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2-year-old hurt after city truck crashes into house

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'He was our support system'



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Flowers are placed at the door to Vijaykumar "Kumar" Thakorbbhai Patel's store Save-Mart Grocery on Manning Avenue. Patel was reportedly shot to death by two men Friday night in his store.

Community, victim's daughter seek answers after Friday shooting

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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Chains still wrapped around the door handles to Save-Mart Grocery on Manning Avenue on Monday, days after its owner, once a beloved community member who would always help a neighbor in need, became a homicide victim within his own business's walls.



PATEL

By Monday morning, flowers had been placed



on the ground in front of the doors, fluttering in the wind more easily than the lock and links hanging above. The lottery neon sign still flickered in the window.

Two unidentified men suspected of shooting Vijaykumar "Kumar" Thakorbbhai Patel in a "senseless act" without a known motive on Friday night remain at large, and Sumter Po-

lice Department investigators, a fellow business owner and Patel's daughter are pleading for the community's help in finding them.

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"Two black males ordered people to the ground and opened fire, and they struck [Patel] several times," Sumter Police Department Capt. Angela Rabon said. "No commands, no requests that we know of."

Rabon said this type of stranger-to-stranger homicide is rare in the community, which is just south of downtown Sumter where South Main Street turns into Manning Avenue.

"It's a close-knit community. Everyone there is pretty upset," she said.

Patel opened the store in spring 2010.

Rabon said the other people in the

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Annual Fireside Fund dedicated to Mims kicks off new season

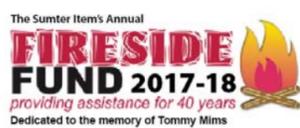
Collection will help keep homes warm

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Now that the "most wonderful time of the year" has arrived, Sumterites are asked to share their holiday spirit throughout the community by donating to the annual Fireside Fund.

With the help of Sumter United Ministries, Fireside Fund provides financial support to local families that need assistance with heating utilities this fall and winter.

Each year, the fund is dedi-

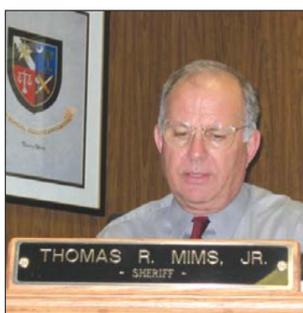


cated to a late member of Sumter's community, known for his or her giving nature.

This year's Fireside Fund is dedicated to Thomas R. "Tommy" Mims Jr., former sheriff of Sumter County.

Mims was selected because of his record of serving his community and putting others first, character traits shared by the volunteers of Sumter United Ministries.

Mims died at 76 on Dec. 14, 2016, while battling pancreat-



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Thomas R. Mims Jr. was elected sheriff in 1988 and was with Sumter County Sheriff's Office for 40 years.

ic cancer.

The man who joined the sheriff's office as the 103rd deputy in 1965 was later elected sheriff in 1988 after 23 years of service. In total, Mims dedicated 40 years to serving and protecting the county of Sumter.

Throughout his time in law enforcement, Mims was seen as a mentor and father figure to the men and women he led.

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Crestwood student soars to new heights, serves as role model

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Travis Johnson is an example of how when young people are reared with a proper value system, they can soar — no matter their ZIP Code or where they come from.

Born and raised in Lynchburg, Johnson, 16, is a 10th-grader at Crestwood High School, but he's not your average 10th-grader.

Johnson is sophomore class president at Crestwood, loves public speaking, possesses a 4.917 GPA and is just now stepping into opportunities afforded to the brightest youth in

the area and state.

He credits his parents' influence, strong teachers, faculty and staff at Crestwood and God for his success. He appears to have the make-up for success later in life, and it's hard to argue with the results so far.

In conversation with Johnson, he appears to be a natural at public speaking, and he says it's something he's very passionate about. He says that passion started when he was in first grade in 2008 and listened with his parents at his Lynchburg home to

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Armed robbery suspect shot by police

Man was reportedly fleeing from officer

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An armed robbery suspect was shot by a Sumter Police Department officer Saturday night after he tried to flee when officers spotted his vehicle on Broad Street.

Christopher Jermaine Cummings, 35, tried to run away after crashing into a parked vehicle in the 100 block of Highland Avenue at Broad Street, according to Tonya McGirt, public information officer for the police department.

"The suspect was transported to Palmetto Health Tuomey by EMS, where he was treated for a non-life-threatening injury and released," she said.

The victim of the reported armed robbery provided a description of a suspect and vehicle, including the license tag, to law enforcement about 8 p.m., saying the man was armed with a semi-automatic handgun when the incident occurred outside at the back of a motel in the 4000 block of Broad Street, across from Shaw Air Force Base. Cummings reportedly stole \$400 from the victim.

Police department officers then saw a vehicle that matched the description given by the victim at a business near Broad Street and Highland Avenue.

McGirt said officers attempted to contact the suspect, but he reportedly

failed to stop for blue lights and sirens. The crash occurred almost six miles east of where the alleged armed robbery occurred and about a mile from Cummings' house on Susie Rembert Street.

There is dash cam and body cam video footage from the incident, according to the State Law Enforcement Division, which investigates officer-involved shootings at the request of the agency involved.

"Information gathered in the SLED investigations in Sumter ... County will be summarized in case file reports and be submitted to prosecutors in the Third Circuit Solicitor's Office," SLED said in a released statement.

McGirt said Police Chief Russell

Roark and Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis both requested the State Law Enforcement Division investigate these incidents.

Cummings was transported to Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center. His charges include failure to stop for blue lights and siren, second offense; violation of the Habitual Offender Act; driving under suspension, third offense; and armed robbery. The incident, according to SLED, marked the 44th officer-involved shooting in South Carolina in 2017 and the first this year involving an officer from Sumter Police Department.

In 2016, there were 41 officer-involved shootings in South Carolina, including two involving the Sumter Police Department.

Lee County deputy shoots suspect after being attacked

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

BISHOPVILLE — Authorities said a Lee County sheriff's deputy shot a man Sunday after getting physically attacked while investigating a domestic call.

Lee County Sheriff Daniel Simon said Monday both the deputy and the suspect sustained non-life-threatening injuries in the incident.

Simon said the deputy was called to a domestic dispute and suffered injuries to his face when the man struck him, causing him to fire at the man because he feared for his life.

On Monday at 5 p.m., the suspect was still being treated at a local hospital, Simon said. After the suspect is released — which could be today — he is expected to be charged in the domestic dispute and transported to Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center in Sumter.

Because the shooting incident involves a police officer, Simon said the State Law Enforcement Division will be the primary agency that conducts that part of the investigation. Any charges related to the shooting must come through SLED, as the third-party independent investigator.

Regarding the shooting, the sheriff would not say where the man was shot and wouldn't release either of the men's names or other details.

A SLED spokesman did say Monday that the sheriff's deputy is black, and the man shot is white.

CORRECTION

If you see a statement in error, contact the City Desk at 774-1226 or pressrelease@theitem.com.



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A City of Sumter truck crashed through a house on the corner of McCrays Mill Road and Perry Boulevard on Monday, seriously injuring a 2-year-old.

Truck crashes into house; 2-year-old hurt

BY KAYLA ROBINS

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A 2-year-old was seriously injured Monday morning when a City of Sumter pickup truck rammed through a house near Sumter High School.

The city-marked and -owned 2016 Dodge truck crashed "all the way" through the addition of a home on

McCrays Mill Road and Perry Boulevard between 10 and 10:30 a.m., said Lance Cpl. David Jones, community relations officer for South Carolina Department of Public Safety Troop 1.

The child was transported to a hospital with "serious but non-life-threatening" injuries, Jones said.

The man driving the truck, his passenger and an adult in the house were also taken to the hospital. Their

injuries sustained from the crash did not seem to be life-threatening.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to them and their families," said Shelley Kile, a spokeswoman for the city. "We are also grateful to our emergency personnel who were on scene immediately and to the State Highway Patrol."

Neither drugs nor alcohol are suspected as factors in the crash.

Black Friday sales bring crowds to local businesses

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS

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Rare deals and must-have products made the weekend after Thanksgiving successful for local businesses participating in Black Friday and Small Business Saturday.

Friday was definitely one of Simpson Hardware's best days, said Shawn Matthews, manager of the store on Wes-

mark Boulevard.

Matthews said it's safe to say that thousands of people came to the store on Friday.

The parking lot was overflowing, he said.

With all of the regular customers, Matthews said Friday felt like a gathering.

The local store sold out of key clothing items, gaming cameras and a firearm that was on sale.

During the Thanksgiving

week, the family at Simpson was very thankful for the support the store received, he said.

Simpson also had a great day in Clarendon County at its Manning location.

Lorraine Dufresne, an employee of Olive Branch Christian Bookstore, said the store had steady traffic Friday and Saturday.

There's no way to guess how many customers came

by, she said.

This Black Friday was the biggest so far, said Phil Sports, owner of Music Gator.

He said the music store's success was mostly because of an annual deal where limited-edition vinyl records are available. Once the records sell out, no one can get them anymore.

That deal is usually only offered in April, he said.



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Lend someone a helping hand this holiday season. The following are just a few of the needs in our community. If your nonprofit organization would like to be included on this list, email needs to pressrelease@theitem.com.

YOUTH EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Give the gift of music, dance and theater to students of Sumter County by donating to the YES Fund.

- \$10 provides the ticket for a student on the free and reduced-price meal program to see a matinee show at Sumter Opera House;
- \$50 allows five students to attend a show and learn about STEM principles through a theater production;
- \$100 provides for a classroom of 10 students to experience the wonder of a live performance at the opera house; and
- \$250 covers the busing costs for a class of 40 students to get to the opera house for a matinee show.

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Cottage B (infant to 6-year-old girls and boys) — Laundry drying rack, twin boy and/or girl comforter sets and sheets, toddler bed comforter sets, two crib comforter sets, crib sheets, two queen comforter sets, twin bed skirts (white, pink or navy), five bean bag chairs, bedside lamps, nightlights, set of stainless steel pots and pans, preschool DVDs and 4-by-6 area rugs for bedrooms

Cottage C (7- to 16-year-old boys) — Charcoal grill, croquet set, deck storage box, corn hole, twin boy comforter sets and sheets, twin bed skirts (navy, khaki or white), two



queen-size comforter sets and sheets, welcome mat, throw pillows, new sports balls, two large area rugs, bedside lamps, nightlights, DVDs, Wii and PlayStation games for boys, board games, portable DVD players

Cottage D (10- to 16-year-old girls) — Heavy-duty vacuum cleaner, Crock Pot, Dust Buster, Wii games, Wii Just Dance 2017, twin girl comforter sets and sheets, twin bed skirts, two queen comforter sets, decorations for bedrooms, 4-by-6 area rugs for rooms, welcome mat, eight door mirrors, bedside lamps, night-lights, throw pillows, girl picture frames, DVDs, craft kits, board games, portable DVD players and Bluetooth speakers

Campus general needs — Duffle bags, batteries (AA, AAA, C, D and 9-volt), DVD players, DVDs (G and PG movies), towels and washcloths, new packs of underwear and socks (toddler, youth and adult), new pajamas (toddler, youth and adult), non-slip kitchen and bathroom mats, placemats, flatware, sets of dinnerware, coffee pot, CD player, digital camera, TV, small paper birthday plates, candles, vacuum cleaner and twin-size plastic mattress covers

Birthday closet gifts for teens — gift cards, earbuds, teen DVDs, Wii, Xbox and Playstation games, bath and body wash and lotions, perfume, cologne, earrings, necklaces, bracelets, nail polish, Nike socks, pullovers and hoodies, MP3 players, Bluetooth speakers, portable DVD players, phone/iPod cases, etc.

Gift cards — Activity gift cards/ passes/ financial sponsorship for activities for the children to do during Christmas break: Santa Train, Trolley Lights Tour, movie passes, roller skating, bowling, Mc-

Donald's, Chick-Fil-A, Chuck E. Cheese, Monkey Joe's, Riverbanks Zoo Christmas Lights, EdVenture Kids Museum, etc., clothing and toy purchasing gift cards such as Wal-Mart, JCPenney, Kmart, TJ Maxx, Belk, etc.

These items do not need to be wrapped. Gifts may be dropped off at the administrative building front desk from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, please call (803) 778-6441 or e-mail krowell@crosswellhome.org. Due to storage and staff constraints, we cannot accept unsolicited donations of used clothing, toys, etc.

SUMTER UNITED MINISTRIES

The Lord's Cupboard at Sumter United Ministries is accepting food donations. The pantry is in need of dried beans, macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables, canned fruit, boxed potatoes (scaloped, au gratin, etc.), rice mix (Lipton, Rice-A-Roni, etc.), pasta (spaghetti, noodles, etc.), peanut butter, jelly, shelf-life milk, or canned meat and fish such as tuna, salmon, chicken or Vienna sausage.

For more information on donating or volunteering, call (803) 775-0757, or email info@sumterunitedministries.org.

FOXWORTH HELPING HANDS FOOD DRIVE

The Senior Corporal Elizabeth Foxworth Helping Hands Food Drive will take place on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 9 a.m. In honor of the event's namesake and her "unconditional loyalty to the Sumter County Sheriff's Office and the citizens of Sumter County," the agency says this is its way of giving back to the community during the holidays.

Donated non-perishable items will be delivered to families in need by sheriff's office personnel and volunteers.

Pre-packaged food bags can be purchased for \$5 from Save-A-Lot at 674 W. Liberty St. The sheriff's office will also accept other non-perishable items.

All donations should be delivered to the sheriff's office by noon on Dec. 13.

Supplies may become limited, so it is advised to respond with the name of the family a bag will be donated to with their address, phone number and any special circumstances to include blindness, wheelchair assistance, etc.

For information, contact Lt. Petrina Wiley at (803) 436-2026 no later than Dec. 13.

CRAM-A-CRUISER TOY DRIVE

Sumter Police Department's Cram-a-Cruiser Toy Drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 2, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16. All donations will benefit the Salvation Army's Christmas Toy Drive for distribution to children in the Sumter community. For information, call Sumter Police Department Community Services Unit, 107 E. Hampton Ave., at (803) 436-2723 or 436-2700.

FIRESIDE FUND

With the help of Sumter United Ministries, Fireside Fund provides financial support to local families that need assistance with heating utilities this fall and winter.

This year's Fireside Fund is dedicated to Thomas R. "Tommy" Mims Jr., former sheriff of Sumter County.

Fireside Fund — established by *The Sumter Item* in November 1969 — helps families and individuals pay heating bills and purchase heating supplies. Since its start 47 years ago, Fireside Fund has collected more than \$1 million in dona-

tions from the community.

Anyone in need of assistance with heating or utility costs can call Sumter United Ministries at (803) 775-0757.

Donations can be mailed to *The Sumter Item*, P.O. Box 1677, Sumter, SC 29151, or dropped off at the office, 36 W. Liberty St. The last day to send in donations is Monday, Jan. 22.

Names, including groups, should be spelled completely. When making a donation in someone's honor, the names will be printed as given.

SUMTER VOLUNTEERS

Sumter Volunteers continues its annual Keepsakes Series with a gold-plated brass depiction of Sumter County Judicial Center.

A brief history of the building is included with the 2017 ornament, the 24th edition and third of the series offered by Sumter Volunteers, which is now on sale for \$16 each.

The 2017 ornament can be purchased at the Sumter Volunteers office in the Liberty Center, 12H W. Liberty St.; Simpson Hardware at 40 W. Wesmark Blvd.; Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce at 32 E. Calhoun St.; and Swan Lake Visitors Center at 822 W. Liberty St.

Many of the previous ornaments are also available for purchase.

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Program demonstrates how education is closely tied to health

BY MARY KATHERINE WILDEMAN
Post and Courier

When Precious Felder's mother told her she might be able to earn her GED through her health insurance, she thought it was probably a scam.

It wouldn't make sense for a health insurer to sponsor an educational program, she thought. But that's exactly what Select Health, the largest company managing Medicaid plans in the state, was offering with its Mission GED program.

Felder, a young mother, said she felt like she was almost prepared for the test. She used a study book to brush up on what she had forgotten, particularly in the math section, when she had time after putting her baby down to sleep. The Mission GED program made taking the test simpler.

"I didn't want to sit through classes and wait for months and months to go by. They told me I could go straight for it," Felder said. "Why not give it a shot?"

She passed the GED test this summer.

The GED incentive offered by Select Health, which began in May, provides vouchers to members, which cover the cost of one test and one retake. This is one example of an add-on benefit that managed care organizations provide to Medicaid beneficiaries in an effort to attract more customers and improve their health.

But this GED program differs from many of the company's other benefits because it seeks to improve their customers' education level, known to be a contributing factor in a person's overall health.

Eighteen people have graduated from the program so far. Several hundred more are enrolled.

Elice Graham, who administers the GED program for Select Health, said many of the participants are



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Precious Felder, 22, is a mother of two young boys. She used vouchers provided by Select Health, an organization that administers Medicaid, to take her GED test.

young parents, like Precious Felder, who want to leave a positive impression on their children. Before launching the program, she said Select Health conducted research to determine which add-on benefits would have the broadest impact.

Whether their members had a high school diploma turned out to be a determining factor in their health.

Rebecca Engelman, market president of Select Health in South Carolina, said the company has become more aware of the role education plays in their customers' health.

"We're understanding more and more the role of social determinants," Engelman said. "Those with

higher levels of education have better health."

That conclusion is not news to public health researchers.

Trident United Way studies some of these factors. In a report released this year, the organization demonstrated that attaining a high school diploma is tied to higher incomes and better overall health.

People with "a quality education, stable employment, safe homes and neighborhoods and access to preventative services tend to be healthier throughout their lives," the report stated.

Dr. Rick Foster, senior adviser on population health for the S.C. Hospi-

tal Association, said there is strong evidence between education, employment and a person's health.

"We know that the high school education is a major cutoff point. That gives you an opportunity to pursue a next level of job and education," Foster said. "Unfortunately, those who have less than a high school degree have low-income, manual-labor jobs that also usually do not provide any type of health coverage."

From Select Health's perspective, a more educated population means a healthier population, and healthier customers cost the company less money. Medicaid-managed care companies like Select Health are paid flat fees by the state Medicaid agency to manage health care benefits for patients. If the company can find ways to cut down on medical costs, its profit margin improves.

Foster said he did not know of any other similar programs offered by health insurers in the state.

Precious Felder stopped going to high school in the 11th grade because she was pregnant with her first child. She said she didn't want to saddle her mother with the responsibility of taking care of her son. Felder said she has talked about going back to school for a long time but never quite had the time or money.

"I wanted to get more out of life," Felder said. "I didn't want a job; I wanted a career."

Now with her GED in hand, she is considering finding a technical school so she can pursue a degree in physical therapy or become a dental assistant.

Her family recently threw her a graduation party. She isn't the only one among them to have dropped out of high school. When she enrolled in Select Health's program, she bought a \$25 study book. After she was done, she gave her GED study book to her brother. He plans to take the test, too.

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JOHNSON

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then-President-elect Barack Obama's victory speech at Grant Park in Chicago.

Johnson said he learned from Obama's speech that words have power and can be used to make a difference in life. He said he wants to use his public speaking talent to make the world a better place.

Johnson said Obama's victory speech also affected his own aspirations and goals.

"I was ecstatic and overwhelmed with joy, seeing someone who looks like you accomplishing such a big feat," Johnson said. "It basically told me: 'Set your dreams high because you can achieve anything.'"

He said his public speaking began in the fifth grade at R.E. Davis Elementary School when he spoke at graduation.

In eighth grade at Mayewood Middle School, Johnson said he was student council president. He has been class president both of his years so far at Crestwood.

Also, when his church — Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Olanta — has a fifth-Sunday-of-the-month service, he leads a devotional prayer and sings for the congregation.

Johnson said he wouldn't be where he is today without a reliance on God and the nurturing of his parents, Derick and Elaine Johnson.

His goals include attending Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, and graduating from the college's law school.

He says he considers Obama his biggest role model and, like the former president, he wants to become a lawyer in order to defend issues and fight for what he believes in.

As a member of the school's chapter of Future Business Leaders of America and as an officer on its Southern Regional Council, last summer he competed in a national public speaking competition in Anaheim, California.

He also attended a South Carolina Governor's School Creative Writing Program in Greenville last summer and visited the Pentagon and Congress in Washington, D.C., as part of a National Youth Leadership Forum.

After completing this school year, Johnson plans to enroll



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Crestwood High School sophomore Travis Johnson, left, chats with Principal Shirley Gamble recently at the school.

with about a dozen other Crestwood juniors in University of South Carolina Sumter's Early College program. The program involves a 61-credit-hour curriculum taken entirely on the USC Sumter campus with the college's professors. The program includes dual-credit courses, allowing Johnson to

graduate high school with an associate degree also in hand.

Because he's planning to go to college out of state after high school, he said he realizes none of those college credit hours will likely transfer over but that he still wants to do the Early College program.

"It will give me the opportunity to get in a college envi-

ronment early and get accustomed to being on a college campus," Johnson said.

Crestwood Principal Shirley Gamble said Johnson serves as a role model for other students at the high school.

"Travis is a leader academically, and he's actively involved in clubs," Gamble said.

"He will seek out opportunities in which he can excel. He's also so respectful to adults and also to his peers. When he sees his peers maybe demonstrating unacceptable behaviors, Travis will speak up and talk to his peers and ask them to re-think their decision making."

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store at the time of the shooting — she would not disclose how many witnesses there were — could not provide a description of the suspects' clothing, vehicle or other physical features except that they were wearing masks over their faces and were armed with black semi-automatic handguns.

The store has been closed since the incident.

"He opened the day after Thanksgiving to help the people in the community," said Capt. Jeffery Jackson, who oversees the city's patrol division. "He probably didn't have to open, but he did."

The department is offering a \$5,000 reward for any information that leads to an arrest — \$5,000 is "a little more than normal" because of the "nature of" the crime he said.

"It's a random act of violence that no one expected," Jackson said.

He said the closest actual grocery store — Save-Mart is more of a mom-and-pop one-stop convenience store — is "farther than a lot of people in this community can probably walk to."

Convenience was not the only reason people went to Patel's store.

"He was a very good guy to his neighbors. If you didn't have all the money to get something, he wouldn't turn you away. He'd let you owe him," said Kenny Black, owner of Kenny's Car Wash on the corner of Broad and Purdy streets. "Now, it's a lot harder for them just to go get something they need or to go get one Pepsi. It hurts the community in more ways than one."

He said he wants the "bad guys who did it" to be caught so his family can grieve and so neighbors and business owners can stop feeling scared.

If it happened to Patel, Black said, "it could happen to me. It could hap-

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Sumter Police Department is offering a \$5,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest.

Anyone who saw anything unusual Friday night or over the weekend in the area of the crime is asked to call (803) 436-2700.

Anonymous tips can be given by calling 1-888-CRIME-SC.

pen to anybody."

Talking about a senseless act like this shooting may be hard, but Black said he wants to do anything to help get the word out.

"If I say something, maybe someone else will say something, and maybe that will help," he said.

Patel's daughter wants the same justice for her father as Black wants — to find the men who took their father, their friend away from them.

"He's been working here at our store for eight years, and he never had any issues," she said through tears that were not always held down on Monday at the police department. "He was being always to help any poor people he could. Any money, any help."

"He's been in the U.S. for many years, and he would always tell me and my brother America is the safest country. And I don't know how did this happen out of nowhere?"

She asked not to be named but said she wanted to talk to media and police to help her father.

"Since he's been serving this community, if anyone saw anything... I want to find that person. That's all I'm asking for," she said. "My mom is going through a lot right now. She didn't expect a call right now like this. Neither did I. Neither did my brother. He was our support system. He always told us not to worry."



PHOTOS BY MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM
Kenny Black, a friend of the victim, speaks with media outside his car wash business on Broad Street on Monday afternoon.



Vijaykumar "Kumar" Thakorbbhai Patel's daughter spoke with media at the Sumter Police Department. She asked to remain unidentified but wanted to talk to help spread the word and find the men who shot her father.

FIRESIDE

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He would have been happy, said Diane Mims, Tommy's wife, regarding the dedication of this year's fund to her late husband.

She said her family's church regularly participates with charities during the holidays, so it is nice to know that others in the community can be helped this time of year.

"Former Sumter County Sheriff Tommy Mims was a dedicated servant to the resi-

dents of Sumter County for many years," said current Sheriff Anthony Dennis. "His legacy will live on for generations to come. There is no one more deserving than Tommy Mims for this honor."

Mark Champagne, executive director of United Ministries, said he anticipates that the organization will have a busy season.

He said United Ministries has received about a dozen requests for kerosene heaters and other requests for utility bill assistance since the beginning of November.

Champagne commended *The Sumter Item* for spearheading Fireside Fund and connecting with other businesses to assist families in need. Each year, Fireside helps families of Sumter County while also remembering someone who was active in the community.

Fireside Fund — established by *The Sumter Item* in

November 1969 — helps families and individuals pay heating bills and purchase heating supplies. Since its start 47 years ago, Fireside Fund has collected more than \$1 million in donations from the community.

Anyone in need of assistance with heating or utility costs can call Sumter United Ministries at (803) 775-0757.

Donations can be mailed to *The Sumter Item*, P.O. Box 1677, Sumter, SC 29151, or dropped off at the office, 36 W. Liberty St. The last day to send in donations is Monday, Jan. 22.

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Mathew Fulkerson and his wife, Leigh Ann, pose at their Subterra Airbnb located in a former underground missile silo base near Eskridge, Kansas. The Subterra Castle Airbnb opened about six months ago.

ESKRIDGE, Kan. (AP) — A Cold War-era missile silo in rural northeast Kansas that housed a nuclear warhead 65 years ago and was later converted into an underground mansion is now finding a new lease on life as an Airbnb location.

The Subterra Castle Airbnb opened for business about six months ago. It's located in rural Wabaunsee County, about 15 miles southwest of Topeka.

Airbnbs are privately owned residences that are offered online for short-term rental, *The Topeka Capital-Journal* reports.

Matthew Fulkerson, 37, is the host for Subterra, and said it was his idea to turn the site into an Airbnb. Fulkerson is a neighbor of Subterra's owners, Ed and Dianna Peden, who have lived in the converted missile base since 1994 and are on board with the Airbnb idea.

More than being a place for people to stay when passing through Kansas, Fulkerson said he has a bigger vision for the site.

"I see it as becoming a destination," he said, adding that the base has already been featured in several media outlets.

In addition to a main-floor bedroom, Airbnb guests at Subterra will have a full kitchen, private bathroom, laundry services and a fireplace which gives a "nice, cozy feeling in the fall and winter months," Fulkerson said.

He said he and the Pedens "are considering using both apartments upstairs and down" should Airbnb traffic pick up, "especially because some people really want the experience of sleeping underground."

Fulkerson said Subterra is the first and currently the only Airbnb located in a converted missile silo.

Replacing lymph nodes can ease painful lasting effect of cancer

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON — Breast cancer treatment left Susan Wolfe-Tank with an arm too painfully swollen to lift anything heavy or even fit into her usual clothing — a debilitating condition that gets little attention and has no cure.

Desperate, the Wisconsin woman traveled hundreds of miles to seek a delicate operation — replacing under-arm lymph nodes lost in cancer surgery — as a small but growing number of hospitals offer microsurgical attempts at relief from lymphedema that help some patients.

"Right in this area, feel that — that is your lymph node," Dr. David Song of MedStar Georgetown University Hospital in Washington told Wolfe-Tank during a recent check-up.

Song, Georgetown's plastic surgery chief, had removed healthy lymph nodes from Wolfe-Tank's back and side and implanted them in the affected arm. As the new nodes took root, her arm was shrinking. A delighted Song's only caution: "Take care of them," by wearing a compression sleeve as prescribed.

"This isn't a cure. I will still have to be careful," said Wolfe-Tank, 51, of Hurley, Wisconsin. But, "I will be able to cross-country ski again, just live a normal life. Look at my arm, it's incredible."

Lymphedema is a chronic swelling, often in an arm or leg, that in severe cases can be disfiguring, impair mobility, cause disabling pain, harden the skin and lead to infection.

Lymph nodes work like bi-

ological pumps in a network that's part of the immune system. They drain watery fluid called lymph that, traveling through tiny channels, brings nutrients to cells and takes away bacteria and waste material. Lose or damage enough lymph nodes or channels in a particular area and that fluid builds up.

There's no good count, but millions of Americans are estimated to have some degree of lymphedema, and while it can be hereditary or result from injury, many U.S. cases are a lasting side effect of treatment for a variety of cancers.

Consider breast cancer.

While better surgical techniques in recent decades have lowered the risk, experts estimate that still about 6 percent of breast cancer survivors who undergo a "sentinel node biopsy" — removing a few nodes to check for spreading cancer — will develop lymphedema. That risk jumps to about 20 percent for women like Wolfe-Tank, who need additional lymph nodes removed because of more advanced cancer. Radiation causes further harm.

Yet too often, women aren't warned about symptoms or checked for early signs, when lymphedema is

more easily treated, said Dr. Sheldon Feldman of New York's Montefiore Einstein Center for Cancer Care. He co-authored physician guidelines issued this fall by the American Society of Breast Surgeons on prevention and treatment of breast cancer-related lymphedema.

Typical patients have "had that swelling for a while," Feldman said. "Now the treatment is an uphill battle." Wolfe-Tank had struggled

for four years when an oncologist recommended lymph node transfer. The rationale: There are more lymph nodes in the body's trunk than in the limbs — more avenues to drain off fluid — and thus it should be safe to move a few. Hunting for a surgeon, Wolfe-Tank found Song, who transferred about five nodes along with supportive blood vessels and other tissue, hoping they'd grow new channels to drain fluid.



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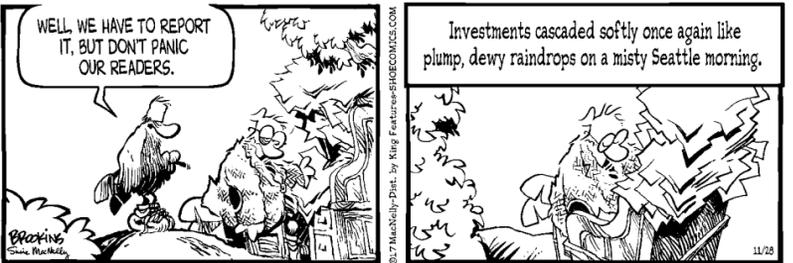
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Young couple seem to click better when apart



Dear Abby
 ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — I have been with my boyfriend for two years. When I'm with him, I often find him annoying and think we have nothing in common. But when we are apart, I miss him a lot — especially when one of us travels for work.

to stay in a relationship that isn't going anywhere and it has been like this since pretty early on. How can I know if I should invest more of my time or if I should end it and move on?

Perplexed in Virginia

When we're apart and talk on the phone, we have amazing conversations and discuss a future together. But when we're together, we don't talk as much, and he never mentions a future together.

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DEAR PERPLEXED — If neither of you is particularly talkative and there are a lot of distractions when you are together, then it's normal. When you are apart, it's possible that you miss — and idealize — each other, which is why those conversations about a future happen. The way to determine whether you should invest more time in this relationship would be to ASK him, and just as plainly as you addressed that question to me.

DEAR ABBY — My husband and I have been arguing over wheth-

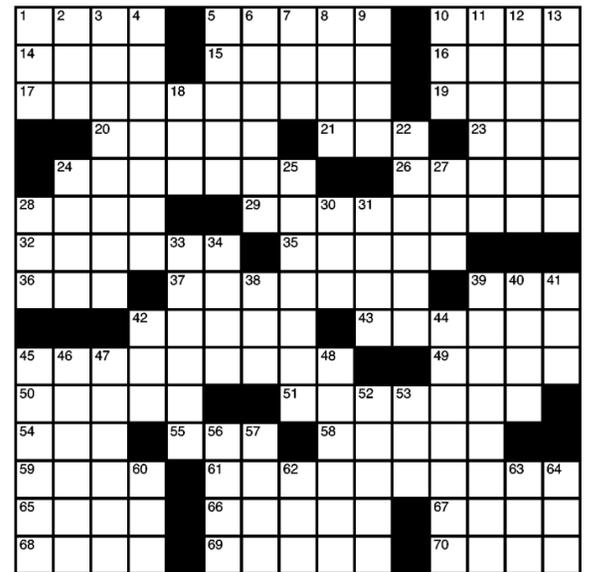
er food must be covered while it's being heated in the microwave. I always cover it because it takes little effort and prevents splatters. He refuses, unless the food is very saucy or greasy. When I ask why he won't do it, he has no answer.

It would be one thing if he routinely cleaned the microwave, but he never does, leaving me to do it. This has caused shouting matches between us. How can we settle this, short of throwing away the microwave?

Uncovered out West

DEAR UNCOVERED — Do not toss out a perfectly good microwave over this issue. Praise your husband when he covers the saucy/greasy foods and remember to throw a paper towel over his dinner when he "forgets."

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By Agnes Davidson and C.C. Burnikel

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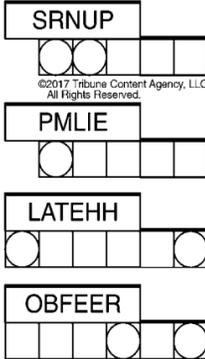
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By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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Big boxes and small towns on Black Friday

WASHINGTON — Even though an estimated 115 million Americans rushed to malls and big-box stores for Black Friday sales, others were reporting that the annual spend-a-thon has lost its bang.

Gone is the thrill of the stampede, the fist fights over a big screen, the trample to grab the last Soggy Doggy.

In a *Washington Post* story, one Alabama veteran of weeklong parking lot campouts lamented that his Best Buy store had closed owing to Americans' changing spending habits. But even he admitted to shopping more online these days. Might big stores face the same fate as the small retailers they've put out of business in recent years? Are we witnessing the revenge of Mom and Pop?

It would seem so. By 5 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, online shoppers had spent \$1.52 billion via computers, tablets and smartphones, and the number is expected to break records at \$100 billion by the end of the holiday shopping season.

Some of us have wondered why anyone would stand in line — or camp out!

COMMENTARY

— just to shop. But low prices apparently justify the inconvenience for many, while others simply enjoy the fun of the crowd, the energy, as well as the \$2.50 coffee maker. What's not to love when the alternative is day-old turkey and all-day football?

Alas, it seems, trends suggest that we'll soon be shopping *while* also catching a game until the human anatomy resembles a large cushion with small hands redesigned only to push buttons.

Lest we despair and trudge over to the fridge for some leftover cold comfort, there are hopeful signs that humanity may yet reinvent itself and resist the summons of mass-marketed gluttonous consumption. A few items that caught my eye: Young people are moving back to farming; small towns are being revitalized and attracting young families who once might have elected to live in the 'burbs; and local governments are finding grant monies to revitalize their downtowns and support small businesses.

For people living in small towns and mid-size cities, "local" is the new orange.

What's at play, one may infer, is that the "human" in human being is enjoying something of a revival. Too much of everything has spawned a backlash

manifested in a preference for simplicity. The impulse to acquire celebrated by an older generation has given way to an appreciation for what one has among younger people. This may be a function of generally having less to spend, but something less prosaic might also be at work.

The frantic immersion in material gratification symbolized by Black Friday is the precise opposite of spiritual connection or interpersonal engagement. The person fighting a neighbor for a laptop or powering past a pregnant woman for first dibs on a stroller probably isn't bothering to make eye contact, much less consider the other's well-being. Thus, the lure of the small town or the farm may be seen as an existential rejection of the anonymous life one often experiences in large cities. Just as some find the city essential to a rich and varied life, others seek escape from the grind of the white-collar factory and associated disassociations.

To every upside, alas, is a downside. If the manic pace of the metropolis can be exhausting, small-town life absent a rich cultural dimension and economic prosperity can be soul-crushing. Recognizing this, there has also been an upsurge in downtown revitalization initiatives, from the National Main Street Center Inc. to federal and state grants to help small towns leverage their assets

for economic development.

As just one example, the National Main Street Center, which began in 1980 as a nonprofit subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, has worked with 2,200 communities to rehabilitate close to 246,000 buildings, create more than 500,000 jobs and reinvest \$59.5 billion. That's not quite a Black Friday shopping day, but there's hope therein for small businesses to rebound and prosper.

Down the road, rural communities are seeing an uptick in smaller-scale, family owned operations as young, college-educated families trade concrete for soil. Between 2007 and 2012, the USDA reports 2,384 new farmers between ages 25 and 34. During the same time, however, 100,000 farmers aged 45 to 54 abandoned the plow.

Thus, the numbers don't foretell a renaissance of the small farmer. But a perceptible shift away from quantity toward quality amid an appreciation for authentic human exchanges seems a hopeful sign as we enter the season of giving. Shopping locally is good for everybody. And, let's not forget, the best gifts come in small packages.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

RUMPH REMEMBERED AS ROLE MODEL, PHILANTHROPIST

I am very sorry to learn of Scott Rumph's death. He was one of my oldest friends, a man who had the respect of all who knew him, and a wonderful role model for our younger generation.

I always admired his ability to "think outside the box" and develop new and better ways to get the job done. Generous to a fault, always considerate of others, a charitable contributor to multiple causes, he will always be remembered for these positive traits.

He has inspired me to pursue such a lifestyle, and I shall miss him greatly. I am proud that I had something to do with inspiring him to learn to fly some 60 years ago.

LAVERNE GRIFFIN
Colonel, USAF, retired
Portage, Wisconsin

EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Recent editorials from South Carolina newspapers:

THE POST AND COURIER Nov. 19

A regional greenbelt's growth, conservation

The regional greenbelt is growing. The addition of about 17 square miles of conservation land in Berkeley County near Pineville will provide a key link in buffering development on the northern side of Lake Moultrie, protect the Santee River watershed, preserve Revolutionary War sites and the tomb of Revolutionary War hero Gen. Francis "The Swamp Fox" Marion.

The value of the deal far exceeds the \$3.6 million it took to secure the properties — altogether about 11,000 acres between Francis Marion National Forest and Santee National Wildlife Refuge — for Lord Berkeley Conservation Trust.

Separately, in a \$4.5 million deal financed with wetland mitigation dollars from Palmetto Railways, one of the last privately held tracts within the Francis Marion National Forest — about 2,000 acres — has been acquired through a deal with the Open Space Institute.

The land, formerly part of Fairlawn Plantation, is prime longleaf pine habitat and wetlands surrounding the headwaters of the Wando River just west of Awendaw. It will be held in trust by the OSI and ultimately turned over to the U.S. Forest Service and opened to public use, according to Nate Berry of OSI, which also acquired 220 nearby acres with mitigation funds from Mercedes-Benz relat-

ed to the expansion of its North Charleston plant.

The recent OSI acquisitions also provide a barrier to annexation by the town of Awendaw and dovetail with a similar \$5.4 million deal in 2014 that secured 2,241 acres of the former Fairlawn Plantation.

Most of the "Swamp Fox" land comes from the Oakland Club, a private hunting club that has managed the property, with a current market value of about \$24 million, for more than 100 years. But its owners agreed to donate 70 percent of the easement value, leaving the S.C. Conservation Bank with a tab of \$3.6 million to protect the land in perpetuity. The club also donated 25 acres for educational purposes.

One of the long-term advantages, according to Jim Rozier, president of the Lord Berkeley Conservation Trust, is helping to preserve the Lowcountry's water supply.

"Protecting buffers along our rivers and lakes is probably the most important thing we can do to sustain water quality for our community and avoid a disastrous shortage of drinking water down the road," he told *Post and Courier* reporter Warren Wise.

The greenbelt program has preserved, by purchase of property and conservation easements, 11,397 acres of rural land, 11,438 acres adjacent Francis Marion National Forest, 7,900 acres of wetlands and has provided for 6,533 acres of parkland.

Much of the Charleston metro area from the coast near McClellanville to Lake Marion now enjoys the benefits of a natural buffer. But there is more to be done. Completing a regional greenbelt plan will require further land acquisitions and easements extending from the ACE Basin northward to Four Holes Swamp. The remarkable progress that has been made through public and private conservation initiatives offers a compel-

ling reason to stay the course.

THE TIMES & DEMOCRAT Nov. 19

Low unemployment trend, workforce plan

Unemployment in T&D Region has been at low levels compared to past years. It is part of a statewide trend of low unemployment as the number of people working in South Carolina set a record in October. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.9 percent for the month. Over the past five months, the state's unemployment rate has remained in the 3.9 to 4 percent range, levels not seen in nearly 17 years.

Yet despite economic development successes that all want to see in underdeveloped counties such as Orangeburg, Bamberg and Calhoun, and around South Carolina, there is potential trouble on the horizon for jobs. And it is less about a lack of jobs and more about a shortage of people to fill the jobs that are increasingly requiring advanced skills.

This past week, the State Workforce Development Board announced a plan to ensure a skilled labor force is available for new and expanding businesses.

SWDB, the governor's arm for workforce development, has approved a three-year strategic plan to build "a cohesive, collaborative and innovative workforce system."

The board has identified four strategic objectives to meet in order to become the catalyst in building a stronger workforce across South Carolina. The objectives are:

- Identify, invest in and support educational and developmental strategies to better prepare a skilled workforce for

current and emerging jobs.

- Align resources, policies and strategies between state, local and regional systems to continuously improve outcomes for businesses, individuals and partners.

- Identify current and future workforce needs of South Carolina business and industry to support career pathways in growth sectors.

- Engage job seekers, employers and other workforce partners through marketing and outreach and articulate a value proposition specific to each.

A new report from Ball State University points to the need for workers to have skills needed for today's jobs — and identifies the risk for locales where education and skill levels are lacking.

"How Vulnerable Are American Communities to Automation, Trade and Urbanization?" concludes that communities with large numbers of residents with only high school degrees and/or earning low salaries working low-skilled positions are at risk of losing jobs to automation and offshoring.

The report was prepared by the Center for Business and Economic Research and the Rural Policy Institute's Center for State Policy at Ball State in Muncie, Indiana. The study found that low risk of automation is associated with much higher wages, averaging about \$80,000 a year. Occupations with the highest risk of automation have incomes of less than \$40,000 annually.

"Automation is likely to replace half of all low-skilled jobs," CBER Director Michael Hicks said. "Communities where people have lower levels of educational attainment and lower incomes are the most vulnerable to automation. Considerable labor market turbulence is likely in the coming generation."

To be a community/state that prospers in the evolving economy, focusing on education that provides people with the skills for jobs that are sustainable is essential.



SUPPORT GROUPS

AA, AL-ANON, ALATEEN:

AA — Monday-Friday, noon and 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., 1 Warren St. (803) 775-1852.

AA Women's Meeting — Wednesdays, 7 p.m., 1 Warren St. (803) 775-1852.

AA Spanish Speaking — Sundays, 4:30 p.m., 1 Warren St. (803) 775-1852.

AA "How it Works" Group — Mondays and Fridays, 8 p.m., 1154 Ronda St. Call (803) 494-5180.

441 AA Support Group — Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, 8 p.m., Hair Force, 2090-D S.C. 441.

AA Summerton Group — Wednesday, 8 p.m., town hall.

Manning Al-Anon Family Group — Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Behavioral Health Building, 14 Church St., Manning. Call Angie Johnson at (803) 435-8085.

C/A "Drop the Rock" Group — Thursdays, 9:30 p.m., 1154 Ronda St. Call Elizabeth Owens at (803) 607-4543.

MONDAY MEETINGS:

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

TUESDAY MEETINGS:

Heroin Anonymous — Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 p.m., 4742 Broad St. Call (803) 494-5180.

Sumter Connective Tissue Support Group — First Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November, 7 p.m., 180 Tiller Circle. Call (803) 773-0869.

Mothers of Angels (for mothers who have lost a child) — First Tuesday at noon and third Tuesday at 6 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church. Call (803) 469-6059, (803) 979-4498, (803) 469-4506 or (803) 938-8544.

Sumter Combat Veterans Group Peer to Peer — Tuesdays, 11 a.m., South HOPE Center, 1125 S. Lafayette Drive. Veterans helping veterans with PTSD, coping skills, claims and benefits.

"The Gathering" — Second Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., North HOPE Center, 904 N. Main St. Support group for teens and adults with special needs. Call Joan Bell at (803) 972-0051 or Carrie Jodoin at (803) 468-5745 or email thegathering23@aol.com.

Parkinson's Support Group — Second Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.,

Carolinas Rehabilitation Hospital, 121 E. Cedar St., Florence. Call (843) 661-3746.

Sumter Amputee Support Group — Second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Sumter Prosthetics & Orthotics, 259 Broad St. Call (803) 883-4356.

Sumter Chapter Parents of Murdered Children (POMC) — Third Tuesday, 5:30-7 p.m., Birnie HOPE Center, 210 S. Purdy St. Open to anyone who has lost a loved one to murder in a violent way.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group — Third Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Carolinas Rehabilitation Hospital, 121 E. Cedar St., Florence. Call (843) 661-3746.

Amputee Support Group — Fourth Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Carolinas Rehabilitation Hospital, 121 E. Cedar St., Florence. Call (843) 661-3746.

EFMP Parent Exchange Group — Last Tuesday, 11 a.m.-noon, Airman and Family Readiness Center. Support to service members who have a dependent with a disability or illness. Call Dorcus Haney at (803) 895-1252/1253 or Sue Zimmerman at (803) 847-2377.

WEDNESDAY MEETINGS:

Sickle Cell Support Group — Last Wednesday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., South Sumter Resource Center, 337 Manning Ave. Call Bertha Willis at (803) 774-6181.

Divorce Care — Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Baptist Church, 2401 Bethel Church Road. Call (803) 481-2160.

Grief Share — Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Baptist Church, 2401 Bethel Church Road. Call (803) 481-2160.

THURSDAY MEETINGS:

TOPS S.C. No. 236 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) — Thursdays, 9 a.m., Spectrum Senior Center, 1989 Durant Lane. Call Diane at (803) 775-3926 or Nancy at (803) 469-4789.

Alzheimer's Support Group through S.C. Alzheimer's Association — First Thursday, 6-8 p.m., National Health Care, 1018 N. Guignard Drive. Call Cheryl Fluharty at (803) 905-7720 or the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 636-3346.

Journey of Hope (for family members of the mentally ill), Journey to Recovery (for the mentally ill) and Survivors of Suicide Support Group — Each group meets every first Thursday, 7 p.m., St. John United Methodist Church, 136 Poinsett Drive. Call Fred Harmon at (803) 905-5620.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Plenty of sunshine	Clear	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	Nice with clouds and sun	A blend of sun and clouds
67°	41°	71° / 41°	69° / 48°	69° / 39°	62° / 38°
Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 20%	Chance of rain: 5%
E 3-6 mph	VAR 2-4 mph	NW 3-6 mph	S 3-6 mph	NE 4-8 mph	S 4-8 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS

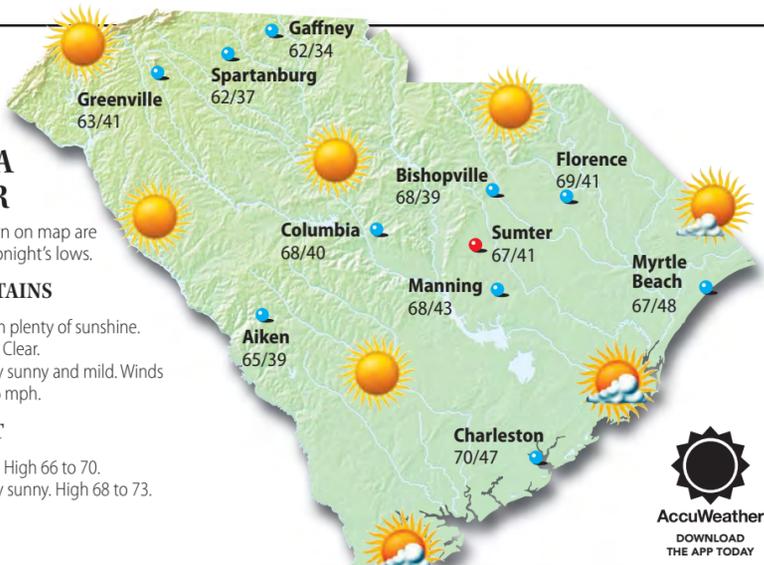
Today: Pleasant with plenty of sunshine. Winds east 4-8 mph. Clear.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny and mild. Winds south-southwest 3-6 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Partly sunny. High 66 to 70.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny. High 68 to 73.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
High	64°		63°	38°	82° in 1973	21° in 2017
Low	21°		38°	38°	82° in 1973	21° in 2017
Normal high	63°		63°	38°	82° in 1973	21° in 2017
Normal low	38°		38°	38°	82° in 1973	21° in 2017

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date	Last year to date	Normal year to date
24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	0.00"	0.94"	2.60"	33.51"	44.73"	43.29"
Month to date	0.00"	0.94"	2.60"	33.51"	44.73"	43.29"
Normal month to date	2.60"	33.51"	44.73"	44.73"	44.73"	43.29"
Year to date	33.51"	44.73"	44.73"	44.73"	44.73"	43.29"
Last year to date	44.73"	44.73"	44.73"	44.73"	44.73"	43.29"
Normal year to date	43.29"	44.73"	44.73"	44.73"	44.73"	43.29"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	354.59	-0.03
Marion	76.8	74.49	+0.02
Moultrie	75.5	74.34	-0.12
Wateree	100	96.74	+0.05

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	4.57	-0.12
Congaree River	19	1.04	-0.29
Lynches River	14	3.29	+0.15
Saluda River	14	2.16	-0.81
Up. Santee River	80	76.17	+0.12
Wateree River	24	8.75	+1.61

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:06 a.m.	Sunset	5:13 p.m.
Moonrise	2:09 p.m.	Moonset	1:22 a.m.
Full	Last	New	First
Dec. 3	Dec. 10	Dec. 18	Dec. 26

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	3:40 a.m.	2.8	10:35 a.m.	0.7
	4:11 p.m.	2.9	11:09 p.m.	0.3
Wed.	4:38 a.m.	3.0	11:39 a.m.	0.5
	5:07 p.m.	3.0	---	---

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	64/46/s	68/50/s
Chicago	57/32/pc	47/39/s
Dallas	77/53/s	69/49/pc
Detroit	60/38/s	46/35/s
Houston	79/58/s	78/57/pc
Los Angeles	75/55/pc	75/53/pc
New Orleans	74/61/s	77/59/pc
New York	54/44/s	59/35/s
Oriando	79/64/pc	80/62/pc
Philadelphia	59/43/s	62/36/s
Phoenix	77/55/s	79/59/pc
San Francisco	60/50/pc	62/49/s
Wash., DC	62/44/s	64/39/pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Asheville	60/34/s	64/38/s	Florence	69/41/s	71/39/s
Athens	65/39/s	70/43/s	Gainesville	77/56/s	78/53/s
Augusta	70/40/s	72/39/s	Gastonia	64/35/s	68/39/s
Beaufort	70/49/pc	73/48/s	Greenville	63/41/s	68/43/s
Cape Hatteras	66/55/s	65/54/s	Hickory	61/35/s	65/38/s
Charleston	70/47/pc	71/45/s	Hilton Head	69/52/pc	70/49/s
Charlotte	64/36/s	69/38/s	Jacksonville, FL	77/58/s	76/55/s
Clemson	63/40/s	68/44/s	La Grange	68/46/s	71/49/s
Columbia	68/40/s	71/39/s	Macon	69/42/s	73/44/s
Darlington	69/39/s	70/37/s	Marietta	64/42/s	68/48/s
Elizabeth City	65/45/s	67/44/s			
Elizabethtown	68/45/s	69/39/s			
Fayetteville	67/41/s	70/38/s			

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

PUBLIC AGENDA

CLARENDON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 6 p.m., hospital board room

SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL
Tuesday, Nov. 28, 6 p.m., Sumter County Council Chambers

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Emotions will rise to the surface.

Before you say something, make sure you have your facts straight or it may affect your relationship with someone important. Preparation and detail will make a difference.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be brave and tuck your emotions away someplace safe. Refuse to let anyone goad you into revealing information that is better kept a secret. Observation, assessing situations and looking for unique solutions will turn a negative into a positive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can make a difference if you join forces with others who feel the same way you do about what's going on in your community. Don't sell yourself short. Take a leadership position and offer intelligent solutions to existing problems.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your emotions will kick in and cause havoc if you bring about too many changes. Don't let the actions of others unnerve you or cost you time and money. Stay focused on what's important and finish what you start.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Business trips, educational pursuits and meetings are favored. Your knowledge and responsible attitude will grab the attention of someone who can make a difference in your life. Explore your interests and you'll find a way to make money doing something you love.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Look over your financial situation and make adjustments that will encourage you to save more and spend less. Don't let anyone put demands on you that will restrict

your ability to get ahead. Stay focused on taking care of your responsibilities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't mix emotions with business. You have to stay alert and ready to take on new challenges. Being responsible will help you overcome any obstacle that comes your way. Trust your intelligence to outmaneuver any competition you face.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Personal improvements, self-awareness and exploring your options are highlighted. Don't hold back — when you see something you want, take the initiative to pursue your goal. Love and romance are on the rise and will enrich your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't give in to emotional mind games or anyone trying to make your life difficult. Bring about positive changes and surround yourself with people who offer support and hands-on help.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take pride in the way you look and how you present who you are and what you do to others. The more marketable you are, the easier it will be to gain support. Romance is in the stars.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do what you can to help others, but don't let anyone trick you into taking on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Bring about changes by voicing your opinion and collaborating with people who are as interested in improvement as you are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't let what others do or say lead to a spat. Listen and reflect, but don't give in to someone trying to coerce you into a debate. Stay focused on personal gains and self-improvement. Take health issues into your own hands.

PICTURES FROM THE PUBLIC



In this photo taken by Emily Turner, Morgan Reese Goodman says, "I'm not afraid of the doctor. I'm not afraid of the doctor."

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CLEMSON FOOTBALL

Swinney has near perfect day in Tigers' win

BY EDDIE LITAKER
Special to The Sumter Item

COLUMBIA — Outside of winning a national championship, Saturday had the makings of the perfect day in Dabo Swinney's tenure as Clemson University head football coach.

Swinney notched his 100th victory as the Tigers' head coach with a dominating 34-10 victory over archrival South



SWINNEY

Carolina at Williams-Brice Stadium. If that weren't enough to celebrate, losses by College Football Playoff No. 1 Alabama and No. 2 Miami paved the way for Clemson to likely ascend to the top of the CFP poll heading into conference championship week.

"I remember my 100th game was the

ACC championship, I guess in '15. That was pretty special and our 100th win, for it to come here is definitely something that I will always remember," Swinney said of the milestone win that ran his overall record at Clemson to 100-29. "The wins go by my name, but I'm just fortunate to have a bunch of great players that play for me. They have earned those wins. I haven't played a play in any of those games.

The players played those games and we have a great staff and a lot of awesome people that have been a part of it."

The death knell for No. 24 South Carolina on Saturday likely came before the game even started. Just moments before kickoff, Alabama fell at No. 6 Auburn, 26-14, a fact that Swinney shared with his players to give them a

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PREP BASKETBALL

Learning on the job

SHS Gamecocks will have talented but young squad

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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The Sumter High School varsity boys basketball team was a veteran squad last year with nine seniors on the roster. The Gamecocks rode that experience to an 18-7 overall and a second straight region title under head coach Shawn Jones.

Needless to say, with all of those seniors gone, SHS will be fielding a much younger squad. Jones, however, thinks his squad will be able to make a push for another Region VI-5A crown and hopefully a deeper run in the state playoffs.

"It's a talented group that we have," said Jones, whose squad opens its season today at home against Hartsville beginning at approximately 7:30 p.m. "it's a lot of guys off of a junior varsity team that lost just one game. I think we're going to end up being pretty good. We just may have to take some bumps and bruises early on."

While Sumter may take some bumps and bruises, they should be able to hand some out as well with their size. Their top returnee is 6-foot-10-inch senior Isiah Moore, who recently signed with College of Charleston. The Gamecocks will also have

'I think we're going to end up being pretty good. We just may have to take some bumps and bruises early on.'

HEAD COACH SHAWN JONES

6-7 junior Calvin Felder, who has several NCAA Division I offers and 6-6, 220-pound junior Eric Watts.

"We're going to make a point to try and get it inside a lot," said Jones, whose team lost to Lexington in the second round of the state playoffs last season. "Moore and Felder play some on the perimeter, but when Watts is in there we're going to try and get it into him. Eric Watts is a bull inside."

Moore was selected to the South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association's 5A all-state team last season. He averaged around 12.0 points, 5.4 rebounds and two blocked shots per game.

Moore and Felder will be in the starting lineup today



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

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College of Charleston signee Isiah Moore (11) is back to lead Sumter High School when it opens its season today against Hartsville at the SHS gymnasium.

PREP BASKETBALL

Schaffer in charge of SHS girls

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Jeff Schaffer will be back in a familiar spot this season, and that familiarity is why he is where he is.

Schaffer is back as the girls basketball head coach at Sumter High School — for now on an interim basis — after the late resignation of Frances Fields for personal reasons just before the start of practice for the upcoming season.

Schaffer was the head coach at Sumter for six seasons from 2002-08 before stepping down. However, he has been part of the SHS boys program in some form or fashion practically since his resignation.

"I think they wanted someone who was already at the school, already familiar with the players, already in place



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Tamerah Brown (10) was the leading scorer for Sumter last year during its 3-18 season. The Lady Gamecocks open their season today with a home game against Hartsville.

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USC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame hands USC women 1st loss

BY TIM REYNOLDS
The Associated Press

ESTERO, Fla. -- Jackie Young and Notre Dame sent a clear message Sunday night. The Irish are a force yet again.

Arike Ogunbowale scored 23 points, Young added 22 on her way to tournament MVP honors and Notre Dame beat South Carolina 92-85 on Sunday night to take the Gulf Coast Showcase championship and snap the defending national champion Gamecocks' 17-game winning streak.

With the win, ND moved up from No. 6 to No. 3 in The Associated Press Top 25 poll released on Monday. Carolina dropped from third to fifth.

Marina Mabrey scored 12 points and Jessica Shepard had 10 for the Irish (6-0), who went on a staggering 37-12 run in one stretch and then had just enough to hang on in the final moments.

"We're a great team," Young

said. "We were just rattled in a little bit at the beginning. We just needed to get settled down, get some stops, get settled into our offense and that's what we did."

A'ja Wilson had 29 of her career-best 34 points in the second half for South Carolina (6-1), which hadn't lost since Feb. 19. Alexis Jennings and Doniyah Cliney each scored 12 points for the Gamecocks, who had won each of their last 31 games in which they scored 85 or more.

"Foul trouble does that to us," South Carolina coach Dawn Staley said. "We lose our point guard, and although we practice without her at times, when you're playing that level of team you've got to have your full armor."

When Tyasha Harris got her second foul early in the second quarter, the reigning national champions were up 30-18. Barely five minutes later,

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
2:40 p.m. – International Soccer: Tottenham vs. Leicester City (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
6:05 p.m. – Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
6:30 p.m. – College Basketball: Baylor at Xavier (FOX SPORTS 1).
7 p.m. – College Basketball: Big Ten/ACC Challenge Game – Northwestern at Georgia Tech (ESPN2).
7 p.m. – College Basketball: Big Ten/ACC Challenge Game – Florida State at Rutgers (ESPN).
7 p.m. – NHL Hockey: Carolina at Columbus (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
7 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Miami at Cleveland (NBA TV).
8 p.m. – College Basketball: Big Ten/ACC Challenge Game – Louisville at Purdue (ESPN).
8 p.m. – NHL Hockey: Chicago at Nashville (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. – College Basketball: Radford at Vanderbilt (SEC NETWORK).
8:30 p.m. – College Basketball: Maine at Georgetown (FOX SPORTS 1).
9 p.m. – Women’s College Basketball: Connecticut at Nevada (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
9 p.m. – College Basketball: Big Ten/ACC Challenge Game – Iowa at Virginia Tech (ESPN2).
9 p.m. – College Basketball: Big Ten/ACC Challenge Game – Illinois at Wake Forest (ESPN).
10 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Denver at Utah (ESPN).

PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

SCHSL Championships

Saturday
At Williams-Brice Stadium
In Columbia
5A
 Dutch Fork vs. Dorman, noon
4A
 Hartsville vs. South Pointe, 6:30 p.m.
 Dillon vs. Chapman, 3 p.m.

Friday
At Charlie W. Johnson Stadium
In Columbia
2A
 Bamberg-Ehrhardt vs. Abbeville, 5 p.m.
1A
 Baptist Hill vs. Lamar, 8 p.m.

NFL STANDINGS

By The Associated Press
 All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST										
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
New England	9	2	0	.818	325	220				
Buffalo	6	5	0	.545	224	260				
N.Y. Jets	4	7	0	.364	228	257				
Miami	4	7	0	.364	174	289				
SOUTH										
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
Tennessee	7	4	0	.636	242	269				
Jacksonville	7	4	0	.636	269	168				
Houston	4	6	0	.400	267	262				
Indianapolis	3	8	0	.273	195	300				
NORTH										
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
Pittsburgh	9	2	0	.818	258	193				
Baltimore	5	5	0	.500	213	171				
Cincinnati	5	6	0	.455	199	215				
Cleveland	0	11	0	.000	166	289				
WEST										
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
Kansas City	6	5	0	.545	272	236				
L.A. Chargers	5	6	0	.455	249	202				
Oakland	5	6	0	.455	225	261				
Denver	3	8	0	.273	197	280				

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST										
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
Philadelphia	10	1	0	.909	351	191				
Dallas	5	6	0	.455	248	270				
Washington	5	6	0	.455	258	276				
N.Y. Giants	2	9	0	.182	172	267				
SOUTH										
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
New Orleans	8	3	0	.727	322	222				
Carolina	8	3	0	.727	248	207				
Atlanta	7	4	0	.636	265	230				
Tampa Bay	4	7	0	.364	223	262				
NORTH										
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
Minnesota	9	2	0	.818	271	195				
Detroit	6	5	0	.545	294	264				
Green Bay	5	6	0	.455	232	261				
Chicago	3	8	0	.273	177	252				
WEST										
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
L.A. Rams	8	3	0	.727	329	206				
Seattle	7	4	0	.636	266	212				
Arizona	5	6	0	.455	203	278				
San Francisco	1	10	0	.091	187	284				

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Minnesota 30, Detroit 23
 L.A. Chargers 28, Dallas 6
 Washington 20, N.Y. Giants 10

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta 34, Tampa Bay 16
 Cincinnati 30, Cleveland 20
 Tennessee 20, Indianapolis 16
 Buffalo 16, Kansas City 10
 Philadelphia 31, Chicago 3
 New England 35, Miami 17
 Carolina 35, N.Y. Jets 27
 Seattle 24, San Francisco 13
 Oakland 21, Denver 14
 L.A. Rams 26, New Orleans 20
 Arizona 27, Jacksonville 24
 Pittsburgh 31, Green Bay 28

THURSDAY, NOV. 30

Washington at Dallas, 8:25 p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 3

Tampa Bay at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
 Minnesota at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
 San Francisco at Chicago, 1 p.m.
 Detroit at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
 Denver at Miami, 1 p.m.
 Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
 Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
 Kansas City at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
 New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
 Cleveland at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.
 Carolina at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m.
 L.A. Rams at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
 N.Y. Giants at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Seattle, 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 4

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 8:30 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS

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 All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	18	3	.857	—
Toronto	12	7	.632	5
Philadelphia	11	7	.611	5½
New York	10	9	.526	7
Brooklyn	7	12	.368	10
SOUTHEAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	10	9	.526	—
Miami	10	9	.526	—
Charlotte	8	11	.421	2
Orlando	8	12	.400	2½
Atlanta	4	16	.200	6½
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	12	6	.667	—
Cleveland	12	7	.632	½
Indiana	11	9	.550	2
Milwaukee	9	9	.500	3
Chicago	3	15	.167	9
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	15	4	.789	—
San Antonio	12	7	.632	3
New Orleans	11	9	.550	4½
Memphis	7	12	.368	8
Dallas	5	15	.250	10½
NORTHWEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	12	8	.600	—
Portland	12	8	.600	—
Denver	11	8	.579	½
Utah	9	11	.450	3
Oklahoma City	8	11	.421	3½
PACIFIC DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	15	5	.750	—
L.A. Lakers	8	11	.421	6½

L.A. Clippers	7	11	.389	7
Phoenix	7	14	.333	8½
Sacramento	5	14	.263	9½

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Miami 100, Chicago 93
 Minnesota 119, Phoenix 108
 Brooklyn 98, Memphis 88

TODAY'S GAMES

Miami at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
 Phoenix at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Washington at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Denver at Utah, 10 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Oklahoma City at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 Phoenix at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Charlotte at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 Miami at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Indiana at Houston, 8 p.m.
 Minnesota at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 Brooklyn at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Memphis at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
 Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Denver, 9 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Portland, 10 p.m.
 Utah at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

FCS PLAYOFFS

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First Round

Saturday, Nov. 25
 Furman 28, Elon 27
 Stony Brook 59, Lehigh 29
 New Hampshire 14, CCSU 0
 Kennesaw St. 28, Samford 17
 South Dakota 38, Nicholls 31
 Weber State 21, Western Illinois 19
 Northern Iowa 46, Monmouth (NJ) 7
 San Diego 41, Northern Arizona 10

Second Round

Saturday, Dec. 2
 Stony Brook (10-2) at James Madison (11-0), 2 p.m.
 Kennesaw State (11-1) at Jacksonville State (10-1), 2 p.m.
 Furman (8-4) at Wofford (9-2), 2 p.m.
 Northern Iowa (8-4) at South Dakota State (9-2), 3 p.m.
 New Hampshire (8-4) at Central Arkansas (10-1), 3 p.m.
 South Dakota (8-4) at Sam Houston State (10-1), 3 p.m.
 San Diego (10-2) at North Dakota State (10-1), 3:30 p.m.
 Weber State (10-2) at Southern Utah (9-2), 8 p.m.

Quarterfinals

Friday, Dec. 8 or Saturday, Dec. 9
 Stony Brook-James Madison winner vs. Weber State-Southern Utah winner
 Kennesaw State-Jacksonville State winner vs. South Dakota-Sam Houston State winner
 Northern Iowa-South Dakota State winner vs. New Hampshire-Central Arkansas winner
 Furman-Wofford winner vs. San Diego-North Dakota State winner

Semifinals

Friday, Dec. 15
 TBD, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16
 TBD, 4:30 p.m.
Championship
Saturday, Jan. 6
 At Toyota Stadium
 Frisco, Texas
Semifinal winners, Noon

PGA SCORES

Emirates Australian Open Leading Scores
 By The Associated Press

Sunday

At The Australian Golf Club Rosebery
Sydney
Purse: \$1.25 million
Yardage: 7,239; Par: 71

Final a-amateur

Cameron Davis, Australia	63-72-74-64—273
Matt Jones, Australia	71-67-68-68—274
Jonas Blixt, Sweden	68-72-66-68—274
Cameron Smith, Australia	69-69-69-68—275
Jason Day, Australia	66-68-69-73—276
Mark Brown, New Zealand	72-70-67-68—277
Lucas Herbert, Australia	67-66-71-73—277
Jordan Spieth, United States	70-71-70-67—278
Matthew Guyatt, Australia	68-72-69-70—279
Travis Smyth, Australia	71-69-73-67—280
James Marchesani, Australia	73-70-67-70—280
Stephen Leaney, Australia	67-74-71-69—281
Jason Norris, Australia	68-75-69-69—281
Brett Rumford, Australia	70-72-69-70—281
Jamie Arnold, Australia	68-76-68-70—282
Ben Campbell, New Zealand	67-72-72-71—282
Curtis Luck, Australia	73-70-68-71—282
a-Matias Sanchez, Australia	71-70-68-73—282
Dale Brandt-Richards, Australia	73-66-71-73—283
Jason Scrivener, Australia	69-70-71-73—283
a-Takumi Kanaya, Japan	71-73-65-74—283
Anthony Quayle, Australia	67-69-72-75—283
Rhein Gibson, Australia	72-68-68-75—283
Mike Miller, United States	75-68-72-69—284
Jake McLeod, Australia	73-71-71-69—284
Michael Wright, Australia	70-73-71-70—284
Kramer Hickok, United States	69-73-71-71—284
Andrew Martin, Australia	68-74-71-71—284
Nick Cullen, Australia	66-72-74-72—284
Michael Hendry, New Zealand	74-70-68-72—284
Ben Eccles, Australia	74-70-68-72—284
Kyong-Jun Moon, South Korea	75-69-75-66—285
Josh Cabbar, Australia	75-66-75-69—285
a-Min Woo Lee, Australia	72-69-74-70—285
a-Cameron John, Australia	71-73-71-70—285
Taylor Macdonald, Australia	65-74-74-72—285
Jack Wilson, Australia	73-70-76-67—286
Daniel Valente, Australia	71-73-72-70—286
Adam Bland, Australia	69-72-74-71—286
James Nitties, Australia	70-71-74-71—286
Richard Green, Australia	70-68-74-74—286
Jake Higginbottom, Australia	72-71-69-74—286
Craig Parry, Australia	73-67-70-76—286
Nick O'Hern, Australia	70-74-76-67—287
Tim Hart, Australia	69-74-73-71—287
Jack Munro, Australia	71-68-76-72—287
Rod Pampling, Australia	68-74-73-72—287
Brett Rankin, Australia	71-71-73-72—287
Nathan Green, Australia	71-71-70-75—287
Andrew Evans, Australia	73-69-75-71—288
Oliver Goss, Australia	73-70-69-76—288
Stephen Dartnall, Australia	69-72-75-73—289
Deyen Lawson, Australia	71-73-71-74—289
Mikko Ilonen, Finland	73-68-73-75—289
Rory Bourke, Australia	71-70-73-75—289
Josh Geary, New Zealand	74-69-77-70—290
Christopher Wood, Australia	73-70-76-71—290
Matt Jager, Australia	72-72-73-73—290
Jarryd Felton, Australia	71-72-72-75—290
Stephen Allan, Australia	70-73-71-76—290
Austin Bautista, Australia	68-76-76-71—291
Luke Toomey, New Zealand	72-72-74-73—291
Alex Edge, Australia	66-76-74-76—292
Geoff Ogilvy, Australia	69-73-76-75—293
Max McCardle, Australia	72-71-76-75—294
a-Charles Reiter, United States	75-69-75-75—294
Steven Jeffress, Australia	68-73-74-81—296
Lindsay Wilson, Australia	71-73-77-82—303

TRANSACTIONS

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

American League
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Announced LHP Sam Moll was claimed off waivers by Pittsburgh.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Signed RHP Hisashi Iwakuma to a minor-league contract.
TEXAS RANGERS — Claimed C Juan Centeno off waivers from Houston.

National League

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Announced RHP Kyle Lloyd cleared waivers and was sent outright to El Paso (PCL).
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Fired coach David Fizdale. Named J.B. Bickerstaff interim coach.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released LB Connor Harris from the practice squad. Signed LB Kevin Snyder to the practice squad.
CHICAGO BEARS — Released WR Mario Alford from the practice squad. Signed DB Alex Carter to the practice squad.
DETROIT LIONS — Placed S Tavon Wilson on injured reserve. Signed WR Bradley Marquez and S Rolan Milligan from the practice squad and WR Jace Billingsley and S Stefan McClure to the practice squad.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Placed OL D.J. Fluker, CB Donte Deayon and LBs Curtis Grant and Deontae Skinner on injured reserve. Signed LB Jeremy Cash. Claimed LB Ray-Ray Armstrong off waivers from San Francisco.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
NEW YORK CITY FC</

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little added motivation. That, coupled with Miami's 24-14 upset loss on Friday at Pittsburgh, left the Tigers a clear path to No. 1 with a victory over the Gamecocks.

"Yeah, I told them (that Alabama had lost), and it's (potentially moving up to No. 1) something that is awesome," Swinney said. "These guys have worked really hard all year long to stay in the hunt, and this is the time of year when it matters. Y'all ask me about the polls early and I don't ever answer or I tell you it doesn't matter, but it matters now. Now it matters. We're almost to December. It matters. So I'm really proud of our guys for fighting, battling, scratching."

Saturday's win was all the more impressive because it was Clemson's first win over a South Carolina team with at least eight wins since 1988, when both teams entered with 8-2 records and the Tigers won 29-10 at Clemson. Also, Clemson had never beaten a South Carolina team in Columbia that had entered with at least eight wins until Saturday.

One of the highlights for Clemson was the play of wide receiver Hunter Renfrow. The junior hauled in four passes for 75 yards and two scores, including a career-long 61-yard catch-and-run score from Kelly Bryant on the opening play of the second half.

"He's had a great year, he's been productive and he just comes up clutch," Swinney said of Renfrow. "What makes him special is he is a very smart player, first of all, and he has a brilliant football mind. He understands how to play the position. ... That's where it starts, and then just his skill set. He's longer than people think, a long-armed kid, but he is just explosive. His lateral quickness -- he's the fastest shuttle guy on our team -- is what makes him special and what makes him so difficult (to contain) in space, because he

can stick a foot in the ground and go that way quicker than most everybody else, and you saw that on that long touchdown run."

"It (the win) means a lot to me," Renfrow said. "I'm so proud of the way we played, the way we came into this environment. The defense helped us early, got a big score, and I'm just so proud of them."

That defensive score came when cornerback Ryan Carter stepped in front of a Jake Bentley pass and took it 12 yards untouched into the end zone for the game's first points with 6:50 left in the opening quarter.

"Great performance defensively. I took a lot of pride in that, especially several guys who I thought really played well collectively," Carter said. "Hats off to the D-line and linebackers. I think we just had a great week of preparation. We knew what it was going to take to beat a team like this. South Carolina is a great football team, so we knew that we had to prepare and be locked in from the jump."

Defensive back Trayvon Mullen also came away with an interception of Bentley on USC's next offensive series after Renfrow's long touchdown reception.

"I knew they were going to come to my side," Mullen said of the pass that was intended for Bryan Edwards. "He's a pretty good receiver so when it comes to crunch time he's the receiver they're likely to go to."

Sophomore running back Tavien Feaster had a 1-yard touchdown run for the first offensive score of the game.

"It was incredible," Feaster said of coming to Columbia and getting a win. "We knew all the guys were locked in from the moment we left the hotel. It was just one of those things. It's amazing, four straight (wins in the series), to keep carrying on. Just very excited to get this victory."

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against the Red Foxes. Keshawn Croskey will be in the lineup as well along with Cody McCoy and Tyree Smalls.

Others expected to be in the rotation for the Gamecocks are Davontay Singleton, Davontae Flowers, Zykiem Jackson, Cam Singleton and Edwin Johnson.

Jackson may not play against Hartsville. He was cleared to practice on Monday for the first time since breaking his collarbone as the starting quarterback on the football team.

Jones plans to continue to use multiple looks defensively.

"We're going to use a lot of different styles," he said. "We're going to use our halfcourt game, work out of the zone and out of man as well."

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY
Varsity Basketball
 Hartsville at Sumter, 6 p.m.
 Crestwood at Lower Richland, 6 p.m.
 Lakewood at Lee Central, 6 p.m.
 Sumter Christian at Calvary Christian (Boys Only), 4 p.m.
Varsity and JV Basketball
 East Clarendon at Manning, 4:30 p.m.
 Wilson Hall at Heathwood Hall, 4 p.m.
 Laurence Manning at Pinewood Prep, 4 p.m.
 Thomas Sumter at Pee Dee, 4 p.m.
 Williamsburg at Clarendon Hall, 4 p.m.
B Team Basketball
 Wilson Hall at Heathwood Hall, 4 p.m.
Varsity Wrestling
 Sumter, Cardinal Newman at Irmo, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Varsity Basketball
Edisto at Manning, 6 p.m.
 Junior Varsity Basketball
 Sumter at Lakewood, 6 p.m.
Varsity Bowling
 Wilson Hall, Laurence Manning vs. Robert E. Lee (at Gamecock Lanes), 5 p.m.

THURSDAY
Varsity Basketball
 Lakewood at Sumter, 6 p.m.
 Laurence Manning in Trinity-Byrnes Tournament, TBA
Junior Varsity Basketball
 Lee Central at Crestwood, 6 p.m.
Varsity and JV Basketball
 Robert E. Lee at Florence Christian, 4 p.m.

Junior Varsity Basketball
 Lake City at East Clarendon, 5:30 p.m.
JV and B Team Basketball
 Camden Military at Wilson Hall, 5 p.m. (Boys Only)
Middle School Basketball
 Manning at Alice Drive, 5 p.m.
 Bates at Hillcrest, 5 p.m.
 Ebenezer at Chestnut Oaks, 5 p.m.
 Furman at Mayewood, 5 p.m.
 Ronald E. McNair at Lee Central, 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY
Varsity Basketball
 Lee Central at Crestwood, 6 p.m.
 Manning at C.E. Murray, 6:30 p.m.
 East Clarendon at Lake City, 6 p.m.
 Laurence Manning in Trinity-Byrnes Tournament, TBA
 Emmanuel Christian at Sumter Christian (Boys Only), 4 p.m.
Varsity and JV Basketball
 Wilson Hall at Pinewood Prep, 4 p.m.
 Robert E. Lee at Pee Dee, 4 p.m.

Varsity Wrestling
 Sumter in Irmo Individual, 6 p.m.
 Sumter in Southern Slam (at Eastside High in Greenville), 6 p.m.

SATURDAY
Varsity Basketball
 Laurence Manning in Trinity-Byrnes Tournament, TBA
Varsity and JV Basketball
 Crestwood at Sumter, 3 p.m.
 Lee Central at Lakewood, 3 p.m.
 Mullins at East Clarendon, 6 p.m.
Varsity Wrestling
 Sumter in Irmo Individual, TBA
 Sumter in Southern Slam (at Eastside High in Greenville), TBA

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who can come in and pick up the pieces and run with it," said Schaffer, who begins his second tenure on the SHS girls bench today when Sumter plays host to Hartsville beginning at 6 p.m.

Schaffer won't be the only familiar "new" face on the bench. Chris Vandevander, who succeeded Schaffer as head coach, will be his assistant.

Schaffer and Vandevander will have a lot of familiar faces to work with as they lost only one starter in Taylor Miles from last year's 3-18 team. Three of the returning starters are sophomores Carnasia Wells, Tamerah Brown and Nina Edlow and the other is senior Latrice Lyons.

Brown led the team in scoring with a 12.4 points-per-game average. Wells averaged 7.7, Lyons 6.7 and Edlow 5.1. Also, Dynasia Jackson, another sophomore, averaged 6.1 points. Schaffer isn't sure if she will be available today though as she is going through concussion protocol.

The fifth starter will be freshman Layken Cox, who started on the junior

varsity as an eighth-grader last season.

Schaffer said his focus leading into the season has been to get the Lady Gamecocks as well prepared defensively as possible.

"The thing we've been stressing is how we perform on the defensive end," said Schaffer, who was 98-56 in his six years at SHS. "Hopefully being good on defense will help us get some points offensively. We want to be able to get in the other teams' face and force them to do things they don't want to do for 32 minutes. We're going to mix it up with zone, man, running traps. We'll do what works."

Quanjene Brown saw significant time for Sumter last year in the front court and she returns as well to offer some depth.

Schaffer said Sumter has scrimmaged against defending 5A state champion Goose Creek and 4A runner-up Wilson.

"I wanted to see what we're made of," Schaffer said. "We got knocked around a little bit by Goose Creek, but they've had a tremendous program for the past 15 years or so. We didn't back down from them though. We battled with them and I was happy about that."

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the lead was gone. And soon, it was gone for good.

Notre Dame made seven consecutive shots in the second quarter to get back into the game, then had another 7 for 7 stretch early in the fourth.

"I thought the best thing about the game was how we handled their first punch," said Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw, whose team had a 58-42 edge in points in the paint. "They came out on fire. We were back on our heels. I really needed to get two posts in the game. I thought we played much better when we had two posts in."

The first Irish lead came when Mabrey found Shepard for a layup and a 34-33 edge, and Notre Dame just kept attacking the rim the rest of the way.

Mabrey had back-to-back scores at the rim early in the third to give Notre Dame a 47-38 lead, and the Irish kept control from there. The only time the outcome looked in any doubt was late in the third, when South Carolina forced turnovers on two straight posses-

sions, scored on both and got within 59-51.

Notre Dame called time and Mabrey drilled an open 3-pointer from the left corner on the ensuing possession, and the Irish took an 11-point lead into the fourth.

The lead was 80-61 when Young scored with 6:34 left. South Carolina had one last-gasp run, getting within nine on a layup by Wilson with 2:04 left and eventually within five in the final seconds, but the Gamecocks ran out of time.

"Our young team, this is great for them," Staley said. "As much as you try to tell them there's another level of competition out there, until they face it -- in defeat -- that's when the learning takes place."

BIG PICTURE

Notre Dame: The Irish shot 67 percent in the second quarter and 69 percent in the fourth. ... Notre Dame has now won 38 consecutive games played in November.

South Carolina: The Gamecocks started 9 for 14, then were just 6 for their next 26. After the hot start, they went more than 20 minutes before making two consecutive shots. ... Staley remained on 399 career wins.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS TOP 25

The Associated Press

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 26, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. UConn (31)	5-0	775	1
2. Texas	5-0	723	2
3. Notre Dame	6-0	698	6
4. Louisville	6-0	695	4
5. South Carolina	6-1	611	3
6. Mississippi St.	6-0	610	7
7. UCLA	5-1	609	5
8. Ohio St.	7-1	569	9
9. Baylor	5-1	557	8
10. Oregon	5-1	470	10
11. West Virginia	6-0	446	11
12. Tennessee	6-0	428	12
13. Florida St.	6-0	380	13
14. Duke	5-1	351	16
15. Maryland	5-2	324	15
16. Stanford	4-3	310	14
17. South Florida	6-1	259	17
18. Texas A&M	4-1	215	19
19. Missouri	5-1	207	23
20. Kentucky	6-0	174	22
21. Oregon St.	3-2	166	18
22. Michigan	4-1	107	25
23. Marquette	2-2	101	20
24. California	3-2	66	21
25. Villanova	5-0	56	-

Others receiving votes: Green Bay 31, Arizona St. 26, Oklahoma 25, New Mexico 19, Iowa 17, Michigan St. 16, DePaul 8, Syracuse 6, Minnesota 5, Oklahoma St. 5, Kansas St. 4, Georgia 3, Southern Cal 3.

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A Tennessee fan holds a sign reading "Schiano" during a gathering of Tennessee fans on Sunday reacting to the possibility of hiring Ohio State defensive coordinator Greg Schiano for its head coaching vacancy. The deal between Schiano and the school was dropped, leaving Tennessee looking for someone who can unite the fans.

Vols AD Currie defends vetting of Schiano during search for coach

BY STEVE MEGARGEE

The Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee athletic director John Currie is defending his coaching search and vouching for the character of Greg Schiano one day after negotiations between the two parties broke down amid a public backlash.

Currie issued a statement Monday acknowledging the Ohio State defensive coordinator had been a leading candidate for the Volunteers' coaching vacancy without explaining why the two sides parted ways.

"Among the most respected professional and college football coaches, he is widely regarded as an outstanding leader who develops tough, competitive teams and cares deeply about his student-athletes," Currie said.

Tennessee Chancellor Beverly Davenport issued a statement saying "I deeply regret the events of yesterday for everyone involved." Davenport added that "the university remains steadfast in its commitment to excellence, and I look forward to John Currie continuing the search" for a new coach.

The school and Schiano were close to an agreement Sunday before the deal fell apart after heavy criticism from fans, state representatives and gubernatorial candidates.

Their complaints stemmed from Schiano's background as an assistant at Penn State during Jerry Sandusky's tenure as the Nittany

Lions' defensive coordinator. Sandusky is serving 30 to 60 years in prison for his conviction on 45 counts of sexual abuse.

Court documents released last year of a deposition in a case related to the Sandusky scandal suggested Schiano might have been aware of Sandusky's sexual abuse against children, though Schiano has said he never saw abuse or had any reason to suspect it while working at Penn State.

Currie said Tennessee "carefully interviewed and vetted" Schiano and that the former Rutgers and Tampa Bay Buccaneers coach "received the highest recommendations."

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam said he wasn't involved in the search but added that he doesn't "think anybody looks at the way everything came down yesterday and says that's the way it should happen."

Haslam also said his brother, Cleveland Browns owner Jimmy Haslam, wasn't playing an instrumental role in the search. Jimmy Haslam was part of the search committee that assisted in the hiring of Currie this year.

"I do think we should all be concerned about a rush to judgment," Bill Haslam said.

Currie said Schiano wasn't mentioned in the 2012 report on the Sandusky scandal led by former FBI director Louis Freeh and "was not one of the more than 400 people interviewed in the investigation."

SPORTS ITEMS

Tech's Harvin named third-team All-ACC

Former Sumter High School and Georgia Tech freshman punter Pressley Harvin III was named to the third team All-Atlantic Coast Conference football team released on Monday.

Harvin leads all NCAA Division I FBS true freshmen punters and is ranked 18th overall nationally and second in the ACC in punting average at 44.1 yards per punt. Sixteen of his 50 punts (32 percent) were downed inside the 20 yard line, 13 (26 percent) traveled 50-plus yards and just 21 (42 percent) were returned.

His 44.1-yard average was a Georgia Tech freshman record, breaking the old freshman mark of 43.8 yards per punt, set by Dan Dyke in 1999 and was the fifth-best single-season average in program history.

Six Clemson linemen — three on offense and three on defense — were selected to the first team. Tackle Mitch Hyatt, guard Tyrone Crowder and center Justin Falcinelli are on the offensive first team and tackles Christian Wilkins and Dexter Lawrence and end Clelin Ferrell are on the defense.

Tiger defensive end Austin Bryant and linebacker Dorian O'Daniel are on the second team, while wide receivers Hunter Renfrow and Deon Cain, offensive guard Taylor Earn, running back Travis Etienne and linebacker Kendall Joseph are on the third team.

FLORIDA HIRES MULLEN

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida has hired Mississippi State's Dan Mullen as its next football coach, bringing back the guy who helped turned Tim Tebow into a star.

The Gators announced the deal Sunday, after Mullen told his team he was returning to Gainesville.

Spurned by Chip Kelly and

seemingly unwilling to risk waiting for UCF's Scott Frost to possibly do the same, Florida athletic director Scott Stricklin turned to Mullen. Stricklin and Mullen worked together in Starkville from 2009 to 2016. Stricklin was Mississippi State's athletic director for seven of those years.

Mullen previously spent four years (2005-08) as Florida's offensive coordinator and won two national championships while guiding Tebow to the top of the school record books. The Gators averaged 36.3 points a game and 7.1 yards a play during Mullen's tenure.

TEXAS A&M FIRES SUMLIN

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Texas A&M has fired coach Kevin Sumlin after six winning seasons.

The first black head coach in program history was 51-26 and never had a losing season. But his first year at A&M was his best, and he never could come close to matching it.

In 2012, Sumlin had a Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback in Johnny Manziel and ushered in the program's move from the Big 12 to the Southeastern Conference by going 11-2. That earned him a new contract and \$5 million per year salary, but the Aggies have not won more than nine games since.

FSU'S FISHER MUM ON A&M

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State's Jimbo Fisher remains mum when it comes to his coaching future.

While Fisher was happy to discuss Florida's hiring of Dan Mullen during his weekly news conference on Monday, he said he would not discuss speculation that he is the top candidate at Texas A&M after Kevin Sumlin was fired on Sunday.

"I'm just not going to talk about it," Fisher said.

OBITUARIES

NAOMI CHESTNUT

Naomi Chestnut departed this life on Nov. 23, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

She was born on Aug. 10, 1953, to the late Rev. James W. and Lucille Manning Chestnut. At an early age, she was a member of St.

Matthews Baptist Church of Sumter. Later she became a member of St. Mark United Methodist Church of Oswego Highway in Sumter, until her passing. She was a graduate of Sumter High School. She attended three colleges, USC Sumter, Central Carolina Technical College and Lesley University. She finalized her Master's Degree in Education at Lesley University. She was employed with Sumter School District 17 for more than 35 years. While she was a devoted teacher, she also helped children that needed one on one help with behavioral and academic needs. She was also a devoted bus driver who put her all into everything she did.

Naomi leaves to cherish her loving memory: her devoted daughter, Shironica L. (John) Wilson; son, Jamie L. (Kimberly) Chestnut Sr.; four granddaughters, Lisha A. Chestnut, Jonnel Wilson, Kimbrianna Chestnut and Kyrianna Chestnut; two grandsons, Jamie Chestnut Jr. and Johnny LaCosta; four brothers, Moses (Katrina) Chestnut, McDonald (Flossie) Chestnut and Isiah (Julia) Chestnut, all of Baltimore, and John Chestnut of Sumter; one sister, Catherine McCray; five aunts; extended church family; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, David and William Chestnut; four sisters, Bertha Montgomery Gable, Beatrice Command,

Hattie Chestnut and Hattie McNeal Warren.

There will be no public viewing.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center (Westend Community Church), 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter. Interment will follow at Hillside Memorial Park.

The family will be receiving friends at the home, 950 Salt-erstown Road, Sumter.

Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., Sumter, is in charge of arrangements.

Online memorials may be sent to the family at jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com or visit us on the web at www.jobsmortuary.net.

SAMUEL H. PORTER

MANNING — Samuel Holland Porter, 91, widower of Doris Toole Porter, died on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2017, at McLeod Regional Medical Center.

Born on May 13, 1926, in Charlotte, North Carolina, he was a son of the late

Charles Howard Porter Sr. and Hannah Holland Porter. He was a U.S. Army World War II veteran and served in Gen. Douglas McArthur's Honor Guard. He was a charter member of the Steele Creek Volunteer Fire Department and he retired from Eastern Airlines as an operations agent with 27 years of service. After he retired, he worked as a shuttle bus driver for the Charlotte-Douglas Airport for 10 years. He was a member of and loved his church family at Grace Christian Fellowship Church.

He is survived by three daughters, Catherine P. Dover of Lancaster, Ann P. Walters of Manning and Judith P. Calhoun (Glenn) of Waukesha, Wisconsin; a brother, William N. Porter of Tampa, Florida; and four grandchildren, JudithAnn Dover, James P.

Dover (Christina), Mary Elizabeth Calhoun and Denise Marie Calhoun.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Grace Christian Fellowship Church with the Rev. Mike Murdoch officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 10 to 11 a.m. in the church fellowship hall and other times at the residence, 1804 Strickland Road, Manning.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Steele Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Memorials may be made to Grace Christian Fellowship Church, P.O. Box 702, Manning, SC 29102 or the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.

Stephens Funeral Home & Crematory, 304 N. Church St., Manning, is in charge of arrangements, (803) 435-2179. www.stephensfuneralhome.org

ROSALINA A. JAMES

Funeral services for Rosalina Anduyan James, wife of Vernon James, will be held at

2 p.m. on Thursday at Green Acres Assembly of God, 537 Lewis Road, Sumter, with the Rev. Michael Bowman officiating.

Mrs. James will be placed in the church at noon for viewing until the hour of service.

Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

The public may view on Wednesday and the family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. at Palmer Memorial Chapel, 304 S. Main St., and other times at 1180 Malone Drive, Sumter.

Mrs. James transitioned on Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017, at NHC in Sumter.

Born in Cebu City, Philippines, she was a daughter of the late Hilarion Anduyan and Francisca Mercado. Mrs.

James was a lifelong member of Green Acres Assembly of God Church. She served faithfully with the Missionettes and as a Sunday school teacher. She was employed with the former Glenn Manufacturing Company of Sumter.

Survivors include her husband, Vernon James; eight children, Rodolph A. Garcia of Philippines, Reggie (Nicole) James of Sumter, Randy (Amanda) James and Roderick (Michelle) James of Germany, Vernon "Jeff" (Ashleigh) James of Georgia, Marcelina (Roberto) Etienne of China and Joey and Lisa Mohican; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and siblings, Linda Alston, Betty James and Sandy James, all of Sumter, Evelyn (Calvin) Woods and Elaine James of Columbia, and Rick Anduyan and Theodore (Norma) Salac, all of the Philippines.

Condolences may be made on her tribute page found at www.PalmerMemorialChapel.com.

Professional services rendered by Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.

ELLEN N. RICHBOW

Ellen "Letha" Nelson Richbow, 86, wife of Ceasar Richbow, died on Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017, at her residence in Rembert.

Born in Sumter County, she was a daughter of the late Rosa Lee Nelson Dargan and the stepdaughter of the late Elick Dargan.

The family will receive friends at the home, 2190 Alston Road, Rembert.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.

CARTER JEAN C. FRIERSON

Carter Jean Cleaton Frier-son, 73, wife of William R. Frier-son, departed this life on Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey. She was born on Jan. 19,



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JAMES

SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	
LOCAL CHANNELS													
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	The Voice "Live Top 11 Eliminations" Nine artists are revealed to be safe. (N) (Live)	This Is Us "Number Three" Randall and Beth face a hard choice. (N)	(:01) Chicago Med "Nothing to Fear" Manning tries to help a pregnant woman. (N) (DVS)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)			
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Animated. Burl Ives narrates an animated tale.	(:01) NCIS "What Lies Above" A robber trashes McGee's apartment. (DVS)	The Victoria's Secret Fashion Show: Women model lingerie.	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert			
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Great Outdoors" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Middle Axl returns home from Europe.	Fresh Off the Boat "Kids" (DVS)	blackish "Elder. Scam." Ruby gets scammed.	The Mayor Rapper Courtney Rose runs for office.	Kevin (Probably) Saves the World "Sweet Little Lies" Kevin helps a couple plan their wedding.	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	
WRJA	27	11	14	The Big Band Years (My Music): Big Band hits.			The Vietnam War "The Weight of Memory" Civil war continues in Vietnam. (DVS)			Mindfulness Goes Mainstream: The power of mindfulness meditation.	Rick Steves' Europe: Great German Cities		
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Sales Call Sublimination"	The Big Bang Theory "The Sales Call Sublimination"	Lethal Weapon "Fork-Getta-Bout It" Riggs and Murtaugh investigate the mob. (N) (DVS)	The Mick Mickey is concerned about Sabrina. (N)	Brooklyn Nine-Nine "Return to Skyfire" (N)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing "Educating Boyd"	Last Man Standing "The Road Less Driven"	The Flash "Crisis on Earth-X, Part 3" Villains from Earth-X attack. (N)	DC's Legends of Tomorrow "Crisis on Earth-X, Part 4" Villains from Earth-X attack. (N)	The X-Files "Die Hand Die Verletzt" Occult display of murdered teen.	The X-Files "Humburg" Escape artist's mysterious death.	The Game "The Truth Hurts" Tasha loses her cool.			
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130	The First 48 "Moonie; Dark Impulse" Stabbing in New Orleans and Atlanta.	The First 48 Woman on the run; Army veteran killed.	The First 48: Scene of the Crime Investigating a young father's murder. (N)	Who Killed Tupac? Coastal rap rivalry theory examined. (N)	(:07) Who Killed Tupac? Orlando Anderson's possible motive.	(12:03) The First 48					
AMC	48	180	(5:30) *** "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" (2003) Nick Stahl	** "The Book of Eli" (2010, Adventure) Denzel Washington, Gary Oldman, Mila Kunis. A lone warrior carries hope across a post-apocalyptic wasteland.	*** "Total Recall" (1990, Science Fiction) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Rachel Ticotin. Strange dreams lead an earthling to intergalactic intrigue.								
ANPL	41	100	River Monsters "Phantom Assassin"	River Monsters "Death Down Under"	River Monsters "Lair of Giants" Exploring Guyana's Essequibo River.	River Monsters "Asian Slayer"	River Monsters						
BET	61	162	** "ATL" (2006, Comedy-Drama) Tip Harris, Lauren London, Mykelti Williamson. Four Atlanta teens face challenges.	Gucci Mane & Keyshia Ka'Oir: The Mane Event "Stormy Weather" (N)	Gucci Mane & Keyshia Ka'Oir: The Mane Event "Stormy Weather"	50 Central "Amistad Travel Agency"							
BRAVO	47	181	Top Chef Junior Fuller faces health issues.	Below Deck "You Don't Mess With the Primary" Capt. Lee tests Matt.	Below Deck Jen upsets the entire crew. (N)	Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles A new realtor enters the fray.	Watch What Happens Live	Below Deck Jen upsets the entire crew.					
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank (DVS)	The Profit "Tumbleweed Tiny Homes"	Shark Tank	Shark Tank					
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	Anderson Cooper					
COM	57	136	(6:50) South Park Animated. Idol.	(:25) South Park "Canceled"	Drunk History "Space"	Drunk History "San Francisco"	Drunk History "Detroit"	Drunk History "Spies"	Drunk History (N)	Drunk History "Hamilton"	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	The Opposition w/ Jordan Klepper (N)	(12:01) Drunk History
DISN	18	200	Bunk'd Three cabins compete.	Raven's Home "Fears of a Clown"	Andi Mack	Stuck in the Middle	Bizaardvark "Sci-ence (Un)Fair"	Raven's Home "Dancing Tween"	Stuck in the Middle	Liv and Maddie	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home Nia contacts her father.	Stuck in the Middle
DSC	42	103	Moonshiners "Snake Bitten"	Moonshiners "Outlaw Cuts" (N)	Moonshiners "Lightning Strikes" (N)	(:03) Bushcraft Build-Off (N)	(:04) Moonshiners "Lightning Strikes"	Bushcraft Build-Off					
ESPN	26	35	College Football Playoff: Top 25 (N)	College Basketball Louisville at Purdue. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Iowa at Virginia Tech. (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N)						
ESPN2	27	39	College Basketball Northwestern at Georgia Tech. (N) (Live)	Chopped "Blue Plate Fate"	Chopped "Clam Clash"	Chopped "Weird Twist" (N)	Chopped "An Ugly Turn"	Chopped					
FOOD	40	109	Chopped "The Bold and the Baconful"	Chopped "Blue Plate Fate"	Chopped "Clam Clash"	Chopped "Weird Twist" (N)	Chopped "An Ugly Turn"	Chopped					
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Tucker Carlson						
FREE	20	131	(6:45) *** "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase. A traditional Griswold yuletide backfires in comic fashion.	(8:55) ** "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn, Reese Witherspoon. Premiere. A couple must somehow fit in four holiday visits with family.	Rodeo From March 22, 2017.	The 700 Club "The Man Who Invented Christmas."	"The Mistle-Tones" (2012)						
FSS	21	47	Boxing WBA World super welterweight title bout. From May 5, 2012.	Rodeo From March 22, 2017.	Rodeo From March 22, 2017.	Rodeo From March 22, 2017.	Rodeo From March 22, 2017.						
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "The Christmas Train" (2017, Drama) Dermot Mulroney.	"Coming Home for Christmas" (2017, Romance) Danica McKellar, Neal Bledsoe. A woman prepns an estate for sale and one final family gala.	"My Christmas Dream" (2016, Drama) Danica McKellar, David Haydn-Jones, Deidre Hall. A manager has to choose between her dreams and her heart.	"Love You Like Christmas" (2016)							
HGTV	39	112	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper (N)	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	Fixer Upper					
HIST	45	110	The Curse of Oak Island	Oak Island: Digging Deeper	The Curse of Oak Island "Close Call"	(:03) The Hunt for the Zodiac Killer (N)	(:03) The Curse of Oak Island	Digging Deeper					
ION	13	18	Criminal Minds "The Storm" Hotch is arrested for conspiracy. (DVS)	Criminal Minds "Green Light" Reid fears his mother has been abducted.	Criminal Minds "Red Light" The BAU gets a new lead on Mr. Scratch.	Criminal Minds "The Crimson King" The team tracks an escaped killer.	Criminal Minds "Sick Day" A child abduction case rattles J.J. (DVS)	Criminal Minds "Taboo"					
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) "Last Chance for Christmas" (2015, Romance) Hilary Burton.	** "Christmas With the Kranks" (2004, Comedy) Tim Allen, Jamie Lee Curtis, Dan Aykroyd. A couple scramble to assemble a holiday celebration.	(:02) "All About Christmas Eve" (2012, Comedy) Haylie Duff, Chris Carmack, Connie Sellecca. Evelyn lives out two possible futures in parallel.	(12:01) "Christmas With the Kranks"							
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow					
NICK	16	210	Henry Danger	SpongeBob	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince					
SPiKE	64	153	Friends	Friends	Friends	Ink Master: Angels	Ink Master: Angels (N)	Tattoo Nightmares	Tattoo Nightmares	Tattoo Nightmares	Tattoo Nightmares	Tattoo Nightmares	
SYFY	58	152	(5:30) ** "XXX" (2002, Action) Vin Diesel, Asia Argento.	Futurama "Fry Am the Egg Man"	Futurama "The Tip of the Zoidberg"	Futurama "Cold Warriors"	Futurama "Over-clockwise"	Futurama "Reincarnation"	Futurama	Futurama "A Farewell to Arms"	Futurama "Decision 3012"	Futurama "The Thief of Baghead"	
TBS	24	156	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Snoop Dogg: Joker's Wild	Drop the Mic (N)	Conan (N)	Snoop Dogg: Joker's Wild			
TCM	49	186	(6:45) ** "Man-Proof" (1937) Myrna Loy, Franchot Tone.	*** "The Front" (1976, Comedy-Drama) Woody Allen, Zero Mostel, Herschel Bernardi. A scheming bungler fronts for blacklisted author friends.	*** "The Landlord" (1970, Comedy-Drama) Beau Bridges, Pearl Bailey, Diana Sands. A young man tries to renovate a ghetto apartment building.	*** "David and Lisa" (1962)							
TLC	43	157	Hodges Half Dozen	The Little Couple (N)	The Little Couple (N)	(:03) Hodges Half Dozen (N)	(:06) The Little Couple	Hodges Half					
TNT	23	158	Bones The team continues to hunt for Kovac.	Major Crimes "Sanctuary City: Part 4" Raydor continues to investigate.	Major Crimes "Sanctuary City: Part 5" The case leads to its conclusion. (N)	(:01) Major Crimes The case leads to its conclusion. (Part 5 of 5)	(:02) Law & Order "Couples" Mysterious homicides. (DVS)	(12:02) Law & Order "Smoke"					
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers					
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Teachers (N)	Mom	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens
USA	25	132	NCIS "Two-Faced" A seaman's death may be one in a series. (DVS)	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live)	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live)	Damnation The farmers and the bank negotiate. (N) (DVS)	A kidnapping investigation reveals lies.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
WE	68	166	Law & Order "Golden Years"	Law & Order "Snatched"	Law & Order "Breeder"	Law & Order "Censure"	Law & Order "Kids"	Law & Order					
WGNA	8	172	*** "Men of Honor" (2000, Drama) Robert De Niro, Cuba Gooding Jr., Charlize Theron.	*** "Men of Honor" (2000, Drama) Robert De Niro, Cuba Gooding Jr., Charlize Theron.	*** "Men of Honor" (2000, Drama) Robert De Niro, Cuba Gooding Jr., Charlize Theron.	Rules/Engagement							

Small town suffers more than its share of tragedies

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Most local chambers of commerce would love to have a TV series set in their small town. But not with the title "Village of the Damned" (10 p.m., ID, TV-14). This five-part docuseries chronicles a number of tragedies that earned the New York town of Dryden its dark reputation.

According to those interviewed in "Damned," some once considered Dryden the inspiration for Frank Capra's Bedford Falls in "It's a Wonderful Life." But others contend that the town has been cursed.

Over the course of five episodes, "Damned" will examine true crimes, including the cold-blooded execution of an entire family; the murder of a beloved football coach; the deaths of two young cheerleaders and other grim events. "Damned" focuses on how so many tragedies in a relatively small population can breed a climate of fear and even superstition.

That makes sense in a non-fiction series, but such logic is always dispensed with scripted dramas set in small towns. People die in every episode of "Midsomer Murders" and similar series. And the residents muddle through until the next body drops.

As if to prove we are all stranded on the Island of Misfit Toys, CBS continues its annual tradition of airing the

1964 holiday special "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" (8 p.m., TV-G) and "The Victoria's Secret Fashion Show" (10 p.m., TV-14) on the same night.

This year, for the first time, the holiday festival of under-dressed supermodels prancing in skimpy unmentionables takes place in Shanghai.

"The Drunk History Christmas Special" (10 p.m., Comedy Central, TV-14) recalls holiday anecdotes involving George Washington, Charles Dickens and Theodore Roosevelt, acted out by performers pretending to be inebriated and uttering bleeped-out profanity. As with spiked eggnog, a little goes a long way.

The new series "Survival in the Skies" (9 p.m., Smithsonian) looks at the technology that has allowed fliers and astronauts to survive under punishing conditions. First up: the evolution of the space suit, from the primitive suits that nearly killed early cosmonauts, to the reusable "personal habitats" worn on the International Space Station.

The 2017 documentary "The US Festival 1982: The US Generation" (10 p.m., AXS) captures a concert organized by Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak featuring perfor-

mances by Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers, The Police, Fleetwood Mac, Carlos Santana, The B-52s, The Cars, and Johnny and Joey Ramone, among others.

TV ON DVD

TV-themed DVDs available today include "The Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life."

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Eliminations unfold on "The Voice" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG).
- The DC crossover continues on "The Flash" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14) and "DC's Legends of Tomorrow" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14).
- Jack takes Randall on a college tour on "This Is Us" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- An expectant mother needs TLC on "Chicago Med" (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- A filmmaker spans the globe in search of psychoactive substances on "Hamilton's Pharmacopeia" (10 p.m., ViceLand, TV-14), now in its second season.

CULT CHOICE

A wealthy young man (Beau

Bridges) gets more than he bargained for when he buys a tenement house in the inner city in the 1970 comedy "The Landlord" (10 p.m., TCM), co-starring Pearl Bailey, Diana Sands, Louis Gossett Jr. and Lee Grant. The first feature film directed by Hal Ashby.

SERIES NOTES

Organized crime in a hospital on "Lethal Weapon" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * Axl has changed on "The Middle" (8 p.m., ABC, r, TV-14) * A gentle nudge on "Fresh Off the Boat" (8:30 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * Hidden treasure on "NCIS" (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Hot or not on "The Mick" (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * Ruby worries Dre on "black-ish" (9 p.m., ABC, r, TV-14) * Underground at a fan fiction convention on "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" (9:30 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * A publicity stunt exceeds expectations on "The Mayor" (9:30 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) * Affection and deception on "Kevin (Probably) Saves the World" (10 p.m., ABC, r, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

Greta Gerwig is booked on "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Cen-

tral) * Justin Verlander, Jay Pharoah and Langhorne Slim appear on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS) * John Mulaney and Jason Segel are booked on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS, r) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Daisy Ridley, Jim Belushi and Liam Gallagher on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Saoirse Ronan, Rachel Brosnahan, Michelle Wolf and Will Dorsey Jr. visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) * Luke Evans, Usher, Lindsey Buckingham and Christine McVie appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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Public Hearing

NOTICE OF SUMTER BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Sumter City-County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Opera House (21 North Main Street, Sumter, South Carolina). The following requests are scheduled for public hearing:

BOA-17-25, 409 Rast St. (City) The applicant is requesting Special Exception approval in order to allow for a Drinking Place (SIC 5813) as required per Article 3, Section 3.1.4 e Drinking Places (SIC Code 5813), and in accordance with Article 5, Section B; 5.b.3.1 of the City Zoning Ordinance. The property is located at 409 Rast St., represented by Tax Map #230-16-03-014 and is zoned General Commercial (GC).

BOA-17-26, 13 Chappell Circle (City) The applicant is requesting multiple variances related to the construction of an accessory apartment at 13 Chappell Circle: (1) a 5 foot variance from 4.g.2.b.1. Maximum Height to allow for a 30 foot tall accessory structure; (2) a variance from Article 4 Accessory Apartment Conditions, which caps the maximum floor area of an accessory apartment to 40% of the floor area of the principal structure, in order to allow for the proposed accessory apartment to be up to 60% of the floor area of the principal residential structure. The property is represented by Tax Map # 204-11-03-035 and zoned Residential-15 (R-15).

BOA-17-27, 101 N. Wise Dr. (City) The applicant is requesting a variance to reduce the required number of parking spaces as per Article 8, Section 8.i.3.: Off Street Residential Parking of the City Zoning Ordinance from 2 spaces per unit to 1.25 spaces per unit in order to construct a 49-unit senior apartment complex. The property is located at 101 N. Wise Dr., represented by Tax Map #229-08-01-034 and zoned General Commercial (GC).

BOA-17-28, 2801 Broad St. (City) The Applicant is requesting a variance to allow for the continued use of an existing non-conforming off-premise business directional sign in accordance with Article 8, Section 8.h.4.b. The existing freestanding sign is 16.5' tall, 12' wide, and contains two sign faces totaling 104 square feet in area. The property is located at 2801 & 2831 Broad Street, represented by Tax Map # 202-00-01-032, and zoned General Commercial (GC). The property is also located within the Highway Corridor Protection District (HCPD).

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