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Trial begins in 2017 death

Death penalty possible if suspect convicted of murder of store owner

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The trial for one of the men who have been accused in the 2017 fatal shooting of a Manning Avenue store owner started Tuesday.

Sincere Dinkins was 17 years old when he was arrested in November 2017. He was charged with murder, criminal conspiracy, possession of a weapon during a violent crime, attempted armed robbery and two counts of kidnapping.

Two masked men walked into the

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Man identified in fatal boat capsizing on Lake Marion

BY SHARRON HALEY
Clarendon contributor

MANNING — A 59-year-old Manning man, Leslie Earl Pack Jr., has been identified as the victim of a boating incident on Lake Marion on Saturday afternoon.

The Orangeburg County Coroner's Office listed Pack's preliminary cause of death as an accidental drowning. The county's Deputy Coroner Phillip L. Bass said an autopsy would be held Tuesday to confirm the cause of death.

"He will definitely be missed," said Ryan Way, the executive director of the Clarendon County Disabilities and Special Needs Board, where Pack was employed as the maintenance coordinator. "It was a shock to everyone."

Way described Pack as a conscientious employee who was always on the job.

"He could fix about anything that he put his mind to," Way added. "He was really good to be around."

Pack was one of six individuals who were trapped inside an enclosed structure on a 32-foot pontoon boat when it capsized during a thunderstorm on Lake Marion about 5 p.m. Saturday.

A thunderstorm popped up on the lake unexpectedly, which caused the group to begin seeking shelter at the nearest landing, Lake Marion Resort Landing. The storm's gusty winds and higher-than-normal waves caused the pontoon boat to capsize, trapping all six members of the group underwater.

"Three ladies and two men made it out of

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Mike Weaver, also known as "Big Daddy," performs Saturday night at Alice Drive Baptist Church. Sumter was a tour stop for the band, and he spoke with *The Sumter Item* before the show about his faith journey.

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'Big Daddy' opens up on personal faith journey

Contemporary Christian band performed at Sumter church on Saturday night

BY BRUCE MILLS
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On the surface, it may appear the lead singer of a nationally known contemporary Christian band leads a happy, joy-filled life for everyone to emulate and admire. That doesn't describe Mike Weaver.

Weaver, better known as "Big Daddy," (he's a large man) leads the band Big Daddy Weave, which performed in Sumter on Saturday. Before the concert at Alice Drive Baptist Church, Weaver sat down with *The Sumter Item* to discuss his career and what he considers his purpose is as a Christian musician.

Weaver said he initially thought he would have a career as a church worship leader but that

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Saturday's concert attendance was 922, according to church officials. Through the years, the band has had 16 top-10 singles on Billboard Magazine's Hot Christian Songs charts, including two No. 1 hits.

Donors help retired educator get access to food assistance through fundraiser

Summer of Caring needs support after slow start

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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The time of year does not stop people from being in need of often home- or life-saving support.

Each summer now for the sixth year, *The Sumter Item* runs its Summer of Caring fundraiser, and amid a slow start to the community giving to the cause, more is always needed. Every penny that is donated to the effort is given directly to Sumter United Ministries, a nonprofit that provides emergency shelter, clothing, food and bill

payments as well as education and medical funding.

The people who become clients at SUM have nowhere else to turn. They can be at risk of losing their home, going hungry, lacking critical education and getting out of dangerous circumstances at home.

One of those clients recently was Mrs. Smith — her name is being withheld to protect her privacy — a former teacher who retired after 30 years but could never afford to save up a retirement fund.

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Scott accepting fall internship applications

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College and graduate students in South Carolina who want a front seat to governmental offices have the chance to intern with U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-SC, this fall.

Applications for congressional internships in Scott's Washington, D.C., North Charleston, Columbia and Greenville offices are now open. The internship program, which runs September through mid-December, offers undergraduate and graduate students "practical experience in constituent services, the legislative process, government police and press," according to a news release.

Interns will work with and learn from public service professionals, gaining work experience and skills throughout the program that will build a better understanding of how their government functions.

In the South Carolina offices, interns will take an active role in the community, working on state-based projects, answering phones, completing research projects and being an integral part of day-to-day office operations. State office interns have the ability to assist with issues that are personally affecting South Carolina residents.

In the nation's capital, interns will research legislation, attend congressional hearings and briefings, help with press talks and assist with constituent letters on issues. Other responsibilities include answering phones, helping to coordinate meetings and completing other administrative tasks.

Washington, D.C., internships are paid unless the applicant instead chooses to receive school credit, and they are designed primarily for students who have completed at least two full years of college undergraduate coursework, according to Scott's website.

Interns are responsible for finding their own housing.

By the end of the program, students will have a stronger understanding of the lawmaking process and will have improved their communication writing skills and critical thinking abilities.

Internship hours are flexible to accommodate students' course schedules but can generally run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Applications must be received by July 15 and include a resume, references and interest statement.

Interested students can apply at <https://www.scott.senate.gov/constituent-services/internships>. For additional questions, contact the internship coordinator at internships@scott.senate.gov or call (202) 224-6121.

Mobile job center to aid Summerton job seekers Thursday

FROM STAFF REPORTS

If you are looking for a job in the Summerton area, Thursday could be your lucky day.

The S.C. Career Coach, a mobile extension of the SC Works centers, will be rolling into Summerton to provide workforce services to job seekers. Also, a number of area businesses will be discussing employment opportunities. According to postings in the South Carolina Works Online services portal alone, there are 66 open positions in Summerton.

The state-of-the-art mobile unit will be parked at the Clarendon School District 1 Community Resource Center, 1154 4th St., Summerton, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday.

According to a news release from South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce, the mobile center has 10



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work stations for job-seeking activities, provides WiFi and printer capabilities, has staff available to assist users and is wheelchair accessible.

Employers interested in reserving the SC Career Coach for their event can visit https://www.scworks.org/career_coach.asp for additional information.



CORBETT MOORE / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter Batting Cages, 1075 Alice Drive, is open 4:30 to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Batting cages reopen on Alice Drive

BY CORBETT MOORE
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After six years, a veteran has reopened the batting cages on Alice Drive.

The Sumter Batting Cages are located at 1075 Alice Drive in front of Palmetto Park and offer both baseball and softball batting rounds with concessions available.

"I wouldn't call myself a baseball player," said David Quick, who served in the U.S. Air Force for 25 years, of his new venture. "I was more of a basketball, racquetball, tennis kind of guy. When I was in the military, though, I went to some batting cages in Chicago, and I really enjoyed the environment and, of course, the game. I thought to myself then that I would like to own a place like that one day. Now here we are 25 years later."

The popular Alice Drive baseball and food duo, originally named Rascals, was opened by Mark and Gaiya Miller in 2005. In 2011, the business was sold to Brett and Nancy Bishop, who maintained the Rascals name until its closing in 2013.

Six years later, Quick has revived the seasonal favorite as the Sumter

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Batting Cages.

He had already been in the area by owning and opening Availeth Spa Salon with relative Tiffany Quick.

He was stationed at bases in Charleston, Nevada and Mississippi before

doing a tour in Korea, after which he was stationed at Shaw, where he eventually retired as a chief master sergeant. As a veteran, he worked for Manpower for 18 years.

Quick's new business had its official opening in April of this year and is equipped for people of all skill levels to enjoy.

One token costs \$1 and gets you 10 pitches. Buy 10 tokens and get one round free for a total of 110 pitches. Equipment is provided and included.

Sumter Batting Cages offers a genuine ball field experience by offering gameday concessions, including ice cream, popcorn, chips and candy along with fountain and sports drinks. Drink prices range from 25 cents to \$1.50 while snacks cost \$1-\$3.

Future plans include opening an eatery in the area for park-styled food on the go, Quick said.

"We're new and trying to get a feel for what the baseball community wants," he said.

For now, the business gives updates on day-to-day changes to its hours on Facebook. Rain, extreme temperatures and other inclement conditions shorten hours while feedback from the community extends them.

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O'Malley to speak at annual Sumter Chamber Commander's Breakfast

Event set for July 25 at The O'Donnell House

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The Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Commander's Breakfast next week at The O'Donnell House, 120 E. Liberty St., for those who want to learn more about current missions and activities for airmen and soldiers at Shaw Air Force Base.

The event is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, from 7:30 to 9 a.m., according to a news release the Chamber distributed

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Monday. Leadership from Shaw will address the community at the breakfast, featuring the commander of the 20th Fighter Wing, Col. Derek J. O'Malley.

According to the Chamber, O'Malley will provide updates

on the base's mission and activities. The base has historically been Sumter County's largest employer.

Tickets are still available, but seating is limited. The breakfast generally sells out, the Chamber said.

Tickets are \$25 for the general public and \$15 for Chamber members and are available at www.sumterchamber.com.

More information can also be found there.

Sponsors for the event include Bowen and Associates Realty, Great Southern Homes, AllSouth Federal Credit Union and Brookdale Sumter Senior Living.

State briefs

Agents investigate fire that destroyed church

SALTERS (AP) — A fire has destroyed a rural church in Williamsburg County, and South Carolina agents are investigating.

Williamsburg County Fire Department Capt. William Horton said firefighters were called to Bethlehem Baptist Church in Salters before dawn Tuesday.

Horton posted on Twitter no one was hurt, and it took firefighters several hours to put out the blaze.

Horton's pictures showed only the brick walls of the church standing.

State Law Enforcement Division spokesman Thom Berry said agents are investigating the fire, which is standard with church fires in South Carolina.

Berry said the cause of the fire has not been determined.

No injuries reported after trash drum at plant catches fire

COLUMBIA (AP) — Authorities said a small fire inside a drum of waste at a South Carolina factory that makes nuclear fuel was put out without any injuries or danger to the public.

A report from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said workers at the Westinghouse Nuclear Fuel plant near Columbia heard a noise about 2 a.m. Friday and noticed the lid had blown off a sealed drum.

The report said paper inside the drum was smoldering. The drum was also filled with mop heads, rags and laboratory waste.

The report said the fire was put out without an extinguisher. Workers checked other drums for heat and temporarily suspended packaging this type of waste.

The State newspaper reported federal officials will inspect the facility later this month to learn more about the incident.

Clemson student killed in crash is 5th to die in 3 months

JACKSONVILLE BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A Clemson University student hit and killed by a car in Jacksonville, Florida, is the fifth student from the school to die in the past three months.

News outlets reported 22-year-old Bryn Turner was run over Thursday night. A news release from Jacksonville Beach police said 31-year-old Joshua Lovingood was driving the vehicle.

Police said Lovingood wasn't injured when he crashed into a tree blocks away. Police suspect speed and alcohol may be factors in the crash.

On June 30, Clemson student Thomas Few died when he fell from a rooftop. The Charlotte Observer reported three other students have died since May 1. The report said two of them were killed in crashes, and the other died

after being diagnosed with meningitis.

Man trafficking fentanyl gets 15 years

GREENVILLE (AP) — A South Carolina man has been sentenced to 15 years for trafficking fentanyl and other crimes.

News outlets reported 38-year-old Troy Carlisle Watt pleaded guilty Monday to trafficking fentanyl, burglary, failure to stop for blue light, assault and battery.

A news release from Solicitor Walt Wilkins' office said Greenville Police searched Watt's home in 2017 on a burglary investigation search warrant. Police found about 18 grams of fentanyl, 2 grams of heroin and stolen property related to the burglary investigation.

Circuit Court Judge Perry Gravely handed down the 15-year sentence following Watts' plea.

Authorities ID skydiver killed while landing

CHESTER (AP) — Authorities have released the identity of a skydiver who died during a hard landing near the South Carolina-North Carolina border.

Chester County Coroner Terry Tinker told reporters that 33-year-old Amie Jessica Begg of Charlotte died of blunt-force trauma injuries Sunday. The deputy director for county emergency management, Ed Darby, said the landing was harsh.

Florida expert captures gator in Chicago park

CHICAGO (AP) — The alligator had a good run as day after day the people hunting for him in a Chicago lagoon came up empty, but in the end he was no match for an expert the city shipped in from Florida.

The male gator, nicknamed "Chance the Snapper," was first spotted in the Humboldt Park lagoon about a week ago. After local enthusiasts tried and failed to trap the reptile, Frank Robb arrived from St. Augustine on Sunday. By early Tuesday, he had caught the 5-foot, 3-inch animal using something that even cartoon alligators know to avoid: a fishing pole.

"I brought my fishing rod, and it went down pretty fast," Robb said at a news conference at the park Tuesday morning. At about 1:30 a.m. — about 36 hours into the hunt — Robb said he "saw his eye shine and caught him on the fishing rod. One cast ... and it was done."

Chance was a daily news story from the day he was first spotted and photos started popping up online. Investigators don't know why the animal was in the lagoon, but they knew they had to capture it.

Robb assessed the situation and knew from his 24 years of gator catching under his belt that the best way to capture a gator is to make it nice and calm. So, on his recommendation, the city closed sections of the park to reduce the noise and kerfuffle that Robb suspected was keeping the animal in hiding.

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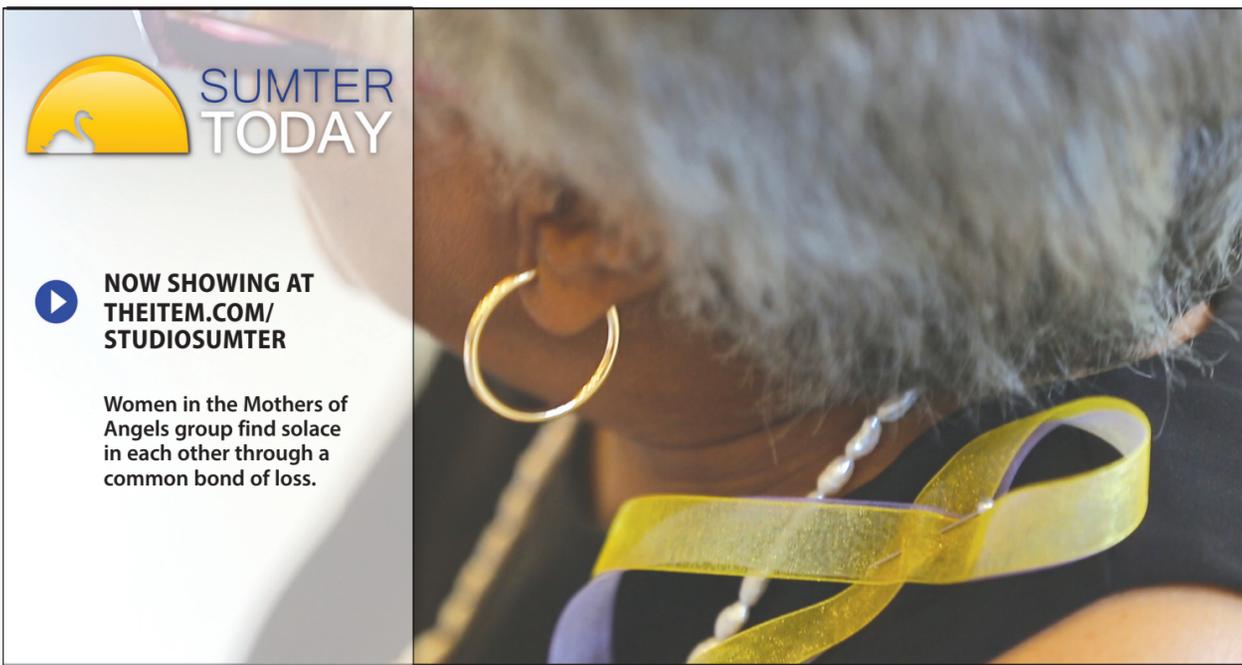
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She receives a modest Social Security check and \$19 allowance for food, according to Ed Venticinque, in-kind coordinator at the ministry.

The senior citizen owns her home and her car, but her situation is subject to drastic change if anything goes wrong.

“Her car broke down and required repair. So, whatever money is available for food and a few other bills has to be

used to repair the car,” Venticinque said. “Then the process of trying to recover begins to get back on her budget. At least until something else goes wrong.”

She recently came into SUM for assistance from their food pantry.

“The majority of seniors that we interview from week to week have very similar situations,” Venticinque said. “Thankfully, we have a very generous community that helps us to keep our food pantry adequately stocked. This allows us to provide food for

seniors in need every three months while anyone else in need has to wait six months to receive additional assistance for food.”

The few employees and many volunteers at SUM also told Mrs. Smith she can receive assistance with clothing.

SUM does not receive state or federal funding, so it cannot operate without grants

and the support of the community through efforts like Summer of Caring. *The Sumter Item* also holds its annual Fireside Fund in the winter months to help the ministry provide heating bill and access assistance, but the summer months are when charitable giving across the board goes down.

That means any donation will directly benefit a person

in Sumter. It could be a neighbor or someone you know going through unexpected, hard times.

Both the staff at *The Sumter Item* and those at Sumter United Ministries appreciate your support.

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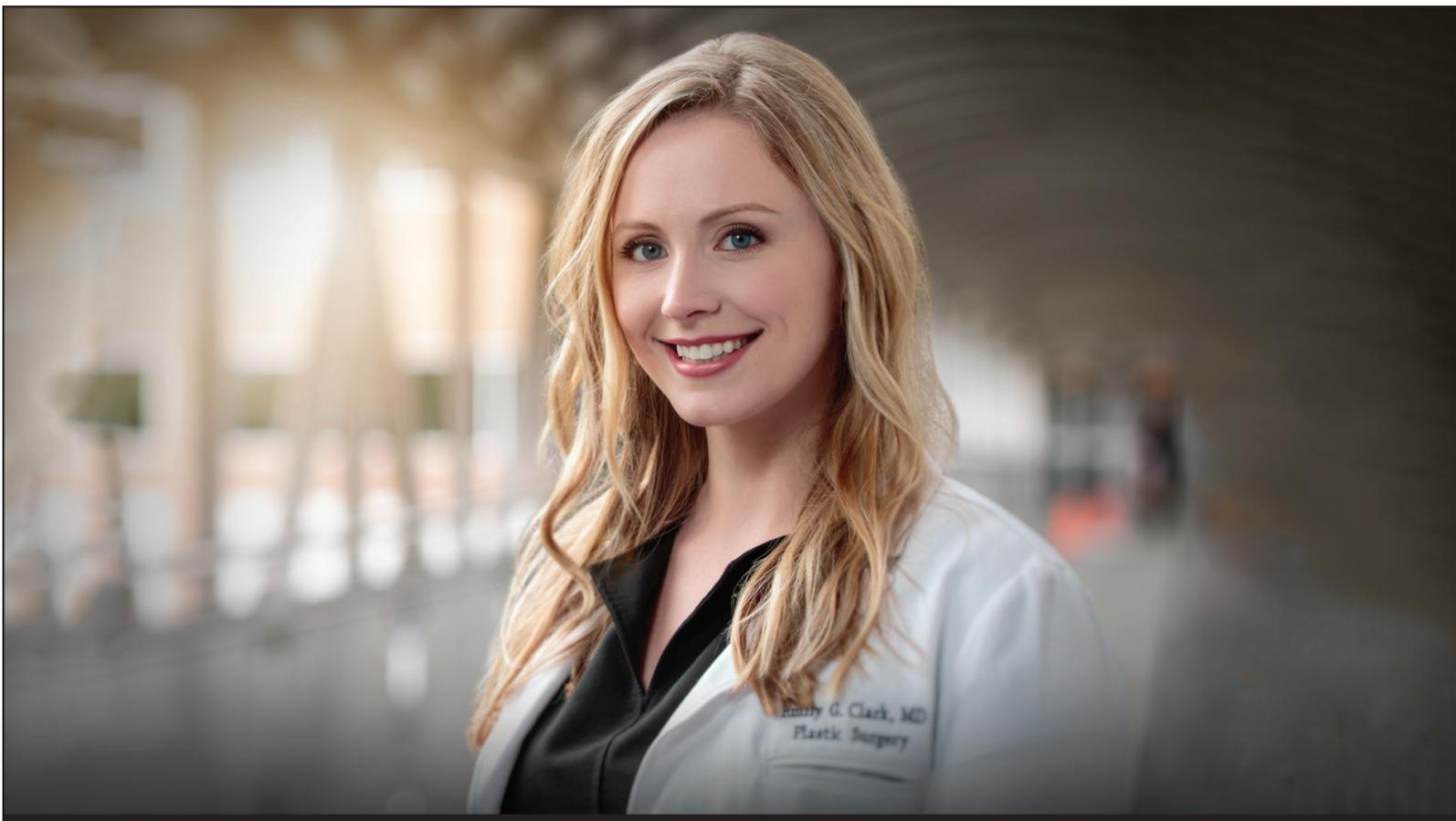
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U.S. fears Iran seized UAE-based tanker in Strait of Hormuz

Iranian foreign minister suggests ballistic missile program negotiations possible with U.S.

BY JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — A small oil tanker from the United Arab Emirates traveling through the Strait of Hormuz entered Iranian waters and turned off its tracker two days ago, leading the U.S. to suspect Iran seized the vessel amid heightened tensions in the region, an American defense official said Tuesday.



KHAMENEI

Iran offered no immediate comment on what happened to the Panamanian-flagged oil tanker Riah late Saturday night, though an Emirati official acknowledged the vessel sent out no distress call. Oil tankers previously have been targeted in the wider region amid tensions between the U.S. and Iran over its unraveling nuclear deal with world powers.

The concern about the Riah comes as Iran continues its own high-pressure campaign over its nuclear program after President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew America from the accord over a year ago.

Recently, Iran has inched its uranium production and enrichment over the limits of its 2015 nuclear deal, trying to put more pressure on Europe to offer it better terms and allow it to sell its crude oil abroad.

However, those tensions also

have seen the U.S. send thousands of additional troops, nuclear-capable B-52 bombers and advanced fighter jets into the Mideast. Mysterious attacks on oil tankers and Iran shooting down a U.S. military surveillance drone have added to the fears of an armed conflict breaking out.

The Riah, a 190-foot oil tanker, typically made trips from Dubai and Sharjah on the UAE's west coast before going through the strait and heading to Fujairah on the UAE's east coast. However, something happened to the vessel after 11 p.m. on Saturday, according to tracking data.

Capt. Ranjith Raja of the data firm Refinitiv told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the tanker hadn't switched off its tracking in three months of trips around the UAE.

"That is a red flag," Raja said.

A U.S. defense official later told the AP that the Riah was in Iranian territorial waters near Qeshm Island, which has a Revolutionary Guard base on it.

"We certainly have suspicions that it was taken," the official said. "Could it have broken down or been towed for assistance? That's a possibility. But the longer there is a period of no contact ... it's going to be a concern."

The official spoke on condition of anonymity as the matter did not directly involve U.S. interests.

An Emirati official, speaking

on condition of anonymity to discuss an ongoing security matter, said the vessel "did not emit a distress call."

"We are monitoring the situation with our international partners," the official said.

The ship's registered owner, Dubai-based Prime Tankers LLC, told the AP it had sold the ship to another company called Mouj Al-Bahar. A man who answered a telephone number registered to the firm told the AP it didn't own any ships. The Emirati official said the ship was "neither UAE owned nor operated" and carried no Emirati personnel, without elaborating.

Separately Tuesday, Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said his country will retaliate over the seizure of an Iranian supertanker carrying 2.1 million barrels of light crude oil. The vessel was seized with the help of British Royal Marines earlier this month off Gibraltar over suspicion it was heading to Syria in violation of European Union sanctions, an operation Khamenei called "piracy" in a televised speech.

"God willing, the Islamic Republic and its committed forces will not leave this evil without a response," he said. He did not elaborate.

British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt said Saturday that Britain will facilitate the release of the ship if Iran can provide guarantees the vessel will not breach European sanctions on oil shipments to Syria.

Iran previously has threatened to stop oil tankers passing through the strait, the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf through which 20% of all crude oil passes, if it cannot sell its own oil abroad.

Meanwhile, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif seemed to suggest in a television interview that the Islamic Republic's ballistic missile program could be up for negotiations with the U.S., a possible opening for talks as tensions remain high between Tehran and Washington. Zarif suggested an initially high price for such negotiations — the halt of American arms sales to both Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, two key U.S. allies in the Persian Gulf.

Iran's ballistic missile program remains under the control of the Iranian paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, which answers only to Khamenei.

Zarif brought up the ballistic missile suggestion during an interview with NBC News that aired Monday night while he is in New York for meetings at the United Nations. He mentioned the UAE spending \$22 billion and Saudi Arabia spending \$67 billion on weapons last year, many of them American-made, while Iran spent only \$16 billion in comparison.

"These are American weaponry that is going into our region, making our region ready to explode," Zarif said. "So if they want to talk about our

missiles, they need first to stop selling all these weapons, including missiles, to our region."

Iran's mission to the United Nations later called Zarif's suggestion "hypothetical."

"Iran's missiles ... are absolutely and under no condition negotiable with anyone or any country, period," the mission said.

Trump during his time in the White House has pointed to arms sales to the Mideast as important to the American economy, so it remains unclear how he'd react to cutting into those purchases.

Since its 1979 Islamic Revolution and the takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, Iran has faced a variety of economic sanctions. That has cut into Iran's ability to buy advanced weaponry abroad. While Gulf Arab nations have purchased advanced fighter jets, Iran still relies on pre-1979 U.S. fighter jets, as well as aging Soviet MiGs and other planes.

Facing that shortfall, Iran instead invested heavily into its ballistic missile program. That's both due to sanctions and the memory of the missile attacks launched by Saddam Hussein during Iran's bloody 1980s war with Iraq.

Khamenei reportedly has restricted the range of ballistic missiles manufactured in Iran to 1,240 miles. While that keeps Europe out of range, it means the Iranian missiles can hit much of the Middle East, including Israel and American military bases in the region.

U.N. refugee agency 'deeply concerned' about U.S. asylum curbs

GENEVA (AP) — The U.N. refugee agency says it's "deeply concerned" about new U.S. restrictions on asylum, saying it will put vulnerable families at risk.

UNHCR comments late Monday came after the Trump administration said it will end all asylum protections for most

migrants who arrive at the U.S.-Mexico border.

The rule was expected to go into effect Tuesday and will affect many refugees fleeing violence and poverty in Central America. It is certain to face legal challenges.

According to the plan, migrants who

pass through another country — in this case, Mexico — on their way to the United States will be ineligible for asylum.

UNHCR says the rule overly restricts the right to apply for asylum and threatens the right not to be sent back to countries where people could face persecution.

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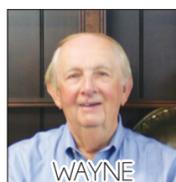
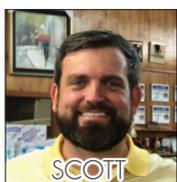
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Scientists close in on blood test for Alzheimer's

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

LOS ANGELES — Scientists are closing in on a long-sought goal — a blood test to screen people for possible signs of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

On Monday at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference, half a dozen research groups gave new results on various experimental tests, including one that seems 88% accurate at indicating Alzheimer's risk.

Doctors are hoping for something to use during routine exams, where most dementia symptoms are evaluated, to gauge who needs more extensive testing. Current tools such as brain scans and spinal fluid tests are too expensive or impractical for regular check-ups.

"We need something quicker and dirtier. It doesn't have to be perfect" to be useful for screening, said Maria Carrillo, the Alzheimer's Association's chief science officer.

Dr. Richard Hodes, director of the National Institute on Aging, called the new results "very promising" and said blood tests soon will be used to choose and monitor people for federally funded studies, though it will take a little longer to establish their value in routine medical care.

"In the past year, we've seen a dramatic acceleration in progress" on these tests, he said. "This has happened at a

pace that is far faster than any of us would have expected."

It can't come too soon for patients like Tom Doyle, a 66-year-old former university professor from Chicago who has had two spinal fluid tests since developing memory problems four years ago. First he was told he didn't have Alzheimer's, then that he did. He ultimately was diagnosed

with different problems — Lewy body dementia with Parkinson's.

"They probably could have diagnosed me years ago accurately if they had had a blood test," said Doyle, who represents patients on the Alzheimer's Association's board.

About 50 million people worldwide have dementia, and Alzheimer's is the most common form. There is no cure; current medicines just temporarily ease symptoms. Dozens of hoped-for treatments have failed. Doctors think studies

may have enrolled people after too much brain damage had occurred and included too many people with problems other than Alzheimer's.

A blood test — rather than subjective estimates of thinking skills — could get the right people into studies sooner.

One of the experimental blood tests measures abnormal versions of the protein that forms the plaques in the brain that are the hallmark of Alzheimer's. Last year, Japa-

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6th
Leading cause of death in U.S.

5.5 million
Americans may have dementia caused by Alzheimer's Disease

50 million
People worldwide have dementia; Alzheimer's is the most common form

200,000
Americans under age 65 have early onset Alzheimer's

4 to 8
Average amount of years a patient with Alzheimer's will live after diagnosis, although it can be up to 20 years

Source: National Institute on Aging, Alzheimer's Association



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Dr. Jori Fleisher, neurologist, examines Thomas Doyle, 66, at the Rush University Medical Center in Chicago on July 9. Doyle hopes blood tests may someday replace the invasive diagnostic testing he endured to be diagnosed 4.5 years ago with Lewy body dementia.

nese researchers published a study of it, and on Monday they gave results from validation testing on 201 people with Alzheimer's, other types of dementia, mild impairment or no symptoms.

The blood test results closely matched those from the top tests used now — three types of brain scans and a mental assessment exam, said Dr. Akinori Nakamura of the National Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology in Obu, Japan. The test correctly identified 92% of people who had Alzheimer's and correctly ruled out 85% who did not have it, for an overall accuracy of 88%.

Shimadzu Corp. has rights to the test and is working to commercialize it, Nakamura said.

Another experimental test looks at neurofilament light, a protein that's a marker of nerve damage. Abdul Hye of King's College London gave results of a study comparing blood levels of it in 2,300 people with various neurological conditions — Alzheimer's, other dementias, Parkinson's, depression, multiple sclerosis, Lou Gehrig's disease — plus healthy folks for comparison.

Levels were significantly higher in eight conditions, and only 2% of healthy folks

were above a threshold they set for raising concern. The test doesn't reveal which disorder someone has, but it may help rule one out when symptoms may be psychological or due to other problems.

Later at the conference, Dr. Randall Bateman of Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis will give new results on a blood test he helped develop that the university has patented and licensed to C2N Diagnostics, a company he co-founded. Like the Japanese test, it measures the abnormal Alzheimer protein, and the new results will show how well the test reflects what brain scans show on nearly 500 people.

"Everyone's finding the same thing ... the results are remarkably similar across countries, across techniques," said Bateman, whose work is supported by the U.S. government and the Alzheimer's Association. He estimates a screening test could be as close as three years away.

What good will that do without a cure?

An Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll last year found that most Americans would want to know if they carried a gene tied to a disease even if it was incurable.

"What people want most of all is a diagnosis" if they're having symptoms, said Jonathan Schott of University College London. "What we don't like is not knowing what's going on."

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Cyberattacks inflict deep harm at technology-rich schools

AVON, Conn. (AP) — Over six weeks, the vandals kept coming, knocking the school system's network offline several times a day.

There was no breach of sensitive data files, but the attacks in which somebody deliberately overwhelmed the Avon Public Schools system in Connecticut still proved costly. Classroom lesson plans built around access to the internet had come to a halt.

"The first time I called the FBI, their first question was, 'Well, what did it cost you?'" said Robert Vojtek, the district's technology director. "It's like, 'Well, we were down for three quarters of a day, we have 4,000 students, we have almost 500 adults, and teaching and learning stopped for an entire day.' So how do you put a price tag on that?"

The kind of attacks more commonly reserved for banks and other institutions holding sensitive data are increasingly targeting school systems around the country. The widespread adoption of education technology, which generates data that officials say can make schools more of a target for hackers, also worsens an attack's effects when instructional tools are rendered useless by internet outages.

Schools are attractive targets because they hold sensitive data and provide critical public services, according to the FBI, which said in a written state-

ment that perpetrators include criminals motivated by profit, juvenile pranksters and possibly foreign governments. Attacks against schools have become common, the FBI said, but it is impossible to know how frequently they occur because many go unreported to law enforcement when data is not compromised.

Attacks often have forced districts to pull the plug on smart boards, student laptops and other internet-powered tools.

Schools in the Florida Keys took themselves offline for several days last September after a district employee discovered a malware attack. Monroe County Schools Superintendent Mark Porter said teachers had to do things differently but adapted quickly.

"I heard a little grumbling at the beginning and then the comment was, 'I guess we'll have to go old school,'" Porter said. "And they went back to work and did it the way they probably did it just a few years ago."

Schools with few or no employees dedicated to information security often are surprised to find themselves as targets.

The 2,000-student Coventry Local School District in Ohio had to close schools in May as staff worked to fight a virus that had infected the network. The FBI helped to guide the district through the recovery and offered assis-

tance on best practices.

The school system did not have cybersecurity insurance, said Kelly Kendrick, the district's technology director, and her three-person department is still working to debug devices affected by the attack.

FBI officials told the district that the attackers apparently did not obtain sensitive information, but that it was clear they were after data of some kind, she said.

"Why this little school in Akron, Ohio? Why was it a target?" Kendrick said. "It has really opened my eyes to how data of any kind is marketable, sellable."

In September, the FBI issued a public service announcement warning the growth of education technologies and widespread collection of student identification data along with other information including academic progress and classroom activities "could have privacy and safety implications if compromised or exploited."

Malicious use of the data could lead to bullying, tracking, identity theft and other threats, it said.

Penalties can be severe. Students suspected of involvement in disruptive cyber pranks often have been hit with felony charges.

And in March, Olukayode Lawal, a Nigerian man living in Smyrna, Georgia, was sentenced to 10 months in prison and ordered to be deported for

his role in an email scheme that used tax information from Connecticut school employees to falsely claim tax refunds.

In many cases, school officials say they never learn who was behind the attacks.

In North Dakota, where a third of schools statewide were hit with a malware attack last year, it was traced to North Korea, although it's unclear if that country was the origin of the attack or just the location of a device that was used as a stepping stone, according to Sean Wiese, the state's chief information security officer.

School networks "may be considered easy targets because they're a little bit more open than your traditional corporate culture," Wiese said. "I do feel that is changing, just not quickly enough."

In New York state, U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer called on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security last October to investigate and help prevent future intrusions after a series of attacks caused outages at 50 school districts.

The denial-of-service attacks, designed to overload and deny access to the network, he said, "subverted teacher lesson plans and interrupted student learning."

The outages were disruptive particularly because many of the state's schools have issued digital devices to each student, part of a transition to a model where students spend part of a school day working at their own speed, according to Pam Mazzaferro, director of the Central New York Regional Information Center.



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the structure,” said David Lucas, regional public information coordinator with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. “When they realized one of their friends was still underwater, the two men dove back down and brought their friend back to the top. A DNR officer just so happened to be in the area heading to Lake Marion Resort Landing to get out of the stormy weather, came up on the scene and tossed personal flotation devices, PFDs, to the folks in the water. He was able to get all six people into his boat.”

The DNR officer was able to contact EMS and to have them meet his boat at

the Lake Marion Resort Landing. Lucas said the man who did not initially surface after the incident was transported to a local hospital, where he died.

DNR also confirmed that two dogs that were onboard the pontoon at the time it capsized died in the incident.

The six friends put the pontoon boat in at Poplar Hill Landing. Lucas said the boat capsized near marker 87 on the Orangeburg side of Lake Marion.

The National Weather Service said wind gusts were reported near 20 mph in the area about the time the boat capsized. Boaters in that same area reported waves at between 3 and 4 feet, Lucas said.

The accident, which appears to be weather related, is under investigation by DNR, Lucas said.

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Save-Mart Grocery on Nov. 24, 2017, and ordered two women in the store to the ground. By the time they left, store owner Vijaykumar Patel had been shot in the chest multiple times, according to the Sumter Police Department and previous reports.

In South Carolina, 17-year-olds can be charged as adults.

If convicted on the murder charge, sentences could include the death penalty or a mandatory minimum of 30 years to life in prison. Other possible sentences if convicted on the other charges include five years for possession of a weapon

during a violent crime, 10-30 years for attempted armed robbery and 30 years for each kidnapping charge.

Patel opened the store in spring 2010 and was a source of food and other items for those who live in the area whose only transportation is by foot. It has remained closed since the shooting.

Lorenzo Hagood, who was 19 at the time, was also arrested and issued the same charges as Dinkins.

Third Circuit Solicitor Ernest “Chip” Finney III is prosecuting the case. His office was not immediately aware of Hagood’s case status.

Sumter Police Chief Russell Roark has previously said both men have prior juvenile records that involved violent crimes.

WEAVER

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after meeting some fellow students at the University of Mobile, a small Baptist college in Alabama, they decided to form the band in 1998.

At the time, he said, he never thought the band would still be together and playing 20-plus years later. Through the years, the band has had 16 top-10 singles on Billboard Magazine’s Hot Christian Songs chart, including two No. 1 hits. Their song “Alive” reached No. 8 on that chart about three weeks ago.

Weaver said he and his band members “don’t consider themselves in the same league” with other popular contemporary Christian artists on the radio — Toby Mac, Zach Williams and David Crowder — and feel blessed that people listen to their music.

“Christian radio has really embraced our songs,” Weaver said, “and I think that kind of has contributed to longevity and allowing us to play coast to coast here in our country. It’s been a huge blessing to have been received this way.”

Weaver, 43, a resident of Nashville, Tennessee, said he’s been learning more and more in recent years about his purpose as a musician. He’s always wanted to point people to Jesus Christ, he said, but he thinks it’s best “to relate at the point of pain with people” as the Lord leads him through music.

That requires he and the band “to be more vulnerable with their own humanity”

and with what hurts and doesn’t make sense in life, including disappointments.

“Talking about faith in those moments and encountering God in those places of pain,” Weaver said, “I think those have been the most significant encounters in my life. When something has fallen apart and Jesus just continues to be the Savior who He is to me. He comes running and pulls me out, and that’s where so many of these songs come from are just those experiences.

“I’m a messed-up dude, man, and I need a Savior every day. And Jesus is so faithful to be that.”

According to Weaver, some of those disappointments have been his own battles with self-hatred, the near death of his brother and bandmate, Jay Weaver, who ultimately had both feet amputated to save his life, and the loss of his father who passed away a couple years ago. He shares those personal experiences in an open book about his life to be released in early September, “I Am Redeemed: Learning to Live in Grace.”

The song “I Am Redeemed” was born out of Weaver dealing with self-hatred, he said, and the book covers that and other struggles in recent years.

“It’s about that we are all ‘in process,’” Weaver said, “and none of us have arrived. But, Jesus has taken us from point A to point B, and He’s so patient with us. And I am learning to be more patient with myself and learning to try to just be present in the process.”



Big Daddy Weave band member Brian Beihl performs on the drums Saturday night at Alice Drive Baptist Church.

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COMMENTARY

Trump needs to speak up for the wolf

WASHINGTON — From Little Red Riding Hood’s terrifying encounter with the Big Bad Wolf to Kevin Costner’s balletic romance with some kindred, four-legged spirit in “Dances With Wolves,” Americans have long had a love-hate relationship with the ancestral predecessor of our favorite family pet.



Kathleen Parker

Some want to hunt and kill as many wolves as they can; others want to keep them defended, as they have been since the federal government included the gray wolf in the list of protected animals under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. In 2011, Congress voted to remove those protections for wolves in the upper Rockies, resulting in thousands of wolf killings through trapping or hunting.

Soon the same fate may befall the 5,000 or so remaining gray wolves in the lower 48 states, if a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services proposal to lift protections goes through. The public-comment period on the proposal was scheduled to end July 15, though comments can still be made after that date and the agency is obligated to review them all.

I confess to being a resolute lover of anything with a heartbeat, excluding a few Homo sapiens here and there. I’m not, however, a Pollyanna about hunting. Though the allure of hunting has eluded me, many friends and family members are outdoorsmen and view hunting as a natural way to put food on the table.

Many hunters are also conservationists, whose dedication to hunting corresponds to a commensurate dedication to preserving wilderness and wetland areas. In many cases, their efforts have led to increased animal and fowl populations.

But the wolf is also highly effective at managing deer and elk populations, which upsets the hunters who prefer the same prey. Do hunters have a greater right to eat elk than wolves do? Perhaps the better question is: Are hunters more effective at balancing fragile ecosystems than are the animals who’ve evolved to do just that?

If you hunt without poison, traps or from the air with sniper rifles — it is actually extremely difficult to kill a wolf. Randy Newberg, who hosts an online show on hunting, says that “wolves just might be America’s most challenging big game.” He described hiking through rough mountain terrain for five days with heavy packs, 8-12 miles per day, and seeing only the tails of a few running wolves. After his partner finally killed a single wolf, Newberg wrote of his great respect for this “beautiful” animal, as well as his hope that more hunters would start killing more wolves soon. For him, it was a childhood dream come true.

For many other Americans, seeing a beautiful, noble animal does not inspire the need to destroy it. This is especially true of elephants, lions, giraffes and other endangered species around the globe that trophy hunters slaughter for body parts. Between 2005 and 2014, 1.26 million “trophies” were imported into the U.S.

In a 2017 tweet, President Trump, whose sons are big-game hunters, referred to trophy hunting as a “horror show,” suggesting that he would continue the Obama-era ban on trophies being brought into the U.S. Nonetheless, the ban has been lifted on some animals on a nation-by-nation basis.

An American president’s words matter, and Trump, who recently touted his administration’s commitment to conservation, could prove it by speaking up for wolves. There are other ways to manage wolves without killing them, though, admittedly they’re more difficult. Thus, the essential question comes down to whether we want to ensure that wild areas remain wild, with limited exceptions — perhaps granted to ranchers when their livestock is under consistent predation by wolves. Surely such accommodations would be preferable to rubber-stamping a massive wolf slaughter.

This isn’t to romanticize the wolf or to diminish the concerns already expressed but to offer a balance to the pressures being exerted by powerful lobbies. Wolves have no voice, and it is too soon to lift protections, which are the only reason we still have wolves at all. Once delisted, it wouldn’t take long to eliminate the wolf altogether — to the detriment of the environment as well as our collective heritage.

Wolves are neither good nor bad. They don’t pretend to be grandma, and they don’t dance with disenchanting soldiers. They are much like our dogs, emotionally, and, like the best hunters, kill only for food. If Trump doesn’t speak up soon, the howl we hear in the night won’t belong to the predator but to the last lonely wolf crying out for all that an inhumane world has lost.

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COMMENTARY

Things haven’t always been this way

Here’s a suggestion. How about setting up some high school rifle clubs? Students would bring their own rifles to school, store them with the team coach and, after classes, collect them for practice. You say: “Williams, you must be crazy! To prevent gun violence, we must do all we can to keep guns out of the hands of kids.”



Walter Williams

There’s a problem with this reasoning. Prior to the 1960s, many public high schools had shooting clubs. In New York City, shooting clubs were started at Boys, Curtis, Commercial, Manual Training and Stuyvesant high schools. Students carried their rifles to school on the subway and turned them over to their homeroom or gym teacher. Rifles were retrieved after school for target practice. In some rural areas across the nation, there was a long tradition of high school students hunting before classes and storing their rifles in the trunks of their cars, parked on school grounds, during the school day.

Today, any school principal permitting rifle clubs or allowing rifles on school grounds would be fired, possibly imprisoned. Here’s my question: Have .30-30 Winchesters and .22-cal-

iber rifles changed to become more violent? If indeed rifles have become more violent, what can be done to pacify them? Will rifle psychiatric counseling help to stop these weapons from committing gun violence? You say: “Williams, that’s lunacy! Guns are inanimate objects and as such cannot act.” You’re right. Only people can act. That means that we ought to abandon the phrase “gun violence” because guns cannot act and hence cannot be violent.

If guns haven’t changed, it must be that people, and what’s considered acceptable behavior, have changed. Violence with guns is just a tiny example. What explains a lot of what we see today is growing cultural deviancy. Twenty-nine percent of white children, 53% of Hispanic children and 73% of black children are born to unmarried women. The absence of a husband and father in the home is a strong contributing factor to poverty, school failure, crime, drug abuse, emotional disturbance and a host of other social problems. By the way, the low marriage rate among blacks is relatively new. Census data shows that a slightly higher percentage of black adults had married than white adults from 1890 to 1940. According to the 1938 Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences, that year only 11% of black children and 3% of white children were born to unwed mothers.

In 1954, I graduated from Philadelphia’s Benjamin Franklin High School, the city’s poorest school. During those days, there were no school policemen. Today, close to 400 police patrol Philadelphia schools. According to federal education data, in the 2015-16 school year, 5.8% of the

nation’s 3.8 million teachers were physically attacked by a student. Almost 10% were threatened with injury.

Other forms of cultural deviancy are found in the music accepted today that advocates murder, rape and other vile acts. In previous generations, people were held responsible for their behavior. Today, society at large pays for irresponsible behavior. Years ago, there was little tolerance for the crude behavior and language that are accepted today. To see men sitting while a woman was standing on a public conveyance was once unthinkable. Children addressing adults by their first name, and their use of foul language in the presence of, and often to, teachers and other adults was unacceptable.

A society’s first line of defense is not the law or the criminal justice system but customs, traditions and moral values. These behavioral norms, mostly imparted by example, word of mouth and religious teachings, represent a body of wisdom distilled over the ages through experience and trial and error. Police and laws can never replace these restraints on personal conduct. At best, the police and criminal justice system are the last desperate line of defense for a civilized society. Today’s true tragedy is that most people think what we see today has always been so. As such, today’s Americans accept behavior that our parents and grandparents never would have accepted.

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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.

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

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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 addictions, 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. 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.

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Journey of Hope (for family members of the mentally ill), Journey to Recovery (for the mentally ill) and Survivors of Suicide Support Group — Each group meets every first Thursday, 7 p.m., St. John United Methodist Church, 136 Poinsett Drive, (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 joannaiken@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 addictions, alcohol, drugs, family problems, smoking, etc.

SATURDAY MEETINGS:

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

SUNDAY MEETINGS:

Sumter MS Support Group — First Sunday, 3 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church fellowship hall, 2751 S. Wise Drive, (803) 481-5344 or (803) 464-6440. Email am.me.not.ms@gmail.com or msmiles013@gmail.com.

WEATHER

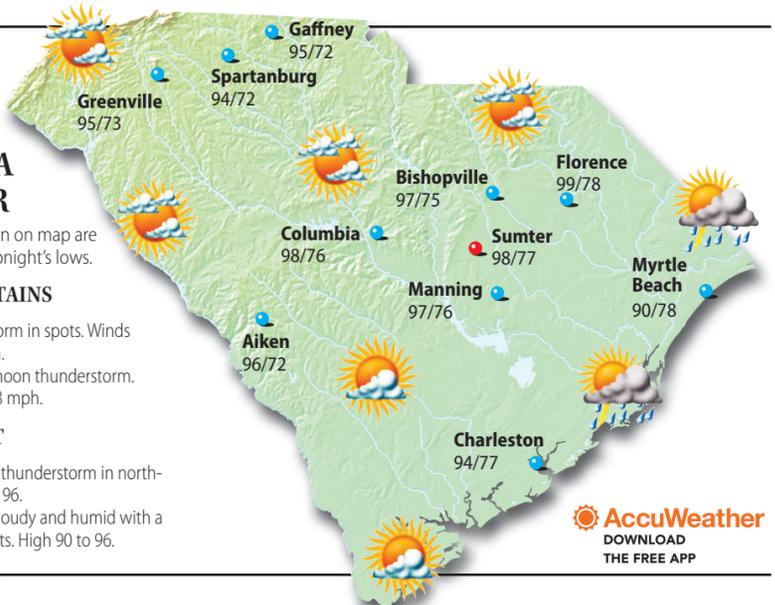
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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly sunny	Partly cloudy, warm and humid	A thunderstorm in the area	A t-storm around in the p.m.	Humid with some sun	Partly sunny
98°	77°	96° / 76°	96° / 76°	94° / 75°	94° / 75°
Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 25%
WSW 6-12 mph	SSW 6-12 mph	WSW 6-12 mph	SW 6-12 mph	SW 6-12 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: A thunderstorm in spots. Winds southwest 6-12 mph.
Thursday: An afternoon thunderstorm. Winds southwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Some sun; a thunderstorm in northern parts. High 89 to 96.
Thursday: Mostly cloudy and humid with a thunderstorm in spots. High 90 to 96.

LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
94°	94°	76°	91°	70°	100° in 1988	61° in 1967

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"	0.00"	3.79"	2.60"	20.13"	18.08"	25.39"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.77	none
Marion	76.8	75.32	+0.03
Moultrie	75.5	75.45	+0.01
Wateree	100	97.00	-0.02

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:23 a.m.	Sunset	8:33 p.m.
Moonrise	9:21 p.m.	Moonset	6:54 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
July 24	July 31	Aug. 7	Aug 15

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	4.45	+0.43
Congaree River	19	3.44	+0.03
Lynches River	14	3.33	-0.30
Saluda River	14	2.29	-1.79
Up. Santee River	80	77.42	-0.09
Wateree River	24	13.12	+2.24

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	10:04 a.m.	2.7	4:54 a.m.	0.1
	10:40 p.m.	3.3	4:49 p.m.	0.1
Thu.	10:46 a.m.	2.7	5:35 a.m.	0.2
	11:19 p.m.	3.2	5:30 p.m.	0.2

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	93/75/t	91/75/t
Chicago	91/75/pc	98/79/pc
Dallas	97/78/s	97/76/pc
Detroit	88/68/t	91/76/pc
Houston	93/78/pc	93/77/s
Los Angeles	82/63/pc	78/60/pc
New Orleans	91/79/pc	91/78/pc
New York	91/75/t	83/73/t
Oriando	93/75/t	93/75/t
Philadelphia	95/78/t	88/75/t
Phoenix	109/87/pc	107/87/pc
San Francisco	73/57/pc	70/58/pc
Wash., DC	97/78/t	90/78/t

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Asheville	89/69/t	86/69/pc	Florence	99/78/pc	97/78/pc
Athens	98/72/t	92/73/pc	Gainesville	93/73/t	92/72/t
Augusta	101/73/pc	98/73/t	Gastonia	96/73/pc	93/73/pc
Beaufort	96/79/pc	96/79/t	Goldsboro	98/78/t	97/76/pc
Cape Hatteras	90/81/t	90/80/pc	Goose Creek	94/76/pc	94/77/c
Charleston	94/77/pc	94/78/pc	Greensboro	95/73/pc	91/74/pc
Charlotte	97/75/pc	94/74/pc	Greenville	95/73/pc	92/72/pc
Clemson	93/73/t	90/72/t	Hickory	92/72/pc	89/72/t
Columbia	98/76/pc	97/74/t	Hilton Head	91/79/pc	91/79/c
Darlington	98/76/pc	96/76/pc	Jacksonville, FL	95/75/t	94/73/c
Elizabeth City	95/79/t	96/79/t	La Grange	94/74/pc	92/74/pc
Elizabethtown	96/77/t	96/77/pc	Macon	98/73/pc	95/72/pc
Fayetteville	99/76/pc	97/75/pc	Marietta	92/72/t	88/74/c
			Marion	91/68/t	88/69/t
			Mt. Pleasant	92/78/pc	92/78/c
			Myrtle Beach	90/78/t	91/79/c
			Orangeburg	96/74/pc	96/74/c
			Port Royal	94/78/pc	93/77/pc
			Raleigh	97/74/pc	95/73/pc
			Rock Hill	96/73/pc	93/73/pc
			Rockingham	98/75/pc	97/74/pc
			Savannah	98/76/pc	97/76/c
			Spartanburg	94/72/pc	91/73/c
			Summerville	94/75/pc	94/75/c
			Wilmington	93/78/t	95/79/pc
			Winston-Salem	95/72/pc	91/74/pc

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get out and do things that will broaden

your intellect and keep you updated with technology and current affairs. Knowledge is power, and when it comes to fighting for something you want, it will be your path to success.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Hold your thoughts until you are sure you have your facts straight. Being prepared will make the difference between success and failure. Don't waste your time arguing with someone who will never see things your way. Romance is encouraged.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make your position clear. If you pussyfoot around, no one will know what you want. A passionate approach to life and how you want to live will discourage others from meddling in your affairs. Be open and prepared to take action.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make the effort, and you will reap the rewards. It's up to you to choose the first step or to plan for the future. Be grateful for what you have, but realize your potential. Face a challenge head-on.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Refuse to let others upset you. Be prepared to do what makes the most sense to you. Showing confidence and consistency is the best way to counter any opposition you face. Be receptive, but make the decision that's right for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): An emotional issue concerning someone you live with or deal with regularly shouldn't be allowed to stand in your way. Get involved in functions or projects that are geared toward making improvements. A group effort will pay off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Choose to take the high road when someone is challenging to deal with. Focus on personal growth and improving the way you take care of your responsibilities. Offering positivity and tolerance will be enough to stifle someone who is demanding.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take note of your options, and choose to take the path that is clear-cut and without controversy. Arguing over petty issues is a waste of time that could be spent developing something you really want to pursue. Romance is recommended.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Fixate on something that will pay off. If you keep giving too much and getting too little in return, it won't be long before you become fed up. Invest your time and money in your skills and future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Offer to do what's reasonable. Keep plans that might not work out a secret for now. A change at home will make your life easier, and sharing something you enjoy with someone you love will bring you closer together.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put your energy to good use. Deal with issues that are affecting your relationship with a friend, peer or lover. Honesty may not be welcome, but it will help you figure out where you stand and what you need to do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You are best to keep your thoughts and plans to yourself. Refuse to let anyone goad you into something you don't want to do or cannot afford. Personal improvements or helping someone who appreciates you should be your goal.

SUMTER ANIMAL CONTROL PETS OF THE WEEK



Sumter Animal Control is located at 1240 Winkles Road. Call (803) 774-3232 or email rescue-sumtersc@gmail.com for information on available pets. As with all of our adoptable dogs, a spay or neuter agreement is required, and it is strictly enforced. Proof of spay/neuter after adoption will be required. We have many other adoptable dogs as well as animals who were found and are waiting for their owners to claim them. Check Sumter Animal Control on Facebook.

TOP: This adorable little girl is as sweet as pie. Chloe is very playful but also loves to sit and cuddle. She enjoys playing with the other dogs in the shelter and gets along very well. Chloe likes to go for walks with the volunteers and is learning quickly how to manage the leash. Medium in size, she weighs 38 pounds and is approximately 2-3 years old. Chloe has waited for her owners to come and claim her but, sadly, no one has shown up. She needs a new loving and safe place to lay her head at night. Chloe will make anyone a perfect pet.

BELOW: Do you know this 13 pound fluff ball? This little fluffy is on extended stray hold. We are making every effort to find its rightful owner. Fluffy was found in the Lakewood Links area wearing a collar and leash. Sadly, this pup does not have a microchip. This cutie was confused and frightened when it first arrived at the shelter, showing fear aggression. The volunteers slowly gained its trust and now he/she has adjusted and become a fun and loving baby who loves ear scratches and belly rubs. This adorable ball of fur seems to have been well cared for. Someone must be heartbroken and looking for this cutie. To claim the dog, owner must have proof of ownership such as vet and grooming records. The owner must also know the sex and approximate age of the dog and must be able to describe the collar and leash. If not claimed, this baby will be put up for adoption/rescue at a later date.

Sumter Junior P-15's defeat Manning 13-6, lead series 1-0

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MANNING —The Sumter Junior P-15's may have had their ups and downs during the regular season, but the defending American Legion baseball Junior state champions have hit their stride in the state playoffs.

Sumter defeated Manning-Santee Post 68 13-6 in Game 1 of their best-of-3, second-round series on Monday at Monarch Field.

The Junior P-15's had an opportunity to wrap up the series and advance to the South Carolina Junior Legion Tournament in Inman with a victory on Tuesday at Riley Park.

Sumter, which is now 11-7-1 on the season with three playoff wins, jumped out to an early 5-0 lead, and led by as many as 12

runs before the Manning bats finally awakened. P-15's starting pitcher Austin Trapp was terrific on the mound, holding Manning to just one run in 3 1/3 innings before being taken out to preserve his arm for use in a potential third, and deciding, game on Wednesday.

"Austin Trapp did a great job. He's our ace, and he showed the part tonight," said Sumter head coach Randy Twitty, whose team finished third in League III and lost both meetings to league champion Manning. "We rolled the dice a little bit and took him out to try to save him just in case there is a Game 3. That was the only reason he came out. It wasn't anything he did."

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Sumter's Josh Bryant delivers a pitch to an Aiken batter during the P-15's 5-2 victory on Monday at Riley Park in Game 1 of their second-round state playoffs series.

MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

P-15's rally with 4 in sixth to beat Aiken 5-2 in opener

BY EDDIE LITAKER
Special to The Sumter Item

The Sumter P-15's finally broke out of their recent offensive doldrums on Monday, just in time to open the second round of the American Legion baseball state playoffs with a 5-2 win over Aiken at Riley Park.

Trailing 2-1 heading to the bottom of the sixth inning, the P-15's plated four runs on five hits and one Post 26 error to finally pull

ahead.

Dustin Kennedy and Jacob Holladay reached on singles, setting up an RBI sacrifice bunt by Corey Blackley. Victor Brown singled home Holladay before SB DuCom laced a triple to deep right-center-field to plate Brown. Chandler Hunter then dropped a single in right-center to bring DuCom home for Sumter's final run.

"We got a couple of hits right there, and we needed them," said Sumter head coach Curtis John-

son, whose team improved to 19-7 on the season. "Jacob had the hit-and-run single and we got the safety squeeze down, and then we hit two or three balls hard and scored some runs. I'm proud of our guys. They competed, our pitchers did a good job and we pieced it together."

The best-of-5 playoff series was scheduled to continue in Aiken on Tuesday before returning to

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HAYDEN KIRKHART

SUMTER HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SWIMMING

The sophomore has qualified for the 5A state meet four years, been all-region four years and the team

most valuable player four years. She scored 23 points in the 2018 state meet.



'Once I started high school swimming (in the seventh grade) I began to take practice much more seriously as well as out-of-the-pool, cardio conditioning. I'm transitioning to where I'm focusing solely on swimming. I'm going to Columbia and training with the USA swim team where I have professional coaches who have been swimming since they were six years old.'

HAYDEN KIRKHART

'Hayden was a good, solid swimmer when she started in the seventh grade. She was swimming with the older girls, and she improved because she wanted to keep up. She swims year around, and she really gets a break with high school compared to what she does with club swimming.'

SUMTER HIGH HEAD COACH
CATHY KIRKHART



STEVE SCHOLZ

WILSON HALL BOYS SWIMMING

The 13-year-old eighth-grader had SCISA state qualifying times in all eight of the individual events. He broke the school record in the 500-

meter freestyle and the 200 freestyle. He also swam a leg on the 400 freestyle relay that broke the school record twice. He was the team's high point swimmer.

'I've been swimming for Wilson Hall for three years, and I've been swimming since I was 3 years old. I've been successful because of all of the time I practice, and (Sumter Family YMCA swim coach) Igor (Iovanich).'

STEVE SCHOLZ

'He's been swimming year around, and he has really improved by leaps and bounds.'

WILSON HALL HEAD COACH
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Woods trying to get up to speed for final major of year

BY DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

PORTRUSH, Northern Ireland — Tiger Woods was on the practice range when the gates at the British Open opened Tuesday, and before long he was on the tee and ready to go. He just didn't go for very long.

Woods played a full round at Royal Portrush when he arrived Sunday morning, and then again on Monday. For his third day of getting to know a links course that hasn't hosted the British Open in 68 years, Woods made it down No. 1 and then skipped over to the 13th and played the homestretch.

It would be simple to assume it was fatigue. After all, Woods hasn't competed since June 16 at the U.S. Open, and he has only 10 rounds under his belt since his victory in the Masters for his 15th career major.

In this case, no one wants to overdo it at a major, so this was nothing out of the ordinary.

Then again, very little is ordinary with golf's biggest star these days.

When asked if there was anything physically bothering him outside the norm, Woods smiled and said, "Anything outside the norm." The laughter made it hard to hear him say, "No."

His chances at the British Open are nearly as mysterious as Royal Portrush.

Even at age 43, with four knee surgeries and, more recently, more back surgeries behind him, he showed how capable he was against a young generation of talent by winning at Augusta National with smart, strategic golf to overcome a two-shot deficit and win a



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tiger Woods has struggled in the two majors since winning The Masters in April. He will be playing in the fourth and final major of the year, the British Open, beginning on Thursday.

fifth green jacket.

It's everything since then that speaks to his outlook on golf.

He took a month off to recover emotionally and physically from his taxing win at the Masters, only to miss the cut at the PGA Championship. He played the Memorial and then the U.S. Open, and then he was off to Thailand for a family holiday before returning home to Florida. At this rate, he'll play no more than 14 times in the PGA Tour season, though he still has a few events overseas at the end of the year.

This is the new norm.

Woods played plenty last year trying to get back inside the top 50 in the world — he now is up to No. 5 — to become eligible for World Golf Championships he once took for granted. It led to more golf than he wanted to play.

"So this year I made a conscious effort to cut back on my schedule to make sure that I don't play too much," he said. "I want to play here as long as I possibly can. And you have to understand, if I play a lot, I won't be out here that long."

Freeman, Fried power scorching hot Braves past Brewers 4-2

BY KEITH JENKINS
AP Sports Writer

MILWAUKEE — One pitch was all Freddie Freeman needed to power the Atlanta Braves to their fifth straight victory.

The left-handed slugger sent an offering from Milwaukee Brewers starter Adrian Houser deep to center field to bring home three of the Braves' four runs in a 4-2 win Monday night.

"We've been clicking for two months now," Freeman said. "None of this surprises anyone in this clubhouse. We are playing really good baseball."

The homer marked Freeman's 25th of the season and helped the first-place Braves improve to a season-best

21 games over .500.

Freeman is the fastest player in Braves franchise history to reach 25 homers since Andrew Jones in 2005. Freeman reached the mark in 95 games. It took Jones 78 games.

Max Fried (10-4) pitched five scoreless innings to secure the win. The left-hander surrendered three hits and struck out five in just 78 pitches. Braves manager Brian Snitker said he pulled Fried early after a blister had formed on his left index finger.

"I thought it was smart not trying to pitch through it," Snitker said. "It was pretty significant. If he hadn't have said anything and kept pitching, it probably would have torn open."

Fried is now 2-0 with 11 shutout innings pitched against Milwaukee this

year.

Freeman's home run put Atlanta on the board first in the fourth. The blast scored Ronald Acuña Jr. and Darby Swanson who each reached on a base hit.

The Braves improved to a major-league best 40-17 since Snitker moved Acuña Jr. to the top of the order on May 10.

Houser (2-4) fell to 0-4 as a starter this season after allowing four earned runs on eight hits in six innings.

Milwaukee, which stranded seven baserunners, has now dropped five of their last six and eight of their last 10 games.

"We just gotta make more plays," Brewers manager Craig Counsell said. "That's what it comes down to. Wheth-

The trick now is to figure out how much he needs to compete in tournaments to be ready, and listening to his body.

And still to be determined is what kind of weather — the wind, in particular — Woods and the rest of the players will see. The wind has not been the prevailing direction for two days of practice, and it hasn't been much wind at all.

The forecast? Take a pick.

One bulletin provided by the R&A said the tournament days would feature "changeable conditions continuing with showers or longer spells of rain interspersed with drier and brighter interludes." It concluded by saying, "Confidence low in any details at this stage."

That was about as clear as picking who stands the best chance at Royal Portrush.

Woods sees it as other links courses, where power can be equalized by control. Darren Clarke, who forged his game on these links as a junior, felt the same way. He even pointed to a 6-foot wide swath of fairway on a slope at the 17th that would send the ball down toward the green. Now that's control.

U.S. Open champion Gary Woodland sees it differently.

"The last couple of days, power has been a huge deal," Woodland said. "I've hit a lot of drivers."

He played with Matt Kuchar and Zach Johnson on Monday — it would be exaggerating to say Woodland can hit it longer than their drives combined, but not much — and he found a "huge advantage" by being able to send it a long way in the air.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

WEDNESDAY

5 a.m. - Professional Tennis: ATP Bastad Early-Round Matches, ATP Umag Early-Round Matches and WTA Bucharest Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).

8 a.m. - International Cycling: Tour de France Stage 11 from Toulouse, France (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

10 a.m. - College Football: SEC Media Days from Birmingham, Ala. - South Carolina, Alabama, Arkansas and Mississippi State (SEC NETWORK).

10:30 a.m. - International Soccer: UEFA European Under-19 Championship Match - Portugal vs. Spain (UNIVISION).

11 a.m. - Professional Tennis: ATP Bastad Early-Round Matches, ATP Umag Early-Round Matches, ATP Newport Early-Round Matches and WTA Bucharest Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).

1 p.m. - Horse Racing: Rick Violette Stakes from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (FOX SPORTS 2).

2 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Milwaukee (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WFFF-FM 100.1, WUPB-FM 102.7).

2 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Seattle at Oakland or Atlanta at Milwaukee (MLB NETWORK).

3 p.m. - Professional Tennis: ATP Bastad Early-Round Matches, ATP Umag Early-Round Matches, ATP Newport Early-Round Matches and WTA Bucharest Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).

3:30 p.m. - WNBA Basketball: Dallas at Phoenix (NBA TV).

4 p.m. - College Football: ACC Media Days from Charlotte - Clemson, Florida State, Boston College, North Carolina State, Wake Forest, Syracuse and Louisville (ESPN).

4 p.m. - LPGA Golf: Great Lakes Bay Invitational First Round from Midland, Mich. (GOLF).

5 p.m. - Major League Baseball: San Francisco at Colorado or Seattle at Oakland (Joined In Progress) (MLB NETWORK).

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

6:30 p.m. - American Legion Baseball: State Playoffs Second-Round Series Game 3 - Aiken at Sumter (WWHM-FM 92.3, WWHM-FM 93.3, WWHM-AM 1290).

7 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Tampa Bay at New York Yankees (ESPN).

7 p.m. - Major League Soccer: Houston at Atlanta (FOX SPORTSOUTH).

7 p.m. - College Football: SEC Media Days from Birmingham, Ala. - South Carolina, Alabama, Arkansas and Mississippi State (SEC NETWORK).

10 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Houston at Los Angeles Angels or Chicago White Sox at Kansas City (MLB NETWORK).

11 p.m. - International Soccer: International Champions Cup Match from Carson, Calif. - Bayern Munich vs. Arsenal (ESPN2).

1:30 a.m. - PGA Golf: British Open Championship First Round from Portrush, Northern Ireland (GOLF).

5 a.m. - Professional Tennis: ATP Bastad Early-Round Matches and WTA Bucharest Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).

AMERICAN LEGION SCHEDULE

MONDAY

Seniors
Sumter 5, Aiken 2, Sumter leads series 1-0

Juniors
Sumter, 13 Manning-Santee 6, Sumter leads series 1-0 C

TUESDAY

Seniors
Sumter at Aiken

Juniors
Manning-Santee at Sumter Chesterfield at Turbeville

WEDNESDAY

Seniors
Aiken at Sumter, 7 p.m.

Juniors
Sumter at Manning-Santee, 7 p.m. (if necessary)
Turbeville at Chesterfield, 6 p.m. (if necessary)

THURSDAY

Seniors
Sumter at Aiken, 7 p.m. (if necessary)

FRIDAY

Seniors
Aiken at Sumter, 7 p.m. (if necessary)

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	59	33	.641	—
Tampa Bay	56	40	.583	5
Boston	51	43	.543	9
Toronto	35	60	.368	25½
Baltimore	28	65	.301	31½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	58	34	.630	—
Cleveland	52	40	.565	6
Chicago	42	48	.467	15
Kansas City	33	62	.347	26½
Detroit	29	60	.326	27½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	59	36	.621	—
Oakland	53	41	.564	5½
Texas	50	44	.532	8½
Los Angeles	49	46	.516	10
Seattle	39	58	.402	21

MONDAY'S GAMES

Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Yankees 4
Cleveland 8, Detroit 6
Boston 10, Toronto 8

Kansas City 5, Chicago White Sox 2
L.A. Angels 9, Houston 6

TODAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Mets (TBD) at Minnesota (Perez 8-3), 1:10 p.m.
Seattle (TBD) at Oakland (Bailey 7-6), 3:37 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Chirinos 8-4) at N.Y. Yankees (German 11-2), 7:05 p.m.

Washington (TBD) at Baltimore (Brooks 2-3), 7:05 p.m.

Detroit (Turnbull 3-8) at Cleveland (Clevinger 2-2), 7:10 p.m.

Toronto (Sanchez 3-13) at Boston (Rodriguez 10-4), 7:10 p.m.

Arizona (Ray 7-6) at Texas (Chavez 3-4), 8:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Nova 4-8) at Kansas City (Duffy 3-5), 8:15 p.m.

Houston (Cole 9-5) at L.A. Angels (TBD), 10:07 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Toronto at Boston, 1:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 1:15 p.m.

Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.

Detroit at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.

Oakland at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.

Houston at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	58	37	.611	—
Washington	49	43	.533	7½
Philadelphia	48	46	.511	9½
New York	42	51	.452	15
Miami	34	57	.374	22

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	50	44	.532	—
St. Louis	47	45	.511	2
Milwaukee	48	47	.505	2½
Cincinnati	43	48	.473	5½
Pittsburgh	44	49	.473	5½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	63	33	.656	—
Arizona	47	47	.500	15
Colorado	46	48	.489	16
San Diego	45	48	.484	16½
San Francisco	45	49	.479	17

MONDAY'S GAMES

San Francisco 19, Colorado 2, 1st game
L.A. Dodgers 16, Philadelphia 2

Cincinnati 6, Chicago Cubs 3
Atlanta 4, Milwaukee 2

St. Louis 7, Pittsburgh 0
San Francisco 2, Colorado 1, 2nd game

TODAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Mets (TBD) at Minnesota (Perez 8-3), 1:10 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Archer 3-6) at St. Louis (Ponce de Leon 1-0), 1:15 p.m.

Atlanta (Keuchel 3-2) at Milwaukee (Anderson 4-2), 2:10 p.m.

Cincinnati (Gray 5-5) at Chicago Cubs (Darvish 2-4), 2:20 p.m.

San Francisco (Anderson 3-2) at Colorado (Gray 9-6), 3:10 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 7-6) at Philadelphia (Pivetta 4-4), 7:05 p.m.

Washington (TBD) at Baltimore (Brooks 2-3), 7:05 p.m.

San Diego (TBD) at Miami (Richards 3-10), 7:10 p.m.

Arizona (Ray 7-6) at Texas (Chavez 3-4), 8:05 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

San Diego at Miami, 12:10 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia, 12:35 p.m.

St. Louis at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.

Washington at Atlanta, 7:20 p.m.

Milwaukee at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

N.Y. Mets at San Francisco, 9:45 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING — LeMahieu, New York, .331; Devers, Boston, .326; Brantley, Houston, .323; Anderson, Chicago, .317; Polanco, Minnesota, .311; Merrifield, Kansas City, .307; Bogaerts, Boston, .307; Trout, Los Angeles, .305; Moncada, Chicago, .305; Alberto, Baltimore, .303.

RUNS — Betts, Boston, 82; Trout, Los Angeles, 74; Bogaerts, Boston, 73; Devers, Boston, 72; Merrifield, Kansas City, 66; Bregman, Houston, 65; LeMahieu, New York, 65; CSantana, Cleveland, 64; Semien, Oakland, 63; 2 tied at 62.

RBI — Trout, Los Angeles, 75; Bogaerts, Boston, 72; Abreu, Chicago, 66; Devers, Boston, 66; LeMahieu, New York, 64; DSantana, Seattle, 64; Soler, Kansas City, 64; Encarnacion, New York, 62; Rosario, Minnesota, 60; 2 tied at 59.

HITS — Merrifield, Kansas City, 122; Devers, Boston, 118; LeMahieu, New York, 117; Polanco, Minnesota, 115; Brantley, Houston, 113; Bogaerts, Boston, 107; Semien, Oakland, 106; DSantana, Seattle, 104; Andrus, Texas, 103; Betts, Boston, 100.

DOUBLES — Castellanos, Detroit, 31; Bogaerts, Boston, 29; Devers, Boston, 27; Merrifield, Kansas City, 26; Brantley, Houston, 25; Buxton, Minnesota, 24; Chapman, Oakland, 24; AGordon, Kansas City, 24; Polanco, Minnesota, 24; 2 tied at 23.

TRIPLES — Mondesi, Kansas City, 9; Merrifield, Kansas City, 8; Kiermaier, Tampa Bay, 6; Smith, Seattle, 6; Gardner, New York, 5; Polanco, Minnesota, 5; 5 tied at 4.

HOME RUNS — Trout, Los Angeles, 30; Encarnacion, New York, 27; Soler, Kansas City, 25; Bregman, Houston, 24; Sanchez, New York, 24; Kepler, Minnesota, 23; 7 tied at 21.

STOLEN BASES — Mondesi, Kansas City, 30; Smith, Seattle, 25; Andrus, Texas, 21; Ramirez, Cleveland, 19; Kiermaier, Tampa Bay, 17; Villar, Baltimore, 17; DGordon, Seattle, 16; Hamilton, Kansas City, 16; Anderson, Chicago, 15; Merrifield, Kansas City, 14.

PITCHING — Lynn, Texas, 12-4; German, New York, 11-2; Giolito, Chicago, 11-4; Morton, Tampa Bay, 11-2; Odorizzi, Minnesota, 11-4; Verlander, Houston, 11-4; Gonzales, Seattle, 10-7; Rodriguez, Boston, 10-4; 5 tied at 9.

ERA — Morton, Tampa Bay, 2.35; Minor, Texas, 2.73; Verlander, Houston, 2.99; Odorizzi, Minnesota, 3.06; Berrios, Minnesota, 3.10; Chirinos, Tampa Bay, 3.11; Giolito, Chicago, 3.23; Cole, Houston, 3.23; Stroman, Toronto, 3.25; Miley, Houston, 3.32.

STRIKEOUTS — Cole, Houston, 183; Bauer, Cleveland, 160; Sale, Boston, 160; Verlander, Houston, 160; Boyd, Detroit, 152; Bieber, Cleveland, 150; Morton, Tampa Bay, 148; Lynn, Texas, 134; Snell, Tampa Bay, 126; Giolito, Chicago, 125.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING — McNeil, New York, .349; Bellinger, Los Angeles, .341; Yelich, Milwaukee, .332; Blackmon, Colorado, .320; Verdugo, Los Angeles, .311; KMarte, Arizona, .310; Rendon, Washington, .309; Arenado, Colorado, .309; Dahl, Colorado, .304; Freeman, Atlanta, .302.

RUNS — Bellinger, Los Angeles, 114; Acuna Jr., Atlanta, 72; Freeman, Atlanta, 72; Bryant, Chicago, 71; Story, Colorado, 70; Bell, Pittsburgh, 69; Blackmon, Colorado, 69; Yelich, Milwaukee, 68; Rendon, Washington, 67; 2 tied at 62.

RBI — Bell, Pittsburgh, 84; Bellinger, Los Angeles, 75; Freeman, Atlanta, 74; Arenado, Colorado, 70; Alonso, New York, 69; Escobar, Arizona, 68; Yelich, Milwaukee, 68; Muncy, Los Angeles, 64; Baez, Chicago, 63; Hosmer, San Diego, 63.

HITS — Bellinger, Los Angeles, 114; KMarte, Arizona, 113; Freeman, Atlanta, 112; Acuna Jr., Atlanta, 110

Florida's Mullen hoping for sizable leap in 2nd season

HOOVER, Ala. (AP) — Dan Mullen made a big leap in his second season at Mississippi State, but his Florida team doesn't have quite so much room to grow.

Unless, of course, the Gators can jump to national contender status. That's what another four-win improvement would mean.



MULLEN

The Bulldogs won five games after Mullen took over in 2009 and nine the following season. The Gators went 10-3 in his debut season and finished with a No. 7 ranking, a spot shared with Georgia.

"So if we can go from 10 to 14, that would be pretty good," Mullen said. "This year, I would take that. I think a lot of it, I think, comes from year one to year two. I think coming in now, everyone understands the program."

His players are more familiar with the program and coaching staff, and quarterback Feleipe Franks returns.

All that raises expectations for this season when Florida hopes to challenge defending Eastern Division champion Georgia.

Florida gets a big early test, opening the season Aug. 24 against Miami in Orlando.

The Gators finished last season with two emphatic wins. They beat Florida

State 41-14 and then routed Michigan 41-15 in the Peach Bowl.

"We worked our tails off to be at that moment, on that stage, and win that game," Franks said. "As a team, we earned to be on that stage. I think that if we keep that momentum rolling, we can have a special year again this year."

LSU-JOHN ROBINSON: Ed Orgeron is leaning on a College Football Hall of Famer this season.

The LSU coach has brought in former USC head man John Robinson as a senior consultant.

"John Robinson, he's 82 years old. He's healthy. He's in good shape," Orgeron said. "He's going to be a consultant. He's going to be around. He's going to be in our meetings. He's going to go to practice. He can't coach the players, but he can talk to the coaches and say this is what we did in this situation."

Robinson had two stints as USC's head coach, leading the Trojans to the 1978 national title and to five Pac-10 championships.

MISSOURI-NO EXCUSES: The Missouri Tigers aren't looking for excuses, including a one-year bowl ban and the departure of four-year starting quarterback Drew Lock.

The latter challenge appears to have been resolved quite nicely with the addition of former Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant to a veteran offense during the offseason.

Doubters now silenced, LSU's Orgeron pushes for SEC glory

HOOVER, Ala. (AP) — LSU's hiring of the gruff-talking, barrel-chested Ed Orgeron was met with widespread skepticism a few years ago. Two full seasons and 19 wins later, he's proving doubters wrong and the program is on solid ground.

But when it comes to expectations in Baton Rouge, solid won't cut it much longer.



ORGERON

Armed with a veteran team, the Tigers are expected to compete with Alabama for the Southeastern Conference Western Division title. Orgeron's quarterback — senior Joe Burrow — was adamant on Monday during SEC Media Days that the 58-year-old has more than enough football chops to push LSU into the nation's elite.

His message: Underestimate the man often called 'Coach O' at your own risk.

"Coach O is a player's coach. Coach O is a lot smarter than people think," Burrow said. "Coach O knows football. Coach O not only knows defensive football, but he knows offensive football as well."

"That's what makes Coach O such a good coach — he's so well rounded."

Burrow says he's passionate about Orgeron's ability because their careers are somewhat connected after he transferred from Ohio State. The quarterback was out to show he could be a quality starter. The coach was out to show he could get off the coaching hot seat and lead a successful SEC program.

Safe to say, it's worked out to this point.

"I think we both kind of

proved a lot of people wrong at the same time," Burrow said. "A quarterback and a coach are always going to have a special bond for sure."

Burrow threw for 2,894 yards, 16 touchdowns and five interceptions last season and is among 16 starters returning this fall. The Tigers are also bringing back their five top receivers and six of the top seven top tacklers on defense.

Orgeron is particularly impressed with his secondary, especially junior safety Grant Delpit who he called "the best player in the country coming back on defense."

"I think this is the best group of defensive backs I've ever coached," Orgeron said. "That's 35 years of coaching. I'm talking about a collective group."

Orgeron said that LSU's 10-win season last fall could have

been a 12-win season if not for critical mistakes against Florida and Texas A&M. The Tigers fell to Florida 27-19 and lost to Texas A&M in seven overtimes, 74-72.

The coach doesn't shy away from the reality that LSU fans expect those mistakes to be fixed during his third full season. He said the Tigers must be better at the line of scrimmage, especially along the defensive line.

Orgeron — whose coaching specialty is defensive line — will have a big role in trying to make that happen.

"We gave up 167 yards rushing the game," he said. "That's not championship football. That's not LSU football. So we have to stop the run. There's no question we need to get better in tackling, gap fits, schemes, tackles force loss, whatever it may take to stop the run."

Keeping Sumter Beautiful

Amanda McNulty, Extension Horticulture Agent

Loving the Sun

With the Making It Grow crew, I visited a sunflower farm in Anderson recently. I thought I knew about sunflowers but it turned out my knowledge was superficial to say the least. First of all, *Helianthus annuus*, the scientific name for the sunflower that give us sunflower seeds, is native to the prairies of the mid-west. As befits a plant that evolved in those drier soils, sunflowers don't need huge amounts of water once they are up and out of the ground. They have a deep tap root and large feeder roots that do a good job of mining the soil, be it sand or clay, for moisture and nutrients.

Sunflowers are the only major cereal crop that originated in North America. Native Americans over 3000 years ago started making selections of sunflowers for the characteristics they wanted. Some groups chose smaller seeds or their oil content. Others used the seeds for meal. Almost all indigenous people had certain uses of sunflower plants to treat various ailments — often the juice from the stems was considered therapeutic. When we were at the sunflower farm, I used my teeth to "cut" a flower to bring home (for once forgot my clippers) and the sap was very sweet and tasty.

Phototropism was originally called heliotropism — a plant's growth towards sunlight. Well, duh again, I thought sunflowers followed the sun. In fact, when small and still limber, the plants do that to some extent but once they start setting flowers (which are heavy), the stems have gotten pretty stiff and they keep their

faces towards the east. The name was changed when research proved that plants would grow towards artificial light just as they would grow towards true solar light.

The field we visited was just chock full of insects (and goldfinches). Bees of all sorts were busy collecting nectar and pollen. With the interest in bee health that has promoted many studies, several scientists have documentation that sunflower pollen helps reduce two pathogens — one that is prevalent in bumblebees and another that affects the European honeybee.

Many varieties of sunflowers that are grown these days are pollenless — another duh moment for me. It seems that pollenless sunflowers are preferred by florists as they have a dramatically longer cut-flower life and don't drop pollen on tables or clothes. I did some quick checking and found that good seed companies used by regular gardeners like you and me tell you which varieties do and don't produce pollen, and there are lots of color choices still available. So next year I'm going to be sure to order seeds that will bring beauty to my yard and aid in promoting good health in beneficial insects

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Clemson needs to fill major holes on defensive line

CLEMSON (AP) — Clemson coach Dabo Swinney hears so many questions about the Tigers' defensive losses that he has lost count.

He heard it again Tuesday — probably not for the last time.

This time it came from one of those impact players no longer on the roster.

Former Tiger Albert Huggins followed up a statement with the burning question for his college coach. "Last year, the defensive line was so deep, man. How much are you going to miss those guys?"

Quite a lot, Swinney said.

Clemson is without seven defensive starters from the lineup that walloped Alabama 44-16 last January to win its second college crown in three seasons. That includes All-Americans in defensive end Clelin Ferrell and tackle Christian Wilkins, who were among three Tiger linemen selected in the opening round of the NFL draft last April.

Huggins started in place of suspended tackle Dexter Lawrence — the third first-rounder — in that title game. Linebackers Kendall Joseph and Tre Lamar are gone as is cornerback Trayvon Mullen, the defensive MVP of the championship game who was picked 40th overall by the Oakland Raiders.

"We've got good depth talent wise," Swinney said. "But we don't have experienced depth. Whereas last year, it was just the opposite because we were rolling NFL guys in there."

Swinney is sure to face more questions about his defense when he, safety Tanner Muse and offensive lineman John Simpson appear at ACC media days on Wednesday in Charlotte, North Carolina. Little, Swinney said, will be answered until Clemson's new lineup goes through summer workouts and a bunch of games in defense of their 15-0 title season.

"We just got a lot to teach them," Swinney said.

It is a wholesale replacement job defensive coordinator Brent Venables has faced before.

After the 2014 season, the Tigers lost its four starting linemen including Vic Beasley and tackle Grady Jarrett, both now with the Atlanta Falcons. Following Clemson's first national championship game after the 2015 season, eight of the Tigers defensive starters were not back the next September.

"I feel sorry for myself sometimes," Venables joked.

Clemson's initial summer depth chart has junior Justin Foster and sophomore Xavier Thomas starting at defensive ends with graduate Nyles Pickney and sophomore Jordan Williams filling the middle. Pickney and Williams missed spring drills due to injuries, which Swinney and Venables gave opportunity for others to rep at the position and build the depth are seeking.

"We've got a lot to prove, especially up front," Venables said.

Swinney is more confident about the team's back seven, anchored by linebackers James Skalski and Isaiah Simmons, safety Tanner Muse and cornerback A.J. Terrell. Swinney believes their skill on the back end will give Clemson a buffer for the players up front to gain some reps and experience and be ready as the season goes on.

Swinney believes Clemson's linebackers and secondary could be the best of his 11-plus seasons. But the coach said it will take some time with two-thirds of the Tigers' roster consisting of underclassmen.

"They're still young," Swinney said. "So we have to keep our hand on the wheel."

Then again, the Tigers might just be able to score their way out of any defensive lapses. They enter the season with two players on most prospective Heisman Trophy lists — quarterback Trevor Lawrence and tailback Travis Etienne.

Lawrence, just a freshman, showed poise and precision after taking over for Missouri-bound Kelly Bryant after four

games to lead Clemson to college football's first 15-0 mark of the Division I modern era. Etienne, the ACC player of the year last season, set Clemson marks with 1,628 yards and 24 touchdowns on the ground.

Co-offensive coordinator Tony Elliott said there'll be no worries of picking up any defensive slack with his group. There were plenty of times when Clemson's untested defenders got the better of its more experienced counterparts.



Clemson defensive coordinator Brent Venables, front, will be trying to replace seven defensive starters this year from last season's national championship team.

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A galaxy is a group of stars held together by gravity.

Some stars in a galaxy have planets orbiting them. These are called **solar systems**.

The earth is part of a solar system of planets that orbit our sun. Our solar system is in a galaxy called the **Milky Way**.

Types of Galaxies

An **Elliptical Galaxy** is smooth and oval shaped.

An **Irregular Galaxy** is a galaxy that isn't spiral or oval. It has an irregular shape and looks like a blob.

A **Spiral Galaxy** has curved arms that make it look like a pinwheel.

There can be many solar systems within a galaxy.

galaxy

solar system

planet

Milky Way
We live in the galaxy called the Milky Way. The Milky Way is a spiral-shaped galaxy and is estimated to be made up of around 300 billion stars.

The word galaxy comes from the Greek word for "milky."

The closest galaxy to the Milky Way is Andromeda, which is around 2.6 million light years away from us.

Hold this page up to a mirror to learn a couple of amazing facts about our sun.

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Our galaxy is part of 30 nearby galaxies.

A-maze-ing Stories
Around the world, there are many legends about the Milky Way. Follow the maze to discover what some cultures saw in the Milky Way.

EASTERN EUROPEANS
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AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINE
CHUMASH

Shapes in the Newspaper
Look through the newspaper for the following shapes:

- Circle
- Square
- Oval
- Rectangle
- Triangle

Standards Link: Math: Recognize geometric shapes.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Cut out the sentence fragments below and paste them to another sheet of paper in the correct order to reveal an interesting fact about our galaxy.

from Earth's southern hemisphere. They are

century Portuguese explorer who saw them.

Our galaxy has two smaller satellite galaxies

named for Ferdinand Magellan, the 16th

called the Magellanic Clouds which are visible

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

ANDROMEDA	IRREGULAR
PINWHEEL	GRAVITY
PLANETS	GALAXY
SPIRAL	MILKY
SOLAR	STARS
GROUP	LIVE
BLOB	OVAL
WAY	

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Rounding

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P-15's

FROM PAGE B1

Sumter today for Game 3 at 7 p.m..

Sumter had scoring chances in its first two at-bats, but DuCom was stranded at second after walking to open the first, and the bases were left loaded in the second as DuCom struck out chasing a pitch outside of the strike zone. Kennedy, Blackley and Brown reached on singles ahead of the DuCom strikeout.

Aiken managed two hits off of Sumter starting pitcher Josh Bryant in the first, though Bryant recorded five of his first six outs via strikeout. Post 26 scratched out two runs on three hits in the third before leaving the bases loaded as Bryant struck out Bailey Goodman to extinguish the threat. Nolan Grice singled up the middle and made it to second ahead of a Bryant throw on a Dalton Graves grounder. Grice and Graves came home on a Brenden Moyer sacrifice fly and Garrett Spires single up the middle.

Jackson Hoshour smacked a 2-out double in the home half of the third but was left stranded as Kennedy struck out, extending Sumter's scoreless innings streak to 18. That streak would finally be broken in the fourth with a huge assist from three Aiken errors. The run scored as Blackley stole home with Brown breaking from first. The inning would end on a similar play as Brown was thrown out at third after DuCom broke from first.

Bryant came out after three innings, striking out six while

surrendering six hits on 57 pitches. Seth Posey pitched a scoreless fourth, walking two before inducing a Moyer fly ball to right to escape unscathed.

Posey would come out after walking Spires to open the fifth, giving way to Cody Windham. Aiken managed two hits against Windham over the final three innings as the Lakewood High School stand-out struck out three in recording the win. Post 26 went down in order in the seventh, with third baseman Wylie Coker making a throw from his knees to first baseman Drake Thames to retire Cam Mitchem for the game's final out.

"Cody Windham came in and he was amazing," Johnson said. "He throws that curveball in there and they can't hit it. We threw one fastball and one changeup, so it was a good job by him. It's a team effort. Our guys did a good job, they brought into what we're trying to do and I'm proud of them."

The P-15's had at least one base runner in each inning, stranding seven with four left in scoring position before the sixth-inning outburst. After the first three innings ended with strikeouts, Sumter's fourth and fifth innings ended with a player being caught on a steal attempt. A throwing error by Aiken pitcher Trent Northrup on a pickoff attempt at second put runners at second and third as Brown and Thames, who was hit by a pitch, advanced ahead of a Hoshour fly ball to center that ended the sixth-inning rally.

AMERICAN LEGION STATE PLAYOFFS

SENIORS Second Round Best-of-5

Lower State Sumter vs. Aiken

Monday
Sumter 5, Aiken 2, Sumter leads series 1-0
Tuesday
Sumter at Aiken
Wednesday
Aiken at Sumter
Thursday
Sumter at Aiken (if necessary)
Friday
Aiken at Sumter (if necessary)

Florence vs. Lexington

Monday
Florence 3, Lexington 0, Florence leads series 1-0
Tuesday
Florence at Lexington
Wednesday
Lexington at Florence
Thursday
Florence at Lexington (if necessary)
Friday
Lexington at Florence (if necessary)

Camden vs. Orangeburg

Monday
Camden 7, Orangeburg 2, Camden leads series 1-0
Tuesday
Camden at Orangeburg
Wednesday
Orangeburg at Camden
Thursday
Camden at Orangeburg (if necessary)
Friday
Orangeburg at Camden (if necessary)

Goose Creek vs. Horry

Monday
Horry 7, Goose Creek 1, Horry leads series 1-0
Tuesday
Goose Creek at Horry
Wednesday
Horry at Goose Creek
Thursday
Goose Creek at Horry (if necessary)
Friday
Horry at Goose Creek (if necessary)

Upper State Chapin/Newberry vs. Greer

Monday
Greer 6, Chapin/Newberry 5, Greer

leads series 1-0

Tuesday
Greer at Chapin/Newberry
Wednesday
Chapin/Newberry at Greer
Thursday
Greer at Chapin/Newberry (if necessary)
Friday
Chapin/Newberry at Greer (if necessary)

Greenwood vs. Rock Hill

Monday
Rock Hill 5, Greenwood 1, Rock Hill leads series 1-0
Tuesday
Greenwood at Rock Hill
Wednesday
Rock Hill at Greenwood
Thursday
Greenwood at Rock Hill (if necessary)
Friday
Rock Hill at Greenwood (if necessary)

Inman vs. Fort Mill

Monday
Fort Mill 11, Inman 1, Fort Mill leads series 1-0
Tuesday
Fort Mill at Inman
Wednesday
Inman at Fort Mill
Thursday
Fort Mill at Inman (if necessary)
Friday
Inman at Fort Mill (if necessary)

Greenville vs. Gaffney

Monday
Gaffney 6, Greenville 1, Gaffney leads series 1-0
Tuesday
Gaffney at Greenville
Wednesday
Greenville at Gaffney
Thursday
Gaffney at Greenville (if necessary)
Friday
Greenville at Gaffney (if necessary)

Third Round

July 22-26
Best-of-5
Lower State
Florence or Lexington vs. Camden or Orangeburg
Goose Creek or Horry vs. Sumter or Aiken
Upper State
Greer or Chapin/Newberry vs. Greenwood or Rock Hill
Fort Mill or Inman vs. Greenville or

Gaffney

State Tournament

July 29-Aug. 2

JUNIORS Second Round Best-of-3

Lower State

Sumter vs. Manning-Santee

Monday
Sumter 13, Manning-Santee 6, Sumter leads series 1-0
Tuesday
Manning-Santee at Sumter
Wednesday
Sumter at Manning-Santee (if necessary)

Chesterfield vs. Turbeville

Monday
Chesterfield 10, Turbeville 0, Chesterfield leads series 1-0
Tuesday
Chesterfield at Turbeville
Wednesday
Turbeville at Chesterfield (if necessary)

Georgetown vs. Aynor

Monday
Aynor 4, Georgetown 1
Tuesday
Georgetown at Aynor
Wednesday
Aynor at Georgetown (if necessary)

West Florence vs. South Florence

Monday
West Florence 5, South Florence 0
Tuesday
West Florence at South Florence
Wednesday
South Florence at West Florence (if necessary)

York vs. Lexington-Navy

Monday
York 2, Lexington-Navy 1
Tuesday
York at Lexington-Navy
Wednesday
Lexington-Navy at York (if necessary)

Rock Hill vs. Lexington-Red

Monday
Rock Hill 3, Lexington-Red 0
Tuesday
Rock Hill at Lexington-Red
Wednesday
Lexington-Red at Rock Hill (if necessary)

JUNIOR

FROM PAGE B1

Trapp enjoyed the luxury of being able to relax on the mound after his teammates gave him a 4-run lead in the top of the first inning. After two walks, a hit batsmen and a passed ball, William Reese provided the big hit of the inning, roping a 3-2 pitch to center field, scoring Landon Jones and Bryce Coulter for the 4-0 lead.

Clayton Goff knocked in a run to extend the lead to 5-0 in the top of the fourth inning, and the floodgates opened in the fifth when the Junior P-15's scored seven times for a 12-0 advantage.

Trapp began the top of the fourth with a triple, and Jones followed with a triple of his own two batters later. Manning pitchers then surrendered three consecutive walks and were never able to regain control of the inning. Post 68 finished the game with nine walks and three hit batters, giving Sumter a total of 12 free base runners.

Despite the large deficit, the Manning Juniors never quit.

Manning scraped across two runs in the fourth inning and four runs in the fifth inning and seemed poised to make the game even closer before Twitty went to Tyler Jones to close the



J. SCOTT SEWELL / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter's Bryce Coulter, center, celebrates with teammates after scoring a run in the top of the first inning of the Junior P-15's 13-6 win over Manning-Santee on Monday at Monarch Field.

game out.

"Maybe I shouldn't have taken Austin Trapp out so early," Twitty joked after the game. "We really have to develop the back end of our pitching staff. We have two or three starters, and we have numerous guys who can

pitch, but I think maybe in the bigger scheme having some guys get out there and pitch will pay dividends as we move forward in the series."

Mickey Jordan and Austin Geddings were the offensive stars for Manning on Monday. Jordan finished 2-for-4

with a run batted in and two runs scored, while Geddings notched two hits, an RBI and a run scored.

Trapp, Goff, and Reese led the way for Sumter. Trapp reached base safely in all four of his plate appearances. He walked three times, and stole two bases. Goff went 2-for-5 with two RBI, and Reese finished 2-for-3 with two RBI and a walk.

"We've been hitting the ball better toward the end of the season," said Twitty. "Manning is the No. 1 seed, they won our league, they beat us by one run twice during the regular season, so we were glad to finally win one."

The improved hitting and patience at the plate, allowed the Junior P-15's to do perhaps what they do best, run the bases. Sumter recorded seven steals on the evening. Trapp and Jones led the way with a pair of steals, while Sam Ackerman, Coulter and Reese recorded one steal each.

"We had a little bit of speed in the lineup, so certain guys can steal bases," said Twitty. "We were pleased with the way we ran the bases tonight."

Manning's record fell to 9-4 overall with the loss.

"Always big to get game one, especially doing it on the road," said Twitty. "We know we've got a lot of work to do to finish the series out."

OBITUARIES

SARAH FRANCES HANCOCK WELLS

MANNING — Sarah Frances Hancock Wells, 93, widow of Raymond Edwin Wells Jr., died Monday, July 15, 2019, at NHC Healthcare in Sumter.

Born Feb. 12, 1926, in Bishopville, she was a daughter of the late Harley Duncan Hancock and Sue Clark Hancock. She attended Mary Washington College in

Fredericksburg, Virginia. During the 1940s, she went to work for Malaria Control, which later became the Center for Disease Control. She worked in Atlanta, Columbia and Manning. After moving back to Manning, she was courted and married her high school sweetheart, Raymond, in 1950. She was a member of Manning United Methodist Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Fran Wells of Manning; a son, Raymond E. "Ray" Wells III (Kathy Ann) of Manning; a sister, Sue H. Morris of Buford, Georgia; several nieces and nephews; and a dear friend, Zelle Jefferies of Columbia.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday at Manning United Methodist Church with the Rev. Kem

Thomas officiating. Burial will follow at Manning Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Jeff Cribb, Steve Cribb, John Melton, John Horton, Mac Eaddy and Jeff Benenhaley.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 9 to 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall of Manning United Methodist Church and other times at the home of her son, 5693 Bloomville Road, Manning.

Memorials may be made to Manning United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 68, Manning, SC 29102 or to a charity of one's choice.

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

AARON L. LEWIS

BISHOPVILLE — Aaron L. Lewis, 22, passed on Friday, July 12, 2019, in Sumter County.

Born in Darlington County, he was a son of Senior Lewis Sr. and the late Darlene Scarborough Lewis.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 71 Shots Lane, Bishopville.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Square Deal Funeral Home, 106 McIntosh St., Bishopville.

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
2019-CP-43-00923

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Nakia Sheree Boler, PR of the Estate of Elliot W. Boler, Plaintiff,
-vs-
Anthony C. Francis, Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT: ANTHONY C. FRANCIS

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint for damages in an automobile accident, the original of which has been filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, on the 7th day of May, 2019, a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request; and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff, John D. Clark at the Clark Law Firm LLC, at Post Office Drawer 880, 22 E. Liberty Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29151-0880, within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time stated, Plaintiff will move for an Order declaring you, the Defendant in default on the ground that Defendant failed to timely answer or otherwise submit responsive pleadings to the

Summons & Notice

Complaint filed with this Court on May 7, 2019. In addition, the Plaintiff will seek the relief requested in the Complaint previously filed in this matter.

John D. Clark, Esquire
Attorney for Plaintiff
22 East Liberty Street
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Sumter, SC 29151

SUMMONS AND NOTICES

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CASE NO. 2019-CP-43-01366

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, PLAINTIFF,

VS.

Amber "Krissie" C. Gregory a/k/a Amber K. Gregory a/k/a Amber Kristen Gregory a/k/a Krissie Gregory a/k/a Amber K. Crawford, individually, as Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Bruce A. Crawford a/k/a Bruce Allan Crawford, Sr. a/k/a Bruce Allan Crawford, Sr., Deceased; Bruce Allan Crawford, Jr., individually, as Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Bruce A. Crawford a/k/a Bruce Allan Crawford, Sr. a/k/a Bruce Allan Crawford, Sr., Deceased; Brandon Crawford, individually, as Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Bruce A. Crawford a/k/a Bruce Crawford, Sr. a/k/a Bruce Allan Crawford, Sr., Deceased; and Any Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of individually, as Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Bruce A. Crawford a/k/a Bruce Crawford, Sr. a/k/a Bruce Allan Crawford, Sr., Deceased, their heirs or devisees, successors and assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe, DEFENDANT(S).

Summons & Notice

NOTICE

TO THE DEFENDANTS: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina on July 1, 2019.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the order appointing Kelley Yarborough Woody, whose address is PO Box 6432, Columbia, SC 29260, as Guardian Ad Litem Nisi for all persons whomsoever herein collectively designated as Richard Roe, defendants herein whose names and addresses are unknown, including any thereof who may be minors, incapacitated, or under other legal disability, whether residents or non-residents of South Carolina; for all named Defendants, addresses unknown, who may be infants, incapacitated, or under a legal disability; for any unknown heirs-at-law of Bruce A. Crawford a/k/a Bruce Crawford, Sr. a/k/a Bruce Allan Crawford, Sr., including their heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; and for all other unknown persons with any right, title, or interest in and to the real estate that is the subject of this foreclosure action, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on the 12th day of July, 2019.

YOU WILL FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that unless the said Defendants, or someone in their behalf or in behalf of any of them, shall within thirty (30) days after service of notice of this order upon them by publication, exclusive of the day of such service, procure to be appointed for them, or any of them, a Guardian Ad Litem to represent them or any of them for the purposes of this action, the Plaintiff will apply for an order making the appointment of said Guardian Ad Litem Nisi absolute.

LIS PENDENS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an action has been commenced by the Plaintiff above named against the

Summons & Notice

Defendant(s) above named for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage given by Bruce A. Crawford to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Loandepot.com, LLC, dated March 20, 2014, recorded April 21, 2014, in the office of the Clerk of Court/Register of Deeds for Sumter County, in Book 1200 at Page 4535; thereafter, said Mortgage was assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper by assignment instrument dated June 26, 2019 and attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

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NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING IN THE FAMILY COURT THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CASE NO. 2018-DR-43-868

Sharon Elizabeth Goines-Logan, Plaintiff,
vs.
Frank Logan, Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT ABOVE NAMED:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a final hearing for divorce, division of property and debts and other relief requested by the Plaintiff has been scheduled at the Sumter County Family Court, 215 North Harvin Street, Sumter, South Carolina on August 26, 2019 AT 2:30 p.m.

Failure to appear at the final hearing constitutes consent to the relief requested by the Plaintiff in her Complaint previously served upon you.

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This undated photo provided by America's Test Kitchen in June 2019 shows Southern Cheese Straws in Brookline, Massachusetts. This recipe appears in the cookbook "Spiced."

Try crumbly, cheesy, buttery spiced crackers

BY AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

These delicate, crumbly, cheesy, buttery spiced crackers are popular in the South but should be required snacking everywhere.

And while they're mostly about the cheese, the crackers would have one-note richness without the added pizzazz of some back-up spices: sweet, peppery paprika and cayenne.

These give the cracker interest, back up the extra-sharp cheddar's bold flavor and add pleasant heat. To

make a version that mimicked cheese straws' signature decorative stripes without using a cookie press, we rolled out the dough into a square and made lines with the tines of a fork before cutting the dough into strips and baking.

Using a food processor to buzz the grated cheese, chilled butter, flour and baking powder together resulted in crackers with a short, extra-tender texture. A variation pairs nutty Parmesan and black pepper for a slightly more refined straw with the perfect salt and pepper balance.

SOUTHERN CHEESE STRAWS

Servings: 48

Start to finish: 1 hour, 5 minutes

8 ounces extra-sharp cheddar cheese, shredded (2 cups)

1 1/2 cups (7 1/2 ounces) all-purpose flour

8 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into 8 pieces and chilled

3/4 teaspoon salt

3/4 teaspoon paprika

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

3 tablespoons ice water

Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 350 F. Line rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Process cheddar, flour, butter, salt, paprika, baking powder and cayenne in food processor until mixture resembles wet sand, about 20 seconds. Add ice water and process until dough ball starts to form, about 25 seconds.

Transfer dough to lightly floured counter and knead by hand to form smooth, round ball, about 30 seconds. Using your hands, pat dough into rough 4-inch square. Roll dough into 10-inch square, about 1/4 inch thick, flouring counter and dough as needed to prevent sticking.

Position dough so one side is parallel to counter edge. Using rounded side of fork, drag tines across entire surface of dough to make decorative lines. Using pizza cutter or chef's knife, trim away and discard outer 1/2 inch of dough to make neat square. Cut dough into 3 equal pieces perpendicular to lines. Working with 1 section of dough at a time, cut into 1/2-inch-wide strips in direction of lines.

Evenly space cheese straws on prepared sheet, about 1/2 inch apart. Bake until edges of straws are light golden brown, 35 to 40 minutes, rotating sheet halfway through baking. Let straws cool completely on sheet. Serve. (Straws can be stored at room temperature for up to 1 week.)

Variation

Parmesan-black pepper cheese straws: Reduce extra-sharp cheddar to 6 ounces (1 1/2 cups). Add 1 cup grated Parmesan to food processor with flour. Substitute 1 teaspoon pepper for cayenne.

Next time, make your own sandwich bread at home

BY AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

The quintessential American sandwich loaf — tall and domed, with a fine, snowy-white crumb and a light brown crust — is a supermarket staple.

Since it's eaten so often, we wanted to develop a recipe that wasn't just better than bouncy plastic-wrapped bread, but the best — an impressive loaf that was a worthy base for sandwiches.

For this bread's soft crumb, we needed to include a fair amount of fat; we used whole milk for a majority of the liquid and then enriched the dough further with 2 tablespoons of melted butter. These amounts were enough to tenderize the bread without making it too rich.

A couple spoonfuls of honey gave the bread the faint sweetness we'd expect. But because our dough contained milk, butter and honey, the crust was prone to

browning before the inside was done. We tested oven temperatures of 350 F, 375 F and 400 F and found that the lowest temperature gave us the soft crust we wanted and avoided a doughy interior. Still, we felt that our loaf was a bit dense.

We experimented with letting the loaf proof longer, until it reached a full inch above the lip of the pan; the increased rise produced an airy crumb and a bigger loaf. This additional rise also meant we could eliminate slashing the loaf because it wouldn't expand much more in the oven.

Nixing the slashing gave our finished loaf the smooth top of supermarket bread. The test kitchen's preferred loaf pan measures 8 1/2-by-4 1/2 inches; if you use a 9-by-5 inch loaf pan, increase the shaped rising time by 20 to 30 minutes, and start checking for doneness 10 minutes earlier than advised in the recipe.

AMERICAN SANDWICH BREAD

Servings: 20

Start to finish: 4 to 5 hours, plus 3 hours cooling time

Rising time: 2 1/2 to 3 1/3 hours

Baking time: 35 minutes

Key equipment: 8 1/2-by-4 1/2-inch loaf pan, water-filled spray bottle, instant-read thermometer

2 1/2 cups (13 3/4 ounces) bread flour
2 teaspoons instant or rapid-rise yeast
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
3/4 cup (6 ounces) whole milk, room temperature
1/3 cup (2 2/3 ounces) water, room temperature
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
2 tablespoons honey

Whisk flour, yeast and salt together in bowl of stand mixer. Whisk milk, water, melted butter and honey in 4-cup liquid measuring cup until honey has dissolved.

Using dough hook on low speed, slowly add milk mixture to flour mixture and mix until cohesive dough starts to form and no dry flour remains, about 2 minutes, scraping down bowl as needed. Increase speed to medium-low and knead until dough is smooth and elastic and clears sides of bowl, about 8 minutes.

Transfer dough to lightly floured counter and knead by hand to form smooth, round ball, about 30 seconds. Place dough seam side down in lightly greased large bowl or container, cover tightly with plastic wrap, and let rise until doubled in size, 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

Grease 8 1/2-by-4 1/2-inch loaf pan. Press down on dough to deflate. Turn dough out onto lightly floured counter (side of dough that was against bowl should now be facing up). Press and stretch dough into 8-by-6-inch rectangle, with long side parallel to counter edge.



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American Sandwich Bread has a faint sweetness from honey and a soft crumb.

Roll dough away from you into firm cylinder, keeping roll taut by tucking it under itself as you go. Pinch seam closed and place loaf seam side down in prepared pan, pressing dough gently into corners.

Cover loosely with greased plastic and let rise until loaf reaches 1 inch above lip of pan and dough springs back minimally when poked gently with your knuckle, 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

Adjust oven rack to lower-middle position and heat oven to 350 F. Mist loaf with water and bake until deep golden brown and loaf registers 205 F to 210 F, 35 to 40 minutes, rotating pan halfway through baking.

Let loaf cool in pan for 15 minutes. Remove loaf from pan and let cool completely on wire rack, about 3 hours, before serving.

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)	Ellen's Game of Games "Beauty and the Boots" Contestants play for a chance to win.	Songland "Kelsea Ballerini" Songwriters pitch to Kelsea Ballerini.	The InBetween "The Length of a River" Cassie leads Tom toward a serial killer. (N)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)		
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Love Island (N)	Big Brother Houseguests vie for the power of veto. (N)	S.W.A.T. "Fallen" A patrol officer is killed.	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Sofia Vergara; David Cross; Tove Lo. (N)		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Aulani Resort Hawaii Vacation"	Jeopardy! (N)	Press Your Luck "102" Three new contestants compete. (N) (DVS)	Card Sharks "101" Four new contestants compete. (N) (DVS)	Match Game Mario Cantone; Raven Symoné. (N) (DVS)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		
WRJA	27	11	14	Coastal Kingdom "Survival"	Expeditions With Patrick McMillan	A Year in Space: International Space Station.	8 Days: To the Moon and Back: Inside the Apollo 11 spacecraft.	POV Shorts First image of Earth from space.	Amanpour and Company (N)	A Year in Space: International Space Station.		
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Gothowitz Deviation"	The Big Bang Theory	MasterChef "Gerron's Wedding" Making meals for Gerron Hurt's wedding. (N) (DVS)	First Responders Live "Episode 105" (N) (Live) (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	This Year in the SEC: College Football 2019	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Kristin feels undermined by Ed.	Last Man Standing Vanessa sets Eve up with a student.	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Penn & Teller Hit the Streets" Adiran Carratala; Kevin Blake.	Jane The Virgin "Chapter Ninety-Seven" Xo tries to help Jane and Alba. (N)	Dateline "A Family's Story" A husband provides a strange alibi.	Dateline "Death of a Golden Girl" An aspiring Playboy model is murdered.	The Game Pookie is living with another woman.		
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	46	130	130	Wahlburgers "On the Road" Paul and Drama tailgate at a game.	Wahlburgers Family takes a trip down memory lane.	Wahlburgers Paul makes a business trip to Amsterdam. (N)	(:01) The Employables Jen hopes to reclaim her independence. (N)	(:04) Wahlburgers Alex Rodriguez works a shift for Mark.	(12:03) Wahlburgers			
AMC	48	180	180	(4:30) *** "Gladiator" (2000) Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix.	**** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman	**** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman	**** "Creed" (2015, Drama) Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone, Tessa Thompson.	I Was Prey "Vacation Nightmare"	I Was Prey "Surviving for my Son"	North Woods Law		
ANPL	41	100	100	North Woods Law "On the Run"	North Woods Law: Uncuffed The wardens help wild populations. (N)	North Woods Law: Uncuffed The wardens help wild populations. (N)	I Was Prey "Vacation Nightmare"	I Was Prey "Surviving for my Son"	North Woods Law			
BET	61	162	162	(6:30) *** "Juice" (1992, Crime Drama) Omar Epps, Tupac Shakur, Jermaine Hopkins. A ghetto youth menaces his accomplices in a bungled robbery.	Southern Charm "Sorry Not Sorry" Eliza hosts a day of skeet shooting.	Southern Charm "Sorry Not Sorry" Eliza hosts a day of skeet shooting.	Southern Charm The ski trip gets off to a rocky start. (N) (Part 1 of 2)	Southern Charm New Orleans Justin goes under the knife.	Watch What Happens Live	Southern Charm The ski trip gets off to a rocky start. (Part 1 of 2)		
BRAVO	47	181	181	Southern Charm "New Craig, Who Dis?" Shep adjusts to life with a puppy.	Southern Charm "Sorry Not Sorry" Eliza hosts a day of skeet shooting.	Southern Charm "Sorry Not Sorry" Eliza hosts a day of skeet shooting.	Southern Charm The ski trip gets off to a rocky start. (N) (Part 1 of 2)	Southern Charm New Orleans Justin goes under the knife.	Watch What Happens Live	Southern Charm The ski trip gets off to a rocky start. (Part 1 of 2)		
CNBC	35	84	84	Deal or No Deal "Hoop Dreams"	Deal or No Deal "Magic Touch"	Deal or No Deal "Magic Touch"	Deal or No Deal (N)	Deal or No Deal "Wall Street Warrior"	Deal or No Deal "Magic Touch"	Deal or No Deal		
CNN	3	80	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (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	(:25) South Park	South Park "Ass Burgers"	South Park "Tonsil Trouble"	South Park "It Hits the Fan"	South Park "Imaginationland: The Trilogy" Animated. The boys cross into a new dimension.	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	(:36) South Park "Stanley's Cup"	(12:06) South Park
DISN	18	200	200	Sydney to the Max	Just Roll With It	Just Roll With It (N)	Just Roll With It	Coop & Cami Ask the World	Sydney to the Max	Amphibia	Big City Greens	Bunk'd
DSC	42	103	103	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown: Rediscovered Josh searches for a city of gold.	Expedition Unknown: Rediscovered Josh searches for a city of gold.	Expedition Unknown: Rediscovered Josh searches for a city of gold.	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Un.		
ESPN	26	35	35	MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at New York Yankees. From Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y. (N) (Live)	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Milwaukee Brewers. From Miller Park in Milwaukee.	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Milwaukee Brewers. From Miller Park in Milwaukee.	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Milwaukee Brewers. From Miller Park in Milwaukee.	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Milwaukee Brewers. From Miller Park in Milwaukee.	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Milwaukee Brewers. From Miller Park in Milwaukee.	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Milwaukee Brewers.		
ESPN2	27	39	39	NFL Live	The 2019 ESPYS Celebrating the best moments of the year in sports, from the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.	The 2019 ESPYS Celebrating the best moments of the year in sports, from the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.	The 2019 ESPYS Celebrating the best moments of the year in sports, from the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.	The 2019 ESPYS Celebrating the best moments of the year in sports, from the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.	The 2019 ESPYS Celebrating the best moments of the year in sports, from the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.	International Champions Cup Soccer		
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)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News at Night With Shannon	Tucker Carlson		
FREE	20	131	131	(5:00) ** "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse" (2010) Kristen Stewart.	grown-ish "Nice for What" (N)	(:31) ** "Sixteen Candles" (1984, Comedy) Molly Ringwald, Anthony Michael Hall, Michael Schoeffling. A teenager's parents forget her birthday.	(:31) grown-ish "Nice for What"	(:31) grown-ish "Nice for What"	The 700 Club	** "Accepted" (2006) Justin Long.		
FSS	21	47	47	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Milwaukee Brewers. From Miller Park in Milwaukee.	The Nine Lives of Christmas" (2014, Children's) Brandon Routh, Kimberly Sustad. A bachelor learns the value of love and companionship.	The Nine Lives of Christmas" (2014, Children's) Brandon Routh, Kimberly Sustad. A bachelor learns the value of love and companionship.	The Nine Lives of Christmas" (2014, Children's) Brandon Routh, Kimberly Sustad. A bachelor learns the value of love and companionship.	The Nine Lives of Christmas" (2014, Children's) Brandon Routh, Kimberly Sustad. A bachelor learns the value of love and companionship.	The Nine Lives of Christmas" (2014, Children's) Brandon Routh, Kimberly Sustad. A bachelor learns the value of love and companionship.	Road to Christmas" (2018)		
HALL	52	183	183	(6:00) "Christmas Under Wraps" (2014) Candace Cameron Bure.	The Nine Lives of Christmas" (2014, Children's) Brandon Routh, Kimberly Sustad. A bachelor learns the value of love and companionship.	The Nine Lives of Christmas" (2014, Children's) Brandon Routh, Kimberly Sustad. A bachelor learns the value of love and companionship.	The Nine Lives of Christmas" (2014, Children's) Brandon Routh, Kimberly Sustad. A bachelor learns the value of love and companionship.	The Nine Lives of Christmas" (2014, Children's) Brandon Routh, Kimberly Sustad. A bachelor learns the value of love and companionship.	The Nine Lives of Christmas" (2014, Children's) Brandon Routh, Kimberly Sustad. A bachelor learns the value of love and companionship.	Road to Christmas" (2018)		
HGTV	39	112	112	Property Brothers: Buying & Selling	Property Brothers	Property Brothers (N)	Property Brothers (N)	Property Brothers (N)	Property Brothers	Property Brothers		
HIST	45	110	110	Forged in Fire "Attila's Sword of Mars"	Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper (N)	Forged in Fire "Astronaut Knife" (N)	(:03) The Strongest Man in History (N)	(:03) The Strongest Man in History (N)	Blue Bloods "Friendly Fire" Danny shoots a cop.	Blue Bloods "Critical Condition" Jamie starts working with a new partner.		
ION	13	18	18	Blue Bloods "The Extra Mile" An eyewitness for a murder trial flees.	Blue Bloods "The Enemy of My Enemy" A case against a human trafficker.	Blue Bloods "Mercy" Jamie goes under cover at a bar.	(:03) Marrying Millions Brianna tries to fit into Bill's world. (N)	(:03) Marrying Millions Brianna tries to fit into Bill's world. (N)	(:03) Marrying Millions Brianna tries to fit into Bill's world. (N)	(12:01) Married at First Sight		
LIFE	50	145	145	Married at First Sight "Paradise Lost?" Not everything is perfect in paradise.	Married at First Sight (N)	Married at First Sight "Real Life and Real Wife" The four couples move in together. (N)	(:03) Marrying Millions Brianna tries to fit into Bill's world. (N)	(:03) Marrying Millions Brianna tries to fit into Bill's world. (N)	(:03) Marrying Millions Brianna tries to fit into Bill's world. (N)	(12:01) Married at First Sight		
MSNBC	36	92	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow		
NICK	16	210	210	SpongeBob SquarePants	** "Alvin and the Chipmunks" (2007) Jason Lee, David Cross.	** "Alvin and the Chipmunks" (2007) Jason Lee, David Cross.	Friends	Friends	Friends	(12:10) Friends		
PARMT	64	153	153	Mom *** "Top Gun" (1986, Action) Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis, Anthony Edwards.	Yellowstone "Only Devils Left" (N)	Yellowstone "Only Devils Left" (N)	Yellowstone "Only Devils Left" (N)	Yellowstone "Only Devils Left" (N)	Yellowstone "Only Devils Left" (N)	(:04) *** "Top Gun" (1986, Action) Tom Cruise.		
SYFY	58	152	152	(:05) *** "Jurassic Park" (1993, Adventure) Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum. Cloned dinosaurs run amok at an island-jungle theme park. (DVS)	Krypton "In Zod We Trust" Seg helps Nyssa rescue their son. (N)	Krypton "In Zod We Trust" Seg helps Nyssa rescue their son. (N)	Krypton "In Zod We Trust" Seg helps Nyssa rescue their son. (N)	Krypton "In Zod We Trust" Seg helps Nyssa rescue their son. (N)	Krypton "In Zod We Trust" Seg helps Nyssa rescue their son. (N)	** "47 Ronin" (2013) Keanu Reeves. Outcast samurai seek revenge on a treacherous overlord. (DVS)		
TBS	24	156	156	Bob's Burgers (DVS)	Bob's Burgers (DVS)	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Conan James McAvoy; Jessica Chastain. (N)	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee	
TCM	49	186	186	(6:00) *** "White Heat" (1949) James Cagney. (DVS)	**** "The Grapes of Wrath" (1940, Drama) Henry Fonda, Jane Darwell, John Carradine. A Depression-era Oklahoma family migrates to California.	**** "The Grapes of Wrath" (1940, Drama) Henry Fonda, Jane Darwell, John Carradine. A Depression-era Oklahoma family migrates to California.	**** "The Grapes of Wrath" (1940, Drama) Henry Fonda, Jane Darwell, John Carradine. A Depression-era Oklahoma family migrates to California.	**** "The Grapes of Wrath" (1940, Drama) Henry Fonda, Jane Darwell, John Carradine. A Depression-era Oklahoma family migrates to California.	**** "The Grapes of Wrath" (1940, Drama) Henry Fonda, Jane Darwell, John Carradine. A Depression-era Oklahoma family migrates to California.	*** "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore" (1974, Drama) Ellen Burstyn, Kris Kristoferson. A widow and		
TLC	43	157	157	Say Yes, Dress	Say Yes, Dress	Dr. Pimple Popper (N)	90 Day Fiancé A look back at the couple's love story. (N)	90 Day Fiancé A look back at the couple's love story. (N)	90 Day Fiancé A look back at the couple's love story. (N)	Dr. Pimple Popper		
TNT	23	158	158	(5:45) * "What Happens in Vegas" (2008) Cameron Diaz. (DVS)	** "Horrible Bosses" (2011, Comedy) Jason Bateman, Charlie Day, Jason Sudeikis. Three oppressed workers plot against their employers. (DVS)	** "Horrible Bosses" (2011, Comedy) Jason Bateman, Charlie Day, Jason Sudeikis. Three oppressed workers plot against their employers. (DVS)	(:15) ** "Horrible Bosses 2" (2014, Comedy) Jason Bateman, Charlie Day, Jason Sudeikis. Nick, Dale and Kurt plot revenge on a thieving investor. (DVS)	(:15) ** "Horrible Bosses 2" (2014, Comedy) Jason Bateman, Charlie Day, Jason Sudeikis. Nick, Dale and Kurt plot revenge on a thieving investor. (DVS)	(:15) ** "Horrible Bosses 2" (2014, Comedy) Jason Bateman, Charlie Day, Jason Sudeikis. Nick, Dale and Kurt plot revenge on a thieving investor. (DVS)	(**) ** "Horrible Bosses 2" (2014, Comedy) Jason Bateman, Charlie Day, Jason Sudeikis. Nick, Dale and Kurt plot revenge on a thieving investor. (DVS)		
TRUTV	38	129	129	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers		
TV LAND	55	161	161	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Younger (N)	King of Queens	(:12) The King of Queens "Black List"
USA	25	132	132	(:04) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Know It All" (DVS)	(:05) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "The Newsroom" (DVS)	(:05) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "The Newsroom" (DVS)	Suits "Everything's Changed" Harvey fights to keep Zane's name.	Suits "Everything's Changed" Harvey fights to keep Zane's name.	Suits "Everything's Changed" Harvey fights to keep Zane's name.	(12:06) Pearson "The Alderman"		
WE	68	166	166	Law & Order "Competence"	Law & Order "Precious"	Law & Order "Precious"	Law & Order "Virtue"	Law & Order "Virtue"	Law & Order "Scoundrels"	Law & Order "House Counsel"		
WGNA	8	172	172	JAG Terrorists take over a Navy frigate.	JAG Harm wants vengeance on a killer.	JAG Harm wants vengeance on a killer.	JAG Renegade agent poses as Harm.	JAG Renegade agent poses as Harm.	JAG "The Return of Jimmy Blackhorse"	JAG "Clipped Wings"		

USA's 'Pearson' focuses on dirty Chicago politics

BY KEVIN MCDONOUGH

It's not every series that loses a cast member to the royal family. Now entering its ninth season, the stylish legal drama "Suits" (9 p.m., USA, TV-14) has seen many characters come and go.

Firm founder Jessica Pearson (Gina Torres) decamps for Chicago and different kinds of power politics in the new spin-off "Pearson" (10 p.m., USA, TV-14).

She's first seen arriving in the Windy City knee-deep in dirty, dangerous politics. Hired by Mayor Bobby Novak (Morgan Spector), she quickly ruffles feathers and raises eyebrows. Why has this powerful New York attorney come to get her hands soiled in city affairs? Has she sold out to a compromised politician or arrived to keep an eye on him? It doesn't take very long for somebody to quote the old "Godfather" line, "Keep your friends close, but your enemies closer."

While Novak's inner circle are concerned about the purpose of her new job, family and old friends are particularly wary. They just don't know if someone who got educated, rich and powerful and then moved away can be trusted. Particularly when Pearson's first efforts are embroiled in



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Gina Torres stars as Jessica Pearson in "The Alderman" episode of "Pearson," airing at 10 p.m. today on USA.

the messy business of keeping schools open in minority districts and fighting efforts to tear down public housing.

The focus shifts away from the concerns of "Suits" to the theater of public affairs, where public advocacy can disguise private greed, and altruistic social movements can be manipulated, bought, or both, by shadowy figures. Is Pearson in Chicago to play their games, or bring them down?

This being a "Suits"-related series, look for good-looking types wearing great clothes or taking off designer duds to

sleep with each other. Look for D.B. Woodside ("24") as Pearson's corporate boyfriend, who seems a little skittish about what she's getting herself into. Betsy Brandt ("Breaking Bad") plays the mayor's wife. Just how long she's been suffering has yet to be established.

A lawyer who can't practice, a mayor with secrets, a miserable mistress and a half-brother (Simon Kassianides) who feels estranged are only a few wrinkles to emerge in the series' pilot.

The secrets of the survival of "Suits" is its ability to pile up

the intrigue without becoming so baffling that viewers couldn't dip in and out over the years. Like a lot of USA fare, "Pearson" is slick, but accessible.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Another famous face gets married and needs free catering on "MasterChef" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14).
- A vet, a fireman and a cat lower the bar for holiday bangles in the 2014 romance "The Nine Lives of Christmas" (8 p.m., Hallmark, TV-G).
- A documentary look at the Apollo 11 mission, "8 Days: To the Moon and Back" (9 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings) makes extensive use of the audio transmissions between the crew and Mission Control.
- A novel's plot twist hits a little too close to home on "Jane the Virgin" (9 p.m., CW, TV-PG).
- Closure comes from beyond on "The InBetween" (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- John's foes strike a painful blow on "Yellowstone" (10 p.m., Paramount, TV-MA).

CULT CHOICE

Single mom Dianne Wiest just can't understand her sons

(Cory Haim and Jason Patric) after they fall in with a bunch of surf punk vampires (Kiefer Sutherland among them) in the 1987 horror comedy "The Lost Boys" (8 p.m., Cinemax).

SERIES NOTES

Kelsea Ballerini searches for talent on "Songland" (9 p.m., NBC, r, TV-PG) * Cameras capture "First Responders Live" (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * A new bundle of joy for Deacon on "S.W.A.T." (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-PG).

LATE NIGHT

James McAvoy, Jessica Chastain, Bill Hader, Isaiah Mustafa, Jay Ryan, James Ransone and Andy Bean are booked on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS) * Sofia Vergara, Emily Deschanel and Tove Lo are scheduled on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jesse Eisenberg, Emily Deschanel, Kate Tempest and Raghav Mehrotra visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) * Anne Hathaway, Rebel Wilson and Andy Sandford are on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., r, CBS).

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'Spider-Man' does victory lap over 'Crawl,' 'Stuber'

BY LINDSEY BAHR

AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES — "Spider-Man: Far From Home" is celebrating another weekend at No. 1, but non-franchise fare continues to struggle at the box office. Fresh studio-released counter-programming such as the horror movie "Crawl" and the action-comedy "Stuber" barely made a dent in the web-slinger's earnings, although there's a glimmer of hope in the independent world.

The "Spider-Man" sequel added \$45.3 million in its second weekend, down only 51% according to studio estimates Sunday, bringing its domestic total to \$274.5 million. Globally, Sony Pictures' "Far From Home" has already grossed \$847 million.

Disney and Pixar's "Toy Story 4" landed in second place with \$20.7 million in its fourth weekend in theaters. It's now earned \$346.4 million from North American theaters.

But while the well-reviewed franchises are thriving, original newcomers are facing an uphill battle in wide-release.

"Crawl," a thriller from Paramount Pictures, debuted in third with an estimated \$12 million against a reported \$13.5 million budget. Directed by Alexandre Aja, "Crawl" stars Barry Pepper and Kaya Scodelario as a father and daughter trapped in their home with a bunch of angry alligators during a hurricane. The R-rated pic wasn't screened for critics in advance, which usually signals a dud, but it's been surprisingly well-received by critics since opening. It's currently 88% fresh on Rotten Tomatoes.

The Uber comedy "Stuber" got off to a bumper start with an estimated \$8 million from more than 3,000 North American locations. The R-rated Kumail Nanjiani and Dave Bautista film cost a reported \$16 million to produce and has not inspired the best reviews. It's the latest Fox film to be released by Disney.

"People always complain about the lack of original offerings from the studios especially during the summer but this summer in particular it seems like audiences are turning their backs on these films," observed Comscore senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian. "It's a real head-scratcher in a way as to why some of these films aren't doing well."

Universal's Beatles-themed rom-com "Yesterday" rounded out the top five in weekend three with \$6.8 million.

Dergarabedian said that it's never a good thing for the box office when week after week the top movies are holdovers. "That means newcomers are not making inroads," he said. "You want audiences every weekend to be excited about a new film."

That lack of enthusiasm is showing in the overall industry numbers. The weekend is down nearly 26% and the year is still around 9%, although Disney's blockbuster-in-the-making "The Lion King" is on the horizon. The photo-realistic remake of Disney's animated

classic opened this weekend in China ahead of its North American debut and made an estimated \$54.7 million.

Although the big new releases failed to light the box office on fire, the independent film scene was thriving with a myriad of options.

Among the most notable is Lulu Wang's family drama "The Farewell," which currently has 100% on Rotten Tomatoes. The Awkwafina-led film opened in four locations to \$351,330 for a massive \$87,833 per theater average. It's expanding to more cities in coming weeks.

The dark Jesse Eisenberg comedy "The Art of Self Defense" opened in seven locations to \$121,080, and the Marc Maron-led "Sword of Trust" debuted in two locations with \$22,512. Documentaries, such as "Maiden," "Pavarotti" and "Echo in the Canyon" also continue to find audiences in limited release.

"If you're an independent movie fan, this is your weekend," Dergarabedian said.

Kick up your chicken salad by turning to your spice rack

BY AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

To apply some modern tricks to old-school chicken salad, we turned to our spice rack. Most spices boast an impressive portfolio of phytonutrients — often the very same compounds that give them such potent flavor.

Mild, creamy chicken salad was an ideal canvas. First, we found we could replace two-thirds of the mayonnaise with low-fat yogurt (and use less dressing overall) and still deliver enough creamy tang to keep everyone happy. To spice up our dressing, we added turmeric and black pepper.

Long used as a medicinal spice in India, turmeric is associated with many health benefits. Black pepper — commonly paired with turmeric — may boost the potency of turmeric, especially in the presence of a little heart-healthy fat.

With our dressing ready, we poached chicken breasts to perfection by heating them just until the water reached 170 F, then removing the pot from the heat and letting the chicken cook through slowly and gently.

For add-ins, we opted for dried cherries and toasted walnuts to provide crunch. Instead of a whisper of herbs, we stirred in 1/3 cup of parsley leaves (herbs, like spices, contain concentrated nutrients), which added a pop of green color and an herbal back note. Two cups of tender baby spinach provided a fresh finish to our updated chicken salad sandwiches.

TURMERIC CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICHES

Servings: 6

Start to finish: 1 hour

Salt and pepper

2 (4- to 6-ounce) organic boneless, skinless chicken breasts, no more than 1-inch thick, trimmed of all visible fat
 1 teaspoon cold-pressed extra-virgin olive oil
 1/2 teaspoon ground turmeric
 Pinch ground cinnamon
 1/4 cup organic plain low-fat yogurt
 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
 2 teaspoons lemon juice
 1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
 1 garlic clove, minced
 1/3 cup walnuts, toasted and chopped coarse
 1/3 cup fresh parsley leaves
 1/4 cup unsweetened dried tart cherries
 1 shallot, minced
 12 slices hearty 100% whole-grain sandwich bread
 2 ounces (2 cups) baby spinach
 Dissolve 1 tablespoon salt in 6 cups cold water in Dutch oven. Submerge chicken in water. Heat pot over medium heat until water registers 170 F. Turn off heat, cover pot, and let stand until chicken registers 165 F, 15 to 17 minutes. Transfer chicken to paper towel-lined rimmed baking sheet, and refrigerate until cool, about 30 minutes.

Combine oil, turmeric and cinnamon together in bowl, and microwave until fragrant, about 30 seconds; let cool slightly. In large bowl, whisk oil mixture, yogurt, mayonnaise, lemon juice, mustard, garlic, 1/2 teaspoon pepper and 1/4 teaspoon salt together until smooth.

Pat cooled chicken dry with paper towels, and cut into 1/2-inch pieces. Add chicken, walnuts, parsley, cherries and shallot to bowl with yogurt mixture, toss to combine, and season with salt and pepper to taste. Divide chicken salad evenly over 6 bread slices, then top with spinach. Top with remaining 6 bread slices. Serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 485 calories; 141 calories from fat; 16 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 31 mg cholesterol; 762 mg sodium; 70 g carbohydrate; 17 g fiber; 10 g sugar; 25 g protein.

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Greek yogurt creates a creamy, spice-infused salad dressing

BY AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

Fresh, juicy summer tomatoes make a great salad, so we set out to create one with complementary flavors and a creamy dressing.

Tomatoes exude lots of liquid when cut, which can quickly turn a salad into soup. To get rid of some of the tomato juice without losing all the valuable flavor, we looked to a method that had proven successful in our other tomato salad recipes: salting the tomatoes before making the salad.

Simply cutting the tomatoes into

wedges, tossing them with salt and letting them sit for 15 minutes provided enough time for the juice to drain. This also seasoned the tomatoes and their juice at the same time. We reserved a measured amount of the flavorful juice to add to the dressing without watering down the salad.

Greek yogurt laid the foundation for a creamy, spice-infused dressing, and we boosted its tang with lemon juice and the reserved tomato juice. To that we added fresh oregano, cumin and garlic, but some tasters found the

cumin and garlic too harsh.

A quick zap in the microwave was all it took to effectively bloom the spice and cook the garlic, successfully mellowing their flavors. We tossed the tomatoes with the dressing, finishing with just the right amount of briny feta to add richness and another layer of flavor.

Both regular and low-fat Greek yogurt will work well here; do not use nonfat yogurt. The success of this recipe depends on ripe, in-season tomatoes.

TOMATO SALAD WITH FETA AND CUMIN-YOGURT DRESSING

Servings: 6

Start to finish: 30 minutes

2 1/2 pounds ripe tomatoes, cored and cut into 1/2-inch-thick wedges

Salt and pepper

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
 1 garlic clove, minced
 1 teaspoon ground cumin
 1/4 cup plain Greek yogurt
 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 1 scallion, sliced thin
 1 tablespoon minced fresh oregano
 3 ounces feta cheese, crumbled (3/4 cup)

Toss tomatoes with 1/2 teaspoon salt, and let drain in colander set over bowl for 15 to 20 minutes.

Microwave oil, garlic and cumin in bowl until fragrant, about 30 seconds; let cool slightly. Transfer 1 tablespoon tomato liquid to large bowl; discard remaining liquid. Whisk in yogurt, lemon juice, scallion, oregano and oil mixture until combined. Add tomatoes and feta, and gently toss to coat. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 104 calories; 54 calories from fat; 6 g fat (3 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 13 mg cholesterol; 338 mg sodium; 9 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 6 g sugar; 5 g protein.

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This bright, tasty salad celebrates Sicilian ingredients

BY AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

This light, bright salad celebrates ingredients that are abundant in Sicily.

Citrus fruits, in particular, flourish and come in many varieties. Taroccos, or blood oranges, are the most popular and prized variety, so it seemed only fitting that we use them for this salad.

We liked the fennel best when it was sliced as thin as possible; this ensured its texture was delicate and crisp rather than tough and chewy, making it an ideal pairing with the sweet, juicy oranges.

To ensure that they were evenly distributed in the salad, we cut the oranges into bite-size pieces and tossed the salad gently to keep the segments from falling apart. To finish our salad, we added some oil-cured black olives, which added briny contrast, plus fresh mint, lemon juice, olive oil, salt and pepper.

FENNEL, ORANGE AND OLIVE SALAD

Servings: 4-6

Start to finish: 25 minutes

2 blood oranges
 1 fennel bulb, stalks discarded, bulb halved, cored and sliced thin
 1/4 cup pitted brine-cured black olives, sliced thin
 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
 2 tablespoons coarsely chopped fresh mint
 2 teaspoons lemon juice
 Salt and pepper

Cut away peel and pith from oranges. Quarter oranges, then slice crosswise into 1/2-inch-thick pieces. Combine oranges and any accumulated juices, fennel, olives, oil, mint and lemon juice in bowl. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 122 calories; 89 calories from fat; 13 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 152 mg sodium; 10 g carbohydrate; 2 g fiber; 6 g sugar; 1 g protein.

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