

District acquires Bubba's Diner

School system plans for technical school

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Sumter School District announced it is moving forward with plans for a new technical high school/center and that, to do so, it has purchased Bubba's Diner at 841 Broad St.

The diner will continue to operate and lease the location for the next two to three years.

The Rabon family, which has owned Bubba's Diner since it opened in 2009, and school district officials confirmed details of the Oct. 27 acquisition on Tuesday.

Business leaders and elected officials in Sumter have publicized their longing for such a school to open on Broad Street near Central Carolina Technical College's state-of-the-art Advanced Manufacturing Technology Training Center since that facility opened in August 2015. The thought is the new school could help develop the future local workforce, officials said. According to widespread research, the skill of an area's workforce is quickly becoming a top priority in economic development and attracting new industry.

The district purchased commercial property lots in two strip plazas near Central Carolina's training center last year with state funding, according to district sources. One plaza strip adjoins CCTC's facility on the right, and the second runs perpendicular to the first.

After the school district cleaned the slate this summer from a financial crisis that first became public knowledge in December with the release of the 2016 audit report, district leaders took back up the idea of a new technical school.

According to Interim Superintendent Debbie Hamm, funding to purchase Bubba's also came from state funding. Hamm said specific funds for constructing a technical high school were available through the state Legislature and the state Technical College System in association with Central Carolina. No school district funds were used in the Oct. 27 purchase.

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BD employees return the favor



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Grill master Danny Burke prepares to put his secret barbecue sauce on some of the 2,000 pounds of chicken served at the BD Sumter plant in a fundraiser for BD employees in Puerto Rico post-Hurricane Maria.

Barbecue fundraiser helps hurricane-ravaged Puerto Rico

BY JIM HILLEY
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Two years ago, when the 1,000-year flood struck South Carolina, among those affected were employees of the BD plant in Sumter.

"We had a lot of associates impacted, but we had six associates that worked here who lost everything," Sumter Plant Manager Kevin Johnson said.

Employees held a barbecue at the time to raise money for their co-workers in need. Money raised in the effort was matched by BD, and other sites around the world also pitched in, Johnson said.

"Puerto Rico sites were among those that had sent us donations to help our associates," Johnson said.

Fast forward to Sept. 20 of this year. Puerto Rico was slammed by Hurricane Maria, which struck



Employee volunteers set up a serving line at the BD Sumter plant during a barbecue to benefit workers at BD plants in Puerto Rico.

the U.S. Commonwealth with Category 4 winds.

The devastation was near total. Three small BD plants in Puerto

Rico were shut down because of the storm, Johnson said, and they are still working to get back online. The lives of many employees have been disrupted.

"I don't have a total count of the number of associates that lost homes and belongings, but it's a substantial number," Johnson said.

Employees at the Sumter plant decided they wanted to return the compassion Puerto Rico had shown for Sumter.

"We essentially wanted to pay it forward," Johnson said.

The grills were fired up again.

With Danny Burke on board as grill master and Chris Floyd coordinating the barbecue, BD's second barbecue fundraiser was set to begin.

"The money will be going to help our BD associates who work in Puerto Rico," Johnson said.

The barbecue turned out to be a

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How to help needy, elderly get Thanksgiving dinner



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Geraldine Singleton shops for turkeys with donated money to feed the needy during a previous holiday season. Singleton is in her 33rd year of feeding the elderly and needy at Thanksgiving.

BY IVY MOORE

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For 33 years, she's been feeding dozens of Sumter's homebound elderly at Thanksgiving, as well as hundreds of mobile residents, and Geraldine Singleton won't let anything stop her. Now, in her early 70s and recovering from a recent illness, she's still determined to serve up turkey, ham, stuffing and all the trimmings on Sunday, Nov. 19.

"I think about all the seniors that are homebound and don't have anyone to make them a Thanksgiving

meal," Singleton said. "That's really what keeps me going."

Singleton's mission started three decades ago with a small group of co-workers calling themselves the Today's Ladies Club. The women began delivering sandwiches to seniors, and their project gradually evolved into providing full meals on the Sundays before Thanksgiving and Christmas. For the past five or six years, Singleton has been the only one able to continue.

She's quick to praise the volunteers who now donate money and time to her cause, acknowledging she can't do everything by herself.

Singleton does, however, cook quite a few of the 50 turkeys and hams that feed the multitudes who attend the dinners at the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club in the South Sumter Gym on the corner of South Sumter Street and Atlantic Avenue.

Last year, Singleton said about 1,000 people came to the gym for Thanksgiving dinner, slightly fewer for the Christmas meal. The event has turned into more than just a meal, now with a clothes giveaway and "preaching

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Family seeks answers after dog is shot

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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A Manning family is seeking answers after they came home on Monday to find their family dog had been shot in the face.

Whitley Carraway, her husband and their four children, who are 2, 4, 7 and 8 years old, arrived to their home off June Burn Road together about 3:40 p.m. While following her children into the house, Carraway said she noticed drops of blood on the front porch.

She said her husband, Travis Carraway, thought Suki, a female blue bully pit bull, may have been in heat.

The couple said they called for the 6-year-old dog and noticed her face was bloody when she crawled from under the porch.

"He said, 'Someone shot my dog,'"

Whitley Carraway said.

She said she thought maybe Suki had been shot with a BB gun but that her husband pointed out the hole in the dog's face. Carraway said she called the police to report the incident while her husband took Suki to the vet.

She said she later walked down the road to see if there was a blood trail leading to the house. The only blood was on the porch, she said.

Carraway said that detail worries her because that may mean someone came into her yard while the family was away.

She said though there is a wooded area near her house, hunting is prohibited there. She said it is also not possible for someone to enter her yard unintentionally because the house is set back from the main road.

While at the animal clinic, the vet said the bullet went through Suki's nose and

into her jaw, breaking it, Carraway said. She said the bullet and the dog's teeth on one side were removed.

As a result of the injury, Suki may be blind in one eye, Carraway said. That eye has already gone white.

She said Suki's veterinary bill is \$475. Carraway said the family is not asking for donations for the bill but that she has heard people want to help. Anyone who would like to help pay the bill can call Morris Animal Clinic in Manning, she said.

"We don't need to see it. We just appreciate any help," she said.

The family is hoping for a speedy recovery, though Suki may not fully heal from her injuries.

Hopefully she can get back to being the family pet, Carraway said.

Now that Suki is back home, Carraway said Monday she and her hus-

band want to find out what happened.

Though Suki is a big dog — and a pit bull — Carraway emphasized Suki is not aggressive.

"She's like a big baby," she said. "Suki is another child to us."

"What did she do? What did Suki do in order for someone to shoot her?"

If it was an accident, then the person who did it should just say that, Carraway said. Accidents do happen, after all.

Anyone with information about the incident can call Clarendon County Sheriff's Office at (803) 435-4414. Information can also be given anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-(888)-CRIME-SC.

The Sumter Item contacted the Clarendon County Sheriff's Office for a copy of the incident report but did not receive approval by press time Tuesday.

LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Monthly One Sumter meeting will be on Sunday at church

The One Sumter monthly meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

Joe Perry, Sumter County information officer, will share with participants his role with the county and information on Penny for Progress.

For information, call the Rev. Joshua Dupree at (803) 795-3600.

Clarendon 2 board will hold called meeting tonight

The Clarendon School District 2 Board of Trustees will have a called board meeting at 5:30 p.m. tonight at the District Office, 12 S. Church St., Summerton.

The board will enter into an executive session for student hearings and reports on employee matters. Any action will be taken in open session.

The board will consider personnel policy and receive information from the superintendent.

For more information, call (803) 435-4435.

Lakewood choir performs



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The Lakewood High School Chamber Choir, directed by Herbert Johnson, performs at the inaugural Leaders for Learning Partnership Breakfast hosted by Sumter School District last week at First Church of the Nazarene, 3700 Patriot Parkway.

Women of Excellence will be honored Saturday

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The 10th Annual Celebration of Women of Excellence, sponsored by the Social Justice Consortium, will be held at 8:45 a.m. Saturday in the parish hall of Church of the Holy Comforter, 213 N. Main St.

Women of Excellence was organized in 2007 to recognize and honor women in Sumter County for their outstanding service to the community. In 2010, the consortium extended the coverage area to include Clarendon, Lee and Kershaw counties. In conjunction with the program, women in education, law enforcement, military, religion, public service and the medical profession, as well as homemakers, have been recognized by the South Carolina Senate, the House of Representatives and Sumter city and county councils.

The inaugural class of Women of Excellence included Colleen Yates, Ruby Brown, Mildred Bowman, Janet

Smith Clayton, Dr. Margaret Davis, Gloria Roman Felder, Frances D. Finney, Marjorie Fleming Saunders, Jean E. Gray, Dr. Rubye J. Johnson, Ruby T. McKenzie, Lois Parsons, Janie W. Washington, Dr. Brenda C. Williams and Florence Vaughn and the late Corine Bligen, Dr. Agnes Wilson-Burgess, Maude Hawkins, Ida Mae McCain, Lillie B. Nelson, JoLaurence White and Carrie B. Lenoir, who will all be remembered at Saturday's event.

This year's Women of Excellence are: Ruby Gibbs-Williams, Shirley Osborne, Marchetta Williams, Daisy Bradley, Cynthia Myers, Angel Myers, Dr. Valencia Gray-Williams, Dr. Karen Bradford, Floyd B. Palmer-McLeod, Terri Rivers-Jordan, Lucinda York Herriott, Dr. Ayesha Hunter, Minister Tamekia Hunter Ross, Kathy China, Karen H. Washington, Teresa Dozier, Missy Corrigan, Nicole Moore Pearson, Michelle W. Holland, Anitra Hammett, Maureen Dunton, Tia Parker-Gaymon, Denise Lewis, Jenny D. Dennis, Darlene Hebert, Debbie Bowen, Nikita Lewis, Helen Shannon, Barbara

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Chuck Wilson, chairman of the consortium, said the idea for Women of Excellence came about because he felt at the time there was a tendency for women to be overlooked in the workplace and in public service.

The nonprofit organization has partnered with the Brighter Day Charities of the Lowcountry and others to provide water to several villages in the Congo for five years to see the water system to completion. In addition, the Social Justice Consortium was at the forefront of efforts after the 1,000-year flood in the planning of the Dry Shoe Fund, which partnered with associations from across the Southeast and provided hundreds of shoes to school children and their families affected by the flood.

Since the inception of Women of Excellence, the event has been honored to have Dr. Brenda C. Williams and State Sen. Thomas D. McElveen, D-Sumter, as keynote speakers. This year, Jack Osteen, co-owner and former publisher of *The Sumter Item*, will be the speaker.

In addition to the presentation of awards, there will be greetings from local officials, a former recipient and entertainment.

For more information on Saturday's event, email Womenofexcellence2014@yahoo.com. Tickets for Women of Excellence are available by contacting any of the honorees and at Universal Benefits Inc., 110 E. Liberty St., during regular business hours Wednesday and Thursday. Reservations can be made on Friday via email or by calling (803) 773-1838. There will be limited seating available Saturday morning. Donations for the event are \$35.

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Flag finds home at Sumter Military Museum



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The last flag to fly over the U-Tapao military airfield in Thailand during the Vietnam War era now has a new home at the Sumter Military Museum, 129 Harvin St.

Retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col Don Cann presented the flag to museum curator Sammy Way on Monday. Retired Lt. Col. David Simenson, who was on assignment at Clark Air Force in the Philippines and was ordered to fly to each U.S. base in Thailand with base closing and withdrawal orders, accompanied Cann at the presentation. Cann, a B-52 pilot and Simenson, a KC-135 Navigator pilot, both flew out of U-Tapao during the Vietnam War, and both now live in Sumter.

The last U.S. installation to close in Southeast Asia was U-Tapao, which closed on June 13, 1976, which is when the flag presented to the Sumter Military Museum was lowered.

Cann said he received the flag from Air Force Col. Bob Bradshaw, who became commander of the U.S. Military Advisory Group Thailand in 1978.



JIM HILLEY / THESUMTER ITEM

Health officials propose fines because of old tires

CHARLESTON (AP) — Health officials in South Carolina are proposing fines for a recycling company because of abandoned tires that serve as a mosquito breeding ground.

The Department of Health and Environmental Control has proposed more than \$1 million in civil penalties against the 21-acre Viva Recycling operation in Berkeley County, *The Post and Courier* of Charleston reported.

Health officials said the company has more than 200,000 abandoned tires in

Berkeley County. DHEC said the company has not paid the \$1.65 million in fines yet.

Viva President and CEO Marti Sergi said the company has no money to remove the tires or pay the fines.

In addition to the mosquitoes, there are fears a fire will break out at the Viva property. A 2014 blaze hurt three Viva employees and heavily damaged the facility. The plant caught fire again about a year ago, shutting off the power and putting the company out of commission.

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We have all heard at one time or another that you need to listen to your body. But how often do we really follow that advice?

As busy as we are, it's too easy to ignore the pain or think it is something that will eventually go away. If these signs go ignored for a long period of time, they can cause further problems that may lead to chronic issues or illness.

The human body constantly sends internal messages and signals.

It lets us know when something is wrong, when you are in danger and when things are good.

It's normal to take these signals and analyze them, but it is even



Missy Corrigan

more important to act on them. Experts agree that you must become intimately aware of how your body works and responds to different stimuli.

Take time to sit in a quiet place and in a comfortable position. Take notice of how you are breathing, and feel your body respond as you inhale and exhale.

Relax your entire body. Starting at your feet, slowly work your way up while assessing how each area feels.

Many times we are moving so fast that we fail to hear what our body says.

When we don't slow down enough

to listen and address it, we get into trouble. This is not only with physical pain, but also with feelings of hunger.

How many times do you deprive yourself of nutrients even though your body is telling you to eat? Or continue to eat even though your body says you are full? What if your heart rate is pounding, but you continue to consume large amounts of caffeine?

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crease your risk for more serious health problems such as heart disease and diabetes.

From moment to moment, everything is changing in your body. Allow yourself to feel what you feel, and accept it without judgment.

Trust that your body is telling you something for a reason, and share the information and concern with a physician.

You know your body better than anyone else. If you feel that your physician is not really hearing you or helping you, it is best to find a new physician.

Missy Corrigan is executive of community health for Sumter Family YMCA. She can be reached at mcorrigan@ymcasumter.org or (803) 773-1404.

Schools pump up gym class with more choices

BY CAROLYN THOMPSON

The Associated Press

You won't find gym class on the schedule in upstate New York's Victor school district.

What you will see: kayaking, rock climbing, mountain biking, dance, self-defense, archery and in-line skating — all under the heading of physical education. The teachers say it's a more fitting description of lessons meant to last well beyond the class bell.

"We want our kids as they walk out of these halls in grade 12 to be active for life," said Ron Whitcomb, the district's director of health, physical education and athletics.

With the childhood obesity rate at about 17 percent, the federal education law passed in December 2015 to replace No Child Left Behind elevates health and fitness to rank among things such as art, music, civics and science as elements of a well-rounded education and makes additional funding available.

At a time when schools are all about getting students ready for college or jobs, experts say it's a chance for more physical education teachers to look beyond graduation, too, and leave even the least competitive students with the will and skills to keep moving. In many places, that has meant more bike riding, outdoor hikes and yoga and less dodgeball and shimmying up a rope — more choice about which activity to pursue and less emphasis on who's the best at it.

"The most important job of a great physical education teacher is to appreciate every student in that class, not just the highly skilled," said Whit-



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Second-graders learn to ride bikes Oct. 3 on the school yard at Seaton Elementary School in Washington.

comb, whose program pre-dates the new law and is among those considered models for the more modern approach.

Connecticut, Vermont and Michigan are among states that include physical education or fitness in their accountability plans for the U.S. Education Department under the new law. The more holistic view of school quality is a departure from the old law's heavy reliance on test scores.

In the shadow of Washington state's Mount Rainier, physical education teacher Tracy Krause's students have for several years been fly-fishing and rock climbing as part of an "Outdoor Academy" program that also incorporates English Language Arts and environmental science. All freshmen at Krause's Tahoma High School take a foundations class that lets them explore things such as dance, yoga, strength and conditioning.

"Our (school) motto is 'future ready.' We want kids to leave with a plan for the future, whether it's college or the military or going straight to the workforce, and I think the same needs to be true about their health," Krause said.

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The Settlement stems from a lawsuit that claims U.S. Tobacco: (1) accumulated funds over the years through members who may now claim portions of those funds and (2) no longer served its purpose once the Tobacco Price Support Program ended. Although U.S. Tobacco denies these claims and that it is required to distribute any money, it has agreed to do so in this Settlement.

You may have seen information about the Lewis/Fisher Lawsuit in the North Carolina Superior Court that was certified as a class action. You can submit a claim even if you are a class member in the Lewis/Fisher Lawsuit. This Settlement will not become effective, and claims will not be paid, until the class claims in the Lewis/Fisher Lawsuit are discontinued or dismissed.

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You may be included in this Settlement if you are an individual or business that is or was a shareholder or member of U.S. Tobacco from

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Combat, cultural readiness key for new Army trainers

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR
The Associated Press

FORT BENNING, Georgia — Army Col. Scott Jackson reaches out and grasps the hand of a male soldier. Their fingers interlaced, Jackson talks to the soldier for a few minutes and then asks if he feels uncomfortable. The soldier's answer: "A little bit."

That could be a problem. As the Army creates a new training brigade, military leaders such as Jackson aren't looking only at combat techniques and discipline, but also cultural biases and personality issues. The aim is to root out soldiers unfit for their unique mission. Re-enacting the test in his Fort Benning, Georgia, office, Jackson explained how something as simple as holding hands is part of an extensive screening process for soldiers going to places such as Afghanistan, where they will train forces that come from cultures dramatically different from their own.

"It starts with empathy," said Jackson, who was hand-picked to command the Army's first Security Force Assistance Brigade, which will train Afghan forces next year to battle Taliban and other insurgents.

"To be an effective adviser, you have to be willing to work within that culture without losing your cultural identity," Jackson said. "It's OK for two best friends to hold hands and walk down the street like this. But if that ain't you, then you shouldn't be here."

Development of the new brigade began earlier this year, designed to create permanent military training teams that



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Army soldiers hone their long-distance marksmanship skills as they train Oct. 17 at Fort Benning in Georgia. The soldiers are members of the Army's new Security Force Assistance Brigade that is scheduled to deploy to Afghanistan next year to help train and advise Afghan forces. The Army's new training brigade is looking beyond traditional practices to see if soldiers meet the cultural and personality criteria to train local forces in dramatically different cultures.

can be deployed worldwide to help local forces better learn how to fight. It's a reflection of the new reality of America at war: Army soldiers advising and building indigenous security forces, not doing the fighting for them on foreign soil. The new plan replaces various ad-hoc programs during the past dozen years.

The Army will build six brigades during the next few years. Already, senior leaders have increased the size of the first brigade, from 529 soldiers to at least 700.

That's because Army leaders

saw that they needed more advisers on each training team, said Gen. Robert Abrams, head of U.S. Army Forces Command. So they've more than doubled each team's size to about a dozen, adding medical and intelligence specialists and a forward observer who can call in airstrikes. Each team will get a nine-person security squad.

And each team member must pass a new, more intensive screening process.

"We've learned that we have to be more precise" in how we select soldiers for the

brigade, Abrams said.

"Having our senior leaders sit on interview panel, with the candidate standing right there, you get a sense for how they react under stress," Jackson said, explaining that more than a quarter of candidates so far have been rejected. "You can easily sense a kid who may have a little bit of bias maybe in his personality," he said, and bias is the "one overriding trend that we see for non-selection."

Soldiers already chosen have been undergoing extensive training at Fort Benning, the

Army's main training base in rural Georgia, near the Alabama border. Jackson and other commanders, meanwhile, are picking the rest of the brigade.

While empathy and cultural sensitivities are key, it's not all about personality.

Across the base from his office, team members are lying in the grass at Maerten's Range, firing M-4 rifles at pop-up targets. They will have to qualify at a distance of 600 yards — double the Army's normal requirement. Many have trained in Germany on the Soviet-era weapons used by Afghan troops.

Lt. Col. Brian Ducote, who commands one of the brigade's battalions, watched his soldiers practice on the range with the sounds of larger explosions from another training group echoing in the distance. All are experts in their fields, but they're beefing up on medical and lifesaving procedures, language skills and how to use cutting-edge communications equipment. They then must learn how to transfer those skills to their Afghan units.

In addition to the personal interviews, brigade members also must score 80 percent on the Army's physical fitness test.

Army leaders, Ducote said, want soldiers with experience and maturity as well as empathy, so they have good teachers.

"How you say things to them (the Afghans) and how you engage them, how you coach them, is largely driven by their identity and how they view the world. If you don't understand it, you're not going to be successful," Ducote said.

Keeping Sumter Beautiful

Katie Altman, Water Resources Extension Agent

Pond Management

Last week, pond owners and professional pond managers traveled to Sumter from North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, and all over South Carolina. They were here to take part in two days of learning about recreational and stormwater ponds as part of the Fall 2017 Master Pond Manager course. A group of Clemson faculty and staff led the Master Pond Manager class on a variety of educational tours and activities at Poinsett State Park and Palmetto Park. Participants learned about aquatic weeds, dam maintenance, fish stocking, water quality, stormwater best management practices, and more. They even helped to install a planted shoreline in the corner of the Palmetto Park pond, by the tennis courts. If you're in the park, be sure to stop by and check it out. A thriving shoreline planted with the right plants can help reduce erosion, control excess nutrients that lead to algal blooms, and look beautiful!

Ponds are so much more than just holes in the ground, filled with water. To maintain a properly functioning pond, you have to continuously monitor pond health and take action to fix any problems that arise. Clemson's Master Pond Manager course helps pond owners and managers know what warning signs to look for and what steps to take to keep their ponds healthy, whether they are manag-

ing for stormwater treatment, fishing, swimming, irrigation, or a host of other uses.

If you want to learn more about how to properly manage your pond, check out these resources:

Visit www.clemson.edu/hgic/water to find fact sheets about a variety of water topics, including many topics related to ponds.

Look out for the next Master Pond Manager course, next fall. For more information about the course, visit <http://www.clemson.edu/public/water/watershed/training/mpm/>

Save the date for the Stormwater Pond Conference on March 13, 2018 in Columbia, SC. Contact me, Katie Altman, for more information and updates at klaltma@clemson.edu or 803-773-5561.

Clemson Extension offers pond bottom soil analysis for \$3, which includes lime recommendations. Call or visit the Sumter County Clemson Extension office, to learn how we can help you better manage your pond.

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Schools celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

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Repeal of medical deduction prompts tax bill pushback

WASHINGTON (AP) — The medical expense deduction targeted for repeal by GOP tax writers has helped to offset costs including nursing home care and fertility treatments, laser eye surgery and travel out of state for a second opinion on a rare cancer.

Several million people unlucky enough to face big medical bills not covered by their insurance would lose a valuable deduction under the House GOP bill. Groups representing older people and patients are trying to save it.

“Anybody who is paying for the cost of nursing home care is paying a great deal of money, and they are going to lose that deduction, and their taxes are going to go up,” said Thomas DeCoursey, a retired lawyer from Kansas in his 70s.

He relies on the deduction to help offset costs associated with nursing home care for his wife, who has Alzheimer's. Some of his own medical expenses also factor in. DeCoursey estimates that in a couple of years their annual costs will pass \$100,000.

“There are a lot of people in my shoes,” said DeCoursey, who lives in Leawood, a well-to-do Kansas City suburb that voted for President Trump last year.

About 9 million households — 6 percent of tax filers — claim the medical expense deduction, said Gordon Mermin, a senior researcher at the nonpartisan Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center. The annual cost to the U.S. Treasury is about \$10 billion, which ranks it as a modest tax break. Those who benefit tend to be middle-income and upper-middle-income people.

“For the people who claim it, it is not a trivial benefit,” Mermin said.

The medical expense deduction is also versatile. In addition to nursing home care, not generally covered by medical insurance plans, it can be used for:

- Transportation expenses to a top hospital, such as a comprehensive cancer center;
- Some long-term care insurance premiums;
- Installing specialized medical equipment in a patient's home or vehicle;
- Dental procedures; and
- Bills from out-of-network doctors.

“When you are faced with large medical costs, and don't have a lot of options, this is one that helps people,” said Barbara Collura, president of RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association. Most insurance plans do not cover fertility treatments, which can cost from \$15,000 to \$30,000. The deduction can offset some of that cost.

Advocacy groups pushing

back against repeal may get help from the Senate.

House Republicans defend their approach.

In a statement, Ways and Means GOP spokeswoman

Lauren Aronson said the bill would allow people to “keep more of the money they earn for expenses that arise throughout their lives — such as medical bills — rather than

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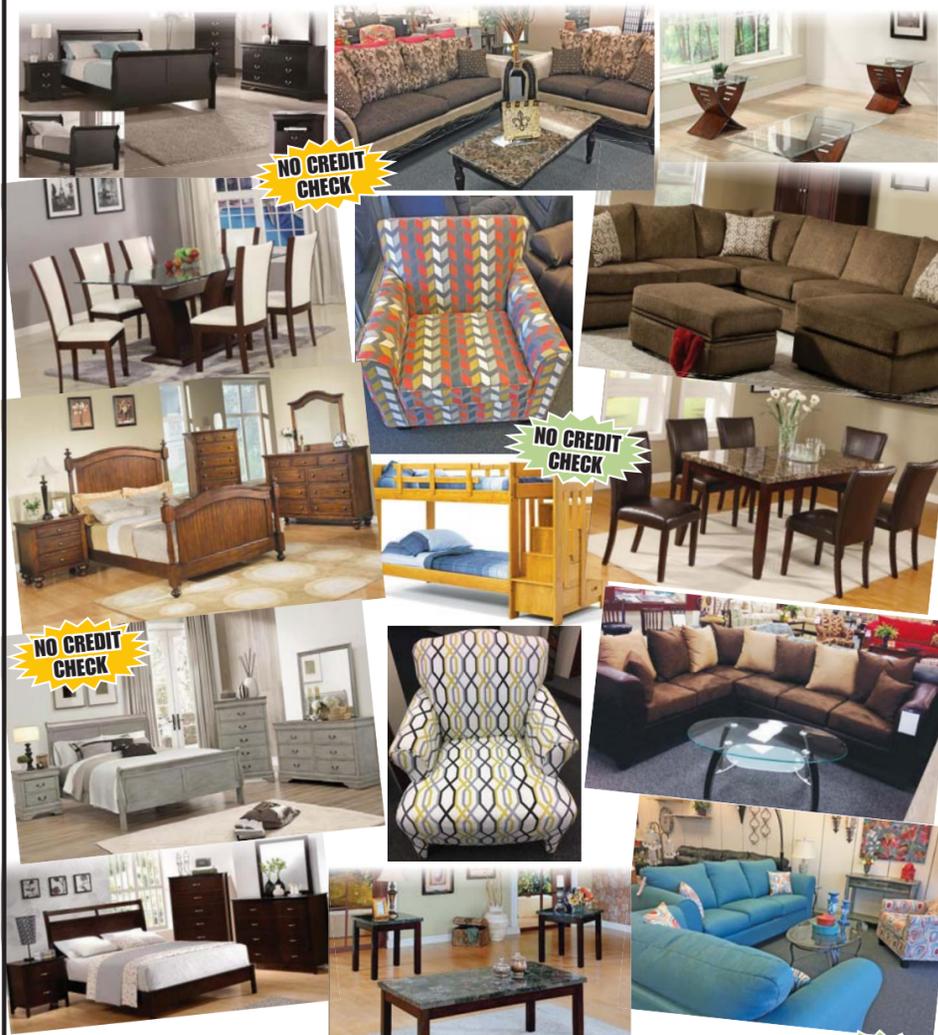


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Face to face with Nest's smartest home security camera

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Nest's new home security camera is supposed to be so smart that it can identify people it's been introduced to.

That skill comes from facial-recognition technology made by Nest's sibling company, Google. The Nest Cam IQ camera is so slick that it carries a premium price — \$300 — plus a \$10 monthly subscription to run the facial-recognition program and other features, such as 10-day video storage. That compares with Nest's \$200 standard camera.

Google's facial-recognition technology also is being added to a camera-equipped doorbell from Nest; a price hasn't been disclosed yet.

Apple is also embracing facial recognition, though with a different type of technology and goal — to unlock the just-released iPhone X.

The Nest Cam IQ offers a

glimpse at how deeply intelligent computers will be able to peer into our lives, especially as more home appliances become connected to the internet.

We set a camera in The Associated Press' San Francisco bureau and identified everyone who regularly works in the office. We tested whether the camera would remember them and send notifications when it spotted them. On the flip side, the camera also sends alerts when it sees someone it doesn't recognize, raising the possibility of an intruder on the premises.

That made us want to find out just how smart — and potentially creepy — this camera really is. As part of the test, a couple of us donned disguises.

It wasn't easy to pull the wool over this camera's prying eyes. It still recognized me wearing psychedelic garb, wolf-like head gear, an Egyptian pharaoh's headdress and a fake mustache. Understandably,

the camera couldn't recognize me under a Frankenstein mask. For some reason, it was just as baffled when an editor it usually had no trouble recognizing donned his cycling helmet and sunglasses in the office. The camera occasionally got baffled when it saw someone from a side angle, even if it

had previously identified that person.

It also added images of paper print-outs of people's faces to their profiles and questioned the identity of an Albert Einstein image on my T-shirt. That's not something that the iPhone X would have recognized, as it adds depth to its recognition algorithm to

understand what's a real face and what's not.

Overall, it's an impressive camera, although it's probably not worth the higher price and monthly subscription unless you have a burning desire to own the latest technology and really need to know everything everyone is doing in your home all the times.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Nest Cam IQ camera is seen recently. Nest's newest home security camera is supposed to be so smart that it can recognize anyone entering its sight line after it has been introduced to someone.

NATION BRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Administration moves ahead with menu law

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is moving ahead with Obama-era requirements to post calorie counts in restaurants, supermarkets, convenience stores and pizza delivery chains nationwide next year.

Despite years of opposition by some food sellers, the Food

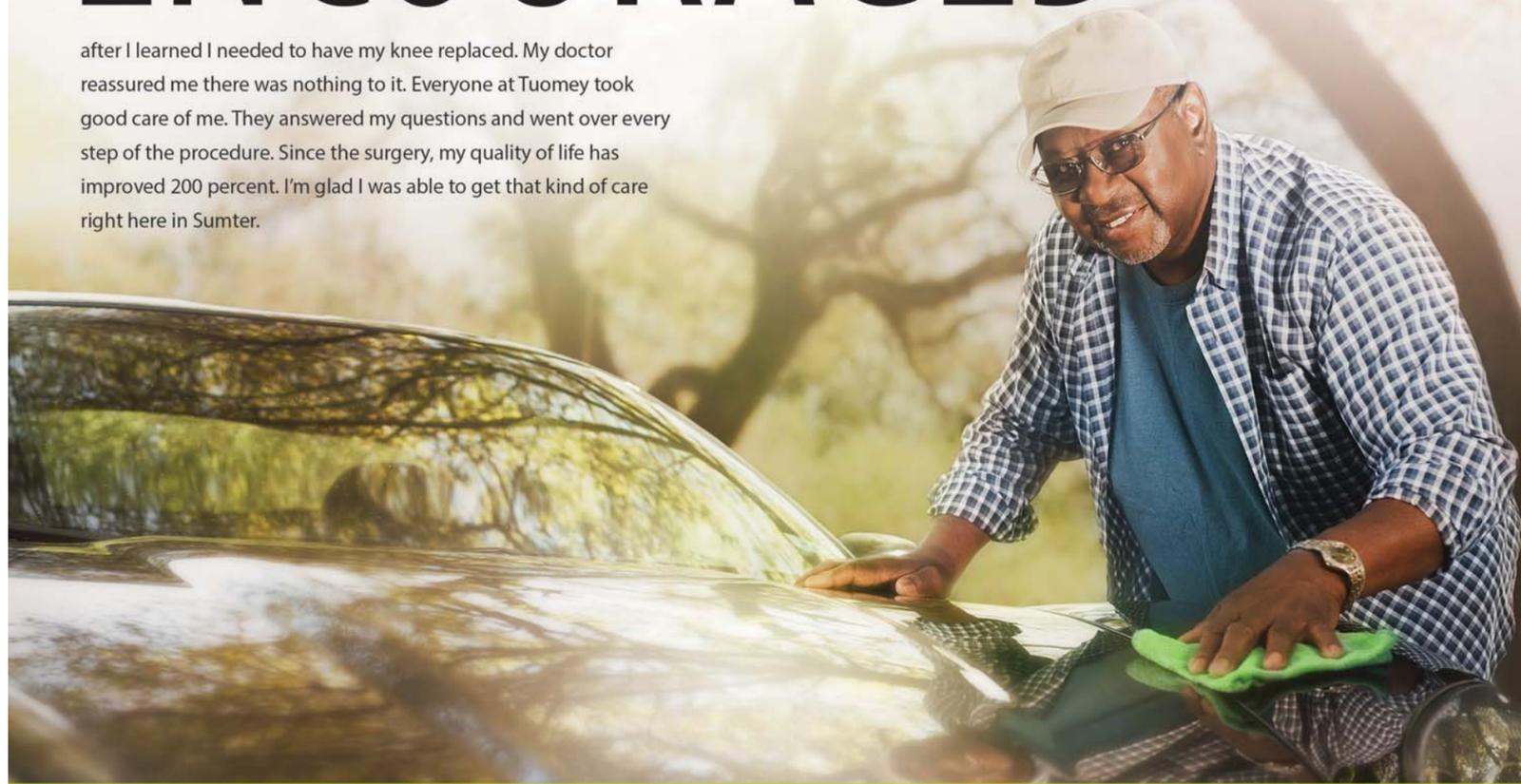
and Drug Administration is offering only minor compromises to industry complaints about the difficulties of displaying calories at takeout chains, self-service buffets and other non-restaurant food locations.

The FDA posted preliminary guidance online Tuesday to help businesses comply with the law. Trump appointees have delayed or upended regulations passed by the Obama administration including rules for water pollution, fuel emissions and policing for-profit universities.

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two-day event, with flames flying Oct. 20-21.

"We are a 24-7 operation, so we have different shift schedules and different folks showing up at different times," Johnson said. "We actually had six different cook times and six different serving times."

Floyd said the cooking started about 6 a.m., with he and Burke fulfilling most of the grilling duties.

"We took turns throughout the day, and we had other people helping us with various aspects of the process," Floyd said. "Cook a while, run home and get a couple of hours of sleep, and come back and do it again."

Johnson said employees responded by doing more than just buying tickets to the barbecue.

"Not only did our associates purchase plates, they went out and talked to friends and family and people they go to church with," Johnson said.

Floyd said they were initially concerned the response might not match the barbecue in 2015.

"It was a little bit different," Floyd said. "We were a little bit worried we would fall slightly short of our sales for the 1,000-year flood barbecue because (in 2015) we had the damage all around us, and we knew the people personally."

Soon, however, ticket sales started picking up.

"We realized we were on track to exceed 2015," Floyd said.

Standing over a grill for two days is demanding work, but Burke said the mild weather made it easier.

"The weather wasn't beating down," he said.

More than 1,200 of the \$8 plates were sold, raising \$12,050.

Johnson said BD is collecting money from sites around the world to assist Puerto Rico.

"We are sending this in as part of that collective effort," he said. "I am sure we will have a strong showing as part of that effort."

Floyd said at one point, Hurricane Maria seemed headed for Sumter.

"We dodged a bullet because the hurricane was initially supposed to hit us," he said. "Cooking barbecue for a couple of days and getting really tired is a pleasure considering what we could have been dealing with."

Johnson said it shows the culture at the Sumter plant.

"We work hard, and we care hard," he said.

Floyd said it was worth the effort.

"The silver lining is we had fun doing it," he said. "We were able to play off that positive energy to raise a lot of money."



Danny Burke watches the grill as Chris Floyd passes a bottle of barbecue sauce to a co-worker during the barbecue fundraiser for BD operations in Puerto Rico. Three small BD plants in Puerto Rico were shut down because of Hurricane Maria, Sumter BD Plant Manager Kevin Johnson said, and they are still working to get back online.

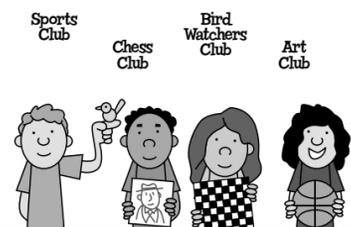
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■ = C	□ = I	■ = R	□ = T	■ = V

Clubs Known Around the World

Here are just a few of the many service clubs that can be found. There are many, many more. Your local Chamber of Commerce can tell you if there are any in your town that are not on this list. And you can often spot these emblems posted on a big sign welcoming visitors to your city or town. Have you seen any of these? Circle the ones you recognize.

How many clubs are named after animals? _____

Which club name has the most syllables? _____

Discover the Secret Code

The Backyard Treehouse Math Club is having a meeting. To get in, you have to know the Secret Code Word.

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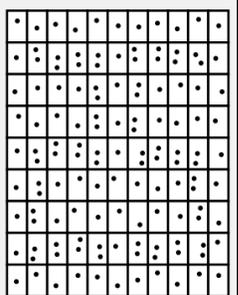
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Find volunteer opportunities in the newspaper in your area. Identify the value, both personally and to the community, of doing a "good turn" in this situation.

Standards Link: Civics: Understand the importance of volunteering as a characteristic of society.

DINNER

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by Pastor Joshua Dupree and live gospel music," she said.

"A lot of people donate the turkeys, hams, vegetables and desserts," she said. "Businesses and individuals."

In addition to the individuals who donate and volunteer to help serve and clean up, Singleton said she receives donations from Harvin Meats, Sumter Cut Rate, Evergreen and Liberty Seafood. She and volunteers, many church members, cook most of the meal in the kitchen of the Church of the Holy Comforter, which donates use of the facility.

Singleton said she will open the doors to the gym on Sunday, Nov. 19, "after meals have been delivered." She's still looking for donations and volunteers.

To donate or volunteer, call Singleton at (803) 775-2047 or meet her at the Sumter Cut Rate, 32 S. Main St., between 8:30 and 10 a.m., Monday through Friday.

Thanksgiving dinner will be served from noon until about 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 19, at the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club on the corner of Atlantic Avenue and South Sumter Street. There is no charge for the meal.

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MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter School District recently purchased Bubba's Diner and the adjoining lot, which was formerly Central Park restaurant, for the construction of a new technical high school/center, officials said Tuesday.

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The district's purchase also includes the adjoining lot where the former Central Park fast food restaurant was located, according to Bubba Rabon with Bubba's Diner. Rabon said he couldn't disclose the purchase price.

Hamm described the funding as flow-through money to CCTC and that the money can only be used by the district for the school's construction.

Hamm said everyone she has talked with in the community — from the county legislative delegation to the economic development board and others — supports the new school concept and location.

She said she thinks the school can be a community landmark by having a front on Broad Street and that it will speak to people who potentially want to bring a business to the area.

It will also speak to a seamless relationship from high school through the local technical college, Hamm said.

Central Carolina officials and district staff have discussed beginning to work in the near future on new technical, advanced programs for the school. Hamm said programming will likely start on

a small scale before expanding.

Hamm said University of South Carolina Sumter and Morris College will also potentially have a role in the new school but that those details have not been fleshed out yet because the school is still in the early stages.

District leaders have continued to pursue the technical high school concept because the district wants to impact the community positively, according to Hamm.

"Educationally and economically, we need to make a difference," Hamm said.

Bubba's Diner's Rabon said because the sale is a long-term agreement, the diner intends to rent and stay in the same Broad Street location for the next two to three years. Rabon said he runs the business operation of the diner for his wife, Cathy, who was the eatery's sole property owner.

He said he's already looking into prospects for a new Sumter location and that he expects one. He said a second Bubba's Diner location is already under construction in Manning, which he said he expects to be open by mid-January.



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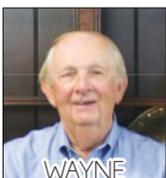
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COMMENTARY

Ignorance vs. stupidity

One of the most challenging and important jobs for an economics professor is to teach students how little we know and can possibly know. My longtime friend and colleague Dr. Thomas Sowell says, "It takes considerable knowledge just to realize the extent of your own ignorance."

Nobel laureate Friedrich August von Hayek admonished, "The curious task of economics is to demonstrate to men how little they really know about what they imagine they can design." The fact that we have gross ignorance about how the world operates is ignored by the know-it-all elites who seek to control our lives. Let's look at a few examples of the world's complexity.

According to some estimates, there are roughly 100 million traffic signals in the U.S. How many of us would like the U.S. Congress, in the name of public health and safety, to be in charge of their actual operation? Congress or a committee it authorizes would determine the length of time traffic lights stay red, yellow and green and what hours of the day and at what intersections lights flash red or yellow. One can only imagine the mess Congress would create in the 40,000 cities, towns and other incorporated places in the U.S. But managing traffic lights — and getting good results — is a far less complex task than managing the nation's health care system and getting good results, which Congress tries to do.

Here's another task I'd ask whether you would like Congress to control. The average well-stocked supermarket carries 60,000 to 65,000 different items. Walmart carries about 120,000 different items. Let's suppose Congress puts you in total control of getting just one item to a supermarket — say apples. Let's not make it easy by having the help of apple wholesalers. Thus, you would have to figure out all of the inputs necessary to get apples to your local supermarket. Let's look at just a few. You need crates to ship the apples. Count all the inputs necessary to produce crates. There's wood, but you need saws to cut down trees. The saws are made of steel, so

iron ore must be mined, and mining equipment is needed. The workers must have shoes. The complete list of inputs to get apples to the market comes to a very large, possibly an unknowable, number. Forgetting any one of them, such as spark plugs, would probably mean no apples at your supermarket.

The beauty of market allocation of goods and services, compared with government fiat, is no one person needs to know all that's necessary to get apples to your supermarket. Free markets, accompanied by free trade, including international free trade, make us richer by economizing on the amount of knowledge or information needed to produce things.

Think about this morning's breakfast. Let's suppose you and your spouse each had four slices of bacon and two eggs. You had coffee, and your spouse had cocoa. The breakfast might have cost you \$22. But what might it have cost you if instead of being dependent upon others, you were independent and produced your own breakfast? What do you know about raising pigs and their subsequent slaughter? Do you know how to cure pork to make bacon? Then there are the eggs, which require knowledge about the care of chickens. What about getting pig and chicken feed? You'd have a big problem with the coffee and cocoa. I doubt whether you could simulate the growing conditions in Brazil and West Africa. One thing that's guaranteed is that your breakfast would be far costlier than in the case where you depended upon the benefits of skills of others that emerge from the division of labor and trade.

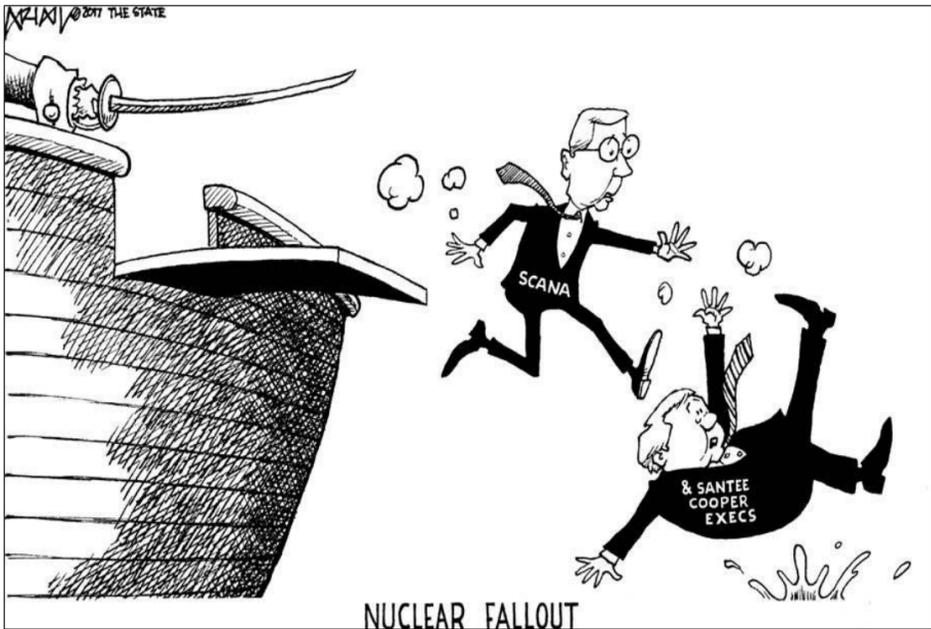
The bottom line is that each of us is grossly ignorant about the world in which we live. Nothing's wrong with that ignorance, but we are stupid if we believe that a politician can produce a better life than that which is obtained through peaceable, voluntary exchange with our fellow man anywhere on earth.

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.



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COMMENTARY

An old man talking to himself again

I've been confused about politics ever since Republican states became red states, which to me, growing up in the era of Red China, suggested commissars and gulags and thought control, which of course Utah and Texas and Georgia do not have. You can believe in God in those states, same as in blue states.

Blue makes me think of Robert Johnson and Muddy Waters, but that's another matter.

So as I watch anarchist conservatives battling nostalgic progressives, it all seems unreal. Our young people, burdened by college debt, work two and three jobs to stay afloat, thanks to dismally low wages as a tax plan rolls down the tracks that will richly reward the rich, a plan backed by the tycoon Mister McNasty, champion of the common man, as the young content themselves with Facebook and the fabulous narcissism it offers. Your own page, your followers keeping up on your daily doings, gazing at the hundreds of pictures you've taken of yourself, never mind that the prospects of you owning a home and having work that you love are getting dimmer.

I'm conservative. I feel that what is inherited — family, community, culture and language — is more crucial than what is acquired — tattoos, an Armani suit, a taste for artisan beers, a cat who loves you — and there are as many conservatives on the left as on the right, maybe even more. I want my daughter's school bus driver

to be conservative, obsessively checking his rearview mirrors, and not resenting the rules of the road as an infringement of his liberties. I'd like her English teacher to correct grammar and usage rather than urging the kids to write about their upbringings and never mind if they misspell "abysmal" or "horrendous." I could go on.

My daughter dragged me to a school dance last week, a '50s dance, and it was illuminating as most things with teenagers are. She didn't care to dance with me because I am a postmodern dancer uninhibited by rhythm, so I got to sit and watch teenagers in 2017 going wild to Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, Fats Domino, and it dawned on me that when rock'n'roll got all progressive and artistic and inward, something you listened to and tried to figure out what the lyrics meant, it lost the power to make people jump around and have a good time. My daughter was having a wild good time. The dead musicians were alive as could be, and youth danced to their tunes with no sense of nostalgia.

I don't miss that music so much as I miss the card games I played long ago with my Republican in-laws. We disagreed about Nixon and trade unions, but we ignored that over games of gin rummy and Four Hundred and Hearts. The gentle small talk, the kidding — where did that go to? I think that's why people love cruise ships. They take you off the grid and recreate the slow stately life of a small town, like a floating lodge. You gather at the buffet or the bingo game and a little small talk leads to conversation, politics assiduously avoided.

I miss the sight of people reading newspapers, holding

the big broadsheet up and poring over the contents. Radio and TV are amusements: The big page of gray type is where you connect to the world through real journalism. That's where you find out we are heading toward an economy in which, thanks to Googolization, Facebooking, Amazoning, a great many people now gainfully employed will find themselves doing whatever they can scratch up for \$7/hour. I come from a family of six children raised by parents who absorbed the lessons of the Depression — make do, hold on, tend the garden — and we became an engineer, teacher, writer, lawyer, historian and development director. We all made homes, raised children, enjoyed our lives and our work and have arrived at old age just in time to benefit from remarkable medical advances. We're lucky.

I flew to Des Moines Monday, and my airport shuttle driver told me she works five jobs: driving, child care, janitorial, food prep and home health care. None of those offers health benefits. Her life is unpredictable from month to month. She is 31 and lives with her mother. I got the impression she had voted for McNasty. She surely had reason to be angry last November, but what happens to her now? I am feeling that having been born 75 years ago was the best option.

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The U.S. Postal Service will be closed on Saturday.

SCHOOLS — The following will be closed on Friday: Sumter School District, Wilson Hall, St. Anne and St. Jude Catholic School and St. Francis Xavier High School.

OTHER — The Sumter County Library will be closed on Friday. The Harvin Clarendon County Library will be closed Friday and Saturday.

The Sumter Item will be open on Friday.

AROUND TOWN

The Friends of the Sumter County Library Big Book Sale will be held as follows: 2 to 6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 9-11; and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, "Bag O' Books Day," fill up a bag for \$5 (bags issued at the door). Sale is located at The Sumter County Library, 111 N. Harvin St. www.sumter-countylibrary.org

All former Reeves employees and their spouses are invited to attend a Reeves Reunion at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 10, at Mr. B's restaurant in Lydia. Call Curtis Kelley at (803) 428-6406. If no answer, please leave a message.

The Marine Corps birthday dinner will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10, at the restaurant at Second Mill at the Elk's Lodge. Call Fay at (803) 775-5768 for information or reservations.

A book launch for Sumter native Mario Prioleau will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11, at Mount Zion United Methodist Church, 130 Loring Mill Road.

The Sumter County Veterans Association's Veterans Day program will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11, at the old Sumter County Courthouse on North Main Street. The program will begin at 11 a.m. with Gen. Garrett of the Third Army serving as keynote speaker. Prior to the program, there will be a Veterans Day parade at 10 a.m. on Main Street. The program will honor all veterans, living or deceased, for the service they have given and continue to give to keep our country free. Call Larry E. Huff, chairman of the Sumter County Veterans Association, at (803) 236-1203 or (803) 494-2894 for information.

Sumter Animal Control will hold an adoption event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 1240 Winkles Road. Come out and meet the adoptable pets. There are many great dogs looking for their happily ever after. Can't adopt? There are volunteer opportunities available and we would love to discuss those with you. Unable to adopt or volunteer? We are also accepting donations of Purina Dog Chow, treats, Pill Pockets, Clorox wipes, newspapers and paper towels.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 202 will meet to discuss the harvest ball at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 310 Palmetto St. Call (803) 469-7133.

Sumter High School Class of 1978 will hold a 40th class reunion planning meeting at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12, at the Sumter County Library, 111 N. Harvin St., Sumter. For details, contact Sumter High School of 1978 on Facebook or email sumterhigh1978@gmail.com.

The Sumter Branch NAACP's Veterans Day program will be held at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12, at Beulah AME Church, 3175 Florence Highway. Lt. Col. Tammie L. Sledge will serve as keynote speaker.

The General George L. Mabry Jr. Chapter 817, Military Order of Purple Heart will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16, at the Sumter Combat Veterans Group building, 529 N. Wise Drive. All Purple Heart recipients and those interested in association membership are invited. Life membership is available for only \$25. For more information, call (803) 773-0658.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mainly cloudy and cooler	Occasional rain and drizzle	Occasional rain and drizzle	Plenty of sunshine	Sunny and cooler	Rather cloudy, a little rain
56°	46°	58° / 42°	62° / 33°	54° / 37°	61° / 42°
Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 70%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 55%
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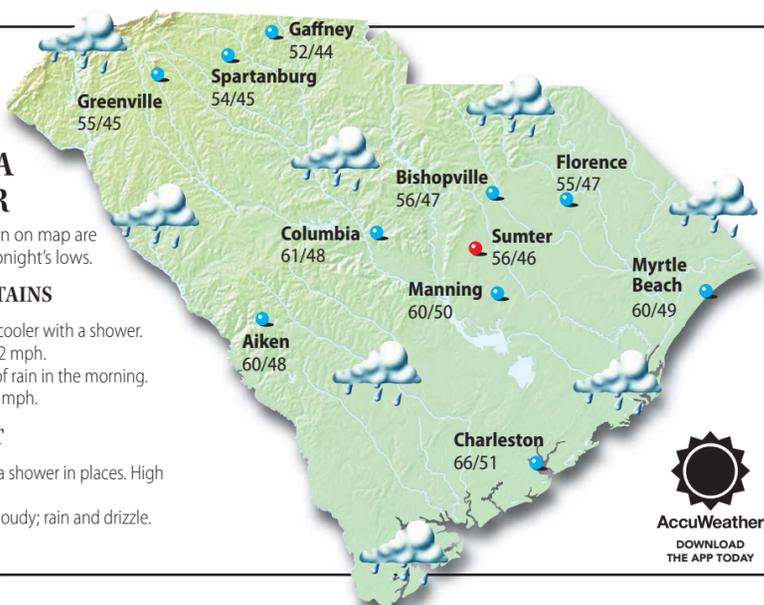
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Cloudy and cooler with a shower. Winds northeast 6-12 mph.
Thursday: Periods of rain in the morning. Winds northeast 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Cooler with a shower in places. High 60 to 73.
Thursday: Mostly cloudy; rain and drizzle. High 57 to 61.



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SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
82°	82°	63°	69°	43°	83° in 1959	26° in 1967

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
0.00"	0.00"	0.65"	32.57"	44.55"	41.34"	

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	354.68	-0.01
Marion	76.8	74.61	-0.01
Moultrie	75.5	74.52	none
Wateree	100	97.53	-0.07

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	5.31	-0.23
Congaree River	19	3.80	+2.47
Lynches River	14	2.93	-0.09
Saluda River	14	2.43	+0.16
Up. Santee River	80	76.00	+0.08
Wateree River	24	9.60	+2.85

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Sunrise	6:48 a.m.	Sunset	5:23 p.m.
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	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	12:07 p.m.	3.7	6:25 a.m.	-0.2
Thu.	12:41 a.m.	3.1	7:23 a.m.	0.0
	1:08 p.m.	3.6	8:13 p.m.	0.3

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	64/49/sh	60/46/r
Chicago	47/34/s	42/20/pc
Dallas	51/42/r	62/45/pc
Detroit	48/32/s	48/20/pc
Houston	67/52/sh	67/48/pc
Los Angeles	75/58/s	70/55/pc
New Orleans	77/57/pc	69/54/pc
New York	52/39/pc	55/37/s
Orlando	85/66/pc	83/64/pc
Philadelphia	53/37/pc	57/38/s
Phoenix	83/62/s	86/60/s
San Francisco	65/57/r	67/55/r
Wash., DC	53/40/pc	55/41/pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Asheville	53/45/c	56/36/sh	Florence	55/47/c	58/43/r
Athens	62/46/c	59/42/r	Gainesville	85/62/pc	80/55/pc
Augusta	65/50/sh	61/42/r	Gastonia	53/46/c	58/40/c
Beaufort	72/53/c	61/49/t	Goldsboro	53/46/c	56/43/sh
Cape Hatteras	66/59/c	67/54/sh	Goose Creek	65/51/c	59/48/r
Charleston	66/51/c	60/48/r	Greensboro	48/41/c	52/38/sh
Charlotte	53/43/c	57/40/c	Greenville	55/45/c	58/41/r
Clemson	58/48/c	60/44/r	Hickory	51/42/c	56/39/sh
Columbia	61/48/c	58/42/r	Hilton Head	69/55/c	60/51/pc
Darlington	55/47/sh	56/42/r	Jacksonville, FL	86/65/pc	76/57/c
Elizabeth City	58/52/sh	63/46/sh	La Grange	66/53/c	63/43/r
Elizabethtown	54/48/c	56/44/r	Macon	74/51/c	62/43/r
Fayetteville	53/46/c	55/42/sh	Marietta	62/48/sh	58/42/r
Marion	51/44/c	57/37/sh	Mt. Pleasant	67/54/c	60/50/r
Mt. Pleasant	67/54/c	60/50/r	Myrtle Beach	60/49/sh	60/46/r
Myrtle Beach	60/49/sh	60/46/r	Orangeburg	61/49/c	58/43/r
Orangeburg	61/49/c	58/43/r	Port Royal	71/54/c	60/50/pc
Port Royal	71/54/c	60/50/pc	Raleigh	49/43/c	53/40/sh
Raleigh	49/43/c	53/40/sh	Rock Hill	53/46/c	56/40/r
Rock Hill	53/46/c	56/40/r	Rockingham	54/46/c	57/41/r
Rockingham	54/46/c	57/41/r	Savannah	77/54/c	61/49/t
Savannah	77/54/c	61/49/t	Spartanburg	54/45/c	58/41/r
Spartanburg	54/45/c	58/41/r	Summerville	64/51/c	58/46/r
Summerville	64/51/c	58/46/r	Wilmington	59/48/sh	60/47/r
Wilmington	59/48/sh	60/47/r	Winston-Salem	49/41/c	53/38/sh
Winston-Salem	49/41/c	53/38/sh			

PUBLIC AGENDA

SUMTER COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION / ELECTION COMMISSION
 Thursday, 5:30 p.m., registration / election office, 141 N. Main St.

The last word in astrology

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gaining experience that will help you position yourself well for future prospects. Don't get angry if someone is acting like a jerk. Take care of your responsibilities and move onward and upward without hesitation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can make changes to your residence that will make your life easier. Sharing responsibility with someone else will improve your relationships and standard of living. Use your ingenuity to come up with unique solutions. Love is highlighted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do your own thing and don't worry about what others do. Keeping up with your responsibilities should be your prime concern. Truth may be in short supply regarding a job someone wants you to do. Ask questions before you commit.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't push others to get involved in your battles or challenges. Take control and you'll get things done in a shorter period than you expected. Once you're finished, plan to celebrate your success with someone special.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Subdue emotions when dealing with work-related matters. Showing any sign of inconsistency or letting personal matters cloud the way you do your job will come back to haunt you. Stay intent on doing your best and getting ahead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Reconnect with someone you used to enjoy being around and doing things with. A reunion will give way to new opportunities with old friends.

Conversations will lead to travel plans or changes to the way you live. Romance is highlighted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let anyone push you into something you aren't ready for. Speak up and make what you want known to anyone who may be pressuring you to change your ways. A job opportunity looks inviting and should be considered.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Travel, communication and furthering your education will play into your overall success. A change in the way you live or who you live with is favored. The power of persuasion will work well for you. Romance and personal gains are highlighted.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take care of administrative matters in your own unique way. A settlement, contract or investment will pay off. Don't go on a shopping spree before you have the cash in hand. Moderation is required.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your ability to be patient and charming will put you in a good position to negotiate professional gains. A unique platform to present what you want to accomplish should be considered. It's OK to be different.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Lean on someone who has a better handle on a situation that crops up. Dealing with a colleague or relative will leave you emotionally drained and searching for answers. Be fair but firm when dealing with such matters.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take charge. Don't debate others if you don't have to. Let your actions be your calling card and your intuition guide you in financial, medical and legal matters. The stars are aligned, so don't waste time procrastinating or arguing.

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SUMTER ANIMAL CONTROL PETS OF THE WEEK



LEFT: In kennel 19 of Sumter Animal Control, we have Walden. He is a hunk of love, who is friendly to people and other dogs. Walden is just about the sweetest guy you can imagine.

BELOW: Meet Lucille, a small/medium sized young adult, who is friendly to all. She loves attention and being petted by our volunteers. Take a chance on a girl who has been patiently waiting to show someone just how special she is.

If you would like to learn more about Walden or Lucille or arrange a meet and greet, call (803) 774-3232 or email rescuesumtersc@gmail.com to contact the rescue and adoption coordinator. To see more lost and adoptable pets, check the Sumter Animal Control Facebook page. Animal Control is located at 1240 Winkles Road.

Sumter Animal Control will hold an adoption event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 1240 Winkles Road. Come out and meet the adoptable pets. There are many great dogs looking for their happily ever after. Can't adopt? There are volunteer opportunities available and we would love to discuss those with you. Unable to adopt or volunteer? We are also accepting donations of Purina Dog Chow, treats, Pill Pockets, Clorox wipes, newspapers and paper towels.

USC FOOTBALL

Staying strong



Georgia defensive back Malkom Parrish (14) intercepts a pass intended for South Carolina wide receiver Bryan Edwards (89) during the second half of the Bulldogs' 24-10 victory over the Gamecocks on Saturday in Athens, Georgia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

South Carolina ignoring Florida's free fall

BY PETE IACOBELLI

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — South Carolina's biggest job this week is ignoring Florida's free fall.

The Gamecocks (6-3, 4-3 Southeastern Conference) look to finish with a winning SEC record for the first time since 2013 when they take on the Gators (3-5, 3-4) on Saturday. South Carolina quarterback Jake Bentley has watched the film, sometimes in amazement, of Florida's past two games, in which the Gators gave up more than 40 points in consecutive losses to Georgia and Missouri.

He's not convinced, however, that the Florida defense he expected to see all season won't return.

"They have a great defense," Bentley said Tuesday. "That's one thing that we can't do, look at the score from the Missouri game or any other game and think that they're not a great defense. They've got a lot of great players on the team. So we've got to come in ready to play and be really locked in."

The Gators were expected to challenge for the SEC



South Carolina head coach Will Muschamp argues with an official after his team was called for defensive holding during the first half of the Gamecocks' 24-10 loss to Georgia on Saturday in Athens, Georgia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

East. Instead, suspensions, injuries and struggles on offense and defense — they are 111th nationally in offense and 47th in defense — led to the school parting ways with coach Jim McElwain after three seasons.

South Carolina linebacker Skai Moore, a senior, won't let younger players ease up a bit because they've heard about and seen Florida's recent struggles.

"We haven't fed into any of that," Moore said. "We

know what Florida is. What an SEC East game is. What they've put on film in the past doesn't say how they're going to play against us. We're going to be prepared."

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PREP FOOTBALL

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



HENRY



BLANDING



ADAMS



AUSTIN

Players of Week named

BY DENNIS BRUNSON

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Sumter High School's Jonathan Henry and John Adams, Crestwood's High's Camron Blanding and Lee Central High's Dayrice Austin have been selected as The Sumter Item Players of the Week.

Players are selected based on nominations from local high school coaches. Selections are made by The Sumter Item.

The quartet will be honored at the weekly meeting of the Sumter Touchdown Club presented by Farmers Telephone Cooperative on Friday. The meeting will be held at the Swan Lake Visitors Center beginning at 7:15 a.m. The

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Cavaliers face tall test again at First Baptist

BY DENNIS BRUNSON

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Revenge will not be on the minds of the Robert E. Lee Cavaliers on Friday when they travel to Charleston to face undefeated First Baptist in the semifinals of the SCISA 2A state playoffs, according to REL head coach David Rankin.

The opportunity is certainly there though since it is the

Hurricanes who defeated Lee 28-21 in the 2A title game last year. However, Robert E. Lee certainly does have some extra motivation.

"Our players are at a point now where they expect to be playing in the championship

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

No change in top 4 of CFP rankings; Georgia, 'Bama 1-2

BY RALPH D. RUSSO

The Associated Press

Georgia, Alabama, Notre Dame and Clemson held their spots in the top four of the College Football Playoff rankings, and unbeaten Miami moved up three spots to No. 7 before its showdown with the Fighting Irish.

Oklahoma remained fifth and TCU moved up to sixth in the rankings released Tuesday. The Sooners and Horned Frogs play a key Big 12 game on Saturday, with the winner taking sole possession of first place in the conference.

After Miami, unbeaten Wisconsin was No. 8, the highest-ranked Big Ten team. Washington, the highest-ranked Pac-12 team, is ninth and Auburn is 10th.

Notre Dame visits the Hurricanes on Saturday night, and Georgia is at Auburn.

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BCS RANKINGS

Rank	Team	Record
1.	Georgia	9-0
2.	Alabama	9-0
3.	Notre Dame	8-1
4.	Clemson	8-1
5.	Oklahoma	8-1
6.	TCU	8-1
7.	Miami	8-0
8.	Wisconsin	9-0
9.	Washington	8-1
10.	Auburn	7-2
11.	Southern Cal	8-2
12.	Michigan St.	7-2
13.	Ohio St.	7-2
14.	Penn St.	7-2
15.	Oklahoma St.	7-2
16.	Mississippi St.	7-2
17.	Virginia Tech	7-2
18.	UCF	8-0
19.	Washington St.	8-2
20.	Iowa	6-3
21.	Iowa St.	6-3
22.	Memphis	8-1
23.	NC State	6-3
24.	LSU	6-3
25.	Northwestern	6-3

The College Football Playoff Selection Committee will issue weekly rankings each Tuesday, with the final rankings being announced Sunday, Dec. 3 (Noon EST). The playoff semifinals will match the No. 1 seed vs. the No. 4 seed, and No. 2 will face No. 3. The semifinals will be hosted at the Rose Bowl and Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1, 2018. The championship game will be played on Jan. 8, 2018 at Atlanta.



Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant (2) hands off to Tavien Feaster (28) during the first half of the Tigers 38-31 victory over N.C. State on Saturday in Raleigh, North Carolina. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PRO FOOTBALL

Detroit's win helps them in quest to win NFC North

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Lions have improved their chances of winning a division title for the first time since 1993.

Detroit won 30-17 at Green Bay on Monday night and is the only NFC North team without a loss in division play.

Lions coach Jim Caldwell, though, refused to bask in the relative glow.

"It's a matter of making certain that we kind of keep our focus narrow," Caldwell said Tuesday. "We can have kind of 360-degree awareness, but 180-degree focus in terms of what's ahead of us."

The Lions (4-4) are two games behind division-leading Minnesota (6-2), but they beat the Vikings on the road and can own a potential tiebreaker

by defeating them again on Thanksgiving.

Detroit has a favorable schedule, starting with Sunday's home game against the winless Cleveland Browns (0-8). The Lions' last three games at Ford Field are against NFC North teams, ending Dec. 31 with the Packers. And their four remaining road games are against teams with losing records.

"I don't buy into that," Caldwell bristled when asked about his team's remaining schedule. "Games are hard to win in this league, and every team has talent and ability."

Perhaps most important, Matthew Stafford is the best quarterback still standing in the division.

Minnesota's Teddy Bridge-

water hasn't played this season because of a knee injury, though he might return soon. Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers is out indefinitely with a broken collarbone. Chicago is giving rookie Mitch Trubisky, the No. 2 pick overall, a chance to play even though he has completed less than half his passes and has two touchdown passes and two interceptions in four games.

The Lions took full advantage of facing the Packers with Brett Hundley under center.

"We just knew that he wouldn't be able to do the stuff that Aaron does at the line of scrimmage," said Detroit cornerback Darius Slay, whose man-to-man coverage limited Jordy Nelson to four catches for just 35 yards.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Detroit running back Ameer Abdullah, left, looks for running room as Green Bay defensive back Ha Ha Clinton-Dix defends during the first half of the Lions' 30-17 victory on Monday in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
 6 p.m. — College Volleyball: Missouri at South Carolina (ESPN).
 6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
 7 p.m. — College Football: Kent State at Western Michigan (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
 7 p.m. — College Football: Toledo at Ohio (ESPN2).
 7 p.m. — College Volleyball: Oklahoma at Texas Tech (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
 8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Boston (ESPN).
 8 p.m. — College Football: Eastern Michigan at Central Michigan (ESPN).
 8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Players Choice Awards (MLB NETWORK).
 8 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Boston at New York Rangers (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
 8 p.m. — College Volleyball: Kentucky at Alabama (SEC NETWORK).
 9 p.m. — College Exhibition Basketball: Colorado College at Brigham Young (BYUTV).
 10:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Minnesota at Golden State (ESPN).
 10:30 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Tampa Bay at San Jose (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
 11 p.m. — LPGA Golf: Blue Bay LPGA Second Round from Hainan Island, China (GOLF).
 3 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Nedbank Challenge First Round from Sun City, South Africa (GOLF).

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	2	0	.750	216	179
Buffalo	5	3	0	.625	174	149
Miami	4	4	0	.500	116	179
N.Y. Jets	4	5	0	.444	191	207

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	5	3	0	.625	181	193
Jacksonville	5	3	0	.625	206	117
Houston	3	5	0	.375	229	208
Indianapolis	3	6	0	.333	162	260

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	.750	167	131
Baltimore	4	5	0	.444	190	171
Cincinnati	3	5	0	.375	129	158
Cleveland	0	8	0	.000	119	202

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	6	3	0	.667	253	208
Oakland	4	5	0	.444	196	214
Denver	3	5	0	.375	150	198
L.A. Chargers	3	5	0	.375	150	152

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	8	1	0	.889	283	179
Dallas	5	3	0	.625	226	178
Washington	4	4	0	.500	177	194
N.Y. Giants	1	7	0	.125	129	207

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	6	2	0	.750	221	155
Carolina	6	3	0	.667	168	159
Atlanta	4	4	0	.500	170	172
Tampa Bay	2	6	0	.250	158	198

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	6	2	0	.750	179	135
Detroit	4	4	0	.500	206	186
Green Bay	4	4	0	.500	181	191
Chicago	3	5	0	.375	134	171

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	6	2	0	.750	263	155
Seattle	5	3	0	.625	189	149
Arizona	4	4	0	.500	139	201
San Francisco	0	9	0	.000	143	239

THURSDAY, NOV. 2

N.Y. Jets 34, Buffalo 21

SUNDAY, NOV. 5

Jacksonville 23, Cincinnati 7
 L.A. Rams 51, N.Y. Giants 17
 New Orleans 30, Tampa Bay 10
 Carolina 20, Atlanta 17
 Tennessee 23, Baltimore 20
 Indianapolis 20, Houston 14
 Philadelphia 51, Denver 23
 Dallas 28, Kansas City 17
 Arizona 20, San Francisco 10
 Washington 17, Seattle 14
 Oakland 27, Miami 24
 Open: Kansas City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Oakland

MONDAY, NOV. 6

Detroit 30, Green Bay 17

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Seattle at Arizona, 8:25 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Pittsburgh at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
 Minnesota at Washington, 1 p.m.
 L.A. Chargers at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
 New Orleans at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
 Green Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
 N.Y. Jets at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
 Cleveland at Detroit, 1 p.m.
 Houston at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Giants at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
 Dallas at Atlanta, 4:25 p.m.
 New England at Denver, 8:30 p.m.
 Open: Chicago, Minnesota, New England, L.A. Chargers, Cleveland, Pittsburgh

MONDAY'S GAMES

Miami at Carolina, 8:30 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	9	2	.818	—
Toronto	5	4	.556	3
New York	5	4	.556	3
Philadelphia	5	4	.556	3

Brooklyn 4 6 .400 4½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	6	4	.600	—
Washington	5	4	.556	½
Charlotte	5	5	.500	1
Miami	4	6	.400	2
Atlanta	2	9	.182	4½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	7	3	.700	—
Indiana	5	5	.500	2
Milwaukee	4	5	.444	2½
Cleveland	4	6	.400	3
Chicago	2	6	.250	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	8	3	.727	—
Memphis	6	4	.600	1½
San Antonio	6	4	.600	1½
New Orleans	5	5	.500	2½
Dallas	1	10	.091	7

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	7	3	.700	—
Portland	6	4	.600	1
Utah	5	5	.500	2
Denver	5	5	.500	2
Oklahoma City	4	5	.444	2½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	8	3	.727	—
L.A. Clippers	5	4	.556	2
L.A. Lakers	5	5	.500	2½
Phoenix	4	7	.364	4
Sacramento	1	8	.111	6

MONDAY'S GAMES

Boston 110, Atlanta 107
 Brooklyn 98, Phoenix 92
 Golden State 97, Miami 80

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Dallas at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
 New Orleans at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 Charlotte at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
 Brooklyn at Denver, 9 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Utah, 9 p.m.
 Memphis at Portland, 10 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

Indiana at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 New York at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Boston, 8 p.m.
 Miami at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Minnesota at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

L.A. Lakers at Washington, 7 p.m.
 New Orleans at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 Cleveland at Houston, 8 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Charlotte at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
 Indiana at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
 Miami at Utah, 9 p.m.
 Milwaukee at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
 Orlando at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Brooklyn at Portland, 10 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	15	11	2	2	24	59	42
Toronto	16	9	7	0	18	61	58
Ottawa	14	6	3	5	17	51	47
Detroit	16	8	7	1	17	45	43
Boston	13	6	4	3	15	39	40
Montreal	15	6	8	1	13	41	55
Florida	13	4	7	2	10	47	56
Buffalo	14	4	8	2	10	35	53

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	13	9	3	1	19	49	42
Columbus	15	9	5	1	19	51	43
Pittsburgh	16	8	6	2	18	42	58
N.Y. Islanders	14	8	5	1	17	54	46
Washington	15	8	6	1	17	46	48
Philadelphia	15	7	6	2	16	47	43
N.Y. Rangers	16	7	7	2	16	52	55
Carolina	12	4	5	3	11	32	37

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	15	11	3	1	23	50	36
Winnipeg	14	8	3	3	19	46	40
Colorado	14	8	6	0	16	48	47
Nashville	14	7	5	2	16	37	41
Dallas	15	8	7	0	16	42	43
Chicago	15	7	6	2	16	43	36
Minnesota	13	5	6	2	12	40	40

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	14	10	2	2	22	48	31
Vegas	14	9	4	1	19	50	41
San Jose	13	8	5	0	16	36	30
Calgary	14	8	6	0	16	35	38
Vancouver	14	7	5	2	16	37	34
Anaheim	14	6	6	2	14	40	43
Edmonton	13	4	8	1	9	30	43
Arizona	16	2	12	2	6	41	65

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Washington 3, Arizona 2, OT
 N.Y. Rangers 5, Columbus 3
 Boston 5, Minnesota 3
 Toronto 4, Vegas 3, SO
 Winnipeg 4, Dallas 1
 Detroit 3, Vancouver 2

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Edmonton at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
 Washington at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
 St. Louis at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 Florida at Carolina, 7 p.m.
 Nashville at Columbus, 7 p.m.
 Arizona at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

Vegas at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at Calgary, 9 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Minnesota at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 Boston at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Edmonton at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 Chicago at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Minnesota at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
 Arizona at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
 Detroit at Calgary, 9 p.m.
 Vancouver at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Ottawa at Colorado, 2 p.m.
 Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 Florida at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
 Carolina at Columbus, 7 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Washington, 7 p.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Winnipeg at Vegas, 10:30 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

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FRIDAY
 No. 9 Washington at Stanford, 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

USC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wilson earns spot on AP All-America team

BY DOUG FEINBERG
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Geno Auriemma has had a lot of great players at UConn, many of whom have been preseason All-Americans. Never, though, has he had three from his team honored by The Associated Press in the preseason until Tuesday.

The Huskies trio of Gabby Williams, Katie Lou Samuelson and Napheesa Collier headline the AP women's basketball preseason All-America team, marking the first time any school has had three of the five players on the squad.

"They earned a lot of respect from a lot of people around the country for the way they played and the kind of season that we had. Obviously no one was saying that at the beginning of last season and look at the way it happened and they ended up being on the All-America team," Auriemma said. "It goes to show that the team they pick at the beginning of the season doesn't always finish the season as All-Americans."

The three UConn players are joined by South Carolina's A'ja Wilson, who was a unanimous choice by the 32-member national media panel that selects the weekly AP Top 25 poll. Kelsey Mitchell of Ohio State was the fifth member. The senior Buckeyes guard became the eighth player to be a three-time preseason All-American, joining Breanna Stew-



AP FILE PHOTO

South Carolina forward A'ja Wilson (22) looks to shoot as Georgia forward Caliya Robinson defends in the first half of a game during the Southeastern Conference tournament in Greenville in March. Wilson was a unanimous selection to The Associated Press preseason All-America team on Tuesday.



art, Alana Beard, Maya Moore, Brittney Griner, Chamique Holdsclaw, Tamika Catchings and Courtney Paris.

Wilson, Samuelson and Collier were all honored as first-team All-Americans

last spring. Mitchell and Williams were on the second team.

"It's great to be recognized as one of the five best players in the country," Wilson said. "I know the other four from playing USA Basketball

with them and they are definitely a great group to be part of."

South Carolina's star post player averaged 17.9 points and 7.8 rebounds to help the Gamecocks win the national championship in April.

Mitchell, who finished one vote short of being a unanimous pick, scored 22.6 points for the Buckeyes and hopes that she can lead the team to the Final Four being played in Columbus at the end of the season.

"Kelsey Mitchell has an unbelievable work ethic. One

of the hardest people I've been around. Her will and drive to be a great player is like nobody I've ever encountered," Ohio State coach Kevin McGuff said.

Samuelson, Collier and Williams were a huge part of the Huskies going undefeated last season until they lost in the Final Four to Mississippi State on a last-second shot in overtime. UConn is No. 1 in the AP's preseason poll. Samuelson and Collier each averaged just over 20 points a game last season while Williams had 14.3 points and 8.4 rebounds for the Huskies.

With so much talent returning, it's no surprise the Huskies were No. 1 in the preseason AP poll.

The AP started choosing a preseason All-America team before the 1994-95 season.

WOMEN'S PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM

The Associated Press' 2017-18 preseason All-America team, with school, height, year and votes from a 32-member national media panel (key 2016-17 statistics in parentheses):

A'ja Wilson, South Carolina, 6-5, senior, 32 votes (17.9 ppg, 7.8 rpg, 58.8 fg pct.)

Kelsey Mitchell, Ohio State, 5-8, senior, 31 (22.6 ppg, 3.9 apg, 81.8 ft pct.)

Katie Lou Samuelson, UConn, 6-3, junior, 30 (20.2 ppg, 11.9 3-pointers, 84.0 ft pct.)

Napheesa Collier, UConn, 6-1, junior, 26 (20.4 ppg, 9.1 rpg, 67.8 fg pct.)

Gabby Williams, UConn, 5-11, senior, 17 (14.3 ppg, 8.4 rpg, 58.1 fg pct.)

Others receiving votes: Lexie Brown, Duke, 6; Victoria Vivians, Mississippi State 5; Kalani Brown, Baylor, 4; Kristine Anigwe, California, 3; Jordin Canada, UCLA 2; Brooke McCarty, Texas 1; Morgan William, Mississippi State, 1; Azura Stevens, UConn, 1; Shakayla Thomas, Florida State, 1.

PRO BASKETBALL

Winning T-Wolves eager for litmus test vs. champion Warriors

BY DAVE CAMPBELL
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The last time the Minnesota Timberwolves won five straight games, five head coaches and nearly nine long years ago, Al Jefferson was the centerpiece of the team. Kevin Love was a rookie, still coming off the bench. Fifteen different players started at least one game.

Karl-Anthony Towns had just turned 13. President George W. Bush was still in the White House.

The woebegone Wolves have waited a long time for this. They will play at Golden State on Wednesday night, just one-half game behind the defending NBA champion Warriors for the best record in the Western Conference. Forget for a moment that the regular season is merely 12 percent complete. For the first time in, well, 13 years or so the Wolves will be a legitimate participant in a marquee national game on ESPN rather than a token opponent.

"You want to see where you are and how you measure up," coach Tom Thibodeau said. "Everyone in the league is chasing them."

These Wolves (7-3) have produced the franchise's best 10-game start to the schedule since a 9-1 record in 2001 when Kevin Garnett was 25, Terrell Brandon was the point guard and Anthony Peeler was the first player off the bench.

With only three players who've been on the roster longer than three years, there aren't as many scars in the locker room as all that franchise futility would suggest. The last few seasons have been frustrating enough, though.

"It's something that's changing around here, and I'm glad to be a part of it," said Shabazz Muhammad, who with fellow reserve Goran Dragic has the longest tenure in their fifth year.

The 2008-09 team finished 24-58, so the early January success was clearly not a harbinger.

The Wolves have lost 461 games between the end of that streak and now, so even three solid weeks to start a season is an accomplishment. Thibodeau was hired to take them much further than that,

of course.

The hard-driving, no-nonsense coach sure won't be satisfied with this team's progress anytime soon, and neither will these players, from 17-year veteran Jamal Crawford to Towns, who's still only 21.

"We just want to keep doing more of what we're doing," Crawford said after practice on Tuesday.

That's continuing to better the defense, for one.

The Wolves have held three consecutive opponents under 100 points, with newcomers Jimmy Butler, Jeff Teague, Taj Gibson and Crawford beginning to pick up the tendencies of their returning teammates and the young core of Towns and Andrew Wiggins starting to learn the principles of helping and switching under the defensive-minded Thibodeau. Chemistry is just as important when they're guarding the basket as it is when they have the ball.



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Minnesota forward Andrew Wiggins (22) and the rest of the Timberwolves will be taking on defending NBA champion Golden State today in Oakland. Read the full story at www.theitem.com.

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game,” said Rankin, who led the Cavaliers to the 2015 1A state title before moving up to 2A last season. “That’s a good thing. They don’t want to be the class that doesn’t get to go back.”

It will not be an easy task for the Cavaliers, who are 10-2 on the season. FB is 9-0 and has run roughshod over its competition, outscoring its foes 476-33.

“They’re a big-play offense and they’re better on defense than they were last year,” Rankin said of First Baptist, which is on a 14-game winning streak. “They’ve got everybody back on defense.”

The Hurricanes, who own a 40-0 win over 3A Pinewood Prep and a 38-14 victory over defending 3A state champion Porter-Gaud, are led by junior running back Michel Dukes. He is averaging 136.3 Rushing yards a game, 1,227 total and 23 touchdowns on 133 carries. Dukes, who is being ranked by the University of South Carolina, also has 11 catches for 231 yards and two more scores.

FB, which defeated Spartanburg Christian 52-0 in the first round of the playoffs, is averaging 207 rushing yards a game and 189.7 passing yards.

Junior quarterback Tremez Brown has completed 81 of 117 passes for 1,729 yards and 25 touchdowns against just one interception. Brown’s favorite target is junior wide receiver Tylan Major. He has 31 catches for 852 yards, a 27.5 per-

catch average, and 14 TDs.

Lee has been far from a defensive juggernaut, allowing 26.9 points a contest. However, it is coming off its best defensive performance of the season, not allowing an offensive touchdown in a 42-7 victory over Hilton Head Christian in the first round.

“We were replacing nine starters from last year,” Rankin said. “We were having to use a lot of young sophomores, and we’ve gotten better as the year has gone on.

“I’m proud of the defensive effort we had last week.”

Robert E. Lee is averaging 40.0 points a contest as it has scored 480 points. The Cavs will need a big effort from quarterback Bryce Barrett and wide receiver Nick Laney.

Teams have tried to take away Barrett’s running ability by stacking the box this season. Barrett is still around 1,000 yards after rushing for 1,485 yards last season.

“They made it where they wanted to see if we could beat them passing,” Rankin said. “Bryce has shown he can do that.”

Rankin is also pleased with the way his offensive line has progressed and it will need a strong performance on Friday.

“We’re going to have to hold on to the football, control the clock,” Rankin said. “We don’t want to give them a whole lot of opportunities.

“We’ve got our kids focused. We’re going to go down and see if we can give them a game. We’ll see what happens.”

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Notre Dame-Miami showdown will pit strength versus strength

BY TIM REYNOLDS

The Associated Press

For Notre Dame and Miami, it is strength versus strength.

Notre Dame has one of the nation’s best rushing offenses and nearly twice as many touchdowns on the ground as it did last season. Miami’s undefeated start and re-emergence in the national picture has been fueled by a defensive front seven that likes to describe itself as violent.

So when No. 3 Notre Dame (8-1) visits No. 7 Miami (8-0) for a nationally televised showdown between longtime rival programs on Saturday night, that matchup will likely tell the tale of who emerges with its national-title hopes still looking realistic.

“It’s an outstanding front four,” Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly said about Miami. “The linebackers run and tackle as well as any group that we’ve played. ... They can play a number of different coverages by keeping three linebackers on the field and that’s pretty hard to do today in college football. A unique skill-set in that group.”

Kelly spent much of his weekly news conference Tuesday raving about the Hurricanes’ defense. In Coral Gables, Miami’s Mark Richt offered similar sentiments about the Irish offense.

“Their offensive line, probably the best in America,” Richt said. “I don’t think very many people would argue that. ... Very experienced but very, very talented. They’re paving the way, over 300 yards per game rushing and this isn’t triple-option football. This is just line up and physically move people off the ball, a kick-your-tail type offensive line and great runners.”

Notre Dame has rushed



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Miami defensive back Amari Carter (5) celebrates after sacking Virginia Tech quarterback Josh Jackson during the Hurricanes’ 28-10 victory on Saturday in Miami Gardens, Florida.

for at least 318 yards in each of its last five games. The Irish already have nearly 1,000 more yards on the ground this season through nine games than they did in all of last season. Only one team has slowed the Irish ground game in 2017 — and it was Georgia, Richt’s former school.

His current school now has to figure out a way to do what the Bulldogs did. If the Hurricanes succeed on that front and extend the nation’s longest current winning streak to 14 games, there will be a bit of symmetry that will put all of 2016’s disappointments to rest for good.

In a four-game span last season, Miami lost to Florida State, North Carolina, Virginia Tech and Notre Dame — in that order. The Hurricanes now have a shot at going 4-0 against those teams this season, winning in the same order as they lost a year ago.

“It’s really been a payback season to everybody that we lost to last season and we’re just working down the line,” Miami linebacker Shaquille Quarterman said. “We just can’t wait to line it up Satur-

day. We’re preparing right now so on Saturday we can fly around all day.”

Miami’s defense has bent from time to time this season against the run, but rarely breaks. The Hurricanes are giving up 3.9 yards per carry, yet have yielded only four rushing touchdowns — tied for fourth-fewest in the nation. Notre Dame leads the nation at 7.0 yards per carry, and its 34 rushing TDs is tied for second-most among FBS teams (one behind Florida Atlantic).

“I think when we broke through with over 500 yards rushing against Boston College, I think that that was really where everything started to kind of show itself, that this is who we were going to be,” Kelly said. “And then it’s certainly taken shape from there.”

Georgia held Notre Dame to 55 yards rushing in Week 2, a one-point win and the only blemish on the Fighting Irish schedule. A week later, Notre Dame ran for 515 on Boston College. Like Kelly said, it’s been rolling since.

Miami understands the challenge.

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5A

FIRST ROUND

UPPER STATE

Dorman 42, Woodmont 7
Gaffney 33, Easley 14
Hillcrest 40, Fort Mill 14
Mauldin 27, Rock Hill 7
Spartanburg 31, Westside 17, OT
T.L. Hanna 57, James F. Byrnes 7
Greenwood 35, Nation Ford 14
Northwestern 58, Laurens 7

LOWER STATE

Carolina Forest 34, Lexington 21
Conway 34, Wando 10
Dutch Fork 77, Stratford 20
Fort Dorchester 49, Socastee 15
Spring Valley 28, West Ashley 0
Summerville 29, Irmo 7
Sumter 35, White Knoll 7
West Florence 42, Ashley Ridge 35, 2OT

SECOND ROUND

FRIDAY

UPPER STATE

Greenwood at T.L. Hanna
Mauldin at Rock Hill
Gaffney at Northwestern
Spartanburg at Hillcrest

LOWER STATE

West Florence at Dutch Fork
Sumter at Summerville
Spring Valley at Conway
Carolina Forest at Fort Dorchester

4A

FIRST ROUND

UPPER STATE

Belton-Honea Path 24, Union County 21
Eastside 45, Wren 23
Greenville 64, Blue Ridge 18
Greer 42, D.W. Daniel 7
South Aiken 47, Ridge View 28
South Pointe 67, Midland Valley 14
Westwood 23, North Augusta 13
York 55, Airport 14

LOWER STATE

Berkeley 21, Marlboro County 7
Cane Bay 42, Wilson 25
Crestwood 28, Chapin 14
Hartsville 45, Orangeburg-Wilkinson 6
Lower Richland 38, Darlington 6
Lugoff-Elgin 38, Dreher 21
Myrtle Beach 48, Beaufort 7
North Myrtle Beach 59, Colleton County 36

SECOND ROUND

FRIDAY

UPPER STATE

York at Greenville
South Aiken at Greer
Belton-Honea path at South Pointe
Westwood at Eastside

LOWER STATE

Myrtle Beach at Lower Richland
Cane Bay at Hartsville
Crestwood at North Myrtle Beach
Lugoff-Elgin at Berkeley

3A

FIRST ROUND

UPPER STATE

Broome 31, Walhalla 24
Chapman 57, Crescent 13
Chester 61, Powdersville 28
Emerald 48, Indian Land 23
Fairfield Central 29, Southside 22
Newberry 38, Pendleton 34
Palmetto 19, Camden 7
Seneca 18, Clinton 14

LOWER STATE

Bishop England 32, Battery Creek 26
Bluffton 22, Hanahan 21
Brookland-Cayce 53, Loris 22
Dillon 35, Strom Thurmond 7
Georgetown 29, Swansea 0
Gilbert 57, Aynor 16
Timberland 12, May River 10
Wade Hampton (H) 23, Manning 18

SECOND ROUND

FRIDAY

UPPER STATE

Chester at Chapman
Palmetto at Seneca
Newberry at Fairfield Central
Broome at Emerald

LOWER STATE

Bluffton at Gilbert
Bishop England at Dillon
Brookland-Cayce at Wade Hampton
Georgetown at Timberland

2A

FIRST ROUND

UPPER STATE

Abbeville 42, St. Joseph 6
Blacksburg 24, Liberty 17

Cheraw 28, Gray Collegiate Academy 18
Chesterfield 34, Fox Creek 23
Lee Central 42, W.J. Keenan 16
Ninety Six 56, Christ Church 36
Saluda 24, Central 21
Southside Christian 50, Chesnee 0

LOWER STATE

Andrews 48, Garrett 0
Bamberg-Ehrhardt 51, Kingstree 13
Batesburg-Leesville 41, Mullins 18
Carvers Bay 48, Calhoun County 12
Latta 43, North Charleston 12
Whale Branch 30, Buford 27
Woodland 27, Silver Bluff 0

SECOND ROUND

FRIDAY

UPPER STATE

Cheraw at Blacksburg
Chesterfield at Abbeville
Ninety Six at Saluda
Southside Christian at Lee Central

LOWER STATE

Latta at Bamberg-Ehrhardt
Woodland at Carvers Bay
Batesburg-Leesville at Whale Branch
Andrews at Barnwell

1A

FIRST ROUND

UPPER STATE

Dixie 38, Blackville-Hilda 12
Hunter-Kinard-Tyler 50, Whitmire 10
Lewisville 31, Wagener-Salley 2
Timmonsville 72, Denmark-Olar 8
Lower State

CROSS 26, EAST CLARENDON 10
Green Sea Floyds 20, Scott’s Branch 18
Hannah-Pamplico 57, Military Magnet Academy 22
St. John’s 46, Bethune-Bowman 6

SECOND ROUND

FRIDAY

UPPER STATE

Lewisville at McCormick
Timmonsville at Ridge Spring-Monetta
Hunter-Kinard-Tyler at Lamar
Dixie at Williston-Elko

LOWER STATE

Green Sea-Floyds at Baptist Hill
Cross at Lake View

SCISA

3A

FIRST ROUND

Laurence Manning, 20, Wilson Hall 14
Porter-Gaud 20, Pinewood Prep 7

SEMIFINALS

Friday
Laurence Manning at Ben Lippen
Porter-Gaud at Hammond

2A

FIRST ROUND

First Baptist 52, Spartanburg Christian 0
Florence Christian 24, St. Andrew’s 22
Robert E. Lee 42, Hilton Head Christian 7
Trinity Byrnes 41, Northwood 10

SEMIFINALS

Friday
Robert E. Lee at First Baptist
Florence Christian at Trinity-Byrnes

1A

FIRST ROUND

Carolina Academy 41, Dorchester 6
Dillon Christian 35, John Paul II 0
Pee Dee 49, Colleton Prep 20
Thomas Heyward 20, Christian Academy of Myrtle Beach 14

SEMIFINALS

Friday
Pee Dee at Thomas Heyward
Carolina at Dillon Christian

8-MAN DIVISION I

FIRST ROUND

Wardlaw 80, Cathedral Academy 12
Northside Christian 60, Summerville Faith Christian 52
Beaufort Academy 40, Holly Hill Academy 6
Coastal Christian 62, St. John’s Christian 28

SEMIFINALS

Friday
Beaufort at Wardlaw
Northside Christian at Coastal Christian

8-MAN DIVISION II

FIRST ROUND

Clarendon Hall 29, Richard Winn 28
Patrick Henry 60, W. Wyman King 48

SEMIFINALS

Friday
Clarendon Hall at Andrew Jackson
Patrick Henry at Jefferson Davis

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vindicated or troubled by Florida’s turmoil, he’s not saying.

“Having been through it, it’s a difficult time, but the sun will come up tomorrow morning,” said Muschamp, who’s still receiving Florida payments from his separation three years ago. “But I know it’s a difficult time for him right now. I hurt for him.”

But this week is about the Gators on the field, Muschamp said, and not about worrying over issues he can’t control.

“Obviously, Florida’s been through a lot of adversity this year,” he said. “Some suspensions to start the year, critical injuries that they’ve had throughout the year and obviously, losing the head football coach. I know it’s probably taken its mental toll. But they’ve still got some good players and a lot of talented players on the football field.”

Florida interim coach Randy Shannon said his team has work to do after the past couple of weeks. “You just can’t accept ‘oh we’re a lot better than we were’, no we’re not a lot better,” he said. “We’re better than

we’ve been, but guess what, you have to take that next step.”

Muschamp believes his players have progressed throughout the year despite injuries to critical playmakers like senior linebacker Bryson Allen-Williams and junior receiver Deebo Samuel, both of whom were hurt against Kentucky in September and were lost for the season. Samuel, who still leads the Gamecocks with six touchdowns, announced this week he would return for his final year, something Allen-Williams stated soon after his departure.

It’s just more positives for a program that Muschamp hopes is poised for even bigger gains ahead.

“They see what we’re building, they see what’s happening, they see the support that we have and they want to be Gamecocks and that’s exciting,” Muschamp said.

The progress can take another step forward with a win over the Gators.

“I think our guys have a pretty good understanding that every week is a season and you have to invest each week to get the result that you want on game day,” Muschamp said.

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No. 14 Penn State and No. 15 Ohio State fell out of the top 10 after losses last week.

UCF was 18th, the highest-ranked team from outside the Power Five conferences.

The highest-ranked conference champion from the Group of Five leagues is guaranteed a spot in one of the New Year’s Six Bowls, and the American Athletic Conference is in prime position to grab that bid this year.

UCF is unbeaten and leading the American’s East Division, and Memphis, ranked 22nd, is in the first in the AAC West. No other Group of Five conferences are represented in the selection committee’s rankings this week.

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visitors center is located inside the gates of Swan Lake-Iris Gardens on West Liberty Street.

The guest speaker on Friday will be Chris Clark of Gamecock Central.

Henry, who plays running back for SHS, is the Offensive Player of the Week. He rushed for 200 yards and two touchdowns on 26 carries and caught three passes for 44 yards in the Gamecocks’ 35-7 home victory over White Knoll in the first round of the 5A state playoffs on Friday.

Adams, who plays center for Sumter and is the only lineman to start every game,

was helping pave the way for Henry and the rest of the offense, and that’s why is the Offensive Lineman of the Week.

Adams graded out at 84 percent and had three knockdown blocks in the victory. Sumter rushed for 289 yards and had 426 yards of total offense.

Blanding, a linebacker for CHS, is the Defensive Player of the Week. He had eight total tackles, three tackles for loss and two quarterback sacks in the Knights’ 28-14 road victory over Chapin in the first round of the 4A state playoffs.

Austin, who plays wide receiver for LC, is the Special Teams Player of the Week. Rice returned two kickoffs for 110 yards, one going 80 yards for a touchdown.

RECRUITING CORNER

Tennessee commit Gerald still considering Gamecocks

Defensive end **Dorian Gerald** of Florence and College of the Canyons Junior College in California continues to hang in with Tennessee from a commitment standpoint, but the future of that football coaching staff weighs heavily on his mind and in his plans.

He has had official visits set with the University of South Carolina on Nov. 17, Tennessee on Nov. 24 and Louisville on Dec. 8. He's now added an official to Texas A&M on a date to be determined and plans to take a fifth official visit.

"What would have something to do with my commitment would be staff changes," Gerald said. "If (Tennessee head) Coach (Butch) Jones was to leave, it definitely would change things."

Gerald said his whole family will join him on his official visit to USC, something they have not been able to do on earlier visits with USC. In eight games this season, Gerald has 38 tackles with eight quarterback sacks and 15.5 tackles for loss.

DE **Jarrett Jackson** of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., is scheduled for an official visit to USC this weekend. He is a Louisville commit.

USC DE commit **Kingsley Enagbare** of Hapeville, Ga., recently was offered by Notre

Dame and plans to take an official visit there. However, Hapeville Charter head coach Winston Gordon does not foresee a change in course for his star defender.

"He said he's committed to the University of South Carolina and I don't think he's thinking anything," Gordon said. "I think he's rock solid to South Carolina. I don't think anything will waver that. He's taking the visit just because it's Notre Dame. I don't think he'll take any other visits. One thing about my kids, they don't waver."

Defensive back **Divaad Wilson** of Miami has been a Florida commitment, but the coaching change there could change that. Wilson took an official visit to USC for the Vanderbilt weekend.

"He enjoyed the trip and right now South Carolina, due to things that happened at Florida, things might work out," said Wilson's head coach Max Edwards. "Everything went positive. There ain't no telling what might happen now."

Wilson is scheduled for official visits to Georgia and UF later in November, but Edwards said he's not sure about the status of those visits at this point.

USC linebacker target **Channing Tindall** of Spring Valley High School in Columbia made an unofficial visit to UGA on Saturday for the USC game. He said after his Friday game that he's still open with his decision between USC, UGA and UF.

USC defensive lineman target **Rick Sandidge** also was in Athens, Ga., on Saturday.

USC offensive lineman target **Jovaughn Gwyn** of Charlotte planned to be at North Carolina State on Saturday for the Clemson game.

USC OL commitment **Jesus Gibbs** took an unofficial visit to Virginia Tech recently. VT is pushing to flip him.

DB **Saivion Smith** of Mississippi Gulf Coast JC told 247Sports USC is one of the schools still recruiting him hard. Smith's season ended last week, and he's now turning his attention towards recruiting. He said Mississippi, Mississippi State and Alabama also are recruiting him hard. He's also getting attention from Utah, Washington and Central Florida.

USC offered 2019 running back **Eric Gray** of Memphis, Tenn. Some of his other offers are Michigan, Stanford, Tennessee, Indiana and Colorado. In '16, Gray rushed for 2,300 yards and 43 touchdowns. So far this season, he has rushed for 2,276 yards and 32 TDs.

USC also offered '21 RB **BJ Harris** of Chattanooga, Tenn.

CLEMSON

OL **Cade Mays** of Knoxville, Tenn., is another Tennessee commitment still looking at other options. One of those is Clemson and he made an unofficial visit for the Georgia Tech game. He plans to return for an official visit for The Citadel weekend. Clemson has plenty of help recruiting Mays with current commitment **Mike Jones Jr.** and current freshman wide receiver Amari Rodgers both very close friends. And he said this most recent visit definitely improved Clemson's positioning with him.

"Absolutely," he said. "I want to win a national championship and get the best opportunity to play at the highest level. Obviously, Clemson has the tools to help me achieve my goal."

Mays planned to be at UGA on Saturday and plans to visit Ohio State this weekend. He then plans official visits to Clemson and Tennessee the last two weekends of the month. He also has ND scheduled for Dec. 8 and UGA for Dec. 15. He will be a mid-year enrollee.

OL **Jordan McFadden** of Dorman High in Roebuck has been a VT commitment, but

Clemson has made inroads in trying to turn him. The strength of McFadden's commitment had slipped in recent months as he made visits to Clemson and examined his opportunity there. Plus, as he has said, Clemson was his favorite growing up.

However, his recent official visit to Blacksburg, Va., reversed the trend.

"I'd say it made it (commitment strength) stronger," McFadden said. "Just getting to know the players and getting to ask them questions

about not only football but the campus and the people there and stuff academically, it was more that I got to know than I knew before. It's just good to get to hear some stuff. It made me feel a lot better about them, just to understand what's going on there and how it could benefit me in the future."

McFadden said he might go back to VT for one more game. Clemson also will get another chance. McFadden said Clemson wants him to take his official visit for The Citadel weekend, but he would prefer to visit this weekend. And soon after that visit he will make his final decision.

Clemson OL target **Jamaree Salyer** was at UGA on Saturday. Salyer is scheduled for an official to Clemson for The Citadel game.

Also scheduled for official visit to Clemson this weekend are DB **Kelvin Joseph** of Baton Rouge, La., and DB **Brendan Radley-Hiles** of IMG Academy. Joseph was scheduled for an unofficial visit to Alabama on Saturday. Radley-Hiles decommitted from Nebraska last week. He's also taken officials to Nebraska, Texas and Oklahoma.

Owen Pappoe, a '19 LB from Loganville, Ga., has Clemson in his final three with UGA and Nebraska.

CLEMSON AND USC

DB **Jaycee Horn** of Alpharetta, Ga., also a Tennessee commit, was back at USC for the Vandy game.

"I talked to (USC head) Coach (Will) Muschamp and (defensive coordinator) Coach T-Rob (Travaris Robinson) and there's a great opportunity at South Carolina right now," Horn said. "A program on the rise."

USC would love to get Horn to flip from his Tennessee commitment, but despite all the turmoil in Knoxville, Horn said nothing has changed with his commitment at this point. However, his relationship with USC is growing stronger.

About Tennessee, Horn said, "It would suck to see those coaches not at Tennessee anymore. Hopefully they get some things worked out and finish the season out strong. I wish Coach Jones and the coaching staff the best of luck throughout their season. There's a lot going on in Knoxville right now, a lot of speculation. I'm just going to sit back and wait and if something does happen, I'll have to make my decision based off that."

"It's really just a waiting game. I'm signing in February and that's a long way away. I'm committed right now, but it's still a long ways away and there's still a lot of schools still recruiting me. Final day will be in February on (National) Signing Day."

Clemson also remains in touch with Horn. He actually was planning to go to the Clemson-GT game before deciding to go to USC. He said he will take another visit to Clemson, possibly an official. He's also hearing from UGA, Ohio State, Ole Miss and others. He also has visited Ole

Miss and was scheduled to be at UGA on Saturday.

DE **KJ Henry** of Clemmons, N.C., will make his official visit to USC this weekend. He has been to Clemson, UGA and VT, and Alabama will get his final visit before his Dec. 20 announcement. Henry's official visit to Clemson was for the GT game.

"This time they really put down the red carpet for me and my family," Henry said. "Just the experience of getting that family welcome, the staff and all the players, it went well."

USC's Muschamp has made him a personal recruiting target, and Henry is looking forward to his return trip to Columbia.

"In some ways they are kind of like Clemson. They are very genuine and great to my family so I'm just looking for that consistency," he said. "But at the same time, I feel their need for defensive linemen is a little bit more than at Clemson. Just to be able to talk with them and get more in depth and more specific about where they see me in their defense and what I can do to help them be successful in the next couple of years."

Clemson offered '19 DE **Kevin Harris** of Loganville, Ga. USC also has offered.

OTHERS

LB **Kyle Wright** of Ben Lippen in Columbia decommitted from Temple on Friday. He said he's been drawing more interest and wants to take some other official visits though Temple remains on his list. He mentioned schools from the Pacific-12 Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference and Big 10 Conference are involved.

BASKETBALL

The basketball early signing period begins today and runs for a week. All eyes across the basketball world will be on Spartanburg Day's 6-foot-6-inch **Zion Williamson**. He has taken official visits to Kentucky, Kansas, Duke and North Carolina and unofficial visits to USC and Clemson.

Williamson has not publicly indicated a favorite in this recruiting sweepstakes, and he has not said if he will sign now or wait until spring.

DJ Burns, a 6-9 player from York Prep, was at USC for Sunday's game. He also visited the previous weekend for the Vandy football game. He also has been to Tennessee in the last month. He picked up an offer from Virginia last week and also has offers from GT, VT, Tennessee, UGA and Louisiana State. He also is hearing from Clemson.

Clemson offered 6-9 '19 recruit **Jae'lyn Withers** of Charlotte, according to *PhenomHoops.com*. And Clemson last week was in to visit 6-2 '19 recruit **Brenden Tucker** of Lawrenceville, Ga., and he plans to take an unofficial visit.

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM J. MONTALBANO SR.

William Joseph "Monty" Montalbano Sr., 91, widower of Marie Soles Montalbano, died on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017, at Covenant Place.

Born in Sumter, he was a son of the late James and Lena Wise Montalbano. Mr. Montalbano was a member of Alice Drive Baptist Church and a former Shriner. He retired from Dupont with 26 years of service. He was also the retired owner and operator of Monty's VW Repair and Monty's Trailers.

Surviving are one son, William Montalbano Jr. (Deborah) of Sumter; one sister, Melba Cooper of Lexington; four grandchildren, Kimberley Morris (Eric), Marjorie "Meme" Montalbano, Richard Montalbano (Ashley) and Nicole James (Reggie); 12 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and three stepdaughters, Betty Coombs of Canton, North Carolina, Linda Rasmussen (Randy) of Penrose, Colorado, and Sandy Olingert (Marty) of California.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mike Montalbano; a brother, James Montalbano; and a sister, Frances Owens.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday in the chapel of Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Clay Smith offici-

ating. Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday at the funeral home and other times at 650 Sierra St.

Memorials may be made to Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children, 952 Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com

Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home & Crematory, 221 Broad St., Sumter, is in charge of the arrangements, (803) 775-9386.



Elmore Hill McCreight FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY

MALIK SUTTON

Malik Sutton, age 20, was born on Nov. 6, 1996, in Manhattan, New York, to Theresa N. Sutton and the late James Sutton Sr.

He departed this life on Friday, Nov. 3, 2017, in Sumter.

Malik is survived by his mother, Theresa Sutton; biological mother, Patricia; a son, King; brothers and sisters, Kim, Sabrina, James Jr., Louis Sr., Todd, Desiree, Shayla, Ny-

quashia and Steffon; his girlfriend, Janessa; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday at Plaza Church of Christ, 1402 Camden Road / U.S. 521 North, Sumter, SC 29150.

Online messages of hope can be left at www.whitesmortuary.net

Services entrusted to Whites Mortuary LLC.

EDWARD S. ERVIN IV

Edward Singleton Ervin IV, 63, died on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017, at his home.

Born in Sumter, he was a son of Edward Singleton Ervin III and the late Irene Yates Ervin. Mr. Ervin was a graduate of Wilson Hall School, the University of South Carolina, Samford University and received a Juris Doctor Degree from Cumberland University. He retired from the Ervin Law Firm.

Surviving are his father of Sumter; one niece, Lauren Pippen (Andy) of Charleston; and one great-nephew, Tyler Pippen.

He was predeceased by a sister, Augusta Ervin Nadol. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Sumter Cemetery.

The family will receive friends following the graveside service.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 9 W. Calhoun St., Sumter, SC 29150 or to the SPCA, 1140 S. Guignard Drive, Sumter, SC 29150.

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Elmore Hill McCreight FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY

ROBERT J. TILLER JR.

MAYESVILLE — Robert James Tiller Jr., age 61, died on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born in Sumter, he was the son of Annette Corbett Tiller and the late Robert James Tiller. Mr. Tiller graduated from Wilson Hall and attended Anderson College.

Surviving in addition to his mother, Annette, are two sisters, Annette Hamilton Tiller Haynes and Mary Lynda Tiller Dutcher and her husband, George; two nieces; and four great-nephews.

Services were private. You may go to www.bullockfuneralhome.com and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



Bullock Funeral Home & Crematory

MICHAEL WALKER

Michael Walker, 43, hus-

band of Shannaree Portee Walker, died on Monday, Nov. 6, 2017, at Palmetto Health Richland, Columbia.

Born on May 24, 1974, in Kershaw County, he was a son of Johnnie Council and Elsie Walker Blackwell.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 20 Executive Circle, Dalzell.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Williams Funeral Home Inc.

CLYDE NATHANIEL

Clyde Nathaniel, 59, husband of Kay Glover Nathaniel, died on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on Oct. 10, 1958, in Sumter County, he was a son of Susie Nathaniel.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 1001 Hort St.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Williams Funeral Home Inc.

CLAYTON W. COLLINS

Clayton Wayne Collins, 80, husband of Wanda "Mickey" Murphy Collins, died on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017, at Lake Marion Nursing Center.

Funeral services will be announced by Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home and Crematory.



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SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Native Americans dance during a Sumter Tribe of Cheraw Indians event in 2014 at the Sumter County Museum.

Learn about Cheraw tribe at festival



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Tammy Ray Stevens, tribal council member, is seen during a previous event celebrating the Sumter Tribe of Cheraw Indians.

BY IVY MOORE

Special to The Sumter Item

It took more than two centuries for the Sumter Tribe of Cheraw Indians to receive official status as a Native American tribe, and on Saturday, the tribal council and members will share their heritage with the community. The 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sumter Native American Indian Festival will be presented at the Sumter County Museum.

The program is just the second since South Carolina granted official recognition to the tribe in November 2013. Tribal Council member Ansley Ray said that, like the 2014 festival, Saturday's festival will serve two purposes: to celebrate the tribe's culture and history and "to bring a little bit of its Native American culture into Sumter County."

Ray said there are about 275 Cheraw Indians, "plus a lot more that haven't yet embraced their heritage. For a long time, we believed we were of Turkish heritage."

Recognized as neither white nor black, the families now known to be Native American lived outside of Sumter in a separate community, he said.

Through extensive research, mainly through census records, the Cheraw Indians were able to establish their native heritage from the late 18th century. Documentation and a petition submitted to the South Carolina Department of Minority Affairs resulted in their official recognition. More of the tribe's history will be discussed during the festival's presentations in the McKenzie Hall Heritage Education Center.

The festival will open with a prayer and smudging by George Truesdale, vice chief of the Cheraw Indians. Ray explained that smudging is a traditional Native American ceremony comprising the burning of "dried sage to clear the festival proper of any bad spirits."

Outdoor activities, he said, will include "native dancing in full regalia by Cheraw tribe members Doug Carter and Howie Collum, and dancing and drumming by the Edisto River Singers." There will also be crafts for the children taught by tribal members.



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Karli Hudson helps a child make a dream catcher at a previous tribe event. This year's Sumter Native American Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sumter County Museum, 122 N. Washington St.



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Chief Ralph Oxendine and Vice Chief George Truesdale are part of the Sumter Tribe of Cheraw Indians.

"We'll have a 'make-and-take' for the children," Ray said. "They can make such items as turtle purses, necklaces and other native crafts."

Vendors of native crafts and jewelry will be on site throughout the festival, as will a food truck with Native American dishes. There will also be some native crafts for sale.

Festival goers will also be able to enter a raffle for Native American gifts.

Inside McKenzie Hall Heritage Education Center, visitors to the festival can learn more about the history of Native Americans through presentations by Chief Buster Hatcher of the Waccamaw Indians. Hatcher, who lives in the Conway-Myrtle Beach area, will speak on "Native Americans in South Carolina," focusing on their culture "before the Europeans got here."

Linwood Collins of the Sumter Tribe of Cheraw Indians will present some of his native and tribe artifacts, and Pony Hill, also of the Sumter

Tribe, will speak on the origins of the tribe. Hill will discuss some of the apocryphal stories about the tribe's beginnings, one including the now debunked belief that the people were "Turks of Moorish descent who had escaped from pirate ships off the coast."

"We didn't know who we were until about 10 years ago," Ray said. "We're trying to learn more of our culture and get it back."

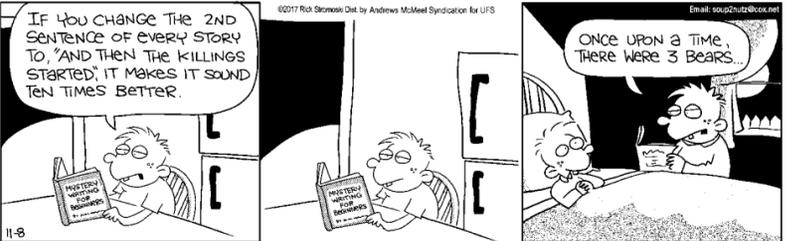
The public is invited to attend the Sumter Native American Festival presented by the Sumter Tribe of Cheraw Indians from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sumter County Museum, 122 N. Washington St.

Support for the festival is provided by the museum and a grant from the Sumter County Cultural Commission, which receives support from the John and Susan Bennett Arts Fund of the Coastal Community Foundation, the South Carolina Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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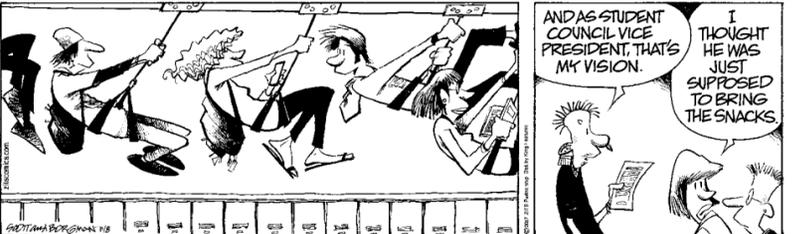
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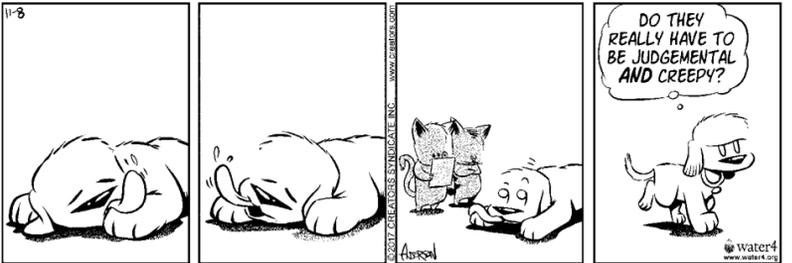
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Mom mulls overruling dad on daughter's social life



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — My ex-husband and I have been divorced for three years and share custody of our 10-year-old daughter, who lives with me full time. Her dad lives out of state and sees her during the summer months.

Last year my daughter had an incident (an "I'll show you mine, you show me yours" kind of thing) with a friend at school and my ex and I decided they should no longer hang out after school alone. A year has gone by and because they're in the same social circle at school, my ex is refusing to allow her

to go to any events this friend attends (birthdays, sleepovers), even though there is always adult supervision.

It makes me sad to see her miss out, and I understand that the incident is normal for kids that age. What can I do? Since she doesn't live with him, can I overrule?

I'll show you mine

DEAR I'LL SHOW YOU MINE — I'm sorry your ex doesn't understand that sexual curiosity in children is normal, because it appears he has overreacted. You can't dictate the rules in his household. However, while your daughter is living with you during the winter months, he can't overrule your decisions either.

DEAR ABBY — Since the last presidential election our oldest

son has stopped communicating with us. He would text us, but his texts were so disrespectful and hurtful we had to block him from our phones. He's a grown man, and we love him. What should we do?

Disappointed parents

DEAR PARENTS — The last presidential election has proved to be so divisive that it has ended friendships and caused rifts in some families. Blocking your son from your phones was a mistake. It would've been better to have just told him you would prefer not to discuss politics via text messages.

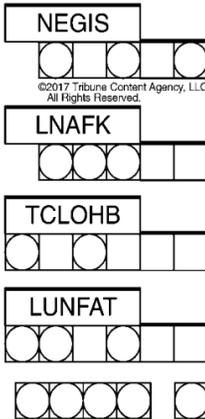
Until both sides can start listening respectfully to each other, healing and understanding won't happen. Unblock your phone, and let your son know that he hurt your feelings, which is why you did it.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



HE TOLD THEM THAT HE GREW GREAT COFFEE, BUT HE WAS —

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)
Yesterday's Jumbles: WEARY GOING STEREO PUDDLE
Answer: The competition between the energy companies was a — POWER STRUGGLE

SUDOKU

HOW TO PLAY:

Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

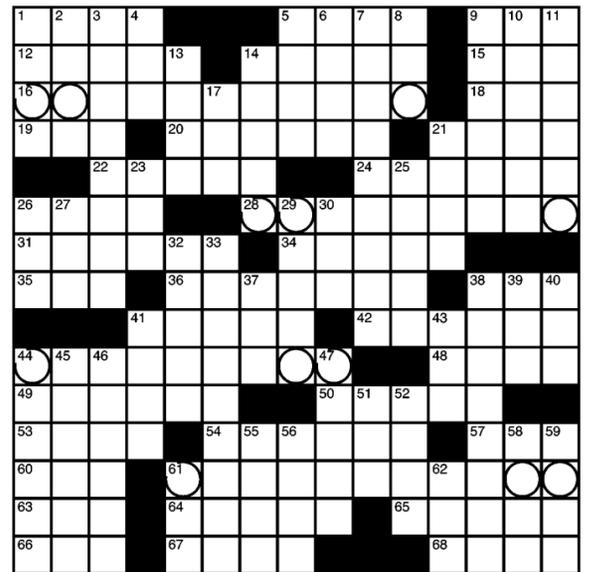
PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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5	8	9	1	2	7	3	6	4
6	3	2	9	4	5	1	7	8
9	2	3	8	1	4	7	5	6
4	1	5	2	7	6	9	8	3
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



By C.C. Burnikel

11/8/17

ACROSS

- 1 "That cracks me up!"
- 5 "___ and the Swan": Rubens painting
- 9 Paper Mate product
- 12 1936 Olympics standout
- 14 Goes it alone
- 15 "Te ___": Rihanna song
- 16 "Golfers' guide for measuring distances
- 18 Playful bite
- 19 House vote
- 20 Like much store-brand merchandise
- 21 Contact lens solution brand
- 22 Soft boot material
- 24 Winner's wreath
- 26 Church seating
- 28 "Philatelist's find
- 31 On ___ of: for
- 34 Family guys
- 35 Overhead expanse
- 36 Superhero in an armored suit
- 38 Place for a hot stone massage
- 41 "Uncle Tom's Cabin" novelist
- 42 Become clear to, with "on"
- 44 "Hybrid retriever
- 48 Tough to learn
- 49 "Finally!"
- 50 One of his stories is the source of the "sour grapes" idiom
- 53 Relax in the tub
- 54 Sonny and Cher, e.g.
- 57 Sulu portrayer John
- 60 Kin of net
- 61 "Winter warming spell
- 63 Fla. neighbor
- 64 Athlete's rep
- 65 Facebook option
- 66 Mario Bros. console letters
- 67 Exercise break
- 68 Casino conveniences
- 13 Customer-drawing sign word
- 14 Waste conduit
- 17 Supreme being
- 21 Road grooves
- 23 "Miracle on Ice" team, for short
- 25 Yoga position
- 26 "Masterpiece" network
- 27 "There's a mouse in our house!"
- 29 Sleep study subject
- 30 Ewe guy
- 32 Low-calorie brews
- 33 Place for big headlines
- 37 Hoating bird
- 38 Popular mobile app ... and, as shown by circles, what the inner parts of the answers to starred clues do
- 39 ___ capita
- 40 Mix in
- 41 Badlands Natl. Park site
- 43 Detective's question
- 44 Garage container
- 45 1962 Lawrence portrayer
- 46 Peruvian pack animals
- 47 Not skilled in
- 51 Lux. setting
- 52 Tofu beans
- 55 Change for a five
- 56 Fourth-down play
- 58 Inflict pain on
- 59 Is in arrears
- 61 Cookie container
- 62 Article in some hip-hop titles

DOWN

- 1 Georgetown hoopster
- 2 On the road
- 3 "These are the reasons"
- 4 "Go on ..."
- 5 Place for a hoop
- 6 Musk of Tesla Motors
- 7 Kid's drawing tablet
- 8 Pose a question
- 9 Bakery-café chain
- 10 "8 Mile" rapper
- 11 Orange juice specification

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved



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 Blacklist "The Kilgannon Corporation" A human smuggling ring is infiltrated. (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Unintended Consequences" Rollins goes undercover. (N) (DVS)	Chicago P.D. "Fallen" A search for a murdered family's killer. (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)	Survivor "Get to Gettin'" (N)	SEAL Team "Borderlines" The team rescues a CIA operative. (N)	Criminal Minds "Dust and Bones" A subject targets prominent people. (N) (DVS)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Norman Reedus; Sean Astin; Pat McGann. (N)			
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Veterans Week" (N)	Jeopardy! "Tournament of Champions Quarterfinals"	The 51st Annual CMA Awards: Honoring country music industry members. (Live)			ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live "Jesse Williams" Actor Jesse Williams. (N)			
WRJA	27	11	14	Weekends With Yankee "Fall Color"	Expeditions With Patrick McMillan	Nature "The Cheetah Children" A cheetah raises her five newborn cubs. (N) (DVS)	NOVA "Killer Floods" Research on megafloods. (N) (DVS)	Frontline "Business of Disaster" Companies profit from disasters.	Tavis Smiley (N)	BBC World News	Charlie Rose (N)		
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Brain Bowl Incubation"	The Big Bang Theory "The Maternal Combustion"	Empire "The Fool" Cookie tries to prove Lucious is fine. (N) (DVS)	Star "May the Best Manager Win" Ayana is stressed by her father's visit. (N) (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)		
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing "Mandy asks Mike to make a speech."	Last Man Standing "Sinkhole"	Riverdale "Chapter Eighteen: When a Stranger Calls" Alice publishes an inflammatory article. (N)	Dynasty "Company Slut" A fight for a magazine cover. (N)	Dateline "Deadly Devotion" Investigating an Army captain's death.	Dateline "One Spring Night" Sexual assault at an elite prep school.	The Game "Away Game" Derwin invites Melanie.			
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130	Storage Wars "No Bid for the Weary"	Storage Wars "A Time to Kill"	Storage Wars "LBC U LTR"	Storage Wars	Storage Wars "The Wild Wild Vests"	Storage Wars (N)	(:01) Ozzy and Jack's World Detour Deep-sea fishing; haunted doll.	(:03) Storage Wars	(:33) Storage Wars	(12:03) Storage Wars	
AMC	48	180	(5:00) *** "Moneyball" (2011, Drama) Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill.	*** "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" (2001, Fantasy) Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Liv Tyler. Creatures unite to destroy a powerful ring and defeat a lord.			*** "Van Helsing" (2004)						
ANPL	41	100	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters			Treehouse Masters: Branched Out Channeling the Vikings for inspiration. (N)			Animal Cribbs A cats-only tree house. TM: Branched Out			
BET	61	162	*** "The Nutty Professor" (1996, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Jada Pinkett, James Coburn. A plump scientist transforms himself into a svelte swinger.	Face Value (N)			50 Central "Toya Teaches..." (N)			Face Value 50 Central "Toya Teaches..." Martin			
BRAVO	47	181	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Danielle shares a secret with Teresa.	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Melissa and Teresa get into a fight.			The Real Housewives of New Jersey (N)			The Real Housewives of New Jersey			
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank Solving a holiday headache.	Shark Tank An elegant lighting solution.			Shark Tank (DVS)			Shark Tank Aromatherapy sprays.			
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)			Anderson Cooper 360 (N)			CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)			
COM	57	136	(6:50) South Park "Stanley's Cup"	(:25) South Park "Going Native"	South Park "Ike's Wee Wee"	South Park "Faith Hilling"	South Park "Red Hot Catholic Love"	South Park "Sons a Witches"	South Park (N)	Broad City "Florida" (N)	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	The Opposition w/ Jordan Klepper (N)	(12:01) South Park
DISN	18	200	Bunk'd A ghost haunts the camp.	Raven's Home "Fears of a Clown"	Andi Mack	K.C. Undercover	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home "In-Vision of Privacy"	Stuck in the Middle Liv and Maddie	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home	Stuck in the Middle	
DSC	42	103	Homestead Rescue "Trust or Die"	Homestead Rescue "Bearanoia"			Homestead Rescue: Raney			Moonshiners "Codes of the Craft"			
ESPN	26	35	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Boston Celtics. From TD Garden in Boston. (N) (Live)			NBA Basketball Minnesota Timberwolves at Golden State Warriors. (N) (Live)						
ESPN2	27	39	SportsCenter (N)	College Football Teams TBA. (N) (Live)			SportsCenter (N) (Live)			SportsCenter (N)			
FOOD	40	109	Iron Chef Gauntlet "The Gauntlet"	Iron Chef: Outside the Stadium (N)			Iron Chef Showdown			Iron Chef: Behind the Battle			
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)			Hannity (N)			The Ingraham Angle (N)			
FREE	20	131	(6:30) * "The Waterboy" (1998) Adam Sandler. A simpleton's angry outbursts lead to gridiron glory.	*** "Coming to America" (1988, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Arsenio Hall, John Amos. An African prince and his royal sidekick come to Queens.						The 700 Club ** "Uncle Buck" (1989)			
FSS	21	47	Women's College Volleyball Oklahoma at Texas Tech. (N) (Live)	Boxing World super lightweight title bout, from April 9, 2011.						Women's College Volleyball Oklahoma at Texas Tech.			
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "Let It Snow" (2013, Drama) Candace Cameron Bure, Jesse Hutch.	"Miss Christmas" (2017, Romance) Brooke D'Orsay, Marc Blucas. A woman searches for the perfect Christmas tree.			"Merry Matrimony" (2015, Romance) Jessica Lowndes, Christopher Russell. After landing her dream job, a woman must work with her ex-boyfriend.			"A Christmas Melody" (2015)			
HGTV	39	112	Property Brothers	Property Brothers			Property Brothers "Miles Apart" (N)			House Hunters (N) Hunters Int'l			
HIST	45	110	(5:00) American Pickers: Bonus Buys	American Pickers "Scrappy Go Lucky"			American Pickers (N)			(:09) American Pickers "40 Acre Pick"			
ION	13	18	Law & Order "Reality Bites" Mother of 10 children is found dead.	Law & Order "Dignity" Detectives investigate a protester.			Law & Order "Human Flesh Search Engine" Suspicious web site.			Law & Order "Steel-Eyed Death" A family is found murdered.			
LIFE	50	145	Little Women: Dallas Bri and Brichelle go to a matchmaker.	Little Women: Dallas Emily goes into attack mode. (N)			Little Women: Dallas "Pretty Little Liar; Open Mic Fight" Caylea confronts Tiffani. (N)			(:02) Little Women: LA The day of Penny's surgery arrives. (N)			
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews	All In With Chris Hayes			The Rachel Maddow Show (N)			The Last Word			
NICK	16	210	SpongeBob	* "Yogi Bear" (2010) Voice of Dan Aykroyd.			Full House			Fresh Prince			
SPIKE	64	153	Friends	Friends			The Shannara Chronicles "Paranor"			The Shannara Chronicles "Crimson"			
SYFY	58	152	(6:00) *** "Skyfall" (2012, Action) Daniel Craig, Judi Dench, Javier Bardem. James Bond must track down and destroy a threat to Mi6. (DVS)	*** "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" (2007, Adventure) Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley. Jack Sparrow's friends join forces to save him.									
TBS	24	156	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory			The Big Bang Theory			The Big Bang Theory			
TCM	49	186	(5:30) **** "You Can't Take It With You" (1938) Jean Arthur.	*** "The Shop Around the Corner" (1940) Margaret Sullavan, Frank Morgan. Bickering Budapest co-workers fall in love as secret pen pals. (DVS)			*** "The Mortal Storm" (1940, Drama) Margaret Sullavan, James Stewart. The rise of Nazism spells tragedy for a German family.			90 Day Fiancé: Extended Luis clashes with Molly's family.			
TLC	43	157	Long Island Medium	90 Day Fiancé: Extended "Family First" Luis clashes with Molly's family. (N)			The Healer			90 Day Fiancé: Extended Luis clashes with Molly's family.			
TNT	23	158	(5:30) ** "The Replacements" (2000) Keanu Reeves. (DVS)	*** "Remember the Titans" (2000, Drama) Denzel Washington, Will Patton, Donald Adeosun Faison. A black man coaches high-school football after integration. (DVS)			(:31) ** "The Replacements" (2000, Comedy) Keanu Reeves, Gene Hackman. Misfit substitutes take the field during a football strike. (DVS)						
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers			Impractical Jokers			Impractical Jokers			
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	(:36) M*A*S*H			(:12) Everybody Loves Raymond			Love-Raymond			
USA	25	132	"G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra" (2009)	(:35) ** "G.I. Joe: Retaliation" (2013, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Bruce Willis, Channing Tatum. Threats from within the government jeopardize the G.I. Joes. (DVS)			Mr. Robot "Eps3.4runtime-error.r00" E Corp is in chaos; Elliot is on the run. (N)			(10:54) Damnation "Sam Riley's Body" A farmer's strike escalates.			
WE	68	166	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Pravda"	** "Monster-in-Law" (2005) Jennifer Lopez. A shrewish woman clashes with her son's fiancée.			** "Monster-in-Law" (2005) Jennifer Lopez, Jane Fonda, Michael Vartan.						
WGNA	8	172	*** "Contact" (1997) Jodie Foster, Matthew McConaughey. A scientist seeks alien life in deep space.	Cops			Cops			Cops Screams.			

Will 'The Job Interview' offer viewers any entertainment?

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

With series like "Shark Tank" and now "The Job Interview" (10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., CNBC, TV-PG), reality TV has gotten down to business. I'm not sure that's an improvement. When "Survivor" (8 p.m., CBS) arrived, many saw the strategizing, backstabbing and fake friendships as an exotic metaphor for office politics. Few people knew what it was like to endure on a desert island, but many had recognized phony behavior from their own efforts to "survive" in an office jungle.

The workplace-reality TV blend also added to the comedy of the British version of "The Office" as well as its NBC adaptation. Many viewers saw parallels between their workplace and that of the fictional Dunder-Mifflin.

With "The Job Interview," CNBC blends elements of "Big Brother" and "American Idol" to add a little razzle-dazzle to a fairly mundane process. They've loaded an office with tiny unseen cameras, capturing a "contestant's" every move. Simple acts like opening a door or leaving an elevator are freighted with "drama." The first episode of "Interview" doubled down on the ordinary. A startup is looking for an accountant! Now that's entertainment.

Over a span of 20 minutes, four applicants are winnowed down from more than 100, and get to face their "judges." Three of the final four have some revealing nervous tics. One even discusses them with his would-be employers. Does that make him sympathetic? Or just strange?

It's not clear if this strenuously by-the-books business procedural is going to become water-cooler conversation. The popularity of series like "The Voice" show us that most prefer a "Star Search" to a job search.

Who wants to come home from a hard day at work to be "entertained" with "The Job Interview"? Viewers

may still prefer the distraction of scripted comedies like "Office Space" (8 p.m., IFC) or a thriller like "The Accountant" (8:15 p.m., HBO).

- Brad Paisley and Carrie Underwood host the 51st Annual CMA Awards (8 p.m., ABC). Garth Brooks, Brothers Osborne, Luke Bryan, Eric Church and Miranda Lambert are scheduled to perform live from Nashville.
- "The A Word" (10 p.m., Sundance, TV-14) enters its second season. For the unfamiliar, "Word" stars Max Vento as Joe Hughes, a sweet 5-year-old who lives in his own world.

He exhibits an encyclopedic knowledge of 1970s punk music. His parents find him charming, but he's increasingly ostracized at school by children whose own parents resent the attention he receives.

While this series takes a far-less sugarcoated take on autism than "The Good Doctor," it features a quirky, dysfunctional family and brooding Lake District scenery that distract from Joe and his problems, treating them as one piece in an amusing family dynamic.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Lucious needs help on "Empire" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14).
- "Nature" (8 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings) explores cheating mothers and their offspring.
- "NOVA" (9 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings) profiles geologists studying evidence of ancient killer floods.
- A drug dealer may have killed an entire family on "Chicago P.D." (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14).

CULT CHOICE

Feuding workers (Margaret Sullavan and James Stewart) have no idea that they've fallen in love as romantic pen pals in the 1940 Ernst Lubitsch comedy "The Shop Around the Corner" (8 p.m., TCM). Remade for the

internet age as "You've Got Mail," starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

SERIES NOTES

Human trafficking on "The Blacklist" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-14) * Jughead calms a media firestorm on "Riverdale" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14) * The squad must rescue a kidnapped CIA agent on "SEAL Team" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * A posh rehab center falls under suspicion on "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14) * The label faces bad press on "Star" (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * Fallon and Cristal vie to become cover girls on "Dynasty" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14) * A killer targets the prominent on "Criminal Minds" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

Kenneth Branagh visits "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central) * Bill Clinton and Jack Whitehall are booked on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS) * Norman Reedus, Sean Astin and Pat McGann appear on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Mark Wahlberg, Gina Rodriguez, Brian Regan and Monica on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Hillary Clinton, Will Ferrell and Nathan Davilmar visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) * Neil DeGrasse Tyson, Saoirse Ronan and Billy Corgan appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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Marathon race director Peter Ciaccia, left, greets Kevin Hart as he crosses the finish line of the New York City Marathon on Sunday.

Comedian Kevin Hart beats Tiki Barber in NYC Marathon

NEW YORK (AP) — Kevin Hart got serious about training for the New York City Marathon. So serious, he beat former New York Giants running back Tiki Barber.

The comedian and actor posted a video on Instagram that says "Marathon complete. Got my gold medal. It's an amazing feeling. I can check this goal off my list."

He finished his first NYC marathon in 4 hours, 5 minutes, 6 seconds. He'll have some bragging rights on Barber, running 33 minutes faster than the

42-year-old retired football player turned broadcaster.

The 38-year-old Hart says he "cramped real bad after Mile 20" but immediately set another goal of running more marathons.

Kathrine Switzer ran her first NYC marathon since winning the title in 1974. The 70-year-old author and marathon commentator finished in 4:48:21.

Switzer was the first woman to run the Boston Marathon in 1967. She used her initials because women weren't allowed to enter the event.

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SERVE CORNISH HENS instead of turkey for Thanksgiving

BY SARA MOULTON
The Associated Press

On Thanksgiving Day, why not follow presidential custom and grant your turkey a pardon? Sure, the big bird has always been at the center of the traditional feast, but cooking it is almost always a headache.

The problem is how long to cook it. Sometimes a 16-pound turkey is cooked to perfection in three hours flat. Sometimes it requires three hours and 45 minutes. This unpredictability makes it tough to plan the cooking of the other items on your menu and to figure out when the meal itself can begin.

That's why I'm proposing Cornish hens instead of turkey. They're at least as scrumptious as turkeys, but they're much smaller — weighing in at 1 pound to 2 pounds — making them easier to cook. They roast up much more quickly, and you don't have to wrestle them into a roasting pan to make them fit. With hens that are on the large size, you get two servings out of every bird. (After the bird has cooked and rested, slice it in half, starting at the mid-line of the breastbone.)

Stuff birds that are 1 to 1 1/4 pounds with one-third cup stuffing instead of the half-cup, and start with a cooking time of 25 minutes. You'll know they're properly cooked when the internal temperature, taken in the thickest part of the thigh, registers 165 F.

You'll be roasting these hens at a high heat, 450 F, so make sure your oven is very clean or your kitchen will smoke up. Also, use a roasting pan with high-ish sides to keep the spitting fat and juices from spraying everywhere. Once you've pulled the hens from the oven, they must rest for at least 10 to 15 minutes to guarantee a moist bird. If you try to slice it in half too soon, the juices will come streaming out.

The stuffing recipe yields a little more than you'll need for four large hens. So when the hens are resting, spread out the extra stuffing in a pie plate and heat it up in the oven — covered, if you want it moist, uncovered, if you want it crispy.

MINIATURE ROAST BIRDS FOR THANKSGIVING

Start to finish: 2 hours, 15 minutes (40 active)
Servings: 8

For the stuffing:

1/2 pound firm white, homemade-style sandwich bread
3/4 cup finely chopped onion
1/3 cup finely diced celery
4 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh sage
1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh thyme
1 teaspoon lemon zest
6 cooked breakfast sausages (about 6 ounces raw), sliced crosswise 1/4 inch thick
1/2 to 3/4 cup chicken broth

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

For the hens:

4 Cornish hens (about 2 pounds each)
Oil for brushing the skin

For the gravy:

1 tablespoon vegetable oil
Giblets from the hens (save the livers for another use)
1 small onion, sliced thin
1/2 medium carrot, sliced thin
1/2 cup red wine
3 cups chicken broth
4 1/2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

Make the stuffing: Preheat the oven to 250 F. Cut the bread into 1/2-inch cubes and spread the cubes in a single layer on a baking sheet. Bake them until barely golden, about 40 minutes. Let cool to room temperature.

In a medium skillet, cook the onion and celery in the butter over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until the onion is translucent, about 5 minutes. Transfer the vegetables and butter to a medium bowl. Stir in the herbs, lemon zest, bread, sausages and enough of the stock to moisten the cubes. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Make the hens: Preheat the oven to 450 F. Stuff each hen with 1/2 cup of the stuffing and tie the legs. Rub the oil over all the hens and arrange them in one layer on a rack in a large roasting pan. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Roast the hens for 35 minutes or until a meat thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the leg thigh joint registers 165 F. Transfer the hens from the roasting pan to a platter and let them rest for 10 to 15 minutes.

Make the gravy: While the hens are roasting, in a large skillet, heat the oil over medium-high heat and add the giblets, onion and carrot. Reduce the heat to medium and cook, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned, about 8 minutes. Transfer the giblets and vegetables to a small saucepan. Deglaze the skillet with the red wine, scraping up the brown bits; simmer until reduced by half. Add the wine and chicken broth to the saucepan; bring to a boil. Simmer until the hens come out of the oven. Strain out the giblets and vegetables, return the liquid to the saucepan and bring it to a boil. In a small bowl whisk together 1/3 cup water and the flour and add it to the liquid in a stream, whisking. Add any juices from the platter with the resting hens. Simmer the mixture for a 5 minutes; salt and pepper to taste.

To serve: Cut each hen in half and transfer to 8 plates with the stuffing side down. Pour some of the gravy over each portion and serve the remainder on the side.

Nutrition information per serving: 369 calories; 138 calories from fat; 15 g fat (6 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 141 mg cholesterol; 680 mg sodium; 21 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 3 g sugar; 32 g protein.

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