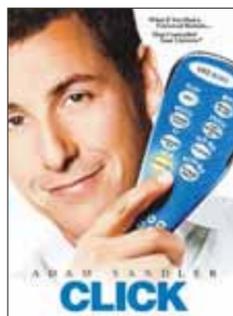


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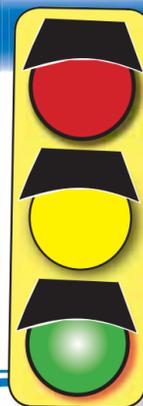
Today in history

- ▶ Today is Tuesday, Oct. 10, the 283rd day of 2006. There are 82 days left in the year.
- ▶ Today's Highlight in History:
 - ▶ On Oct. 10, 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy opened in Annapolis, Md.
 - ▶ On this date:
 - ▶ In 1813, composer Giuseppe Verdi was born in Le Roncole, Italy.
 - ▶ In 1911, revolutionaries under Sun Yat-sen launched their overthrow of China's Manchu dynasty.
 - ▶ In 1935, George Gershwin's opera "Porgy and Bess" opened on Broadway.
 - ▶ In 1938, Germany completed its annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.
 - ▶ In 1943, Chiang Kai-shek took the oath of office as president of China.
 - ▶ In 1956, the New York Yankees won the World Series, defeating the Brooklyn Dodgers, 9-0, in Game 7 at Ebbets Field.
 - ▶ In 1964, the 18th Summer Olympic Games opened in Tokyo.
 - ▶ In 1970, Quebec Labor Minister Pierre Laporte was kidnapped by the Quebec Liberation Front, a militant separatist group. (Laporte's body was found a week later.)
 - ▶ In 1973, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, accused of accepting bribes, pleaded no contest to one count of federal income tax evasion, and resigned his office.
 - ▶ In 1981, funeral services were held in Cairo for Egyptian leader Anwar Sadat, who had been assassinated by Muslim extremists.

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One-armed juggler comes to the State Fair

By **TONY BAUGHMAN**
Staff writer

Dale Jones is a one-handed juggler so skilled, he says, "I'm ambidextrous." This week at the South Carolina State Fair in Columbia, Jones will roam the fairgrounds each day, performing feats with one hand that most jugglers find challenging with two. For Jones, it's not a gimmick; it's a necessity. Unable to use his right hand because of a childhood injury, Jones has refused to

let his disability rob him of audiences or the enjoyment of an ancient art form he first learned in 1972 as a way to impress girls.

"I walked in the school cafeteria, and I saw this senior juggling to a whole table full of girls. The girls were going crazy," he said. "I was a short, scrawny kid with a bad hand, and so I decided, 'That's worth a try.'"

With two oranges bought in the lunch line, Jones began teaching himself to juggle, using his only functional

hand. He admits those first few tries were embarrassing, but he refused to give up.

"I was really bad at it, but I found that if I ran around enough, I could keep them up in the air. I might have to run around the whole room, but I could keep them up," he said. "It was just like a magical moment in my life. To be honest, I never really wanted to do anything but that after that."

Through the rest of high school and into college, Jones honed his craft. Along the way, newspapers and other media around his Missouri home picked up his inspiring story, which at first annoyed him.

Then Jones learned that someone on the New York

write what they wanted, say what they wanted and I could either be mad or quit doing it or get on board with it," he said.

Since then, Jones, now 50 (but "112 years old in juggler years," he jokes), has parlayed his unusual talents into appearances with the Ringling Brothers-Barnum & Bailey Circus and opening for such stars as the Statler Brothers, KC & the Sunshine Band and Marie Osmond. He also has headlined his own show at Owens Theatre in Branson, Mo.

Jones has fully come to terms with his disability and has been asked to offer

inspirational shows at various school and organizations.

"It's definitely very effective. One of the things I say is that people with disabilities, to work they have to be better than non-disabled people," he said. "People are capable of doing just about anything they put their mind to. They can get around disabilities if they just put their minds to it."

Through it all, Jones is doing his part to keep the art of juggling alive.

He has taught a couple other one-handed jugglers, so he knows he's not the only one in the juggling business anymore.

"But I'm probably the only one making a living at it," he said.

Photos courtesy of Dale Jones
Comic juggler Dale Jones, who performs with only one arm because of a childhood injury, will perform during the South Carolina State Fair in Columbia.



State Fair

The South Carolina State Fair opens Wednesday and continues through Sunday, Oct. 22.

Admission for everyone on Opening Day is \$1. Regular admission Oct. 12-22 is \$7 for ages 6-adult, \$5 ages 55 and up and \$2 children ages 2-5.

Ride tickets and attractions prices vary, but unlimited ride vouchers are available for \$20 on weekdays.

Gates open at 9 a.m. on Saturdays during the fair, 10 a.m. weekdays and noon Sundays.

Pepsi Grandstand entertainment during the State Fair includes:

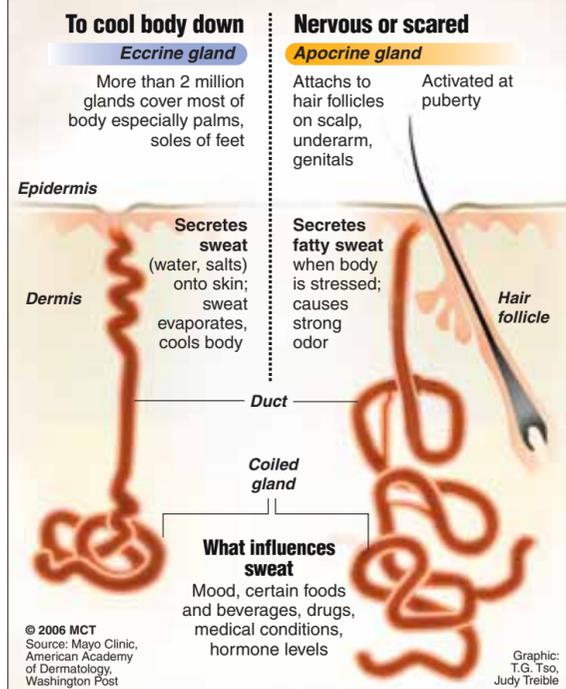
- Thursday, Oct. 12 — Joe Nichols, 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 13 — Casting Crowns, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 14 — Blake Shelton w/ Trent Jeffcoat, 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 15 — The Four Tops, 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 18 — Bill Pinkney & The Original Drifters, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 20 — Newsong w/ Joy Williams, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 21 — Raven-Symone, 5 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 22 — George Jones, 4 p.m.

Reserved grandstand seating is \$15 a person and includes admission to the fair.

Women's Health

Two kinds of sweat

The body makes two types of sweat in two different types of glands.



'Forest Lover' chronicles life of 1900s female artist

PAT LEVINS
Contributor

Fans of historical fiction who also want to read for educational value as well as enjoyment of an entertaining story will appreciate "Forest Lover," which blends history, biography and fiction skillfully enough to add to a reader's appreciation of culture.

"Forest Lover" is the third novel of acclaimed author Susan Vreeland focusing on those who blazed a trail in the art world. In this book published in 2004, the author gives the reader a skillful portrait of the trials and tribulations of the Canadian artist Emily Carr, who struggled against turn-of-the-century Victorian codes that dictated how both women and art should be rendered and evaluated.

It is a romanticized view of how the artist endured disap-

proval of her family and of society at large as she developed her craft with a mission to capture on canvas the totem poles carved by the Indian tribes of British Columbia. Her messianic zeal allowed the artist to produce works with bold color and expression. Emily Carr, unlike many artists, lived to see her vision vindicated as she became a major force in modern art in the dawn of the 20th century.

The vivid detail and gorgeous descriptions that are evidenced throughout this book are the result of the author's seventeen years of research into the artist and the period. Drawing from the many journals of the artist, the author presents a loving portrait of a complex woman who ventured into isolated tribal villages and befriended the natives who carved unique totem poles endangered to become extinct because of the thrust of industrial life. The author effectively captures the artist's passion with art portraying a summary of twenty years of that effort.

The book also presents a search-

ing social commentary on the deprivation and misery endured by the Canadian tribes having been afflicted by disease and demoralized by British conquest.

The final segment of the book addresses Emily Carr's travel to Paris as a part of the artistic movement that produced modernism and cubism in the early 1900s. The artist, having obtained trust fund money from her sister, traveled to France to study the works of Van Gogh, Matisse, Modigliani and Picasso and imitated their techniques until she became dissatisfied and returned home with more confidence in her own skills.

Emily Carr was a pioneering woman who retained her obstinacy, persistence and passion until her death in 1945 at age 74.

Other equally well researched novels about artists produced by Susan Vreeland are "Passion of Artemesia" and "Girl in Hyacinth Blue." All of the authors' novels about artists are available in hardback, paperback and audio CD. They are also in the Aiken library collection.

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Training makes your dog a better companion

By BARBARA NELSON,
President Aiken SPCA

It isn't hard to teach your dog a few simple commands that will make him a pleasure to be around and maybe even save his life. It doesn't take long and it isn't hard to teach "sit," "here" or "stay." The key is to be consistent with your verbal command and your body language. Don't confuse the pet; they will become frustrated and not enjoy the learning and neither will you.

In future newsletters the SPCA will print simple "How to teach your dog to ..." techniques. The first will be the "sit" and "here or come" commands. Any duck hunter, particularly here in the South can tell you how important the come back call is. There is nothing worse than watching your retriever be out of sight, floundering around in thick cat-tails and muck determined to find the bird, but tiring quickly. In the South there is the threat of alligators and in the North falling through the thin ice can have a tragic result. A hunter must be able to call the retriever back and give up the game to the natural predators that will eventually find it for a meal.

In both upland gamebird and waterfowl hunting many hunters teach their dogs precise hand and whistle signals in order to guide to coverts and downed birds that the dog may

ANIMAL CONNECTION

not have seen. There is nothing more frustrating than hunting with someone who just lets his or her dog run out beyond gun shot range and spook the birds; or someone who is constantly yelling at their dog and disturbing a nice, fall day in the field.

Even in beagle footpicks and fox hound hunts the Master of the Hounds has to be able to control the pursuit so the pack doesn't split and chase across unknown or forbidden country.

In the home, it is more pleasant to have pets that don't jump all over visitors and who will stop barking and yapping when told to do so.

One of the major challenges of an animal shelter is preventing animals from being returned because of behavioral problems. The most frequent reason for a return is that the adopted pet is hyperactive and causes too much stress. One of our missions at the Aiken SPCA is to have the time to train some of our animals to be better citizens and therefore more adoptable. Some of the animals that come into the shelter have never been socialized and may have learning disabilities from indiscriminate uncontrolled inbreeding. I am not referring to purposeful breeders, but to those people who allow their dogs and cats

to remain intact for no apparent reason and who continuously produce litters that run wild around the neighborhood and countryside.

Most of the animals that come to the shelter are very trainable and want to please. They just need a good home and a chance to fit in.

There are many good, simple books on teaching the basic commands and there are all sorts of classes being taught by local trainers. Some of these trainers even help the shelter with its animals. When you adopt a pet from the SPCA we can refer you to one of them or even show you how to do it. Maybe you will be lucky and the pet that you adopted even knows a couple words. Remember "Lady," the shelter dog that we adopted to Universal Studios? She was a scruffy, hyperactive mutt who just needed some attention. She became a star.

Training your pet is worth the effort and not very difficult. It will make you, your dog, and your guests a lot happier. And remember, sterilized animals are less messy, less susceptible to disease, and less distracted.

Call the SPCA at 648-6863 for affordable, low-cost spay and neuter surgery.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Man's best friend

BENTON, Ky. (AP) — A 15-pound pooch that fended off an intruder to defend its owner has earned a spot in the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association's Animal Hall of Fame.

Teddy Bear, a 4-year-old Pomeranian owned by Leslie Ferguson, 24, bit an armed robber in April and created enough of a distraction that Ferguson could escape to a neighbor's house. The dog was inducted into the association's Hall of Fame on Saturday.

"My husband was out of town," Ferguson said. "He was on active duty in the military, and I had a guy break into my house with a gun. He tried to force me into another room. We ended up wrestling for the gun, and Teddy bit him and latched onto his hand. I was able to get the gun from the guy. He ended up getting the gun back, but Teddy distracted him long enough where I could get out of the house."

Ferguson said Teddy Bear never hesitated, even though he had never been vicious toward anyone.

"I guess he realized that I was in danger, and he just took action," Ferguson said. "He did great."

"Teddy followed me and pretty much didn't let me out of his sight until the next day," she said. "He still keeps a close eye

on me."

Beating the odds

MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, Ohio (AP) — Eighteen months after losing his right leg to amputation, a police officer has achieved his goal of returning to the beat.

Patrolman Ryan Nagy didn't want a desk job despite the obvious difficulties a man with one leg would face as a street officer. He spent a year and a half in therapy and struggled to learn how to use his new prosthetic leg made specially for work.

Nagy, 32, was crushed between two vehicles during a traffic stop in April 2005. He spent seven weeks in the hospital being treated for multiple fractures and severe head injuries.

Nagy will spend his first four weeks beside another patrolman to evaluate whether he's prepared for a full comeback. His doctor said he can go back to work without restrictions, and he's learned to drive using his left foot.

Pasted photographs of his children, 4-year-old Zachary and 3-year-old Emma, adorn his prothesis. "They're the ones that kept me working so hard to get back to work," he said.

Reversal of fortune

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — A 22-year-old man tried to drive 310 miles in reverse on a remote highway after his transmission

failed, blocking his forward gears, police said.

The man was stopped by Western Australia state police on Thursday afternoon after they spotted his car roaring in reverse down the highway at about 40 mph, according to a statement.

He was en route to the state capital, Perth, when his transmission failed outside a restaurant in the Outback town of Kalgoorlie, about 300 miles away, according to media reports.

Rather than call a mechanic, the man opted to continue driving — in reverse.

Snow angel battle

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The date is set, and residents here are determined to reclaim a snow angel title their city lost to a Michigan town earlier this year.

The record for flailing arms and legs in snow has spurred some friendly trash-talking between organizers in Bismarck and the defending champion town of Houghton, Mich.

"It's rightfully ours," said Marilyn Snyder, curator of education for the Historical Society of North Dakota, who organized North Dakota's 2002 record-setting event. "We set the record and established the record. The record is ours."

This year's record attempt is slated for Dec. 26 at the state Capitol.

CELEBRITY SIGHTINGS

White House run not happening

NEW YORK (AP) — Those people wearing "Stewart/Colbert '08" T-shirts can stop hoping — Comedy Central's fake news stars have no intention of making a run for the White House.

Stewart, Jon Stewart said the T-shirts promoting him and Stephen Colbert "are a real sign of how sad people are" with the state of affairs in the country.

"Nothing says 'I am ashamed of you my government' more than 'Stewart/Colbert '08,'" Stewart told an audience Sunday at the *New Yorker* Festival. He was interviewed by the magazine's editor, David Remnick.

Stewart, who recently hosted Pakistan's president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, on "The Daily Show," said he's been trying to get top Bush administration officials to appear. "We have requests in there to everyone including Barney," Stewart said. "Only Barney replies." Barney is the president's Scottish terrier.

Stewart scoffed at suggestions that some people actually get their news from "The Daily Show."

"There's no way you could get the news from us," he said. "I've seen the show. It couldn't happen."

Cosby empowers youth at event

DETROIT (AP) — Bill Cosby returned to the city for an empowerment workshop, saying there are serious problems facing blacks in Detroit that can be resolved if the community puts forth the effort.

About 600 people attended the Saturday event at Wayne County Community College District's downtown campus. The workshop was co-hosted by Cosby and Barbara Reed, a social worker.

"You're about to listen, absorb and to challenge yourself to move in a positive direction," the comedian told the audience. "Strength, that's what we're after."

Detroit, with its majority black population, was listed as No. 2 in the U.S. Census Bureau's ranking of poorest big cities released in August, with 31.4 percent of its residents living in poverty.

Cosby visited Detroit in October 2005 as part of a tour to encourage community involvement and self-improvement. He also visited the city in January 2005, asking blacks to be more responsible for the future of their children.

"When I come back and come back and come back," Cosby said, "I'm making a statement that this is for real."

Palance selling off some 3,000 items

DRUMS, Pa. (AP) — Jack Palance is auctioning off the contents of his northeastern Pennsylvania home: more than 3,000 items collected from around the world.

The three-day auction starts Thursday, and items going on the block range from the screen legend's old straw hat to an 1878 Steinway & Sons grand piano.

"People can spend \$5 or \$50,000 at this auction," said Phil Eagle, an antique appraiser who traveled from California to sort and catalog the items to be sold.

Palance, the son of a coal

miner and a native of nearby Latimer Mines, collected most of the items during trips around the world filming movies.

The 87-year-old actor, who won the best supporting actor

Oscar in 1992 for "City Slickers," also is parting with more than 1,400 books, posters from his movies, his high school championship football banners and memorabilia, movie props, his saddle, boots and vest.

Maestro uses fame to fight a killer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Argentine actress Mia Maestro, who played a lethal spy on TV's "Alias," is lending her fame to fight a real killer.

She is trying to bring awareness about Chagas disease, which infects about 12 million people in Central and South America.

Chagas disease can cause high fever, swelling, enlargement of the spleen, liver and lymph nodes, and inflammation of the heart. Most people infected do not get sick, but the disease can be fatal.

It is little known in the United States, where about 100,000 residents have been infected.

"Chagas is a disease that I grew up hearing about because my mom is from the north of Argentina," Maestro told The Associated Press on Saturday. "I'm very familiar with it, but I had no idea few people know about it. So whatever I can do to raise awareness, I'll do it."

TUESDAY EVENING/OCTOBER 10

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CBS			News	Evening News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	NCIS: Faking It	The Unit	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		News	Late Show		
12 WRDW	5	10												
NBC			News	Nightly News	News Access	Entertainment Tonight	Friday Night Lights	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	News	Tonight Show			
10 WIS	3	4												
23 WAGT	2	8												
FOX			One on One	Living Single	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	MLB Baseball	American League Championship Series	Friends	News	News			
54 WFXG	10	11												
PBS			The NewsHour	With Jim Lehrer	Make It Grow	Wild Chronicles	Nova	Wild Things	Horizon	Frontline	P.O.V.	Nightly Business		
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A&E	26	45	Cold Case Files	Crossing Jordan	CSI: Miami	Stakeout	Richard Dreyfuss, Emilio Estevez. Premiere. 'R'							
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BET	24	61	106 & Park: Top 10 Live	College	College	College	College	College	College	College	College	College	College	
BRAVO	47		Project Runway	Friday Night	Friday Night	Friday Night	Friday Night	Friday Night	Friday Night	Friday Night	Friday Night	Friday Night	Friday Night	
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DIS	22	56	Phil of Future	Zack & Cody	Phil of Future	That's Raven	Don't Look Under the Bed	(99, Fantasy) Erin Chambers.	Life	Phil of Future	Zack & Cody	That's Raven	That's Raven	
DSC	27	24	It Takes a Thief	TV-PG	How-Made	How-Made	Sinking of the Aircraft Carrier	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Fugitive Strike Force	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	
E!	31	51	Jennifer Aniston	E! News	Daily	Pink: Story	Be	Soup	Girls	Girls	E! News	Daily	Daily	
ENC	520	150	(5:35) ★★ For Love of the Game	(99) Kevin Costner. 'PG-13'	★★★ National Treasure	(04) Nicolas Cage. 'PG'	★★★ National Treasure	(04) Nicolas Cage. 'PG'	★★★ National Treasure	(04) Nicolas Cage. 'PG'	★★★ National Treasure	(04) Nicolas Cage. 'PG'	★★★ National Treasure	(04) Nicolas Cage. 'PG'
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HBO	500	5	★★★ Monster-in-Law	(05) Jennifer Lopez. 'PG-13'	Island	The Journalist and the Jihadi	Murder	★★★ Red Eye	(05) Rachel McAdams.	Comedy	The Wire	The Wire	The Wire	
HIST	49	27	Modern Marvels	TV-PG	Modern Marvels	Tsunami 2004: Waves of Death	Mega Disasters	Shootout!	TV-PG	Mega Movers	TV-PG	Mega Movers	TV-PG	
INSP	60	117	Fellow	Hagee	Phillips	Cerullo	Brkthr	Proph	Today	Life	Your	Gospel	Finan	Dukes
LIFE	48	46	Reba	Reba	★★★ Miracle Run	(04, Drama) Mary-Louise Parker. 'TV-PG'	Phenomenon II	(03) Christopher Shyer. Premiere. 'TV-PG'	Phenomenon II	(03) Christopher Shyer. Premiere. 'TV-PG'	Phenomenon II	(03) Christopher Shyer. Premiere. 'TV-PG'	Phenomenon II	(03) Christopher Shyer. Premiere. 'TV-PG'
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SPEED	39	43	★Lucas	★Monster Jam	★Pinks	Thun	★Corbin	★Sup	★Sup	★Tuner	★Redline	★NOPI	★Sup	
SPIKE	41	41	★Ult. Fighter	★Ult. Fighter	★UFC: The Final Chapter	(Live)	Scream Awards 2006	(N)	Scream Awards 2006	(N)	Scream Awards 2006	(N)	Scream Awards 2006	
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TBS	32	7	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Sex & City	Sex & City	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
TCM	45	49	(15) ★★ Kiss Her Goodbye	(58, Drama) Elaine Stritch. Premiere.	★★★ Hush...	Hush, Sweet Charlotte	(65) Bette Davis, Olivia de Havilland.	★★★ Gaslight	(44) Charles Boyer.	★★★ Gaslight	(44) Charles Boyer.	★★★ Gaslight	(44) Charles Boyer.	
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THE FUNNIES

Blondie



Beetle Bailey



FoxTrot



Snuffy Smith



Heart of the City



Gil Thorpe



Peanuts



Dilbert



Garfield



For Better or Worse



New mother at end of her rope is now hanging in there

DEAR ABBY



JEANNE PHILLIPS

DEAR ABBY: I am the military wife who signed my letter "Going Crazy in San Diego." I would like to apologize to you and all of your concerned readers for the worry I caused with my letter. Since I wrote you, I have been seeing a doctor and taking antidepressants, which have made a big difference. I will look into speaking to our military ombudsman as well.

I would like you and your readers to know I have never laid a hand on my child in anger, nor would I. Please understand that those were the thoughts of a scared, unsure and extremely exhausted new mother.

It's not easy to raise a new baby, but it's much harder when you're alone for months, far away from family and friends, and don't know if you'll ever see your husband alive again.

I have spoken to other new mothers in my situation and was relieved to discover I was not alone with my fears. My grandmother and an aunt are flying out to see me in a few weeks to give me a helping hand, and I'll be taking the baby to see them early next year.

My baby is doing amazingly well and sleeping through the night, which has been a big step in our happiness together. To ease her colic, I have discovered she enjoys being read to. So that's what we do together.

I have also found it's really nice to have a tiny person to cuddle, and that reading Dr. Seuss for long stretches of time

is enjoyable when your audience is so enthralled by it.

Abby, I hope you and your readers can forgive the harsh words of a young mother who, in her time of need, turned to you for advice. We all make mistakes, and no child was harmed during mine. I apologize for upsetting so many people. — **NO LONGER GOING CRAZY IN SAN DIEGO**

DEAR NO LONGER GOING CRAZY: There is no need to apologize and nothing to be forgiven for. It is never an imposition to reach out for help to me — ever. No one is angry with you. The thousands of people who responded to your letter were deeply concerned — as was I — with your plight and wanted to offer support.

I am relieved that you took my advice, are now under a doctor's care, feeling better about yourself and your daughter, and better able to function in your role as a mommy. It is letters like yours that make my column so soul-satisfying. And I know my readers will be as pleased as I am that you

took the time to write and let us know you are back in control and receiving the support you need from your doctor and your family. — **LOVE, ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old girl whose aunt has a special nickname for her. My aunt constantly calls me "Chubster!" She thinks it's funny and cute, but Abby, she doesn't know I'm self-conscious about my weight.

I know she doesn't mean to hurt my feelings, and it is supposed to be a loving nickname, but I can't help wondering why she didn't give that nickname to my older sister, who is a thin ballerina.

I don't want to insult my aunt, but this has to stop! Please help. — **ANOTHER ABBY IN FLORIDA**

DEAR OTHER ABBY: Calling you "Chubster" may have been cute when you were a baby, but it is not appropriate now. It would not be insulting to tell your aunt frankly that the nickname she has given you is hurtful, and ask her to either select another one or call you by your given name. If she continues to call you "Chubster" after that, avoid her. Maybe then she'll get the message.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.Dear-Abby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

HOROSCOPES



JERALDINE SAUNDERS

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Certain errors may be pointed out. This might be a good thing as it gives you an opportunity to correct them. Don't ask others to adhere to standards that you aren't willing to abide by yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Use a brief slowdown to your advantage. Get caught up on the bills, organize your desk and meet all deadlines. Wait to begin a key project or sign an important agreement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Good fences make good neighbors. Know your limitations, understand the parameters and don't rush into any new venture. Sit back and wait patiently for the best time to promote your ideas.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep your money in your pocket. The stars are not favorable to put an important proposal into motion or to enter into a new agreement. Do your best to deal with existing issues tactfully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can't fly in the face of tradition. You may be lacking funds or a thorough

knowledge of the rules. Plan, strategize and carefully examine all the details in a leisurely manner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Pointing fingers isn't polite. Concentrate on self-discipline and achieving personal ambitions, instead of focusing on the mistakes made by others. Hold off on new initiatives.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Sit still. Putting a new idea into motion or sealing an agreement now is like playing pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey. You are virtually blindfolded and will probably hit the wrong target.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be prepared. Save money for a rainy day instead of spending it now. Get your head out of the clouds and take care of necessities. Avoid making promises or accepting favors.

IF OCTOBER 10 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are quite spiritual-minded and imaginative this year while gentle Neptune sends its kindhearted energy your way. This planet provides an uplifting atmosphere and gives you a chance to get in touch with your compassionate side. Pay attention to important obligations and requirements such as deadlines and bills in October when you might have your head so far in the clouds that you ignore something important. Your life can take a turn for the better in April and May when a chance encounter or opportunity can lead to an important change of direction.



WEB SITE OF THE DAY

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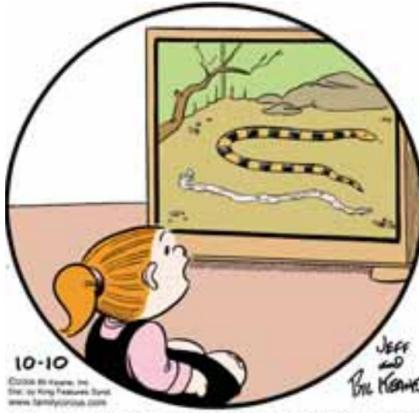
This site lets you view free ghost photos. It also offers a variety of ghost-related novelties.

Dennis the Menace



"Oh, that poor snake! It really hurt me when I lost a tiny bit of skin on my knee."

Family Circus



"Oh, that poor snake! It really hurt me when I lost a tiny bit of skin on my knee."

PORTRAITS OF THE PAST



Aiken Standard file photo

Frank Smalls of the City of Aiken Water and Sewer Department fills up a 2,500 gallon tanker truck with the help of a leaky hydrant on York Street.

If you have interesting photos that document the history of the faces and places in Aiken County, please allow us to display them here. Submission forms may be picked up at the Aiken Standard office or accessed as a portable document file on the Web site at www.aikenstandard.com. The submission form must be filled out completely and mailed or hand delivered to our office at 326 Rutland Drive, Aiken S.C. 29801.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today

■ **The Aiken Newcomer's Club** will meet at Houndslake Country Club. Registration will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a business meeting at 10:15 a.m. Cost of the luncheon will be \$11.50. The program will be "What you don't know about the Savannah River Site" by Keith Wood, director of public relations, Washington Savannah River Company. Reservations

were due no later than Oct. 3. ■ **The Aiken Singers** will be rehearsing at 6:45 p.m. in the Brown Pavilion at the Aiken Center for the Arts. Anyone who loves to sing can join and there are no auditions. The group performs at assisted living facilities and at other venues in the Aiken Area. For more information, call 642-2316.

Wednesday

■ **Wise, Outrageous Women** meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at noon in the room behind the Aiken Regional Medical Centers cafeteria. For more information, call 648-6344 or 641-7409.

■ **Clear Channel House Family Y of North Augusta** will hold its 1st Anniversary Party from 4-7 p.m. There will be food, games, crafts, and prizes. One lucky guest will win a six-month membership. Join fee will be waived for all new members. Live remotes with Clear Channel Radio stations and the Southern Siding & Windows/Clear Channel Ice Cream Truck will be there with FREE ice cream. Members bring a member and receive \$25 credit for any YMCA program. Fun for the entire family. For more info call 278-0882.

■ **Aiken Bridge Club** plays at the Croft House Senior Living Center on York Street every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. and Thursday night at 7 p.m. Our directors are Paul Dickson, Gil Mullins and Alan Brooks. For more information you may contact the club manager or anyone of our directors.

■ **The Aiken Chapter 934 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association** will hold its next meeting Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Ryan's Family Restaurant, Whiskey Road. The cost of lunch is paid at the door. Lt. Brian Brazier of the Aiken Department of Public Safety will be the speaker. His talk will be "Fire Safety in the Home" – a timely topic as we start to fire up the furnace for winter. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month except June, July and August.

Thursday

■ **The Aiken Camellia Society** will meet at 7 p.m. in the Aiken County Council Building, 828 Richland Ave. West. The topic of our guest speaker, Harry Adams, is day lilies.

■ **The Partners in Friendship in Aiken** and their partner city in Orvieto, Italy, will hold its Medieval Banquet on Oct. 12 and 14 at the Newberry Hall. Tickets are \$80 per guest and reservations are required. For more information, call Sandi and George Custodi at 642-5015.

■ **The Aiken Chapter of the Aiken Needlepoint Guild, Inc.** meets the 2nd Thursday of the month throughout the year at 1 p.m. in the Aiken Public Library on Chesterfield Street. This is an opportunity for crafts minded people to meet and learn new skills on selected projects. The October project will be a Beaded Iris, stitched on canvas and embellished with beads. For additional information, call 649-0465.

■ **The Board of Directors of the Lower Savannah Council of Governments** will meet at Tourville Lodge in Orangeburg County. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

■ **The South Carolina State Conference NAACP** will host its annual Faith Sum-

mit and Luncheon. This event will be held Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Augusta Marriott Hotel and Suites, Two Tenth Street, Augusta Georgia. The Faith Summit and Luncheon will be a part of the Annual NAACP State Conference Convention. The Summit will have three informative panel discussions. The panel topics include emergency preparedness and response, education and criminal justice. The Summit will also include a Faith Luncheon. The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Tim McDonald, pastor of the First Iconium Baptist Church in Atlanta. Additionally, McDonald is the founder of the African American Ministers Leadership Council. The cost of the luncheon for members is \$30 and non-members is \$40. The panel discussions are free to the public. Founded in 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. Its members are dedicated to eliminating the impact of racial discrimination in housing, employment, voting, health care, education, and the courts. For more information about the conference, contact Dwight James at (803) 754-4584 or e-mail scaaacp@bellsouth.net



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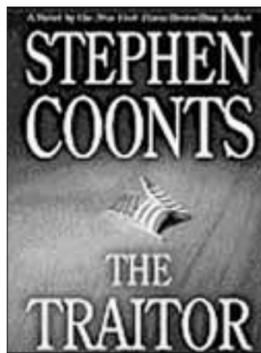
The Aiken Preparatory School 5K students dressed in green and gold for spirit day, which was last Friday. Pictured are Ashlin Goergen, left, Aubrey Crump, Nico Gamboa, Elena Guy, Taylor Cahill, Ella Hammett, Hyler Henson and Santino Magrini, with Mary Lou Knox, the 5K aide.



Submitted photo

Martial Art Academy's Taekwondo team competed in the S.C. Governor's Cup Taekwondo Championships on Sept. 23 at the Rocky Creek Church gymnasium. Winners were Kayle Smith, gold medalist; Xandria Smith, gold medalist; Malcom Ervin, gold medalist; and 5-year-old Felix Sanchez, gold medalist. Shantonia Isaac and Jory Wright were each silver medalists. The team is coached by Andrew Blocker and Yolanda Bennett. Anthony Mercer is the assistant coach.

WHAT ARE YOU READING?



"I picked out a Stephen Coonts audiobook, 'The Traitor.' I'm looking for things to keep us occupied in the car on a trip."
— Connie Coughlin, Aiken

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'Man of the Year' a satire in need of sharper wit

Associated Press

We've seen plenty of "Jon Stewart for president" bumper stickers, and it would be fun to see a straight-talking, scathingly satirical guy like him on the campaign trail against the usual suspects.

Barry Levinson's "Man of the Year" aims for that scenario, though, funny as he is at times, Robin Williams in the commentator-turned-candidate role is a lightweight, almost as empty a suit as the career politicians he's up against.

With a premise too absurd for belief even alongside 2000's photo-finish presidential election, "Man of the Year" becomes a campaign of character, relying mainly on its cast to see it through.

Luckily for writer-director Levinson, Williams and especially co-stars Laura Linney, Christopher Walken and Lewis Black deliver well enough to keep the movie in the race, making viewers care about these people more than the story merits.

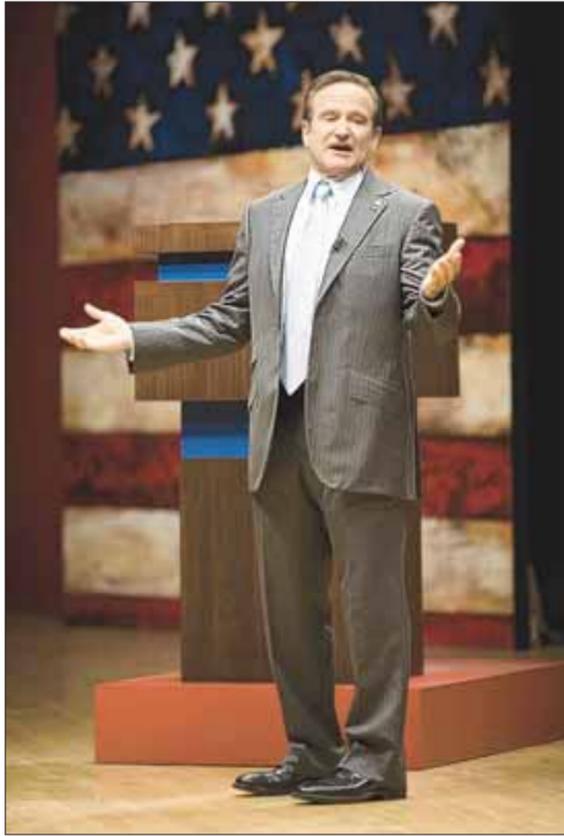
The actor and filmmaker behind "Good Morning, Vietnam" reunite for the story of Tom Dobbs, a political commentator who seems less about substance and more about the manic stand-up jabber on which Williams built his early career.

Williams' Tom is the comic host of a political talk show that supposedly tells it like a sick-and-tired electorate wants to hear it. We're led to understand that Tom's an insightful wit whose assaults on Washington's power brokers have made him so beloved his TV audience wildly cheers at his innocent comment about running for president himself.

The trouble with Levinson's screenplay is that Tom talks a lot but doesn't say much. We essentially see Williams doing his schtick, prattling in such a bluster that the mildly amusing material sounds funnier than it is, with some generic politically rabble-rousing tidbits thrown in to establish him as a voice of dissent, a title the character doesn't deserve.

Even so, Tom shakes up the establishment by jumping in as an independent alternative to the bland Republican incumbent and the blander Democratic challenger. Though Tom polls like a respectable third-party candidate, it's all meant as a lark and a reminder to the real politicos that their job is to serve the American people.

Then the impossible happens. Under a new computerized



AP photo

In this photo provided by Universal Pictures, TV talk show host Tom Dobbs (Robin Williams) decides that he will run for President in "Man of the Year."

voting system, Tom wins the election. As his sickly manager (Walken), head writer (Black) and other minions prepare for the transition to ultimate power, an employee of the company that developed the voting system, Eleanor Green (Linney), turns up claiming a software glitch mistakenly handed the election to Tom.

It's left to Tom to reveal the possible mistake or keep his mouth shut and take the job.

With the exit-polling that private parties do in every election, Levinson's plot just crumbles. His far-better political satire "Wag the Dog," with its outrageously manufactured TV war to distract the electorate, was credible stuff by comparison.

It's outlandish that a guy on the ballot in just 13 states — and polling a distant third in those — would be declared the winner without an uproar. Yet the media, the political parties and the public simply shrug and accept the fact that Tom won.

What keeps "Man of the Year" alive is the homey interplay of its principals, Tom's talk-show staff

coming off like a fun family of kooks. Walken's a grand old man as the entertainment manager who becomes an unlikely king-maker, despite an odd subplot about his character's health problems from smoking.

Black, toned down from the bellow of his stand-up act, is surprisingly even-keeled as Tom's wise and wisecracking writer. Jeff Goldblum is thrown in to little effect as the dastardly corporate attorney hiding the truth about whether or not the computerized voting system was flawed.

Linney's the real victor, creating a rich, noble, conflicted character who's much worthier a successor than Tom to the everyday heroes of such films as "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," which Levinson seems to be emulating.

There was a much better movie tucked inside the story of Linney's Eleanor, the meek corporate serf fighting back against corrupt bosses. If the title wasn't already taken by a Katharine Hepburn-Spencer Tracy classic, Eleanor would have made a fine heroine for a movie called

"Woman of the Year."

"Man of the Year," a Universal release, is rated PG-13 for language including some crude sexual references, drug related material and brief violence. Running time: 115 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

Motion Picture Association of America rating definitions:
G — General audiences. All ages admitted.
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Month to date 0.08"
Year to date 30.40"

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Aiken Standard yesterday

High 74°
Low 63°
This Month's High 89°
This Month's Low 53°
Average Wind Speed 1.6 mph
Highest Wind Speed 13.0 mph
Wind Direction N

Pollen Data

Yesterday

Trees	N.A.
Grass	3
Weeds	60
Molds	2346

absent low moderate high very high
Source: Allergic Disease & Asthma Center, P.A.

RealFeel Temp

Today 85
Wednesday 85
Thursday 88
Friday 68
Saturday 75

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UV Index Today

10 a.m. 3, moderate
Noon 5, moderate
2 p.m. 5, moderate
4 p.m. 3, moderate

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Solar Table

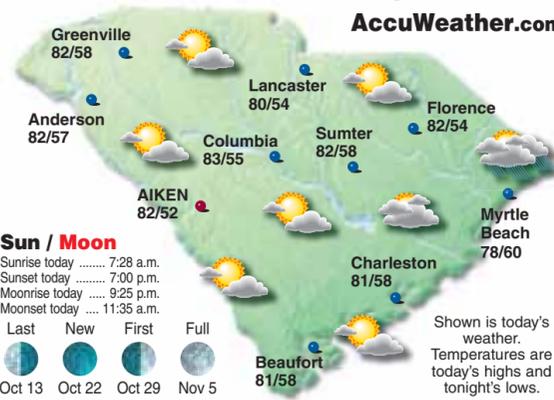
The solar period indicates peak feeding times for fish and game.

Major	Minor
Tue. 2:35 a.m.	8:50 a.m.
3:05 p.m.	9:20 p.m.
Wed. 3:41 a.m.	9:56 a.m.
4:11 p.m.	10:26 p.m.

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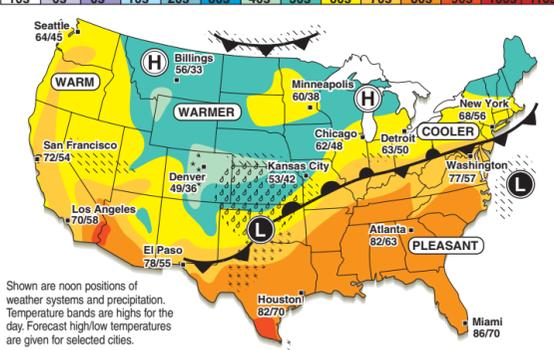
Sun / Moon
Sunrise today 7:28 a.m.
Sunset today 7:00 p.m.
Moonrise today 9:25 p.m.
Moonset today 11:35 a.m.

Last New First Full
Oct 13 Oct 22 Oct 29 Nov 5

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

State Extremes yesterday: High: 77 at Clemson, Low: 56 at Greer

National Weather Today



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are high for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

Legend: ☁ Showers, ☔ Rain, ⚡ T-storms, ❄ Flurries, ❄ Snow, ❄ Ice, ❄ Cold front, ❄ Warm front, ☐ Stationary

National Summary: Summer warmth and sunshine will hold over the Southeast, while cool air invades the Northeast today. As rains soak portions of the central Plains, locally severe thunderstorms may occur farther south. Warmth will expand from the Northwest to the northern Rockies.

National Extremes yesterday (For the 48 contiguous states):
High: 89 at Fort Lauderdale, FL Low: 10 at Island in the Sky, UT

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Rain chance 0%	Rain chance 30%	Rain chance 0%	Rain chance 0%	Rain chance 0%	Rain chance 0%

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Charleston Tides

High	Low
Tue. 11:05 a.m.	4:43 a.m.
11:30 p.m.	5:32 p.m.
Wed. 11:59 a.m.	5:33 a.m.
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River Stages

Through 7 a.m. Monday

Savannah River	Stage Change
At Augusta	2.01 +0.15
Near Evans	13.77 -0.14

Lake Levels

Through 7 a.m. Monday

Murray	Full	Elev.	Change
360.0	351.56		+0.05
Thurmond	330.0	322.04	-0.31

National Cities

CITY	MON.			TUES.			WED.			MON.			TUES.			WED.			
	HI	LO	PCP	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	PCP	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	
Atlanta	78	62		82	63	pc	76	64	pc	Los Angeles	75	63	Tr	70	58	pc	73	56	pc
Baltimore	79	46		78	56	pc	68	59	c	Memphis	83	57		82	65	pc	76	56	t
Boston	80	50		64	50	s	60	55	pc	Miami Beach	84	64	.11	86	70	pc	87	74	pc
Charlotte	76	54		80	55	pc	79	60	pc	Nashville	84	54		82	60	pc	75	56	t
Chicago	67	47		62	48	pc	56	36	sh	New Orleans	85	62		86	70	pc	86	75	t
Columbus, GA	78	62		84	63	pc	84	65	pc	New York City	80	58		80	56	pc	84	68	pc
Denver	41	37	.21	49	36	r	58	23	sh	Orlando	83	63		86	63	s	88	68	pc
Detroit	76	47		63	50	pc	63	44	t	St. Louis	78	52		68	55	c	65	42	c
Greensboro, NC	76	53		80	56	pc	75	60	pc	Salt Lake City	60	42		62	44	pc	64	42	pc
Honolulu	85	73		85	74	pc	87	74	pc	San Francisco	74	52		72	54	pc	74	53	s
Houston	88	65	.10	82	70	t	89	68	c	Savannah	71	60	.06	80	56	pc	84	68	pc
Kansas City	70	50	.04	53	42	sh	64	34	c	Seattle	66	47		64	45	s	66	48	s
Key West	87	76	1.14	84	74	pc	84	76	pc	Tampa	82	65		84	66	s	86	71	pc
Little Rock	83	55		82	60	t	79	54	pc	Washington, DC	79	52		77	57	pc	69	60	pc

Legend: W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice, PCP-precipitation, Tr-Trace