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WLTX reported Tuesday that the Columbia Police Department is investigating the stabbing of a 23-year-old man in Five Points on Monday. According to CPD Chief Skip Holbrook, the victim was trying to break up a fight on Harden Street when he was stabbed. The victim had to be airlifted to the hospital, and so far there have been no arrests.

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showdown of technicality and showmanship.

The event will boast a 14-hour marathon of competitive and friendly gameplay starting at 9 a.m., extending all the way up to 11 p.m. Ticket prices are $10 for those who pre-register or $15 at the door, with an additional $10 fee to participate competitively.

The competition will be the first of its kind, thanks to the more-than-$600 pot bonus being offered to the winner within the Smash for Wii U singles matchup. The competition is also expected to receive traffic from other southern states including Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia, according to chief organizer Andrew Zah, a fourth-year media arts student.

"I want to see Heart of the South become a national, multi-state event," Zah said in an interview with the Free Times. According to the fourth-year, 130 people are already interested in participating in the Melee.

"Having grown up with it [the game] I always wanted to win," Parker said. "I remember I'd always play very fast—anyone who played with me lost a lot more games than I did. I played Smash Bros. well before it became cool."

Parker explained there will be two separate tournaments, one for the Wii U, released in 2014, and the other for Super Smash Bros. Melee for Gamecube, which was released in 2001. Parker said he will be participating in the Melee tournament, which does not have a pot bonus for the winner.

"That's the other nice thing, of course, about going to any tournament is that people still just love to play this game from 2001," Parker said.

Zah urges competitive players and friendly players as well as anyone interested in the scene to come out and support the event. "We always enjoy having a good turnout and take in games that we enjoy playing," he said.

The Heart of the South tournament series will be a major step toward his goal of turning South Carolina's regional Super Smash Bros. gaming circuit into a major player within the larger national and international communities.
Stadium are ready for your return,” University President Harris Pastides wrote in an email to students.

One major issue brought on by the flooding that is still being felt on campus is the boil water advisory, which remains in effect for the Columbia campus. The State reports that city officials hope to lift the advisory within the next few days.

Local and state agencies have also made progress with regard to road closures, announcing Tuesday that southbound lanes of the major corridor I-95 have reopened. However, repairs to the northbound lanes of I-95 are still ongoing and take up a great deal of man power and supplies.

“We originally sent 200 truckloads of concrete (for I-95’s northbound lanes), but we’ve had to add 70 truckloads to that,” Gov. Nikki Haley said at her noon briefing Monday.

In total, more than 300 roads and bridges remain closed around South Carolina as a result of the flooding. The human cost of the storm is also still being felt with the American Red Cross reporting Tuesday that more than 300 South Carolinians are still living in 15 different shelters.

“It’s gut-wrenching, sad to see. Very few people have flood insurance in Columbia. They literally lost everything,” said Shandon Baptist Church College Minister David Taylor in an address Sunday night.

The City of Columbia will host a total of two open houses for area homeowners and contractors to help them understand the process of applying for government aid and coping with other aspects of repairs such as applying for permits. The first was held Tuesday at the C.R. Neal Dream Center from 6 to 8 p.m. and the second will be held Thursday at Kilbourne Park Baptist Church from 6 to 8 p.m.

One point of pride for the university throughout this ordeal has been the volunteer response by students, culminating in the founding of USCRelief by third-year sociology and Russian student Cory Alpert.

“USCRelief was started last week and began mobilizing volunteers on Tuesday. We coordinated 1,269 volunteers at 42 sites totaling 1,081 hours. We’re currently in a shift phase between crisis management and disaster recovery,” Alpert said.

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All treats with no tricks

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As college students, most of us are short on two things: time and money. Here are some quick, easy and inexpensive Halloween recipes that will leave you (and your roommates) smiling and ready for fall.

Recipe via food.com

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INGREDIENTS

Cheeseballs
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- Chocolate Chips
- Honey Bears
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- Candy Corn

Feel free to be creative and add anything else! 

DIRECTIONS

1. Find a bowl and throw everything in it -- make sure it’s well mixed.
2. Enjoy!

GRIZ, an electronics and funk disc jockey, has played at music festivals such as Lollapalooza, TomorrowWorld and Electric Zoo.

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The Daily Gamecock: You are living the Irish life, aren’t you? 
Grant Kwiecinski: It’s not all Irish — awesome, but I can’t complain.

TDG: What parts don’t you like?

GK: I mean, I think I’ve done about 12 hours of plane travel this month and I don’t hate it. It’s fun. It’s just, like, it’s a lot, but I had an awesome weekend about 12 hours of plane travel this month.

TDG: Do you listen to your music while you are flying?

GK: Hell yeah. That’s kind of the way I started — I was making music that I wanted to hear — and then from there I started posting it publicly and it started catching on.

TDG: Do you do your interviews with no makeup?

GK: I do, I do. I don’t wear any makeup at all.

TDG: When were you a kid, did you have any other hobbies besides music?

GK: I’m really big into exercising. I quit smoking cigarettes back in January, so I have had no excuse to not try to get healthier, and it’s kind of like a personal goal to try to be super healthy and I think being active and being fit is important.

TDG: What do you do, like lifting weights, running, Jazzercize?

GK: — Jazzercize man, yes, Jazzercize all day.

TDG: You seem like the Jazzercize kind of person ...

GK: I do Tae Bo, Jazzercize and anything that has Richard Simmons in it.

TDG: Do you wear a headband while you do all of this?

GK: Yes. I wear headbands and I like stripes and neon colors.

TDG: Do you have anything to say about your show at Columbia?

GK: I’m not like anything you have ever seen before and that’s a -- -- party so come on out. You have nothing to lose to see that night.

The Best Pumpkin Spice Cookies

Recipe via food.com

“The season for all things pumpkin and spice. This recipe takes approximately 11 minutes to prep and 10-12 minutes to bake. You can make them on a Friday night with your favorite Halloween movie playing in the background. Serve them warm with a bowl of homemade vanilla ice cream or mixed in with a platter of other cookies to liven this dish up.

INGREDIENTS

1 cup butter, room temperature
1 cup sugar
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 cup canned pumpkin
1 egg
1 tsp vanilla extract
2 tsp pumpkin pie spice
2 cups flour
2 tsp baking soda
1 1⁄2 tsp salt
1 1⁄2 cups milk
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. In a large mixing bowl, add cream, butter, sugar and the sugars together until its light and fluffy.
3. Blend in pumpkin, egg and vanilla extract.
4. In a separate bowl, stir together flour, baking soda and salt.
5. Mix flour mixture into butter-sugar mixture.
6. Add milk, and the mixture until just to go through. 
7. Bake for 9 to 11 minutes.
8. Remove warm cookies and transfer to racks.

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entertained. These changes in mood make the listener crave the next song and force the cathartic effect of the music, which sometimes gives the listener chills.

Likewise, Gomez’s voice is well-suited to the vocal range she exhibits in her album, ranging from pop-like to soulful feels. The album exhibits Gomez’s willingness to experiment with both her voice and her music without being constrained to one specific style. That being said, she sometimes falls short of fully reaching the high notes she attempts to sing in “Revival,” “Hands to Myself,” and “Same Old Love.” Her best songs are those in her naturally lower vocal range, which include “Same Old Love,” “Camouflage,” and “Survivors.” They are a joy to listen to.

There isn’t a song in her recent album that particularly stands out, but this is only because they’re all equally enjoyable in their own way. With catchy rhythms and mesmerizing vocals, people may find it difficult to resist holding their heads or tapping their feet to the beats Gomez presents us.

She doesn’t cling to contemporary pop and this stance works perfectly in her favor. Her new album is well worth listening to if you’re interested in Gomez’s music, R&B or EDM. It cleanly meshes older music styles with a modern flavor, creating something that personifies Gomez’s personality.

In some ways, the album is addictive. You’ll likely soon be hearing her music grace dance floors with its irresistible beats and uplifting vocals.
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Spurrier developed a legacy,
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**Social media is becoming an increasingly large part of our everyday lives. A day doesn’t go by where I don’t check at least three separate social media sites. I have been interacting with social media since the days of MySpace and I have noticed that many popular social media sites have started offering less ways of expression. Sites like Instagram, Twitter, Vine, Yik Yak and Snapchat each restrict the ways you can communicate with others. How does this occur when a site like Facebook exists? I believe people around me were the last to interact with MySpace. I remember MySpace was an open-ended social media website. You could play games (about answering ones at times); post pictures and videos; put up a playlist of all of your favorite songs and personalize your page with a macroscopic design. Despite this, MySpace was eventually overtaken by Facebook, which at the time offered only a few different features and little personalization. I believe this occurred because we all want just the right amount of freedom when it comes to our social media.**

Twitter exemplifies the proliferation of social media onscreen perfectionism because users are limited to just 140 characters, including spaces. For context, that last sentence has 147 characters. Why then do we decide to restrict ourselves when we have so much other more liberating websites like Facebook, other than Twitter, that offer the facts that our parents use them? The fact that some peoplemanage to express themselves in 140 characters may not be true. That is likely why many people use it. The challenge of being both eloquent and crisp draws people in. The same concept goes for all. However, Facebook offers a unique feature that was added. Posts to Snapchat have a limited amount of time they can be seen and Yik Yak doesn’t even allow names, faces or a named account. Vine allows six seconds of video and was intended to only allow practical effects. These sites may slowly be adding in new features like direct messaging but that is only to keep old users still interested and active without drastically changing their brand. Comparing social media to art is a bit of a stretch, but what bear with me; what makes art beautiful isn’t that it exists, but that it was created by a person with limited materials and abilities. Had Leonardo da Vinci been snoozemount he work would be worthless, but only when you realize that a single man is responsible for his many accomplishments you recognize the value in it. This concept on a smaller scale can be used to understand how new social media sites can still thrive in an environment dominated by a few giant sites that offer more.

— Corey Shearer, freshman biology student
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Sagittarius
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For the first time in 11 years, South Carolina will conduct a search for a head football coach. Last time, it was anticlimactic; Steve Spurrier was announced as head football coach just one day after Lou Holtz announced his retirement. This time, the Gamecocks will take much longer to find a head coach.

Spurrier stepped down partially because he is simply burnt out, and partially because he is allowing the Gamecocks to get ahead of the coaching curve. When all’s said and done, multiple big-name programs will be searching for coaches.

University of Southern California has already fired Steve Sarkisian. University of Texas, University of Miami and University of Oregon could all be searching for coaches after the season as well. If Spurrier waited to step down, South Carolina would be just another school. However, while Athletic Director Ray Tanner will be limited in communication with some potential replacements, candidates know the position is open and can take interest before other jobs open up.

From a recruiting standpoint, the timing is beneficial in the long run. Most recruits in the 2016 cycle understood that they were not likely to play for Spurrier. Four-star linebacker P.J. Blue decommitted, but most players in this cycle committed to the school and not Spurrier. Spurrier announcing midseason gives South Carolina the chance to find the right replacement, and gives that coach time to establish his own recruiting presence. Despite what it looks like on the surface, Spurrier’s timing will benefit the team in the long run.

The program is lightyears ahead of where it was when Spurrier arrived, and, as such, will be more attractive to potential coaches. While Tanner does not know who he wants as head coach, he knows what he wants in a head coach. It is important that we find the best person with passion and dedication to perform at a high level in a very competitive conference in the Southeastern Conference. Certainly integrity. My roots are heavy. I love Columbia and the University of South Carolina. I want somebody to be like that, I want somebody that fits that role. While somebody’s resume may be better, I think it is important that we hire someone with the roots that fit about who we are.” Tanner said.

Tanner intends to go with “roots over resume” when conducting the coaching search, and while many fans scorned this decision, it’s the right approach. All Tanner means is that the Gamecocks will look for a head coach that fits best with South Carolina’s culture and goals. The best teams nearly always go with this “best fit” approach. When Lou Holtz retired in 2004, then Athletic Director Mike McGee looked for an established coach that would make South Carolina nationally relevant. Spurrier was that guy. His planet-sized personality attracted national media like no Gamecock coach had before.

Now the situation is different. Because Spurrier took South Carolina to the next level, the next coach does not necessarily need to be an already-established household name. If an up-and-coming coach fits well with the vision of the program, he could beat out a bigger name. That would make some fans mad but ultimately benefit the program. Tanner’s “roots over resume” approach will only work if South Carolina can find a quality coach that gels with the program’s philosophy. There are talented coaches that would fit perfectly at South Carolina. Tanner just has to find one.

Written by Will Helms

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It didn’t feel real. Monday night, Spurrier addressed the team to tell them for plans to resign as head football coach, effective immediately. He explained at his under conference on Tuesday afternoon that he had made the decision earlier Sunday morning and informed South Carolina Athletic Director Ray Tanner later that afternoon.

Still, it felt as if the 70 year old was not serious about stepping away from college football. After nearly four decades of coaching, Spurrier was done. “I was the right coach for this job 11 years ago,” Spurrier said. “But not today.”

When Spurrier came to South Carolina in 2001, the Gamecocks were mired in mediocrity. In five years under head coach Lou Holtz, South Carolina went just 33-37. A perennial bottom stock of the SEC.

South Carolina had won just three bowl games in its history and fans were used to sitting through painful seasons. From 1998-1999, the Gamecocks lost 21 straight games. They were the laughing stock of the SEC. In 2004, the Gamecocks were 2-10-1. A perennial bottom-dweller in the SEC, the Gamecocks needed a spark. They needed a coach that could bring them to the national spotlight.

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He came to a school devoid of tradition. South Carolina has been a football staple since the program started in 1891. When Spurrier arrived, the program was in a state of flux. Spurrier knew South Carolina needed a coach that could bring them to the national spotlight. They hired Spurrier.

The 1966 Heisman Trophy winner began his coaching career in 1978 as the quarterbacks coach under head coach Joe Paterno at Penn State. After the 1980 season, Spurrier left Penn State to become the head coach at the University of Florida, his alma mater. After short stints with Georgia Tech, Duke and as head coach of the USFL’s Tampa Bay Bandits, the Blue Devils offered Spurrier the head coaching job in 1987.

Twenty-eight years and 228 wins later, Spurrier is calling it quits. While few actually said it, there was a feeling that the Head Ball Coach would retire after the 2015 season. However, with the Gamecocks 2-4, Spurrier thought it best to “put out of the way.”

“When something is inevitable, I believe you do it right then,” Spurrier said. “When initially shocking, few should be surprised by the announcement in retrospect. Spurrier has always done things his way. Spurrier has said in the past that when coaching football stopped being fun and became a job, he’d walk away. True to his word, Spurrier did just that. It’s similar to the way he felt with the Washington Redskins.

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Steve Spurrier will retire as the winningest coach in South Carolina and Florida school history. Only he and Bear Bryant hold win records at two different SEC schools.

Steve Spurrier changed that. In Spurrier’s first season, South Carolina won five straight SEC contests for the first time in school history. In 2010, he led the Gamecocks to their first ever SEC East title. South Carolina then posted three straight 11-win seasons.

Spurrier changed the culture. With 86 wins, Spurrier is far and away the winningest coach in school history. Other than Spurrier, only Paul “Bear” Bryant is the winningest coach at two different SEC schools.

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