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Greek, AAAS Team up on Court

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Ernesto to bring rain, wind, uncertainties

CHARLESTON — Tropical Storm Ernesto fazed to a tropical depression as it tracked across Florida on Wednesday but was expected to pass out to sea and regain tropical storm strength before making a second landfall along the South Carolina coast.

Gov. Mark Sanford said the state would not require any mandatory or voluntary evacuations but urged coastal residents, including those on barrier islands in mobile homes and in low-lying areas, to pay attention to the storm.

“The storm isn’t here yet. There’s still a lot of uncertainty,” Sanford said. “Let’s hope it doesn’t intensify.”

Projections from the National Hurricane Center on Tuesday showed Ernesto, which sloshed ashore on Florida on Tuesday evening, could again regain tropical storm strength after crossing the peninsula and heading into the Atlantic.

A hurricane watch for the S.C. coast was lowered Wednesday, but a tropical storm warning was issued in its place.

The Hurricane Center said it was unsure Ernesto could become a hurricane before landfall in S.C.

Bill limits emissions to aid climate control

SACRAMENTO — California would become the first state to impose a limit on all greenhouse gas emissions, including those from industrial plants, under a landmark deal reached Wednesday by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and legislative Democrats.

The agreement marks a clear break with the Bush administration, and puts California on a path to reducing its emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases by an estimated 25 percent by 2020.

The bill still needs lawmakers’ approval, but that appears likely, given that Democrats control the legislature.

“We can now move forward with developing a market-based system that makes California a world leader in the effort to reduce carbon emissions,” the governor said in a statement.

The key mechanism driving the reductions would be a market program allowing businesses to buy, sell and trade emissions credits with other companies.

The bill was praised by environmentalists as a step toward fighting global climate change.

Tornado warning

Clouds, flooding to occur from John

PUERTO VALLARTA, Mexico — Hurricane John lashed the southwestern tip of the Bay of Banderas with heavy rains and wind Wednesday as the dangerous storm marched up Mexico’s Pacific coast, and forecasters predicted its center would brush close to the United States.

The Category 4 hurricane could dump up to a foot of rain along parts of Mexico’s northern coast, causing landslides or flooding, meteorologists warned.

The hurricane had maximum sustained winds of 130 mph, and stronger gales capable of ripping roofs off buildings and causing storm surges of up to 18 feet above normal.

John was not expected to affect the United States. But a hurricane warning covered a more than 1,000-mile stretch of the Mexican coastline from the port city of Lazaro Cardenas north to Cabo Corrientes, the southwestern tip of the bay that holds Puerto Vallarta.

The government also issued a hurricane watch for portions of the southern Baja Peninsula. And, the most damaging winds have already passed onshore, and only tropical storm-force winds have hit the coast.

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CRIME REPORT

MONDAY, AUG. 21

Burglary, petty larceny, 1 a.m.

Engineering building, 105 Engineering Drive

The victim, 51, said someone stole back radios.

Estimated value: $340

Responding officer: N. Peter

FRIDAY, AUG. 24

Burglary, petit larceny, 10:30 a.m.

Palmetto House.

The victim, 18, said her bar card and something she used in the bookstore, leaving a zero balance.

Estimated value: $209

Responding officer: M. A. Winstead

TUESDAY, AUG. 29

Burglary, 7:30 a.m.

Grand larceny, 10 a.m.

Humanities building, 1611 Greene St.

Someone entered by unknown means into a classroom and stole a gray Dell Inspiron 1500 laptop computer and a black and gray Sony Vaio laptop.

Estimated value: $349

Responding officer: N. Peter

Petit larceny, 3:45 p.m.

Law center, 1405 Greene St.

The victim, 29, said someone took two textbooks from his book bag.

Estimated value: $57

Responding officer: H. Goyon

THURSDAY, AUG. 30

Burglary, 7 a.m.

Disorderly conduct, 11:25 a.m.

1405 Whiley St.

Police officers report a man walked into a liquor store with a laptop computer, sitting on a wall, and put a wallet containing-smelling intensely of alcohol.

Peters was charged with disorderly conduct for grand larceny.

Responding officer: D. Duccio

THURSDAY, AUG. 31

Burglary, 5 p.m.

FIC Theft, 5:45 p.m.

Woodruff, 1405 Greene St.

Someone entered a building and took two books.

Responding officer: D. Almea

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Signs denoting the affected lots will be in place until the areas are deemed safe for parking. Pedestrian walkways in these areas will also be closed.

The following lots are closed today:

The E1, E2 and E5 lots near Blatt P.E. Center and the Children’s Center
The S22, FS4 and M3 lots behind 300 Main St.
The M4 and S5 lots at Whaley and Main streets

Those displaced by the closings may park on the top levels of the Blossom Street Garage and metered spaces on the top level of the UTS Garage at the corner of Sumter and Blossom streets.

These arrangements will be in effect from 7 a.m. Thursday until 5 p.m. Friday. Additional questions should be directed to Vehicle Management and Parking Services at 777-5160 or parking@gwn.sc.edu.

— Information from Vehicle Management and Parking Services

**Note:**

The Gamecocks are 3-0 this season and will attempt to remain perfect tonight.

**RHA President Terrill Wilkins:**

What advice would you give to your freshman self?

Well, academically I would say last semester was one of the toughest semesters I’ve ever had. I think every course was pretty demanding, and all five research papers that I turned in for that semester got A’s on. And that’s probably, in college, one of the things I’ve been most proud of, just because doing research is difficult because it’s time-consuming, and if you’re somebody who ways on hand in a lot of different things, it’s hard to keep yourself on task, so I’d say definitely... beyond that, a personal achievement would be to say I did a big gamecock half and more specifically I’ve always been into art history, so I really enjoy going to Florence, and you know, Rome, just to see all the historic churches and museums and things. That would probably be the ideal vacation for me.

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**What’s your worst book you’ve ever read?**

I’ve read some bad ones! Let’s see, the worst book I’ve ever read would say is “Mediterranean Broth” by Gustave Flaubert. I had to read it for senior English class and the first semester reading for my senior English class in high school. I just thought it was horrible — the length of the book didn’t match the plot at all. I felt the story could have been told in half the time, and I think a lot of it got lost in the translation from French to English. Yeah, other than that it was just very predictable, not a fun read at all.

**How much time per day do you spend doing homework?**

Well, a lot of the things that go on with RHA as far as student leadership is concerned, a lot of that happens on weeknight and weekend times, and a lot of times during the week my time is focused on that and just attending class. Rather than just catching it up on reading during the week, most of my homework is probably done like, between Sunday and Monday... I guess on average maybe half an hour a day with a lot more of a concentration on weekends.

**What’s your favorite off-campus hangout spot?**

Well, other than Williams-Brice during football season, my favorite is Up Close and Personal.

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As USC gets set to kick off tonight against Mississippi State, many students already find themselves worried about next week’s game against the Georgia Bulldogs. In case you haven’t heard, there aren’t enough tickets to go around.

Early Tuesday morning, a lot of students were greeted with an apologetic shrug from the sweet old lady at ticket distribution.

As usual, many freshmen, out of fear that they wouldn’t get a ticket, rushed the Russell House and quickly drained the ticket supply.

The folks in charge of ticket distribution really dropped the ball on this one.

The allotted three-day ticket distribution window had been shortened to 10 hectic hours.

Many upperclassmen, despite the allure of powerhouse Georgia as our home opener, thought there would be plenty of tickets to go around and took their time to pick up a ticket.

But, with 3,030 less available than expected, these students now find themselves having to watch the Gamecocks play Georgia again. How many times will they miss before the season ends?

Inevitably, whenever an institution considers a smoking ban, smokers begin to complain about their right of abuse. They do not have the right to endanger the health of others.

You do not have the right to "Yell fire" in a crowded theater. You do not have the right to yell smoke around nonsmokers any different?

Last year, I worked in the state House of Representatives as a page, and saw the discussion that ensued when Rep. J. Phillips Baker, a statewide public smoking ban was introduced.

During debate, the legislature discussed if ventilation systems inside buildings could dispel smoke, but research from the American Lung Association and Cooling Contractors Association dismissed that theory.

Though the bill was narrowly defeated, smoking bans are starting to take root in Charleston, here and possibly in Columbia. It will hopefully create more support in the next legislative session.

It is hard to refute the research of organizations such as the National Institute of Health, the CDC, the Surgeon General and the office of Health Services when it comes to the effects of second-hand smoke.

You can smoke in your car and you can smoke in your house, but please respect USC’s smoking ban of 25 feet from buildings, and do not smoke near other people on campus.

In your opinion

Greek stereotypes unfairly presented

Although it is quite common to find anti-Greek sentiments plastered across the headlines of The Daily Gamecock and promulgated by the bureaucratic entities of the University, I find it necessary to respond to Brandt Boidy’s simplistic analysis of Greek Life ("Sororities, fraternities and hearing, the NEW

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**Young at heart**

Despite new ownership, comic store maintains laid-back, friendly ambience

Kiran Tharani

*Staff Writer*

A picture of Spiderman welcomes to Acme Comics, but this place is comics and a whole lot more. New and used DVDs, CDs, as well as records can be bought, sold, or traded. The store opened in 2004 and has since drawn in an array of customers, from college students to military personnel to 8-year-old kids.

Phil Crouch, who previously worked here part time, bought the store this month when its past owner moved upstate. “I don’t want to make a big to-do out of it,” Crouch said. “Not much has changed, but we’d like to push the atmosphere still relaxed.”

The Mars Volta album waste of time

Kristian Tharani

**CD Review**

The Mars Volta are one of rock’s most polarizing acts. If you aren’t for their ridiculous guitar solos and effects wizardry, you’re against senseless canceling and a total lack of direction. For those of you in the middle, “Ampuступhante” is one of the most spectacular tracks to add to your dorm-room drug experimentation. It’s both easy and difficult to hate these guys who have been doing for the past four years. “De-loused in the Comatorium” was a fascinating debut, mesmerizing but promising. Last Year, “Frances the Mute” eliminated most critics still on the fence and solidified the group as a near-perfect prog-rock act perfect for performing at Bonnaroo to tens of thousands of people who had no idea where they were or what was happening to them.

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Of course we had to sample the sweet tea. It was semi-sweet and slightly tart, even hot lemon was added. Rockaways is not a place for vegetarians, unless you want to make a mess of a tossed salad and various fried vegetables.

For the non-skeptics, Rockaways has eleven different burgers, sandwiches, wings, and assorted sides to choose from. A basic burger is $4.83, while $5.18 will buy one with toppings such as bacon, mushroom, bleu cheese and the famous pimento cheese. These sandwiches cost about $5.25 for the burgers like turkey and cheese and chicken salad. I didn’t get a chance to try them, but you are in the mood for wings, they come in four flavors, with 10 wings costing $12.25 all the way up to 50 costing $74. The store also allows local artists to sell their albums on consignment. “If you’ve got a CD, we’ll sell it for whatever price you want us to sell it,” Crouch said, “though we would like to listen to it first.” To Thacker, this is the coolest comic store around. He can usually be found lounging in a chair near the front.

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MusicGremlin offers two different services: a Naptune-like subscription model where you pay to buy songs and download a single playlist and the Like2Buy model, which allows you to choose to either sell or trade songs. With the Like2Buy model, you upload songs to the MusicGremlin automatically places your songs on its database. And of course, it’s free to listen to songs you go where you go with MusicGremlin.

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For more information, refer to the MusicGremlin.com website or contact them at 800-400-9660.

Tuna contaminated with high mercury count

Sandy Bueras
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Leila Varela is a 16-year-old in a dead-end relationship. Her mother no longer mimes tuna sandwiches for lunch. Her new boyfriend no longer reads the slate of hot dogs on the grill.

Two years ago, amid reports of rising mercury in seafood, they placed a tuna sandwich on the menu in a nation’s leading health service. In all the cases of higher levels of mercury in children, who are sensitive to mercury, the mercury is a ubiquitous environmental toxin and a significant public health threat, says Dr. Leslie Silbergeld, professor of environmental health sciences at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Ellen Silbergeld, professor of environmental health sciences at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, says there is no evidence that eating mercury can have any harmful effects on health. But the correlation between eating tuna and mercury levels in children is just one example of the many possible negative impacts of mercury exposure on health. The EPA, in a mercury roadmap released in July, said that mercury in fish could be dangerous for children and for adults. The EPA recommends that people eat fish and shellfish as part of a healthy diet.

Mercury is everywhere. Part of the Earth’s crust, it is emitted naturally in volcanic eruptions. Humans are adding more mercury to the environment, however, from industrial processes that use and dispose of mercury. Mercury is used in a variety of products, including batteries, light bulbs, and fluorescent lamps. Mercury is also released into the atmosphere from industrial processes, such as coal-fired power plants.

Fishing is a popular activity in many parts of the world, and consumers are increasingly aware of the potential health risks associated with mercury exposure. The EPA has established guidelines for mercury levels in fish and shellfish to protect public health.

Little fish eat big, fat fish eat them, and the concentration gradient of mercury increases with each level of the food chain. This is why the mercury levels in tuna are so much higher than in other fish. In fact, the mercury levels in tuna are so high that it’s not safe to eat large quantities of this fish. Eating large quantities of tuna can cause symptoms such as headaches, dizziness, and vomiting.

The EPA recommends that children under the age of 6 should not eat more than 12 ounces of fish per week, including tuna. Children ages 6 to 12 should limit their consumption of large fish, such as tuna, to no more than 6 ounces per week. Adults should limit their consumption of large fish, such as tuna, to no more than 12 ounces per week. Eating too much mercury can cause serious health problems, including neurological, developmental, and reproductive effects.

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excessive pride or self-confidence; arrogance

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greatness.”

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Surely this was it. After an up-and-down career that had its major highs and major lows, surely he couldn’t rebound from this. Those were the thoughts of Gamecock nation as Syvelle Newton lay on the turf on Oct. 22, 2005.

In what seemed to be typical Syvelle Newton fashion, the junior from Marlboro County High School had shocked Carolina fans with one of the more impressive individual performances in recent memory against an unsuspecting Vanderbilt defense, only to have his career in doubt minutes later.

As he dashed 10 yards and found the endzone, Newton struggled to get up and finally convinced teammates to leave him alone. Minutes later, team doctor Rod Walters told coach Steve Spurrier he believed Newton tore his Achilles’ tendon on the play, an injury that would not only certainly end his season, but could end his career.

The Achilles’ injury was just the tip of the iceberg of Newton’s erratic career. Highly touted out of Marlboro County High School, rivals.com rated Newton as the No. 5 dual-threat quarterback in the nation. Having narrowed down his list of schools to the two in-state powers USC and Clemson, Newton shocked a local television audience when he donned the orange and purple of Clemson before switching and saying he would sign with then-coach Lou Holtz and South Carolina.

“As long as they stick by their promise to me, I’ll stick by them.” Newton told rivals.com in the fall of 2002. And what is that promise? “To be the starting quarterback as a freshman,” he said. “As long as that looks like it will happen, I’ll be a Gamecock.”

Newton did become a Gamecock, but the promise he hoped would stick didn’t quite pan out. As a freshman, Newton was moved to receiver, but immediately made an impact on offense. In the 2003 season, Newton was third on the team in receiving, catching 22 passes for 277 yards. But it wasn’t enough to keep Newton from following his dream of being the starting quarterback.

When the time came for spring practice before the 2004 season, Newton was again lined up at quarterback but was again not at the top of the depth chart. He began the season as the second-string quarterback behind fifth-year senior Dondrial Pinkins.

However, after suffering an injury early in the season, Pinkins was out and Newton was in. He burst onto the scene against South Florida on Sept. 19, 2004, completing 13 of 23 passes for 324 yards and 3 touchdowns of 56, 55 and 73 yards to wide receiver Troy Williamson.

Throughout the course of the 2004 season, Newton started five games at quarterback and led the team with 1,093 yards passing and 6 touchdowns. But even after winning a sixth game to become bowl eligible against Arkansas, the trouble was not over for Newton and the Gamecocks. Against Clemson on Nov. 19, 2004, late in the fourth quarter, Newton threw a pass and was hit by a Clemson defensive and just as he released the ball. What ensued was a bench-clearing melee with Newton in the middle that cost both teams a bowl berth and again kept the Gamecocks home for Christmas.


In January 2005, Newton and five other Gamecocks were charged with petit larceny for an incident involving missing equipment and other miscellaneous items from Williams-Brice Stadium. Newton applied for and was granted pre-trial intervention, allowing him to avoid being kicked off the team.

“Well, of course what we did was wrong,” Newton said after the incident. “But that’s behind us now. It’s over. We’re back to where we are and we’re moving forward. We have to keep on moving.”

And keep on moving he did. As he did in his first two seasons, Newton found the field quickly in 2005 and immediately made an impact. In the season opener against UCF, Newton took a Blake Mitchell screen pass and dashed 25 yards for a touchdown. He would stay at receiver for seven games in 2005 and catch 27 passes for 297 yards. Late in the game against Kentucky on Oct. 15, Spurrier inserted Newton at quarterback when the game was in hand. Newton promptly railed off a run of 32 yards and ended the game with a 16-yard touchdown scamper.

At that point, Spurrier decided he had to find a way to get the ball in his playmaker’s hands. And that’s what he did. In an impressive display of
Gamecocks open season against SEC foe

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This time last year was a time of mystery and wonder. A world-class coach stormed to Columbus and dug the football program through the mire left after a season-ending brawl at Clemson. The sky was the limit for the future.

A year into his reign, Spurrier brings an obviously different attitude to the table as the Gamecocks prepare to face off against Mississippi State. Last year, before the opener against the University of Central Florida, there were questions about the ability of a young starting quarterback, a non-name receiving corps, a lack of running game, and holes in the defense.

But things changed quickly.

Junior Blake Mitchell has solidified himself, not only as Carolina's starting quarterback, but as one of the premier signal-callers in the SEC. Mitchell is the second highest rated returning quarterback in the SEC, behind only Florida's Chris Leak, who many consider to be a top three quarterback in the SEC. Mitchell is the second highest rated returning quarterback in the SEC.

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"Blake is more knowledgeable this year and ready to go," Spurrier said. "He really has the potential to be a big time player. He could be the best quarterback in the conference this year." Mitchell has shown much improved decision-making and on-the-go-thinking skills in practice this off-season.

"He's been so much more consistent in practice this off-season," Mitchell said. "He's been able to stay冷静 and get a feel for the defense now."

The defense is unproven, too. Young men must learn on-the-job. Mitchell is the second highest rated returning quarterback in the SEC, behind only Florida's Chris Leak, who many consider to be a top three quarterback in the SEC.

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HEAD COACH, STEVE SPURRIER

USC vs. Miss St

STANLEY DOUGHTY, NOS E TACKLE #55

Even though Doughty is in the doghouse with the coaching staff for some reason, he could have an impact on this game. If he gets playing time, look for “Cheese” to put some pressure on the running and passing game of Miss St.

HEAD COACH, SYLVESTER CROOM

Jeramie Johnson, free safety #34

This guy is the All-SEC player to watch for. His four interceptions last fall were tied for league best and he has a nose for knowing where the ball is going. Johnson can keep passing opportunities at a minimum even for the best receiving corps in the league.

THE EDGE:     USC

Who has the Edge?

Quarterback

Miss St. — Sophomore Michael Henig will start the game for the Bulldogs. His two-touchdown total last fall moles him a less-than-stunning threat. But his inexperience will make him a question mark. Jeramie Johnson, free safety #34, will be the key to limiting Henig.

USC — In his second season as USC's signal-caller, Blake Mitchell is the key to his team. Mitchell has a great arm and is improving as a leader. He has some young receivers to work with, but he will be the guy who decides how the game goes.

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Running backs

Miss St. — With the departure of Jerious Norwood, the Bulldogs' leading rusher, the running game may have some questions. Sophomore running back Brandon Thevenot is expected to start. He has some size and speed, but he needs to improve his blocking skills.

USC — Mike Davis and Cory Boyd will be a 1-2 punch for the Gamecocks. They have good size and speed and can move the ball. Both backs will get significant playing time, as Davis probably carries most of the load.

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Michael Henig
Quarterback #7

His two-touchdown/interception ratio isn't going to strike fear into opposing defenses, but it's his team to lead. Henig is the Bulldogs' signal-caller and the sophomore has a lot of growing up to do as he starts the year against an SEC defense.

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Miami, Texas Tech, USC 28-10

Cornerbacks

The key matchup in this game is between USC's Jermaine Johnson and Miss St.'s Torry Randel. The Dawgs have a young and inexperienced secondary, and Johnson has turned into a lockdown corner. Randel, on the other hand, is a solid receiver. He will give Johnson a test.

THE EDGE: USC

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