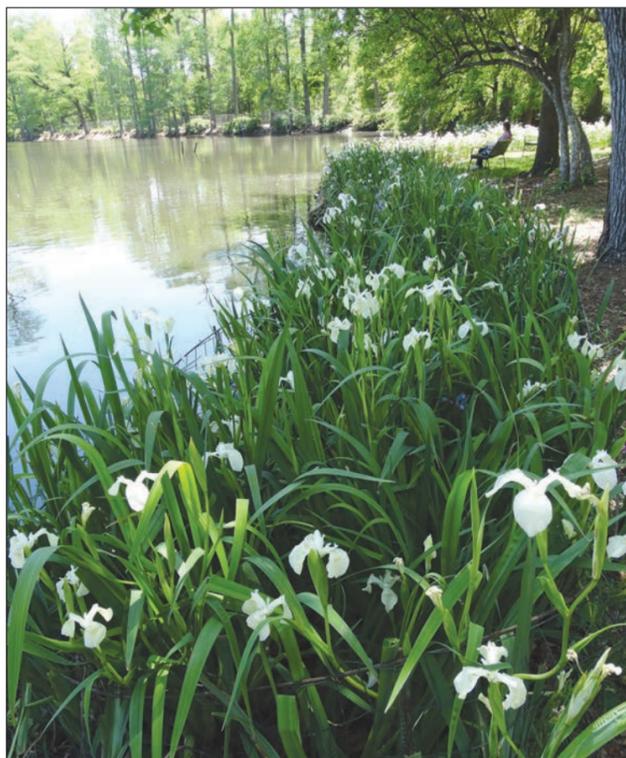
As far as the official record books — which date back to about 1930 at the weather service — Sumter's hottest April ever was in 1945, when Sumter's average daily high temperature was a "steaming" 83.3 degrees, and its average daily overall temperature was 70.8.

This month is traditionally a warm one in Sumter and the Midlands. The county's historical average daily overall temperature for May is 69.4 degrees, with an average daily

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| | April 2018 | Historical average |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Average daily overall | 59.2 | 61.7 |
| Average daily high | 72.8 | 76.5 |
| Average daily low | 45.5 | 50.1 |
| Rainfall | 4.57 inches | 3.06 inches |
| Rainfall year to date | 10.59 inches | 14.54 inches |

Source: National Weather Service, Columbia. Temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit.



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A visitor enjoys Swan Lake-Iris Gardens at the end of April, which was wetter than usual and a little below the historical average daily high temperature at 72.8 degrees.

high of 81.7.

And we need to watch out for the mosquitoes, too, Anderson said.

"Heat and humidity," he said, "make the mosquitoes more active."

SUSPECT

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Two days after that, the body, which Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis said at a news conference on Monday had been shot multiple times, was identified as Johnson.

Stephen Wayne Stinnette, 31, of Pinewood Road in Sumter, was arrested on Friday in Richland County and charged with murder.

Three others — Kimberly McFaddin McLeod, 36, of Bay Blossom Avenue in Sumter; Andrew Thomas Scurry, 36, of U.S. 15 South



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in Sumter, and Lisa Avins, 57, of Pinewood Road in Sumter — have been charged with accessory after the fact.

Avins is Stinnette's mother.

Dennis said on Monday a motive is still being investigated but that Stinnette and Johnson knew each other.

He also said the investigation revealed Johnson's body had been buried and moved twice in Sumter County before being dumped in the lake.

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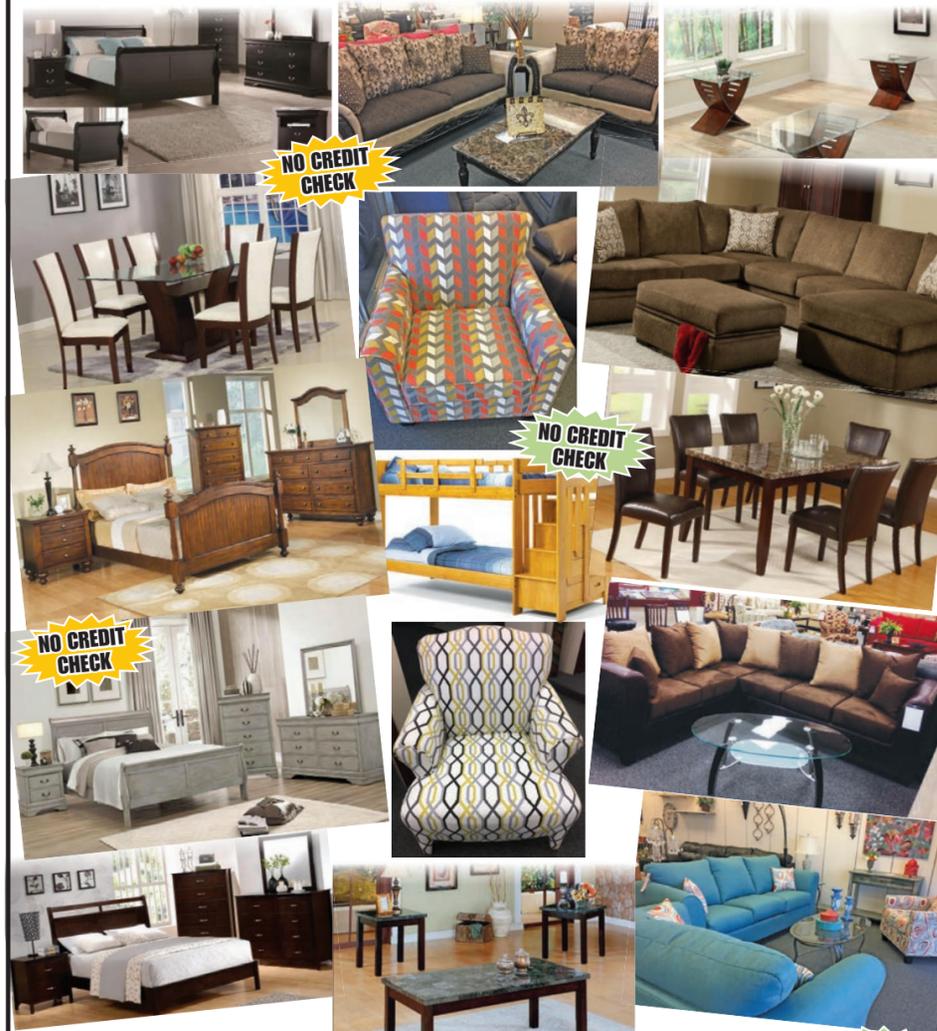
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2 inmates injured in riot sue agency for negligence

BY MEG KINNARD
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Two inmates injured in a deadly South Carolina prison riot have filed lawsuits accusing state officials of negligence in failing to hire, train or monitor enough officers to maintain order in one of its institutions.

Robert S. Jackson and Jadarus K. Roberts were among 22 injured in an hours-long riot at Lee Correctional Institution in Bishopville, about 40 miles east of Columbia. Seven inmates were killed in the violence that offi-

cial say began in one dorm and spread to two others.

In suits filed Tuesday in Lee County, Jackson and Roberts accuse the state Department of Corrections of not having appropriate policies to keep inmates safe, including enough staff to maintain order and ensure that basic safety measures such as locking doors are in place.

Well before the riot, prisons officials were also aware that many inmates at the maximum-security prison armed themselves with homemade knives and “knew or should have known that their conscious failure to provide ade-

quate security measures would result in unsafe conditions for the inmate population,” according to the lawsuits, obtained by The Associated Press.

The night of the riot, according to the lawsuits, inmates could move freely between prison dorms, in which there were few if any correctional officers. During the violence, lawyers for Roberts wrote, he tried to get to a safe place but couldn't properly secure a cell door. As a result, according to the lawsuit, several inmates pushed their way in and stabbed him at least 20 times.

Nelson Faerber, left, a former U.S. Air Force attorney who is running for secretary of state, and U.S. Rep. Ralph Norman, representing South Carolina's 5th District and running for re-election, visited Sumter County Republican Party's meeting on Thursday.

CANDIDATES

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(R), Kerry Wood (R) and Melvin T. Whittenburg (D).

Primary elections will be held on June 12.

the U.S. Air Force who deployed to Afghanistan as a rules of engagement expert.

The most important duty of the office is its responsibility to the state's business constituents, he said.

Faerber said setting term limits for the office and making services available electronically can make it easier and quicker for constituents to start businesses.

Faerber said while he was not claiming the current secretary of state, Mark Hammond, has done anything wrong in office, he does think serving for more than eight years is too long. Hammond is currently serving the fourth year in his fourth term.

“I think complacency sets in after about 16 years,” he said.

Along with term limits, Faerber said the office can further be improved by making South Carolina more competitive with other states by making the processes to start a business more convenient.

It takes a little longer to get a business started in this state, he said.

“I think technology improves a lot of that,” he said.

Introducing services such as electronic notarization in the secretary of state's office will benefit constituents and the state, Faerber said.

Others running for Congressional District 5 are: Archie Parnell (D), Steve Lough (D), Mark Ali (D), Sidney Moore (D) and Michael Chandler (C).

Candidates for secretary of state include: Mark Hammond, incumbent (R), Joshua Putnam

Trump says U.S. leaving Iran accord

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump withdrew the U.S. from the landmark nuclear accord with Iran on Tuesday, declaring he was making the world safer in restoring harsh sanctions. But he also dealt a profound blow to allies, deepened his isolation on the world stage and revived doubts about American credibility in the most consequential foreign policy action of his presidency.

The leaders of Germany, France and Britain, co-signers of the agreement, expressed regret and said they would try to salvage the accord with Iran. Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said he was sending his foreign minister to work with those remaining countries but warned there was only a short time to negotiate with them and his country could soon “start enriching uranium more than before.”

The 2015 accord, which lifted major economic sanctions against Iran, was specifically aimed at preventing that result. But Trump said, “The Iran deal is defective at its core.”

“If we do nothing, we know exactly what will happen. In just a short period of time, the world's leading state sponsor of terror will be on the cusp of acquiring the world's most dangerous weapons,” Trump said in a televised address from the White House.

He said the United States “will be instituting the highest level of economic sanction.”

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Mother's Day SCRAMBLED STORY

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In the U.S., the idea of Mother's Day was first suggested by Julia Ward Howe in 1872 as a day dedicated to peace.

In 1912, West Virginia became the first state to adopt an official Mother's Day.

During the 1600s, people in England celebrated a day called “Mothering Sunday.” On that day servants were released from work to spend the day with their mothers.

In 1909, Mother's Day services were held in all 46 states plus Canada and Mexico.

In 1907, Ana Jarvis passed out carnations at her mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia — one for each mother in the congregation. She did this in memory of her own mother.

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a resolution establishing Mother's Day.

In 1908, St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia held a Sunday service honoring mothers.

One day each spring in ancient Greece, people held celebrations in honor of Rhea, whom they called the Mother of the Gods.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Identify structural patterns (sequencing) found in informational text.

Unscrambled Fact

Julia Ward Howe, who was the first North American to suggest Mother's Day, made another important contribution to U.S. history. Unscramble the letters to find out what she wrote.

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- Glue the flower parts together.

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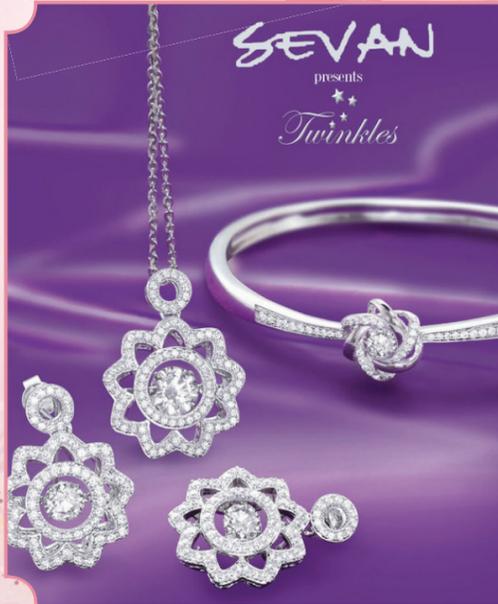


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COMMENTARY

Before and after welfare handouts and dependency

Before the massive growth of our welfare state, private charity was the sole option for an individual or family facing insurmountable financial difficulties or other challenges. How do we know that? There is no history of Americans dying on the streets because they could not find food or basic medical assistance. Respecting the biblical commandment to honor thy father and mother, children took care of their elderly or infirm parents. Family members and the local church also helped those who had fallen on hard times.

During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, charities started playing a major role. In 1887, religious leaders founded the Charity Organization Society, which became the first United Way organization. In 1904, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America started helping at-risk youths reach their full potential. In 1913, the American Cancer Society, dedicated to curing and eliminating cancer, was formed. With their millions of dollars, industrial giants such as Andrew Carnegie and John D. Rockefeller created our nation's first philanthropic organizations.

Generosity has always been a part of the American genome. Alexis de Tocqueville, a French civil servant, made a nine-month visit to our country in 1831 and 1832, ostensibly to study our prisons. Instead, his visit resulted in his writing "Democracy in America," one of the most influential books about our nation. Tocqueville didn't use the term "philanthropy," but he wrote extensively about how Americans love to form all kinds of non-governmental associations to help one another. These associations include professional, social, civic and other volunteer organizations seeking to serve the public good and improve the quality of human lives. The bottom line is that we Americans are the most generous people in the world, according to the new Almanac of American Philanthropy — something we should be proud of.

Before the welfare state, charity embodied both a sense of gratitude on the behalf of the recipient and magnanimity on the behalf of donors. There was a sense of civility by the recipients. They did not feel that they were owed, were

entitled to or had a right to the largesse of the donor. Recipients probably felt that if they weren't civil and didn't express their gratitude, more assistance wouldn't be forthcoming. In other words, they were reluctant to bite the hand that helped them. With churches and other private agencies helping, people were much likelier to help themselves and less likely to engage in self-destructive behavior. Part of the message of charitable groups was: "We'll help you if you help yourself."

Enter the federal government. Civility and gratitude toward one's benefactors are no longer required in the welfare state. In fact, one can be arrogant and hostile toward the "donors" (taxpayers), as well as the civil servants who dish out the benefits.

The handouts that recipients get are no longer called charity; they're called entitlements — as if what is received were earned.

There is virtually no material poverty in the U.S. Eighty percent of households the Census Bureau labels as poor have air conditioning; nearly three-quarters have a car or truck, and 31 percent have two or more. Two-thirds have cable or satellite TV. Half have at least one computer. Forty-two percent own their homes (<http://tinyurl.com/448fj8>).

What we have in our nation is not material poverty but dependency and poverty of the spirit, with people making unwise choices and leading pathological lives, aided and abetted by the welfare state. Part of this pathological lifestyle is reflected in family structure. According to the 1938 Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences, that year 11 percent of black children and 3 percent of white children were born to unwed mothers. Today it's respectively 75 percent and 30 percent.

There are very little guts in the political arena to address the downside of the welfare state.

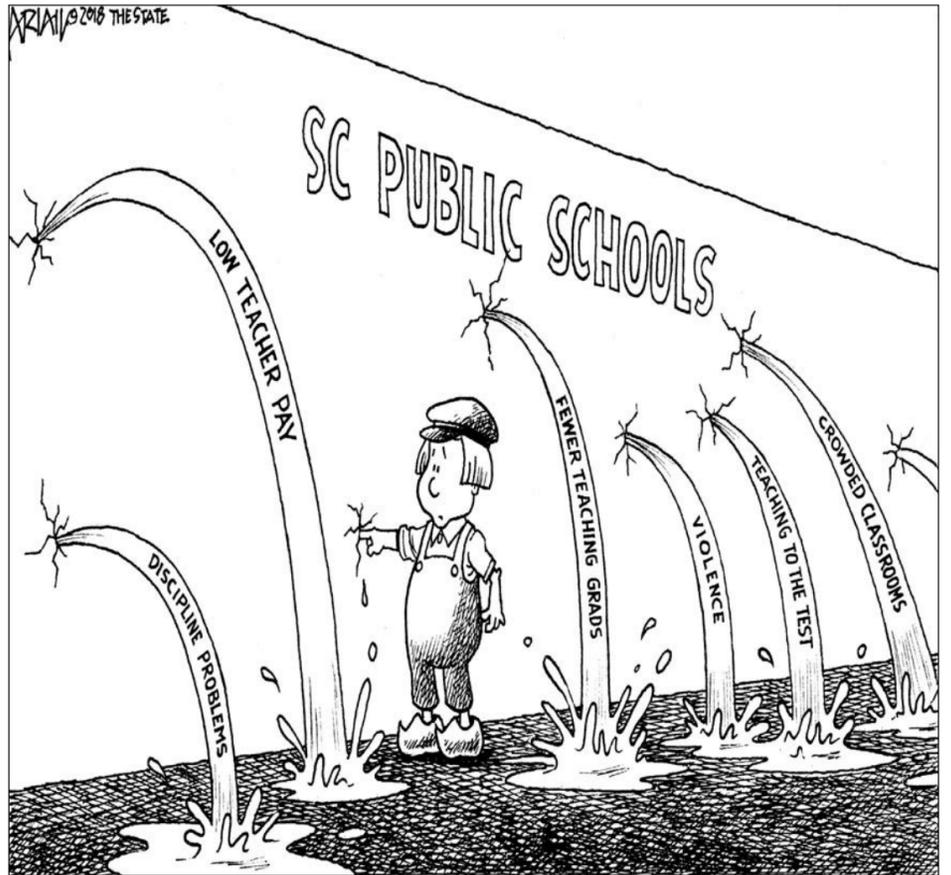
To do so risks a politician's being labeled as racist, sexist, uncaring and insensitive. That means today's dependency is likely to become permanent.

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COMMENTARY

Humane slaughter in U.S. is better option

CAMDEN — When Justify barreled across the finish line to win the rain-drenched Kentucky Derby on Saturday, he was notably clean — free of the mud that covered the faces of his 19 competitors. Justify won by two-and-a-half lengths.

The chestnut steed was a standout in another significant way. He was the first 3-year-old thoroughbred in 136 years to win the Derby without having raced as a 2-year-old, thus breaking the so-called "Curse of Apollo." Apollo was the last horse to have won the Run for the Roses without having raced as a 2-year-old — in 1882.

While racing fans are always interested in historical stats, many in the horse industry are more interested in how a horse's age foretells its likely shortened life owing to injury. Around 20,000 thoroughbreds are born a year. At 2, a horse's bones aren't fully formed, yet typically, they're put on the track at that age. This unfortunate fact leads us to other less agreeable statistics.

Each year, 130,000 horses, 10,000 of them thoroughbreds, are transported to Mexico or Canada under abhorrent circumstances — crammed into trucks or trailers for more than 24 hours without food or water — to be slaughtered under often-brutal conditions. Exhausted, terrified, dehydrated and hungry, these horses are usually shocked and bled out. Sometimes, when the shock is incorrectly administered, as is often the case, horses are skinned and dismembered while still conscious, according to the Humane Society of

the United States.

Such is the largely invisible, parallel universe for horses that exists in stark contrast to the garden-party hats and cocktail glasses of Kentucky's Churchill Downs and other venues, including this city's Springdale Race Course, which hosts the country's most important steeplechase race each year during springtime's Carolina Cup.

South Carolina's oldest inland city, Camden, was once a resort destination for wealthy northerners who "wintered" here to play polo, foxhunt and enjoy the porch life, which still dominates the social scene. The horse industry continues to thrive in Camden, which is home to some of the nation's top breeders, owners and trainers.

Among them is Katherine "Kate" Denton, with whom I happened to watch this year's Derby at a local dining-and-cottage club. I didn't have a favorite horse going in, but Denton convinced me to pull for the odds-on favorite Justify precisely because his legendary trainer, Bob Baffert, had held the colt back to allow him time to mature.

If you're a horse owner, winning can be lucrative. But if you're a horse, it's a matter of life and (post-poned) death.

Lucky winners such as Justify most likely will enjoy the stud's life after his racing career ends. But other horses that ran their best last Saturday will be off to the slaughterhouse in the next two to three years, says Denton. Because the U.S. has outlawed horse slaughter, some may be among the 130,000 horses that are herded into trailers annually and sent out of sight to die, horribly.

The United States Department of Agriculture calculated that 92.3 percent of the horses sent to slaughter are healthy and could complete a normal lifetime but for a place to call home.

Part of the problem is overbreeding. Another is profitability. Americans may flinch at eating horse meat, but people in some other countries share no such qualms. Those in the horse slaughter business are highly motivated and often outbid kinder-hearted others at auction. Although racehorse adoption, like greyhound adoption, has become popular in recent years, adopting a horse isn't a realistic option for most people.

What, then, should be done with horses that are no longer considered useful or of value?

Denton, who trains horses to start racing at 3, is among those who would prefer these beautiful animals be slaughtered in the U.S., where relatively humane practices are already in place for cows and other animals, thanks largely to a woman named Temple Grandin, a Colorado State University animal sciences professor and autism activist.

Because of her own autism, Grandin was able to see life visually, as farm animals do, and created a revolutionary system for humanely taking them to slaughter without pain or fear. While the Humane Society insists that there is no humane way to slaughter horses given their unique biological makeup and advanced fight-or-flight reflex, Grandin says the Mexican abattoir is the worst-possible case.

As repugnant as the thought is, and barring changes to breeding practices or incentives for horse adoptions, humane slaughter at home seems to be the better option. There really is no way to justify current practices.

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Manning Al-Anon Family Group — Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Behavioral Health Building, 14 Church St., Manning. Call (803) 435-8085.

C/A "Drop the Rock" Group — Thursdays, 9:30 p.m., 1154 Ronda St. Call (803) 607-4543.

MONDAY MEETINGS:

Sumter Vitiligo Support Group — Second Monday, 5:45-6:45 p.m., North HOPE Center, 904 N. Main St. Call (803) 316-6763. The group is also on Facebook.

TUESDAY MEETINGS:

Celebrate Recovery — Tuesdays, 6:45 p.m. coffee / snacks, 7 p.m. meeting, Alice Drive Baptist Church, Studio 4.3 (youth building), 1305 Loring Mill Road. For help with struggles of alcohol, drugs, family problems, addictions, pornography, smoking, anxiety, etc.

Heroin Anonymous — Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 p.m., 4742 Broad St. Call (803) 494-5180.

Sumter Connective Tissue Support Group — First Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November, 7 p.m., 180 Tiller Circle. Call (803) 773-0869.

Sumter Combat Veterans Group Peer to Peer — Tuesdays, 11 a.m., South HOPE Center, 1125 S. Lafayette Drive. Veterans helping veterans with PTSD, coping skills, claims and benefits.

"The Gathering" — Second Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., North HOPE Center, 904 N. Main St. Support group for teens and adults with special needs. Call (803) 972-0051 or (803) 468-5745 or email thegathering23@aol.com.

Sumter Amputee Support Group — Second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Sumter Prosthetics & Orthotics, 259 Broad St. Call (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.

Mothers of Angels (for mothers who have lost a child) — Third Tuesday at 6 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church. Call (803) 469-6059, (803) 979-4498 or (803) 316-4506.

EFMP Parent Exchange Group — Last Tuesday, 11 a.m.-noon, Airman and Family Readiness Center. Support to service members who have a dependent with a disability or illness. Call (803) 895-1252/1253 or (803) 847-2377.

WEDNESDAY MEETINGS:

Sickle Cell Support Group — Last Wednesday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., South Sumter Resource Center, 337 Manning Ave. Call (803) 774-6181.

Divorce Care — Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Baptist Church, 2401 Bethel Church Road. Call (803) 481-2160.

Grief Share — Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Baptist Church, 2401 Bethel Church Road. Call (803) 481-2160.

THURSDAY MEETINGS:

TOPS S.C. No. 236 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) — Thursdays, 9 a.m., Spectrum Senior Center, 1989 Durant Lane. Call (803) 775-3926 or (803) 469-4789.

Alzheimer's Support Group through S.C. Alzheimer's Association — First Thursday, 6-8 p.m., National Health Care, 1018 N. Guignard Drive. Call (803) 905-7720 or the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 636-3346.

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.

FRIDAY MEETINGS:

Celebrate Recovery — Fridays, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. program, Salt & Light Church, Miller Road (across from Food Lion). Help with struggles of alcohol, drugs, family problems, smoking, etc.

Wateree AIDS Task Force Support Group — Third Friday, 11:30 a.m., 508 W. Liberty St. Call (803) 778-0303.

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.

SUNDAY MEETINGS:

Sumter MS Support Group — First Sunday, 3 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church, 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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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

| TODAY | TONIGHT | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| | | | | | |
| Mostly sunny | Clear | Mostly sunny and very warm | Mostly sunny | Partly sunny and hot | Mostly sunny |
| 84° | 62° | 90° / 66° | 93° / 66° | 93° / 66° | 93° / 68° |
| Chance of rain: 0% | Chance of rain: 5% | Chance of rain: 15% | Chance of rain: 10% | Chance of rain: 15% | Chance of rain: 25% |
| NNE 4-8 mph | S 3-6 mph | SW 7-14 mph | N 4-8 mph | S 6-12 mph | SW 4-8 mph |

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS

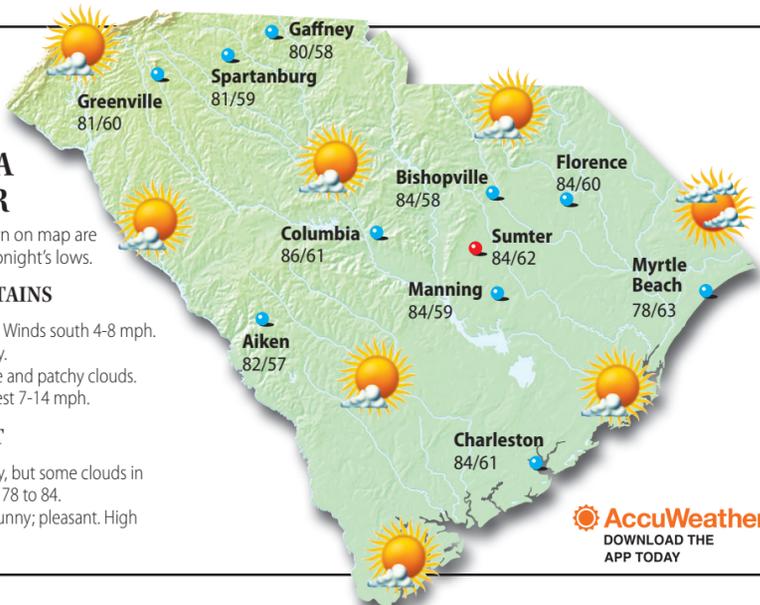
Today: Partly sunny. Winds south 4-8 mph. Clear to partly cloudy.

Thursday: Sunshine and patchy clouds. Winds west-southwest 7-14 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Mostly sunny, but some clouds in northern parts. High 78 to 84.

Thursday: Mostly sunny; pleasant. High 79 to 88.



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SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

| Temperature | High | Low | Normal high | Normal low | Record high | Record low |
|-------------|------|-----|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 78° | 78° | 56° | 80° | 55° | 95° in 1959 | 37° in 1989 |

| 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 |
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LAKE LEVELS

| Lake | Full pool | 7 a.m. yest. | 24-hr chg |
|----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| Murray | 360 | 358.07 | -0.01 |
| Marion | 76.8 | 75.86 | -0.13 |
| Moultrie | 75.5 | 75.20 | +0.06 |
| Wateree | 100 | 97.74 | +0.08 |

RIVER STAGES

| River | Flood stage | 7 a.m. yest. | 24-hr chg |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| Black River | 12 | 7.92 | -0.39 |
| Congaree River | 19 | 3.78 | -1.22 |
| Lynchies River | 14 | 3.85 | -0.41 |
| Saluda River | 14 | 2.69 | -0.70 |
| Up. Santee River | 80 | 78.28 | -0.04 |
| Wateree River | 24 | 10.61 | +0.76 |

SUN AND MOON

| | | | |
|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Sunrise | 6:25 a.m. | Sunset | 8:12 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 3:08 a.m. | Moonset | 2:23 p.m. |

| New | First | Full | Last |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | | |
| May 15 | May 21 | May 29 | June 6 |

TIDES

| AT MYRTLE BEACH | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|-----|------------|-----|
| | High | Ht. | Low | Ht. |
| Today | 4:40 a.m. | 2.8 | 11:37 a.m. | 0.6 |
| | 5:06 p.m. | 2.6 | 11:53 p.m. | 0.8 |
| Thu. | 5:34 a.m. | 2.8 | 12:28 p.m. | 0.4 |
| | 5:59 p.m. | 2.8 | --- | --- |

NATIONAL CITIES

| City | Today Hi/Lo/W | Thu. Hi/Lo/W |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Atlanta | 84/64/s | 87/66/s |
| Chicago | 73/57/t | 71/46/pc |
| Dallas | 89/65/pc | 88/66/s |
| Detroit | 80/59/pc | 74/45/pc |
| Houston | 89/66/pc | 87/69/pc |
| Los Angeles | 80/60/pc | 77/59/pc |
| New Orleans | 89/64/pc | 89/67/s |
| New York | 74/56/s | 72/58/pc |
| Orlando | 88/65/s | 89/65/pc |
| Philadelphia | 78/54/s | 79/59/pc |
| Phoenix | 104/76/s | 106/76/s |
| San Francisco | 66/54/pc | 68/52/pc |
| Wash., DC | 79/59/s | 83/61/pc |

REGIONAL CITIES

| City | Today Hi/Lo/W | Thu. Hi/Lo/W | City | Today Hi/Lo/W | Thu. Hi/Lo/W |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Asheville | 77/55/pc | 81/55/pc | Florence | 84/60/s | 91/66/s |
| Athens | 84/58/s | 90/60/t | Gainesville | 88/60/s | 90/62/s |
| Augusta | 86/57/s | 92/60/s | Gastonia | 81/59/s | 86/59/s |
| Beaufort | 84/64/s | 88/66/s | Goldensboro | 76/59/pc | 86/65/s |
| Cape Hatteras | 70/60/c | 77/67/s | Goose Creek | 84/61/s | 85/64/s |
| Charleston | 84/61/s | 87/66/s | Greensboro | 80/60/s | 86/62/t |
| Charlotte | 82/61/s | 89/61/s | Greenville | 81/60/pc | 87/61/s |
| Clemson | 81/60/pc | 86/60/s | Hickory | 79/57/s | 84/58/pc |
| Columbia | 86/61/s | 92/63/s | Hilton Head | 81/64/s | 82/67/s |
| Darlington | 83/58/s | 90/63/s | Jacksonville, FL | 85/59/s | 89/62/s |
| Elizabeth City | 69/56/c | 82/65/s | La Grange | 87/60/s | 88/63/s |
| Elizabethtown | 79/59/pc | 87/63/s | Macon | 88/59/s | 91/63/s |
| Fayetteville | 81/60/pc | 90/65/s | Marietta | 84/61/s | 88/64/s |
| | | | Marion | 78/56/pc | 82/57/pc |
| | | | Mt. Pleasant | 82/63/s | 83/66/s |
| | | | Myrtle Beach | 78/63/s | 81/66/s |
| | | | Orangeburg | 83/58/s | 88/61/s |
| | | | Port Royal | 82/64/s | 84/66/s |
| | | | Raleigh | 79/58/pc | 87/63/s |
| | | | Rock Hill | 82/58/s | 87/60/s |
| | | | Rockingham | 83/59/s | 89/62/s |
| | | | Savannah | 85/60/s | 90/63/s |
| | | | Spartanburg | 81/59/s | 86/60/s |
| | | | Summerville | 84/59/s | 85/62/s |
| | | | Wilmington | 78/61/pc | 84/66/s |
| | | | Winston-Salem | 80/59/s | 86/60/pc |

PUBLIC AGENDA

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

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Sharing personal information is

not in your best interest. Someone will use your weaknesses to his or her advantage. Don't let frustration lead to anger when taking the high road will guide you to the place you are destined to be.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Participate in functions that allow you to display your attributes. Your input will draw the attention of someone in a prime position. Don't let the changes going on around you cause insecurity. Do your best and believe in yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your confidence will wane if you let someone use emotional tactics to bring you down. Fight back by concentrating on making personal gains as well as physical and intellectual improvements. Protect your passwords and possessions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Put more time and effort into something creative or unusual. A change of scenery or starting a hobby that has the potential to give you another source of income should be high on your to-do list. Nurture important relationships.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Use your intelligence when faced with opposition or competition. What you know will be the best way to overcome a situation that is spinning out of control. Avoid excessive behavior or anyone who is acting unreliable or indulgent.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A partnership will cause concern. Monitor interaction with someone you deal with regularly and take notes to ensure that you have reference to what's being said as well

as promises made. Protect your integrity and reputation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A need for change may disrupt your life or relationships. Consider how friends and family will feel before you put your plans in motion. Don't let an emotional incident lead to a mistake or argument you'll regret.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Let your creative imagination run wild. Someone will impress you by offering a unique suggestion regarding the way you live or the plans you're considering implementing into your everyday routine. Forming a partnership will encourage you to move forward.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be hankering for a change. Line up something that will challenge you mentally and physically; you will feel satisfied by what you accomplish. Back away from anyone using emotional tactics to take advantage of you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An opportunity will spring up in an unusual manner. Don't shy away from a chance to try something new. Remain in control and refuse to let anyone push you one way or another. Make your desires clear.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Enact some changes to the way you live. Comfort and convenience will make your life better. Steer clear of anyone trying to push you to overspend or wanting you to get involved in something that is dubious or excessive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotions will be close to the surface. If you need help, ask for it. Refrain from making poor health choices or getting involved with someone you cannot trust. Stability should be your intent. Look for solid opportunities.

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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.

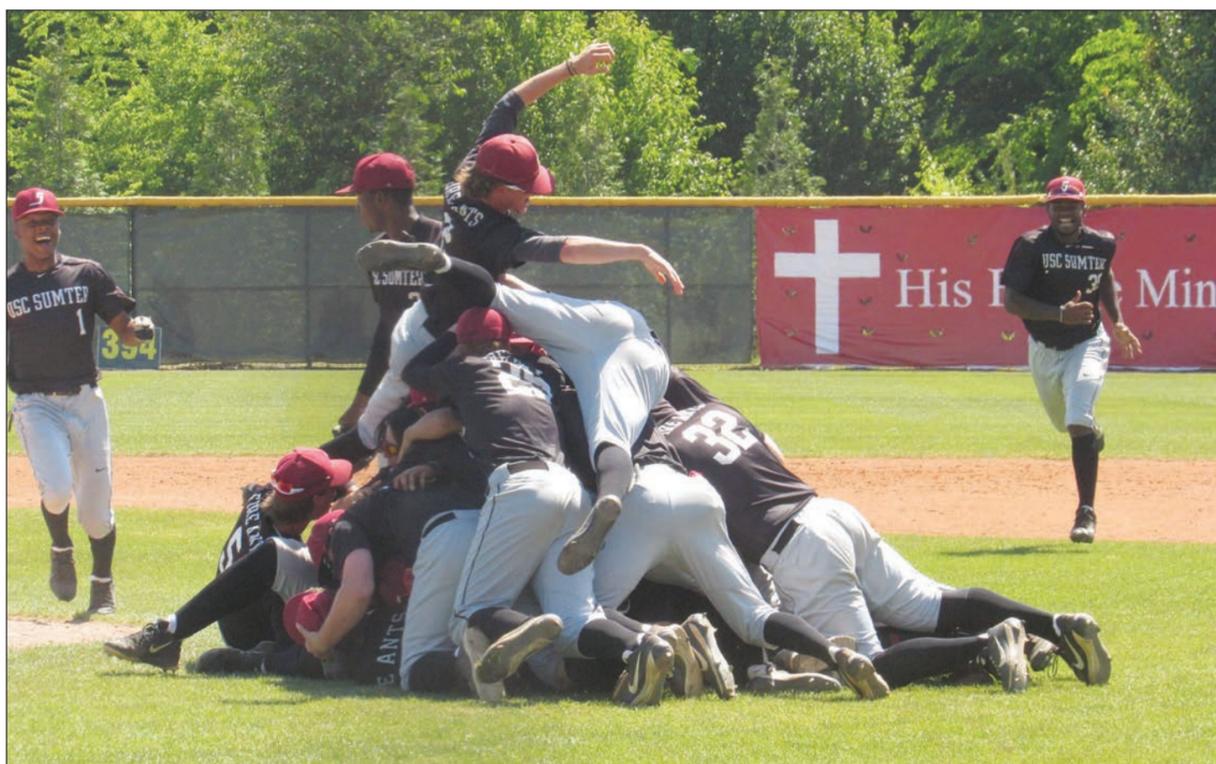
TOP: River is a stunning young mixed breed female who is lively and friendly. She loves going for walks, and we think she would be a natural at playing Frisbee or ball. This sweet-natured, medium-sized girl would do very well with a family. We recommend a home without small children, though, as River loves to play and romp. She should be fine with big kids.

BELOW: Baloo lost his home through no fault of his own and he misses being a part of a loving family. This boy is low key and knows some commands. For a treat, he will gladly sit and stay. Baloo likes other dogs and is a friendly, attentive young adult. If you can offer him a forever home, you will have a lifelong buddy.

If you would like to meet River in kennel 37 or Baloo in kennel 36 at Sumter Animal Control, 1240 Winkles Road, call the adoption coordinator at (803) 774-3232 or email at rescuesumtersc@gmail.com. As with all of our adoptable dogs, we do require a spay or neuter agreement, and it is strictly enforced. 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.

USC SUMTER BASEBALL

Rising to the occasion



MISTY HATFIELD / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

Players for the University of South Carolina baseball team dog pile after the Fire Ants rallied in the ninth inning to beat Florence-Darlington Technical College 6-5 on Tuesday in the championship game of the Region X tournament at Lexington County Baseball Stadium in Lexington.

Fire Ants beat Flo-Dar 6-5 to win region tournament in six games after losing opener

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Tim Medlin has been coaching baseball at different levels for close to four decades, but the University of South Carolina Sumter head coach admits what he saw transpire on Tuesday likely topped the list for the greatest moments of which he has been a part.

Medlin watched his Fire Ants cough up the lead to Florence-Darlington

Technical College in the bottom of the eighth inning only to score two in the top of the ninth for a 6-5 victory in the championship game of the NJCAA Region X tournament on Tuesday at Lexington County Baseball Stadium in Lexington.

The victory capped a run where USC Sumter won five straight games after losing to bottom seed USC Lancaster 12-3 on Saturday in the opening game of the 6-team tournament.

“As far as watching kids rise to the occasion, step up in the moment, I’ve never seen anything like it,” said Medlin, whose team earned the region’s only spot in the Eastern District tournament in which the winner advances to the Junior College World Series. “Everyone on this team did that. They just went out there and competed and worked their tails off.”

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PREP BASEBALL

Cavaliers clinch berth in SCISA 2A title series with 6-2 victory

BY EDDIE LITAKER
Special to The Sumter Item

Robert E. Lee Academy clinched a berth in the SCISA 2A baseball state championship series with a 6-2 victory over Marlboro Academy on Tuesday in Bennettsville at the MA field.

The Cavaliers improved to 22-3 on the season in winning the best-of-3 semifinal series in a sweep. They will face either defending state champion Pee Dee or Hilton Head Christian in the best-of-3 championship series next week.

On Monday in Bishopville, Robert E. Lee defeated Marlboro 7-1 at Cavalier Field.

REL starting pitcher Austin Windham threw 5 2/3 innings of 4-hit ball before hitting a rough spot.

Windham opened the sixth with six pitches out of the strike zone, including a wild pitch that allowed John Wiggins, who had drawn a leadoff walk, to advance to second. Windham

retired Will Beck on a fly ball to center but came off the mound after hitting Peyton Herndon with a pitch. Windham’s pitching line included six strikeouts and two walks.

Gavin Melton made the move from first base to the mound to pitch the final 1 1/3 innings, surrendering just one hit and striking out two of the five batters he retired. Melton left runners stranded at the corners in the sixth as Devin Hardee’s grounder up the middle resulted in shortstop Dustin Kennedy recording the unassisted force out on Herndon at second.

“They played hard,” REL head coach David Rankin said of his squad. “I felt like we played real good defense, other than maybe two plays. We gave them an extra base on a ball to left field and the shortstop should have ate the ball a while ago, but other than that I thought we played real good defense and I’m super proud of the defensive effort.”

“Windham didn’t have his best stuff today, but he battled. He battled and did good, so we’ll take that. Then Melton came in, hadn’t pitched a whole lot for us. We’ve been working with him a little bit and he’s been sore and finally he’s over that, and he came in and looked good. So we saved a lot of pitching for the rest of the week and we’ll go out there tomorrow and get after it.”

Rankin received offensive contributions up and down the lineup as the Cavs scored two runs in the first, three in the third and two in the fourth. Leadoff hitter Nick Laney singled and scored in the first, reached on an error and scored in the third and singled,

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COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Former TSA standout DeMonte All-SoCon first team for Furman

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Emily DeMonte has been a steady – and sometimes spectacular – pitcher for Furman University’s softball program since her arrival for the 2016 season.

DeMonte’s times at the plate were few and far between her first two seasons, but she got a chance to swing the bat on a regular basis as a junior. And it has paid off for her.

DeMonte, the former Thomas Sumter Academy standout, was selected to the All-Southern Conference first team as a utility player due to her exploits in the circle and at the plate.

“I had no clue that this was going to happen,” DeMonte



PHOTO PROVIDED

Furman’s Emily DeMonte, a former standout athlete at Thomas Sumter Academy, was named to the All-Southern Conference first team as a utility player on Tuesday.

said of being selected to the first team by the league’s coaches. “I’m really excited. I didn’t expect it. I’m just

thankful I got to hit this year because I think that made the difference (in being selected).” The right-handed DeMonte

posted a 13-3 win-loss record and a 3.09 earned run average in 18 appearances. That including a victory over NCAA RPI No. 32 Wichita State. DeMonte pitched 10 complete games and had two shutouts.

At the plate, DeMonte hit .299 with three doubles, four homers and 13 runs batted in in 67 at-bats. One of her four homers was a walk-off shot to hand Furman a doubleheader sweep of Big Ten member Indiana back in March.

“Being just a pitcher that made it hard to get selected,” DeMonte said. “I got selected as the utility player because I hit. I sometimes hit as a designated player, but I also hit for myself when I pitched.”

SEE **DEMONTTE**, PAGE B4

NBA PLAYOFFS

Sweep, sleep: Cavs oust Raptors, wait for East finals foe

BY TOM WITHERS
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Their doubters are dropping off as quickly as the competition.

Only one team has advanced to the conference finals in these NBA playoffs, and it’s the same squad that looked vulnerable during a chaotic regular season, beatable in the postseason and was one loss from a possible franchise collapse.

The ending’s been postponed. The Cleveland Cavaliers aren’t

nearly finished.

On Monday night, the Cavs completed their second straight four-game sweep of the Toronto Raptors, the East’s top team and the one that was supposedly built to dethrone them, with a 128-93 win in Game 4 that has perhaps changed Cleveland’s outlook.

LeBron James, whose future hangs over this city like a looming thunderstorm, scored 29 points with 11 assists and eight rebounds on 12 of 19 shooting — an ordinary performance by his standards — as

the Cavs won their 10th straight over the Raptors with one of their most complete games in months.

After all the injuries, the failed Isaiah Thomas experiment, the roster overhaul at the trading deadline and other distractions, the Cavs, who can get some rest while waiting for the Philadelphia-Boston winner, are peaking at the right time.

Their path to the East finals wasn’t straight. But they arrived.

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Cleveland’s LeBron James shoots against Toronto’s OG Anunoby in the first half of the Cavaliers’ 128-93 series-clinching victory in Game 4 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series on Monday on Cleveland.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA PLAYOFFS

Game 4: Cavaliers, Celtics look to finish off East sweeps

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — An improbable Eastern Conference finals rematch with the Cleveland Cavaliers is in reach for the Boston Celtics.

The only thing delaying it is one more victory against a Philadelphia 76ers team intent on not becoming the latest to join a dubious NBA club.

Toronto was swept by Cleveland on Monday to become the 130th consecutive team in NBA history to fail to overcome a 3-0 deficit. Philadelphia is one loss away from becoming No. 131.

Philadelphia-born rapper Meek Mill, who has been courtside for several Sixers games this series following his release from prison last month, is one of many hometown fans still hoping they can pull off the comeback.

"I represent the underdog season," Mill told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "We're the underdogs right now. We're in a (bad) position at 3-1, but I definitely believe we can make a comeback."

Philadelphia used its toughness, a little trash talk and 19 big points from T.J. McConnell in its 103-92 victory in Game 4 Monday to

finally produce a glint of the basketball it displayed in easing past Miami in the first round.

Harnessing that energy will be paramount in Boston for Game 5 on Wednesday. The Celtics have yet to lose a game at home this postseason (6-0).

"Obviously, after 3-0, we (found) a way how to beat them," McConnell said. "We took the taste of how it feels on the court after losing. From 3-0, now it's 3-1. We need to play play-by-play."

Game 4 certainly felt the most like a throwback to the Celtics-76ers battles in the 1980s thanks to an increased level of chirpiness between players that produced some face-to-face moments and multiple technical fouls.

Boston's Al Horford, who has scored in double figures in each of the Celtics 11 games this postseason (with five double-doubles), said more aggression is expected from a team in the Sixers' predicament.

"We have to protect our home," Horford said. "We were able to steal one (in Game 3). They protected their home court (Monday). We have to go home and protect ours."

A closer look at Wednesday's Game 5:

CELTICS AT 76ERS

Celtics lead 3-1. Game 5, 8 p.m. EDT, TNT.

NEED TO KNOW: The Celtics are on the verge of a rematch with the Cavaliers in the conference finals. They struggled to match the 76ers physicality in Game 4 but return to the friendly confines of TD Garden with another chance to close out the series. Boston is unbeaten at home during these playoffs. In their two home victories over the Sixers, the Celtics have averaged 47 percent shooting from the field and hit 32 3-pointers.

KEEP AN EYE ON: McConnell. He gained a lot of confidence after being inserted into the starting lineup for Game 4. It will force the Celtics to account for him more, which could open the floor for his teammates.

INJURY UPDATE: Celtics coach Brad Stevens didn't have a status update on reserve guard Shane Larkin (left shoulder) on Tuesday. If it's out Wednesday night, Boston would be down to an eight-man rotation.

PRESSURE IS ON: The Sixers obviously must win to keep their season alive.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Boston's Jayson Tatum (0) and the rest of the Celtics will try to close out their Eastern Conference series against the Philadelphia 76ers today in Boston.

But Boston also wants to wrap this series up as soon as possible. The Cavaliers' sweep of the Raptors means

the Eastern Conference finals could start as early as Sunday. The ability to rest is key for the Celtics.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
6 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Madrid Open Early-Round Matches from Madrid (TENNIS).
Noon — College Softball: Southeastern Conference Tournament First-Round Game from Columbia, Mo. — Texas A&M vs. Mississippi State (SEC NETWORK).
Noon — Professional Tennis: Madrid Open Early-Round Matches from Madrid (TENNIS).
1 p.m. — College Softball: Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament First-Round Game from Atlanta — Louisville vs. Syracuse (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
1 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cleveland at Milwaukee or New York Mets at Cincinnati (MLB NETWORK).
2 p.m. — College Softball: Southeastern Conference Tournament First-Round Game from Columbia, Mo. — Arkansas vs. Kentucky (SEC NETWORK).
3 p.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Brighton vs. Manchester City (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
3:30 p.m. — College Softball: Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament First-Round Game from Atlanta — Duke vs. Virginia Tech (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
4 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Angels at Colorado or Houston at Oakland (Joined In Progress) (MLB NETWORK).
5 p.m. — College Softball: Southeastern Conference Tournament First-Round Game from Columbia, Mo. — Louisiana State vs. Mississippi (SEC NETWORK).
6 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: K&N Pro Series West from Avondale, Ariz. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Boston at New York Yankees (ESPN).
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Tampa Bay (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WVFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
7 p.m. — College Softball: Southeastern Conference Tournament First-Round Game from Columbia, Mo. — Alabama vs. Auburn (SEC NETWORK).
7 p.m. — College Baseball: College of Charleston at South Carolina (WNKT-FM 107.5).
7:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Seattle at Toronto (FOX SPORTS 1).
7:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Kansas City at Atlanta (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs Semifinal Series Game 5 — Philadelphia at Boston (TNT).
10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Arizona at Los Angeles Dodgers or Washington at San Diego (Joined In Progress) (MLB NETWORK).

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|--------------|----|----|------|----|
| Philadelphia | 19 | 15 | .559 | ½ |
| New York | 18 | 15 | .545 | 1 |
| Washington | 19 | 17 | .528 | 1½ |
| Miami | 13 | 21 | .382 | 6½ |

Central Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|----|------|-----|
| St. Louis | 20 | 14 | .588 | — |
| Milwaukee | 20 | 15 | .571 | ½ |
| Pittsburgh | 19 | 16 | .543 | 1½ |
| Chicago | 17 | 15 | .531 | 2 |
| Cincinnati | 8 | 27 | .229 | 12½ |

West Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|----|
| Arizona | 23 | 11 | .676 | — |
| Colorado | 20 | 15 | .571 | 3½ |
| San Francisco | 19 | 16 | .543 | 4½ |
| Los Angeles | 15 | 19 | .441 | 8 |
| San Diego | 13 | 23 | .361 | 11 |

TUESDAY
Minnesota 7, St. Louis 1
San Francisco at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 7:40 p.m.
Miami at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.
Washington at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

TODAY
N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 2-2) at Cincinnati (Romano 2-3), 12:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 4-1) at Milwaukee (Guerra 2-2), 1:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Williams 4-2) at Chicago White Sox (Lopez 0-2), 2:10 p.m.
Miami (Chen 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Quintana 3-2), 2:20 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Barria 2-1) at Colorado (Anderson 2-0), 3:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Stratton 3-2) at Philadelphia (Pivetta 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Teheran 2-1) at Tampa Bay (Yarbrough 2-1), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Gonzalez 4-2) at San Diego (Lucchesi 3-2), 9:10 p.m.
Arizona (Corbin 4-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Wood 0-3), 10:10 p.m.

THURSDAY
San Francisco at Philadelphia, 1:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
Washington at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
Cincinnati at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.
St. Louis at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Cleveland 4, Chicago 2
Monday, May 4: Chicago 99, Cleveland 92
Wednesday, May 6: Cleveland 106, Chicago 91
Friday, May 8: Chicago 99, Cleveland 96
Sunday, May 10: Cleveland 86, Chicago 84
Tuesday, May 12: Cleveland 106, Chicago 101
Thursday, May 14: Cleveland 94, Chicago 73

Atlanta 4, Washington 2
Sunday, May 3: Washington 104, Atlanta 98
Tuesday, May 5: Atlanta 106, Washington 90
Saturday, May 9: Washington 103, Atlanta 101
Monday, May 11: Atlanta 106, Washington 101
Wednesday, May 13: Atlanta 82, Washington 81
Friday, May 15: Atlanta 94, Washington 91

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Houston 4, L.A. Clippers 3
Monday, May 4: L.A. Clippers 117, Houston 101
Wednesday, May 6: Houston 115, L.A. Clippers 109
Friday, May 8: L.A. Clippers 124, Houston 99
Sunday, May 10: L.A. Clippers 128, Houston 95
Tuesday, May 12: Houston 124, L.A. Clippers 103
Thursday, May 14: Houston 119, L.A. Clippers 107
Sunday, May 17: Houston 113, L.A. Clippers 100

Golden State 4, Memphis 2
Sunday, May 3: Golden State 101, Memphis 86
Tuesday, May 5: Memphis 97, Golden State 90
Saturday, May 9: Memphis 99, Golden State 89
Monday, May 11: Golden State 101, Memphis 84
Wednesday, May 13: Golden State 98, Memphis 78
Friday, May 15: Golden State 108, Memphis 95

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Cleveland 4, Atlanta 0
Wednesday, May 20: Cleveland 97, Atlanta 89
Friday, May 22: Cleveland 94, Atlanta 82
Sunday, May 24: Cleveland 114, Atlanta 111, OT
Tuesday, May 26: Cleveland 118, Atlanta 88

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Golden State 4, Houston 1
Tuesday, May 19: Golden State 110, Houston 106
Thursday, May 21: Golden State 99, Houston 98
Saturday, May 23: Golden State 115, Houston 80
Monday, May 25: Houston 128, Golden State 115
Wednesday, May 27: Golden State 104, Houston 90

FINALS (Best-of-7)
Golden State 4, Cleveland 2
Thursday, June 4: Golden State 108, Cleveland 100, OT

Sunday, June 7: Cleveland 95, Golden State 93, OT
Tuesday, June 9: Cleveland 96, Golden State 91
Thursday, June 11: Golden State 103, Cleveland 82
Sunday, June 14: Golden State 104, Cleveland 91
Tuesday, June 16: Golden State 105, Cleveland 97

NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Cleveland 4, Chicago 2
Monday, May 4: Chicago 99, Cleveland 92
Wednesday, May 6: Cleveland 106, Chicago 91
Friday, May 8: Chicago 99, Cleveland 96
Sunday, May 10: Cleveland 86, Chicago 84
Tuesday, May 12: Cleveland 106, Chicago 101
Thursday, May 14: Cleveland 94, Chicago 73

Atlanta 4, Washington 2
Sunday, May 3: Washington 104, Atlanta 98
Tuesday, May 5: Atlanta 106, Washington 90
Saturday, May 9: Washington 103, Atlanta 101
Monday, May 11: Atlanta 106, Washington 101
Wednesday, May 13: Atlanta 82, Washington 81
Friday, May 15: Atlanta 94, Washington 91

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Houston 4, L.A. Clippers 3
Monday, May 4: L.A. Clippers 117, Houston 101
Wednesday, May 6: Houston 115, L.A. Clippers 109
Friday, May 8: L.A. Clippers 124, Houston 99
Sunday, May 10: L.A. Clippers 128, Houston 95
Tuesday, May 12: Houston 124, L.A. Clippers 103
Thursday, May 14: Houston 119, L.A. Clippers 107
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Tuesday, May 5: Memphis 97, Golden State 90
Saturday, May 9: Memphis 99, Golden State 89
Monday, May 11: Golden State 101, Memphis 84
Wednesday, May 13: Golden State 98, Memphis 78
Friday, May 15: Golden State 108, Memphis 95

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7)

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FINALS (Best-of-7)
Golden State 4, Cleveland 2
Thursday, June 4: Golden State 108, Cleveland 100, OT

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|----|
| Boston | 25 | 9 | .735 | — |
| New York | 24 | 10 | .706 | 1 |
| Toronto | 19 | 16 | .543 | 6½ |
| Tampa Bay | 15 | 17 | .469 | 9 |
| Baltimore | 8 | 26 | .235 | 17 |

Central Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|----|
| Cleveland | 17 | 17 | .500 | — |
| Minnesota | 15 | 17 | .469 | 1 |
| Detroit | 14 | 20 | .412 | 3 |
| Kansas City | 11 | 23 | .324 | 6 |
| Chicago | 9 | 23 | .281 | 7 |

West Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|----|
| Los Angeles | 21 | 13 | .618 | — |
| Houston | 22 | 15 | .595 | ½ |
| Seattle | 19 | 14 | .576 | 1½ |
| Oakland | 18 | 17 | .514 | 3½ |
| Texas | 14 | 23 | .378 | 8½ |

TUESDAY
Minnesota 7, St. Louis 1
Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Seattle at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 7:40 p.m.
Detroit at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
Houston at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

TODAY
Cleveland (Carrasco 4-1) at Milwaukee (Guerra 2-2), 1:10 p.m.
Detroit (Liriano 3-1) at Texas (Colon 1-1), 2:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Williams 4-2) at Chicago White Sox (Lopez 0-2), 2:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Barria 2-1) at Colorado (Anderson 2-0), 3:10 p.m.
Houston (Cole 3-1) at Oakland (Mengden 2-3), 3:35 p.m.
Boston (Price 2-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Skoglund 1-2) at Baltimore (Cashner 1-4), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (LeBlanc 0-0) at Toronto (Garcia 2-2), 7:07 p.m.
Atlanta (Teheran 2-1) at Tampa Bay (Yarbrough 2-1), 7:10 p.m.

THURSDAY
Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Seattle at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---------|----|----|------|----|
| Atlanta | 19 | 14 | .576 | — |

CAVS FROM PAGE B1

"We've had four or five seasons wrapped in one, we know what the narrative has been about our team," said James, who averaged 34 points, 8.3 rebounds and 11.3 assists in the series. "But I can only speak in the moment. To be able to put ourselves in position where we can represent the Eastern Conference in the Finals, that's all you can ask for. So we're excited about being part of the Eastern Conference finals once again and having the opportunity to compete for a championship."

"That is what our goal is." James has been reluctant to discuss the Cavs' chances to win a title or get back to the Finals for the fourth straight year, but his confidence has grown with each victory.

Kevin Love, who struggled in a seven-game scrap with Indiana in the first round, had another solid game with 23 points. Kyle Korver added 16, J.R. Smith scored 15 on 6-for-6 shooting and point guard George Hill, who was sidelined for three games in the Pacers series, added 12.

The Cavs were balanced and were finally able to take some of the pressure off James, who had seemingly been abandoned by his teammates through much of the postseason.

In fact, things had gotten so bad that "Saturday Night Live" did a skit last weekend that went viral on social media called "The Other Cavaliers," a parody that poked fun at Cleveland's supporting cast.

James, though, said his faith never wavered.

"I believe in my teammates so as everyone was burying my teammates alive throughout that first-round series, I just continued to tell them, 'Listen, we can't win without each and every one doing their jobs and being as great as they can be,'" James said. "I continued to preach that so it's impossible for me to lose confidence in our ballclub no matter what the stakes are or where we're down because if I do that — then where are we going to go from a team aspect?"

After winning 59 games in the regular season, the Raptors had the East's top seed and figured that this was their year. James had other plans.

Toronto came into the series feeling great. By the end, the Raptors were defeated and deflated. Exactly one year since they were last swept by James, he did it to them again.

"Everyone had counted Cleveland out," said coach Dwane Casey, whose job could be in jeopardy. "They struggled a little bit. They had the big trade and all that. Everyone thought they were vulnerable but as long as they have him, they have a chance and that's what we were looking at. But 10 days ago we had all the confidence in the world."

As the Cavs look ahead to a matchup with either the Sixers or Celtics, who lead that series 3-1 and host Game 5 on Wednesday, Love's renaissance gives Cleveland the most comfort.

The All-Star was rendered ineffective in Round 1 by the Pacers, whose big men battered him and took Love out of his game.

PRO BASEBALL

'Big Sexy' Colon still has fun getting batters out for Texas

ARLINGTON, Texas — When Bartolo Colon took the mound for the Texas Rangers in his last start, the big right-hander had pitched against Boston coaches more than twice as much as the current Red Sox players.

No player in the majors is older than Colon, who turns 45 on May 24. And no active pitcher has as many as his 241 career wins or 533 starts, the first of both which came for Cleveland in 1997.

Still, the portly pitcher with the nickname of "Big Sexy" is having a blast — and still success — in his mid-40s and with his 11th different major league team.

"I feel great. I feel proud," Colon said through a translator.

"He should," said Detroit manager Ron Gardenhire, whose Tigers are in town for Colon's next scheduled start Wednesday. "Pitching this late in your life, it's not easy to do on this level. It takes a special person to even want to put in the work. He's a pretty special baseball player."

While Colon (1-1, 3.29 ERA) is pleasant yet somewhat oblivious to reporters, he loves being around the game. He is constantly chatting with teammates in the clubhouse, in the dugout and on the field. And he often interacts with opponents, and even umpires.

Red Sox first base coach Tom Goodwin was heading back to the Boston dugout in the middle of the sixth inning last Friday night when he noticed Colon coming directly toward him.



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No current player in the majors is older than Bartolo Colon, center, who turns 45 on May 24. Also, no active pitcher has as many as his 241 career wins or 533 career starts, beginning with Cleveland in 1997. Read the full story at www.theitem.com.

"I was just walking and Bart comes up to me and just says 'Hey, my neck hurts.' That, and then he slapped me on the back and he kept going," Goodwin said with a chuckle recalling the encounter soon after Colon had given up his third leadoff homer in the game.

When Colon was pitching for the New York Mets from 2014-16, Goodwin was coaching there.

"He was a joy. I wish I would have played with him," Goodwin said. "But to have him on the Mets team, I know he helped our young guys out, just kind of relax, and 'Hey, it's not the end of the world.' Have fun, enjoy what you're doing. Nobody does it more than he does."

Nothing seems to bother him. Colon often nonchalantly tosses the ball up in the air while waiting for retired batters to get back to the dugout, or during stoppages of play.

Even when he took a perfect game into the eighth inning April 15 on the road against the defending World Series champion Astros in a duel of former AL Cy Young winners with Justin Verlander pitching for Houston.

Colon is two wins shy of tying Hall of Fame pitcher Juan Marichal for the most by a player born in the Dominican Republic. He needs four wins to match Nicaragua's Dennis Martinez for the most by a native of Latin America.

SPORTS ITEMS

Hornets finalize deal with Borrego to coach

CHARLOTTE — People familiar with the situation say the Charlotte Hornets have finalized a deal to hire San Antonio Spurs assistant coach James Borrego as their next head coach.

The people spoke to The Associated Press on Tuesday on condition of anonymity because the Hornets haven't announced the hiring.

A press conference is expected in the next few days.

The 40-year Borrego has spent 15 years an NBA assistant coach, including 10 with San Antonio under Gregg Popovich. He also was an assistant with the New Orleans Hornets, well before the team moved back to Charlotte.

The Hornets fired coach Steve Clifford this offseason after five seasons with the team. Charlotte has failed to make the playoffs in three of the past four seasons.

CAVS NOT DISCIPLINING HOOD FOR NOT ENTERING GAME

CLEVELAND — A person familiar with the situation says the Cleveland Cavaliers will not fine or suspend forward Rodney Hood for refusing to enter Game 4 against Toronto.

The Athletic first reported that Hood declined coach Tyronn Lue's request to replace LeBron James with 7:38 left and the Cavs leading by 30, angering his teammates and others in the organization. Hood spoke to team officials about the incident Tuesday and will not be disciplined, said the person who spoke to the Associated Press on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation.

The person said Hood expressed regret for the incident and "didn't want to be a distraction."

Hood has struggled in the playoffs after being acquired in a February trade from Utah. The 25-year-old is averaging 4.6 points in 17 minutes and hasn't looked comfortable in Cleveland's offense.

The Cavs advanced to the Eastern Conference finals by



AP FILE PHOTO

San Antonio Spurs assistant coach James Borrego has finalized a deal to become the new head coach of the Charlotte Hornets. An announcement is expected in the next few days.

sweeping the Raptors.

KNICKS ANNOUNCE HIRING OF DAVID FIZDALE AS NEW COACH

NEW YORK — David Fizdale has been hired as coach of the Knicks. He says he's hoping to "build the type of winning team the passionate fans of New York will be proud of."

The Knicks announced the hiring Monday after agreeing to terms with the former Memphis Grizzlies coach last week. They plan to introduce Fizdale at a news conference Tuesday.

Fizdale went 50-51 with the Grizzlies, leading them to the postseason in his only full season before getting fired early last year after clashing with star Marc Gasol. He becomes the 29th coach in franchise history, hoping to lead the Knicks out of what is now a five-year postseason drought.

He replaces Jeff Hornacek, who lasted two seasons in New York before getting fired hours after the season finale.

TWINS 7 CARDINALS 1

ST. LOUIS — Jake Odorizzi pitched five strong innings and Eduardo Escobar had a two-run home run as the Minnesota Twins won their season-high fifth straight

game with a 7-1 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Tuesday.

The win caps a two-game series sweep for the Twins, who have won 14 of their last 17 games against National League teams.

Odorizzi (3-2) allowed just two hits and one run, a homer by St. Louis' Jose Martinez in the first inning. The right-hander combined with three relievers to retire the final 18 batters of the game.

CAROLINA HURRICANES HIRE BRIND'AMOUR AS HEAD COACH

Former Michigan State hockey star Rod Brind'Amour is now a head coach in the NHL.

Brind'Amour, who holds the MSU record for goals in a season by a freshman with 27, was named the 14th head coach of the Carolina Hurricanes on Tuesday. The 47-year-old native of Ottawa signed his contract in a video posted by the team this morning.

Brind'Amour spent 10 seasons in Raleigh and served as captain of a Hurricanes team that won the 2006 Stanley Cup. He was also key member of the Hurricanes' 2002 team that lost to the Red Wings in the Stanley Cup Finals.

From wire reports

AUTO RACING

NASCAR memo: France family 'dedicated' to sport

BY JENNA FRYER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE — The president of NASCAR told employees Tuesday the France family that owns a majority stake in the nation's top auto racing series "remains dedicated to the long term growth of our sport" following a report of a possible sale.

President Brent Dewar sent a memo to staff one day after a media report said the France family was exploring a potential sale of its NASCAR holdings. The Associated Press received a copy of the memo from a person who shared it on condition of anonymity due to the sensitive nature of the topic.

Dewar wrote in the memo that NASCAR does not comment on "industry rumors" but did not specifically address a possible deal by the France family.

"For over 70 years, the France family has worked hard to invest in the sport of NASCAR, including our recent acquisitions of ARCA," Dewar wrote, referring to the recent purchase of the Automobile Racing Series of America, a lower-tier stock car series that sometimes races in conjunction with NASCAR events.

NASCAR has struggled with recent ratings and attendance declines and several big-name sponsors have scaled back or pulled out. Lowe's, the only sponsor seven-time champion Jimmie Johnson has had in his 18-year career, is leaving at the end of the season. Home Depot, Target, Subway, Dollar General and scores of other sponsors have already exited racing.

Additionally, title sponsor Monster Energy signed just a one-year extension through 2019 and NASCAR admitted it is re-evaluating its sponsorship structure.

There have been rumors dating to last season that NASCAR Chairman Brian France wanted out, but many team owners

seemed surprised by Monday's report from Reuters citing unidentified sources that the family has engaged investment bank Goldman Sachs to explore a sale. One team owner, who spoke to AP only on condition of anonymity, said France firmly told owners in recent months the series was not for sale.



FRANCE

Keeping Sumter Beautiful

Katie Altman-Goff, Water Resources Extension Agent

Always be prepared... to protect water quality

The Boy Scout motto is "Be prepared!" Last week, I was very happy to be able to help local Boy Scout Troop 339 (sponsored by American Legion Post 15) prepare for an effort to protect Sumter's water quality by giving them storm drain markers. The troop spent their Thursday afternoon installing those markers at the Sumter Civic Center and the fairgrounds as a water conservation project. Some of the boys are working to earn a William T. Hornaday Award, which recognizes those that have made significant contributions to conservation. This highly prized award represents a substantial commitment of time and energy working on a science-based project guided by a conservation professional. According to the Boy Scouts of America website, only around 1,100 medals have been awarded over the past 80 years.

The scouts installed storm drain markers that sport the logo of Sumter Stormwater Solutions, a group of local educators and stormwater professionals that aim to educate Sumter county residents about the cause and effects of stormwater pollution. The markers also read, "Only rain down the storm drain. No dumping. Drains to waterways." The purpose of this effort is to debunk the common misconception that water going into storm drains is treated like reg-

ular sewer water, cleaned before being released into our local waterways. This is not the case. After collecting pollutants left behind on our streets and sidewalks, stormwater makes its way directly to our local ponds and streams, pollutants and all.

How can you "be prepared" to protect water quality? Be mindful of your impact on the environment you live in. Pay attention to what you leave on the ground and take action to reduce the amount of pollutants you leave behind. Here's a list of common pollutants in Sumter's water and some actions you can take to prevent them:

Bacteria: Have your septic tank regularly inspected and maintained.

Excess nutrients: Check out fact sheet 1654 at clemson.edu/hgic to make sure you are using fertilizers properly.

Litter: Never throw trash or cigarette butts on the ground and make sure to properly secure trash in the back of your truck.

For information about stormwater, upcoming volunteer opportunities, and photos of Troop 339 installing storm drain markers visit facebook.com/sumterstormwatersolutions

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AREA ROUNDUP

Sumter golf qualifies for 5A state tourney

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Sumter High School varsity boys golf team qualified for the 5A state tournament with a fifth-place finish in the lower state championship match on Monday at Beech Creek Golf Club.

It was a tight battle as 15 shots separated the top seven teams in the 16-team field. Wando won with a 315 followed by Lexington at 316, James Island at 323, Dutch Fork at 324, Sumter at 325, Blythewood at 326 and Summerville at 330.

Evans Lewis led the way for the Gamecocks, shooting a 77. Michael Solberg had an 82, while Dixon Flowers, Bradley Coulter and Jenkins Dwight each shot an 83.

VARSITY BASEBALL

BEN LIPPEN 5
LAURENCE MANNING 4

COLUMBIA – Laurence Manning Academy saw its run as the SCISA 3A state champion come to an end on Tuesday as it dropped a 5-4 decision to Ben Lippen at the BL field.

The Falcons swept the best-of-3 semifinal series against the 2-time defending champion Swampcats. LMA finishes the year with a 17-6 record.

From staff reports



Furman's Emily DeMonte, a former standout athlete at Thomas Sumter Academy, was named to the All-Southern Conference first team as a utility player on Tuesday.

PHOTO PROVIDED

DEMONTTE

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DeMonte knows what she's talking about when she mentions having to beat someone out based on pitching exploits. She's teammates with Lindsey Bert, who was selected as the SoCon Pitcher of the Year for the second straight season.

"Honestly, we're two completely different pitchers," DeMonte said of Bert, who is 25-8 with a 1.58 ERA, 12 shutouts and 317 strikeouts. "She's left-handed, I'm right-handed. She's a down pitcher, I'm an up pitcher.

"We're great complements to each other. We definitely push each other, made each other better."

Furman begins play in the Southern Conference tournament today as the

No. 3 seed, needing to win the tournament to receive a bid to the NCAA tournament. The Paladins, 38-13 on the season, take on No. 6 East Tennessee State at 3 p.m. in Greensboro, N.C.

"We've done very well coming together as a team," DeMonte said. "All seven of our seniors start, and I think that is very important for us. How we play is reflective on how much energy the seniors have."

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Sumter, the No. 2 seed, improved to 36-21 on the season. After falling to Lancaster in the opener, the Fire Ants beat USC Salkehatchie 12-3 and Spartanburg Methodist College 7-6 on Sunday. On Monday, they got revenge on Lancaster with a 17-4 triumph and held off No.1 seed Flo-Dar 12-11 to force Tuesday's do-or-die contest.

The Stingers, who are coached by Sumter native Preston McDonald, watched their season end with a 43-13 record. They won the region tournament and the district tournament last year to reach the JCWS.

USC Sumter took a 4-3 lead into the bottom of the eighth. After giving up three runs in the first two innings, Sumter starting pitcher Blake Robinson gave up just two hits over the next five innings.

He was relieved by reliever Tristen Campbell, a key member of the bullpen, in the eighth. Campbell gave up a 2-run home run to FDTC's Harrison Hawkins to make it 5-4.

"After pitching so poorly on Saturday (in the loss to Lancaster), Blake Robinson competed his tail off today," Medlin said. "After those first two innings, he shut them down.

"When Tristen came in and gave up that home run, we didn't quit," Medlin added. "We came into the dugout with a great attitude, ready to continue battling."

USC Sumter's Eric McGirt reached first with one out in the ninth when he hit a hard-hit grounder to second base. The fielder fell to his knees, and the speedy McGirt caused him to hurry his throw, pulling the first baseman off the bag.

Donta Green followed with a double to send McGirt to third. Flo-Dar elected to intentionally walk former Lakewood High School standout Leniel Gonzalez, who had homered earlier in the game.

Tyler Mangum struck out for the second out before Austin Morris sent a 1-strike single into right field for a 2-run single to make it 6-5.

Campbell came back out and pitched a perfect ninth to get the victory.

"You've got third-year sophomore Austin Morris come through with that big hit," Medlin said. "Then you have Tristen Campbell come back out and pitch a 1-2-3 ninth."

"Our refusal to quit was just phenomenal," Medlin said. "These ninth-inning moments are so special."



USC Sumter's Tayon Connover-Hart prepares to kiss the trophy the Fire Ants received for winning the Region X tournament title with a 6-5 victory over Florence-Darlington Technical College on Tuesday at Lexington County Baseball Stadium in Lexington.

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drove in a run and stole a base in the fourth. Among the Nos. 2-4 spots in the lineup, Hunter McGee singled, stole a base and scored a run in the first; Bryce Barrett singled twice and walked with a run, RBI and stolen base; and Melton singled and was hit by a pitch with three RBI, including one on a sacrifice fly.

Jenkins McCullum added an RBI single and Windham an RBI double in the 3-run third while Billy Jackson, who had reached in the second on a hit by pitch,

walked ahead of a Kennedy single in the fourth, with both coming around to score. Kennedy added a bunt single in the fifth.

"That's what we've done all year," Rankin said of the balanced offensive attack at the plate. "We've been good 1 through 9, pretty much, hitting it, putting it in play and bunting them over when we're supposed to. The first inning kind of set the tone when Nick Laney got on first with a bloop (just behind first base) that they somehow didn't catch and then we put

the hit-and-run on perfect and got them on first and third to start the ball game. He (Melton) knocked it right through the second baseman's legs. The next time he almost got a hit because they covered with the shortstop and not the second baseman, worried about us doing the hit-and-run again, so it made them think a little bit."

Rankin also had the Dragons thinking about the double steal, which was not utilized but could have been on a few occasions. Laney held at third as McGee stole second after the hit-and-run in the first, and Laney held

once again in the third as Barrett stole second after drawing a base on balls. Laney's stolen base in the fourth came with Kennedy holding at third before Kennedy came home on a bases-loaded hit by pitch to Melton.

"It's according to who we've got up to bat," Rankin said of decisions on the use of the double steal. "We don't want to take the bat out of some people's hands. We feel like some of them are not going to hit into the double play because they've got a little speed. So sometimes we bunt them over, sometimes we steal, straight steal,

sometimes we fake bunt (and steal, sometimes we leave them there and make them (the opposing pitcher) think a little bit."

Rankin said Laney has been a good table setter all season while working mainly from the top spot in the batting order.

"He's got a lot of speed and he does a good job at the plate," Rankin said of his centerfielder. "He's been our leadoff batter most of the year. For the first 10 games he wasn't, and then the last two-thirds of the season he's been our leadoff batter and he's done a good job, what a senior is supposed to do."

ON THE FRINGE

Tiger and Phil improve relationship with age

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Their relationship has been softened by age.

The needle is sharp as ever. Never mind that Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson have only five victories between them over the last five years. It's a big deal when the two best players of their generation are in the same group at any tournament, much less The Players Championship.

Mickelson, of course, wanted something even better.

"I look at the cover of the newspaper and the pairing is on there and the excitement that's been going on around here, it gets me thinking," Mickelson said Tuesday. "Why don't we just bypass all the ancillary stuff of a tournament and just go head-to-head and just have kind of a high-stakes, winner-take-all match."

Lefty was just getting warmed up.

"Now, I don't know if he wants a piece of me," he said, pausing for laughter, "but I just think it would be something that would be really fun for us to do, and I think there would be a lot of interest in it if we just went straight to the final round."

Or maybe not.

They have played as a twosome in the final group just twice in their careers, and Woods won both times — in 2005 at Doral to return to No. 1 in the world, and in 2001 at the Masters when he completed his sweep of the majors.

So when Woods was told about Mickelson's jab questioning whether he wanted a piece of him, Woods knew exactly where to go.

"First of all, big picture," Woods said as his smile widened.

When a reporter thought Woods meant their record while playing in the same group — amazingly, the mark is 16-16-4 — Woods cut him off.

"How many times have we won on tour?" he said.

They have never been particularly close in the record book. Woods has a 79-43 lead in PGA Tour



AP FILE PHOTO

Tiger Woods, left and Phil Mickelson have become better friends as they have grown older while competing against each other. They will be in the same group for the first two rounds of The Players Championship beginning on Thursday.

victories, 14-5 in the majors.

Matt Kuchar once told a story about how Mickelson would be dishing out his best material in the team room at the Ryder Cup, and if he ever didn't have a comeback, he would simply reveal how many majors he has won to shut up the room — but not without surveying his audience.

"He can only say that if Tiger's not around," Kuchar said. "He has to look over both shoulders and make sure, because then Tiger gives him his number."

They were never particularly close off the course, either.

Both will say that their relationship was overblown in the media, and there might be some truth to that. They lived on opposite ends of the country and had different lifestyles for so much of their careers. They got along fine because both are professionals, but it was never more than that.

There still were some fun moments.

One year they were in the locker room at the Byron Nelson Classic when Mickelson challenged Woods to anything at their disposal. How about pool? Pingpong? "How about anything that involves running," Woods said, and he walked away leaving Mickelson searching for a comeback.

And there have been some tense moments.

Mickelson mentioned in a magazine interview going into the 2003 season that Woods used "inferior" equipment. Mickelson posted one of the great closing rounds in major championship history with a 66 to win at Muirfield in 2013, and when asked to comment on the round, Woods said only that the course was "gettable" that day.

Their most famous pairing was when they were partners in the 2004 Ryder Cup, and that didn't end all that well. They lost both matches.

PRO GOLF

Johnson hanging on to No. 1 by a thread at The Players Championship

BY DOUG FERGUSON

The Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — The No. 1 ranking that Dustin Johnson has held for the last 15 months has never been more in jeopardy.

Four players behind him — Justin Thomas, Jon Rahm, Jordan Spieth and Justin Rose — have a mathematical chance this week at The Players Championship to replace Johnson atop the world ranking.

Spieth didn't even know it.

"Am I one of them?" he asked Tuesday. "Sweet."

He didn't know because he didn't particularly care. He reached No. 1 for the first time with his runner-up finish in the 2015 PGA Championship, and he returned to the top on three more occasions for a total of 26 weeks.

Spieth cares more about winning The Players Championship than any ramifications.

"It was never a goal of mine to hold it a certain length of time," Spieth said. "It's almost like a feat, like winning a major. But now it's more like ... if I remained No. 2 and won majors, and was No. 1 for a long time and won six, I'd take the first one."

Spieth represents one of many oddities about this tournament. The Stadium Course at the TPC Sawgrass can be feast or famine for just about anyone. Tiger Woods, the only player to win the tournament in March and May, also has had eight finishes outside the top 20. He has only five top 10s in his 16 appearances. Remember that dynamic finish from Rickie Fowler when he won in 2015? He has missed the cut in four of his eight starts.

Spieth, meanwhile, played for the first time in 2014 and didn't make a bogey until the 59th hole of

the tournament. He tied for fourth that year. His next three trips all ended on Friday.

"I don't have a great history the last few years here," Spieth said. "But I also have played the course really well before and had a chance to win."

Thomas tied for third two years ago when he closed with a 65. This will be his fourth crack at trying to reach No. 1. He needed only 12th place alone last week at Quail Hollow (he tied for 21st). He's so close to Johnson now that he can miss the cut and still get to No. 1.

As for Johnson? He might have it tough.

He might need to finish in the top 10 to avoid losing the ranking he first reached by winning at Riviera in February 2017. The only problem there is that Johnson, for all his ability, has never finished better than 12th at The Players.

"I don't want to lose it," Johnson said. "So if I want to keep it, I have to play well."

This wouldn't even be a topic if not for a record-tying collapse in Shanghai and a lost opportunity at Pebble Beach. Johnson had a six-shot lead at the HSBC Champions, and even his peers figured the tournament was over, except that he missed on a few key approaches on the back nine, shot 77 and tied for second. Then, Ted Potter Jr. played the best round of his career and beat him at Pebble Beach.

Otherwise, Johnson's year looks a lot better than it is. And in his mind, it hasn't been all that bad.

"It feels like a better year," he said. "Shanghai, it was a few iron shots that cost me. And then Pebble, Mexico, LA, Augusta, Hilton Head ... all of them I played plenty well enough to win. But I didn't putt well enough. I putted well, but nothing went in the hole."

OBITUARIES

RUBY B. MORRIS

Ruby Boykin Morris, 97, widow of Algie C. Morris, passed away on Monday, May 7, 2018, at a local nursing facility.

Services will be announced by Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter.

KARL F. SCHUHLY SR.

Karl Frederick Schuhly Sr., 81, husband of the late Betty Graham Schuhly, died on Monday, May 7, 2018, at his home.

Born on March 30, 1937, in Baltimore, he was a son of the late Frederick and Mildred Schuhly. He retired from the U.S. Air Force and was a Korean War veteran. He also retired from Crescent Tool. He was a member and past worshipful master of the Sumter Masonic Lodge. He was a Shriner and member of the York Rites.

Survivors include a son, Ricky Schuhly (Laura) of Dalzell; three grandchildren, Cody Schuhly, Kyle Schuhly (Sara) and Sandi Kee (Alex); two great-grandchildren, Ayden Schuhly and Xan Kee; and a brother, Ernie Schuhly of Baltimore.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, his twin, Evelyn Uhden, and Erma Snyder.

A graveside service with full military honors will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery with the Rev. Dr. Ron Taylor officiating.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday at the home of his

granddaughter, 2570 Foxcroft Circle.

Memorials may be made to the Greenville Shriners Hospital, 950 W. Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605.

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

DIANE GRAHAM

Diane Graham, 69, widow of Robert Hudson "Bobby" Graham, died on Monday, May 7, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on March 20, 1949, in Lancaster, she was a daughter of the late David Overby and Annie Bell Deason Capell.

Survivors include a daughter, Marie Ofeldt (Paul) of Sumter; a daughter-in-law, Katherine "Sissy" Graham of Sumter; nine grandchildren, Tiffany Graham, David "D.J." Graham, Ryan Graham, Sheldon Coker, Brittany Waynick, Kelsey Ardis, Brianna Graham, Summer Ofeldt and Kirstyn Ofeldt; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Joyce Carpenter (Ronnie) of Columbia.

She was preceded in death by a son, David Graham; a brother; and three sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with Jonathan Tidwell officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home, 1835 Hideaway Drive, Sumter.

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

THOMAS J. BRUNSON SR.

Thomas James Brunson Sr., 81, transitioned on Saturday morning, May 5, 2018, at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center, Hartsville.

Born on Sept. 2, 1936, in Lee County, he was a son of the late James and Lucinda Rogers Brunson. He attended the public schools of Lee County. He was reared and nurtured in a Christian home. He became a member of Unionville AME Church at an early age.

Memories will be cherished by one son, Karl Jason Brunson; two daughters, Cynthia Jean Brunson and Mabelle Brunson (Dexter Murray); seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Elizabeth Livingston and Essie Mae Copeland, both of Jersey City, New Jersey; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Brunson, 2888 Manville St. Charles Road, Bishopville.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Unionville AME Church, 1330 Swimming Pen Road, Mayesville, with the Rev. Alvin E. Webb, pastor, eulogist.

The remains will be placed in the church at 10 a.m.

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

Burial will be at Unionville AME Churchyard cemetery. These services have been

entrusted to the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter. Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com. Visit us on the web at www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com.

DONNA SUE A. PETERS

Donna Sue Arnett Peters, age 75, beloved wife of 55 years of George Thomas Peters, died on Monday, May 7, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born in Huntington, West Virginia, she was a daughter of the late Harry T. and Jean Valentine Arnett. Her primary job in life was raising her family, which she did extremely well, and was a mother to every friend her daughter brought home. She stood faithfully by her husband through his 27-year military career. She will be remembered as a very loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughter, Stacey Palaszczuk and her husband, John, of Columbus, Indiana; two grandchildren, Gabriel Palaszczuk and Anna Palaszczuk; and her very special dog, Barney Valentine.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Rollins Funeral Home, 1822 Chestnut St., Kenova, West Virginia. Interment will follow at Rome Cemetery, Proctorville, Ohio.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at Rollins

Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the National Autism Association, One Park Avenue, Suite 1, Portsmouth, RI 02871.

You may go to www.bullockfuneralhome.com and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



DOROTHY LEE PERKINS

Dorothy Lee Perkins, age 82, died on Monday, May 7, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.



TORY JONES

Tory Jones, 37, beloved husband of Denetra H. Jones, died on Monday, May 7, 2018, at Palmetto Health Richland in Columbia.

Born on May 18, 1980, in Sumter County, he was a son of Clarence and Yonda Jones.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 9 p.m. at the home, 50 Wentworth Court, Dalzell.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Summerton Funeral Home LLC, (803) 485-3755.

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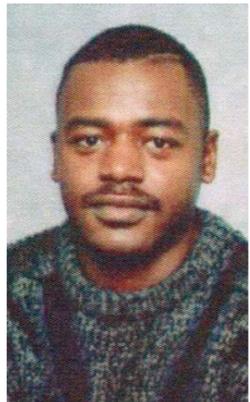
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NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT

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Summons & Notice

AMENDED SUMMONS IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DOCKET NO. 2017-DR-43-468

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Harold Heyward, Plaintiff, vs. Letisha Davis and Roland Dwight Bostic, Defendants.

In the Interest of: M.J.D. B (DOB 04/24/15) a minor under the age of seventeen(17) years.

TO: THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE-NAMED: LETISHA DAVIS AND ROLAND DWIGHT BOSTIC

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

HEARING NOTICE

TO: Roland Dwight Bostic. A Hearing has been set in the above matter for the 4th day of June, 2018 at 12:00 o'clock P. M.

You are hereby notified to be present in the chambers of the Family Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit, located at 215 North Harvin Street at the aforesaid time.

TYPE: ADOPTION HEARING TIME ALLOTTED: 1 Hour THIS CASE WILL BE HEARD BY JUDGE Jerry D. Vinson, Jr

IT IS ORDERED that the attorney requesting the hearing shall notify the opposing Counsel or party of the date of the hearing as the Clerk's office will send notices of Hearing only to the requesting attorney.

SUMTER COUNTY FAMILY COURT 215 NORTH HARVIN STREET SUMTER, S.C. 29150-4900

**BE ADVISED THAT WHILE A CASE IS SET BEFORE A CERTAIN JUDGE, SUCH DESIGNATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

TO: THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE-NAMED: LETISHA DAVIS AND ROLAND DWIGHT BOSTIC

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an adoption action involving the above child has been filed in the Sumter County Family Court under the above docket number.

YOU MUST RESPOND within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this Notice of Adoption by filing with the above court a written Answer stating whether you contest, intervene, consent or respond otherwise to the pending adoption and further stating your reasons for same.

YOU MUST THEN request a hearing if you file a written Answer to contest the adoption.

YOU MUST PROVIDE the above court of your current address and changes in address during the adoption proceeding.

SHOULD YOU FAIL to file an Answer or response within the stated thirty (30) days of your receipt of this Notice, then you will be deemed to have consented to the adoption by Plaintiff and you will be deemed to have forfeited and relinquished all of your parental rights to the above child, should you have any.

YOU MAY QUALIFY for court-appointed counsel to assist and represent you in this matter under certain circumstances. You must make your application for appointed counsel within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this Notice with the Sumter County Family Court, 215 N. Harvin Street, Sumter, South Carolina, (803)436-2366.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS

TO: DEFENDANTS, LETISHA DAVIS AND ROLAND DWIGHT BOSTIC: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

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.

Joseph T. McElveen, Jr. Mayor

Request for Historic Preservation Design Review approval for installation of solar panels on property located at 302 W. Calhoun St. and represented by Tax Map # 228-11-02-011.

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that unless you apply and have some person appointed as Guardian ad Litem for you in the above action within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service, the Plaintiff will apply to have some suitable person appointed as Guardian ad Litem for the minor Defendant.

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM

On consideration of the Notice of Motion and Motion for Appointment of Guardian ad Litem and Consent by Attorney, Michael M. Jordan, Esquire of the Sumter County Bar, to be appointed to represent the interests of the minor child in the above cause of action.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Michael M. Jordan, Esquire shall serve as the Guardian ad Litem for the minor child, M.J.D.B.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED!

Sumter County Family Court Third Judicial Circuit

Dwight C. Moore, Esquire 26 North Main Street Post Office Box 1229 Sumter, South Carolina 29151 (803) 778-6520 (office) (803) 775-6364 (fax) Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CASE NO.: 2013-CP-43-153

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER</

Woman's roach-in-ear tale goes viral

BY TAMARA LUSH
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Those screams you hear? They're the collective sounds of primal anguish after reading a Florida woman's account of waking up with a palmetto bug in her ear. (That's the polite name for a flying cockroach, for those of you not acquainted with the reviled Sunshine State insects.)

Katie Holley's gruesome experience happened in the early morning hours of April 14. Soon after, her sister-in-law — who works as an editor for Self Magazine — asked her to pen an essay. She did, in frightening, gut-churning detail that's made thousands of people across the nation wonder if they should sleep with earplugs.

"Never thought I'd be known for such a ridiculous thing lol," she tweeted to a reporter on Thursday. It should be noted that Holley has an extremely positive attitude and healthy sense of humor about an episode that would send many into a spiral of anxiety, including this reporter.

"I need therapy for a lot of reasons, but this experience blows all of



KATIE HOLLEY VIA AP

Katie Holley woke up in the early morning hours of April 14 to feel something crawling in her ear. After trying to extract a cockroach that had lodged in her ear, Holley had to seek medical attention.



those other reasons out of the water," Holley wrote.

Holley, who is 29 and works as a sales and marketing manager in Melbourne on the state's east coast, has

lived in Florida since 1995. Which means she's seen her fair share of palmetto bugs, which are brown, ubiquitous, and can grow to an inch and a half long or more. It doesn't matter how clean your home is — it's almost a given that every building has one or more.

And they come out at night. "When I woke up with this weird feeling, I didn't know what it was. But 30 seconds later, stumbling to the bathroom, I knew," she said. "I knew there was something in my ear."

(Dear Reader, just stop now if you're squeamish. Really.)

Holley's next several hours were the stuff of horror movies. She gingerly put a cotton swab in her ear and fished out two legs. Her husband "located the thickest part of the roach that was visible" and tried to extract it, to no avail.

(Seriously, it gets worse.)

The bug wriggled in her ear on the trip to the hospital. Once there, a doctor poured lidocaine in her ear, and the insect died. A doctor removed three chunks — but that wasn't all.



(You've been warned.)

Nine days later, Holley still had lingering discomfort and hearing loss, so she went to her doctor.

"My physician proceeded to remove the leg and flush my ear again, only to examine it and see even more remnants. She ended up pulling out six more pieces of the roach's carcass — nine days after the incident took place."

(Deep breath.)

Here's the bad news.

"This may be upsetting to many people, but it's a pretty common thing," said Dr. David Wein, chief of emergency medicine at Tampa General Hospital, who added that the hospital gets a dozen or so cases a year. "There are probably not a lot of preventative things you can do. In Florida it's really hard, because we all have bugs in our house, no matter how many times you spray."

In fact, Holley said, she and her husband had hired an exterminator about a week before the incident.

"I think it's one of those freak things, unfortunately," she said. "It happened to me, so it's probably not going to happen to you."

Florence pastor hopes to stop crime with drop boxes

BY MATTHEW CHRISTIAN
(Florence) Morning News

FLORENCE — Inspired by a church shooting, Rev. Larry Williams is taking his Crime Block Drop Box program full time.

The idea behind Williams' program is simple: If a person witnesses criminal activity, he or she can anonymously report it by placing a note inside one of many boxes located in the Pee Dee. Sometimes, Williams said, people want to help stop criminal activity but they don't want to be seen doing it. Police, who have the only keys to the boxes, then retrieve the notes and investigate the information provided.

The boxes have a one-time charge of \$225 each. The charge covers installation and maintenance.

Williams has been working on putting boxes around the Pee Dee since 1993.

"Police departments (and) sheriff's departments across the country was having per se problems with (getting) people (to) actually come in or even calling 911 to give information, because they didn't want to be known to turn in a criminal," Williams said. "I just wanted to figure out a way to help our law enforcement but still remain anonymous."

He came up with the idea of crime block drop boxes, and made his way to Diversified Plastics, a Latta company. Diversified Plastics helped Williams develop a design for the box based on the one he saw in a dream. Then, the company made a mold, and soon, the boxes started to appear around the Pee Dee. The first box was installed in 1993 at the Florence County Housing Authority.

Over the next several years, Williams installed boxes in several locations but never committed to working the program full time.

"The program had never been worked full time until this year," Williams said. "Right after the last shooting — with the church shooting — I just made a vow to God to go full-time with this program, and that's what I've been doing ever since December."

On Nov. 5, 2017, a man opened fire on a church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, killing 26 parishioners and injuring 20 others. David Patrick Kelley was eventually shot by a civilian as Kelley left the church and was later found dead after a high-speed chase.

Millions of Christians around the United States were horrified by Kelley's attack, including Williams, who serves as pastor of the Tabernacle of God in Dillon.

Williams installed cameras in his church, not to watch while he wasn't there but to see who was coming into the building while he is preaching. Members of his congregation have a signal to prepare to act should such a need arise.

"The problem we (are) having with churches and the problems we (are) having with schools are one and the same," Williams said. "That threat has got to be stopped outside of our schools and churches. It can't happen inside. Once you get an active shooter inside a building, somebody (is) going to die. We've got to come up with innovative ways to stop that threat outside. Until then, it ain't going to happen. We're just waiting on

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THE REV. LARRY WILLIAMS

another shooting."

Williams said he has already added several new locations since December. Currently, a box is located in Florence at 292 W. Evans St. Drop boxes can also be found in Kingstree, Darlington, Lake City, Dillon, Marion, Latta, Lake View, Pamplico, Hartsville and Lumberton, North Carolina. Several additional boxes have been placed since 1993, and Williams is working to re-key the boxes and make sure those boxes are checked, too.

Lt. Mike Brandt of the Florence Police Department confirmed Thursday afternoon that the city does have a box on West Evans Street. However, it is not utilized. Instead, the city relies on tips from other sources such as Crime Stoppers.

"I know the crime box won't solve everything, but one life saved is one life saved," Williams said. "To clean up our community, everybody's got to be involved."

The Lake City Housing Authority recently purchased three of the boxes.

Tracie McKenzie, maintenance director of the Lake City Housing Authority, said the boxes offer another way to make residents feel safe.

Williams hopes people will take a look at the program. He said he's been in contact with the U.S. Department of Education, several politicians — including former President Bill Clinton, Gov. Henry McMaster, Mark Sanford and Lindsey Graham — and the Florida Department of Education about the program.

"It's more than our job to just preach about crime or talk about crime," Williams said. "We should be about (preventing) it. It's my civil duty to help clean up our community. Statistics show there's only 5 percent (of people) committing crimes, 95 percent are not, so if that be the case, I don't think 95 percent will allow 5 percent to dictate to us how safe and clean our communities should be."

Williams provided an example of how the boxes help law enforcement to capture criminals.

"We had an armed robbery at a convenience store in Zion, which is in Marion County," Williams said. "Someone positively ID'd the guy and had written his name down in one of the boxes. One of the captains (of the Marion County Sheriff's Department) went over to Dillon, because the guy was from Dillon, and (the criminal) was incarcerated."

The criminal in that case apparently confessed to the crime after 10 minutes of questioning by police officers.

For more information about the Crime Block Drop Box program, visit crimeblock-dropbox.com.

MYSTERY PLANT

Scrub pots or make tea from this scratchy plant

BY JOHN NELSON
Special to The Sumter Item

I just finished a wonderful fish lunch at a local restaurant named "Mercado Acapulco," near our campus, a place that features a restaurant along with its well-stocked grocery store. Such a lunch it was! A crispy hot mojarra, which is the same as tilapia. There it was, lightly fried in a hot pan, deeply scored on both sides, with the head still on, served with piquant beans and cheese, and an avocado and tomato salad. The steaming fish: tender, white and easily flaking from the bones. (When you finish on one side, remember to turn it over to get to the other side.) Delicious! And then time for a little botany.

You know, you just can't go anywhere without seeing interesting plants. There we were, aisle after aisle of groceries around us, and then a rack of various kinds of dried herbs and spices, all bagged up and ready to go. Peppers, mint, mullein flowers, cilantro, star anise, peppercorns, papalo, oregano, romerito ... it was almost too much for a botanist: so much variety and interesting things! And then this stuff.

"Shave grass" is a really interesting name for a plant, and this name speaks to the very rough nature of the plant involved. It is not at all a grass, but one of about 15 different species, all of which are spore-producing, with no flowers or seeds entering the picture, and more closely related to ferns than flowering plants. The stems are typically ridged, and hollow. Some of the species lack apparent leaves, which are reduced to stubbly growths at the nodes of the stem. The cells of the stems contain considerable amounts of silica, which is very unusual for plants. The silica within the tissues results in a very rough, scratchy feel if you handle the fresh plants. They say that old-timers out west used these plants to scour their pots and pans after cooking.

This group of plants represents something of a living fossil, with its ancestors easily traced back nearly 400 mil-



PHOTO BY JOHN NELSON

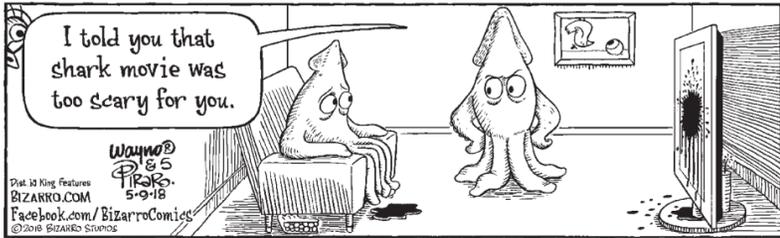
lion years ago. In fact, these ancestors formed vast forests of tree-sized plants ... the modern ones we have these days are at most maybe 3 to 4 feet tall. Those vast forests died and rotted, and of course form, in large part, the deposits of coal that we have now.

There is a considerable amount of usage of these plants by humans and for a variety of reasons. The boiled stems provide teas, said to be effective in treating a variety of health conditions. There are indeed quite a number of compounds, other than the silica, within the tissues, and many of these may have important physiological effects on humans. The use of any herbs should always proceed with great care, as overuse of various herbs can be dangerous. For instance, these plants are impugned in a number of livestock poisonings. Meanwhile, the various species in our mysterious genus are quite attractive, and often find themselves in cultivated settings such as water gardens and rock gardens.

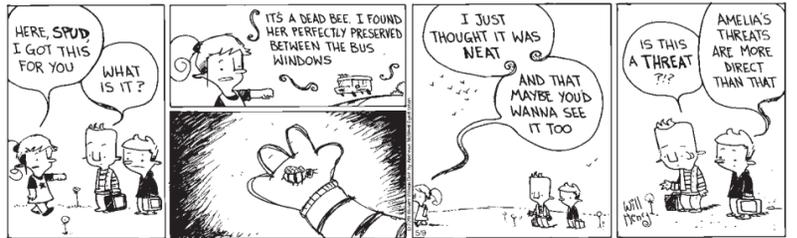
Answer: "Calo de Caballo," "Horsetail," Equisetum (several species)

John Nelson is the curator of the A.C. Moore Herbarium at the University of South Carolina, in the Department of Biological Sciences, Columbia SC 29208. As a public service, the Herbarium offers free plant identifications. For more information, visit www.herbarium.org or call 803-777-8196, or email nelson@sc.edu.

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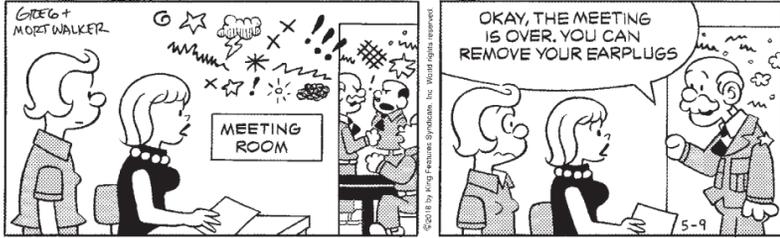
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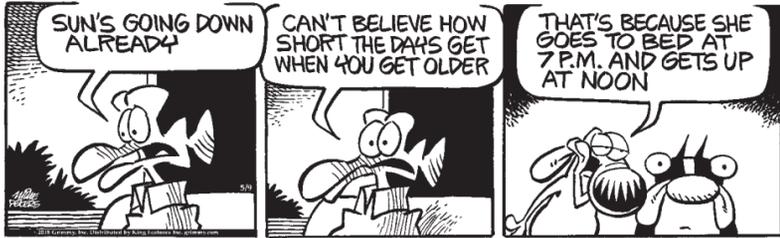
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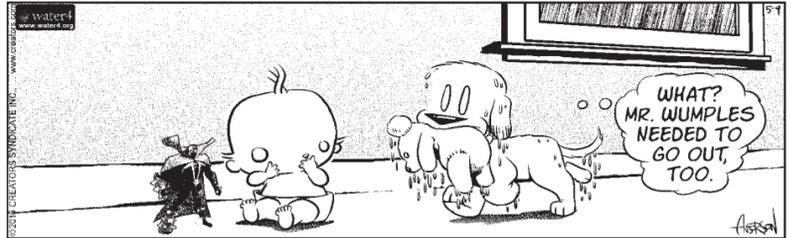
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JEFF MACNELLY'S SHOE



Mom shocked, angered to learn daughter is gay



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — My daughter recently informed me that she's met someone and the someone happens to be a woman. My reaction was, of course, shock and anger, although I have kind of suspected over the years that she is a lesbian.

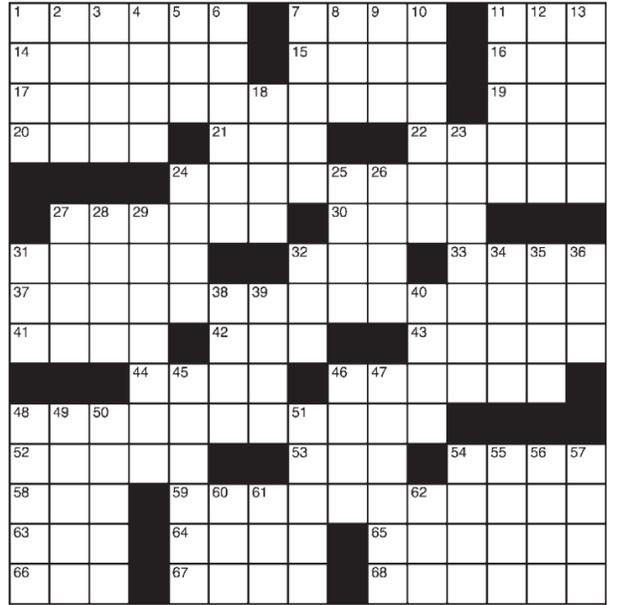
dle this because I'm against people being gay. I see it as unnatural and think they all have issues. I don't treat gay people any different from anyone else, but I do keep them at a distance. Now I don't know how to proceed with our relationship. Please help.
Shocked and angry mom

ally is — possibly to please you — and now has realized she must be her authentic self.
If you want any relationship at all with her, apologize and tell her you overreacted. Tell her you love her and explain that you may need time to fully accept this. Wish her well and hope that she forgives you.

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She is 43 and was married for 10 years. She has two children and has been divorced for about 11 years. She dated a few guys, but either had no luck with them or it didn't last.
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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

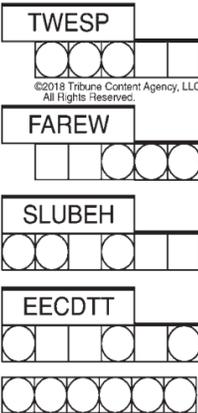


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JUMBLE

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.



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

(Answers tomorrow)
Yesterday's Jumbles: ABIDE OUNCE RUDDER SWAMPY
Answer: After asking the Jumble artist to help her get on "The Price is Right," he — DREW CAREY

SUDOKU

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| WLTX | 19 | 9 | 9 | News 19 at 7pm (N) | Inside Edition (N) | Survivor "A Giant Game of Bumper Cars" (N) | (:01) SEAL Team "The Graveyard of Empires" The team's helicopter crashes. (N) | Code Black "La Familia" Jesse's brother is hurt at a warehouse. (N) | News 19 at 11pm (N) | (:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert "Gayle King; Anna Wintour" Gayle King; Anna Wintour. (N) | | | |
| WOLO | 25 | 5 | 12 | Wheel of Fortune "Spa Getaway" (N) | Jeopardy! "Teachers Tournament Quarterfinals" (N) | The Goldbergs Adam tries to start a fan club. (N) | Alex, Inc. "The Fever" Alex discovers a family secret. (N) | Modern Family Haley meets Arvin's parents. (N) | (:31) American Housewife "Finding Fillion" (N) | Designated Survivor "Target" Kendra is in a dangerous situation. (N) | ABC Columbia News at 11 (N) | (:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) | |
| WRJA | 27 | 11 | 14 | Travels With Darley "French Riviera" | Expeditions With Patrick McMillan | Nature "The Mating Game" Some animals use underhanded tactics. (N) | NOVA Wonders "Are We Alone?" Discovering life beyond Earth. (N) | NOVA "Life's Rocky Start" Rocks helped advance life on Earth. (DVS) | Amanpour on PBS (N) | BBC World News | NHK Newsline | | |
| WACH | 57 | 6 | 6 | The Big Bang Theory "The Anxiety Optimization" | The Big Bang Theory "The Infestation Hypothesis" | Empire "Fair Terms" Cookie finally visits her mother. (N) (DVS) | Star "Take It or Leave It" Star seizes an opportunity to stand out. (N) (DVS) | WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live) | Sports Zone | DailyMailTV (N) | TMZ (N) | | |
| WKTC | 63 | 4 | 22 | Last Man Standing Ryan backs out of an agreement. | Last Man Standing "Eve's Band" | Riverdale "Chapter Thirty-Four: Judgment Night" An all-out war is triggered. (N) | The Originals "Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea" A frustrated Klaus turns up the heat. (N) | Dateline "As Darkness Fell" Husband is shot on a hunting trip. | Dateline "The Mystery on Albion Road" A woman is found severely beaten. | The Game Blue sabotages Keri's new relationship. | | | |
| CABLE CHANNELS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A&E | 46 | 130 | | Storage Wars | Storage Wars "L. Ron YUUUPer" | Storage Wars | Storage Wars "Kumba-YUUUP!" | Storage Wars: Northern | Storage Wars: Northern | (:01) Flip Wars "Smell Ya Later" Water-front property's unexpected leak. (N) | (:04) Storage Wars "Vegas Shrugged" | (:33) Storage Wars | (12:03) Storage Wars |
| AMC | 48 | 180 | | (5:25) *** "3:10 to Yuma" (2007) Russell Crowe, Christian Bale. | *** "Open Range" (2003, Western) Robert Duvall, Kevin Costner, Annette Bening. | *** "Open Range" (2003, Western) Robert Duvall, Kevin Costner, Annette Bening. | *** "Open Range" (2003, Western) Robert Duvall, Kevin Costner, Annette Bening. | *** "Open Range" (2003, Western) Robert Duvall, Kevin Costner, Annette Bening. | *** "Open Range" (2003, Western) Robert Duvall, Kevin Costner, Annette Bening. | *** "Open Range" (2003, Western) Robert Duvall, Kevin Costner, Annette Bening. | *** "Open Range" (2003, Western) Robert Duvall, Kevin Costner, Annette Bening. | *** "Open Range" (2003, Western) Robert Duvall, Kevin Costner, Annette Bening. | *** "Open Range" (2003, Western) Robert Duvall, Kevin Costner, Annette Bening. |
| ANPL | 41 | 100 | | Insane Pools: Off the Deep End | Insane Pools: Off the Deep End | Insane Pools: Off the Deep End | Insane Pools: Off the Deep End | Insane Pools: Off the Deep End | Insane Pools: Off the Deep End | Insane Pools: Off the Deep End | Insane Pools: Off the Deep End | Insane Pools | Insane Pools |
| BET | 61 | 162 | | ** "Sparkle" (2012, Drama) Jordyn Sparks, Whitney Houston, Derek Luke. A musical prodigy and her sisters reach for stardom. | ** "Sparkle" (2012, Drama) Jordyn Sparks, Whitney Houston, Derek Luke. A musical prodigy and her sisters reach for stardom. | ** "Sparkle" (2012, Drama) Jordyn Sparks, Whitney Houston, Derek Luke. A musical prodigy and her sisters reach for stardom. | ** "Sparkle" (2012, Drama) Jordyn Sparks, Whitney Houston, Derek Luke. A musical prodigy and her sisters reach for stardom. | ** "Sparkle" (2012, Drama) Jordyn Sparks, Whitney Houston, Derek Luke. A musical prodigy and her sisters reach for stardom. | ** "Sparkle" (2012, Drama) Jordyn Sparks, Whitney Houston, Derek Luke. A musical prodigy and her sisters reach for stardom. | ** "Sparkle" (2012, Drama) Jordyn Sparks, Whitney Houston, Derek Luke. A musical prodigy and her sisters reach for stardom. | ** "Sparkle" (2012, Drama) Jordyn Sparks, Whitney Houston, Derek Luke. A musical prodigy and her sisters reach for stardom. | ** "Sparkle" (2012, Drama) Jordyn Sparks, Whitney Houston, Derek Luke. A musical prodigy and her sisters reach for stardom. | ** "Sparkle" (2012, Drama) Jordyn Sparks, Whitney Houston, Derek Luke. A musical prodigy and her sisters reach for stardom. |
| BRAVO | 47 | 181 | | The Real Housewives of New York City "War and P.O.S." Tensions boil over. | The Real Housewives of New York City Tinsley gets a surprise delivery. | The Real Housewives of New York City Tinsley gets a surprise delivery. | The Real Housewives of New York City Tinsley gets a surprise delivery. | The Real Housewives of New York City Tinsley gets a surprise delivery. | The Real Housewives of New York City Tinsley gets a surprise delivery. | The Real Housewives of New York City Tinsley gets a surprise delivery. | The Real Housewives of New York City Tinsley gets a surprise delivery. | The Real Housewives of New York City Tinsley gets a surprise delivery. | The Real Housewives of New York City Tinsley gets a surprise delivery. |
| CNBC | 35 | 84 | | Shark Tank Stylish baby shoes. | Shark Tank Guest shark Troy Carter. | Shark Tank Guest shark Troy Carter. | Shark Tank Guest shark Troy Carter. | Shark Tank Guest shark Troy Carter. | Shark Tank Guest shark Troy Carter. | Shark Tank Guest shark Troy Carter. | Shark Tank Guest shark Troy Carter. | Shark Tank Guest shark Troy Carter. | Shark Tank Guest shark Troy Carter. |
| CNN | 3 | 80 | | Erin Burnett OutFront (N) | Anderson Cooper 360 (N) | Anderson Cooper 360 (N) | Anderson Cooper 360 (N) | Anderson Cooper 360 (N) | Anderson Cooper 360 (N) | Anderson Cooper 360 (N) | Anderson Cooper 360 (N) | Anderson Cooper 360 (N) | Anderson Cooper 360 (N) |
| COM | 57 | 136 | | (6:50) South Park "Probably" | (:25) South Park "Casa Bonita" | South Park "AWE-SOM-O" | South Park | South Park "Red Hot Catholic Love" | South Park "Guitar Queer-O" | South Park "It Hits the Fan" | South Park "Over Logging" | The Daily Show With Trevor Noah | The Opposition w/ Jordan Klepper (N) |
| DISN | 18 | 200 | | Bunk'd An abandoned treehouse. | Bunk'd | DuckTales | Gravity Falls | Bunk'd Emma and Zuri butt heads. | Bunk'd Emma and Zuri butt heads. | Stuck in the Middle | Stuck in the Middle | Raven's Home | Bunk'd Zuri and Jorge sneak out. |
| DSC | 42 | 103 | | Misfit Garage "What Klump?" | Misfit Garage: Fired Up (N) | Misfit Garage: Fired Up (N) | Misfit Garage: Fired Up (N) | Misfit Garage: Fired Up (N) | Misfit Garage: Fired Up (N) | (:02) Sticker Shock (N) | (:02) Misfit Garage "Episode 2" | Sticker Shock | Sticker Shock |
| ESPN | 26 | 35 | | MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees. From Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y. (N) (Live) | MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees. From Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y. (N) (Live) | MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees. From Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y. (N) (Live) | MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees. From Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y. (N) (Live) | MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees. From Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y. (N) (Live) | MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees. From Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y. (N) (Live) | SportsCenter (N) (Live) | SportsCenter (N) (Live) | SportsCenter | SportsCenter |
| ESPN2 | 27 | 39 | | NFL Live | SEC Storied | SEC Storied | SEC Storied | SEC Storied | SEC Storied | Welcome/NFL | Welcome/NFL | Welcome/NFL | Welcome/NFL |
| FOOD | 40 | 109 | | Iron Chef Gauntlet "Ingenuity" | Iron Chef Gauntlet Three chefs remain. | Iron Chef Gauntlet Three chefs remain. | Iron Chef Gauntlet Three chefs remain. | Iron Chef Gauntlet Three chefs remain. | Iron Chef Gauntlet Three chefs remain. | Iron Chef America "Flay vs. Stone" | Iron Chef America | Iron Chef America | Iron Chef Gauntlet |
| FOXN | 37 | 90 | | The Story With Martha MacCallum (N) | Tucker Carlson Tonight (N) | Tucker Carlson Tonight (N) | Tucker Carlson Tonight (N) | Tucker Carlson Tonight (N) | Tucker Carlson Tonight (N) | The Ingraham Angle (N) | Fox News at Night with Shannon Tucker Carlson | Tucker Carlson | Tucker Carlson |
| FREE | 20 | 131 | | (6:00) *** "The Lion King" (1994) Voices of Matthew Broderick. | Famous in Love Jake and Billy head to a film festival. (N) | Famous in Love Jake and Billy head to a film festival. (N) | Famous in Love Jake and Billy head to a film festival. (N) | Famous in Love Jake and Billy head to a film festival. (N) | Famous in Love Jake and Billy head to a film festival. (N) | *** "Puss in Boots" (2011, Children's) Animated. Puss sets out on an adventure with Kitty Softpaws. | Voices of Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek. | The 700 Club The extraordinary power of prayer. | ** "Nanny McPhee" (2005) |
| FSS | 21 | 47 | | MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Tampa Bay Rays. From Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla. (N) (Live) | MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Tampa Bay Rays. From Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla. (N) (Live) | MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Tampa Bay Rays. From Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla. (N) (Live) | MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Tampa Bay Rays. From Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla. (N) (Live) | MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Tampa Bay Rays. From Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla. (N) (Live) | MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Tampa Bay Rays. From Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla. (N) (Live) | Braves Live! Post. | 3 Aces: Glavine | MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Tampa Bay Rays. | MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Tampa Bay Rays. |
| HALL | 52 | 183 | | Last Man Standing | Last Man Standing | Last Man Standing | Last Man Standing | The Middle "Twenty Years" | The Middle "Life Skills" | The Middle "One Kid at a Time" | The Middle "The Friend" | The Golden Girls | The Golden Girls "All That Jazz" |
| HGTV | 39 | 112 | | Property Brothers | Property Brothers | Property Brothers | Property Brothers | Property Brothers "Wishful Building" | Property Brothers "Wishful Building" | House Hunters (N) | Hunters Int'l | Boise Boys (N) | Property Brothers |
| HIST | 45 | 110 | | American Pickers (DVS) | American Pickers "Hyder's Hideaway" | American Pickers "Hyder's Hideaway" | American Pickers "Hyder's Hideaway" | American Pickers "European Vacation" | American Pickers "European Vacation" | (:03) American Pickers (DVS) | (:03) American Pickers (DVS) | American Pickers | American Pickers |
| ION | 13 | 18 | | Ghost Whisperer Melinda must discover a family's truth. | Ghost Whisperer "Living Nightmare" Melinda discovers a secret. | Ghost Whisperer "Living Nightmare" Melinda discovers a secret. | Ghost Whisperer "Living Nightmare" Melinda discovers a secret. | Ghost Whisperer "Implosion" A ghost board is used to solve a mystery. | Ghost Whisperer "Implosion" A ghost board is used to solve a mystery. | Ghost Whisperer "Implosion" A ghost warns Melinda about a bomb. | Ghost Whisperer "Implosion" A ghost warns Melinda about a bomb. | Ghost Whisperer "On Thin Ice" | Ghost Whisperer "On Thin Ice" |
| LIFE | 50 | 145 | | Little Women: LA Tonya questions her recent breakup. | Little Women: LA Christy celebrates her sobriety. (N) | Little Women: LA Christy celebrates her sobriety. (N) | Little Women: LA Christy celebrates her sobriety. (N) | Little Women: LA Terra throws an old-fashioned sleepover. (N) | Little Women: LA Terra throws an old-fashioned sleepover. (N) | (:02) My Partner Knows Best "She's Not Heavy, She's My Wife!" (N) | (:02) Little Women: LA Terra throws an old-fashioned sleepover. | (12:01) Little Women: LA | (12:01) Little Women: LA |
| MSNBC | 36 | 92 | | Hardball With Chris Matthews (N) | All In With Chris Hayes (N) | All In With Chris Hayes (N) | All In With Chris Hayes (N) | The Rachel Maddow Show (N) | The Rachel Maddow Show (N) | The Last Word | The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N) | Rachel Maddow | Rachel Maddow |
| NICK | 16 | 210 | | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | Friends | Friends | Fresh Prince | Fresh Prince | Friends | Friends |
| PARMT | 64 | 153 | | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends |
| SYFY | 58 | 152 | | (6:30) *** "Mad Max: Fury Road" (2015) Tom Hardy, Charlize Theron. Mad Max must outrun a warlord and his men in a desert chase. (DVS) | *** "The Fifth Element" (1997) Bruce Willis, Gary Oldman. A New York cabbie tries to save Earth in 2259. | *** "The Fifth Element" (1997) Bruce Willis, Gary Oldman. A New York cabbie tries to save Earth in 2259. | *** "The Fifth Element" (1997) Bruce Willis, Gary Oldman. A New York cabbie tries to save Earth in 2259. | *** "The Fifth Element" (1997) Bruce Willis, Gary Oldman. A New York cabbie tries to save Earth in 2259. | *** "The Fifth Element" (1997) Bruce Willis, Gary Oldman. A New York cabbie tries to save Earth in 2259. | Krypton "Savage Night" A resistance movement begins to form. (N) | *** "Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome" (1985) Mel Gibson. Wasteland drifter Mad Max must fight a giant. | Van Helsing (2004) | Van Helsing (2004) |
| TBS | 24 | 156 | | The Big Bang Theory | The Big Bang Theory | 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 "Brian Posehn" Actor Brian Posehn. (N) | Full Frontal With Samantha Bee |
| TCM | 49 | 186 | | (6:30) ** "Tarzan and the Lost Safari" (1957) Gordon Scott. | ** "Jungle Jim" (1948, Adventure) Johnny Weissmuller. Scientist seeks witch doctor's polio cure; Jim guides her. | ** "Jungle Jim" (1948, Adventure) Johnny Weissmuller. Scientist seeks witch doctor's polio cure; Jim guides her. | ** "Jungle Jim" (1948, Adventure) Johnny Weissmuller. Scientist seeks witch doctor's polio cure; Jim guides her. | ** "The Lost Tribe" (1949) Johnny Weissmuller. Jungle Jim fights beasts, woos blonde, helps rich natives. | ** "The Lost Tribe" (1949) Johnny Weissmuller. Jungle Jim fights beasts, woos blonde, helps rich natives. | (:04) Skin Tight Tamika finds a partner. | (:06) My 600-Lb. Life A past tragedy is revealed. | Inside the NBA (N) (Live) | Inside the NBA (N) (Live) |
| TLC | 43 | 157 | | (:03) My 600-Lb. Life (N) | My 600-Lb. Life "One Ton Family, Part 2" A past tragedy is revealed. | My 600-Lb. Life "One Ton Family, Part 2" A past tragedy is revealed. | My 600-Lb. Life "One Ton Family, Part 2" A past tragedy is revealed. | NBA Basketball Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live) | NBA Basketball Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live) | (:04) Skin Tight Tamika finds a partner. | (:06) My 600-Lb. Life A past tragedy is revealed. | Inside the NBA (N) (Live) | Inside the NBA (N) (Live) |
| TNT | 23 | 158 | | NBA Basketball Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live) | NBA Basketball Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live) | NBA Basketball Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live) | NBA Basketball Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live) | NBA Basketball Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live) | NBA Basketball Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live) | NBA Basketball Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live) | NBA Basketball Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live) | NBA Basketball Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live) | NBA Basketball Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live) |
| TRUTV | 38 | 129 | | Carbonaro Eff. | Carbonaro Eff. | Carbonaro Eff. | Carbonaro Eff. | Impactical Jokers | Impactical Jokers | Impactical Jokers | Impactical Jokers | Comedy Knockout | Comedy Knockout |
| TV LAND | 55 | 161 | | M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H | Love-Raymond | Love-Raymond | Mom | Mom | King of Queens | King of Queens |
| USA | 25 | 132 | | (:05) *** "Jurassic Park" (1993, Adventure) Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum. Cloned dinosaurs run amok at an island-jungle theme park. (DVS) | *** "Jurassic Park" (1993, Adventure) Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum. Cloned dinosaurs run amok at an island-jungle theme park. (DVS) | *** "Jurassic Park" (1993, Adventure) Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum. Cloned dinosaurs run amok at an island-jungle theme park. (DVS) | *** "Jurassic Park" (1993, Adventure) Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum. Cloned dinosaurs run amok at an island-jungle theme park. (DVS) | Colony "Puzzle Man" Broussard pieces together IGA secrets. (N) (DVS) | Colony "Puzzle Man" Broussard pieces together IGA secrets. (N) (DVS) | Law & Order "Missing" | Law & Order "Access Nation" Internet. | Law & Order | Law & Order |
| WE | 68 | 166 | | Law & Order "The Collar" | Law & Order "Undercovered" | Law & Order "Undercovered" | Law & Order "DR 1-102" | Law & Order "Missing" | Law & Order "Missing" | Law & Order "Access Nation" Internet. | Law & Order | Law & Order | Law & Order |
| 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 | Rules/Engagement |

'The Americans' proceeds with grim determination

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

We critics are never satisfied. Give us what we want, and we complain. Some days ago, I complained that the second season premiere of "I'm Dying Up Here" was too frantic and filled with rapid-fire scenes that piled on sensation to disguise the lack of actual conversation and human interaction.

I'm not saying I was wrong. I'm just admitting that sometimes too much conversation and thoughtful human interaction can be a bad thing, too. I'm talking, of course, about "The Americans" (10 p.m., FX, TV-MA).

This is a very good show. And it's down to its final four episodes. So why do I still feel like watching "The Americans" has become more of a chore than a joy?

Almost all of the scenes in "The Americans" consist of two people talking about serious matters. Family stuff, secret KGB matters or FBI strategy. With so many dour conversations unfolding, things tend to move at a glacial pace. Until they don't.

Not to give too much away, but tonight's episode, "Harvest," contains a chase scene, a shootout and some gruesome doings involving an ax that I'd rather not talk about. Then it's back to serious conversations on dark streets and dimly lit rooms. The only scene that takes place in full daylight concerns one of Elizabeth's many alter egos, where she plays a caretaker for an artist who happens to be bedridden and suffering from excruciating pain.

Maybe one of the reasons "The Americans" is so serious is because, deep down, it's completely ridiculous. The thriller "24" taught us that every White House meltdown and national security crisis is really a family battle. But the secrets in Philip (Matthew Rhys) and Elizabeth's (Keri Russell) fake family defy description. And has Elizabeth always been this glum? I guess if I had to change my hairstyle between murders on a regular basis, I'd be grumpy too. But she's nearly catatonic now.

Not to give too much away, but Stan (Noah Emmerich), the crack FBI agent and goofy neighbor, has finally gotten wind of something amiss with the travel agents next door. Congratulations, Stan! It's



ERIC LIEBOWITZ / FX

Matthew Rhys stars as Philip Jennings in the "Harvest" episode of "The Americans," airing at 10 p.m. today on FX.

only taken you 72 episodes.

CULT CHOICE

Real aliens mistake has-been actors (Tim Allen, Sigourney Weaver and Alan Rickman) from a canceled science-fiction series for space heroes in the 1999 comedy "Galaxy Quest" (10:30 p.m., IFC), a gentle media parody that works on nearly every level.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Alfre Woodard guest-stars on "Empire" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14).
- "Nature" (8 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings) explores the devious extremes that some critters will go to in order to find a mate, settle down and raise a family.
- Devoted to the really big questions, "NOVA Wonders" (9 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings) ponders signs of extraterrestrial life.
- Jesse's brother shows up in battered shape on "Code Black" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- Antonio's loyalty is tested on the season finale of "Chicago

- P.D." (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- Kendra's dilemma puts others in jeopardy on "Designated Survivor" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-14).
- Will and Katie risk everything to make contact with the Resistance on "Colony" (10 p.m., USA, TV-14).

SERIES NOTES

A visit from loved ones on "Survivor" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * Red pursues a bag of bones on "The Blacklist" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-14) * Adam honors his idol on "The Goldbergs" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * An incident sparks a rumble on "Riverdale" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14) * Deirdre erases a valuable tape on "Alex, Inc." (8:30

p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * A helicopter crash alters plans on "SEAL Team" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * Fin investigates startling charges on "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14) * Seizing the spotlight on "Star" (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * Haley meets all of her exes on "Modern Family" (9 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * Klaus takes hostages on "The Originals" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14) * Katie shows off on "American Housewife" (9:30 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).

LATE NIGHT

Diane Guerrero is booked on "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Cen-

tral) * Brian Posehn chats on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS) * Gayle King and Anna Wintour are scheduled on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Jennifer Lopez, Phoebe Waller-Bridge and Car Seat Headrest on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Michelle Wolf, Zach Woods, Jessie Ware and Aaron Spears visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) * Heidi Klum, Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Alice Merton appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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Spaetzle Primavera is made with vegetables, cream and cheese

BY SARA MOULTON
The Associated Press

Springtime is the right time for Pasta Primavera, which is, after all, the Italian word for spring. There's some controversy about who invented this wonderful dish, but everyone agrees that it was made famous in the late '70s at New York's Le Cirque restaurant. In any case, the recipe consists of spring vegetables, cream and cheese. How far wrong can you go?

My take on this classic swaps out the traditional Italian pasta for the fresh egg pasta called spaetzle, a kind of soft noodle that's widespread throughout southern Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Hungary, Moselle and South Tyrol. "Wait a minute," you say. "Homemade pasta? Sounds like too much work." Not to worry. The spaetzle will be ready to cook in the time it takes to bring a pot of water to a boil.

Spaetzle dough is about the consistency of a thick pancake batter, which means it's much more liquid than typical pasta dough. You can make it with electric beaters or by hand. The only requirement is using the right tool for the job: a spaetzle maker. The device looks like a metal washboard with holes on it, topped by a small open box made of metal. You set the "washboard" over the pot of boiling water and pour the batter into the little box. The dough drips through the holes as you slowly move the metal box back and forth along the washboard to cut the strands of pasta. Some folks have suggested that you can use a colander with large holes instead of a spaetzle maker, but I've never had success with that utensil.

"Who needs yet another kitchen gadget?" you say. I strongly believe that you do. With a spaetzle maker in house — you can easily find them online for about \$12 — you'll find yourself making fresh pasta once a week, because doing so is that simple.

Here I've combined the pasta with typical spring ingredients — asparagus and peas — along with mushrooms, to make it more substantial. But you're welcome to toss it instead with any of your favorite sauces.

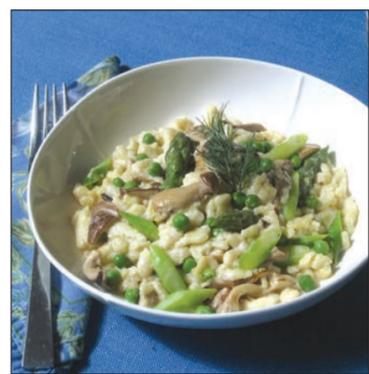
SPAETZLE PRIMAVERA

Start to finish: 1 hour (30 active)
Servings: 4 to 6

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt plus extra for salting the water
1 pound asparagus
1 pound shelled fresh or defrosted frozen peas
8 ounces assorted whole mushrooms, halved or quartered, if large
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 cups chicken or vegetable broth
1 cup heavy cream
240 grams (about 2 cups) all-purpose flour
2 large eggs, lightly beaten
1 ounce grated Parmigiano-Reggiano, plus extra for garnish
Chopped fresh dill for garnish

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Break or cut off the bottom tough part of the asparagus and, if it is thicker than 1/3 inch, peel it from right underneath the tip all the way to the bottom of the stem. Working in a few batches, add the asparagus to the water and simmer until they are al dente but not cooked through (1 minute for thin asparagus and 2 minutes for thick); transfer them to a bowl of ice and water to chill. When they are chilled, pat them dry and slice them crosswise, at an angle, 1/2 inch thick. Set aside. If using fresh peas, add them to the water and simmer them until al dente, about 2 minutes. Use a strainer to remove them from the water and set them aside. If using defrosted frozen peas, do not cook them at this point (they were already blanched before they were frozen).

In a large skillet, cook the mushrooms in the oil over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until they are golden, about 8 minutes. Add the chicken broth and



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Spaetzle primavera is a perfect spring-time meal.

cream and bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer and simmer until thickened, about 5 minutes. Set aside.

In an electric mixer, stir together the flour and 1/2 teaspoon salt, add the eggs and 1 cup water and beat until the mixture is smooth. The consistency should be like that of thick pancake batter. If it is thicker, add additional water, a few tablespoons at a time, until it reaches the desired consistency. Place the spaetzle maker over the pot of boiling water and slowly pour the batter into the box, letting it drip down into the water. Boil for a few minutes (taste a piece of pasta to see if it is just al dente). Strain the spaetzle and add it to the skillet along with the asparagus, peas and cheese. Bring to a boil and simmer, stirring, until just heated through. Add salt and pepper to taste and serve right away topped with additional cheese, if desired, and the dill.

Nutrition information per serving: 450 calories; 195 calories from fat; 22 g fat (11 g saturated; 1 g trans fats); 131 mg cholesterol; 358 mg sodium; 48 g carbohydrates; 7 g fiber; 7 g sugar; 16 g protein.

Little-known facts about pretzels, one of the world's favorite snacks

BY JEFFREY MILLER
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The pretzel, one of the fastest-growing snack foods in the world, recently crossed a billion dollars a year in sales.

It has its own emoji, comes in flavors like pumpkin spice, mocha and banana, and is now available as an aromatherapy scent. It even has its own special day: April 26 is National Pretzel Day.

But not that long



ago, the future of the pretzel didn't look as shiny as its surface. As I point out in my Food and Society class, foods that are ubiquitous in certain pockets of the world don't often spread beyond that region. For decades in the U.S., the pretzel wasn't known outside of the mid-Atlantic states. It took advances in manufacturing and tweaks to the recipe to make it the global snack it is today.

When German immigrants first started coming to America in the 1700s, they brought the pretzel with them. Bavarians and other southern Germans had been enjoying pretzels for hundreds of years. Sometimes they ate pretzels as a side to a main dinner course; other times, they munched on sweet pretzels for dessert. In Swabia, a region in southwest-

ern Germany, signs for bakeries still include gilded pretzels hanging over the door.

Many of these immigrants settled in Pennsylvania's Susquehanna Valley, where they became known as the Pennsylvania Dutch (Dutch being a corruption of "Deutsch," the German word for "German"). The pretzel soon became a staple in local bakeries. Italian bakers in Philadelphia also learned how to make them, and peddlers hawking soft pretzels from carts were a familiar sight on city streets.

The food remained a regional specialty until Julius Sturgis opened the first commercial bakery dedicated to pretzels in Lititz, Pennsylvania, in 1861. Like everyone else, Sturgis made pretzels that were soft. But he soon realized that these soft pretzels quickly went stale, which meant they

needed to be sold quickly and couldn't be shipped very far.

To overcome this obstacle, he developed a hard pretzel: By using less water, he was able to create a more brittle, cracker-like snack.

Hard pretzels sealed in an airtight container had a long shelf life, could be shipped nearly anywhere and could be displayed in attractive tin containers on store shelves. It wasn't long before others in the area followed Sturgis' lead and Pennsylvania became the pretzel capital of the world. Today Americans eat many more hard pretzels than soft ones, and more than 80 percent of hard pretzels are still made in Pennsylvania.

Before World War II, all pretzels were shaped by hand, and a talented pretzel maker could twist 40 pretzels per minute. Then, in 1947, the Reading Pretzel Machine —

which could twist 250 pretzels a minute — debuted. Once pretzels could be made cheaply and in large quantities, national snack food companies took an interest and began to market them across the country.

Pretzels get their sheen and distinct texture from being dipped in a mild lye solution before being baked. Lye is a caustic soda, but not to worry — the baking process converts the lye into a safely consumed carbonate. The lye enhances what's called the Maillard reaction, a chemical reaction that causes the protein in the flour to brown. It also gives pretzels that slick surface texture.

Though they're growing in market share, hard pretzels still undersell potato chips by a wide margin. But fresh soft pretzels are having a little renaissance of their own.