

Baker, 2 more file for school board

Former district superintendent seeks at-large seat

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As of Tuesday, three more candidates have filed for the two at-large seats on Sumter School District Board of Trustees, and one is no stranger at all to Sumter's public schools. Former district Superintendent

Frank Baker filed Tuesday afternoon for the non-partisan seat on the board. Two other Sumter residents, James Burton and Bubba Rabon, have also filed since last week for the at-large seats, bringing the total number of candidates to seven for the two seats. Filing ends today at noon for all six non-partisan board seats up for elec-



BAKER BURTON RABON

tion in November. Baker was superintendent of the consolidated Sumter School District

for four years before he retired on July 31, 2017. Before that, he served in the former Sumter School District 2 for 40 years, from 1971 to 2011. For the last 19 years of that tenure, Baker was superintendent of that district before it merged with Sumter School District 17.

The decision to retire last summer

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Beware the BLOODSUCKERS

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State records 1st case of West Nile Virus this season

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control confirmed the first case of West Nile Virus in the state earlier this month, urging extra caution with dealing with the mosquitoes and ticks this time of year.

While every mosquito may not carry a virus, their presence should signal caution. Will Stokes, owner of the Florence-Sumter Mosquito Squad, said there has been a lot of mosquito activity in the last month.

The Sumter area has had many days of heavy rain and hot weather, which is exactly what mosquitoes need to survive, he said. But mosquitoes can even survive in areas where there is a drought because a sprinkler system provides enough moisture for the offspring to survive, Stokes said. Mosquitoes only need enough water to fill a bottle cap, he said.

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MOSQUITO AVOIDANCE

- Apply insect repellent.
- Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens.
- Eliminate all sources of standing water on your property including flowerpots, gutters, buckets, pool covers, birdbaths, old car tires, rain gutters and pet bowls.
- Wear light-colored clothing to cover the skin, such as thin long-sleeve shirts, when outside.
- Avoid wooded or other shaded areas at dawn, dusk, twilight hours and night.

Source: DHEC

MOST COMMON DISEASES CARRIED

West Nile Virus — S.C. DHEC identified the first person to be sick from West Nile Virus in the state this year on Aug. 1.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis

La Crosse encephalitis virus
Saint Louis encephalitis virus
Dog/cat heartworm

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

MOSQUITOES

The name means "little fly." About 3,500 species of mosquitoes exist — at least 61 different species in South Carolina — but only a couple hundred consume human blood.

Only female mosquitoes suck blood. Female mosquitoes need the protein for blood for their eggs but feed on plant nectar, Stokes said.

Skin becomes itchy after a bite because the female's saliva contains an anticoagulant, or blood thinner, that makes it easier to suck up blood and causes an allergic reaction to the skin.

Sources: Smithsonian, DHEC and Mosquito Squad

TICKS

Ticks are arachnids, like spiders, with four pairs of legs and lack of antennae. There are about 200 species of ticks in the United States.

These organisms require blood to survive.

Ticks don't jump or fly but clasp their back legs onto objects and reach their front legs out to grab onto a passing animal or human in an action called questing. They even drop from a perch such as a tree branch and free fall onto a passing host. Some species will follow a host by foot until they can climb on and attach.

Unlike many other biting pests, ticks attach themselves to hosts for days to feed. Ticks can live as long as 200 days without food and water and have a lifespan of two months to two years depending on the species.

Source: pestworld.org



Emergency shelter client, 'Jane,' learns value of persistence



KINLEY



BY TRAVIS KINLEY
Special to The Sumter Item

Rocky, the movie series, was largely inspiring because of the boxer's inner drive and desire to succeed. The way he would stay in the fight even when things

looked grim struck a chord in so many people because most of us can relate to the feeling of persevering when the deck seems stacked against you.

Recently, at Sumter United Ministries' Emergency Shelter, we were able to serve a client who had this kind of attitude.

A woman — we will call Jane — came

to the emergency shelter after being laid off from her job.

Jane began diligently searching for work — even without being asked by us — but after a few weeks of searching, discouragement began to set in for her.

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Several fathers and mothers were recognized for taking steps in the right direction during a graduation ceremony on Thursday hosted by the Midlands Fatherhood Coalition.

Coalition honors fathers at its 2nd graduation event

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The Midlands Fatherhood Coalition in Sumter held its second-annual graduation for its participants on Thursday. The participants, one from Kershaw County, two from Clarendon County, three from Lee County and four from Sumter County, were recognized for completing classes in parenting, healthy relationships and economic stability.

“We also acknowledged five participants that have achieved employment opportunities and developed better relationships with their children,” Sumter Site Director Keith Ivey said.

The coalition also honored 12 community partners — 10 from Sumter, one from Lee and one from Kershaw.

The coalition has 134 active participants.

“We have two graduates working for Mercedes-Benz in Charleston,” Ivey said. “They were unemployed at one time, so this is a huge success on their behalf; they were successful because of their soft

skills training.”

The coalition also gave out awards to Sumter City Council, Sumter County Council and Mayor Joe McElveen.

Ivey said he is looking forward to a new event the group will be hosting.

“I’m excited about starting our new pilot program with our caregivers and their children,” he said.

The program is through Temple University, and it will help mothers understand co-parenting.

“It will teach them why parents should build better relationships when raising children,” Ivey said. “We’re the only ones in the state that have this extra component.”

The class will meet every Monday at 5:30 p.m.

Ongoing sessions with fathers are every Tuesday at 6 p.m. and Thursdays at noon.

Ivey also has a request from the public.

“We are accepting donors who have used vehicles,” he said, “and no longer need them to give them to participants who have job opportunities.”

Back to the park



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Hundreds of people braved the summer sun on Tuesday to attend Sumter Police Department’s annual Back-to-School Bash at Crosswell Park. The bash is held every year to introduce students and parents to local first responders and other community leaders as they prepare for the upcoming school year. Numerous families left the park with school supplies, balloon hats and swords and full bellies after about four hours of festivities.

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John Harris Body Shop associate Brenda Norfleet, left, helps customer Marcus Washington of Sumter on Tuesday at the new body shop.

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1 charged, 1 injured in shooting

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A Sumter man was arrested after an argument apparently led to shots being fired toward a house during the weekend.

Elizah Jerel Daniels, 31, of Highland Avenue, was charged with discharging a weapon into a dwelling and two counts of attempted murder after the incident outside of a residence on Shuler Drive.

Charges are pending against Antoine Joefran Durant, 21, of Old Oak Drive, in connection with the incident.

When Sumter Police Department

officers arrived at the house shortly after 10 p.m. Saturday, they found Durant with a gunshot wound to his upper body, said Tonyia McGirt, public information officer for the agency. Durant was flown to a hospital in Columbia, where he remained as of Tuesday afternoon in stable condition.

The incident is thought to have started with an exchange of words between Durant, who was walking, and people at the home, McGirt said in a news release.

“Following that exchange, Durant left and returned with Daniels, who was carrying a shotgun,” she wrote. “Both men started walking toward the residence when Daniels fired at least twice, striking the house. At some point, Durant was shot by an

individual at the home.”
The identity of the shooter has not yet been determined, McGirt said.

Daniels fled the area before police were called, but he was located on Sunday and taken into custody without incident.

The incident remains under investigation.

Anyone with information regarding the case is asked to contact Sumter Police Department at (803) 436-2700. Information can be given anonymously by calling CrimeStoppers toll-free at 1-888-CRIME-SC. Tips can also be submitted to CrimeStoppers by logging onto www.P3tips.com and clicking on the Submit a New Tip tab or by downloading the new P3 Tips app.

LOCAL BRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Teen shot by man after intervening in argument

A 17-year-old was injured by a gunshot last week when he reportedly attempted to intervene in a physical altercation between a man and a woman.

Sumter Police Department officers responded to a shooting call in the Baker Street/Burgess Court area and found the teenager with a wound to his upper body, according to Tonyia McGirt, public information officer for the agency. The teen told the officers he noticed an unknown man and woman arguing in a car when he saw the man hit the woman.

The victim said the man asked him what he was looking at and then shot him from behind before driving away, McGirt said.

An investigation is ongoing.

BOARD

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was a mutual agreement between Baker and the board of trustees after the district faced numerous issues during an eight-month period after the revelation in December 2016 of a financial crisis with the release of the fiscal year 2016 audit report. That report showed the district overspent its budget by \$6.2 million in fiscal 2016 and had an ending general fund balance on June 30, 2016, of \$106,449 — a critically low level, according to its auditor at the time.

In a news release Tuesday, Baker said he thinks, given his 44 years of experience in Sumter public schools, he can still make an important contribution to the quality of education locally. He said he could provide empathy to a district superintendent on numerous aspects of public education — from challenging instructional issues, ever-changing testing requirements, teacher recruitment and retention and financial constraints, among others.

Regarding why he wants to run for the school board instead of enjoy retirement, the 69-year-old Baker said he enjoys being a servant leader.

“I have always had a heart for servant leadership,” Baker said. “I understand the unique challenges of this school district to serve both rural and urban students, as well as military families.”

Baker holds bachelors and master’s degrees from University of South Carolina and a doctorate degree from South Carolina State University.

Burton is the operations manager at Continental Tire the Americas’ Sumter plant.

In that position, Burton said he’s responsible for all the supply chain planning, purchasing and warehouse logistics activities for the entire plant.

A graduate from Winthrop University, Burton has worked for Continental for 13 years, first at the manufacturer’s North American headquarters in Fort Mill before moving to Sumter six years ago with the opening of the Sumter tire plant.

With two sons in Sumter School District and working in industry locally, the 42-year-old Burton said he thinks he could bring a unique and different view to the school board.

“I have kids who are actually going through the school system now,” Burton said. “It wasn’t 10 years ago or 20 years ago, it’s today; and so I am very aware of the challenges that the schools are faced with. I am living it and breathing it. Also, being at the plant, I’m very aware of the challenges of hiring folks today and the students’ ability to have education to support their future employment.”

Rabon, 69, is a local builder, developer and small-business owner. He said he thinks his business background can help provide leadership to the board at this time.

A 1967 graduate of Edmunds High School, Rabon said he learned vocational skills in high school and would like to see a renewed emphasis in that area in the district for students who aren’t going off to college.

“We need to prepare students with a vocational skill so that they can make a good living locally,” Rabon said. “I believe we need more emphasis on vocational training than

what we are doing now. I would be willing to contribute anything I can to add to it. We need capable people to fill local, available jobs.”

After high school graduation, Rabon attended Columbia Commercial College in Columbia for about a year, he said, before entering the U.S. Navy.

Previously, Rabon owned American Superette on U.S. 378 across from Shaw Air Force Base, Cherryvale Grocery, East of Chicago Pizza, Bubba’s Diner, Batteries Plus and Rabon Construction Co., among other businesses.

As opposed to the four area seats up for election on the board, all Sumter County residents will be able to vote for the at-large seats. For area seats, only residents of those particular areas can vote for those candidates.

It will be the first time the public has the opportunity to vote on the two at-large seats. In the spring of 2017, the state’s General Assembly passed a bill adding the at-large seats, and the Sumter County Legislative Delegation appointed both current at-large members, William Byrd and Bonnie Disney, last summer. Both Byrd and Disney have already filed for the November election.

The two at-large seats will change to single-member seats in 2021 after the next decennial census with reapportionment. Then, Sumter School District will have nine single-member districts or seats.

Voting will be held on Nov. 6.

According to Pat Jefferson of Sumter County Voter Registration Office, filing also ends today at noon for the non-partisan seats on Sumter City Council.

ALSTON NOT RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION

Another acting Sumter School Board member isn’t seeking re-election in November.

Area 1 Trustee Linda Alston provided a prepared statement



ALSTON

Monday, saying she will not file for the board seat. She joins fellow board members Lucille McQuilla (Area 3) and Karen Michalik (Area 2) in not seeking re-election. Alston said her decision to not run this time around was made “after much thought and prayer.”

She served one term, or four years, on the board after winning the Area 1 general election in November 2014.

In her statement, Alston described her life as one of “helping” others. In her early

years, Alston worked on her family’s farm, she said. As an adult, she was initially a school bus driver in Sumter’s public schools before becoming a school social worker, serving the various needs of children.

“After being a social worker for many years,” Alston said, “I decided to run for a seat on Sumter School Board, which allowed me the opportunity to help once again. This time I was able to help the children and our surrounding community through my votes and other actions.”

She closed by thanking all district teachers, staff and various employees for their hard work in preparing children for the future.

As of Tuesday afternoon, three candidates had filed for the Area 1 seat: Brian Alston, Mark Myers and Barbara Bowman.



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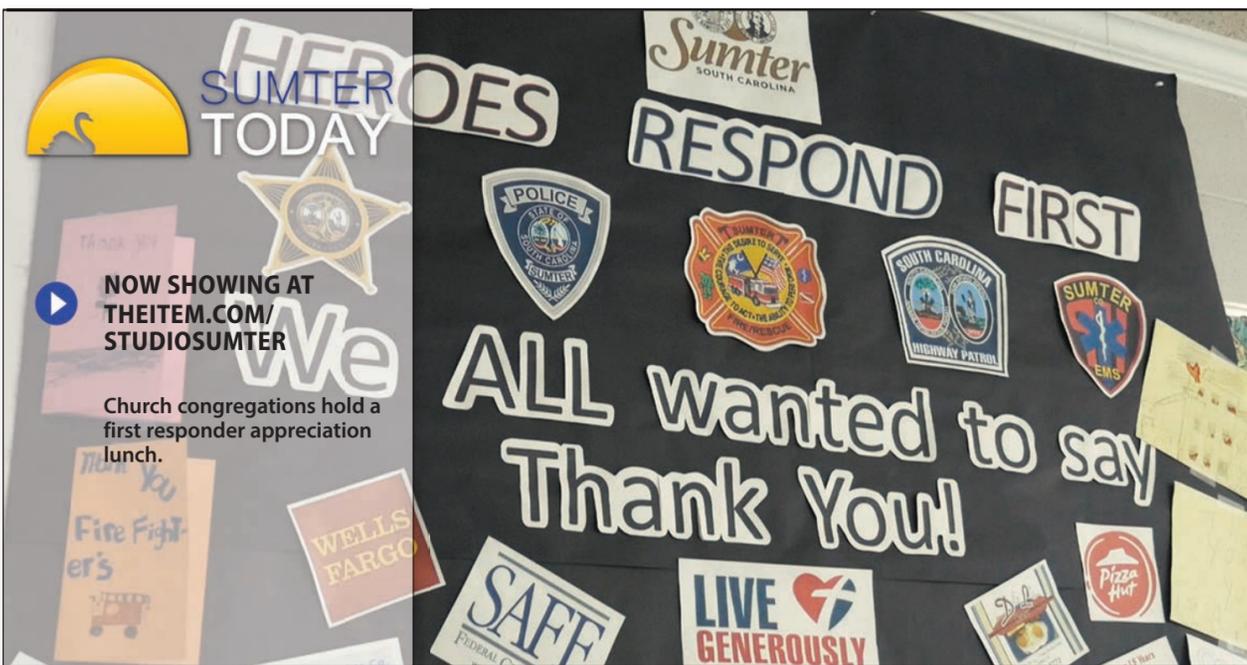
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Honorary street name recognizes civil rights activist

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A sign was unveiled Monday morning to honor the late James T. McCain Sr., the father of Sumter County Council Chairman Jim McCain and a prominent civil rights activist from Sumter.

South Carolina Department of Transportation named the portion of West Bartlette Street from the intersection with South Washington Street to the intersection with Guignard Drive as James T. "Nooker" McCain Sr. Memorial Street. There is no actual street name change.

Sumter Mayor Joe McElveen; Third Judicial Circuit Solicitor Ernest "Chip" Finney III; state Sen. Kevin Johnson, D-Clarendon; Jim Felder; the Rev. James Blessingame and the Rev. Ralph Canty spoke at the ceremony.



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Sumter County Councilman James T. McCain Jr., middle, stands with his sisters Arnetta Ellison, foreground (in red) and Joyce Doty (also holding a sign, above right) on Monday morning at the corner of West Bartlette and South Washington streets after a dedication to their late father James "Nooker" McCain Sr., who led the fight for civil rights in Sumter and in South Carolina with such men as Jim Felder and Ernest Finney. Several speakers included Mayor Joe McElveen, Third Circuit Solicitor Ernest "Chip" Finney III and Sen. Kevin Johnson, who introduced a resolution in the Legislature to gain the recognition for James McCain Sr.

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Central Carolina Technical College's Health Sciences Division pinned nine massage therapists, 13 medical assistants, 10 medical record coders, 43 nurses, two patient care technicians, seven pharmacy technicians and nine surgical technologists during two pinning ceremonies held Aug. 8 at Sumter Opera House in downtown Sumter.

The Health Sciences Division offers an Associate Degree in Nursing; diplomas in Medical Assisting and Surgical Technology; and certificates in Massage Therapy, Medical Record Coding, Pharmacy Technician and Patient Care Technician. Health Sciences programs are designed to provide graduates with immediate employment in the health care industry or prepare graduates to transfer to other colleges.

NURSING



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Graduates of the Associate Degree in Nursing Program are prepared for careers as technical nurses in acute care, long-term care or home health settings. Upon completion of the program, students are eligible to take the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses and are approved by the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Board of Nursing. The program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. Members of this year's Associate Degree in Nursing graduating class are listed by county:
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MEDICAL RECORD CODING



The Medical Record Coding Certificate program is designed to prepare health information professionals who focus on medical record management with an emphasis on procedural and diagnostic coding for reimbursement of professional services performed in health care facilities. Members of this year's Medical Record Coding Program graduating class are listed by county:
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PHARMACY TECHNICIANS



Pharmacy technicians are allied health professionals who assist and support licensed pharmacists in providing pharmaceutical services directly and indirectly to patients. Members of this year's Pharmacy Technician Program graduating class are listed by county:
 Clarendon — Tijwanna Dunbar; Sumter — Shaquita Epps, Karlesa Martin, Chelsie Rhodes, Shakali Rogers, Ashley Till, Hannah White.

PATIENT CARE TECHNICIANS



The Patient Care Technician Certificate program is designed to prepare graduates with skills and knowledge necessary to seek entry-level employment in the health care field. This program provides a foundation in basic patient care, phlebotomy, cardiac care, anatomy and physiology, health care careers, communication skills and health care technology. Members of this year's Patient Care Technician Program graduating class are listed by county:
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SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS



The Surgical Technology Diploma program is designed to prepare individuals for employment as surgical technologists. Surgical technologists are integral members of the surgical team who work closely with surgeons, anesthesiologists, registered nurses and other surgical personnel in delivering patient care and assuming appropriate responsibilities before, during and after surgery. The primary responsibility of the surgical technologist is to maintain the sterile field while ensuring that all other members of the surgical team adhere to aseptic technique. Members of this year's Surgical Technology Program graduating class are listed by county:
 Clarendon — Sara Thompson; Colleton — Lakeiva Williams; Fairfield — Taylor Harden; Kershaw — Hannah Canzoneri, Kaitlyn Kellogg; Sumter — Amber Beaty, Kellee Compton, Brittani Ferebee, Baleigh Weissenstein.

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS



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Medical Assistants are broadly defined as individuals who assist other health care professionals in offices and/or other medical settings, performing delegated administrative and clinical duties in accordance with respective state laws governing such actions and activities. Members of this year's Medical Assisting Program graduating class are listed by county:
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CARING

FROM PAGE A1

She would tell me about the anxiety she was experiencing as she was searching for a job. Jane said she felt her age was a reason some employers wouldn't hire her.

She said she thought individuals younger than her presented themselves as having more energy, strength and desire to stay at an employer longer. As shelter staff, we could only encourage her to stay in the fight.

Jane finally got a job at a local processing plant.

She said she was excited about starting work and finally being able to save money to eventually move out of the shelter.

Jane finally started the job, but she received some unfortunate news just one week later. She was told the company would have to lay her off.

Though it was no fault of her own, this discouraged Jane again. It put her back to square one — searching for a job again.

We, as staff, could only encourage her again to stay in the fight.

If you regularly read this weekly Summer of Caring installment, you may remember a recent United Ministries Education Assistance Ministry student-turned-graduate being hired as a human resources coordinator by a local, large manufacturing company.

While I spoke to her recently about the joy she experienced working at her new job and being able to spend the evenings with her children, she informed me that the local plant was also hiring.

That same day I encouraged Jane to go there and apply.

I told Jane she could use my name as a reference and that I would advocate for her if the opportunity arose.

Shortly thereafter, Jane showed up at the shelter with a big smile on her face. She was still in the fight, and now she was also working.

Sometimes, there is no resource that you can offer

someone. There are times when I can't really offer a solution to a life problem for someone I am serving.

At times, caring for someone is merely offering a word of encouragement — Stay in the fight.

Travis Kinley is the director of Sumter United Ministries' Emergency Shelter.

SUMMER OF CARING 2018 WEEKLY UPDATE

Sumter United Ministries' services include an emergency shelter, construction and home repair, financial aid for bills, primary health care and education assistance.

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Donations last week through Monday include: anonymously, \$100; Julian and Marie Hill, \$50; and in loving memory of Henry C. Fienning by Charles and Suzanne Fienning, \$300.

Donations received this week: \$450

Total donations received year to date: \$5,781.84

Total donations received last year: \$3,555

Total donations received since 2014: 26,953.84

DISEASE

FROM PAGE A1

Stokes said he has seen mosquito offspring swimming in water held in a magnolia leaf.

Sumter could have high activity into the fall unless there is a freeze, Stokes said. But there could be a week of warm weather after a freeze or the temperature could rise in the evenings, which could cause the mosquitoes to come back, he said.

Another blood-loving pest to steer clear of is ticks. Ticks seem to be more active as winter approaches, and they look for a host to lay eggs on or a warm place to live, Stokes said.

The days of repellents for long-term comfort outdoors have gone, he said.

TICK AVOIDANCE

Many people get ticks in their own yards or neighborhoods and not just while camping or hunting in other areas.

Avoid wooded and brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter.

Showering within two hours of coming indoors may help wash off unattached ticks and may be effective in reducing the risk of other tickborne diseases.

Check pets after they come indoors and ask someone to check your hair and other hard-to-see places on the body.

Wear light-colored clothing and tuck your pant legs into your socks when walking in heavily wooded areas to make ticks more visible.

Source: CDC

MOST COMMON DISEASES CARRIED

Lyme Disease

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Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever

Southern Tick-Associated Rash Illness

Source: DHEC



Gov. Andrew Cuomo walks through water as he tours destruction from flooding in the Lodi area of New York on Tuesday. Cuomo declared a state of emergency for more than a dozen counties in the Finger Lakes region and along New York's border with Pennsylvania.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Official: People trapped by N.Y. flooding OK, assessing damage

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Flash floods caused by pre-dawn downpours washed out bridges, submerged vehicles, clogged yards and roads with debris and temporarily trapped dozens of people in their upstate New York homes Tuesday, causing extensive damage but no reported deaths.

Recovery work was underway by late afternoon, with officials still assessing the extent of the damage.

The worst of the flooding happened in New York's Finger Lakes region, an area flush at this time of year with vacationers. A woman sleeping in her camper was trapped inside as floodwaters swept it into one of the lakes, but she was rescued, authorities said.

Earlier, emergency crews were sent to aid about 50 people trapped in their homes by rising water, while others were evacuated by boat on Seneca Lake, Seneca County offi-

cials and Democratic New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said.

"It's amazing, the devastation," Cuomo said as he toured some of the hardest-hit areas late Tuesday morning, a few hours after heavy rains turned small creeks into overflowing rivers that devastated an area known for its scenery and wineries.

Cuomo declared a state of emergency for more than a dozen counties in the Finger Lakes region and along New York's border with Pennsylvania. The declaration came after he toured damaged areas in Lodi, where he at one point he climbed onto one of the massive piles of uprooted trees and brush blocking roads. Heavy construction equipment was brought in to remove the obstacles.

"There's a sea of debris that is floating out there in the lake," Cuomo said. "Propane tanks, sheds. ... I mean, it looks like a garbage heap floating in the water."

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COMMENTARY

Enough's enough with violence in Chicago

During the weekend of Aug. 4-5 (and the preceding Friday night), 12 Chicagoans were shot dead, and 62 others were shot and wounded, the *Chicago Tribune* reported (<https://tinyurl.com/yde7jb83>). Before last week's mayhem, 1,718 Chicagoans had been shot since the beginning of the year, and 306 had been murdered. Adding to this tragedy is the fact that Chicago's clearance rate is less than 15 percent. That means that in more than 85 percent of Chicago's homicides, no suspect is charged. Chicago is by no means unique in this lawlessness. Detroit, Baltimore, Philadelphia, St. Louis and some other major cities share high rates of homicides.



Walter Williams

It's not just shootings and homicides that negatively impact the overwhelming law-abiding black residents of these cities. In addition, there are sky-high rates of burglaries, rapes and property destruction. The schools are notoriously bad. City budgets face shortfalls. Residents deal with deteriorating city services. All of this causes mass exodus from these cities by their most capable people.

Ordinary decency demands that something be done to address the horrible conditions under which so many black Americans live. White liberals, black politicians and sports figures focus most of their attention on what the police do, but how relevant is that to the overall tragedy? According to *Washington Post* data, as of July 9, 626 people had been shot and killed by police this year. Of that number, 114 were black. Last year, 987 people were shot and killed by police, of which 223 were black (<http://tinyurl.com/ycn77jkj>). To put police shootings in a bit of perspective, in Chicago alone in 2017, there were 674 homicides, almost 80 percent of whose victims were black. It would appear that if one is truly concerned about black deaths, shootings by police should figure way down on one's list — which is not to excuse bad behavior by some police officers.

Would getting more blacks and Democrats in political office help? It turns out that of the Chicago City Council's 50 aldermen, only one is Republican. One is an independent. Forty-eight aldermen are Democrats, and 19 are black. In fact, most of the cities where large segments of their black citizenry live under horrible conditions have been controlled by Democrats for nearly a half-century, and there are many blacks on the instruments of control, such as chiefs of police, superintendents of schools and members of city councils. If Democratic and black control meant anything, these cities would be paradises.

How helpful to these desperate black communities are the efforts of so many black politicians to focus on allegations about President Donald Trump's ties to Russia? The leader of the movement to impeach Trump is Rep. Maxine Waters. Her congressional district suffers from high crime rates and failing schools. She, like most other black politicians, claims that she is helping her constituency by doing all she can to fight to get more taxpayer money to her district.

More money from taxpayers could not fix the problems of these communities. Over the past 50 years, more than \$16 trillion has been spent on poverty programs. The majority of those programs have simply made poverty more comfortable by giving poor people more food, health care, housing, etc. What's needed most is to get poor people to change their behavior. Chief among the modifications is reducing female-headed households. Female-headed households produce most of our prison inmates, the highest crime rates and disproportionate numbers of high school dropouts and suicides. These devastating factors are far beyond the capacity of Washington to fix.

The only people who can fix these problems are black people themselves. Black athletes could be far more productive by going to schools and community centers to encourage constructive behavior and shaming self-destructive behavior. Support should be given to police to stop criminals from preying on communities. Nongovernmental local groups should be encouraged to play greater roles.

It's a challenge, but keep in mind that black people had the intestinal fortitude to lead the world's greatest civil rights movement through some very dark days from 1865 to 1965. I believe that we're up to the challenge. If we wait for Washington to solve our problems, we'll be waiting for a long time.

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.



COMMENTARY

America's lengthening enemies list

Friday, deep into the 17th year of America's longest war, Taliban forces overran Ghazni, a provincial capital that sits on the highway from Kabul to Kandahar.

The ferocity of the Taliban offensive brought U.S. advisers along with U.S. air power, including a B-1 bomber, into the battle.

"As the casualty toll in Ghazni appeared to soar on Sunday," *The Wall Street Journal* reported, "hospitals were spilling over with dead bodies, corpses lay in Ghazni's streets, and gunfire and shelling were preventing relatives from reaching cemeteries to bury their dead."



Pat Buchanan

In Yemen Monday, a funeral was held in the town square of Saada for 40 children massacred in an air strike on a school bus by Saudis or the UAE, using U.S.-provided planes and bombs.

"A crime by America and its allies against the children of Yemen," said a Houthi rebel leader.

Yemen is among the worst humanitarian situations in the world, and in creating that human-rights tragedy, America has played an indispensable role.

The U.S. also has 2,000 troops in Syria. Our control, with our Kurd allies, of that quadrant of Syria east of the Euphrates is almost certain to bring us into eventual conflict with a regime and army insisting that we get out of their country.

As for our relations with Turkey, they have never been worse.

President Erdogan regards our Kurd allies in Syria as collaborators of his own Kurdish terrorist PKK. He sees us as providing sanctuary for exile cleric Fethullah Gulen, whom Erdogan says was behind the attempted coup in 2016 in which he and his family were targeted

for assassination.

Last week, when the Turkish currency, the lira, went into a tailspin, President Trump piled on, ratcheting up U.S. tariffs on Turkish aluminum and steel. If the lira collapses and Turkey cannot meet its debt obligations, Erdogan will lay the blame at the feet of the Americans and Trump.

Which raises a question: How many quarrels, conflicts and wars, and with how many adversaries, can even the mighty United States sustain?

In November, the most severe of U.S. sanctions will be imposed on Iran. Among the purposes of this policy: Force as many nations as possible to boycott Iranian oil and gas, sink its economy, bring down the regime.

Iran has signaled a possible response to its oil and gas being denied access to world markets. This August, Iranian gunboats exercised in the Strait of Hormuz, backing up a regime warning that if Iranian oil cannot get out of the Gulf, the oil of Arab OPEC nations may be bottled up inside as well. Last week, Iran test-fired an anti-ship ballistic missile.

Iran has rejected Trump's offer of unconditional face-to-face talks, unless the U.S. first lifts the sanctions imposed after withdrawing from the nuclear deal.

With no talks, a U.S. propaganda offensive underway, the Iranian rial sinking and the economy sputtering, regular demonstrations against the regime and new sanctions scheduled for November, it is hard to see how a U.S. collision with Tehran can be avoided.

This holds true as well for Vladimir Putin's Russia.

Last week, the U.S. imposed new sanctions on Russia for its alleged role in the nerve-agent poisoning of ex-Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter in the British town of Salisbury.

Though the U.S. had already expelled 60 Russian diplomats for the poisoning, and Russia vehemently denies responsibility — and conclusive evidence has not

been made public and the victims have not been heard from — far more severe sanctions are to be added in November.

Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev is warning that such a U.S. move would cross a red line: "If ... a ban on bank operations or currency use follows, it will amount to a declaration of economic war. ... And it will warrant a response with economic means, political means and, if necessary, other means."

That the sanctions are biting is undeniable. Like the Turkish lira and Iranian rial, the Russian ruble has been falling, and the Russian people are feeling the pain.

Last week also, a U.S. Poseidon reconnaissance plane, observing China's construction of militarized islets in the South China Sea, was told to "leave immediately and keep out."

China claims the sea as its national territory.

And North Korea's Kim Jong Un apparently intends to hold onto his arsenal of nuclear weapons.

"We're waiting for the North Koreans to begin the process of denuclearization, which they committed to in Singapore and which they've not yet done," John Bolton told CNN last week.

A list of America's adversaries here would contain the Taliban, the Houthis of Yemen, Bashar Assad of Syria, Erdogan's Turkey, Iran, North Korea, Russia and China — a pretty full plate.

Are we prepared to see these confrontations through, to assure the capitulation of our adversaries? What do we do if they continue to defy us?

And if it comes to a fight, how many allies will we have in the battles and wars that follow?

Was this the foreign policy America voted for?

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

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AA Women's Meeting — Wednesdays, 7 p.m., 1 Warren St., (803) 775-1852.

AA Spanish Speaking — Sundays, 4:30 p.m., 1 Warren St., (803) 775-1852.

AA "How it Works" Group — Mondays and Fridays, 8 p.m., 1154 Ronda St., (803) 494-5180.

441 AA Support Group — Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, 8 p.m., Hair Force, 2090-D S.C. 441.

AA Summerton Group — Wednesday, 8 p.m., town hall.

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

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

Al-Anon "Seekers of Serenity" — Mondays, 7 p.m., 1 Warren St., (803) 720-1747.

MONDAY MEETINGS:

Sumter Vitiligo Support Group — Second Monday, 5:45-6:45 p.m., North HOPE Center, 904 N. Main St., (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. Help with struggles of alcohol, drugs, family problems, pornography, smoking, anxiety, etc.

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

Sumter Connective Tissue Support Group — First Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November, 7 p.m., 180 Tiller Circle, (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. 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., (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, (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 Dorcus at (803) 895-1252/1253 or Sue at (803) 847-2377.

WEDNESDAY MEETINGS:

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

Divorce Care and Grief Share — Two separate groups that meet Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Baptist Church, 2401 Bethel Church Road, (803) 481-2160.

THURSDAY MEETINGS:

TOPS S.C. No. 236 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) — Thursdays, 9 a.m., Spectrum Senior Center, 1989 Durant Lane, (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, (803) 905-5620.

Women (Only) Support Group "Moving from Bitter to Better" — Third Thursday, 7-8:30 p.m., Next Generation Church, 741 Bultman Drive, Unit 8. For ages 18 and older. Call (843) 327-0393 or email joeannaiken@yahoo.com.

FRIDAY MEETINGS:

Celebrate Recovery — Fridays, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. program, Salt & Light Church, 360 Miller Road. 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., (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, (803) 481-7521.

SUNDAY MEETINGS:

Sumter MS Support Group — First Sunday, 3 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church, 2751 S. Wise Drive, (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
93°	71°	92° / 72°	92° / 74°	92° / 74°	90° / 72°
Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 40%
SW 3-6 mph	S 3-6 mph	SW 4-8 mph	SW 7-14 mph	WSW 7-14 mph	SW 6-12 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

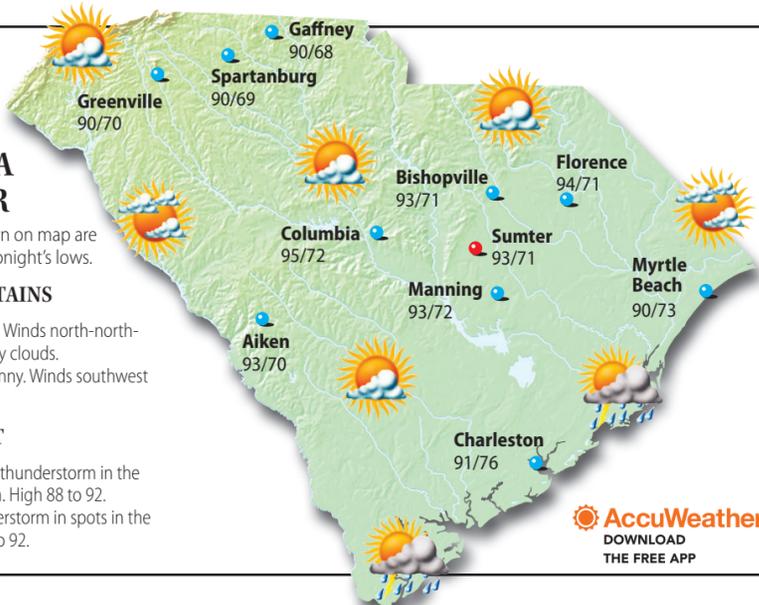
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Partly sunny. Winds north-northwest 4-8 mph. Patchy clouds.
Thursday: Partly sunny. Winds southwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: A shower or thunderstorm in the area in the afternoon. High 88 to 92.
Thursday: A thunderstorm in spots in the afternoon. High 88 to 92.



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SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
91°	91°	70°	89°	69°	100° in 1995	58° in 1964

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date	Last year to date	Normal year to date
0.00"	4.29"	2.58"	26.20"	27.53"	30.92"	

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.61	-0.12
Marion	76.8	75.52	+0.01
Moultrie	75.5	74.96	+0.03
Wateree	100	97.13	+0.04

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	5.29	-0.26
Congaree River	19	5.81	+0.69
Lynchies River	14	3.17	+0.15
Saluda River	14	4.11	-2.77
Up. Santee River	80	79.04	+0.32
Wateree River	24	10.92	-0.54

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise 6:43 a.m. Sunset 8:09 p.m.
Moonrise 11:17 a.m. Moonset 11:16 p.m.

Phase	First	Full	Last	New
	Aug. 18	Aug. 26	Sep. 2	Sep. 9

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	12:39 a.m.	3.5	7:34 a.m.	-0.3
	1:18 p.m.	3.3	8:00 p.m.	0.0
Thu.	1:29 a.m.	3.3	8:24 a.m.	-0.1
	2:13 p.m.	3.3	8:55 p.m.	0.3

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	91/74/pc	90/73/pc
Chicago	80/70/t	82/68/sh
Dallas	93/77/pc	95/78/s
Detroit	88/70/pc	78/69/t
Houston	93/78/pc	94/75/pc
Los Angeles	85/68/pc	84/68/pc
New Orleans	92/76/pc	90/77/t
New York	90/74/pc	92/76/pc
Oriando	91/75/t	91/75/t
Philadelphia	91/74/pc	93/75/pc
Phoenix	100/77/t	98/81/c
San Francisco	68/56/pc	67/55/pc
Wash., DC	92/74/s	93/76/pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Asheville	85/65/pc	86/67/t	Florence	94/71/pc	93/74/pc
Athens	90/69/pc	91/69/pc	Gainesville	90/74/t	91/74/t
Augusta	95/71/pc	93/73/s	Gastonia	91/69/pc	92/71/pc
Beaufort	92/76/pc	92/77/t	Goldsboro	91/72/pc	92/74/pc
Cape Hatteras	88/77/pc	88/79/t	Goose Creek	91/75/pc	90/75/t
Charleston	91/76/pc	91/76/t	Greensboro	89/70/pc	91/72/pc
Charlotte	92/71/pc	93/73/pc	Greenville	90/70/pc	90/73/pc
Clemson	90/70/pc	90/72/pc	Hickory	89/69/pc	89/70/pc
Columbia	95/72/pc	94/74/pc	Hilton Head	90/78/pc	89/77/t
Darlington	93/71/pc	93/73/pc	Jacksonville, FL	92/72/sh	91/74/t
Elizabeth City	91/71/pc	91/74/t	La Grange	93/73/pc	90/72/pc
Elizabethtown	92/72/pc	91/74/pc	Macon	93/71/pc	91/71/t
Fayetteville	91/72/pc	92/75/pc	Marietta	91/71/pc	90/71/s
			Marion	86/64/pc	87/68/pc
			Mt. Pleasant	90/77/pc	90/77/t
			Myrtle Beach	90/73/pc	89/77/t
			Orangeburg	93/72/pc	92/73/pc
			Port Royal	90/76/pc	90/76/t
			Raleigh	91/71/pc	93/74/pc
			Rock Hill	91/69/pc	92/72/pc
			Rockingham	92/71/pc	93/73/pc
			Savannah	93/75/pc	92/75/t
			Spartanburg	90/69/pc	90/72/pc
			Summerville	91/74/pc	90/74/t
			Wilmington	91/72/pc	91/75/t
			Winston-Salem	88/68/pc	91/70/pc

PUBLIC AGENDA

CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 3
Thursday, 7:30 p.m., district office, Turbeville

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make partnerships a priority. Listen

and react positively in order to get the most out of any discussion. Getting along will be half the battle and will make it easier to convince others to see things your way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stay focused on what's important to you as well as what's expected of you. Balancing between your needs and others' will help you maintain a strong connection to the people you need to help you reach your goal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look for the positive in everything and everyone. Focus on self-improvements and your emotional outlook. If someone is bringing you down, reconsider the relationship and how healthy it is for you to let it continue. Do what's best for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't push yourself too hard. If you feel tired, take a break. Being aware of what you can and cannot do will make life easier. Don't let someone take advantage of you. Focus on people who make you happy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Give attention to yourself and the ones you love. Improvements can be made if you're demonstrative about the way you feel and what you want to achieve. Discuss your plans, but don't make a big deal if someone declines your invitation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Follow your own path. Don't feel the need to persuade others to get involved in your goals. The less said and the more you get done, the better off you'll be. Hard work will bring positive change as well as added confidence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Wager your options. Follow the path that opens a window of opportunity into something you've always wanted to do. Create a strong alliance through personal improvements that will benefit you as well as the people you want on your team.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't share your feelings until you know more about the person prying into your affairs. A big talker will offer interesting but false information. Don't get caught up in someone else's scam. Do your own thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Look at the big picture. Be honest with yourself before you delve into something you know little about. Do research and consider the consequences of making a premature move. Know your limitations, and stick to your comfort zone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may crave change, but before you decide to take a chance on something or someone that intrigues you, consider the possible outcome. Trust must be earned; don't give someone the benefit of the doubt. Get a second opinion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put more time and money into your skills and future. Focus on your appearance, health and ability to handle your financial affairs properly. Make your own way instead of being a follower. Trust in your intelligence, not hearsay.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll have big ideas and persuasive abilities that will convince others to help you get what you want. Make sure your plans are solid before getting others involved. Being held accountable won't be as pleasant as being the hero.

SUMTER ANIMAL CONTROL PETS OF THE WEEK



TOP: Our little Miley, approximately 12 months old, is a beauty. This mixed-breed girl is friendly to all, goofy and charming at the same time. Weighing in at just 29 pounds, she would be a great addition to a family. Miley likes other dogs and loves attention from our volunteers who think she is just about perfect. She is a smartie and old enough to understand commands with some repetition.

BELOW: Tink is a gentle, loving 12-month-old mixed breed, who weighs 33 pounds. She loves other dogs and people. When you sit down and have a conversation with her, she listens attentively. With a bit of training, this sweetie will be a forever friend and loving companion to the family that steps up to give her a home. Tink is the perfect age to fit into a family with kids or a single person looking for a responsive and grateful buddy.

You can meet Miley in kennel 16 or Tink in kennel 31 at Sumter Animal Control, 1240 Winkles Pk. We have many other adoptable dogs as well as animals who were found and are waiting for their owners to claim them. Proof of spay/neuter will be required as part of your adoption contract. Check Sumter Animal Control on Facebook. Our adoption coordinator can be reached at (803) 774-3232 or email rescuesumter-sc@gmail.com for an adoption application.

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PREP FOOTBALL



Are you ready?

BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Lakewood's Jalen Clea (8) and Jacqani Williams (40) take down Lee Central's Dierell Parker (4) during the Sumter Sertoma Club's 37th Annual Sumter County Football Jamboree on Friday at Sumter Memorial Stadium. Lakewood and Lee Central open their seasons on Friday with road games.

High school football season kicks off Thursday with REL hosting Heathwood

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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After getting a taste with the Sumter Sertoma Club's Sumter County Football Jamboree and Laurence Manning Academy traveling to Alabama to take on a team from Mississippi, the local high

school football season kicks into gear on Fri.... uh, make that Thursday.

The Robert E. Lee Cavaliers will play host to Heathwood Hall on Thursday in Bishopville before all of the local South Carolina High School League teams join in on Friday. The Friday games will have

Sumter playing host to Rock Hill, Crestwood at home against West Florence, Lakewood traveling to Walterboro to take on Colleton County, Manning traveling down U.S. Highway 301 to Summerton to face Scott's Branch, Lee Central will go to Hampton to face Wade Hampton, and East Clar-

endon will go to Timmonsville. Robert E. Lee is coming off a 10-3 season in which it lost in the semifinals of the SCISA 2A state playoffs. Heathwood went just 1-9 last season. Sumter was 9-3 last year and lost in the second round of the 5A state playoffs. Rock Hill was 4-7 last year and lost in the first

round of the 5A playoffs.

Crestwood was 6-6 last season and reached the second round of the 4A state playoffs. West Florence is a 5A squad and went 5-7 last year, losing in the second round of the playoffs.

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CLEMSON FOOTBALL

Dominant Tigers aim for 4th straight ACC title

BY AARON BEARD
The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Clemson coach Dabo Swinney isn't changing how the Tigers approach each season — and there's no reason he should.

The repetition is working. His program is the unquestioned Atlantic Coast Conference favorite again and has become a perennial national power.

Everyone else in the ACC is looking up at the three-time reigning champions and trying to figure out a way to loosen their grip on the league.

"We start over every year, reinstall the program, reinstall the core values, the philosophy that we believe in, the why," Swinney said, "and I just don't vary from that."

The Tigers are the overwhelming favorite to win the ACC for a fourth straight season, which would make Clemson the first ACC team to win four straight since Florida State's dominating romp through the 1990s. That would also make Clemson only the second power-conference team to win four

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AP FILE PHOTO

Clemson head coach Dabo Swinney runs practice before the 2017 Sugar Bowl game against Alabama in New Orleans. Swinney's Tigers are the heavy favorite to become the first ACC team to win four straight league titles since Florida State's dominating run through the 1990s.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Meyer probe costs \$500K but still about what Ohio St. wants

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The Urban Meyer investigation is costing Ohio State \$500,000, but whether the superstar football coach keeps his job still comes down to

whether the university wants to stick with him based on how he's already been tainted by the scandal.

Meyer is on paid leave while Ohio State hires an outside firm to investigate and a six-member university committee considers whether he responded properly to accusations of domestic abuse made against one of his coaches, Zach Smith, who has been fired.

But Meyer has already given his bosses plenty to consider — he says he knew of domestic violence allegations against Zach Smith before he brought Smith to coach wide receivers at Ohio State, and that he reported new accusations properly when they surfaced in 2015.

University officials expect to make a decision within about a week in what could come down to a public relations balancing act involving the school's reputation, \$38 million in future salary under Meyer's contract and other jobs at stake.

WHY FIRE MEYER?

Meyer knew about a 2009 domestic incident in Gainesville, Florida, when Smith was a graduate assistant coach for Meyer's Florida team. A police report says that during an argument Zach Smith picked up a pregnant Courtney and threw her against a wall. Zach

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PRO BASEBALL

Double duty: Braves' Acuna rips 2 leadoff HRs in 1 day

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Ronald Acuna Jr. is only 20 years old, so he never gives much thought to his still-fledgling place in baseball history.

There'll be plenty of time for that.

So, it wasn't until Acuna got back to the Atlanta clubhouse after a long, brilliant day that he finally realized what a feat he had pulled off.

Rarer, even, than a perfect game.

Or an unassisted triple play.

The brilliant Braves rookie joined a very exclusive club by hitting leadoff homers in both games of a doubleheader Monday, sparking first-place Atlanta to a

sweep of the Miami Marlins.

Acuna appears to be only the fourth player to go deep at the start of two games in a single day, joining Brady Anderson, Rickey Henderson and Harry Hooper.

By comparison, there have been 23 perfect games and 15 unassisted triple plays.

"I just found out," Acuna said through a translator when asked if he knew what he had done. "I give thanks to God for the opportunity to make history in my own sense."

Acuna worked the count in his favor the first time up. Then he got hold of a 3-1 pitch from Pablo Lopez, sending an opposite-field

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Atlanta's Ronald Acuna Jr. (13) steals second base as Miami shortstop JT Riddle comes down from a high throw and late tag during the fifth inning of their first game of a twinbill on Monday in Atlanta.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Maryland takes responsibility for mistakes in player death

BY DAVID GINSBURG
The Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The University of Maryland acknowledged Tuesday that the football player who collapsed during practice and subsequently died did not receive proper medical care and the school must accept "legal and moral responsibility for the mistakes."

Maryland has parted ways with strength and conditioning coach Rick Court, who resigned in the wake of the death of offensive lineman Jordan McNair. Athletic director Damon Evans acknowledged that "mistakes were made" in the treatment of McNair, who was hospitalized on May 29 after a team workout and died June 13.

The attorney for the McNair family said a preliminary death certificate indicates the cause of death was heatstroke.

Court posted his letter of resignation on Twitter on Tuesday. He wrote: "I am stepping down to allow the team to heal and move forward." He had previously been placed on administrative leave.

Head coach DJ Durkin is



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University of Maryland President Wallace Loh speaks at a news conference held Tuesday to address the school's football program and the death of offensive lineman Jordan McNair, who collapsed on a practice field and subsequently died, in College Park, Maryland. Athletic director Damon Evans said Tuesday that "mistakes were made" in the treatment of McNair after he fell ill during a conditioning drill.

also on administrative leave and his future is unclear. McNair family attorney Billy Murphy Jr. has said Durkin should be fired immediately.

Evans said Tuesday the university has "hired an external review team to take a look at this, but as additional information comes forward, we will do what's appropriate." Dr. Rod Walters, a former

college athletic trainer, has been hired by Maryland to investigate the circumstances of McNair's death. A report is expected by Sept. 15, but the school has been provided preliminary findings and shared some of those in a news conference.

"We have learned that Jordan did not receive appropriate medical care, and mis-

takes were made by some of our athletic training personnel," Evans said. "Walters found that the emergency response plan was not appropriately followed" and that McNair's symptoms "were not properly identified or treated."

Evans said the training staff did not take McNair's temperature or immerse him in cold water, the suggested treatment for an individual overcome by heat.

University President Wallace Loh said the visit to the McNair home was to apologize personally for the loss.

"They entrusted their son to us, and he did not return home," Loh said. "The University accepts legal and moral responsibility for the mistakes that were made on that fateful day. ... They misdiagnosed the situation."

Loh is adamant in his belief that the school will take steps to make sure this never happens again.

"I made a commitment to Jordan's parents," he said. "I want to make the same commitment to the parents of all of our student-athletes, and to our entire campus community: We will do everything within our power to ensure

that no University of Maryland student-athlete is ever again put in a situation where his or her safety and life are at foreseeable risk."

Later in the day, the law firm of Murphy, Falcon & Murphy, which represents the McNair family, wrote in a statement: "While Marty and Tonya will never get another day with Jordan, Dr. Loh's words were meaningful to them and give them some comfort that he will put the University on the path to change the culture of the program so that no Terrapin family will have to endure the heartache and grief that they feel."

Several members of the football program have come under fire for being mentally and physically abusive to the student-athletes. Loh announced the formation of a commission "to conduct a full and expeditious review of the reported allegations of the conduct of the football staff and of the football program climate."

Loh said the reports of "bullying behavior" by coaches of the football team "are totally inconsistent with what we stand for, and our values."

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
2 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs or Pittsburgh at Minnesota (MLB NETWORK).
3 p.m. — International Soccer: UEFA Super Cup Match from Tallinn, Estonia — Real Madrid vs. Atletico Madrid (TNT).
5 p.m. — Amateur Golf: U.S. Amateur Championship Round-of-64 Matches from Pebble Beach, Calif. (FOX SPORTS 1).
5 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Seattle at Oakland (Joined In Progress) (MLB NETWORK).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Washington at Indiana (NBA TV).
7:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Miami at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WFFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
10 p.m. — Youth Softball: Little League Softball World Series Championship Game from Portland, Ore. (ESPN).
10 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles FC (ESPN2).
10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San Francisco at Los Angeles Dodgers or Washington at St. Louis (MLB NETWORK).
10 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: New York at Las Vegas (NBA TV).

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	85	35	.708	—
New York	74	44	.627	10
Tampa Bay	60	58	.508	24
Toronto	53	65	.449	31
Baltimore	35	84	.294	49½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	67	51	.568	—
Minnesota	54	63	.462	12½
Detroit	50	69	.420	17½
Chicago	42	76	.356	25
Kansas City	36	82	.305	31

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	73	46	.613	—
Oakland	71	48	.597	2
Seattle	69	51	.575	4½
Los Angeles	60	60	.500	13½
Texas	53	68	.438	21

MONDAY
 N.Y. Mets 8, N.Y. Yankees 5
 Cleveland 10, Cincinnati 3
 Detroit 9, Chicago White Sox 5
 Texas 5, Arizona 3
 Kansas City 3, Toronto 1
 Oakland 7, Seattle 6
 L.A. Angels 6, San Diego 3, 10 innings

TUESDAY
 Boston at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.
 Cleveland at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
 Arizona at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 Colorado at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
 Toronto at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.
 Seattle at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

TODAY
 Chicago White Sox (Rodon 3-3) at Detroit (Zimmermann 5-4), 1:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Archer 4-5) at Minnesota (Berrios 11-8), 1:10 p.m.
 Seattle (Leake 8-7) at Oakland (Anderson 2-3), 3:35 p.m.
 Boston (Johnson 3-3) at Philadelphia (Velasquez 8-9), 7:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 7-6) at Baltimore (Hess 2-6), 7:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (TBD) at N.Y. Yankees (Cessa 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
 Cleveland (Bieber 6-2) at Cincinnati (Stephenson 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
 Colorado (Anderson 6-4) at Houston (Cole 10-5), 8:10 p.m.
 Toronto (Estrada 5-9) at Kansas City (Smith 1-4), 8:15 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Pena 1-3) at San Diego (Erlin 2-3), 9:10 p.m.

THURSDAY
 Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 Detroit at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
 Toronto at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	66	51	.564	—
Philadelphia	65	52	.556	1
Washington	60	59	.504	7
New York	50	66	.431	15½
Miami	48	73	.397	20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	68	50	.576	—
Milwaukee	68	54	.557	2
St. Louis	64	55	.538	4½
Pittsburgh	61	58	.513	7½
Cincinnati	52	67	.437	16½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	65	55	.542	—
Colorado	63	55	.534	1
Los Angeles	64	56	.533	1
San Francisco	60	60	.500	5
San Diego	48	73	.397	17½

MONDAY
 Atlanta 9, Miami 1, 1st game
 N.Y. Mets 8, N.Y. Yankees 5
 Cleveland 10, Cincinnati 3
 Atlanta 6, Miami 1, 2nd game
 Texas 5, Arizona 3
 St. Louis 7, Washington 6
 L.A. Angels 6, San Diego 3, 10 innings
 San Francisco 5, L.A. Dodgers 2

TUESDAY
 Milwaukee 7, Chicago Cubs 0
 Boston at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
 Cleveland at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
 Miami at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
 Arizona at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 Colorado at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
 Washington at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.
 San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

TODAY
 Pittsburgh (Archer 4-5) at Minnesota (Berrios 11-8), 1:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Guerra 6-7) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 8-9), 2:20 p.m.
 Boston (Johnson 3-3) at Philadelphia (Velasquez 8-9), 7:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 7-6) at Baltimore (Hess 2-6), 7:05 p.m.
 Cleveland (Bieber 6-2) at Cincinnati (Stephenson 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
 Miami (Urena 3-12) at Atlanta (Gausman 6-9), 7:35 p.m.
 Colorado (Anderson 6-4) at Houston (Cole 10-5), 8:10 p.m.
 Washington (Hellickson 5-2) at St. Louis (Gomber 2-0), 8:15 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Pena 1-3) at San Diego (Erlin 2-3), 9:10 p.m.
 San Francisco (Holland 6-8) at L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 3-0), 10:10 p.m.

THURSDAY
 N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 4:05 p.m., 1st game
 Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
 Washington at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.
 Colorado at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 7:35 p.m., 2nd game
 Arizona at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

MLB LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING Betts, Boston, .350; Martinez, Boston, .333; Altuve, Houston, .329; Machado, Los Angeles, .315; Segura, Seattle, .312; Trout, Los Angeles, .309; Simmons, Los Angeles, .303; Ramirez, Cleveland, .301; Benintendi, Boston, .301; Brantley, Cleveland, .300.

RUNS Lindor, Cleveland, 101; Betts, Boston, 99; Martinez, Boston, 87; Benintendi, Boston, 84; Trout, Los Angeles, 82; Ramirez, Cleveland, 81; Segura, Seattle, 78; Stanton, New York, 77; Bregman, Houston, 76; 2 tied at 74.

RBI Martinez, Boston, 104; Davis, Oakland, 93; Ramirez, Cleveland, 87; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 81; Haniger, Seattle, 78; Cruz, Seattle, 76; Stanton, New York, 76; Lindor, Cleveland, 74; Lowrie, Oakland, 74; Bregman, Houston, 73.

HITS Martinez, Boston, 145; Segura, Seattle, 144; Lindor, Cleveland, 141; Betts, Boston, 138; Rosario, Minnesota, 138; Altuve, Houston, 134; Merrifield, Kansas City, 134; Castellanos, Detroit, 133; Benintendi, Boston, 130; Ramirez, Cleveland, 129.

DOUBLES Lindor, Cleveland, 39; Bregman, Houston, 37; Escobar, Arizona, 37; Betts, Boston, 34; Abreu, Chicago, 33; Bogaerts, Boston, 33; Castellanos, Detroit, 33; Martinez, Boston, 33; Benintendi, Boston, 32; 3 tied at 31.

TRIPLES Smith, Tampa Bay, 9; Sanchez, Chicago, 9; Hernandez, Toronto, 7; Benintendi, Boston, 6; Chapman, Oakland, 6; Span, Seattle, 6; 5 tied at 5.

HOME RUNS Martinez, Boston, 37; Ramirez, Cleveland, 35; Davis, Oakland, 34; Gallo, Texas, 31; Cruz, Seattle, 30; Stanton, New York, 30; Trout, Los Angeles, 30; Lindor, Cleveland, 29; Betts, Boston, 27; Judge, New York, 26.

STOLEN BASES Gordon, Seattle, 27; Ramirez, Cleveland, 27; Merrifield, Kansas City, 25; Smith, Tampa Bay, 25; Betts, Boston, 23; Anderson, Chicago, 22; Trout, Los Angeles, 21; Benintendi, Boston, 20; Lindor, Cleveland, 19; DeShields, Texas, 18.

PITCHING Severino, New York, 15-6; Carrasco, Cleveland, 14-6; Kluber, Cleveland, 14-6; Porcello, Boston, 14-5; Snell, Tampa Bay, 13-5; 6 tied at 12.

ERA Sale, Boston, 1.97; Snell, Tampa Bay, 2.18; Bauer, Cleveland, 2.22; Verlander, Houston, 2.50; Kluber, Cleveland, 2.74; Cole, Houston, 2.75; Morton, Houston, 2.88; Severino, New York, 3.27; Sabathia, New York, 3.32; Clevinger, Cleveland, 3.38.

STRIKEOUTS Sale, Boston, 219; Bauer, Cleveland, 214; Cole, Houston, 207; Verlander, Houston, 206; Paxton, Seattle, 175; Severino, New York, 173; Morton, Houston, 171; Carrasco, Cleveland, 155; Berrios, Minnesota, 153; Kluber, Cleveland, 153.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING Markakis, Atlanta, .325; Freeman, Atlanta, .319; Yelich, Milwaukee, .310; Zobrist, Chicago, .309; Gennett, Cincinnati, .306; Arenado, Colorado, .306; Martinez, St. Louis, .306; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, .305; Cain, Milwaukee, .304; Suarez, Cincinnati, .303.

RUNS Blackmon, Colorado, 86; Albies, Atlanta, 83; Yelich, Milwaukee, 82; Carpenter, St. Louis, 81; Arenado, Colorado, 77; Harper, Washington, 75; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 74; 4 tied at 73.

RBI Baez, Chicago, 89; Suarez, Cincinnati, 88; Aguilar, Milwaukee, 87; Arenado, Colorado, 82; St. Louis, Colorado, 81; Markakis, Atlanta, 76; Rizzo, Chicago, 75; Freeman, Atlanta, 74; Harper, Washington, 72; Hoskins, Philadelphia, 72.

HITS Markakis, Atlanta, 149; Freeman, Atlanta, 145; Albies, Atlanta, 134; Gennett, Cincinnati, 133; Peraza, Cincinnati, 132; Castro, Miami, 130; Turner, Washington, 130; Yelich, Milwaukee, 130; 3 tied at 129.

DOUBLES Markakis, Atlanta, 37; Albies, Atlanta, 33; Carpenter, St. Louis, 33; Freeman, Atlanta, 32; Story, Colorado, 33; Baez, Chicago, 32; Hoskins, Philadelphia, 28; Rendon, Washington, 28; Crawford, San Francisco, 27; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 27.

TRIPLES KMarte, Arizona, 10; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 8; Baez, Chicago, 7; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, 6; Difo, Washington, 6; Nimmo, New York, 6; Rosario, New York, 6; 8 tied at 5.

HOME RUNS Carpenter, St. Louis, 33; Aguilar, Milwaukee, 29; Arenado, Colorado, 29; Harper, Washington, 29; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 26; Muncy, Los Angeles, 26; Suarez, Cincinnati, 26; Baez, Chicago, 25; Story, Colorado, 24; Shaw, Milwaukee, 23.

STOLEN BASES Turner, Washington, 32; Hamilton, Cincinnati, 29; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 28; MTaylor, Washington, 24; Inciarte, Atlanta, 23; Cain, Milwaukee, 21; Baez, Chicago, 19; Jankowski, San Diego, 19; Peraza, Cincinnati, 18; Dyson, Arizona, 16.

PITCHING Scherzer, Washington, 15-5; Godley, Arizona, 13-6; Nola, Philadelphia, 13-3; Chacin, Milwaukee, 12-4; Greinke, Arizona, 12-8; Lester, Chicago, 12-5; Mikolas, St. Louis, 12-3; 5 tied at 10.

ERA deGrom, New York, 1.81; Scherzer, Washington, 2.19; Nola, Philadelphia, 2.28; Mikolas, St. Louis, 2.86; Foltyniewicz, Atlanta, 2.86; Greinke, Arizona, 3.00; Freeland, Colorado, 3.02; Corbin, Arizona, 3.15; Arrieta, Philadelphia, 3.33; Newcomb, Atlanta, 3.40.

STRIKEOUTS Scherzer, Washington, 227; deGrom, New York, 195; Corbin, Arizona, 183; Greinke, Arizona, 158; Foltyniewicz, Atlanta, 152; Nola, Philadelphia, 149; Gray, Colorado, 148; Pivetta, Philadelphia, 147; Godley, Arizona, 143; Marquez, Colorado, 139.

NFL PRESEASON

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	1	0	0	1.000	26	17
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	17	0
Miami	0	1	0	.000	24	26
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	23	28

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	17	10
Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000	19	17
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	20	24
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	17	31

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	31	14
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	50	23
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	20	10
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	30	27

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	16	10
Denver	0	1	0	.000	28	42
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	10	17
L.A. Chargers	0	1	0	.000	17	24

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	21	24
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	10	20
Washington	0	1	0	.000	17	26
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	14	31

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	28	23
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	24	20
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	26	24
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	0	17

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	31	17
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	42	28
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	10	16
Chicago	0	2	0	.000	43	47

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	24	21
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	24	17
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	17	19
L.A. Rams	0	1	0	.000	7	33

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 N.Y. Jets 17, Atlanta 10
 Oakland 16, Detroit 10

SATURDAY'S GAMES
 Minnesota 42, Denver 28
 Arizona 24, L.A. Chargers 17

THURSDAY, AUG. 16
 Philadelphia at New England, 7:30 p.m.
 N.Y. Jets at Washington, 8 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Green Bay, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 17
 N.Y. Giants at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Kansas City at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
 Miami at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
 Buffalo at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
 Arizona at New Orleans, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 18
 Jacksonville at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
 Oakland at L.A. Rams, 4 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Dallas, 7 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Tennessee, 8 p.m.
 San Francisco at Houston, 8 p.m.
 Chicago at Denver, 9:05 p.m.
 Seattle at L.A. Chargers, 10 p.m.

MONDAY, AUG. 20
 Baltimore at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.

SPORTS ITEMS

P-15's banquet set for August 23

Sumter American Legion Post 15 will hold its season-ending baseball banquet on Thursday, August 23, at the American Legion facilities located on Artillery Drive.

The banquet is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. It is open to the public, and the cost for a ticket is \$10 per person.

For more information, call (803) 968-5115.

OPENINGS LEFT IN CHURCHES CHALLENGE

A few openings remain for the afternoon sessions of the 19th annual Churches Challenge Golf Tournament and Praise Rally on Aug. 24-25.

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

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

On Saturday, Aug. 25, at Sunset, there will be a morning flight and an afternoon flight for the golfers. Sign in for the morning flight is 7 a.m. with play set to begin at approximately 8 a.m. The afternoon flight will begin sign in at 11 a.m. and is scheduled for a 1 p.m. tee time.

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

There is a \$51,000 prize if someone sinks a hole-in-one on the 18th hole. Should someone ace the hole, his or her church will receive a check for \$50,000 and the player will receive \$1,000.

The CGA encourages female golfers and

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Smith was never charged. Knowing that, Meyer allowed Smith to stay on staff at Florida and then brought Smith in at Ohio State. Meyer also knew about the 2015 abuse allegations, but Smith — the grandson of former Ohio State coach and Meyer mentor Earle Bruce — kept his job until Courtney Smith filed for a restraining order on July 20.

"At the end of the day, (Meyer is) the highest-paid state employee in Ohio, and you have a lot more responsibility than coaching," said B. David Ridpath, an associate professor of sports administration at Ohio University in Athens. "And clearly there was enough smoke with Zach Smith that they should have gotten rid of him a long time ago."

Ohio State didn't put Meyer on leave until Courtney Smith talked to a reporter, saying she was abused for years by her ex-husband. Zach Smith has denied her abuse allegations and has

never been prosecuted for abuse. The Meyer investigation plays out at a time when the school itself — and college athletics at large — is under scrutiny around the handling of misconduct allegations.

Ohio State has a growing list of more than 100 former students and athletes who say they were groped and otherwise mistreated by Dr. Richard Strauss, a deceased athletic department doctor who worked at the university for nearly 20 years. There are questions about whether Republican U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan knew about the abuse when he was an assistant wrestling coach at Ohio State during the same time.

At least three federal lawsuits have been filed against Ohio State by men who say they were abused by Strauss.

Don't expect fans and critics to separate the scandals when a decision is made on Meyer.



Miami head coach Mark Richt, left, talks with tight end Nicholas Ducheine (46) during an Aug. 6 practice in Coral Gables, Florida. Richt's Hurricanes are the favorite to win the ACC's Coastal Division race.

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straight league championship games. Over the past three years, the Tigers are 25-2 against league teams, with 18 wins by double-digit margins and the losses coming by a combined four points.

They are returning seven offensive starters and eight on defense, including first-team all-ACC performers in offensive tackle Mitch Hyatt, defensive ends Clein Ferrell and Christian Wilkins, and defensive tackle Dexter Lawrence. The biggest question around Clemson is whether quarterback Kelly Bryant keeps his job after guiding the Tigers to the College Football Playoff or if Swinney will switch to freshman Trevor Lawrence at some point during the year.

As for the rest of the league, there continues to be an imbalance of power that has the Clemson-led Atlantic Division looking significantly stronger than the Coastal. But the Atlantic has plenty of change with Florida State bringing in new coach Willie Taggart, Louisville replacing former Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson and North Carolina State overhauling its defense.

They all have the same goal.

"You have to beat Clemson," Louisville coach Bobby Petrino said. "There's no question about that."

season division favorite to actually finish in first by the end of the year since Virginia Tech did it in 2011. That was also the last Coastal team to repeat as division winner, so Mark Richt's Hurricanes are trying to hold onto their perch in a division that frequently features the unexpected and could see several teams convert experience into defensive improvement.

TOP PLAYERS

A.J. Dillon, Boston College. Last year's ACC rookie of the year is this season's pre-season player of the year after running for 1,569 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Ryan Finley, North Carolina State. Finley returned to school for his final season after flirting with entering the NFL draft in the off-season. He completed 65 percent of his passes last year and has three experienced wideouts in 1,000-yard receiver Kelvin Harmon, Jakobi Meyers and Stephen Louis.

Cam Akers, Florida State. The sophomore running back ran for 1,024 yards and seven touchdowns last season.

Clemson's defensive line. Wilkins, Lawrence and Ferrell are all top-tier NFL draft prospects. That could make for some long Saturday afternoons for offensive lines in the Atlantic Division.

TaQuon Marshall, Georgia Tech. The Yellow Jackets' quarterback ran for 1,146 yards and 17 touchdowns to go with 10 touchdowns passing in Paul Johnson's run-heavy attack.

Jaylen Smith, Louisville. The senior receiver is recovering from an emergency appendectomy, but is a pre-season all-ACC pick who

had 980 yards and seven touchdowns receiving in just 10 games last year.

NEW FACES

Taggart spent a season at Oregon before coming to Florida State to replace Jimbo Fisher after he left for Texas A&M. He inherits a team with 10 returning starters on offense and defense after a bumpy 7-6 season.

LONGEVITY

Three coaches have been in place at least a decade in the ACC. Clemson's Swinney took over during the 2008 season and is entering his 10th full season. Duke's David Cutcliffe and Georgia Tech's Paul Johnson are in their 11th seasons after taking over their programs that same year.

SHORTHANDED EARLY

At North Carolina, 13 players will sit out games after committing NCAA secondary violations by selling team-issued shoes. That list includes quarterback Chazz Surratt — who was expected to compete for the starting job — returning starter Malik Carney at defensive end and another projected starter there in Tomon Fox. The suspensions could cut into the Tar Heels' depth in the opening month as they try to regroup from a three-win season, the first serious stumble under seventh-year coach Larry Fedora.

MARQUEE OPENERS

The league has a couple of marquee matchups in Week 1, two against the Southeastern Conference. Louisville plays Alabama in Orlando on Sept. 1, while Miami plays LSU in Arlington, Texas the next day. And on Labor Day, Taggart's Seminoles face Virginia Tech in a conference matchup.



Lee Central defender Quentavious Davis (5) tackles Lakewood wide receiver Quentin Hodge during the Gators' 2-8 victory in the Sumter County Football Jamboree on Friday. Lakewood travels to Walterboro to face Colleton County in its season opener on Friday.

READY FROM PAGE B1

Lakewood is beginning its second season under head coach Larry Cornelius with high expectations. The Gators were just 2-8 last season, having lost their final eight games. Colleton County went 4-7 and lost in the first round of the 4A playoffs.

Manning is coming off of a 7-4 season and lost in the first round of the 3A state playoffs. Scott's Branch will be playing its first game under head coach Brian Smith. The Eagles were 5-6 last season and lost in the first round of the 1A state playoffs.

Lee Central went 11-2 last

season and reached the quarterfinals of the 2A state playoffs. It will be taking on 3A foe Wade Hampton, which was 7-5 and made it to the second round of the playoffs.

East Clarendon is playing at the 2A level this season, but it will be going up against one of its old 1A foes in Timmonsville. The Wolverines went 2-9 last season, losing in the first round of the 1A state playoffs. Timmonsville is coming off a 7-5 campaign and made the second round.

Each of the games are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

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drive an estimated 414 feet into the Braves' bullpen in right-center.

There was no waiting around in Game 2. On the very first pitch from Merandy Gonzalez, making his first big league start, Acuna launched a towering, 441-foot shot into the seats in left-center.

"It's pretty special," said Braves star Freddie Freeman, who also homered in Game 2. "He's some kind of hot right now. What he's doing at the plate, you just don't see it very often."

Over the course of about nine hours, Acuna went 5 for 8 with two homers, five RBIs, five runs, two walks, a double and a stolen base.

He's really flourished since moving into the leadoff spot right after the All-Star break, hitting .344 with 10 homers in 23 games — including homers in four straight games and six of the last seven. He'll be looking to make it five in a row when the Braves host the Marlins again Tuesday night.

Acuna has 17 homers on the season, four of them leading off games. The franchise record for that category is held by Marquis Grissom, who had seven in 1996.

Don't bet against Acuna taking down that mark.

"Freddie and I were just kind of standing there smiling at each other like, 'Again?'" Braves manager Brian Snitker said. "It's been fun to watch."

If anything, Acuna has exceeded the enormous hype that accompanied his exceptional play in spring training, even though the Braves started him at Triple-A to ensure they'll get an extra year before he's eligible for free agency.

Since taking his rightful place in the big leagues, Acuna's been making up for lost time.

"We've been waiting for this kid since the start of spring training," said Mike Foltyniewicz, who picked up the Game 2 win with eight strong innings. "We're happy as happy as hell to have him on our team. Every single night, he's doing something. I don't know how you pitch to him leading off a game."

The Elias Sports Bureau said Anderson was the last to hit two leadoff homers in one day, going deep twice for the Baltimore Orioles against the Chicago White Sox on Aug. 21, 1999.

Before that, it was accomplished by Henderson when the Oakland A's hosted the Cleveland Indians in a twin bill on July 5, 1993. Then it takes a really deep dive into the record books — more than a century — to find Hooper homering to start a pair of games for the Boston Red Sox against the Washington Senators on May 20, 1913.

Henderson and Hooper are

Hall of Famers. Acuna's hot streak couldn't have come at a better time for the Braves, who have won 12 of their last 16 to grab a one-game lead over Philadelphia in the NL East.

With a month and a half left in the season, Atlanta is a serious playoff contender for the first time since 2014. That year, the Braves faded badly down the stretch and embarked on a major rebuilding

job that led to three straight 90-loss seasons.

Now, stocked with some of the game's best young talent, they're in the thick of things again.

No one expects Acuna and the rest of the Baby Braves to be overwhelmed by their first pennant race.

"They play like their hair's on fire," Snitker said. "They're infectious kids. They rub off on all of us."

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PRO TENNIS

Wawrinka, Azarenka, Kuznetsova given U.S. Open wild cards

NEW YORK (AP) — Stan Wawrinka never got to defend his 2016 U.S. Open title, forced to miss last year's tournament because of a knee injury that dropped him far down the rankings.

The U.S. Tennis Association made sure he has a spot this year.

Wawrinka and former women's No. 1 Victoria Azarenka received wild cards Tuesday for the year's final Grand Slam tournament. So did Svetlana Kuznetsova, another U.S. Open champion.

Wawrinka's ranking has fallen from

No. 3 to No. 151 after he needed two left knee surgeries that have limited



WAWRINKA

him to just 21 matches on tour this season. The three-time Grand Slam champion reached the round of 16 last week at the Rogers Cup in Toronto before falling to top-ranked Rafael Nadal, and beat 12th-seeded Diego Schwartzman in the first round of the Western & Southern Open on Monday.

Azarenka has twice won the Australian Open and was the U.S. Open runner-up in 2012 and 2013, but she didn't play in Flushing Meadows last year because of a custody dispute with her son's father. She is ranked No. 87, one spot ahead of Kuznetsova, the 2004 U.S. Open champion who won the title recently in Washington.

The July 16 rankings were used to determine direct entries into the U.S. Open, which begins Aug. 27.

The USTA provided additional spots through wild cards, including to rising

American teenagers Amanda Anisimova and Claire Liu. Anisimova, 16, was the 2017 U.S. Open girls' singles champion. Liu, 18, was the 2017 Wimbledon girls' singles champion and reached the second round in the main draw in London this year.

Also receiving wild cards on the women's side were USTA Girls' 18s national champion Whitney Osuigwe, U.S. Open wild-card challenge winner Asia Muhammad and Harmony Tan of France. An additional spot will go to an Australian woman.

OBITUARIES

MARY LIZA G. BRACEY

MANNING — Mary Liza Green Bracey, 82, widow of John Bracey Sr., died on Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, at McLeod Health Clarendon, Manning.

She was born on Sept. 2, 1935, in Richmond, Virginia, a daughter of the late Thomas and Elizabeth Green.

The family is receiving friends at her residence, 924 Berry St., Manning.

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

ELEANORA L. WILLIAMS

Eleanora Ladson Williams, affectionately known as "Shortie," was born on Nov. 19, 1949, the second of seven children to Velia Mae Ladson and the late Alex Ladson Jr. She departed this life on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018.

She was married to Charles Frank Williams for 46 years and to this union two children were born.

Eleanora attended Eastern High School and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1968. At an early age, Eleanora joined Mulberry Baptist Church, where she was a member of the YWA ministry, senior citizens ministry and the adult choir. She also worked with the Sunbeam and Junior Choir and youth department. She was founding member of the Bradley-Fullard Family Reunion Chapter of South Carolina.

Mrs. Williams was recently employed as a personal assistant to Attorneys Terry Horne and the late Martha Horne.

"Shortie" leaves to cherish her precious memories: her husband, Charles Williams; two daughters, Greta Williams of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Erica Williams of Atlanta; two grandchildren, Jasmin Bennett of Charlotte and Miyah Bennett of Boston; four sisters, Mozella (Leon) Hicks, Bernice Hicks, Gloria (Willie) Amos and Lottie (Drafus) Ford; two brothers, Ervin Ladson and Floyd Tisdale; six aunts, Deaconess Earline Bradley, Martha Bradley, Mary Agnes Gibson, Mollie Ross, Virginia Robinson, all of Sumter, and Bessie James of Clariton, Pennsylvania; one uncle, William Jennings; two sisters-in-law, Rosetta (James Lee) Lowery and Henrietta (Louis) Gallo-way; four brothers-in-law, James (Glinda) Williams, Alexander (Betty) Williams, George Williams and Leon (Joyce) Lowery; a goddaughter, Lakiesha Williams; best friend, Clover James of Philadelphia; special nieces and nephews, Freda Hicks, Floyd A. Keels, Jamie T. Amos and Jason R. Amos; and a host of other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Eleanora was preceded in death by her father, Alex Ladson Jr.; and a brother, Eldorado Tony Ladson.

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

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

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Mulberry Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. William Dukes officiating and Pastor Leroy Blanding, eulogist. Interment will follow at Mulberry Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the home, 1101 Pul-

pit St., Sumter, SC 29150. Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., Sumter, is in charge

of arrangements.

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

KAY S. HANCOCK

Kay Stafford Hancock, 77, wife of Robert D. "Nicky" Hancock, died on Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018, at her home.

Services will be announced

by Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter.

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THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

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A Day at the Beach

Twice each day the ocean water rises and falls along the coastline. This is called the **tide**. At high tide, the ocean water covers the seashore. At low tide, the water recedes and much of the shoreline is left exposed. But not all of it. As the tide goes out, pools of water are left behind. These pools, called **tide pools**, shelter many living creatures from the hot sun.

Standards Link: Life Science: Different animals inhabit different kinds of environments.

Tide Pool Creatures Memory Game

1. Cut out each of the playing cards and glue them to some heavier paper, such as construction paper.

2. Shuffle the cards and lay them face down on a table. Make four rows with five cards in each row as shown here:

3. With one or more friends, take turns flipping over two cards at a time. If you match two creature cards, keep the cards. If you don't get a match, flip the cards back over but leave in the same position.

4. The game ends when all of the matches have been taken. The person with the most pairs wins.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions. Life Science: Animals have external features that help them thrive in different kinds of places; there is a variation among individuals of one kind within a population; students know examples of diverse life forms in different environments.

The hermit crab is a type of crab that doesn't have a hard shell. It uses other animals' old shells for protection.

When a hermit crab grows, it must find and move into a larger shell.

The biggest crab is the Japanese spider crab. It has a 12 foot (3.7 meter) leg span.

Crabs are 10-legged animals that walk sideways. There are nearly 5,000 different species of crabs.

Limpets cling to rocks using their muscular "foot." They scrape off and eat algae as they crawl slowly along rocks.

No one knows how they do this, but limpets return each night to the same place on their rock.

A clam is an animal that has two shells to protect its soft body. There are more than 15,000 species of clams worldwide.

The biggest clam is the giant clam, which grows up to 4.8 feet (1.5 meters) long and weighs up to 550 pounds (250 kilograms).

Barnacles start life as tiny shrimp-like animals. They attach themselves head first to a solid surface such as a rock, dock or ship.

Some barnacles have been found attached to whales. Once attached, a barnacle forms a hard shell around its body.

Sea anemones look like flowers, but they are predatory animals. The anemone uses its tentacles to capture and sting prey.

Once a sea anemone's food is caught, it closes its body around it and digests its meal within 15 minutes.

A sea urchin is a spiny animal that has teeth on its bottom side. It uses its teeth to scrape algae from rocks.

Some sea urchins have poison in their spines. Urchins use their spines to dig holes for burrowing and as a protection from attackers.

Living sand dollars are brown and are covered with short spines that feel like velvet. Sand dollars burrow into the sand to hide from predators.

It takes a sand dollar one to three minutes to cover itself. That is fast enough to escape from a slow-moving sea star.

The sand castle worm builds a tubular home for itself with sand and a sticky mucus it makes with its own body.

When under water, sand castle worms extend tentacles from the tube to trap tiny bits of food.

The sea cucumber may look like the vegetable cucumber, but it is an animal that is related to the sea star.

To escape attackers, a sea cucumber turns itself inside out and throws its internal organs at the enemy. The organs grow back.

Perfect Pairs

Look through the newspaper to find two things that go together. Explain why the two things belong together.

Standards Link: Investigation: Students recognize similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

TIDE	E	S	E	L	A	H	W	C	E
POOLS	E	T	D	O	L	L	A	R	L
WORLDWIDE	D	O	L	L	A	R	L	L	
URCHIN	N	I	D	I	E	P	B	O	A
DOLLAR	T	U	P	O	W	A	L	L	M
SAND	A	T	R	E	R	D	L	A	S
ANEMONE	C	S	E	C	N	E	L	U	L
BARNACLE	L	R	Y	A	H	E	S	R	O
CRAB	E	W	S	S	H	I	P	M	O
TENTACLES	S	E	N	O	M	E	N	A	P
SHELL									
CLAMS									
WHALES									
PREY									
SHIP									

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Times Two

Search through the newspaper for 20 numbers that are multiples of 2. Clip and glue the numbers on a sheet of paper in order from smallest to largest.

Standards Link: Math: Number sense.

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JIM STANLEY

Jim Stanley, 73, formally of Chesapeake, West "By GOD: Virginia," peacefully departed this life on Sunday, Aug. 12,



STANLEY

2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey. Jim was born on Feb. 11, 1945, in Eskdale, West Virginia, to the late Edward Stanley and Elizabeth Hatfield.

He was a proud Vietnam veteran who served his country with honor and valor in the United States Air Force. Jim, aka "Pop," was a strong man, a man you could depend on. He was a man you could rely on whether you needed a friend and a cold beer after a rough day or simply a fishing buddy. His love and dedication to his family and friends was undeniable, unwavering and true.

His memory will be forever treasured by his siblings, Chris, Craig and Debbie Chambers, all of Pennsylvania; three beloved children, Sherry Seals of Austin, Texas, Jimmy Stanley Jr. (Jessica) of Sumter and Donna Olson of Charleston, West Virginia. Jim's heart belonged to his precious grandchildren, Erica, Alex, Tiffany, Dylan, Jesse, Hannah, Zachary and Brandon; and a great-grandson, Sebastian. He was lovingly known as "Uncle Jim" to Doug, Bill, JT, Tammy, Libby and so many others. He will forever be remembered by his lifelong, closest and dearest friend, Lee Smith.

Per Jim's wishes, a celebration of life cookout will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at 2395 Amy Lane, Sumter. Friends and family are welcome. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to the Disables American Veterans in honor of Jim Stanley.

You may go to www.bullockfuneralhome.com and sign the family's guest book. The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



GERALD D. HINER SR.

My dear father is safe in the arms of Jesus now. He left us at about 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018. He was known



HINER

to many of his friends simply as "California."

Dad was born on Sept. 8, 1933, along the Oklahoma panhandle, near Harper and Beaver counties.

He was the sixth child of Charles Everett and Alice Katherine, both of LaVerne, Oklahoma. As a toddler, the entire family resettled in Ontario, California (San Bernardino County). He was one of eight children, some of which have made this journey before him. They are Louise, Charles Jr. "Sonny" and Glenn. The four still with us now are Nellie, Polly and Leroy "Leary." They were very close and loved each other very much, even though the vast distance between them made it difficult to see each other.

He lost his father in 1938, when he was nearly five years old. His mother struggled to keep the family together. By the grace of God with help from friends, family and even a few strangers, they managed to survive some very difficult circumstances. His growing up years were pretty normal for the most part. He went to school and worked some different jobs. He said he really enjoyed one job in particular. His sister and he worked at a Mexican restaurant call "The Cactus Patch." He loved Ray Sanchez, the owner of the business. He got drafted into the Army during the summer of 1953 at the age of 19. He spent nearly two years in Germany, where he was trained in heavy infantry. He received three medals and was honorably discharged in the spring of 1955.

While serving in the Army, he met my mother's oldest brother, James Robert Geddings. James was in charge of the munitions (he handed out

the guns). Jim and my dad struck up a friendship in short time. My dad received little or no mail from home so, as a joke or a prank maybe, Jim got his sisters to write letters to some of the soldiers. I don't know how many soldiers my mother wrote to but my father happened to be one of them. They were married on Dec. 11, 1955, and never spent much time apart since that day. I am just one of six who were fortunate enough to be able to call this wonderful woman and this amazing man "mom" and "dad." We will never be able to repay all of the sacrifices made by them on our behalf. They are truly one of a kind.

We want to thank some very special people who came and made my father's final months here pleasant and a lot of fun too: Larry and Nancy Florence, Eric McCabe, Pastor Marvis, Carolyn, Pam, Linda, Daphne and several doctors through the years. Special thanks to Dr. MacDonald DuBose.

My dad made so many friends over the years. I'm sorry I don't know all of your names, but I want you to know he loved you and he valued your friendship. To all of his grandkids and great-grandparents, my dad loves each and every one of you. I know he has a big smile on his face because he's so proud of you. To all of you who have said prayers, made a phone call or stopped by to visit, thank you so much for the kindness.

Please continue to pray for us as we say goodbye. There is no pain or suffering at his eternal home, only joy, peace and happiness. I look forward to hearing his voice again, to hear him laugh and look into those eyes.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years; six children, Debbie (David), Perry, Polly (Jim), Brenda, Buddy and Darren; five grandchildren, April (Bob), Dawn, Amy (Gene), Tabitha (Joe) and Brooke (Thomas); and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Friday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Sammy Geddings officiating. Burial will be at the Florence National Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at 1830 Nettles Road.

Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

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

EMILY VALEDA FLOYD

SCRANTON — Emily Valeda Floyd, 75, of Scranton, passed away on Monday, Aug. 6, 2018.

Mrs. Floyd was born in Charleston, a daughter of the late Francis Eugene Wells and Bessie Mae Anderson. She retired from The Dental Team of Sumter after 19 years of employment. Mrs. Floyd was a faithful and active member of Grace and Glory Ministries for many years, before transferring her membership to Christian Fellowship Pentecostal Holiness Church in Scranton, where she continued to serve in many capacities. Mrs. Floyd had many passions, including a love for painting, quilting, knitting, cooking and baking, flowers, birds and visiting the beach. Most of all, she longed for and cherished every moment spent with her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her birth parents; her adopted parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brown; her husband, Edwyn "Ed" Floyd; and her brother, Eugene "Gene" Wells.

Surviving are her sons, Dan (Carol) Nesbitt of Sumter, John (Kim) Nesbitt of Apex, North Carolina, and Valeda (Joe) Hogeland of Burlington, Iowa; sisters, Peggy (Richard) Smith of Sumter and Tina (Charles) Smith and Debra (Mitch) Dowdle, both of Charleston; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Arlene "Honey" Wells; her very special friends, Polly Fryer, and Jerry and Laurie LaPalme; and her nieces and nephews.

A memorial celebration will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday

at Christian Fellowship Pentecostal Holiness Church, 908 Casselman Road, Scranton, SC 29591.

Stoudenmire-Dowling Funeral Home of Florence is in charge of arrangements.

HELEN CATO BOSWELL

Helen Cato Boswell, 88, of Covenant Place, widow of William Holland Boswell Sr., died on Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born in Florence, she was a daughter of the late John B. and Margaret Baker Cato. Mrs. Boswell was a member of Alice Drive Baptist Church.

Surviving are one son, William H. "Chip" Boswell Jr. (Kathy) of Sumter; two daughters, Sandra B. Gilmer of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Debra "Debbie" B. Broome (Steve) of Sumter; four grandchildren, Stephen H. Broome Jr., William Tyler Broome, William H. Boswell III (Amanda) and Cameron Willard Boswell (Sarah); and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery with the Rev. Walt Phillips officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Veterans of Foreign Wars, 1925 Gion St., Sumter, SC 29150; the Sumter SPCA, 1140 S. Guignard Drive, Sumter, SC 29150; or to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com

The family would like to extend their gratitude and thanks to Covenant Place.

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



JOHN M. SMITH JR.

BISHOPVILLE — John M. Smith Jr., 97, of Bishopville, passed away on Aug. 13, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on Aug. 1, 1921, in Lexington County, he was a son of J. Martin Smith and Mattie Wicker Smith.

John M. is survived by his daughters, Chris (Rick Abbott), Pat (the late John Segars) and Johnnie (James Mathis); and his son, John Martin Smith III (Pam). Also surviving are his grandchildren, Laura Pfefferkorn, Patrick Bigger, Jim Mathis (Elaine), Susan (Drew Noller) and Kelley Segars. He also had eight great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife, Nina Outlaw Smith; and his only sibling, Christine Muldrow Shirley (Louis).

He retired from DuPont, Camden, in 1983 and served many years as a deacon at Elliott Baptist Church, Elliott.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Elliott Baptist Church with the Rev. Sam Ward officiating.

Memorials can be made to Elliott Baptist Church or Lee Council on Aging, P.O. Box 343, Bishopville.

The family would like to thank his caregiver, Swanzetta Felder.

Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home is serving the family.

JAMES C. PRESCOTT III

COLUMBIA — James "JC" C. Prescott III, of Columbia, age 36, went to be with his Lord suddenly on Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018.

JC was born in Sumter to James C. Prescott Jr. and Elizabeth Moore Prescott. JC married Katina Wells Prescott in Barre, Vermont, in December 2005.

JC was the attentive husband of Katina E. Wells Prescott; beloved father of Adrienne Prescott and Elias Prescott; adored son of Jimmy and Liz Prescott; and cherished brother of Cathy Prescott Harrell (Brian); and uncle of two adored nieces, Madison and Caroline.

JC earned his undergraduate degree from North Greenville University, a master's from Columbia International University and a master's from Liberty University. JC loved to teach, whether he was teaching Sunday school, youth group, college classes or his own children.

A celebration of life service will be held at 4 p.m. on Thursday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Dr. Eddie Fleming and the Rev. Wayne Parker officiating.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 4 p.m. on Thursday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home of his sister, 1125 Boots Branch Road.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 4217 Park Place Court, Glen Allen, VA 23060-9979.

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

DOUGLAS COOK

DALZELL — Douglas Cook, age 76, died on Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018, at his residence.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.



SHARMINE PACK

Sharmine Pack, 34, departed this life on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018, in Sumter.

Born on Jan. 19, 1984, in Sumter, he was a son of Jeffrey Keels and Betty Pack.

The family will receive friends at the home of his sis-

ter, 28 Dant St.

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

ALFONSO BILLE

Alfonso Billie, 96, widower of Carrie Lee Jackson Billie, departed this life on Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

He was born on Nov. 4, 1921, in Clarendon County, a son of the late Jacob and Alma Holliday Billie.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 9 p.m. daily at the home, 398 Catie St.

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

EVELYN H. HAWKINS

COLUMBIA — On Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018, Evelyn Harris Hawkins, wife of Frazier Hawkins, departed this life at Palmetto Health Richland.

Born on June 17, 1963, in Miami, she was a daughter of Elizabeth White Harris and the late David Harris Sr.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the residence, 4135 Kingstree Highway, Manning.

Funeral services are incomplete and will be announced by Fleming & DeLaine Funeral Home and Chapel.

ELLIS K. CAMERON

Ellis Kelly Cameron, age 89, beloved husband of Mary Cameron, died on Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018, at his residence.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.



Keeping Sumter Beautiful

Amanda McNulty, County Extension Agent

Mechanical, Cultural, and Chemical

Some wars require a multi-pronged attack strategy. That's the case with one of the worst weeds I've ever encountered – chamberbitter, *Phyllanthus urinaria*. A recent caller to Making It Grow asked a very reasonable question, "Should I just let the carpet of chamberbitter growing in my yard go and wait until next year and apply a pre-emergent?"

By this time of the summer, Extension agents usually advise clients that it's too late to make post-emergent herbicide applications as the weeds are large and less susceptible to the chemicals; plus many have already set seeds and ensured their long-term survival. Those seeds will remain dormant in the soil until the conditions of soil temperature activate their internal clock and they begin germination. For most summer weeds, that occurs way back in what seemed like the end of winter – late February or early March.

Also, for any turf grass but particularly if you have a Centipede or St. Augustine lawn, you must take special care if applying post-emergent herbicides after summer's hot weather is upon us. ALWAYS read the label carefully to determine the reduced rates herbicide-sensitive grasses require. Many of these products also have temperature restrictions as herbicides may drift or volatilize on warm days. Certain herbicides that are safe to use in cooler months can seriously injure your grass if applied in the summer.

But in this case, our panel suggested

that hand-pulling and making post-emergent applications at certain times in the season could be useful. The reason for this unusual advice is that chamberbitter produces so many seeds that any reduction in number may be helpful in what is going to be a long-term effort to get this weed under control. The small balls that hang below the leaves are actually fruits which contain at least a dozen seeds. When ripe, the fruits explode, sometimes sending the seeds into previously uncontaminated areas. Only immature weeds will be controlled by post-emergent herbicides; large ones are too tough.

The Clemson HGIC factsheet on chamberbitter says that mechanical efforts, pulling seedlings as soon as you see them, is part of a control strategy. Cultural control means having a thick, healthy turf or using mulch to cover bare areas since the seeds require light for germination. And lastly comes the proper selection, timing, and application of both pre and post-emergent herbicides. Only one chemical works as a pre-emergent deterrent to chamberbitter and products containing it must be applied after the usual time for pre-emergent summer weed treatment. You may need the help of a professional, licensed applicator in this battle.

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Help Wanted Full-Time

Title: Executive Director
Location: Bishopville, South Carolina
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August 22, 2018 @ 10 am.
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Beer & Wine License

Notice Of Application
Notice is hereby given that **Doljencorp, LLC** intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license permit that will allow the sale and OFF premises consumption of Beer & Wine at **Dollar General Store #4456**, located at **1190 Peach Orchard Rd., SC 29154**. To object to the issuance of this permit / license, written protest must be postmarked no later than **August 24, 2018**. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information: (1) the name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest; (2) the specific reasons why the application should be denied; (3) that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant); (4) that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and (5) the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed. Protests must be mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, ABL, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, South Carolina 29214-0907; or Faxed to: (803) 896-0110.

Notice Of Application

Notice is hereby given that **Manohar, LLC DBA Lakewood Convenience Store** intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license permit that will allow the sale and OFF premises consumption of Beer & Wine at **230 Old Manning Road, Sumter, SC 29150**. To object to the issuance of this permit / license, written protest must be postmarked no later than **August 24, 2018**. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information: (1) the name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest; (2) the specific reasons why the application should be denied; (3) that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant); (4) that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and (5) the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed. Protests must be mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, ABL, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, South Carolina 29214-0907; or Faxed to: (803) 896-0110.

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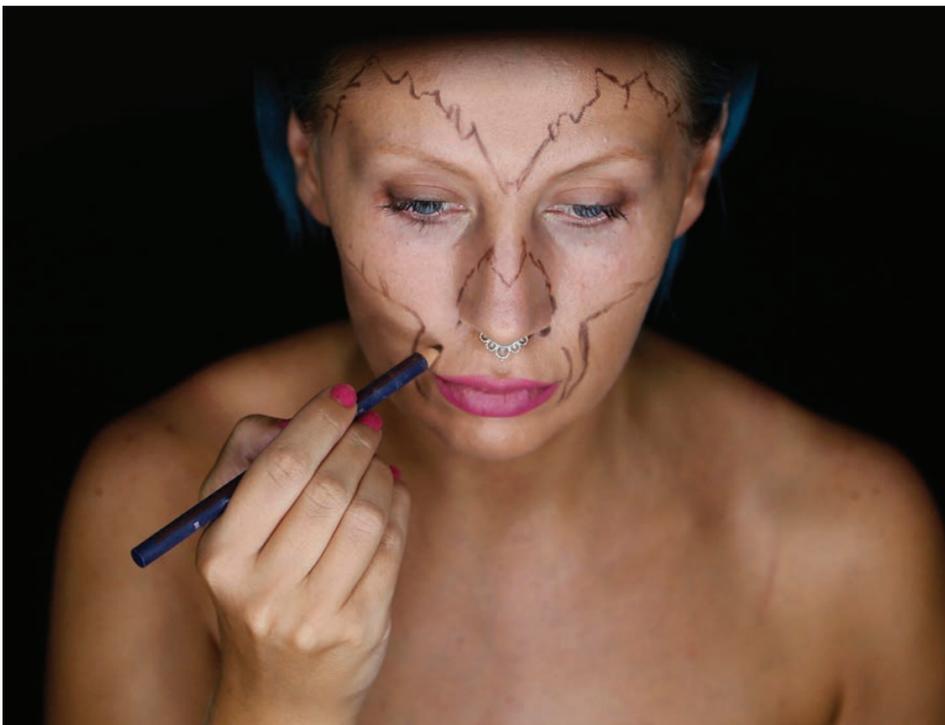
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Serbian
makeup pro
knows art
of illusion



PHOTOS BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Serbian make-up artist Mirjana Milosevic, known professionally as Kika, draws lines on her face (above) with a makeup pencil as she transforms herself into a zombie (top). Milosevic has won international recognition for the skin illusions that she applies on her own body, later posting the whole process on her YouTube channel and social networks.

BY DARKO VOJINOVIC
Associated Press

SMEDEREVO, Serbia — It took Mirjana Milosevic less than an hour to transform into a zombie. The Serbian makeup artist also can turn into a skeleton or a genie and make body parts disappear.

Milosevic, 36, has attracted fans around the world for the illusions she creates on and with her own body. She records the whole process and posts videos on YouTube and social networks under the professional name Kika.

Milosevic creates her videos, which have gotten millions of views, in a studio in her home in the central Serbian town of Smederevo. There, in front of a dressing table and surrounded by mirrors, she picks the tools that will immerse her in a new role.

With makeup pencils, brushes and face paints, Milosevic slowly creates an image that completely changes her appearance. Flawless black lines appear as contours, then symbols resembling neck tattoos. An

outline colored in with white becomes a mask that reveals hollowed-out and sharp teeth.

A zombie is born. Her signature skin illusions take longer, Milosevic says. She puts in days of contemplation and planning, followed by hours and hours of work, to put a hollow in her stomach or to appear without a head.

The artist says she always liked to draw, but never on paper. As a young girl, Milosevic drew on walls, tables and her legs and arms.

"My parents say I learned to draw before I could walk," Milosevic said.

Milosevic says her favorite self-imposed illusion is the "Wooden Puppet Doll" — a blue-haired doll with a string for a stomach and wood body parts — that in 2016 won her an award sponsored by makeup brand NYX and opened doors.

"The wooden puppet changed my life," she said.

To see Milosevic change into the "Wooden Puppet Doll," visit <https://bit.ly/2KAj0k0>

Out of the mouth of babes: Google Parenting in age of electronic home assistants has some challenges

BY MELISSA RAYWORTH
Associated Press

Hey parents: What if there was a machine that could respond to your kids' every command, never tiring, even if they ask it to tell jokes for two hours or answer all their homework questions?

It's a blessing and a curse for moms and dads that machines kind of like that do exist in the form of Google's Assistant and Amazon's Alexa.

These in-house digital assistants don't always understand questions or serve up useful answers (which some parents say is a good thing). But they do create challenges and opportunities for parents — especially those raising younger kids. Even as Amazon and Google are adding options that control access and require kids to speak politely to their voice-controlled speakers, devices like the Echo Dot and Google Home can make a big and unexpected impact.

It took Mary Beth Foster a few days to notice, but it was undeniable: Her son's first words weren't "goo goo." Her 1-year-old was saying, "Ok, Google," after hearing his parents say it over and over. When she realized that, Foster says, "my husband thought I was nuts. Babies say 'goo' all the time, right? Until he heard him mimic us talking at the Google Home in context."

Meanwhile Foster, who lives in Mint Hill, North Carolina, says the device has created some confusion for her 4-year-old daughter over who, exactly, accesses Netflix, Amazon Prime content and YouTube TV through their Google Home, their daughter has begun asking questions like, "Mom, can you ask Google if we can watch

'Beauty and the Beast?'"

Speed bumps like this have led some parents to avoid these devices.

Suzanne Brown, mother of two boys ages 7 and 4, is keeping Alexa's seemingly easy answers out of her Austin, Texas, home while her boys are young. She'd prefer to visit the library or search the internet together with her kids to build their "curiosity and problem-solving muscles." When they have a question, she says, "we try to work through it or go figure out how to find the answer. And we actually go searching for the answer, and sometimes that leads us to other questions."

But for parents who have invited a digital assistant into their home, here are some of the challenges:

ANSWERS CAN COME QUICKLY, BUT MIGHT BE WRONG OR INCOMPLETE

Are the kids calling out questions and accepting a single response as the entire story, without questioning where that answer comes from? Alexa's info most often comes from Wikipedia, which kids may not know isn't always accurate.

On the bright side, if a child is calling out a question — rather than silently typing it into a device — a parent can hear it and engage.

Also, it's a welcome change in some households if the child isn't looking at a screen (though some devices, including the Echo Show, include a screen that shows question prompts and video). Without screens, children have to process information aurally, which "could make you think a little bit more because you don't have the visual," says Erin Boyd-Soisson, professor of human development and family science at Messiah College in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

Kids can get frustrated because digital assistants don't always hear high-pitched voices correctly, or might be confused by a child's diction or phrasing.

Parents can use this to encourage clearer use of language and better diction. But be aware that digital assistants "may privilege some dialects over others," says Shannon Audley, assistant professor of education and child study at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts.

SHORT ANSWERS WON'T ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING, BUT PARENTS CAN

If a child is asking Alexa to answer a math problem, that instant answer "takes away their own strategies for problem solving," says Audley. One option is to use parenting controls so kids can't access the device during their homework session.

Teach young kids that they need to be able to arrive at answers and synthesize information through their own methods and thinking, says Boyd-Soisson.

As children get older, this naturally gets easier.

Amber Norwood, who is raising two children in the United Kingdom, says she loves that her 8-year-old son engages with both Google and Alexa. "He watches a lot of videos about rockets and space, requests cool music and connects with buddies from school," says Norwood. He's also building some research skills, she says.

"I think he's going to be ready for the kind of world he'll grow up in. I'm a writer, a teacher of writing and a lover of books, but I also feel like this is what the future of learning and engagement looks like," she says. "I want

to teach him to do it well and critically."

YOU CAN HEAR IT ALL, AND SOMETIMES THAT'S TOO MUCH

It's delightful to see a kid discover just how much incredible music and information is floating in the virtual cloud. But all that access can induce overload.

"This spring we stayed with my parents for six weeks while we did house renovations," says Jillian Kirby, who lives in Burlington, Vermont. Her son is not quite 3 and was delighted that his grandparents had Alexa at their house. "If we had ever entertained any ideas of getting one," Kirby says, "they would have been extinguished by that experience."

Soon after meeting Alexa, Kirby's "music-loving son became power-hungry and impatient, and wanted to change the song the moment it came on, yelling 'Alexa! Nex' song!'"

It took several weeks back home and away from digital assistance to start getting through whole albums again.

"We have had a similar issue when people have handed him tablets or phones to play with. We aren't a no-screen-time family, but we stick to co-watching of movies and kids shows," Kirby says. "With both access to Alexa and with the tablets, he has gotten really irritable, and behavior takes a nosedive."

The key to parenting in the age of Alexa and Google, according to parents and child-development experts, is making sure the machine doesn't replace good, inquisitive interaction between parents and kids.

"It's not that the technology is good or bad," says Audley. "It's essentially how we use it."

SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM
LOCAL CHANNELS												
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	America's Got Talent "Live Results 1" Acts move on to the semifinal round. (N) (Live)	World of Dance "The Duels 4" The top qualifying acts face off. (N)			WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Michael Che; Colin Hanks; Henry Golding. (N)	
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Big Brother House guests vie for the power of veto. (N)	SEAL Team "In Name Only" Mandy takes matters into her own hands.	Criminal Minds "False Flag" Two conspiracy group members die. (DVS)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Hawaii"	Jeopardy! "College Championship: Week 1"	The Goldbergs "Dinner With the Goldbergs"	American Housewife "Midlife Crisis" (DVS)	Modern Family The family goes on a wine tasting trip.	(:31) American Housewife "All Coupled Up"	Shark Tank A pricing tool; a cleaning tool. (DVS)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)
WRJA	27	11	14	Travels With Darley "Tokyo, Japan"	Expeditions With Patrick McMillan	Outback "Return of the Wet" (Series Finale) Rain brings much needed relief. (N)	Wonders of Mexico "Burning North" (Series Finale) Survival in northern Mexico's desert. (N)	NOVA "Making North America: Human" Humans face challenges. (DVS)	Amanpour on PBS (N)	BBC World News	Outback Rain brings much needed relief.	
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory Rebound relationship.	The Big Bang Theory "The Focus Attenuation"	MasterChef "Just for the Halibut" The chefs must break down a halibut. (N) (DVS)	Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back (Season Finale) Gordon tries to revamp a bar and grill. (N)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV	TMZ (N)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Ryan and Kristin find a secret safe.	Last Man Standing Mike wants to give Boyd a shotgun.	Burden of Truth "Family Ties" Joanna and Billy have a theory. (N) (DVS)	Supergirl "Far From the Tree" Maggie reaches out to her father.	Dateline "Secrets in a Small Town" A mother of three is found dead.	Dateline "The Goldfinger Mystery" Gold fortune may be a motive for murder.	The Game Malik seeks out an investor.		
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	46	130	130	Hoarders "Leza & Linda" A woman must clean up or move out.	Born This Way Rachel asks Megan to be her roommate.	Born This Way "Till Dress Do Us Part" Powerful emotions arise. (N)	(:01) Raising Tourette's "No More Hiding" Kristin braces for homecoming.	(:04) Born This Way Emotions flare at the Red Carpet Ball.	(:12:03) Born This Way			
AMC	48	180	180	(5:00) *** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994) Tim Robbins.	*** "Men in Black" (1997, Action) Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith, Linda Fiorentino. Secret agents monitor extraterrestrial activity on Earth.	*** "Men in Black II" (2002, Action) Agents Jay and Kay defend Earth from a sultry alien enemy.	Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith, Rip Torn.	Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith, Rip Torn.	(:12:10) "The Karate Kid Part II"			
ANPL	41	100	100	The Zoo: Bronx-Sized "For the Birds" Helping birds of all shapes and sizes. (N)	*** "White Chicks" (2004, Comedy) Shawn Wayans, Marlon Wayans, Jaime King. Two male FBI agents pose as female socialites.	*** "White Chicks" (2004, Comedy) Shawn Wayans, Marlon Wayans, Jaime King. Two male FBI agents pose as female socialites.	Insane Pools: Off the Deep End XL Party pool and relaxing spa. (N)	The Zoo: Bronx-Sized Burrowing bears; an aardvark.				
BET	61	162	162	(4:30) "Madea's Family Reunion"	*** "White Chicks" (2004, Comedy) Shawn Wayans, Marlon Wayans, Jaime King. Two male FBI agents pose as female socialites.	*** "White Chicks" (2004, Comedy) Shawn Wayans, Marlon Wayans, Jaime King. Two male FBI agents pose as female socialites.	*** "Madea's Witness Protection" (2012, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Eugene Levy, Doris Roberts. Madea uses tough love on a Wall Street banker and his family.	*** "Madea's Witness Protection" (2012, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Eugene Levy, Doris Roberts. Madea uses tough love on a Wall Street banker and his family.				
BRAVO	47	181	181	The Real Housewives of New York City Ramona shows off her renovated home.	The Real Housewives of New York City It's the night of Luann's cabaret show.	The Real Housewives of Dallas "Your Amygdala Is Showing"	The Real Housewives of Dallas "Your Amygdala Is Showing"	Watch What Happens Live	The Real Housewives of Dallas "Your Amygdala Is Showing"			
CNBC	35	84	84	Shark Tank A vest with a twist.	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	The Profit "Planet Popcorn" episode.	The Profit			
CNN	3	80	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	Anderson Cooper			
COM	57	136	136	(6:50) South Park "The Coon Trilogy" Animated. Coon and friends help victims.	South Park	South Park "Kenny Dies"	South Park "A Ladder to Heaven"	South Park "It Hits the Fan"	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	(:31) The Office	(:12:01) South Park	
DISN	18	200	200	(6:00) "Beauty and the Beast" (1991)	(:35) "Freaky Friday" (2018) Cozi Zuehlsoff. A woman and her teenage daughter magically swap bodies.	(:15) Stuck in the Middle	(:15) Stuck in the Middle	(:15) Raven's Home	(:45) Andi Mack	(:15) Stuck in the Middle	(:45) Mickey Mouse	Bunk'd
DSC	42	103	103	Alaskan Bush People	Alaskan Bush People "Episode 4" (N)	Alaskan Bush People "Episode 4" (N)	Alaskan Bush People "Episode 4" (N)	Alaskan Bush People "Home Alone"	Alaskan Bush People "Home Alone"	Alaskan Bush People		
ESPN	26	35	35	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Philadelphia Phillies. From Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. (N) (Live)	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Philadelphia Phillies. From Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. (N) (Live)	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Philadelphia Phillies. From Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. (N) (Live)	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Philadelphia Phillies. From Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. (N) (Live)	Little League Softball World Series Final: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	Little League Softball World Series Final: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N)		
ESPN2	27	39	39	Training Days: Rolling With the Tide	Training Days: Rolling With the Tide	College GameDay	College GameDay	MLS Soccer Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles FC. (N) (Live)	MLS Soccer Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles FC. (N) (Live)	Around the Horn		
FOOD	40	109	109	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Games		
FOXN	37	90	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)	Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Tucker Carlson		
FREE	20	131	131	(6:00) ** "Monster-in-Law" (2005) Jennifer Lopez, Jane Fonda.	Alone Together "Daypassers" (N)	(:31) Alone Together (N)	(:02) * "Bride Wars" (2009, Comedy) Kate Hudson, Anne Hathaway. Weddings scheduled the same day turn best friends into enemies.	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	How I Met Your Mother		
FSS	21	47	47	Braves Live!	MLB Baseball Miami Marlins at Atlanta Braves. From SunTrust Park in Atlanta. (N) (Live)	Braves Live! Post.	Braves Live! Post.	MLB Baseball Miami Marlins at Atlanta Braves.	MLB Baseball Miami Marlins at Atlanta Braves.			
HALL	52	183	183	(6:00) "Love in Paradise" (2016) Luke Perry, Emmanuelle Vaugier.	"Love at the Shore" (2017, Romance) Amanda Righetti, Peter Porte. An author's plans are disrupted by an unconventional surfer.	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls "The Engagement"	The Golden Girls "The Engagement"	The Golden Girls "Rose the Prude"	The Golden Girls "Rose the Prude"	
HGTV	39	112	112	Property Brothers: Buying & Selling	Property Brothers "Wishful Building"	Property Brothers: Buying & Selling (N)	Property Brothers: Buying & Selling (N)	Flipping Virgins "A Lesson in Flipping"	Flipping Virgins "A Lesson in Flipping"	Buying and Selling		
HIST	45	110	110	American Pickers "My Sweet Ford"	American Pickers "Mike's Big Buy"	American Pickers (N)	American Pickers (N)	(:05) American Pickers (DVS)	(:05) American Pickers (DVS)	American Pickers		
ION	13	18	18	Law & Order "Hitman" Hit man guns down husband.	Law & Order "Open Season" Acquittal leads to attorney's murder.	Law & Order "Asterisk" A ballplayer's chauffeur is killed.	Law & Order "Asterisk" A ballplayer's chauffeur is killed.	Law & Order "Mother's Day" A teen is hit and killed by a vehicle.	Law & Order "Mother's Day" A teen is hit and killed by a vehicle.	Casey Anthony's Parents Speak		
LIFE	50	145	145	Grey's Anatomy "Time Stops" The doctors must focus on a catastrophe.	Casey Anthony's Parents Speak: Crime victim's grandparents interviewed.	Casey Anthony's Parents Speak: Crime victim's grandparents interviewed.	Casey Anthony's Parents Speak: Crime victim's grandparents interviewed.	Kids Who Kill: Inside the minds of young killers.	Kids Who Kill: Inside the minds of young killers.	Casey Anthony's Parents Speak		
MSNBC	36	92	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	The Last Word	Rachel Maddow		
NICK	16	210	210	The Loud House	Henry Danger	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends		
PARMT	64	153	153	Mom	*** "Unstoppable" (2010, Action) Denzel Washington, Chris Pine, Rosario Dawson.	Yellowstone The heat turns up on Rip.	Yellowstone The heat turns up on Rip.	(:02) ** "Crank" (2006) Jason Statham.	(:02) ** "Crank" (2006) Jason Statham.			
SYFY	58	152	152	"Santa Jaws" (2018, Science Fiction) Reid Miller, Courtney Lauren Cummings, Jim Klock. A shark manifests and kills Cody's entire family.	"Frenzy" (2018, Action) Premiere. A plane crash victim fights to survive killer sharks.	"Frenzy" (2018, Action) Premiere. A plane crash victim fights to survive killer sharks.	"Frenzy" (2018, Action) Premiere. A plane crash victim fights to survive killer sharks.	* "Sharknado 3: Oh Hell No!" (2015) Ian Ziering. A tornado unleashes ravenous sharks in Washington, D.C.	* "Sharknado 3: Oh Hell No!" (2015) Ian Ziering. A tornado unleashes ravenous sharks in Washington, D.C.			
TBS	24	156	156	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Conan "Conan Without Borders: Haiti" Conan visits the island nation of Haiti.	Conan "Conan Without Borders: Haiti" Conan visits the island nation of Haiti.	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee		
TCM	49	186	186	(5:00) *** "Far From the Madding Crowd" (1967) Julie Christie. (DVS)	*** "No Love for Johnnie" (1961, Drama) Peter Finch, Stanley Holloway, Mary Peach. A Member of Parliament chooses politics over happiness.	*** "Immortals" (2011, Adventure) Henry Cavill, Stephen Dorff, Isabel Lucas. Premiere. A stonemason revolts against a bloodthirsty king. (DVS)	*** "Immortals" (2011, Adventure) Henry Cavill, Stephen Dorff, Isabel Lucas. Premiere. A stonemason revolts against a bloodthirsty king. (DVS)	(:45) *** "Network" (1976) Faye Dunaway, Peter Finch.	(:45) *** "Network" (1976) Faye Dunaway, Peter Finch.			
TLC	43	157	157	Dr. Pimple Popper "This Cyst Persists"	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	(:02) Dr. Pimple Popper	(:02) Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper		
TNT	23	158	158	(5:30) *** "Real Steel" (2011, Action) Hugh Jackman. (DVS)	*** "300" (2006, Action) Gerard Butler, Lena Headey, David Wenham. Badly outnumbered Spartan warriors battle the Persian army. (DVS)	Misfits & Monsters	Misfits & Monsters	ImpRACTICAL Jokers	ImpRACTICAL Jokers	ImpRACTICAL Jokers		
TRUTV	38	129	129	ImpRACTICAL Jokers	ImpRACTICAL Jokers	ImpRACTICAL Jokers	ImpRACTICAL Jokers	ImpRACTICAL Jokers	ImpRACTICAL Jokers	ImpRACTICAL Jokers		
TV LAND	55	161	161	M*A*S*H	(:36) M*A*S*H	(:12) Everybody Loves Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	King of Queens		
USA	25	132	132	NCIS "Enemy Combatant" Bishop heads to Gitmo on a murder case.	NCIS "Voices" A person of interest is found murdered. (DVS)	Suits "Good Mudding" Harvey confronts his personal issues. (N)	Suits "Good Mudding" Harvey confronts his personal issues. (N)	(:01) The Sinner "Part III" Vera and Julian are dealt a hard blow. (N)	(:02) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Ripped" A suspect attacks Fin.	(:02) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Ripped" A suspect attacks Fin.	(:12:02) Suits "Good Mudding"	
WE	68	166	166	CSI: Miami "Hard Time"	CSI: Miami "The Best Defense"	CSI: Miami "Hurricane Anthony"	CSI: Miami "Grand Prix"	CSI: Miami "Big Brother"	CSI: Miami "Big Brother"	CSI: Miami "Bait"		
WGNA	8	172	172	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Carter		

When did 'Sharknado' pass from comedy to reality?

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

"Shark Week" may be over, but the buildup to the sixth "Sharknado" movie is underway. Syfy airs "The Last Sharknado: It's About Time" on Sunday. Until then, viewers will have to settle for "Santa Jaws" (7 p.m., TV-14), about a Christmas morning ruined by deep sea predators, and "Frenzy" (9 p.m., TV-14), an original 2018 shocker concerning a woman who survives a plane crash only to land amid a school of sharks.

The subtitle of the new "Sharknado" is both a joke and a hint to its plot. Trapped in a world ruined by Sharknado attacks, Fin (Ian Ziering) must travel back in time to prevent the first swarm-storm from occurring.

The franchise is probably a "Sharknado" or two beyond its "jump the shark" moment. It's easy to forget that its initial 2013 popularity was driven by social media commentary, most notably Twitter, back when that was seen as a benign force.

The central theme of the series depended on relentless stunt-casting and the hilariously preposterous notion of D-list celebrity has-beens in positions of power.

It has been reported that the former host of "Celebrity Apprentice" was in talks to play the president in "Sharknado 3" before deciding to run for the office that he now holds. Last Sunday, former White House adviser and star of "The Apprentice" Omarosa was scheduled to appear on "Meet the Press."

When "real" life outstrips parody, movies like "Sharknado" have outlived their



Host Gordon Ramsay, center, works with the owners and staff in the "Sandra Dee's Bar-B-Que & Seafood" season finale episode of "Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back," airing at 9 p.m. today on FOX.

entertainment value.

- A&E launches the reality series "Raising Tourette's" (10 p.m., TV-PG), following five families with children ages 11 to 17 who have Tourette syndrome. Known as a tic disorder, Tourette results in involuntary, repetitive movements and vocalizations. The "stars" of this series discuss how these spasms can suddenly overtake them and how that affects their social and family lives. One teen has had to take time off from school, while another retreats onto social media, where sudden, convulsive outbursts are not apparent.

- "Raising Tourette's" joins "Born This Way" (8 p.m., A&E, TV-PG), another reality docuseries that follows young people of varying

abilities born with Down syndrome.

- Hulu begins streaming another creepy, baffling, engaging episode of "Castle Rock" today.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Seven acts proceed to the semifinals on "America's Got Talent" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG).
- Contestants engage in a halibut breakdown on "MasterChef" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14).
- Division leaders choose a rival on a two-hour helping of "World of Dance" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-PG).
- A Sacramento, California, seafood grill gets a makeover on the season finale of "Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back" (9

p.m., Fox, TV-14).

- Harvey steps up to help his brother on "Suits" (9 p.m., USA, TV-14).

- An entrepreneur touts a new cleaning product on "Shark Tank" (10 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG).

- Heather has a sudden realization on "The Sinner" (10 p.m., USA, TV-MA).

- A sheriff's investigation focuses on Rip on "Yellowstone" (10 p.m., Paramount, TV-MA).

CULT CHOICE

A politician (Peter Finch) risks losing his true love to win an election in the 1961 drama "No Love for Johnnie" (8 p.m., TCM), part of an all-day salute to Finch, best known to American viewers for screaming, "I'm as mad

as hell, and I'm not going to take this anymore!" in the 1976 media satire "Network" (11:45 p.m.). He died months after that movie was released and received a posthumous Best Actor Oscar for playing the deranged newscaster Howard Beale.

SERIES NOTES

Julie Chen hosts "Big Brother" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * Geoff who's coming to dinner on "The Goldbergs" (8 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * Evidence implicates the steel mill on "Burden of Truth" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14) * On two helpings of "American Housewife" (ABC, r, TV-PG), Oliver's meltdown (8:30 p.m.), dating woes (9:30 p.m.) * Mandy goes rogue on "SEAL Team" (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Whine country on "Modern Family" (9 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * Maggie reconciles with her dad on "Supergirl" (9 p.m., CW, r, TV-14) * A murder mystery in Roswell, New Mexico, on "Criminal Minds" (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

Jimmy O. Yang appears on "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central) * "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS, r) visits Haiti * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Michael Che, Colin Hanks, Henry Golding, Justin Thomas and Dusty Slay on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Chris O'Dowd and Regina Hall visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) * Ariana Grande, Vanessa Hudgens and Matt Smith appear on "The Late Late Show With James Cordeiro" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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Get a handle on chicken satay with a peanut dipping sauce

BY AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

Any dish that comes with its own handle is bound to be an appetizer favorite, and this Southeast Asian dish of marinated, grilled meat has deep flavor to match its convenient format.

We set out to bring this dish indoors for a simple but satisfying appetizer. A marinade of brown sugar, soy sauce, ketchup and hot sauce guaranteed moist,

full-flavored meat. The intense, direct heat of the broiler approximated a grill.

Our peanut dipping sauce has sweet, tart and spicy elements that echo the marinade for a fresh, bright finish. Covering the exposed ends of the skewers with aluminum foil protects them from burning. Freezing the chicken for 30 minutes will make it easier to slice into strips.

CHICKEN SATAY WITH SPICY PEANUT DIPPING SAUCE

Servings: 10-15
Start to finish: 1 hour

Skewers:

2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts, trimmed and sliced diagonally into 1/4-inch-thick strips
1/4 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup packed dark brown sugar
1/4 cup minced fresh cilantro
3 tablespoons ketchup
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 teaspoon hot sauce
4 scallions, sliced thin
30 (6-inch) wooden skewers

Spicy Peanut Dipping Sauce:

1/2 cup peanut butter, creamy or chunky
1/4 cup hot water
3 tablespoons lime juice (2 limes)
2 tablespoons ketchup
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 tablespoon packed dark brown sugar
1 tablespoon minced fresh cilantro
2 scallions, sliced thin
1 1/2 teaspoons hot sauce
1 garlic clove, minced

For the skewers:

Place chicken in bowl. Combine soy sauce, vegetable oil, brown sugar, cilantro, ketchup, garlic, hot sauce and scallions, and pour over chicken. Refrigerate for 30 minutes to 1 hour.

For the spicy peanut dipping sauce:

Meanwhile, whisk peanut butter and hot water together in medium bowl. Stir in lime juice, ketchup, soy sauce, sugar, cilantro, scallions, hot sauce and garlic. Transfer to serving bowl.

Adjust oven rack 6 inches from broiler element and heat broiler. Line broiler-pan bottom with foil and cover with slotted broiler-pan top. Weave chicken onto skewers, lay skewers on broiler-pan top, and cover skewer ends with foil. Broil until fully cooked, about 8 minutes, flipping skewers halfway through broiling. Serve, passing peanut sauce separately.

To make ahead:

Marinade and meat can be prepared (but not combined) and refrigerated, wrapped tightly in plastic wrap, for up to 24 hours. Sauce can be refrigerated, wrapped tightly in plastic wrap, for up to 2 days. Bring to room temperature, season with additional lime juice to taste, and adjust consistency with water before serving.

Nutrition information per serving: 254 calories; 117 calories from fat; 13 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 66 mg cholesterol; 385 mg sodium; 10 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 8 g sugar; 25 g protein.

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Wake up fish with sauce

BY AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

Sole piccata, a light and delicate dish that consists of lightly browned sole fillets bathed in a lemon, caper and white wine-laced pan sauce, is a classic for a reason: The fresh, bright acidity of the sauce wakes up the flavor of the fish.

To ensure our thin fillets were crisp and golden brown on the outside and moist and flavorful on the inside, we started with the coating. We produced the perfect crust without heavy eggs or bread crumbs by simply drying the fillets, seasoning them with salt and pepper, letting them sit for 5 minutes, then dredging them in flour.

A nonstick skillet coated with a mixture of oil and butter prevented sticking and ensured that we had enough fat left to build our Lemon-Caper Pan Sauce.

Flounder is a good substitute for sole. Try to purchase fillets that are of similar size. If using smaller fillets (3 ounces each), serve two fillets per person and reduce the cooking time on the second side to about 1 minute. You will need to cook smaller fillets in three or four batches and wipe out the skillet with paper towels after the second and third batches to prevent any browned bits from scorching.



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PAN-FRIED SOLE WITH LEMON-CAPER PAN SAUCE

Servings: 4

Start to finish: 45 minutes

4 (6-ounce) skinless sole fillets

Salt and pepper

1/2 cup all-purpose flour

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

1 recipe Lemon-Caper Pan Sauce (recipe follows)

Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 200 F. Pat sole dry with paper towels, season with salt and pepper, and let sit until fish glistens with moisture, about 5 minutes.

Spread flour into shallow dish. Dredge sole in flour, shake off any excess, and transfer to plate. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until shimmering. Add 1 tablespoon butter and swirl to melt.

Gently lay two sole fillets in skillet and cook until golden on first side, about 3 minutes. Turn sole over using 2 spatulas and cook until second side is golden and fish flakes apart when gently prodded with paring knife, about 2 minutes.

Transfer to oven-safe platter, and keep warm in oven. Wipe skillet clean with paper towels, and repeat with remaining 1 tablespoon oil, 1 tablespoon butter and sole fillets; transfer to oven.

Prepare sauce using fat left in skillet. Spoon sauce over sole and serve.

Lemon-Caper Pan Sauce

(Makes about 3/4 cup; enough for 4 servings)
This sauce pairs best with fish and shellfish.

1 small shallot, minced

1 cup chicken broth

1/4 cup lemon juice (2 lemons)

2 tablespoons capers, rinsed

3 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into 3 pieces and chilled

2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley

Salt and pepper

Pour off all but 1 tablespoon fat from skillet. (If necessary, add oil to equal 1 tablespoon.) Add shallot and cook over medium heat until softened, about 1 minute. Stir in broth, scraping up any browned bits. Bring to simmer and cook until liquid is reduced to 1/3 cup, about 4 minutes.

Stir in lemon juice and capers and simmer until liquid is reduced to 1/3 cup, about 1 minute. Off heat, whisk in butter, 1 piece at a time, until melted and sauce is thicker and glossy. Stir in parsley and any accumulated meat juices. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving: 329 calories; 178 calories from fat; 20 g fat (8 g saturated; 1 g trans fats); 107 mg cholesterol; 766 mg sodium; 13 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 0 g sugar; 23 g protein.

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