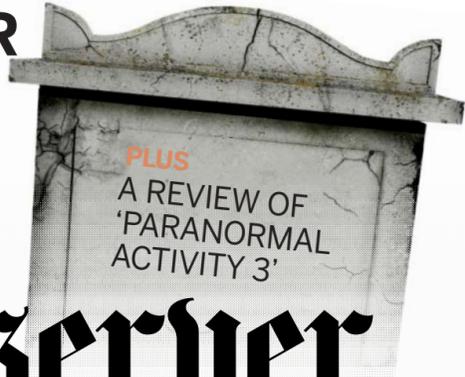


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Winter forecast: Mild, with wild card

Experts: It'll be a drier, Southern season, unless the Arctic throws a change-up.

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Meteorologists say the coming winter will be milder than last year in the Carolinas, but they say a weather wild card will have a lot to do with how much frozen stuff falls.

"Overall, the outlook favors drier and warmer than average conditions over much of the South," Mike Halpert, director of the U.S. Climate Prediction Center, told reporters Thursday while issuing NOAA's annual winter forecast.

The government's forecast largely matches that issued this month by Pennsylvania-based AccuWeather, one of the nation's largest private meteorological companies. AccuWeather forecasters predicted the path of storms carrying snow and ice mostly will travel just west of the Carolinas.

Last winter produced one of the coldest Decembers in recent history for the Carolinas, with Charlotte temperatures about 10 degrees below normal.

SEE WINTER, 6A

Fall's cold threatens the needy

Requests for assistance with getting heating reconnected are expected to mount.

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When temperatures hit 40 Thursday, it launched an annual ritual at Charlotte's Crisis Assistance Ministry.

Starting today, the agency likely will see growing numbers of low-income people who let their heat be disconnected last spring rather than struggle to pay the bill.

The result? Higher costs. They'll have to pay that bill before being reconnected. Then there's a reconnection fee of \$85. And then there's a deposit of \$100 to \$400, depending on their usage.

On Thursday, Crisis Assistance helped one such person, a man who

SEE NEEDY, 6A

Gadhafi dies, to cheers



MAHMUD TURKIA - AFP/GETTY

Libyans wave their new national flag as they celebrate in the streets of Tripoli following news of Moammar Gadhafi's capture and death on Thursday. Revolutionary fighters found him hiding in a drainage pipe in his hometown of Sirte, but reports of how he died vary.



1987 AP FILE PHOTO

Libyan leader Col. Moammar Gadhafi reviews troops during the 18th anniversary celebration of Libya's revolution in Tripoli in 1987.

What's next for Libya?

"This will mean that everyone in Libya can exhale," said Lisa Anderson, president of the American University in Cairo and a Libya expert. She predicted relaxed tensions that would give the National Transitional Council, Libya's de facto authority since August, space to tackle "the challenges of constructing genuine public debate about the future of the country and deciding how to deal with the stalwarts of the old regime."

HUMANE TREATMENT
Human rights activists say videos raise questions about treatment of war-crime suspects. **4A**

NEXT IN LIBYA
Elections, militias among tests for new leaders. **5A**

GADHAFI PERSONA
Former ruler a dictator that stoked a rock-star image. **5A**

Libya celebrates dictator's death, even while facing uncertain future

Gadhafi killed

Ousted dictator Moammar Gadhafi, 69, was killed in his hometown of Sirte after revolutionary forces claimed control of the area on Thursday.



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Check out photos and a video at charlotteobserver.com.

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MISRATA, Libya — Moammar Gadhafi's last moments Thursday were as violent as the uprising that overthrew him.

In a cellphone video that went viral on the Internet, the deposed Libyan leader is seen splayed on the hood of a truck and then stumbling amid a frenzied crowd, seemingly begging for mercy. He is next seen on the ground, with fighters grabbing his hair. Blood pours down his head, drenching his golden brown pants, as the crowd shouts, "God is great!"

Gadhafi's body was shown in later photographs, with bullet holes apparently fired into his head at what forensic experts said was close range, raising the possibility that he was executed at the hands of anti-Gadhafi fighters.

The official version of events offered by Libya's new leaders — that Gadhafi was killed in a cross-fire — was not supported by the photographs and videos that streamed over the Internet all day, raising questions about the government's control

SEE GADHAFI, 4A

65° 38°

Today: Sunny and cool; patchy frost tonight. **12A**

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U.S. suicide rates

Women, the unemployed and young people have the highest rates of attempted suicide, a new government study found. **7A**

Things looking up?

The economy appears healthier, with fewer layoffs, and modest growth is predicted for the rest of the year. **2B**

COMING SATURDAY

TV series: Local women join cast of "Sweet Home Alabama." **Carolina Living**

Protesters in need of a place to seek relief



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Occupy Charlotte protesters gather at the old City Hall building on East Trade Street this month. More than 600 people marched in the protest Oct. 8.

Occupy Charlotte organizers appeal to mayor for portable bathrooms on city property.

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Almost two weeks after supporters of the Occupy Charlotte movement set up tents at the Old City Hall, a common issue has crept up in recent days: Where should the demonstrators go to the bathroom?

Occupy Charlotte organizers say they'd like to set up portable bathrooms for people who have joined the movement, with some appealing to Mayor Anthony Foxx for help.

But city officials say they're not required to allow restroom facilities or other "semi-permanent" structures to be put on city property for demonstrations.

The temporary facilities are allowed for festivals such as Speed Street and Taste of Charlotte. Deputy Senior City Attorney Bob Hagemann wrote in an email the city views such festivals as offering "recreational, entertainment and economic benefits."

Hagemann said the city respects, allows and protects First Amendment activities such as the Occupy Charlotte movement, but doesn't view them as providing the same benefits as festivals.

"And while the demonstrators cer-

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