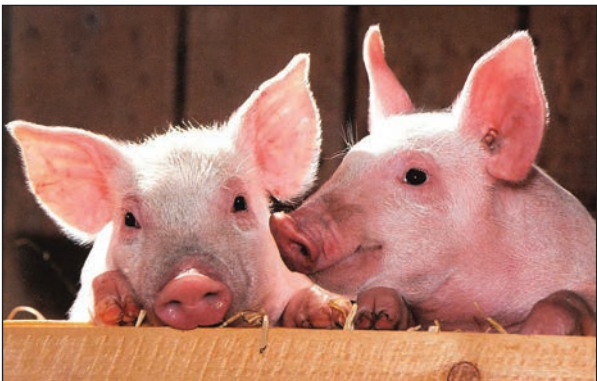




Another side to the bacon craze

Secret video shows abuse of pigs on farms, highlights common practices A6

No terms expired on Manning committee

Council calls meeting to fill an expired term

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

MANNING — Manning City Council will hold a special called meeting at 5:30 p.m. today to fill an expired term on the city’s Grievance Committee, though public records appear to show none of the committee members’ terms are expired.

**SHAFFER**

The agenda for the meeting was received by *The Sumter Item* at 4:53 p.m. Tuesday, meeting the state Freedom of Information Act’s requirement of at least a 24-hour notice before any meetings, including special called meetings, committee meetings or council meetings.

Four items are listed on the agenda: a welcome and introductory remarks from Mayor Julia Nelson; approval of the agenda; discussion of the Municipal Grievance Committee to replace an expired term ending June 30, 2018; and adjournment.

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City’s audit shows growth financially

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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City of Sumter received a positive opinion in its audit report for fiscal year 2016-17, according to an independent auditor’s report from Sheheen, Hancock & Godwin LLP.

The report states the city’s financial statements for its \$62.58 million 2016-17 budget fairly present the respective financial position of governmental activities for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2017.

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Can you recognize Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease?

Common illness can keep kids out of school

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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As parents prepare to go shopping for school supplies, they should add an extra bottle of hand sanitizer to the shopping list to help prevent the spread of illnesses that could keep children out of school.

One illness parents should be aware of is Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease, which could resemble Chick-

enpox with small red dots on the body.

WHAT IS HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE?

It is a common viral infection, caused by several different viruses, that usually affects infants

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HOW CAN I TELL IF I OR MY CHILD HAVE IT?

Symptoms of hand, foot, and mouth disease often include:

- Fever
- Reduced appetite
- Sore throat
- Feeling unwell
- Painful mouth sores that usually begin as flat red spots
- Rash of flat red spots that may blister on the palms of the hands, soles of the feet, and sometimes the knees, elbows, buttocks and/or genital area.

These symptoms usually appear in stages, not all at once. Not everyone will have all of these symptoms. Some people may show no symptoms at all, but they can still pass the virus to others.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease is usually caused by two strains of enteroviruses: coxsackievirus A16 and enterovirus 71. The strain at left is enterovirus.



Reasons behind clients’ requests touching, ministry director says

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Thanks to donations to Summer of Caring, Sumter United Ministries’ Crisis Relief Ministry is able to answer the call when a crisis arises in the life of one of our neighbors, according to director Kevin Howell.



ministry’s clients are unable to keep up with bills and turn to the caring community to

help them.

Howell recently explained though many of the Crisis Relief Ministry’s requests are related to electric final notices, the reasons behind the requests are often very different.

He noted just in the last week, the ministry has encountered a wide variety of situations facing clients.

“We talked to a woman who lost her full-time job after an emergency hysterectomy and recovery lasted longer than her allowed medical leave,” Howell said. “She’s completely without income now.”

Howell shared the story of another woman the ministry talked with after she discovered her husband had an alco-

hol addiction, and he had neglected to pay the power bill for months.

“As she is picking up the pieces of her life and asking, ‘What’s next for me?’, we encouraged her and provided financial assistance,” Howell said.

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Palmetto Voices to present 12th free concert

Performance will include classical and the spirituals

BY IVY MOORE
Special to The Sumter Item

The Palmetto Voices Spiritual Ensemble will present its 12th-annual free concert in Sumter at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church. The concert comes three weeks after several of the vocalists performed in the 14th Annual Festival of the Aegean in Syros, Greece.

Sumter native Sonja Sepulveda directed the chorus that also included the Winston-Salem Youth Chorus and Salem College Choirs. She said several of the pieces the Palmetto Voices will sing are those they included in the festival in Greece.

“We sang in St. Nicholas Church,” Sepulveda said. “We did some African music, some gospel.”

Sepulveda said Saturday’s concert will also include “a little classical music, like Rosaphanye Powell’s Non Nobis Domine, which she composed and conducted for Auburn University.”

WANT TO GO?
WHERE: Trinity United Methodist Church, 226 W. Liberty St.
WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Saturday
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Powell is recognized as one of the country’s premier composers of choral music.

Most of the songs will be “the spirituals, which we’re known for, and we’ll pepper in some gospel songs that have an upbeat and powerful message,” Sepulveda said.

Palmetto Voices is known for its dedication to preserving the legacy of the spiritual. Sepulveda and many members of the ensemble have been involved since the group started in 2006.

What keeps them coming back from their current homes around the U.S.?

Longtime member Herbert Johnson, soon to assume duties as the assistant professor of music and director of choirs for Morris College fol-

lowing a successful tenure — and a Grammy Award — at Lakewood High School, explained.

He said, “This group is more than just an organization or a musical ensemble. We are a family and literally a group of lifelong friends. Many of our members are leaders in various professions from bank executives and project managers to college professors and retired school administrators. Although we are a professional performing group on a national level, the ensemble provides us a platform to exercise our gifts and talents as a personal hobby as well . . . (That) balances out our somewhat demanding and stressful lives as professionals in our own various fields and career.”

Sepulveda said Johnson is one of the soloists for Saturday’s concert.

She said, “He’ll sing a new solo, ‘My God is So High,’ and Shonda English will play piano and sing.”

Byron Barr and English will also be featured on “That Old Time Religion,” arranged by Moses Hogan.

The program will close, as it does traditionally, with Robert Ray’s “He Never Failed Me Yet,” featuring English and Beth Tuten.

Palmetto Voices has also been selected to perform on Oct. 25 for the South Carolina American Choral Directors conference in Charleston.

Sepulveda received her bachelor of music education degree and her master of music degree in choral conducting from Winthrop University. She also holds a doctor of musical arts degree in conducting from the University of South Carolina. Sepulveda is currently the director of choral activities and professor of music theory at Salem College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

She works frequently as a choral adjudicator, clinician and director of honor choirs. Her choirs have toured Europe, Mexico and Canada and have performed at the National Cathedral, Carnegie Hall, Kennedy Center, South Carolina Music Educators Association, National and Southern American Choral Directors Association, National Association for Music Education, Lincoln Center and many other prestigious venues.

Palmetto Voices Spiritual Ensemble will present a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church, 226 W. Liberty St., Sumter. The public is invited to attend.

Senior airman was 1st female to serve in her military-centered family

Why I Serve, presented by With These Hands Natural Gourmet Foods, is a monthly series that brings you a glimpse into the life of a different military service member stationed at Shaw Air Force Base.

Name: Senior Airman Cassidy Woody
Assignment: Broadcast journalist in the 20th Fighter Wing’s Public Affairs Office
Where are you from? Oxford, North Carolina
How long have you been at Shaw? Two-and-a-half years as the first duty station
What does your job involve? Running the wing’s social media, making news and feature videos, holding Public Affairs briefings on base, doing a radio show, doing an external radio promo.
Why did you enlist? “I come from a military family. My uncles, my grandfathers all joined. I was the first Air Force and the first female to serve in my family. My grandfather was a Green Beret in the Army, and when I told him I was thinking about enlisting he looked at me and said, ‘You can’t join the Army.’ He really respected the Air Force, and to see an old Green Beret, an old vet and how much he re-



‘I serve for a better future’

spected this branch really made an impact on me.”

What is a highlight of your experience so far? “I met my husband here at Shaw. He was friends with one of my friends, and she had invited him over to our dorm to watch movies. I didn’t know she was having friends over. So, I walked out of my room in full pajamas trying to get something from the refrigerator, and she had all these friends over. Thankfully, that worked out for me. It was a good ice breaker because you can’t really get much more embarrassing than walking out in your glow-in-the-dark Batman pants.”

How is it to both be in the military? “We have unique challenges because it’s a little more uncommon. My husband is on remote tour in Korea, and I’m at Shaw. We’re constantly doing different things. He’s out on the flight line doing aircraft maintenance, and I’m here in the office making videos. But we understand each other’s career experiences. When he wants to talk about something, I’m a little better prepared to understand what it means.”

Why did you enlist? “After traveling to Europe as a teenager and catching wanderlust, “I really wanted to experience as much as I could. This was my way to both serve and get out there and see things.”

Why are military journalists important both externally and internally? “Our job is to be the connection between our members and the civilian world because there are a lot of things the civilian world doesn’t know about it, doesn’t know about people’s journeys, the challenges that they face. This way, we give everyone a chance to talk about their experience . . . And internally, when we write stories or post videos, we know that higher leadership is going to see that we’re doing things that are really important.”



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Senior Airman Cassidy Woody is a broadcast journalist in the 20th Fighter Wing’s Public Affairs Office.

Do you do anything off base? “I volunteer for Animal Control once a month, and being there and giving back to the community in that way makes me feel like I’m not only improving the Air Force, but the world around us.”

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COUNCIL

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There is no agenda item listing action may be taken at any point during the meeting.

The Sumter Item obtained a list of the members on the City of Manning Municipal Grievance Committee on July 19 in response to a FOIA request in connection with the firing of Blair Shaffer from his job as the city’s police chief.

Shaffer is scheduled to present his case before the Grievance Committee on Thursday.

The list, which includes five names plus an alternate and the dates their terms expire, does not include an opening on the committee due to an expired term. No terms expired on June 30. Members of the committee are: Carroll Harrington, whose term expires on Dec. 31; James Pringle, whose term expires on June 30, 2019; Edward Pompfrey, whose term expires on June 30, 2020; Mitch McElveen, whose term expires on June 30, 2020; Jason Montgomery, whose term expires on June 30, 2021; and Donna Hodge, who was listed as an alternate and whose term expires on June 30, 2020.

After the city’s Public Safety Committee was given the power to fire Shaffer through an amended ordinance in June, Shaffer decided to move forward with bringing his case before the Grievance Committee. The Grievance Committee will report its findings and recommendation to Manning City Council, which has final say in whether to uphold the firing or overturn the Public Safety’s Committee unanimous vote.

According to documents *The Sumter Item* received, the three-member Public Safety Committee consists of Mayor Julia Nelson, Mayor Pro-tem Sherry Welle and Councilman Clayton Pack.

Pack, Welle, Councilmen Ervin Davis Sr., Julius Dukes Jr. and Johnny Gordon and Councilwoman Diane Georgia make up the full city council. The mayor breaks a tie.

AUDIT

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AUDIT REPORT

- The city’s assets exceeded its liabilities by nearly \$116 million;
- The city’s total net position — a combined value of assets and deductions — increased by \$4.2 million, to a total of \$115.8 million, as a result of a \$4.8 million increase in government activities and an approximate

\$660,000 decrease in business-type activities;

- The ending balance for governmental funds was reported to be \$27.3 million, a \$3.9 million increase compared to the previous fiscal year; and
- About \$15.3 million in unassigned funds from the city’s general fund, approximately 35 percent, is available for spending at the city’s discretion.

OTHER FIGURES

Sumter’s total outstanding long-term debt increased by

\$2.3 million during the past fiscal year;

Expenses for governmental activities increased by \$3.8 million; and

Revenues were \$7.3 million greater, about 22 percent, than the city’s approved 2017 budget, and expenditures were \$2.4 million more than originally budgeted.

BY THE NUMBERS, NET POSITION COMPARED TO FISCAL YEAR 2016

- \$542,987 increase in revenue for charges for services;
- \$212,891 decrease in prop-

erty tax revenue;

- \$3,704,072 decrease in local option tax revenue;
- \$88,291 increase in revenues from business and franchise fees;
- \$463,101 increase in general government expenditures;
- \$2,381,667 increase in public safety expenditures;
- \$94,012 increase in public works expenditures;
- \$238,589 increase in parks, recreation and culture expenditures; and
- \$170,637 increase in community development expenditures.

DISEASE

FROM PAGE A1

and children younger than 5 years old, though older children and adults can also be affected.

The illness is usually not serious, and most people recover within seven to 10 days without medical treatment. In rare cases, a person can develop viral meningitis.

A person can develop immunity to the specific virus that caused the person to be sick but can get infected again by contracting another kind of virus that causes the illness.

Not everyone shows symptoms, especially adults, but the illness can still spread.

An infected person is more contagious during the first week of the illness, though some people can remain contagious weeks after symptoms have stopped.

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease is not the same as Foot-and-Mouth Disease, which only affects animals such as cattle, sheep and swine.

SYMPTOMS

- Fever;
- Reduced appetite;
- Sore throat; and
- A feeling of being unwell

ONE TO TWO DAYS LATER

- Painful sores — usually small red dots — develop at the back of the mouth.
- A skin rash — small red dots and blisters — forms on the palms of the hands and soles of the feet.
- Red dots may also form on the knees, elbows, buttocks and genital area.



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Adults can also contract Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease, and most people can recover from it within seven to 10 days.

TREATMENT

Because there is no specific treatment for Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease, medication can only treat the symptoms of the illness.

Children should be given plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration and may not be able to swallow enough liquids because of a sore throat.

WHERE IS THE VIRUS FOUND?

The virus can be found in an infected person’s saliva, sputum — saliva and mucus from the respiratory tract — nasal mucus, blister fluid and feces.

HOW DOES THE ILLNESS SPREAD?

- Physical contact with the infected individual such as kissing and hugging;
- Sharing cups and utensils and touching contaminated objects and surfaces;
- Coughing or sneezing;
- Contact with feces when changing diapers;
- Swallowing recreational water, such as pool water, though this is uncommon and is only likely to happen if the water is not properly treated; and
- The illness is not spread to or from animals.

PARENTS, REDUCE YOUR CHANCES OF GETTING SICK

Wash hands often with soap, especially after changing diapers. Have children wash their hands often, too.

Avoid touching the face with unwashed hands.

Disinfect objects and surfaces frequently.

(Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

SCHOOL AND CHILDCARE EXCLUSION

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control urges parents to keep children diagnosed with Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease home from school and childcare.

DHEC recommends keeping a child with this illness home as long as he has a fever, above-normal drooling, trouble swallowing or is too sick to do normal school and childcare activities.

CARING

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With another client, her employer suddenly closed the business and didn’t pay her the last two checks she was due.

“She found herself unemployed without warning, missing her due date when the check did not come in,” Howell said.

In another scenario, a client recently qualified for custody of a relative’s child when the parent suddenly died. That additional financial stress of a larger household left her short in paying necessary expenses.

“We bridged her through to a sustainable future when present circumstances were overwhelming,” Howell said.

He said helping in such

scenarios brings a special joy to him and the ministry staff, and he appreciates the support from the local community.

“It’s hard to express the joy and satisfaction of assisting in worthy situations like these because the Sumter community came through with generous contributions,” Howell said.

“Although you may not know these stories firsthand, each time you give, you invest and help in lives that are both strangers and neighbors to you. Thank you for caring.”

Sumter United Ministries’ services include an emergency shelter, construction and home repair, financial aid for bills, primary health care and education assistance, and a free medical clinic.

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S.C. governor recognizes Sumter agencies for smoke alarm initiative

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Sumter Fire Department and American Red Cross Sumter were recently recognized at the governor's mansion in Columbia for joint efforts to install free smoke alarms throughout the county.

The two agencies were among several in the state that were awarded for their efforts to educate and protect the public.

Since 2014, Sumter Fire Department has partnered with the Red Cross to install smoke alarms throughout the county in an initiative called Smoke Alarm Blitz and has saved nine lives as a result, according to Cuthbert Langley, South Carolina American Red Cross director of communication.

The Smoke Alarm Blitz is part of American Red Cross' Home Fire Campaign to reduce the number of fire injuries and deaths in the state by 25 percent by the end of 2019, he said.



From left, Nancy Cataldo, American Red Cross Service to Armed Forces director, Gov. Henry McMaster and Sumter Fire Department Battalion Chief Johnnie Rose stand at the governor's mansion in Columbia earlier this month.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Throughout the state, the Red Cross and fire departments have installed more than 60,000 smoke alarms and have saved a reported 53 lives since 2014, Langley said.

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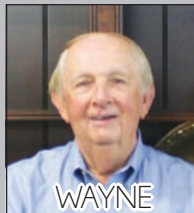
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8 states file suit, Trump ‘looking into’ 3D guns issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump tweeted on Tuesday he is consulting with the National Rifle Association over whether it makes sense for a Texas company to publish downloadable blueprints for a 3D-printed gun.

Trump tweeted he is "looking into 3-D Plastic Guns being sold to the public," adding that he "already spoke to NRA."

The president expressed doubt, saying "doesn't seem to make much sense!" He did not offer further details.

The National Rifle Association did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Trump spoke after eight states filed suit against the administration, contending the hard-to-trace plastic weapons that fire real bullets are a boon to terrorists and criminals and threaten public safety.

The suit, filed Monday in Seattle, asks a judge to block the federal government's late-June settlement with Defense Distributed, which allowed the company to make the plans available online.

Joining the suit were Democratic attorneys general in Massachusetts, Connecticut,

New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Maryland, New York and the District of Columbia. Separately, attorneys general in 21 states urged Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Attorney General Jeff Sessions on Monday to withdraw from the settlement with Defense Distributed, saying it "creates an imminent risk to public safety."

People can use the blueprints to manufacture a plastic gun using a 3D printer. But gun industry experts have expressed doubt that criminals would go to the trouble, since the printers needed to make the guns are very expensive, the guns themselves tend to disintegrate quickly and traditional firearms are easy to come by.

Unlike traditional firearms that can fire thousands of rounds in their lifetime, experts say the 3D-printed guns normally only last a few rounds before they fall apart. They don't have magazines that allow the usual nine or 15 rounds to be carried; instead, they usually hold a bullet or two and then must be manually loaded afterward. And they're not usually very accurate.

Cody Wilson, the founder of Defense Distributed, first



AP FILE PHOTO

This plastic pistol was made completely on a 3D printer at a home in Austin, Texas. A coalition of gun-control groups has filed an appeal in federal court seeking to block a recent Trump administration ruling that will allow the publication of blueprints to build a 3D-printed firearm.

published downloadable designs for a 3D-printed firearm in 2013. It was downloaded about 100,000 times until the State Department ordered him to cease, contending it violated federal export laws since some of the blueprints were downloaded by people outside the United States.

The State Department re-

versed course in late June, agreeing to allow Wilson to resume posting the blueprints. The files were published on Friday.

The company filed its own suit in Texas on Sunday, asserting that it's the victim of an "ideologically fueled program of intimidation and harassment" that violates the company's First Amend-

ment rights.

Meanwhile, Defense Distributed agreed to block temporarily Pennsylvania residents from downloading the plans after state officials went to federal court in Philadelphia on Sunday seeking an emergency order. The company said it has also blocked access to users in New Jersey and Los Angeles.

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Video of abuse at pig farm highlights common practices

BY COLLEEN SLEVIN
Associated Press

DENVER — Recently released undercover video showing pigs being kicked, hit and punched at a Kentucky supplier for the world's largest meat producer drew prompt condemnation from animal rights groups and the agricultural industry alike.

However, the images sandwiched in between — adult pigs in cages barely bigger than their bodies and a piglet squealing while being castrated — show still widely accepted industry practices, but were aimed at pressuring Brazilian-based JBS to abandon them.

Ten states — none major pork producers — have passed laws that ban or phase out the use of those narrow metal cages, known as gestation crates or stalls, where sows are confined during their frequent pregnancies.

Among them is California, where voters agreed to phase out the crates along with chicken cages and veal crates starting in 2015. This fall, voters will be asked to go further and ban the sale of pork from pigs confined to the crates, along with pork from their offspring. The measure also would bar the sale of veal from crated calves and eggs from caged chickens.

Massachusetts voters passed a similar ban in 2016 that takes effect in 2022.

Sows account for only about 6 percent of the pigs on American farms, but pork producers have been slow to give up confinement, said Josh Balk, vice president of farm animal protection for The Humane Society of the United States.

While shoppers are familiar with the bewildering array of cage-free and free-range egg options in stores, how pigs are raised is not something frequently touted on bacon or sausage packages.

Still, activists have made an impact with their gradual, state-by-state approach of passing ballot measures and bills to outlaw crates, and by gathering pledges from more than 100 large restaurant and food companies including McDonald's, Chipotle and Target, to move away from suppliers that use gestation crates. Some meat producers have also pledged to phase them out.

The world's largest pork producer, Smithfield Foods, announced in January it had switched to open group housing for pregnant pigs at its company-owned U.S. farms. JBS has said it plans to transi-

tion to collective rather than individual crates by 2025. In January, it said 45 percent of its suppliers have already made the switch.

JBS' U.S. branch, based in Greeley, suspended shipments from the Franklin, Kentucky, farm after the video was released earlier this month by Los Angeles-based Mercy for Animals, a backer of the California proposal. It said it would investigate the incident at the farm operated by Tennessee-based Tosh Farms.

"Animal welfare is a priority for our company and our customers," JBS USA said in a statement at the time. "We will ensure that all of our suppliers adhere to our high standards for animal care."

An estimated 75 percent of U.S. pig farms regularly use gestation

stalls. The rest are owned by companies that pledged to cut stall use or are in states that ban it, and mostly use open pens instead, according to the National Pork Producers Council.

However, even most of those farms still use gestation stalls when sows are artificially inseminated, and some use them to test whether the sows are pregnant, council spokesman David Warner said. State bans, like Colorado's, typically include exceptions for testing, treatment or research.

After sows give birth, farms that use confinement usually put them in slightly larger farrowing stalls, which give them enough room to lie down and nurse their piglets.

Gestation stalls are intended to minimize fighting among hierarchical sows and protect workers from the pregnant animals, which can weigh between 350 and 450 pounds, said Sarah Crawford, assistant vice president of animal welfare for the National Pork Board in Des Moines, Iowa. She said the stalls are long enough for the animals to lie in, and research has shown some will choose a stall over living in a group.

"The good thing is farmers have the choice to decide what fits best for their farm," she said.

Temple Grandin, an animal science professor at Colorado State University and consultant on livestock treatment, said confined pregnant pigs lack the space to turn around and compared the experience to humans having to spend their lives in an airline seat.

Grandin, who has worked for

JBS in the past, said crates should be phased out and has seen group housing for pigs working well. She also said the way male piglets are castrated — done in their first week to prevent aggression and variations in meat flavor — could change too because of new research into pain medication for livestock.

"Gradually, people are realizing that these animals feel pain and we need to give them pain relief," she said.

Balk of The Humane Society, a major funder of the California proposal, said gestation crates typically are used in places like China and Europe, although the European Union allows sows to be confined for

only the first six weeks — or about a third — of their pregnancy.

U.S. farms, he said, shouldn't resort to "substandard practices."

"Instead, we should set the bar on proper treatment of animals that reflects our mercy and compassion toward animals," Balk said.

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Facebook finds ‘sophisticated’ efforts to disrupt U.S. elections

NEW YORK (AP) — Facebook said it has uncovered "sophisticated" efforts, possibly linked to Russia, to influence U.S. politics on its platforms.

The company said it removed 32 accounts from Facebook and Instagram because they were involved in "coordinated" political behavior and appeared to be fake.

Facebook stopped short of saying the effort was aimed at influencing the U.S. midterm elections in November, although the timing of the suspicious activity would be consistent with such an attempt.

According to a Facebook official, the company held briefings in the House and Senate this week. The official declined to be named because the briefings were private. Facebook disclosed its findings after *The New York Times* reported on them earlier Tuesday.

The company said it doesn't know who is behind the efforts but said there may be connections to Russia. Facebook said it has found some connections

between the accounts it removed and the accounts connected to Russia's Internet Research Agency that it removed before and after the 2016 U.S. presidential elections.

The earliest page was created in March 2017. Facebook says more than 290,000 accounts followed at least one of the fake pages. The most followed Facebook Pages had names such as "Aztlán Warriors," "Black Elevation," "Mindful Being" and "Resisters."

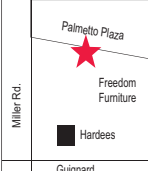
Facebook says the pages ran about 150 ads for \$11,000 on Facebook and Instagram, paid for in U.S. and Canadian dollars. The first ad was created in April 2017; the last was created in June 2018.

The company added that the perpetrators have been "more careful to cover their tracks" than in 2016, in part because of steps Facebook has taken to prevent abuse over the past year. For example, they used virtual private networks and internet phone services and paid third parties to run ads on their behalf.

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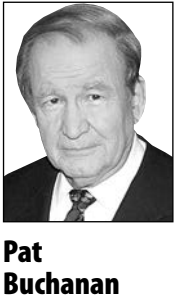
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Will tribalism in the end trump democracy?

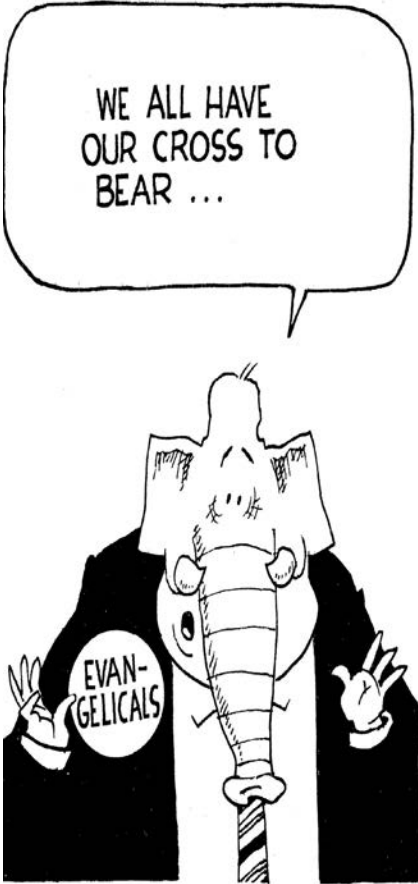
On July 19, the Knesset voted to change the nation's Basic Law. Israel was declared to be, now and forever, the nation-state and national home of the Jewish people. Hebrew is to be the state language. Angry reactions, not only among Israeli Arabs and Jews, came swiftly. Allan Brownfeld of the American Council for Judaism calls the law a "retreat from democracy" as it restricts the right of self-determination, once envisioned to include all within Israel's borders, to the Jewish people. Inequality is enshrined. And Israel, says Brownfeld, is not the nation-state of American Jews. What makes this clash of significance is that it is another battle in the clash that might fairly be called the issue of our age. The struggle is between the claims of tribe, ethnicity, peoples and nations, against the commands of liberal democracy. In Europe, the Polish people seek to preserve the historic and ethnic character of their country with reforms that the EU claims violate Poland's commitment to democracy. If Warsaw persists, warns the EU, the Poles will be punished. But which comes first: Poland, or its political system, if the two are in conflict? Other nations are ignoring the open-borders requirements of the EU's Schengen Agreement, as they attempt to block migrants from Africa and the Middle East. They want to remain who they are, open borders be damned. Britain is negotiating an exit from the EU because the English voted for independence from that transitional institution whose orders they saw as imperiling their sovereignty and altering their identity. When Ukraine, in the early 1990s, was considering secession from Russia, Bush I warned Kiev against such "suicidal nationalism." Ukraine ignored President Bush. Today, new questions have arisen. If Ukrainians had a right to secede from Russia and create a nation-state to preserve their national identity, do not the Russians in Crimea and the Donbass have the same right — to secede from Ukraine and rejoin their kinsmen in Russia? As Georgia seceded from Russia at the same time, why do not the people of South Ossetia have the same right to secede from Georgia? Who are we Americans, 5,000 miles away, to tell tribes, peoples and embryonic nations of Europe whether they may form new states to reflect and preserve their national identity? Nor are these minor matters. At Paris in 1919, Sudeten Germans and Danzig Germans were, against their will, put under Czech and Polish rule. British and French resistance to permitting these peoples to secede and rejoin their kinfolk in 1938 and 1939 set the stage for the greatest

war in history. Here in America, we, too, appear to be in an endless quarrel about who we are. Is America a different kind of nation, a propositional nation, an ideological nation, defined by a common consent to the ideas and ideals of our iconic documents like the Declaration of Independence and Gettysburg Address? Or are we like other nations, a unique people with our own history, heroes, holidays, religion, language, literature, art, music, customs and culture, recognizable all over the world as "the Americans"? Since 2001, those who have argued that we Americans were given, at the birth of the republic, a providential mission to democratize mankind, have suffered an unbroken series of setbacks. Nations we invaded, such as Afghanistan and Iraq, to bestow upon them the blessings of democracy, rose up in resistance. What our compulsive interventionists saw as our mission to mankind, the beneficiaries saw as American imperialism. And the culture wars on history and memory continue unabated. According to *The New York Times*, the African-American candidate for governor of Georgia, Stacey Abrams, has promised to sandblast the sculptures of Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson and Jefferson Davis off Stone Mountain. The Republican candidate, Brian Kemp, has a pickup truck, which he promises to use to transfer illegal migrants out of Georgia and back to the border. In Texas, a move is afoot to remove the name of Stephen Austin from the capital city, as Austin, in the early 1830s, resisted Mexico's demands to end slavery in Texas when it was still part of Mexico. One wonders when they will get around to Sam Houston, hero of Texas' War of Independence and first governor of the Republic of Texas, which became the second slave republic in North America. Houston, after whom the nation's fourth-largest city is named, was himself, though a Unionist, a slave owner and an opponent of abolition. Today, a large share of the American people loathe who we were from the time of the explorers and settlers, up until the end of segregation in the 1960s. They want to apologize for our past, rewrite our history, erase our memories and eradicate the monuments of those centuries. The attacks upon the country we were and the people whence we came are near constant. And if we cannot live together amicably, secession from one another, personally, politically and even territorially, seems the ultimate alternative.



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COMMENTARY

Some ideas to think about

Poverty is no mystery, and it's easily avoidable. The poverty line that the Census Bureau used in 2016 for a single person was an income of \$12,486 that year. For a two-person household, it was \$16,072, and for a four-person household, it was \$24,755. To beat those poverty thresholds is fairly simple. Here's the road map: Complete high school; get a job, any kind of a job; get married before having children; and be a law-abiding citizen. How about some numbers? A single person taking a minimum-wage job would earn an annual income of \$15,080. A married couple would earn \$30,160. By the way, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, less than 4 percent of hourly workers in 2016 were paid the minimum wage. That means that over 96 percent of workers earned more than the minimum wage. Not surprising is the fact that among both black and white married couples, the poverty rate is in the single digits. Most poverty is in female-headed households. Socialist Sen. Bernie Sanders' presidential campaign garnered considerable appeal from millennials. These young people see socialism as superior to free market capitalism. Capitalism doesn't do well in popularity polls, despite the fact that it has eliminated many of mankind's worst problems, such as pestilence and gross hunger and poverty. One of the reasons is that capitalism is always evaluated against the nonexistent, non-realizable utopias of



Walter Williams

socialism or communism. Any earthly system, when compared with a utopia, will not fare well. Indeed, socialism sounds good but, when practiced, leads to disaster. Those disasters have been experienced in countries such as the USSR, China, most African nations and, most recently, Venezuela. When these disasters are pointed out, the excuse is inadequacies of socialist leaders rather than socialism itself. For the ordinary person, free market capitalism, with all of its warts, is superior to any system yet devised to deal with our everyday needs and desires. Here are a couple of questions: Does an act clearly immoral when done privately become moral when done collectively? Does legality or majority consensus establish morality? Before you answer, consider that slavery was legal; South African apartheid was legal; the horrendous Stalinist, Nazi and Maoist purges were legal. Clearly, the fact of legality or a majority consensus cannot establish morality. You might ask, "If you're so smart, Williams, what establishes morality?" That's easy, and you tell me when I make the wrong step. My initial premise is that we own ourselves. You are your private property, and I am mine. Self-ownership reveals what's moral and immoral. Rape is immoral because it violates private property. So is murder and any other initiation of violence. Most people

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probably agree with me that rape and murder are immoral, but what about theft? Some Americans would have a problem deciding whether theft is moral or immoral. Let's first define what theft is. A fairly good working definition of theft is the taking by force of one person's property and the giving of it to another to whom it does not belong. Most Americans think that doing that is OK as long as it's done by government. We think that it is OK for Congress to take the earnings of one American to give to another American in the form of agricultural subsidies, business bailouts, aid for higher education, food stamps, welfare and other such activities that make up at least two-thirds of the federal budget. If I took some of your earnings to give to a poor person, I'd go to jail. If a congressman did the same thing, he'd be praised. People tend to love a powerful government. Quite naturally, a big, powerful government tends to draw into it people with bloated egos, people who think they know more than everyone else and have little hesitance in coercing their fellow man. Nobel laureate Friedrich Hayek explained why corruption is rife in government: "In government, the scum rises to the top."

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AA Women's Meeting — Wednesdays, 7 p.m., 1 Warren St. (803) 775-1852.
AA Spanish Speaking — Sundays, 4:30 p.m., 1 Warren St. (803) 775-1852.
AA "How it Works" Group — Mondays and Fridays, 8 p.m., 1154 Ronda St. (803) 494-5180.
441 AA Support Group — Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, 8 p.m., Hair Force, 2090-D S.C. 441.
AA Summerton Group — Wednesday, 8 p.m., town hall.
Manning Al-Anon Family Group — Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Behavioral Health Building, 14 Church St., Manning. (803) 435-8085.
C/A "Drop the Rock" Group — Thursdays, 9:30 p.m., 1154 Ronda St. (803) 607-4543.
Al-Anon "Seekers of Serenity" — Mondays, 7 p.m., 1 Warren St. (803) 720-1747

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

TUESDAY MEETINGS:
Celebrate Recovery — Tuesdays, 6:45 p.m. coffee / snacks, 7 p.m. meeting, Alice Drive Baptist Church, Studio 4.3 (youth building), 1305 Loring Mill Road. Help with struggles of alcohol, drugs, family problems, pornography, anxiety, etc.
Heroin Anonymous — Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 p.m., 4742 Broad St. Call (803) 494-5180.
Sumter Connective Tissue Support Group — First Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November, 7 p.m., 180 Tiller Circle. Call (803) 773-0869.
Sumter Combat Veterans Group Peer to Peer — Tuesdays, 11 a.m., South HOPE Center, 1125 S. Lafayette Drive. Veterans helping veterans with PTSD, coping skills, claims and benefits.
"The Gathering" — Second Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., North HOPE Center, 904 N. Main St. Support group for teens and adults with special needs. Call (803) 972-0051 or (803) 468-5745 or email thegathering23@aol.com.
Sumter Amputee Support Group — Second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Sumter Prosthetics & Orthotics, 259 Broad St. Call (803) 883-4356.
Sumter Chapter Parents of Murdered Children (POMC) — Third Tuesday, 5:30-7 p.m., Birnie HOPE Center, 210 S. Purdy St. Open to anyone who has lost a loved one to murder.

Mothers of Angels (for mothers who have lost a child) — Third Tuesday at 6 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church. Call (803) 469-6059, (803) 979-4498 or (803) 316-4506.
EFMP Parent Exchange Group — Last Tuesday, 11 a.m.-noon, Airman and Family Readiness Center. Support to service members who have a dependent with a disability or illness. Call (803) 895-1252/1253 or (803) 847-2377.

WEDNESDAY MEETINGS:
Sickle Cell Support Group — Last Wednesday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., South Sumter Resource Center, 337 Manning Ave. Call (803) 774-6181.
Divorce Care and Grief Share — Each group meets separately on Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Baptist Church, 2401 Bethel Church Road. Call (803) 481-2160.

THURSDAY MEETINGS:
TOPS S.C. No. 236 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) — Thursdays, 9 a.m., Spectrum Senior Center, 1989 Durant Lane. Call (803) 775-3926 or (803) 469-4789.
Alzheimer's Support Group through S.C. Alzheimer's Association — First Thursday, 6-8 p.m., National Health Care, 1018 N. Guignard Drive. Call (803) 905-7720 or the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 636-3346.
Journey of Hope (for family members of the mentally ill), Journey to Recovery (for the mentally ill) and Survivors of Suicide Support Group — Each group meets every first Thursday, 7 p.m., St. John United Methodist Church, 136 Poinsett Drive. Call (803) 905-5620.
Women (Only) Support Group "Moving from Bitter to Better" — Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., Next Generation Church, 741 Bultman Drive, Unit 8. Ages 18 and older. Call (843) 327-0393 or email joeannaiken@yahoo.com.

FRIDAY MEETINGS:
Celebrate Recovery — Fridays, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. program, Salt & Light Church, 360 Miller Road. Help with struggles of alcohol, drugs, family problems, smoking, etc.
Waterree AIDS Task Force Support Group — Third Friday, 11:30 a.m., 508 W. Liberty St. Call (803) 778-0303.

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

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

PUBLIC AGENDA

TOWN OF LYNCHBURG PLANNING COMMISSION
Today, 4 p.m., town hall

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Engage in activities that require skills and imagination. A passionate approach to life and personal matters will help bring you closer to your goal. Collaborate with someone who brings out the best in you.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take on challenges that benefit you. Stay focused on what you can achieve, and align yourself with people who are hardworking and as willing to pitch in as much as you are. Personal improvements will give you the boost you need.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Listen and gain knowledge from experts. It will help you fine-tune what you want to accomplish and give you an edge if someone tries to outmaneuver you. Refuse to let emotional issues cloud your vision.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Domestic changes will ease stress and make your place more inviting. Altering your current living arrangements will turn out better than expected. Update your image or appearance. Romance will bring you closer to someone you love.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep moving forward. Don't let anyone or anything sidetrack you. An unexpected or unusual proposal won't be as sound an idea as you're led to believe. Don't let emotions interfere with doing what's in your best interest.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you crave change, make it happen. Put your best effort into incorporating what you want. A change of location or business travel will help you convince others to see things your way. Take physical action.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Trust in your

ability to persuade others to do things your way. Engage in talks and bolster enthusiasm. Your passionate approach will spark innovative ideas that will make a difference and address any concerns you might have.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Delve into personal projects that will get you back on track physically and encourage you to take better care of your health. Travel and educational pursuits may intrigue you, but the cost involved could put you in a difficult financial situation.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Tune in to the people around you and how best to deal with them without being misleading or feeling as though you're forced to take on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Personal changes at home will make your life easier.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep emotions under control, and limit interactions with people who tend to make a big fuss and expect you to make concessions and fix whatever went wrong. Make personal change that improves your appearance a top priority.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Dealings with people who have disappointed you in the past should be limited. Spend time with someone you know you can count on. Physical activities will ease stress and encourage better health. Say no to anyone putting pressure on you.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look for an opportunity to invest in something you enjoy. Developing a skill or creative endeavor will be satisfying. A joint venture will help optimize your chance to get ahead. Romance will encourage personal changes.

DAILY PLANNER

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
87°	73°	84° / 72°	82° / 71°	87° / 71°	89° / 72°
Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 65%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 45%	Chance of rain: 45%
S 6-12 mph	SSE 4-8 mph	S 6-12 mph	S 4-8 mph	SSW 3-6 mph	S 3-6 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

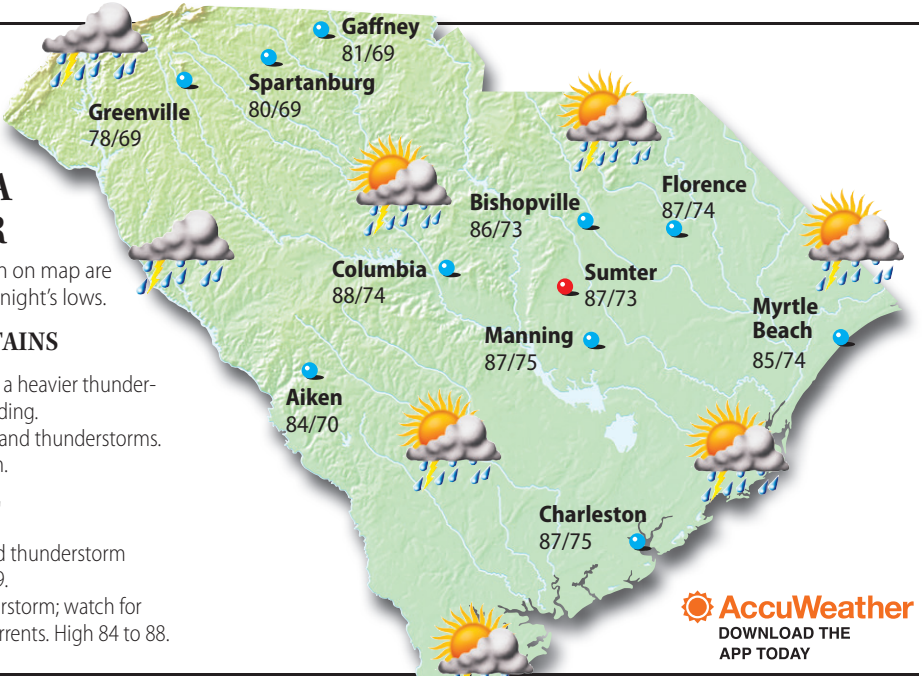
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Showers and a heavier thunderstorm. Watch for flooding.
Thursday: Showers and thunderstorms. Winds south 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: A shower and thunderstorm around. High 85 to 89.
Thursday: A thunderstorm; watch for rough surf and rip currents. High 84 to 88.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	
High	84°
Low	74°
Normal high	90°
Normal low	69°
Record high	102° in 1980
Record low	60° in 1981

Precipitation	
24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	0.04"
Month to date	4.28"
Normal month to date	5.55"
Year to date	21.89"
Last year to date	26.54"
Normal year to date	28.34"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.86	+0.02
Marion	76.8	75.66	-0.07
Moultrie	75.5	75.38	+0.06
Waterree	100	96.88	+0.05

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	5.37	+0.57
Congaree River	19	3.69	-0.28
Lynchies River	14	9.93	+3.05
Saluda River	14	2.37	-0.34
Up. Santee River	80	77.39	+0.15
Waterree River	24	8.04	+1.53

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:33 a.m.	Sunset	8:23 p.m.
Moonrise	11:21 p.m.	Moonset	10:46 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Aug. 4	Aug. 11	Aug. 18	Aug 26

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	12:23 a.m.	3.0	7:21 a.m.	0.3
	12:40 p.m.	2.8	7:26 p.m.	0.6
Thu.	12:59 a.m.	3.0	8:00 a.m.	0.2
	1:22 p.m.	2.8	8:14 p.m.	0.7

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	78/68/t	77/69/t
Chicago	85/65/pc	86/67/t
Dallas	93/69/s	95/72/pc
Detroit	81/64/c	85/66/pc
Houston	95/74/pc	94/74/s
Los Angeles	89/69/pc	86/68/s
New Orleans	85/74/c	88/75/t
New York	84/75/t	87/75/t
Orlando	89/73/t	89/74/t
Philadelphia	88/76/t	90/75/t
Phoenix	109/89/pc	108/87/pc
San Francisco	66/52/pc	66/51/pc
Wash., DC	88/78/t	89/76/t

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	75/67/t	74/66/t
Athens	77/68/t	77/68/t
Augusta	85/72/t	84/69/t
Beaufort	89/76/t	87/75/t
Cape Hatteras	86/79/pc	87/77/t
Charleston	87/75/t	86/75/t
Charlotte	83/72/t	82/71/t
Clemson	78/70/t	80/70/t
Columbia	88/74/t	85/73/t
Darlington	87/74/t	86/72/t
Elizabeth City	88/76/t	87/76/t
Elizabethtown	88/75/t	87/73/t
Fayetteville	87/74/t	87/73/t

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Florence	87/74/t	87/73/t
Gainesville	89/74/t	88/72/t
Gastonia	83/70/t	82/69/t
Goldsboro	89/74/t	87/73/t
Goose Creek	87/75/t	85/74/t
Greensboro	82/70/t	80/70/t
Greenville	78/69/t	78/69/t
Hickory	80/69/t	80/67/t
Hilton Head	87/78/t	85/76/t
Jacksonville, FL	88/73/t	87/72/t
La Grange	78/71/t	77/70/t
Macon	79/71/t	80/69/t
Marietta	76/68/t	77/68/t

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Marion	77/67/t	77/67/t
Mt. Pleasant	87/77/t	86/76/t
Myrtle Beach	85/74/t	85/72/t
Orangeburg	86/74/t	83/72/t
Port Royal	87/77/t	84/75/t
Raleigh	87/73/t	85/72/t
Rock Hill	84/71/t	83/69/t
Rockingham	86/73/t	85/71/t
Savannah	89/76/t	87/73/t
Spartanburg	80/69/t	80/68/t
Summerville	86/74/t	84/73/t
Wilmington	86/75/t	85/74/t
Winston-Salem	81/70/t	79/68/t

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SUMTER ANIMAL CONTROL PETS OF THE WEEK



TOP: How is this sweet girl still at Sumter Animal Control? Bryanna is such a sweet and playful pup. She gets along with her human and canine companions. She is about a year old and medium in size. Bryanna loves the outdoors and going for long walks. Due to her size, she would be perfect to take along on family vacation. Surely there is a family out there that can give Bryanna a forever home.

BELOW: Here we have another beauty that is still waiting on a family of her own. Dena is a 12- to 18-month-old mixed breed who is small in size and big in personality. She loves dogs, people, treats, rolling in the grass and just generally enjoys life. You can tell by the way she carries herself that this is a happy, pleasant dog to be around. Young enough to fit into any situation, with some training and positive reinforcement, Dena is the kind of dog who is only too happy to learn.

If you would like to meet Bryanna in kennel 24 or Dena in kennel 30 at Sumter Animal Control, 1240 Winkles Road, call the adoption coordinator at (803) 774-3232 or email rescuesumteresc@gmail.com. As with all of our adoptable dogs, we do require a spay or neuter agreement, and it is strictly enforced. Proof of spay/neuter after adoption will be required. We have many other adoptable dogs as well as animals who were found and are waiting for their owners to claim them. Check Sumter Animal Control on Facebook.

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

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL



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Sumter's Daulton Dabbs pulls his bat back on a bunt attempt on ball in the dirt during the P-15's 4-2 loss to Chapin/Newberry in the American Legion state tournament championship game last week at Spirit Communications Park in Columbia. Chapin is one of four teams in the Southeast Region that Sumter has already played this season. The regional begins on Aug. 8 in Asheboro, North Carolina.

P-15's have faced four of the teams making up Southeast Region field

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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The field for the American Legion baseball Southeast Region Tournament should look

very familiar to the fans of the Sumter P-15's. Four of the seven other teams appeared on Sumter's schedule this year. Along with South Carolina

state champion Chapin/Newberry, which defeated the P-15's for the state crown last week, Florida state champion Tallahassee, Alabama state champion Troy and host Ran-

dolph County are teams Sumter has faced and will join them in the 8-team, double-elimination regional at McCrary Park in Asheboro, North Carolina.

The field for the 8-team, double elimination state tournament is set except for the West Virginia state champion,

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CLEMSON FOOTBALL

Tigers' control of ACC fuels rise to national elite

CHARLOTTE — Dabo Swinney has built Clemson into an every-year power with regular College Football Playoff appearances and a recent national championship. None of that could've happened without first asserting unquestioned control of the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Tigers open practice this week as the overwhelming favorite to become the first team to win four straight ACC titles since Florida State's romp through the 1990s. They also could become only the second power-conference team to win four straight league championship games. "I didn't sit back and say, 'Well we're Clemson and we're going to go out there and everybody's going to try to catch us,'" Swinney said during the ACC Kickoff pre-season media days. "But I

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Clemson defensive end Clelin Ferrell (99) and Dexter Lawrence (90) celebrate a sack during the first half of their 2017 game against South Carolina in Columbia. Ferrell says the 2018 Tigers "haven't done anything" when asked whether there's a gap between Clemson and the rest of the Atlantic Coast Conference as the Tigers chase a fourth straight league title.

PRO FOOTBALL

Former Clemson star Dawkins' alter ego sends him to Hall

PHILADELPHIA — Brian Dawkins transformed from a calm, soft-spoken man into an action hero on game days for 16 seasons in the NFL. Following what seemed like an out-of-body experience during pregame introductions, "Weapon X" terrorized opponents with ferocious hits all over the field. Dawkins redefined the safety position by providing excellent pass coverage, strong run support, and the ability to blitz quarterbacks. A fan of the "Wolverine" Marvel comic, Dawkins played like a safety, cornerback, linebacker and defensive lineman in one package. No. 20 was the heart and soul on defense for the Philadelphia Eagles during the team's impressive run

of success in the 2000s. His unique skills helped Dawkins become the first defensive back in franchise history elected into the Hall of Fame. Perhaps even more remarkable is the fact no football player who passed through a city known for its passion and toughness was more revered than Dawkins. He has a special bond with the fans. "They're crazy. They're twisted in some ways. But I love them, because there are a lot of parts of me that are twisted in a lot of different ways," Dawkins said. "That's why I did some of the crazy stuff on the field that I did. So we fit like hand in glove.

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Philadelphia's Brian Dawkins, left, intercepts a pass in the end zone in front of Washington's Zeron Flemister (89) and the Eagles' Famon Moore (43) during a 2001 game in Landover, Maryland. Dawkins will be inducted into the Hall of Fame during ceremonies in Canton, Ohio on Aug. 4.

AP FILE PHOTO

PRO BASEBALL

Cardinals deal Pham to Rays as trading deadline arrives

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The St. Louis Cardinals have traded outfielder Tommy Pham to the Tampa Bay Rays for three minor league players, outfielder Justin Williams, left-handed pitcher Genesis Cabrera and right-handed pitcher Roel Ramirez. The Rays also received international cap space in the four-player trade announced Tuesday, baseball's deadline for trades without waivers. There had already been a flurry of moves this week, including

closers Roberto Osuna (to Houston) and Ken Giles (to Toronto) switching teams, Seattle picking up Adam Warren and Zach Duke, Lance Lynn joining the New York Yankees, Adam Duvall moving to Atlanta and Ian Kinsler added to the Boston Red Sox. The 30-year-old Pham has been a member of the Cardinals organization since being drafted in 2006. He was batting .248 this season with 14 home runs and 41 RBIs as St. Louis opened the day seven games out of the NL Central lead during a season in which the team has already fired manager Mike Matheny. Williams, 22, is a left-handed hitting outfielder who was batting .258 for the Durham Bulls (AAA). Cabrera, 21, is 7-6 mark with a 4.12 ERA in 21 games for Montgomery of the Southern League (AA) and Ramirez, 23, was 3-1 with a 3.32 ERA in 26 games as a reliever for the Montgomery Biscuits.



PHAM



WILLIAMS

AREA SCOREBOARD

Sumter Touchdown Club looking for members, sponsors

The Sumter Touchdown Club presented by FTC is looking for new members and sponsors for the start of its 29th season, which is set for Friday, Aug. 31.

Membership is open to the public. The fee is \$100 per year and includes a full buffet breakfast from Shoney's each week along with the ability to participate in all that the TD club offers. Sponsorships are \$200 per year.

The club will hold its 12 meetings at Swan Lake Visitors Center beginning at 7:15 a.m. The visitors center is located inside the gates of Swan Lake-Iris Gardens on West Liberty Street.

There will be a guest speaker each week and four players will be honored by the club each week as well.

For those interested in becoming a member or a sponsor, go to www.sumtertdclub.com and click on the membership form or sponsorship form.

For more information, go to the website or call Glaze at (803) 968-0773.



The Sumter 11-12 year-old “O”Zone all-star baseball team finished second in the state tournament. Members of the team are first row, left to right: Chandler Richardson, Hayden Mims, BJ Balls, Chapell Brogdon, Dylan Jones, Landon Gilley and Walker Smith. Second row: Coach Byron Kinney, Ian Harris, Clark Kinney, coach Russ VanPatten, Sean Rouse, Blake VanPatten, coach Scott Richardson and Ben Reynolds

CHURCHES CHALLENGE REGISTRATION CONTINUES

Registration is being taken for the 19th annual Churches Challenge Golf Tournament and Praise Rally on Aug. 24-25.

The praise rally will be held at Alice Drive Baptist Church, while the tournament will be

held at Sunset Country Club.

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

tered by Shoney's.

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

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

The tournament is known for its prizes with none greater than the \$51,000 prize if someone sinks a hole-in-one on the 18th hole. Should someone ace the hole, his or her church will receive a check for \$50,000 and the player will receive \$1,000.

The Sumter CGA Chapter has returned more than \$100,000 to the community through awards to the churches, charities and expense purchases from local businesses. Some of the different charities to have benefited are United Ministries, The Salvation Army, Fireside Fund and

different children's homes and youth programs.

The CGA encourages female golfers and young golfers to participate in the event as well.

Registration forms can be mailed to CGA, 1285 Clara Louise Kellogg Drive, Sumter, SC 29153 or can be brought to the office at Dillon Park, next to Crystal Lakes Golf Course.

For more information, call (803) 773-2171.

SUMTER HIGH GIRLS GOLF TRY-OUTS SET

The Sumter High School varsity girls golf program is looking for anyone interested in playing for the upcoming season.

Prospective players must have their own clubs and have a physical on file with the SHS athletic department.

The first practice is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 6, at Crystal Lakes Golf Course.

For more information, contact Jeff Schaffer at (803) 565-1491.

From staff reports

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

1 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Baltimore at New York Yankees (MLB NETWORK).
2:30 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Citi Open Early-Round Matches from Washington (TENNIS).
3 p.m. — International Soccer: International Champions Cup Match from Dublin, Ireland — Arsenal vs. Chelsea (ESPN2).
4 p.m. — International Soccer: International Champions Cup Match from Faro-Loulé, Portugal — Benfica vs. Lyon (ESPNWS).
4 p.m. — Horse Racing: Shine Again Stakes from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (FOX SPORTS 2).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh (MLB NETWORK).
7 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: New York at Connecticut (NBA TV).
7 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Citi Open Early-Round Matches from Washington (TENNIS).
7:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: MLS All-Star Game from Atlanta — MLS All-Stars vs. Juventus (ESPN).
7:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Miami at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
8 p.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Fiji International First Round from Natadola, Fiji (GOLF).
10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Milwaukee at Los Angeles Dodgers (MLB NETWORK).
10 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Phoenix at Las Vegas (NBA TV).

MLB STANDINGS

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	75	33	.694	—
New York	67	37	.644	6
Tampa Bay	53	53	.500	21
Toronto	48	57	.457	25½
Baltimore	32	74	.302	42

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	57	48	.543	—
Minnesota	49	56	.467	8
Detroit	45	62	.421	13
Chicago	37	68	.352	20
Kansas City	32	73	.305	25

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	67	41	.620	—
Seattle	63	43	.594	3
Oakland	62	46	.574	5
Los Angeles	54	53	.505	12½
Texas	46	62	.426	21

MONDAY

Boston 2, Philadelphia 1, 13 innings
Minnesota 5, Cleveland 4
Texas 9, Arizona 5
Oakland 10, Toronto 1
Seattle 2, Houston 0

TUESDAY

Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
Texas at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
Toronto at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

TODAY

Baltimore (Cobb 2-14) at N.Y. Yankees (Gray 8-7), 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Romano 6-8) at Detroit (Fiers 7-6), 1:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 12-5) at Minnesota (Mejia 1-0), 1:10 p.m.
Toronto (Stroman 4-7) at Oakland (Manaea 9-7), 3:35 p.m.
Houston (Keuchel 8-9) at Seattle (LeBlanc 6-1), 4:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Tropeano 4-5) at Tampa Bay (Archer 3-5), 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Junis 5-11) at Chicago White Sox (Covey 4-6), 8:10 p.m.

THURSDAY

L.A. Angels at Tampa Bay, 1:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Toronto at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE By The Associated Press

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	58	48	.547	—
Atlanta	56	47	.544	½
Washington	52	53	.495	5½
New York	44	59	.427	12½
Miami	46	62	.426	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	61	44	.581	—
Milwaukee	62	47	.569	1
Pittsburgh	55	52	.514	7
St. Louis	54	52	.509	7½
Cincinnati	48	58	.453	13½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	59	48	.551	—
Arizona	59	49	.546	½
Colorado	57	48	.543	1
San Francisco	54	54	.500	5½
San Diego	42	67	.385	18

MONDAY

Boston 2, Philadelphia 1, 13 innings
Atlanta 5, Miami 3
St. Louis 5, Colorado 4, 10 innings
Texas 9, Arizona 5
Milwaukee 5, L.A. Dodgers 2
San Francisco 5, San Diego 3, 12 innings

TUESDAY

San Francisco at San Diego, 4:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
Colorado at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
Texas at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

TODAY

N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 6-1) at Washington (Milone 0-0), 12:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Romano 6-8) at Detroit (Fiers 7-6), 1:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Hamel 5-9) at Pittsburgh (Kingham 5-5), 7:05 p.m.
Miami (Lopez 2-2) at Atlanta (Sanchez 5-3), 7:35 p.m.
Colorado (Freeland 9-6) at St. Louis (Weaver 6-9), 8:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (Anderson 7-7) at L.A. Dodgers (Hill 4-4), 10:10 p.m.

THURSDAY

Colorado at St. Louis, 1:15 p.m.
Cincinnati at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
San Diego at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 9:00 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

MLB LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

By The Associated Press

BATTING_Betts, Boston, .339; Altuve, Houston, .329; Martinez, Boston, .322; Segura, Seattle, .316; Machado, Los Angeles, .315; Trout, Los Angeles, .310; Simmons, Los Angeles, .304; Rosario, Minnesota, .303; Duffy, Tampa Bay, .300; Brantley, Cleveland, .298.
RUNS_Lindor, Cleveland, 90; Betts, Boston, 84; Trout, Los Angeles, 80; Ramirez, Cleveland, 77; Martinez, Boston, 76; Benintendi, Boston, 73; Springer, Houston, 72; Bregman, Houston, 71; Judge, New York, 70; Segura, Seattle, 70.
RBI_Martinez, Boston, 89; Davis, Oakland, 82; Ramirez, Cleveland, 76; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 73; Bregman, Houston, 71; Haniger, Seattle, 68; Lowrie, Oakland, 68; Lindor, Cleveland, 67; Machado, Los Angeles, 65; 5 tied at 64.
HITS_Altuve, Houston, 134; Rosario, Minnesota, 128; Segura, Seattle, 128; Martinez, Boston, 125; Lindor, Cleveland, 124; Castellanos, Detroit, 120; Betts, Boston, 118; Merrifield, Kansas City, 118; Jones, Baltimore, 117; Gordon, Seattle, 116.
DOUBLES_Escobar, Arizona, 37; Lindor, Cleveland, 34; Bregman, Houston, 33; Castellanos, Detroit, 31; Merrifield, Kansas City, 31; Andujar, New York, 30; Bogaerts, Boston, 30; Abreu, Chicago, 29; Jones, Baltimore, 28; Smoak, Toronto, 28.
TRIPLES_Sanchez, Chicago, 9; Smith, Tampa Bay, 7; Benintendi, Boston, 6; Hernandez, Toronto, 6; Chapman, Oakland, 5; Moncada, Chicago, 5; Profar, Texas, 5; 7 tied at 4.
HOME RUNS_Martinez, Boston, 32; Ramirez, Cleveland, 32; Trout, Los Angeles, 29; Davis, Oakland, 28; Lindor, Cleveland, 27; Gallo, Texas, 26; Judge, New York, 26; Betts, Boston, 25; Cruz, Seattle, 25; 3 tied at 24.
STOLEN BASES_Gordon, Seattle, 25; Ramirez, Cleveland, 24; Merrifield, Kansas City, 22; Anderson, Chicago, 21; Betts, Boston, 20; Trout, Los Angeles, 20; Benintendi, Boston, 18; DeShields, Texas, 18; Smith, Tampa Bay, 18; 2 tied at 16.
PITCHING_Severino, New York, 14-4; Kluber, Cleveland, 13-6; Porcello, Boston, 13-4; Carrasco, Cleveland, 12-5; Gonzales, Seattle, 12-5; Snell, Tampa Bay, 12-5; 5 tied at 11.
ERA_Sale, Boston, 2.04; Verlander, Houston, 2.24; Snell, Tampa Bay, 2.27; Bauer, Cleveland, 2.32; Cole, Houston, 2.55; Skaggs, Los Angeles, 2.62; Kluber, Cleveland, 2.79; Morton, Houston, 2.89; Severino, New York, 2.94; Gonzales, Seattle, 3.37.
STRIKEOUTS_Sale, Boston, 207; Cole, Houston, 194; Bauer, Cleveland, 192; Verlander, Houston, 190; Paxton, Seattle, 163; Severino, New York, 157; Morton, Houston, 151; Berrios, Minnesota, 142; Kluber, Cleveland, 139; Snell, Tampa Bay, 134.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING_Gennett, Cincinnati, .319; Yelich, Milwaukee, .319; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, .318; Markakis, Atlanta, .317; Freeman, Atlanta, .313; Almora, Chicago, .310; Realmuto, Miami, .309; Arenado, Colorado, .308; Kemp, Los Angeles, .301; Winker, Cincinnati, .299.
RUNS_Blackmon, Colorado, 79; Albies, Atlanta, 76; Yelich, Milwaukee, 71; Arenado, Colorado, 70; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 68; Carpenter, St. Louis, 67; Pham, St. Louis, 67; Hernandez, Philadelphia, 66; Baez, Chicago, 65; 2 tied at 64.
RBI_Suarez, Cincinnati, 80; Arenado, Colorado, 79; Baez, Chicago, 79; Aguilar, Milwaukee, 74; Hoskins, Philadelphia, 70; Rizzo, Chicago, 69; Story, Colorado, 68; Freeman, Atlanta, 67; Gennett, Cincinnati, 67; Markakis, Atlanta, 65.
HITS_Markakis, Atlanta, 128; Freeman, Atlanta, 125; Gennett, Cincinnati, 123; Castro, Miami, 121; Albies, Atlanta, 118; Anderson, Miami, 118; Peraza, Cincinnati, 118; Blackmon, Colorado, 117; Arenado, Colorado, 116; Yelich, Milwaukee, 116.
DOUBLES_Markakis, Atlanta, 32; Carpenter, St. Louis, 31; Albies, Atlanta, 30; Story, Colorado, 28; Baez, Chicago, 27; Freeman, Atlanta, 27; Hoskins, Philadelphia, 26; Mercer, Pittsburgh, 25; Rendon, Washington, 25; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 25.
TRIPLES_KMarte, Arizona, 10; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 8; Baez, Chicago, 6; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, 6; Nimmo, New York, 6; Rosario, New York, 6; 6 tied at 5.
HOME RUNS_Arenado, Colorado, 28; Aguilar, Milwaukee, 25; Carpenter, St. Louis, 25; Harper, Washington, 25; Muncy, Los Angeles, 24; Suarez, Cincinnati, 24; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 23; Baez, Chicago, 21; Hoskins, Philadelphia, 21; 4 tied at 20.
STOLEN BASES_SMarte, Pittsburgh, 25; MTaylor, Washington, 24; Turner, Washington, 24; Inciarte, Atlanta, 23; Hamilton, Cincinnati, 22; Baez, Chicago, 19; Cain, Milwaukee, 19; Peraza, Cincinnati, 17; Dyson, Arizona, 16; 3 tied at 14.
PITCHING_Scherzer, Washington, 14-5; Greinke, Arizona, 12-5; Lester, Chicago, 12-3; Nola, Philadelphia, 12-3; Godley, Arizona, 11-6; Mikolas, St. Louis, 11-3; Chacin, Milwaukee, 10-3; Newcomb, Atlanta, 10-5; 4 tied at 9.
ERA_deGrom, New York, 1.82; Scherzer, Washington, 2.30; Nola, Philadelphia, 2.35; Mikolas,

St. Louis, 2.83; Greinke, Arizona, 2.96; Foltyniewicz, Atlanta, 3.05; Lester, Chicago, 3.06; Freeland, Colorado, 3.13; Newcomb, Atlanta, 3.23; Corbin, Arizona, 3.26.
STRIKEOUTS_Scherzer, Washington, 200; Corbin, Arizona, 166; deGrom, New York, 164; Greinke, Arizona, 143; Nola, Philadelphia, 142; Pivetta, Philadelphia, 134; Foltyniewicz, Atlanta, 133; Gray, Colorado, 131; Velasquez, Philadelphia, 122; 2 tied at 120.

WNBA STANDINGS

By The Associated Press All Times EDT

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	16	9	.640	—
Washington	14	11	.560	2
Connecticut	14	12	.538	2½
Chicago	9	17	.346	7½
New York	7	18	.280	9
Indiana	3	23	.115	13½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	19	7	.731	—
Minnesota	15	10	.600	3½
Los Angeles	15	11	.577	4
Phoenix	15	11	.577	4
Dallas	14	11	.560	4½
Las Vegas	12	13	.480	6½

TUESDAY

Washington at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

TODAY

New York at Connecticut, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Las Vegas, 10 p.m.

THURSDAY

Dallas at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.<

TRANSACTIONS

TUESDAY

BASEBALL

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Traded RHPs Kevin Gausman and Darren O'Day to Atlanta for RHP Evan Phillips, INF Jean Carlos Encarnacion, C Brett Cumberland, LHP Bruce Zimmermann and international signing bonus pool money. Optioned Phillips to Norfolk (IL). Assigned Cumberland and Zimmermann to Bowie (EL) and Encarnacion to Delmarva (SAL). Traded 2B Jonathan Schoop to Milwaukee for 2B Jonathan Villar, RHP Luis Ortiz and INF Jean Carmona.
BOSTON RED SOX — Placed LHP Chris Sale on the 10-day DL, retroactive to July 28. Recalled RHP Brandon Workman from Pawtucket (IL). Optioned INF Tzu-Wei Lin to Pawtucket (IL).

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned RHP Adam Plutko to Columbus (IL). Recalled OF Greg Allen from Columbus. Traded SS Willi Castro to Detroit for OF Leonys Martin and RHP Kyle Dowdy. Sent LHP Andrew Miller to Columbus (IL) for a rehab assignment.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Traded 2B Brian Dozier to the L.A. Dodgers for INF Logan Forsythe, OF Luke Raley and LHP Devin Smeltzer. Reinstated RHP Addison Reed from the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Trevor May from Rochester (IL).

NEW YORK YANKEES — Selected the contract of LHP Ryan Bollinger from Trenton (EL).
SEATTLE MARINERS — Designated 2B Gordon Beckham for assignment. Optioned 1B Daniel Vogelbach to Tacoma (PCL). Placed 3B Kyle Seager on paternity leave. Reinstated LHP James Paxton from the 10-day DL. Selected the contract of SS Zach Vincej from Tacoma.

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Traded C Wilson Ramos to Philadelphia for a player to be named or cash. Traded LHP Hunter Schryver to the Chicago White Sox for international signing bonus pool money. Traded RHP Chris Archer to Pittsburgh for OF Austin Meadows, RHP Tyler Glasnow and a player to be named.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Traded RHP John Axford to the L.A. Dodgers for RHP Corey Copping. Designated RHP Oliver Drake for assignment. Reinstated RHP Marco Estrada from the 10-day DL.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Acquired LHP Jake Diekmann from Texas for RHP Wei-Chieh Huang and a player to be named. Transferred RHP Shelby Miller to the 60-day DL. Designated LHP Jorge De La Rosa for assignment.
ATLANTA BRAVES — Placed LHP Sam Freeman on the 10-day DL, retroactive to July 29.
CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned RHPs Lucas Sims and Matt Wisler and OF Preston Tucker to Louisville (IL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Sent LHP Julio Urias to the AZL Dodgers for a rehab assignment.

MIAMI MARLINS — Traded RHP Brad Ziegler to Arizona for RHP Tommy Eveld. Traded OF Cameron Maybin to Seattle for INF Bryson Brigrman and international signing bonus pool money.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Released INF Brad Miller.
NEW YORK METS — Assigned OF Matt den Dekker outright to Las Vegas (PCL). Claimed INF Jack Reinheimer off waivers from Arizona and optioned him to Las Vegas. Sent 3B Todd Frazier to Brooklyn (NYP) for a rehab assignment. Transferred OF Yoenis Cespedes to the 60-day DL.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Traded RHP Jacob Waguespack to Toronto for LHP Aaron Loup. Designated 3B Trevor Plouffe and LHP Zac Curtis for assignment.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Traded OF Tommy Pham and international signing bonus pool money to Tampa Bay for OF Justin Williams, LHP Genesis Cabrera and RHP Roel Ramirez. Acquired OFs Conner Capel and Jhon Torres from Cleveland for OF Oscar Mercado.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Placed LHP Eric Lauer on the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Walker Lockett from El Paso (PCL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Traded RHP Brandon Kintzler to the Chicago Cubs for RHP Jhon Romero. Reinstated 3B Anthony Rendon from the family medical leave list.

SPORTS ITEMS

Former USC QB Shaw steps down as Furman tight ends coach

Former South Carolina star quarterback Connor Shaw has stepped down as an assistant coach with the Furman



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Paladins, according to The State in Columbia.

Furman announced a new tight ends coach, a job Shaw was set to hold, and Shaw is no longer listed as a member of the staff. He was hired on in January of this year.

The school confirmed the news and said he is going into private business.

NATIONALS HOLD ONTO HARPER, HOPE FOR ANOTHER PLAYOFF RUN

WASHINGTON — Bryce Harper is still a Washington National, with the two-time defending NL East champions

hoping he can lead them on another playoff run after a season-long funk.

Washington opted not to trade Harper, who'll be a free agent after the season, after listening to offers for him. The Nationals didn't do much else, either, before Tuesday's

trade deadline, shipping out a relief pitcher but otherwise standing pat as the two teams ahead of them in the division — Atlanta and Philadelphia — made moves to upgrade their rosters.

NEW YANKEES PITCHER HAPP HAS HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

NEW YORK — Newly acquired Yankees left-hander J.A. Happ has been diagnosed with hand, foot and mouth

disease, the second pitcher on a New York team to be recently affected by the illness.

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman made the announcement Tuesday before a game against Baltimore.

Hand, foot and mouth disease is an infectious illness that often affects young children. Mets star Noah Syndergaard currently is on the disabled list with the disease.

MLS EAGER TO SHOW OFF ATLANTA SUCCESS STORY AT ALL-STAR GAME

ATLANTA — The MLS All-Star Game is more than the league showing off its best players against Italian powerhouse Juventus.

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Atlanta United has shattered just about every MLS attendance record since joining the league in 2017, which made it a natural choice to host the All-Star Game at Mercedes-Benz Stadium. Another mark could fall in Wednesday night's match, expected to lure upwards of 70,000 fans to this technological marvel of a stadium.

From staff and wire reports

PRO FOOTBALL

Panthers electrifying CB Jackson draws comparisons to Norman

BY STEVE REED
The Associated Press

SPARTANBURG — Panthers rookie cornerback Donte Jackson is showing he can talk the talk.

Now coach Ron Rivera is hoping the team's second-round draft pick can walk the walk.

The Louisiana State standout has already turned heads at training camp, displaying impressive speed — and a cocky swagger to match.

"He is fast, and I love his confidence level," Rivera said of the 5-foot-10, 180-pound Jackson. "We haven't had a guy like that since Josh Norman."

Norman was an All-Pro cornerback for the Panthers in 2015, the year Carolina went 17-2 and reached the Super Bowl. But he was released the following season because of a contract disagreement and signed with the Washington Redskins.

The Panthers have found one solid replacement at cornerback in James Bradberry, and are in search of another. With veteran Ross Cockrell going down with a leg injury on Monday, Jackson may be called on to fill the other starting spot.

Not surprisingly, Jackson said he's up to the task.

"Coming into the NFL I have always felt like I belonged here," Jackson said.

Panthers cornerback Kevon Seymour has seen firsthand Jackson's swagger. Seymour said when running back Christian McCaffrey was racing down the field, Jackson turned to teammates and said, "He might outrun y'all, but he ain't gonna outrun me. I'm way too fast for that. I'm like electricity. Shooooooooom!"

With that, Seymour started to laugh. "That is how much confidence he has," Seymour said.

Back in minicamp, Jackson told reporters he's like the Beyonce song "I just woke up like this."

When Rivera heard that he broke into a wide grin.

"He is a personality," Rivera told the team's website in May. "He's got a lot of confidence. You see it on the field. You see it when you talk to him. You watch it in his gait, the way he carries himself. That's the type of attitude you have to have if you want to play in this league. You have to have a certain type of swagger. Josh Norman had it. He had it from Day One. You guys saw it. He struggled a little bit, but because of his swagger, he was able to bring himself back. Well, this young man's got something."

Jackson, who said he's been a talker since he played youth football, welcomes the comparisons to Norman.

"I'm not quiet out there, and I play the same position" as Norman, Jackson said. "We both talk a lot and compete at a high level so that's going to draw a lot of comparison."

Said Bradberry: "He's definitely confident in himself. I wouldn't say he's much of a trash talker. But that is the way people are going to perceive him, because he is very confident in himself. But he does talk a lot. And he's very fast."

Jackson's speed in coverage has been on display on several occasions during training camp. The 5-foot-10, 188-pound cornerback got beat by rookie wide receiver D.J. Moore on one play, but then quickly recovered and broke up the pass.

"He's not the biggest corner but



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New Carolina cornerback Donte Jackson (26) is being compared favorably to former Panther and current Washington Redskins cornerback Josh Norman.

he's real fast," Bradberry said. When a reporter asked who is the fastest player on the team, Jackson responded by saying "Donte Jackson, No. 26."

And when asked if there is a player in the league he can't cover, he said, "C'mon man, you know the answer to that. I don't feel like there is

anybody I can't cover." His Twitter handle reads Donte "Action" Jackson because he says "I'm about that action, simple as that." The Panthers sure hope so. "It's good to see," Rivera said of Jackson's confidence level. "But remember, you have to back it up."

PRO FOOTBALL



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Washington Redskins defensive back Josh Norman (24) covers wide receiver Paul Richardson (10) during the morning session at training camp in Richmond, Virginia, on Tuesday.

New Washington quarterback Smith frustrating Norman so far

BY STEPHEN WHYNO
The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Alex Smith is frustrating Josh Norman.

Norman likes having Smith with the Washington Redskins, but practice time against the veteran quarterback at training camp hasn't been as beneficial as the big-money cornerback had hoped. That's because Smith has been so on-point with his decision-making and throws that Norman isn't getting a whole lot of work in team drills.

"You're in great position, you get there top of the route, you're ready for your play to be made and it doesn't come," Norman said. "But the ones you are a little step behind on and you're almost there to make it, he throws it. It's those games, cat and mouse, man. It's cat-and-mouse games that it just sucks when you're the mouse."

Norman feels like the mouse early in camp but hopes facing a QB like Smith each day benefits him in the long run. Entering the third season of a \$75 million, five-year contract, Norman is balancing the lack of work he's getting during 11-on-11 time with his usual half-hour plus of individual drills after practice as one of the last players on the field.

"That's what you've got to do to be the best, to be great like him," said undrafted rookie safety Quin Blanding, who

worked out with Norman following practice Sunday. "It just shows he wants extra work no matter all the work he's done in practice. It's always find ways to get better, and that's what he's doing."

Norman is known for his post-practice regimen, whether it's going for jump balls or catching in rapid succession out of a JUGS machine. But none of that compares to team snaps, where Smith is avoiding Norman the way he would in a real game.

"I'm just staying the course and trying to understand that your technique is not flawed, continue to do what you do even though your chances are not coming," Norman said. "But when they do come, try to be better than the quarterback in making a play. He's so precise right now, so he's not making mistakes, and that's the biggest thing you've seen. Even in practice, he's not making mistakes. It's hard to try to key in on that."

Coach Jay Gruden approves. His offense is built around quick decisions and finding the right receiver to throw to, and that's not usually by challenging Norman.

"Josh is getting plenty of work," Gruden said Tuesday. "We're not going to throw a flat route out to Josh Norman and let him pick it. That's just common sense, so Josh is going to have to wait for somebody else to throw it to him."



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RECRUITING CORNER

Tigers get five commitments from All-In Cookout

The last of the potential immediate commitments emanating from Clemson's All-In Cookout on Friday popped on Monday when cornerback **Andrew Booth** of Lawrenceville, Ga., announced for the Tigers. He is the fifth commitment from prospects who attended the cookout. Booth chose Clemson over Auburn, Georgia and several other major offers including South Carolina, Nebraska, Alabama, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Stanford and Oregon.

"I know exactly where I belong and want to be. I have finally chosen to follow my heart and step through the door God has opened for me," Booth wrote on his Twitter page. "I have chosen to continue my academic and athletic career at Clemson University."

The cookout was Booth's third visit to Clemson this year. He attended a junior day in January and was back for the spring game in April. The Tigers have a need for a CB in the 2019 recruiting class, and Booth was able to see that for himself at the spring game.

"I got to see where they are coming from when they said the secondary is thin in spots," he said. "I got to see that for myself. I'm very close to everybody on that staff and I talked to everybody. We talked about family and how great of a person I am. The atmosphere was great."

"I see myself fitting in pretty good."

Booth also said earlier this year he liked how the Clemson coaches talked to him and he believes what they are selling.

"I felt like they are very authentic," he said. "Everything they had to say made sense to me. At Clemson, character is very important them. And they like my physicality at the cornerback position and my length."

Last season, Booth had 66 tackles and four interceptions. He is the 22nd commitment for Clemson's '19 class.

With Booth in the books, Clemson now waits on Saturday's announcement from linebacker Spencer Lytle of Bellflower, Calif. He's choosing between the Tigers and Wisconsin.

Also from the cookout, defensive lineman **Etinosa Reuben** (6-feet-3-inches, 275 pounds) of Riverside, Mo., committed to the Tigers over Ohio State and Wisconsin on Sunday. He joined fellow '19 class members wide receiver **Joseph Ngata** of Folsom Calif., and LB **LaVonta Bentley** of Birmingham, Ala., and '20 LB **Sergio Allen** of Fort Valley, Ga., as weekend commitments.

Clemson was not the frontrunner going into the weekend as Reuben was making his first ever visit to the campus. That was perceived as Ohio State. In fact, Reuben said last week he didn't know Clemson had much interest in him until defensive coordinator Brent Venables came through his school during the evaluation period and offered.

From there, Venables and DL coach Todd Bates put the recruiting push on him. And after talking with head coach Dabo Swinney, Reuben had his mind made up.

"It was right after my meeting with Coach Swinney," he said. "We just talked about how he could see me fitting in and my role in the future. I just like the



Phil Kornblut

plan that we had set. I've been hearing them say that they could play me anywhere."

Reuben had his family with him on the visit and that made his

first experience on the Clemson campus all the more meaningful.

"When I stepped on campus, everybody felt sincere. I was immediately taken in by all of the commits and all of the coaches," Reuben said. "Me and Coach Bates' relationship is really tight. Me, him and Coach V talk almost every day."

Last season, Reuben had 55 tackles and five quarterback sacks.

The visit was the second by Ngata to Clemson. After the initial visit, Clemson zoomed to the top of his favorite's list which also included Washington, ND and Southern California. Ngata is ranked among the top WRs in the country. As a junior, he had 81 catches for 1,777 yards and 26 touchdowns.

Bentley picked Clemson over Alabama, Auburn, Louisiana State, Florida and others. A visit in June, during which he met the school president, boosted Clemson to the top with him.

"They were showing me the most love," he said. "I would say in the beginning of June they were still leading, and we kept waiting on Miami, my favorite team, and Alabama to show me some love. But that never happened. I just knew all along that Clemson was the place for me. I also love the family feel at Clemson."

Bentley also examined the Clemson roster closely and what he saw was an opening at linebacker for some early playing opportunities.

"They have four linebackers leaving after this year and three the next year and then it will be my turn to step up," he said. "Coach Venables is always hitting me up and telling me I am at the top of their linebacker board."

Allen has long liked the Tigers, having grown up across the border in Hart County before moving to South Georgia. He had a feeling a commitment would happen on the visit, but he wanted his mother to concur before making the pledge.

"She really liked the academics, she loved the facilities and the coaches, the players, she loved it all," Allen said. "She loved the staff. She felt like it was a family atmosphere there. I wasn't trying to push her at all. I wanted her to make a final decision and I knew she would be brutally honest, and that's what I wanted."

"If she's not comfortable there, I'm not comfortable. She felt comfortable enough to give me the go ahead and I went ahead and pulled the trigger."

Last season, Allen totaled 114 tackles with 13 sacks. He also returned a pick for a TD. He's watched the Clemson LBs play a lot over the years, and he sees the right fit for himself at inside linebacker.

"I know that Coach Venables likes to blitz and that's something I love to do," he said. "I'll play anywhere he wants me to. I'm going to give it my all for whatever

position I end up playing. I'm just looking to get on the field and provide for the team."

Clemson now has two commitments for the '20 class.

Some other '19 Clemson targets at the cookout included offensive lineman **Clay Webb** of Oxford, Ala., and OL **Cooper Dawson** of Hanahan High School.

Dawson recently was offered by Georgia State and Vanderbilt is showing strong enough interest that an offer may be coming. He visited Georgia Southern and Central Florida in June. Dawson tore an anterior cruciate ligament at Clemson's camp in June and will miss his senior season.

Clemson is in the top 10 with OL **Darnell Wright** of Huntington, Va. The others are Alabama, Florida State, UGA, Miami, North Carolina, Ohio State, Penn State, Southern Cal and Tennessee.

Clemson DL target **Enoch Jackson** will make his announcement on Sunday. He's down to Clemson, Texas Tech and Arkansas.

Clemson missed on DB **Shyheim Battle** of Rocky Mount, N.C., as he committed to North Carolina State.

Jamil Burroughs, a '20 DL from Powder Springs, Ga., told Rivals he's down to Clemson, UGA and Alabama and will announce on Aug. 25.

Clemson '20 QB target **DJ Uiagalelei** of Bellflower, Okla., was offered by Oklahoma.

USC

CB **Cam Smith** of Westwood High in Blythewood tweeted on Saturday, "For All The Reporters Asking Just Know I'm Committed."

Smith later tweeted he will answer no questions about his recruiting until he announces on Aug. 17 following his team's season opener against Lugoff-Elgin High. Smith had a final three of USC, UGA and Tennessee. He visited USC with his parents on Thursday.

DL **Jaquaze Sorrells** of Largo, Fla., visited USC on Thursday, his second visit. USC is one of the top schools with the former UF commitment along with Alabama, LSU, Oregon and FSU.

According to Hale McGranahan of TheBigSpur, DB **Jammie Robinson** visited USC last week to meet with DC Travaris Robinson. McGranahan reported Robinson planned to visit Auburn over the weekend.

USC CB target **Johnny Dixon** planned to visit Miami on Saturday. He took an official visit to USC in June and is scheduled for one to PSU in September.

USC DB target **Jaydon Hill** visited FSU. He visited USC for a camp and an unofficial visit in mid- June. Tennessee also has been one of his favorites.

Running back **Michel Dukes** of First Baptist in Charleston is back considering basketball for college, along with football, after landing his first basketball offer from IUPUI. However, football is still first on his list, and he said he hears from USC recruiters Bobby Bentley and Pat Washington about every two weeks.

He visited USC in June to watch camp and visit the campus, and he also visited East Carolina in June. He said Virginia Tech, Arkansas, Oregon, UNC and Georgia State are also showing a lot of interest. He plans to take an official visit to VT

for the ND game if VT is still strong with him then.

DE **Dante Walker**, who camped at USC in June, said he's still hearing from USC recruiter Mike Peterson, who likes him as an outside linebacker. Walker has been strong on USC, but he said he needed to improve his academics and he's done that this summer. He also just took the ACT for a second time.

He said he's also hearing from Tennessee, UGA and Tennessee State. Walker said USC and Tennessee are the two showing him the strongest interest.

OTHERS

OL **Tereis Drayton** of James Island High committed to The Citadel.

DB **Tyus Fields** of Cornelius, N.C, the brother of Clemson CB Mark Fields, committed to Tennessee.

WR **Deonte Stanley** of Latta High was offered by UCF, and '20 DL Alex Huntley of Hammond in Columbia visited UF on Friday and UGA on Saturday.

BASKETBALL

Josiah James, a 6-7 point guard from Porter-Gaud in Charleston, will visit Duke unofficially on Aug. 11, according to Dan McDonald of Rivals, who covered James' AAU event over the weekend in Orlando, Fla. Clemson and USC are among his final nine.

Clemson offered 6-5 **Don-taie Allen** of Falmouth, Ky.

Some other offers are Louisville, Xavier, Iowa, Oklahoma, State, Pittsburgh, Illinois, UF, Vandy and others. He visited Clemson unofficially the end of June.

Clemson head coach Brad Brownell also offered 6-8 '21 recruit **Bretner Mutombo** of Suwanee, Ga.

Former USC PG **Rah Felder**, who will attend New Mexico Junior College this season, was offered by Iona, Arkansas-Little Rock and Nichols State.

Greg Gantt, a 6-8 player from Fayetteville, N.C., committed to Providence. He had USC and Clemson offers.

Blythewood High shooting guard **Tre Jackson** was offered by Wofford, USC Upstate, Presbyterian and Gardner-Webb.

USC was a recent offer for 6-6 '20 recruit **Terrance Williams** of Washington, and he has definite interest. Some of his other offers are Marquette, Baylor, Georgetown, Illinois, Xavier, Texas A&M, NCSU, VT and Northwestern. USC assistant coach Bruce Shingler, who has strong ties to the D.C. basketball scene, is the front man for head coach Frank Martin in recruiting Williams. Shingler was one of his coaches at a younger age.

Williams averaged 17 points and nine rebounds per game last season. At this early stage of his recruiting, he said he does not have favorites.

Keeping Sumter Beautiful

Amanda McNulty, Extension Agent

The rescue of Gary the sea turtle (part 2)

Two weeks ago, I wrote about my experience rescuing a Loggerhead sea turtle from the mud of a salt marsh in Pawley's Island. Although we ended the experience covered in mud and with a few broken or missing shoes, my friends and I had the easy job. The really difficult part of Gary's recovery came later, at the Sea Turtle Care Center at the South Carolina Aquarium.

When he arrived at the care center, Gary was lethargic and showed all the signs of Debilitated Turtle Syndrome (DTS). Various health issues may result in a turtle developing DTS. Poor water quality, litter, and discarded fishing gear are common initial causes and escalating factors in the illness. Gary had barnacles and other epibiotas on his skin and shell and was emaciated, lethargic, and dehydrated. He also had a fishing hook embedded in the bottom of his shell.

Staff at the care center began treating Gary right away. He received treatments for low blood sugar and cardiovascular concerns and antibiotics to prevent secondary infections. Over the course of the next year, Gary's health improved and he steadily gained weight thanks to the efforts of the dedicated staff at the aquarium. Gary wasn't always an easy patient. He would knock down the spray bar on his tank multiple times a day and splash staff as they walked by. He also proved to be a picky eater, preferring salmon. I can't say I blame him. I like salmon too. Finally, after a year and two months of careful

treatment and hard work, Gary was cleared for release! He was released back to his ocean home on July 19th at Folly Beach County Park.

What does all of this have to do with folks in Sumter? Our actions here impact the water quality and wildlife in Sumter, all along the river downstream of us, and even into the ocean. Our actions can lead to low dissolved oxygen and fish kills, meaning less food for sea turtles and other predators. Litter in the water is often mistaken for food by sea turtles and causes digestive issues. Littered plastic and fishing gear is often found entangling or in the stomachs of turtles taken to the Sea Turtle Care Center. Remember that your actions on land and in the water impact the health of your neighbors and wildlife at home and down stream.

To see photos of Gary's rescue and release and to learn more about water quality, visit www.facebook.com/sumterstormwatersolutions. Loggerhead sea turtles are a protected species. Please do not approach or try to handle one if you are not properly trained. If you ever see a sick, injured, or dead sea turtle; call the 24-hour DNR Hotline at 1-800-922-5431.

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PRO BASEBALL

Freeman,
Acuna go deep
as Braves top
Marlins 5-3

BY CHARLES ODUM
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Freddie Freeman's tiebreaking home run moved the Atlanta Braves closer to first place — just in time for a little boost from the front office a day before the trade deadline.

Freeman hit a go-ahead homer in the third inning, Ronald Acuna Jr. also went deep and the Braves beat the Miami Marlins 5-3 on Monday night to move a half-game behind first-place Philadelphia in the NL East.

Following the game, the Braves announced they had acquired outfielder Adam Duvall from the Cincinnati Reds for three players who had been with Triple-A Gwinnett: right-handers Lucas Sims and Matt Wisler and outfielder Preston Tucker.

"It's nice to be adding players instead of subtracting like we've done the last few years," Freeman said.

Before adding Duvall, the Braves acquired veteran relievers Brad Brach and Jonny Venters.

With Brach making his Atlanta debut with a scoreless eighth, four relievers combined for four scoreless innings.

"That was really big because they were under some duress," said Braves manager Brian Snitker. "... Anytime you add that depth to your bullpen, it's going to help."

Brian Anderson's two-run homer off Julio Teheran (8-7) in the first gave Miami a lead Wei-Yin Chen (3-8) couldn't hold.

The Braves pulled even in the second when Tyler Flowers walked, moved to third on Johan Camargo's double and scored on Ender Inciarte's fly ball. Camargo scored on Teheran's two-out single up the middle.

Freeman's homer, his 18th, in the third gave Atlanta the lead. Flowers walked and scored from first on another double to left by Camargo.

After J.T. Realmuto's run-scoring double in the fifth cut Atlanta's lead to 4-3, Acuna led off the bottom of the inning with his 10th homer, just over the reach of Magneuris Sierra in center field.

A.J. Minter pitched the ninth for his sixth save in six chances.

Chen's road struggles continued as he allowed five runs in five innings.

Chen has a 10.27 ERA in nine road starts. It's a dramatic contrast to his 2.18 mark in eight home starts. According to figures from Elias Sports Bureau, the 8.09 gap between Chen's home and road ERA was the highest for any pitcher in the majors with five or more home and road starts.

"He just doesn't seem the same on the road," said Marlins manager Don Mattingly. "Again, not sure why."

Teheran needed 98 pitches to pitch five innings. He allowed three runs on four hits and four walks.

Brach, acquired from Baltimore on Sunday in exchange for international bonus pool allotment, made his Atlanta debut by giving up one hit in a scoreless eighth.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Braves: LHP Sam Freeman was placed on the 10-day disabled list, retroactive to Sunday, with left shoulder inflammation. The move cleared a spot on the active roster for Brach.

STAYING CLOSE

Anderson said it was another case of the Marlins losing a competitive game.

"We've done a really good job of battling in these games and fighting and keeping them close," he said. "... We're getting to their starters, getting them out of the game and getting deep in the bullpen. We've just got to finish them off."

PRO BASEBALL

Braves get power-hitting OF Duvall from Cincinnati

BY CHARLES ODUM
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Braves acquired outfielder Adam Duvall from the Cincinnati Reds on Monday night to bolster their lineup, especially against left-handers, for a postseason push.

Duvall was targeted for a platoon role, starting against left-handers. The move will cut into Ender Inciarte's playing time.

For the Reds, the trade opens the way for full-time roles for corner outfielders Jesse Winker and Scott Schebler while adding three young players.

The Braves sent right-handers Lucas Sims and Matt Wisler and outfielder Preston Tucker to Cincinnati. All three spent time in Atlanta this season but were with Triple-A Gwinnett at the time of the trade.

The trade was announced following



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Atlanta Braves acquired Adam Duvall (23) from the Cincinnati Reds on Monday in preparation for a postseason push.

the Braves' 5-3 win over Miami on Monday night.

Duvall, 29, has hit 15 home runs with 61 RBIs but is hitting only .205 this season.

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America's Independence Day

Too Bad, King George!

On July 4, 1776, people living in the American Colonies declared their independence. They wanted to be independent, or free, from the rules of King George III of England. They wanted to form their own country.

They wrote a document to send to King George. It was called the Declaration of Independence, written on July 4, 1776. This famous document says that all people are created equal and with certain rights.

Unscramble the words to discover the rights mentioned in the Declaration of Independence.

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PINESPHAS _____

Parade Puzzle

Can you find the letters L-I-B-E-R-T-Y hidden here?

How many stars can you find below?

BONUS: How many stars can you find on this page?

Extra! Extra!

POP! BOOM! ZING!

Onomatopoeia describes words that sound like the sound they make when you say them. For example, when you say, "Pop!" it sounds a bit like a pop. Look through the newspaper. Can you find three to five examples of onomatopoeia?

Standards Link: Language Arts: Vocabulary development.

Which two picnic pictures are the same?

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Founding Father Favorite Food

One of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence visited Europe and fell in love with pasta. He brought back a machine to make macaroni and later, he became the first president to serve macaroni and cheese as part of an official state dinner. Which Founding Father was this? Circle every fourth letter to find out!

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Word Search

MACARONI ENGLAND SIGNERS PARADE FATHER CHEESE GEORGE PEOPLE RULES PASTA EQUAL WORDS KING FREE LIFE

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

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E	N	U	E	E	D	L	S	T	L
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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We the People

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MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter's Joey Pereira fields a grounder between innings during the P-15's victory over Florence in the American Legion state tournament last week. Pereira suffered a severe facial injury when he was hit with a pitch during the game, but went on to earn the Sportsmanship Award at the conclusion of the state tournament in Columbia. Sumter will be playing in the Southeast Region Tournament in Asheboro, North Carolina, beginning on Aug. 8.

P-15'S FROM PAGE B1

which will be determined this weekend. The other two spots are filled by North Carolina state champion Wilmington and Kentucky state champion Lyon County.

Sumter, which is 23-13 on the season, is in the tournament as a runner-up because the state of Georgia did not send a representative. South Carolina got the extra bid because it has the most Senior teams among the states in the regional.

The P-15's actually own victories over each of the three out-of-state teams they faced. Sumter beat Randolph County 4-3 in the North Carolina/South Carolina Challenge in Salisbury, North Carolina, and topped Troy 9-3 and Tallahassee 11-3 in the Palmetto Invitational played at Riley Park.

Sumter head coach Curtis Johnson is not putting too much stock in the outcome of those games.

"When you play in these weekend tournaments you really don't know what you're getting," Johnson said. "You don't know who is missing for a team because you've got high school all-star games going on, different things.

"When we get up there (to Asheboro), there might be some kids there that we didn't see before," he added.

"That's just the way it goes. We'll go up there and play the best we can."

The P-15's lost to C/N three times, falling 9-1 in the Palmetto Invitational and 4-1 and 4-2, respectively, in the state tournament Spirit Communications Park in Columbia last week.

Sumter will open with a rematch against Troy, which won the Alabama title for a third straight season. They will play the second game of the day on Aug.8 following the tournament opener between Lyon County and the West Virginia state champion set for a 9:30 a.m. start. The winners and losers of those games will face each other on Aug. 9.

The other Day 1 games will have Tallahassee, which has won four straight Florida titles, meeting Wilmington at 4:30 p.m. Chapin/Newberry will meet Randolph County in the nightcap.

The championship round is set for Sunday, Aug. 12.

The regional winner will advance to the American Legion World Series in Shelby, North Carolina.

After taking a few days off following the state tournament, Sumter gets back to practice on Wednesday.



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter pitcher Jacob Holladay delivers a pitch during Sumter's 4-2 loss to Chapin/Newberry in the American Legion state tournament championship game last week at Spirit Communications Park in Columbia.

SOUTHEAST REGION TOURNAMENT

Aug. 8-12 at McCrary Park in Asheboro, North Carolina
Wednesday, Aug. 8
Game 1 -- Lyon County, Kentucky, vs. West Virginia, 9:30 a.m.
Game 2 -- Troy, Alabama, vs. Sumter (doubleheader)
Game 3 -- Tallahassee, Florida, vs. Wilmington, North Carolina, 4:30 p.m.
Game 4 -- Chapin/Newberry vs. Randolph County, North Carolina, (doubleheader)
Thursday, Aug. 9
Game 5 -- Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 3, 9:30 a.m.
Game 6 -- Loser Game 2 vs. Loser Game 4 (doubleheader)
Game 7 -- Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 3, 4:30 p.m.
Game 8 -- Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 4 (doubleheader)
Friday, Aug. 10
Game 9 -- Winner Game 6 vs. Loser Game 7, 12:30 p.m.
Game 10 -- Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 8, 4:30 p.m.
Game 11 -- Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8 (doubleheader)
Saturday, Aug. 11
Game 12 -- Winner Game 9 vs. Loser Game 11, 4:30 p.m.*
Game 13 -- Winner Game 10 vs. Winner Game 11, 7:30 p.m.*
Sunday, Aug. 12
Game 14 -- Winner Game 12 vs. Winner Game 13, 1:30 p.m.**
Game 15 -- If Necessary
*Pairings for games 12 and 13 will not match previous opponents against each other unless absolutely necessary
**If three teams remain after Game 13, the winner of Game 11 automatically draws the bye for Game 14

HALL FROM PAGE B1

"I believe if a Philadelphia Eagles fan had a chance to play, I believe the majority of them, if not all of them, would play the game the way that I played it. They would dance, they would be having a good time, and they would go out and enjoy the opportunity to be on the football field and show it and not be afraid to show their emotions, to play with passion and give everything that they have, because that would be the only chance that they would ever get to play the game of football, and that's how I played. I played with a chip on my shoulder. I wanted to have a good time. I danced. I celebrated after plays. I celebrated with my teammates, and they saw that."

Dawkins was a four-time All-Pro and went to the Pro Bowl seven times in 13 seasons with the Eagles. He made two more Pro Bowl rosters in three seasons for the Denver Broncos.

Dawkins played in five NFC championship games and one Super Bowl, a 24-21 loss to the New England Patriots following the 2004 season. He had 37 interceptions, 36 forced fumbles and 26 sacks in 224 regular-season games.

His crushing hit on Atlanta's Alge Crumpler was the defining moment in Philadelphia's 27-10 victory over the Falcons that sent the team to its second Super Bowl appearance.

"That was kind of a tone setter for what the game was going to be about," Dawkins said. "It was going to be a physical contest. We knew that going into it. We talked about it all week long. It just so happened that Alge got the brunt of that blow when it comes to the frustration and anger I felt."

A second-round pick from Clemson in 1996, Dawkins moved into the starting lineup as a rookie under coach Ray Rhodes. He thrived after Andy Reid replaced Rhodes in 1999 and brought defensive coordinator Jim Johnson to Philly.

Dawkins credits Johnson for finding different ways to use his talents.

"With Jim and his imagination and his willingness to go away from some traditional thinking when it comes to the safety position, he allowed me and my gifts (to shine)," Dawkins said. "Jim just opened the floodgates. He would draw up different blitzes. We worked together when it came to those things. Without him using me the way he used me, I still would have had a good career. But if you look at my ability to affect the game in pretty much every statistical category, that had a lot to do with Jim running the defense through me a lot of times. That's unheard of for a defensive coordinator to run a defense through a safety."

TIGERS FROM PAGE B1

definitely envisioned Clemson being one of the best programs in the country, and I envisioned this league growing and becoming one of the most dominant leagues in the country."

Indeed, the Tigers' rise helped the ACC climb onto level footing with its touted Southeastern Conference neighbor.

It wasn't long ago that Clemson was chasing Florida State in the ACC's power-heavy Atlantic Division . The Seminoles won three straight ACC titles from 2012-14 while going 26-1 against league teams — 3-0 against Clemson — and winning a national championship in the final BCS season of 2013. But the Tigers followed that with their own impressive run, giving the league a sustained stretch of top-flight success while putting the ACC alongside the SEC as the only leagues to reach all four playoffs.

Clemson is 25-2 against ACC teams in the past three seasons, with 18 wins by double-digit margins. The losses at home against Pittsburgh in 2016 and

at Syracuse last year came by a combined four points. And last year's 38-3 rout of then-No. 7 Miami made Clemson only the fifth team to win at least three straight power-conference championship games since the SEC held the first in 1992, a group featuring FSU, Alabama in the SEC (2014-16) and Oklahoma in the Big 12 (2006-08).

Another December crown in Charlotte would allow Clemson to join Steve Spurrier's Florida teams in the SEC (1993-96) as the only power-conference schools to win four straight league title games.

"It all goes together: their budgets are elite, their facilities are elite and they're able to recruit and attract the elite players," said Boston College coach Steve Addazio, whose Eagles face the Tigers annually in the Atlantic. "So they're a 'Have' — that's the best way I can say it."

Clemson is on the verge of the ACC's longest reign since Bobby Bowden's Seminoles arrived in 1992 and won at least a share of the title for nine straight seasons, going 70-2 in the nine-team league.

John Swofford got a close look at those Seminoles, first as a competitor

as North Carolina's athletics director before becoming ACC commissioner in 1997. He told The Associated Press that Clemson's run "does compare favorably" because today's 14-team league "is considerably better."

"I don't think there's anything wrong with a league having a dominant team when that dominant team is without question a premier team nationally," Swofford said. "And that's exactly what we have in Clemson."

Yet offensive lineman Mitch Hyatt and defensive lineman Clelin Ferrell dismissed questions about a gap between Clemson and everyone else.

"I wouldn't say that," Ferrell said. "You can talk about that as far as the past years, it might be a big gap. ... This 2018 team hasn't done anything. There's not really a gap as far as what we've done."

Besides, Hyatt noted, there have been close calls. There was a hang-on-for-dear-life home win against Louisville and eventual Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson in 2016. There were one-possession margins in ACC title games against North Carolina in 2015 and Virginia Tech in 2016. And

North Carolina State played Clemson within a touchdown the past two years, including a 2016 overtime road loss after missing a short winning field goal at regulation's end.

"It's just executing in the final 2 minutes of the game," Wolfpack coach Dave Doeren said. "We missed a kick two years ago and had a couple of penalties (last year), and that's us, that's not them. So we've got to execute under pressure better — period."

But Doeren's observation underlines another way the Tigers are equipped to fend off challengers. There's a big-game-tested core from playoff routs of Oklahoma and Ohio State along with unforgettable title-game thrillers against Alabama, with the Crimson Tide winning in 2015 and the Tigers claiming the rematch before Alabama won Round 3 in last year's semifinals.

Swinney isn't changing his "you get what you earn" approach, either, even as the Tigers keep bringing trophies home to Death Valley.

"A big thing is Coach Swinney told us not to beat ourselves," Hyatt said. "We have the talent to win. We have the players, we have the coaches — we have everything we need to win."

OBITUARIES

SARAH W. GIBSON

MANNING — Sarah Whitfield Gibson, 70, widow of James C. Gibson, died on Thursday, July 26, 2018.

She was a daughter of the late James and Lucille Dixon Whitfield.

Funeral services for Mrs. Gibson will be held at noon on Thursday at Triumph the



GIBSON

Church Kingdom of God of Christ, 1285 Pearson Road, Manning, with Elder Hattie Weathers presiding and Prince Sampson Pearson, pastor, eulogist. Burial will follow at the Carolina-Johnson Cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at 1237 Palm Springs Drive, Manning.

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

PEARLY ROSE D. JOHNSON

SUMMERTON — Pearly Rose Dyson Johnson, age 66, entered into eternal rest on Monday, July 30, 2018, at NHC-Sumter.

Born in Clarendon County,

she was a daughter of the late Stukes Dyson and Louise Jones Johnson. She was the wife of Jerry Johnson.

The family will receive friends at the home, 1190 Rapid Edge Trail, Summerton.

Services entrusted to Dyson's Home for Funerals, Summerton.

MARY H. STEVENS

Mary Elizabeth Hamer Ste-

vens, age 87, beloved wife of 64 years to John T. Stevens Jr., died on Monday, July 30, 2018, at her residence.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.





SCHEDULE FOR MEDIA DAY

10 a.m. Laurence Manning

10:30 a.m. Robert E. Lee

11 a.m. Scott's Branch

11:30 a.m. Clarendon Hall

Noon Sumter

12:30 p.m. Crestwood

1 p.m. Lakewood

1:30 p.m. Manning

2 p.m. Wilson Hall

2:30 p.m. East Clarendon

3 p.m. Lee Central

3:30 p.m. Thomas Sumter

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LEGAL NOTICES

Summons & Notice

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS C/A NO. 2018-CP-43-00786 Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff vs. Gloria Ellerbe aka Gloria Ann Ellerbe, individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Jeanette Potts aka Jeanetta Potts; Willie Mae Simmons aka Willie Mae Potts Simmons, Angella Potts aka Angella Hicks, William Potts, Jr., Stacey Bradley, and any other Heirs-at-Law or devisees of Jeanette Potts aka Jeanetta Potts, Deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, 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, Defendants. It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, upon reading the Motion for the Appointment of Kelley Y. Woody, Esquire as Guardian ad Litem for all unknown persons and persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America (which are constituted as a class designated as "John Doe") and any unknown minors and persons who may be under a disability (which are constituted as a class designated as "Richard Roe"), it is ORDERED that, pursuant to Rule 17, SCRPC, Kelley Y. Woody, Esquire is appointed Guardian ad Litem on behalf of all unknown persons and persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America (constituted as a class and designated as "John Doe"), all unknown minors or persons under a disability (constituted as a class and designated as "Richard Roe"), all of which have or may claim to have some interest in the property that is the subject of this action, commonly known as 1051 Nathaniel Street, Sumter, SC 29150, that Kelley Y. Woody, Esquire is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent all unknown persons and persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, constituted as a class and designated as "John Doe", all unknown minors and persons under a disability, constituted as a class and designated as "Richard Roe", unless the Defendants, or someone acting on their behalf, shall, within thirty (30) days after service of a copy of this Order as directed below, procure the appointment of a Guardian or Guardians ad Litem for the Defendants constituted as a class designated as "John Doe" or "Richard Roe". IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be served upon the unknown Defendants by publication in The Item, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, together with the Summons in the above entitled action. SUMMONS AND NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT(S) 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; YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in the above action, a copy which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer upon the undersigned at their offices, 2838 Devine Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29205, within thirty (30) days after service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and, if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the original Complaint in this action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on April 30, 2018. NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an action has been commenced and is now pending or is about to be commenced in the Circuit Court upon the complaint of the above named Plaintiff against the above named Defendant for the purpose of foreclosing a certain mortgage of real estate heretofore given by Jeanetta Potts to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company bearing date of March 27, 2008 and recorded March 28, 2008 in Mortgage Book 1103 at Page 277 in the Register of Mesne Conveyances/Register of Deeds/Clerk of Court for Sumter County, in the original principal sum of Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Six and 57/100 Dollars (\$48,836.57). Thereafter, by assignment recorded February 17, 2016 in Book 1218 at Page 5898, the mortgage was assigned to CitiFinancial Servicing LLC; thereafter, by assignment recorded February 17, 2016 in Book 1218 at

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Page 5899, the mortgage was assigned to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company,, and that the premises effected by said mortgage and by the foreclosure thereof are situated in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, and is described as follows: The following described property: All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, situate, lying or being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, designated as Lot No. 27 on a certain Plat of Palmer and Mailard and Associates, Inc., dated May 22, 1967, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County in Plat Book Z-24, Page 54, and bounded as follows: On the North by Lot No. 26 on said plat and measuring thereon 84.72 feet; on the East by Lot No. 28 on said plat and measuring thereon 151.22 feet; on the South by Gamble Street and measuring thereon 115 feet; on the Southwest by the intersection of Gamble Street and Nathaniel Street and measuring thereon 152.54 feet, be all of said measurements a little more or less. TMS No. 2510703016 Property Address: 1051 Nathaniel Street, Sumter, SC 29150 Riley Pope & Laney, LLC Post Office Box 11412 Columbia, South Carolina 29211 Telephone (803) 799-9993 Attorneys for Plaintiff

AMENDED SUMMONS (Non-Jury)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CASE NUMBER: 2017-CP-43-02221

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA SUMTER COUNTY

SHARONVIEW FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,

vs. KENNETH TYLER GATLIN,

TO DEFENDANTS KENNETH TYLER GATLIN:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the subscribers at their office, Kirschbaum, Nanney, Keenan & Griffin, P.A., P.O. Box 19806, Raleigh, NC 27619, within thirty (30) days after service hereof exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, Judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in said Complaint.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint in the above-captioned action were filed with the Sumter County Clerk of Court on November 21, 2017.

This firm engages in the collection of debts. The Complaint herein involves an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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This 9th day of July, 2018.

Charles N. Griffin, III, Bar #13905 Attorney for the Plaintiff Post Office Box 19806 Raleigh, NC 27619 Telephone: (919) 848-9640 Facsimile: (919) 848-8755

SUMMONS Court of Common Pleas Case No: 2018-CP-43-701

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,

Plaintiff, -versus- ROBERT LEE JONES a/k/a ROBERT L. JONES a/k/a ROBERT JONES,

Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT ABOVE: YOU ARE SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to answer the Complaint in the foregoing action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your said Answer on the undersigned attorney within thirty (30) days of the service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE OF FILING

Please take notice that the Summons

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and Complaint in this action were filed in the Clerk of Court for Sumter County 215 North Harvin Street, Sumter, SC on April 18, 2018.

KATHLEEN M. FERRI, ESQ. P.O. Box 31776 Charleston, SC 29417-1776 (843) 557-9775 kmferrilaw@ferri.net

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How old is my pet in dog years or cat years?

BY JESSE GRADY

Mississippi State University
The Conversation

“Just how old do you think my dog is in dog years?” is a question I hear on a regular basis. People love to anthropomorphize pets, attributing human characteristics to them. And most of us want to extend our animal friends’ healthy lives for as long as possible.

It may seem like sort of a silly thing to ponder, born out of owners’ love for their pets and the human-animal bond between them. But determining a pet’s “real” age is actually important because it helps veterinarians like me recommend life-stage specific health care for our animal patients.

There’s an old myth that one regular year is like seven years for dogs and cats. There’s a bit of logic behind it. People observed that with optimal health care, an average-sized, medium dog would on average live one-seventh as long as its human

owner — and so the seven “dog years” for every “human year” equation was born.

Not every dog is “average-sized,” though, so this seven-year rule was an oversimplification from the start. Dogs and cats age differently not just from people, but also from each other, based partly on breed characteristics and size. Bigger animals tend to have shorter life spans than smaller ones do. While cats vary little in size, the size and life expectancy of dogs can vary greatly — think a Chihuahua versus a Great Dane.

Human life expectancy has changed over the years. And vets are now able to provide far superior medical care to pets than we could even a decade ago. So now we use a better methodology to define that old rule of thumb that counted every calendar year as seven “animal years.”

Based on the American Animal Hospital Association Canine Life Stages Guidelines, today’s vets divide dogs into six categories: puppy, junior, adult, mature, senior and geriatric. Life stages are a more practical way to think about age than assigning a single number; even human health recommendations are based on developmental stage rather

than exactly how old you are in years.

Dog breed and its associated size is one of the largest contributors to life expectancy, with nutrition and associated weight likely being the next most important factors for individual dogs.

But this still doesn’t answer the question of how old your individual animal is. If you’re determined to figure out if Max would be graduating from high school or preparing for retirement based on how many “dog years” he’s lived, these life stages can help. Lining up canine and human developmental milestones over the course of an average life expectancy can provide a rough comparison.

In a similar manner, the joint American Association of Feline Practitioners-The American Animal Hospital Association Feline Life Stage Guidelines also divide cats into six categories: kitten, junior, prime, mature, senior and geriatric. Since most healthy cats are around the same size, there’s less variability in their age at each life stage.

Figuring out how old Buddy is in dog years or Fluffy is in cat years allows a veterinarian to determine their life stage. And that’s important

because it suggests what life-stage-specific health care the animal might need to prolong not just its life, but also its quality of life.

Physicians already apply this very concept to human age-specific health screenings. Just like a normal human toddler doesn’t need a colonoscopy, a normal puppy doesn’t need its thyroid levels checked. An adult woman likely needs a regular mammogram, just like an adult cat needs annual intestinal parasite screenings. Of course these guidelines are augmented based on a physician’s or veterinarian’s examination of the human or animal patient.

And as is the case for people, your pet’s overall health status can influence its “real age” for better or for worse. So next time you take your pet to the veterinarian, talk about your animal’s life stage and find out what health recommendations come with it. Watching out for health abnormalities and maintaining a healthy weight could help your cat live long past the literal “prime” of its life.

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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)	World of Dance "The Duels 2" The top qualifying acts face off. (N)			Reverie "The Key" The team tries to save one of its own. (N)		WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)			
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Big Brother House guests vie for the power of veto. (N)		TKO: Total Knock Out "This Aint No Taco Eating Contest" (N)		SEAL Team "No Man's Land" Jason meets a woman on the base.		News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Delicious Destinations"	Jeopardy! "Tournament of Champions: Week 1"	The Goldbergs "Parents Just Don't Understand"	The Goldbergs "Goldberg on the Goldbergs"	Modern Family Mitchell and Cam throw a party.	(:31) American Housewife (DVS)		Shark Tank Empowering women; a pet apparel company. (DVS)		ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	
WRJA	27	11	14	Travels With Darley (Part 2 of 2)	Expeditions With Patrick McMillan	Outback "The Kimberley Comes Alive" (Series Premiere) Kimberley region of Western Australia. (N)		Wonders of Mexico "Forests of the Maya" (Series Premiere) Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. (N)		NOVA "Making North America: Origins" The shaping of North America. (DVS)		Amanpour on PBS (N)	BBC World News	Outback Kimberley region of Western Australia.	
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	MasterChef "The Kids Are Alright" A fine dining challenge; cupcakes. (N) (DVS)		Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back "Brownstone Bistro" A Cajun fusion restaurant is renovated.		WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)		Sports Zone	DailyMailTV	TMZ (N)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing "The Road Less Driven"	Last Man Standing "Halloween" Kyle dresses up as Ed.	Burden of Truth "The Ties That Bind" Joanna faces questions about her family. (N) (DVS)		The Originals "When the Saints Go Marching In" (Series Finale) Klaus makes plans to save Hope. (N)		Dateline "The Day She Disappeared" A mother never returns from jogging.		Dateline "The Mystery of the Murdered Major" A military man is attacked at night.		The Game Melanie's showdown with Tasha.	
CABLE CHANNELS															
A&E	46	130	Ozzy and Jack's World Detour Ozzy and Jack arrive in Alaska.		Ozzy and Jack's World Detour Kelly leads a trip to Nashville, Tenn.		Ozzy and Jack's World Detour "Lizard of Oz" Jack fulfills a childhood dream.		(:01) Wahlburgers A freak ice storm threatens an opening. (N)		(:04) Ozzy and Jack's World Detour Ozzy, Jack and Kelly visit New Mexico.		Ozzy and Jack's World Detour		
AMC	48	180	(4:55) **** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994) Tim Robbins.		**** "The Goonies" (1985, Children's) Sean Astin, Josh Brolin, Jeff Cohen. Young misfits find a 17th-century pirate's treasure map.		Sean Astin, Josh Brolin, Jeff Cohen. Young misfits find a 17th-century pirate's treasure map.		(:35) ** "The Great Outdoors" (1988, Comedy) Dan Aykroyd, John Candy. Man and family camp with obnoxious brother-in-law and family.						
ANPL	41	100	Insane Pools: Off the Deep End		Insane Pools: Off the Deep End		Insane Pools: Off the Deep End		(:02) Animal Cribz "Fluffy Fixer Pupper"		(:02) Insane Pools: Off the Deep End		Insane Pools		
BET	61	162	*** "Hustle & Flow" (2005, Drama) Terrence Howard, Anthony Anderson, Taryn Manning. A pimp wants to rap his way out of his dead-end life.				Terrence Howard, Anthony Anderson, Taryn Manning. A pimp wants to rap his way out of his dead-end life.		The Payback: How hip-hop culture conquered the world.				The Payback: How hip-hop culture conquered the world.		
BRAVO	47	181	The Real Housewives of New York City "Wigging Out"		The Real Housewives of New York City Bethenny continues to unravel.		The Real Housewives of New York City (N)		The Real Housewives of New York City		Watch What Happens Live		The Real Housewives of New York City		
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank Solving a holiday headache.		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank Pet-safe bug repellents.		Shark Tank (DVS)		Shark Tank		
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)		Anderson Cooper		
COM	57	136	(6:50) South Park		(:25) South Park "Dead Celebrities"		South Park "HumancentiPad"		South Park "Tonsil Trouble"		South Park "Imaginationland: The Trilogy" Animated. The boys cross into a new dimension.		The Daily Show With Trevor Noah		
DISN	18	200	Bunk'd		Bug Juice: My Adventures at Camp		Andi Mack		Stuck in the Middle		Big City Greens		Bizaardvark		
DSC	42	103	Misfit Garage A 1964 GMC Truck.		Misfit Garage: Fired Up "Pound Town"		Misfit Garage "Barter Bucket" (N)		Garage Rehab: Revisited		Misfit Garage "Barter Bucket"		Misfit Garage		
ESPN	26	35	SportsCenter (N)		2018 MLS All-Star Game MLS All-Stars vs Juventus FC. (N) (Live)				SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	27	39	NFL Live		Boxing		Boxing		Boxing		NFL Live				
FOOD	40	109	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Games		
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)		Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)		Hannity (N)		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News at Night with Shannon		Tucker Carlson		
FREE	20	131	(5:30) ** "Sweet Home Alabama" (2002) Reese Witherspoon.		Alone Together "Crypto"		(:31) Alone Together "Pootie" (N)		(:02) *** "The Lion King" (1994) Voices of Matthew Broderick, Jeremy Irons. Animated. The son of a king battles treachery to claim his destiny.		The 700 Club How to build a better gut. (Part 3 of 4)		How I Met Your Mother		
FSS	21	47	Braves Live!		MLB Baseball Miami Marlins at Atlanta Braves.		Marlins at Atlanta Braves. From SunTrust Park in Atlanta. (N) (Live)		Braves Live! Post.		MLB Baseball Miami Marlins at Atlanta Braves.				
HALL	52	183	(6:00) ** "Elevator Girl" (2010) Lacey Chabert, Ryan Merriman.		"All of My Heart" (2015, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Brennan Elliott, Ed Asner. A young woman develops an unexpected friendship.				The Middle "Vacation Days"		The Middle Frankie is arrested.		The Golden Girls		
HGTV	39	112	Property Brothers: Buying & Selling		Property Brothers "Mad About Plaid"		Property Brothers: Buying & Selling (N)		House Family		Hunters Int'l		Flipping Virgins (N)		
HIST	45	110	American Pickers (DVS)		Navy SEALs: America		Navy SEALs: America		SIX "Danger Close" (Season Finale) (N)		(:03) SIX "Danger Close"		Navy SEALs		
ION	13	18	Law & Order "All New" Firefighter and his wife are murdered.		Law & Order "Exchange" Two young scientists die in a fire.		Law & Order "Skate or Die" Detectives investigate three murders.		Law & Order "The Drowned and the Saved" Charity executive is murdered.		Law & Order A young war veteran is found dead.		Law & Order "Just a Girl in the World"		
LIFE	50	145	Grey's Anatomy "None of Your Business" Maggie's mother pays her a visit.		Grey's Anatomy April has a tough day in her new role.		Grey's Anatomy "Back Where You Belong" Alex returns to the hospital.		(:03) Seatbelt Psychic (N)		(:33) Seatbelt Psychic		(:03) Married at First Sight Three couples marry as strangers.		
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)		All In With Chris Hayes (N)		The Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word		The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)		Rachel Maddow		
NICK	16	210	The Loud House		Henry Danger		SpongeBob		SpongeBob		SpongeBob		Friends		
PARMT	64	153	** "The Expendables 3" (2014) Sylvester Stallone. Barney Ross brings in new blood to fight an old associate.				Yellowstone "The Remembering" (N)		** "Rambo: Extended Cut" (2008) Sylvester Stallone.						
SYFY	58	152	(5:03) *** "Tomorrowland" (2015) George Clooney. (DVS)		*** "Skyfall" (2012, Action) Daniel Craig, Judi Dench, Javier Bardem. James Bond must track down and destroy a threat to M16. (DVS)				Face Off "Through the Looking Glass, Part 1" Part one of the finale.		*** "Blood Father" (2016)				
TBS	24	156	The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		Full Frontal With Samantha Bee		
TCM	49	186	(6:00) ** "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" (1949) Gene Kelly.		*** "The Man With the Golden Arm" (1955, Drama) Frank Sinatra, Eleanor Parker. Dried-out heroin addict returns to wife and habit in Chicago.				(:15) *** "Some Came Running" (1958, Drama) Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Shirley MacLaine. A failed writer creates a stir in his small hometown.						
TLC	43	157	My 600-Lb. Life "Karina's Story" Karina can't stand up for very long.		Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper		(:02) Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper		
TNT	23	158	NCIS: New Orleans "Billy and the Kid" Thanksgiving celebration at Pride's bar.		* "Blended" (2014, Romance-Comedy) Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore, Joel McHale. Two single-parent families are stuck together at a resort. (DVS)				*** "The Five-Year Engagement" (2012) Jason Segel, Emily Blunt. Premiere. An engaged couple trips up on the long walk down the aisle. (DVS)						
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		Misfits & Monsters		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H		(:36) M*A*S*H		(:12) Everybody Loves Raymond		Love-Raymond		Two and Half Men		King of Queens		
USA	25	132	NCIS "Homefront" A 14-year-old stops a home invasion. (DVS)		NCIS "Burden of Proof" A convicted felon swears he was framed.		Suits "Promises, Promises" Harvey is drawn into a dispute. (N) (DVS)		(:01) The Sinner "Part I" (Season Premiere) A young boy kills his parents. (N)		(10:59) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Shootings are linked to Finn's past.		(11:58) Suits (DVS)		
WE	68	166	(5:30) *** "Dirty Dancing" (1987)		*** "Dirty Dancing" (1987) Jennifer Grey. A sheltered teen falls for a street-wise dance instructor.				*** "Dirty Dancing" (1987, Romance) Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze.						
WGNA	8	172	Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing		Rules/Engagement		

Ambrose takes on a new mystery as ‘Sinner’ returns

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

“The Sinner” (10 p.m., USA, TV-MA) returns with a whole new mystery. Like last summer’s installment, we pretty much know who committed the crime. We just don’t really know why the killer did it. Or who he really is. Or for that matter, the true identity of his victims.

Not to give too much away, but a couple and their 11-year-old boy (Elisha Henig) are seen traveling to Niagara Falls when their car breaks down. The opening aerial shot of their woodsy isolation evokes “The Shining.” And, of course, when they check into a tiny, off-the-beaten-path motel, this “Sinner” has “Psycho” written all over it.

A double murder in the small upstate New York town of Keller is a bit more than rookie detective Heather Novack (Natalie Paul) can handle, so she calls on her father’s friend, police veteran Harry Ambrose (Bill Pullman). Ambrose is less than enchanted to return to Keller for reasons that are slow to emerge.

Keller is part of what used to be called “the burned-over district,” a section of central and western New York state that hosted religious and spiritualist sects and cults in the mid-19th century. Early Mormons, Shakers, free love cults and the popularizers of seances called the area home in the years around the Civil War. To Ambrose, the region remained a tad too hospitable to the fanatical.

Carrie Coon (“The Leftovers,” “ Fargo”) joins the cast as a figure with a strong connection to the young boy. She’s a haunting presence at the center of this mystery. Highly recommended.

Freeform departs from formula to bring us a second season of “Alone, Together” (8 p.m., TV-14). Benji Aflalo and Esther Povitsky star as Benji and Esther, platonic friends overwhelmed by the beauty and affluence of Los Angeles. Neither are terribly gorgeous, and success evades them because they’re too paralyzed by self-doubt, or just too lazy, to pursue it.

Benji is a permanent crasher at his semi-celebrity brother Dean’s (Chris D’Elia) house, while Esther pretty much flounders and fails at



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Bill Pullman, left, stars as police detective Lt. Harry Ambrose and Tracy Letts as Jack in the second season of “The Sinner,” premiering at 10 p.m. today on USA.

every trendy new aspect of the “gig” economy. Tonight’s season opener involves bitcoin.

Created by its two stars, “Alone” rarely rises above self-delusion and deprecation. But it’s consistently sharp in its satire of Tinseltown wannabes. Dean’s character represents a fascinating glance at the neurosis of the newly rich. He’s the kind of guy who spends \$8,000 on a toilet.

• TCM returns to its traditional August series “Summer Under the Stars,” dedicating every day of the month to one particular actor. Today’s offering features the films of Frank Sinatra.

TONIGHT’S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Harvey handles the land-lord on “Suits” (9 p.m., USA, TV-14).
- Klaus bets on Hope on the series finale of “The Originals” (9 p.m., CW, TV-14).
- Mara’s grief clouds her visions on “Reverie” (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- A new partnership targets John on “Yellowstone” (10 p.m., Paramount, TV-MA).

SERIES NOTES

On two helpings of “The Goldbergs” (ABC, r), lyrics go underappreciated (8 p.m., TV-PG), coaching a coach (8:30

p.m., TV-14) * The past is prologue on “Burden of Truth” (8 p.m., CW, TV-14) * Jay gets romantic on “Modern Family” (9 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * A pet departs on “American Housewife” (9:30 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * Show me the money on “SEAL Team” (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

CULT CHOICE

Nicolas Cage won a best actor Oscar for the self-evidently depressing 1995 drama “Leaving Las Vegas” (8:30 p.m., Showcase).

LATE NIGHT

Michael McFaul is booked

“The Daily Show With Trevor Noah” (11 p.m., Comedy Central) * Ashton Kutcher, Christian Navarro and Johnny Marr on “Conan” (11 p.m., TBS, r) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Kate McKinnon, Mo Rocca, Nicky Jam and J Balvin on “The Tonight Show” (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Bob Odenkirk, Natasha Lyonne, Kelsea Ballerini and Taylor Gordon visit “Late Night With Seth Meyers” (12:35 a.m., NBC) * Mila Kunis, Christian Slater and Pretty-Much appear on “The Late Late Show With James Corden” (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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Achieve crispy wings on the grill

BY AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

To take this barroom classic from the fryer to the grill, we had to figure out how to handle the fat and connective tissue from the wings, which creates a problem as it drips into the fire.

To get crisp, well-rendered chicken wings with lightly charred skin, succulent, smoky meat and minimal flare-ups, we quick-brined the wings and tossed them in cornstarch and pepper. These steps helped the meat retain moisture and kept the wings from sticking to the grill.

We then cooked them right over a gentle medium-low fire. The moderate temperature minimized flare-ups, and the direct heat accelerated the cooking process. Also, though we normally cook white chicken meat to 160 F, wings are chock-full of collagen, which begins to break down upwards of 170 F. Cooking the wings to 180 F produced meltingly tender wings.

These few minor adjustments gave us crispy, juicy chicken that made a great alternative to fried wings-



GRILLED CHICKEN WINGS

Makes: 24 wings
Start to finish: 1 hour and 30 minutes

If you buy whole wings, cut them into two pieces before brining. Don't brine the wings for more than 30 minutes or they'll be too salty.

1/2 cup salt
2 pounds chicken wings, wingtips discarded, trimmed
1 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch
1 teaspoon pepper

Dissolve salt in 2 quarts cold water in large container. Prick chicken wings all over with fork. Submerge chicken in brine, cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Combine cornstarch and pepper in bowl. Remove chicken from brine, and pat dry with paper towels. Transfer wings to large bowl, and sprinkle with cornstarch mixture, tossing until evenly coated.

• For a charcoal grill: Open bottom vent completely. Light large chimney starter half filled with charcoal briquettes (3 quarts). When top coals are partially covered with ash, pour evenly

over grill. Set cooking grate in place, cover and open lid vent completely. Heat grill until hot, about 5 minutes.

• For a gas grill: Turn all burners to high, cover, and heat grill until hot, about 15 minutes. Turn all burners to medium-low.

Clean and oil cooking grate. Grill wings (covered if using gas), thicker skin side up, until browned on bottom, 12 to 15 minutes. Flip chicken, and grill until skin is crisp and lightly charred and meat registers 180 F, about 10 minutes. Transfer chicken to platter, tent with aluminum foil, and let rest for 5 to 10 minutes. Serve.

Thin slices are key to tender eggplant



BY AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

Grilling is a popular way to prepare eggplant in Greece, Italy, Turkey and beyond, since eggplant's creamy, tender flesh takes well to smoke and char. Unfortunately, grilled eggplant can easily turn out leathery or spongy.

After a series of tests, we found that 1/4-inch-thick rounds worked best; the interiors became tender by the time the exteriors were nicely grill marked. Since it was necessary to brush the rounds with olive oil so they didn't stick to the grill, we infused that oil with minced garlic and red pepper flakes.

Microwaving the garlic and pepper flakes in the oil bloomed and enhanced their flavors. We strained the oil, re-

serving the garlic mixture to sprinkle over the finished dish.

Finally, we prepared a flavorful Turkish-inspired sauce, mixing tangy yogurt with lemon juice and zest, cumin, mint and a bit of the garlic oil. It is important to slice the eggplant thin so that the slices will cook through by the time the exterior is browned.

GRILLED EGGPLANT WITH YOGURT SAUCE

Servings: 4-6
Start to finish: 45 minutes
6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
5 garlic cloves, minced
1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes
1/2 cup plain whole-milk yogurt

3 tablespoons chopped fresh mint
1 teaspoon grated lemon zest plus 2 teaspoons juice
1 teaspoon ground cumin
Salt and pepper
2 pounds eggplant, sliced into 1/4-inch-thick rounds

Combine oil, garlic and pepper flakes in bowl. Microwave until garlic is golden brown and crisp, about 2 minutes. Strain garlic oil through fine-mesh strainer into small bowl. Reserve garlic oil and garlic separately.

Whisk 1 tablespoon garlic oil, yogurt, mint, lemon zest and juice, cumin and 1/4 teaspoon salt together in separate bowl; set aside for serving.

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

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

Clean and oil cooking grate. Brush eggplant with remaining garlic oil, and season with salt and pepper. Place half of eggplant on grill, and cook (covered if using gas) until browned and tender, about 4 minutes per side; transfer to serving platter. Repeat with remaining eggplant; transfer to platter. Drizzle yogurt sauce over eggplant and sprinkle with garlic. Serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 162 calories; 114 calories from fat; 13 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 3 mg cholesterol; 207 mg sodium; 11 g carbohydrate; 4 g fiber; 6 g sugar; 2 g protein.