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During Monday's Clarendon County Council meeting, council Chairman Dwight Stewart reads a proclamation congratulating the 2017 East Clarendon High School Lady Wolverines softball team for winning the South Carolina Class A High School Softball Championship.

Clarendon will buy 4 police cars

Council accepts 2 USDA grants

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Clarendon County Council accepted two grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Pro-

gram at Monday night's council meeting to purchase four police cars.

The two Community Infrastructure Grants are for \$50,000 and \$49,000, with matching fund requirements of \$42,000 and \$41,000 respectively, according to Nickie Toomes from USDA.

"These grants will allow us to buy four vehicles at the

price of two," County Administrator David Epperson said. "We will look in the budget for the extra money we need either at the end of this year or the beginning of next year."

Council Chairman Dwight Stewart said the county is appreciative of the grant money. "Especially in rural areas,

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School district moves forward with 2 studies

Consultants' work could affect future of some smaller schools across Sumter

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Two studies could affect the future of smaller, low-enrollment public schools in Sumter.

With the unanimous approval of the Facilities Committee's motions by the Sumter School District Board of Trustees on Monday, Interim Superintendent Debbie Hamm will move forward with the formal process of seeking proposers for a facilities study and a county population demographics study.

Both studies will be performed by independent

consultants. The facilities study will take a comprehensive look at the district's existing schools' physical assets and needs, and the demographics study will include short-term and long-term enrollment projections in the district's schools for facility-utilization purposes.

Hamm said previously she thinks the studies can provide necessary facts the Facilities Committee needs in moving forward with its duties and properly engaging with a Development Assistance Committee,

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Walmart hiring 125 for new store

Neighborhood Market will open in January on Pinewood Road

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The upcoming new year will differ from 2017 in at least one way for Sumterites. They will be able to shop at a third Walmart by the end of January, and some may find themselves in a new job.

A new Walmart Neighborhood Market is on track to open at 343 Pinewood Road and is accepting applications to fill 125 jobs.

Those interested in a part- or full-time job — the store needs to fill everything from cashiers and stockers to the pharmacy, deli and gas station — can drop off applications at the company's temporary hiring center at 19 Pinewood Road, Suite No. 3.

"I am looking for talented individuals who are interested in building a great career with Walmart, beginning right here in Sumter," Store Manager Adam Bunker said in a news release.

The hiring center is open Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. Applications can also be submitted online at careers.walmart.com.

Most new associates will begin work in January to "help prepare the store for its grand opening."

This Neighborhood Market will differ than the one already open on Bultman Drive in its hours — the new location will be open from 6 a.m. to midnight daily, while the Bultman store is open 24/7. Fuel station hours for the new branch will be 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Both stores are the same in



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A construction crew works on the new Walmart Neighborhood Market on Pinewood Road on Tuesday afternoon. The store is hiring 125 people for jobs ranging from clerks to pharmacy positions and has a hiring center at 19 Pinewood Road, Suite No. 3.

comparison to the company's iconic supercenters, the local Walmart media relations department said, in that they are a smaller footprint than the one-stop-shop locations and offer grocery, general merchandise and pharmacy needs based on more of a daily basis.

According to the company, the markets are usually about 60,000 square feet. Supercenters run at about 200,000

square feet.

In South Carolina, the average wage for regular, full-time hourly employees working at a Discount Store, Supercenter or Neighborhood Market is \$13.57, according to the company.

Walmart offers a benefits program to eligible full- and part-time employees, including health care coverage with

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Sumter man killed in N.C. triple homicide

1 suspect among dead; others at large

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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A Sumter man was shot to death during a triple homicide in North Carolina on Sunday after a card game allegedly turned into a botched robbery.

John Wesley Johnson Jr. was reportedly visiting family when the incident occurred, according to a news release from Lenoir County Sheriff's Office — the investigating agency. He

was pronounced dead at the scene.

According to the sheriff's office, patrol deputies heard shots being fired just before the 911 calls were made about 1:15 a.m. on Nov. 12.

Based on their investigation, detectives have deduced that a group of people gathered at an outbuilding at 308 W. Queen St. in LaGrange to play cards when an undisclosed number of suspects entered the building and demanded money. The suspects were armed, according to the release.

The other two fatalities were Roderick Wayne Gillette of LaGrange and Jerrell Marquez Pridgen of Goldsboro, North Carolina, who has been deemed a suspect in the robbery.

A fourth person was injured during the incident but has not been identified.

"Our prayers continue to go out to the victims' families for their loss and the LaGrange community. This area in LaGrange is not known for violence or this type of crime," Lenoir County Sheriff Ronnie Ingram said.

Ingram said Pridgen was shot but that, so far, evidence does not indicate any of the victims were armed.

The agency is working to find out if there was a struggle or if the suspects began firing their weapons immediately after entering the building, he said.

"We do know for sure that Pridgen

was one of the suspects at the scene along with some others, and their intention was robbing someone," Ingram said.

Pridgen had his face covered and allegedly demanded money from the victims, he said.

Ingram said deputies are also working to identify the other shooting suspects.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Lenoir County Sheriff's Office at (252) 559-6118, contact Lenoir County Crime Stoppers at (252) 523-4444 or email a tip to the sheriff's office through its website at www.lenoircountysheriff.com.

LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Police drive to benefit local food banks

Sumter Police Department is holding a Pursuit to End Hunger food drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday.

Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at Walmart at 1283 Broad St., where members of the department will be with the agency's mobile command center parked outside of the store.

Donations will benefit local food banks in the community. For more information, contact Sumter Police Department at (803) 436-2700.

Sheriff's office food drive honors Foxworth

The Senior Corporal Elizabeth Foxworth Helping Hands Food Drive will take place on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 9 a.m.

In honor of the event's namesake and her "unconditional loyalty to the Sumter County Sheriff's Office and the citizens of Sumter County," the agency says this is its way of giving back to the community during the holidays.

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

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

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

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

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

CORRECTION

The World War II veteran featured on the front of Tuesday's edition was incorrectly identified. The veteran's name is Merle Baker.

Police department offers parking lot for safe meeting point

Triggered by armed robberies at botched sale, exchange of goods

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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In response to recent incidents involving people being robbed at gunpoint after scheduling meetings using online marketplaces such as Craigslist, Sumter Police Department officials are urging residents to be persistent in setting up safe exchanges.

According to the department, the robberies took place during the day near Memorial Stadium, at Dillon Park and in a parking lot on South Pike East earlier this month. No one was injured during any incident.

The two suspects involved are described as black males in their 20s. One of them is about 6 feet tall, and the other is described as being shorter than him.

To promote safety, the police department has dedicated an area of its parking lot along Harvin Street to be used as a meeting location for exchanges.

"We want people to use the parking lot," said Tonyia McGirt, public informa-

tion officer for the department.

There is a heavy law enforcement presence, and the location is out in the open, she said.

Lt. Bill Lyons, of the department's investigations division, said the seller should be the person to dictate how the sale will proceed and that the two parties should meet at a place of the seller's choosing.

It should raise red flags if the buyer repeatedly attempts to push back the meeting time or change the location, he said.

Buyers should be wary if the seller suggests to meet at an odd times, or at a secluded location.

Be persistent, Lyons said.

He said if someone really wants to sell or buy an item, meeting at a public and secured location should not be an issue.

Criminals have been using the internet as a platform to commit crimes for years, but the use is increasing, Lyons said.

McGirt said the goal of giving out this information is for people to take caution



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Capt. Jeffrey Jackson of Sumter Police Department stands next to the exchange zone sign in the department's Harvin Street parking lot.

when engaging in exchanges — not to discourage them.

Anyone with information about the three armed robberies is asked to call Sumter Police Department at (803) 436-2700. Information can be given anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-888-CRIME-SC.

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office parking lot, 1281 N. Main St. (U.S. 15 North), is also a designated safety zone.



Lettering indicates the area of Sumter Police Department's parking lot designed to be a meeting location for online exchanges.

Fatal stabbing at Lee Correctional under investigation

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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An inmate died Monday after being stabbed in Lee Correctional Institution, officials confirmed.

What was described as an inmate-on-inmate altercation resulted in the death of Larry Jerome Rainey, 51, according to Jeffrey Taillon, director of information services for the South Carolina Department of Corrections,

and social media posts from the agency.

Rainey had been serving four years for pointing a firearm in Aiken County and 15 for common law robbery in Barnwell, according to online public records. He was projected to be released in 2020.

Rainey has a long list of disciplinary actions against him for bad be-



RAINEY

havior, the most recent of which was for possessing a weapon in April.

On Tuesday, Taillon said the incident is still under investigation and no other information can be released at this time.

Lee Correctional Institution, which opened in 1993 and is located on Wilsacky Highway in Bishopville, is a Level 3 maximum security facility for men often convicted of violent crimes.

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Look beyond your scale to determine body fat, not weight

From the time we are born, we are compared to a standard height and weight chart based on age and gender to determine our growth progress. This continues throughout our life as the result of these two numbers that make up our Body Mass Index. This is an easy way to generate body fat percentage by just using height and weight, but this number doesn't paint the whole picture in determining potential health issues.

As we age, various factors including genetics, environment, physical activity level and nutrition intake shape and define our weight and our health.

For decades, the scale has been the determining factor for health risks. As a result, the scale has been given the power to influence our mood, attitude and self-worth.

The number on the scale includes your skin, bones, muscles, fat, organs, water, food recently consumed and anything that you are wearing at the time. It does not specifically identify how many pounds of that total weight is fat, muscle or water. It is just that, total body weight. There is no guarantee that if you lose weight or reach a specific number on the scale that you will be happy, healthy or a certain size.

Experts tell us that we need to be more concerned about body fat than body weight. And more specifically, focus on the type of body fat it is and where it is. That is because even though your weight may be

normal, you may be storing large amounts of fat which may be harmful to your health.

While many people are genetically programmed to store fat under the skin, others lack these fat cells which leave fat particles to accumulate in and around the organs. This type of fat is called visceral fat, and it is associated with insulin resistance, metabolic diseases and heart disease.

Because abdominal obesity is a factor for serious health risks, experts suggest using the hip-to-waist ratio for a better determination. To accurately measure the abdomen, wrap the tape measure around the midsection just above the belly button. For the hips, measure at the widest part. Divide your waist size by your hip size for the final number. High risk is .9 or above for women and 1.0 or above for men.

Exercise and a healthy diet can help reduce abdominal fat cells and decrease health risks. Even those who are of normal weight can benefit from it as well. And because you cannot spot reduce any area of the body, it is best to train the entire body for an all-over benefit.

Unfortunately, all the crunches and situps in the world won't reduce the size of your belly, but it will make your abs stronger.

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Mannequins are arranged to train CPR to incoming medical students in Jackson, Mississippi, on Aug. 4. A study released on Sunday shows women are less likely than men to get CPR from a bystander and more likely to die.

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Study: Women are less likely to get CPR from bystanders

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Women are less likely than men to get CPR from a bystander and more likely to die, a new study suggests, and researchers think reluctance to touch a woman's chest might be one reason.

Only 39 percent of women suffering cardiac arrest in a public place were given CPR versus 45 percent of men, and men were 23 percent more likely to survive, the study found.

It involved nearly 20,000 cases across the country and is the first to examine gender differences in receiving heart help from the public versus professional responders.

"It can be kind of daunting thinking about pushing hard and fast on the center of a woman's chest," and some people may fear they are hurting her, said Audrey Blewer, a University of Pennsylvania researcher who led the study.

Rescuers also may worry about moving a woman's clothing to get better access or touching breasts to do CPR, but doing it properly "shouldn't entail that," said another study leader, U

Penn's Dr. Benjamin Abella. "You put your hands on the sternum, which is the middle of the chest. In theory, you're touching in between the breasts."

The study was discussed Sunday at an American Heart Association conference in Anaheim.

Cardiac arrest occurs when the heart suddenly stops pumping, usually because of a rhythm problem. More than 350,000 Americans each year suffer one in settings other than a hospital. About 90 percent of them die, but CPR can double or triple survival odds.

"This is not a time to be squeamish because it's a life-and-death situation," Abella said.

Researchers had no information on rescuers or why they may have been less likely to help women. But no gender difference was seen in CPR rates for people who were stricken at home, where a rescuer is more likely to know the person needing help.

The findings suggest that CPR training may need to be improved. Even that may be subtly biased toward males — practice mannequins (they're not called "woman-nequins") are usu-

ally male torsos, Blewer said.

"All of us are going to have to take a closer look at this" gender issue, said the Mayo Clinic's Dr. Roger White, who co-directs the paramedic program for the city of Rochester, Minnesota. He said he has long worried that large breasts may impede proper placement of defibrillator pads if women need a shock to restore normal heart rhythm.

The Heart Association and the National Institutes of Health funded the study.

Men did not have a gender advantage in a second study discussed on Sunday. It found the odds of suffering cardiac arrest during or soon after sex are very low but higher for men than women.

Previous studies have looked at sex and heart attacks, but those are caused by a clot suddenly restricting blood flow, and people usually have time to get to a hospital and be treated, said Dr. Sumeet Chugh, a cardiologist at Cedars-Sinai Heart Institute in Los Angeles. He and other researchers wanted to know how sex affected the odds of cardiac arrest, a different problem that's more often fatal.

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Is rise in teen suicide, social media linked?



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CHICAGO — An increase in suicide rates among U.S. teens occurred at the same time social media use surged, and a new analysis suggests there may be a link.

Suicide rates for teens rose between 2010 and 2015 after they had declined for nearly two decades, according to data from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Why the rates went up isn't known.

The study doesn't answer the question, but it suggests that one factor could be rising social media use. Recent teen suicides have been blamed on cyberbullying, and social media posts depicting "perfect" lives may be taking a toll on teens' mental health, researchers say.

"After hours of scrolling through Instagram feeds, I just feel worse about myself because I feel left out," said Caitlin Hearty, a 17-year-old Littleton, Colorado, high school senior who helped organize an offline campaign last month after several local teen suicides.

"No one posts the bad things they're going through," said Chloe Schilling, also 17, who helped with the campaign, in which hundreds of teens agreed not to use the internet or social media for one month.

The study's authors looked at CDC suicide reports from 2009-15 and results of two surveys given to U.S. high school students to measure attitudes, behaviors and interests. About half a million teens ages 13 to 18 were involved. They were asked about use of electronic devices, social media, print media, TV and time spent with friends. Questions about mood included frequency of feeling hopeless and considering or attempting suicide.

The researchers didn't examine circumstances surrounding individual suicides. Dr. Christine Moutier, chief medical officer at the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, said the study provides weak evidence for a popular theory and that many factors influence teen suicide.

The study was published Tuesday in the journal *Clinical Psychological Science*.

Data highlighted in the study

include:

- Teens' use of electronic devices including smartphones for at least five hours daily more than doubled, from 8 percent in 2009 to 19 percent in 2015. These teens were 70 percent more likely to have suicidal thoughts or actions than those who reported one hour of daily use.

- In 2015, 36 percent of all teens reported feeling desperately sad or hopeless or thinking about, planning or attempting suicide, up from 32 percent in 2009. For girls, the rates were higher — 45 percent in 2015 versus 40 percent in 2009.

- In 2009, 58 percent of 12th-grade girls used social media every day or nearly every day; by 2015, 87 percent used social media every day or nearly every day. They were 14 percent more likely to be depressed than those who used social media less frequently.

"We need to stop thinking of smartphones as harmless," said study author Jean Twenge, a psychology professor at San Diego State University who studies generational trends.

"There's a tendency to say, 'Oh, teens are just communicating with their friends.' Monitoring kids' use of smartphones and social media is important, and so is setting reasonable limits, she said.

Dr. Victor Strasburger, a teen medicine specialist at the University of New Mexico, said the study only implies a connection between teen suicides, depression and social media. It shows the need for more research on new technology, Strasburger said.

He noted that skeptics who think social media is being unfairly criticized compare it with so-called vices of past generations: "When dime-store books came out, when comic books came out, when television came out, when rock and roll first started, people were saying, 'This is the end of the world.'"

With its immediacy, anonymity and potential for bullying, social media has a unique potential for causing real harm, he said.

"Parents don't really get that," Strasburger said.

STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Lawmakers question rides given by troopers

COLUMBIA — Some South Carolina lawmakers are questioning why Highway Patrol troopers are providing transportation to people attending special events and parties.

The Post and Courier of Charleston reported the questions came as members of a House committee met Monday with the director of the Public Safety Department, Leroy Smith. Lawmakers have been upset with Smith for several years, blaming him for low morale among troopers.

Rep. Gary Clary of Central wants to know how often troopers give rides to people to special events. Agency officials said that such trips don't have to be logged, and it's up to a trooper's discretion.

Former SLED agent pleads guilty to charges

COLUMBIA — A former agent with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division has pleaded guilty in connection with several domestic violence incidents.

The State of Columbia reports 27-year-old Rodney Bostick was given two sentences of 30 days in jail on Monday after pleading guilty to two charges of third-degree assault and battery and received credit for time served, allowing him to walk out of court a free man.

Under the plea agreement, charges of kidnapping, misconduct in office and domestic violence were dropped. His plea means he cannot possess a weapon, under a federal law aimed at preventing domestic abuse. Bostick's name will be entered in the National Crime Information Center, and two restraining orders prevent him from ever contacting the victims.

He was arrested and fired in July 2016.

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Amazon or Walmart? Some retailers are choosing alliances

BY ANNE D'INNOGENZIO
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NEW YORK — Store chains feeling the upheaval in retail are making strategic alliances — and that can mean picking sides.

Kohl's shoppers can find Amazon devices at some stores and return items they bought from the online retailer. Nike has made some of its sneakers available through Amazon. The owner of Sears is selling Kenmore-branded appliances on Amazon in some markets. And Best Buy is teaming up with Amazon for voice shopping.

Meanwhile, Walmart, which has the most store locations, is assembling a coalition of its own: buying smaller online brands and becoming the highest-profile partner to Google in voice shopping. And the discount chain that touts low prices announced a web partnership Monday with high-end department store Lord & Taylor.

"When you are in an historic uncharted chaotic situation, you often see these strange bedfellows," said Joel Bines, co-head of AlixPartners' retail practice and a managing director at the firm.

Since the beginning of the year, several retailers have filed for bankruptcy protection, including well-known names such as Toys R Us. And retailers have announced thousands of store closings, with more expected. Analysts say some brands realize they might not succeed alone.

"You have to be challenging accepted norms. So you might find partners that you normally wouldn't have considered," said Wendy Liebmann, CEO of WSL Strategic Retail. "This has exploded because of the urgency to change. You look at retailers who are closing or struggling."

So as Amazon moves even further into fashion, home electronics and grocery stores and cements shopper loyalty with its \$99-a-year Prime membership, stores are developing partnerships with the online retailer to increase customer traffic or expand their offerings online.

At the participating Kohl's stores, shoppers will find

1,000-square-foot Amazon areas that sell Echos, Fire tablets and other gadgets. People can also arrange to have an Amazon employee visit their home and install a device or recommend smart home products to buy. And some stores pack and ship eligible Amazon return items for free. Kohl's hopes the arrangement brings in shoppers who might pick up clothes or home items.

Analysts say other department stores, facing the same kind of issues, could follow.

From its base with 4,700 U.S. stores, Walmart is lining up other partners. In voice shopping, it hooked up with Google, which has signed up other chains such as Target and Home Depot to fight the dominance of Amazon's Alexa-powered Echo devices.

Lord & Taylor's president Liz Rodbell told The Associated Press the arrangement with Walmart allows the chain to attract new customers who already are buying higher-end products on *Walmart.com*. She called the partnership "a pivotal moment" for the retailer. It comes after the chain's parent



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A car drives by the entrance of a Kohl's department store in Orlando, Florida, on Aug. 22. Store chains watching the upheaval in retail are making strategic alliances. For example, Kohl's shoppers can find Amazon devices at some stores. For Kohl's, the Amazon partnership offers lots of potential: It pulls online and voice shoppers into the stores where they might pick up clothes or home items.

company announced last month it was selling its New York flagship building to WeWork and leasing back a portion of the space.

Neither company would say the financial details of the arrangement.

Denise Incandela, head of

fashion at Walmart's U.S. e-commerce division, says it's focusing on specialized shopping experiences, starting with fashion. Since the \$3 billion-plus acquisition of *Jet.com* last year, Walmart has bought several online brands like Bonobos and ModCloth.

Analysts say Walmart is developing its own higher-end online mall as a way to counter Amazon's dominance. Bines said it's a good strategy because *Walmart.com* could attract "an entirely different demographic" from the chain's physical stores.

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Rescuers search debris after Iran-Iraq quake kills more than 530

BY NASSER KARIMI AND MOHAMMAD NASIRI
Associated Press

SARPOL-E-ZAHAB, Iran — Rescuers on Tuesday used backhoes and heavy equipment to dig through the debris of buildings toppled by a powerful earthquake on the border between Iran and Iraq that killed more than 530 people, with weeping women crying out to God as aid workers found new bodies.

The grim work began in earnest again at dawn in the Kurdish town of Sarpol-e-Zahab in the western Iranian province of Kermanshah, which appears to be the hardest hit in the magnitude 7.3 earthquake.

Kermanshah, an almost entirely Kurdish province nestled in the Zagros Mountains that run along the border with Iraq, suffered all of Iran's fatalities from the temblor Sunday night that shook 14 of the country's 31 provinces.

Both rescuers and local residents alike stood atop the remains of apartment complexes Tuesday, looking through the rubble. They used heavy blankets to carry away corpses.

The hospital in Sarpol-e-Zahab was heavily damaged, and the army set up field hospitals, although many of the injured were moved to other cities, including Tehran.

The quake also damaged an army garrison and buildings in the border city and killed an unspecified number of soldiers, according to reports.

There are fears more dead could be in the rubble in Sarpol-e-Zahab and other rural villages of Kermanshah province. Mohammad Ali Monshizadeh, a spokesman for the provincial forensic department, said possibly as many as 150 people were buried by family members after the earth-

quake in remote villages who had not been counted in the official death toll, the semi-official ISNA news agency reported.

Iran's Red Crescent also said it worried about more bodies in rural villages, though it said the rescue operations in larger towns could end soon.

President Hassan Rouhani arrived in Kermanshah province on Tuesday to see the damage for himself and offer his support to those affected.

"This was a pain for all Iranians," Rouhani said, according to a statement on the presidency's website. "Representing the nation of Iran, I offer my condolences to the people of Kermanshah, and tell them that all of us are behind Kermanshah."

Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif offered his thanks to foreign countries offering to help but wrote on Twitter: "For now, we are able to manage with our own resources."

Cleric Abdolhossein Moezi, a representative of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei who also is touring the area, said there was a need for more relief material and "security." That was echoed by Nazar Barani, the mayor of the town of Ezgeleh, who told state TV on Tuesday his constituency still had a "deep need" for food, medicine and tents. He said 80 percent of the buildings in the town had been damaged by the quake.

Many of the heavily damaged complexes in Sarpol-e-Zahab were part of construction projects under former hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. The newly homeless slept outside in the cold, huddled around makeshift fires for warmth.

The quake killed 530 people in Iran and injured 7,460, the state-run IRNA news agency reported Tuesday. Most of the



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A rescue worker searches the debris with his sniffing dog on the earthquake site in Sarpol-e-Zahab in western Iran on Tuesday. Rescuers are digging through the debris of buildings felled by the Sunday earthquake in the border region of Iran and Iraq.

injuries were minor with fewer than 1,000 still hospitalized, Iran's crisis management headquarters spokesman Behnam Saeedi told state TV.

The quake was centered about 19 miles outside the eastern Iraqi city of Halabja, according to the U.S. Geological Survey, and struck 14.4 miles below the surface, a somewhat

shallow depth that can cause broader damage. The quake caused Dubai's skyscrapers to sway and could be felt 660 miles away on the Mediterranean coast.

Seven deaths occurred in Iraq and 535 people were injured, all in the country's northern, semiautonomous Kurdish region, according to

its Interior Ministry.

The disparity in casualty tolls immediately drew questions from Iranians, especially because so much of the town was new.

Rouhani himself said the government would launch an investigation into why the state-constructed buildings so easily toppled.

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Should police be allowed to view bodycam footage immediately?

Group thinks policy may undermine officer credibility

BY LISA MARIE PANE
Associated Press

ATLANTA — The use of body cameras by police has become more widespread, but there remain inconsistencies in how law enforcement agencies across the country deal with the footage, raising concerns among community activists who look to the videos to bring greater transparency to how police interact with citizens.

A new report by the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and Upturn Research released Tuesday shows that the vast majority of the nation's largest police departments allow officers to view the footage before writing a police report or being questioned by investigators during use-of-force cases. The group thinks that policy undermines police credibility and runs the risk of influencing how the officer describes what happened.

Rather than ensuring their account is accurate, the advocacy groups say, "reviewing footage — consciously or not — can distort what officers claim to remember and what they write in their reports. Reports aided by footage review are ultimately less accurate, because they no longer capture an officer's own independent recollection of events."

But law enforcement officials and some experts say it's important to have officers view the footage beforehand to en-

'This specter that every time an officer looks at the video they're going to lie and adapt their statement just is infuriating because we want the officers to write the most accurate report they can.'

LANCE LoRUSSO

Former police officer and now a lawyer

sure that police accounts of incidents are accurate. An officer's perceptions of what transpired can be skewed by natural human reactions in stressful situations that can affect what they see, hear and even smell, and the video is invaluable in being a reality check. They also worry that body cameras will often capture things not seen by an officer — and vice versa, that an officer may see things with their peripheral vision that isn't picked up by the camera.

"They want to be as accurate as they can. This specter that every time an officer looks at the video they're going to lie and adapt their statement just is infuriating because we want the officers to write the most accurate report they can," said Lance LoRusso, a former police officer who is now a lawyer in metro Atlanta and represents officers in court. "This idea that the officer should never see the video in an officer-involved shooting is just nonsensical."

The vast majority of departments allow officers to view the footage before either writing a report or being interviewed by

investigators. A small handful of agencies have officers write their reports first, then view the video and offer them the opportunity to submit a revised report.

Officers in Fresno, California, have been using body-worn cameras for about three years. About 90 percent of the patrol officers have them — and all of them will have them by early next year, Chief Jerry Dyer said. There was some internal debate about whether to allow an officer to view the footage beforehand, and ultimately the department came down on the side of making it accessible, he said.

"We started with the foundational premise that the purpose

of body-worn cameras is to gather evidence, whether that evidence is used in a criminal, civil or administrative investigation. It is utilized to establish an accurate account of what occurred," Dyer told The Associated Press. "And so it was our belief and my belief if reviewing the video helps ensure the officer's recall of an incident is accurate, then why wouldn't we?"

How police respond and deal with members of the community — particularly minorities — has been under greater scrutiny the past few years than ever before. Videos of those interactions — whether it's from a body camera, a police dashcam or a citizen with an iPhone — have raised questions about use of force and shootings.

In North Charleston, Officer Michael Slager, who shot Walter Scott after the man fled a traffic stop, claimed he did so after Scott tried to grab his Taser. But a citizen's iPhone video captured it a different way: Slager fired eight rounds from his handgun while Scott was running away and was about 15 feet away. In that case, police had only dashcam video, which showed only the traffic stop but not the actual shooting

that took place out of view.

In Ohio, University of Cincinnati police officer Ray Tensing was allowed to view body camera footage before submitting his report on the shooting of motorist Samuel DuBose, whom he had claimed started to drag him down the street with his arm still inside the vehicle. That scenario was not backed up with what is seen on the officer's body camera video, and some have questioned why Tensing was allowed to view the footage beforehand.

Upturn and the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights first began examining the issue in 2015. Since then, very little has changed among police agencies and their body camera policies.

"Because of what's happening around the country, officers seem to have this special advantage now where they get to view footage before writing reports or giving statements to investigators," said Harlan Yu, founder of Upturn, which has been studying the issue for several years. "That's another advantage that other eyewitnesses don't have and that gives officers an undue level of credibility that other eyewitnesses don't have."



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which will gather community input on potentially closing schools.

The topic of closing low-enrollment schools has been discussed at least to some degree since a district financial crisis was discovered last year. The fiscal 2016 audit report, released in December by auditor Robin Poston, revealed the district overspent by \$6.2 million that year and had an ending general fund balance on June 30, 2016, of \$106,449 — a critically low level, according to Poston.

In the spring, when the district had an outside financial consultant on staff, he recommended closing two low-enrollment schools at the end of last school year (F.J. DeLaine Elementary and Mayewood Middle schools) and two more at the end of this school year to build the district's fund balance back up.

In late April, the board voted down the motion, in a split vote, to close the two schools.

Shortly thereafter, the board voted to form the DAC, which has not yet taken any action.

The district and board have implemented numerous cost-saving measures since January in an effort to build the fund balance. The district projects to add about \$665,000 to it for fiscal 2017. Also, a "millage rate swap," passed by the board in September, will add about \$2 million to the general fund balance this fis-

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According to county sources and district Chief Financial Officer Chris Griner, the district received funding from the state Technical College System and Central Carolina Technical College through a special one-time allowance to pay the total of \$890,000 for land that will become a new technical school. The purchase, finalized at the end of October, included the land at 841 Broad St., where Bubba's Diner is located, and the adjoining lot, where the former Central Park fast-food restaurant was located. No district funds were used for the purchase.

cal year.

The issue of declining enrollment directly translates to less revenue it can receive from the state, affecting the general fund balance.

Hamm said Monday the state Department of Education accepted the district's financial recovery plan, which it submitted after being placed on "fiscal watch" in July.

The district will remain on "fiscal watch" with the state department through this fiscal year — which is a customary timeline set by the DOE — but Hamm said she is pleased the plan was accepted and that the district can now move forward.

POLICE CARS

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these grants are always important to us," Stewart said.

HISTORICAL MONUMENTS

A group of residents in the Summerton area are hoping to promote the community for its important contribution to the Brown v. Board of Education, a landmark case that led the U.S. Supreme Court to declare racial segregation in public schools unconstitutional by a unanimous 9-0 vote in 1954.

The Rev. Robert China, pastor of Liberty Hill Church in Summerton, told council the Summerton Community Action Group was established to "recognize and honor the significant historical sacrifices and contributions made by the petitioners and plaintiffs in Summerton and Clarendon County."

Griggs v. Elliot, filed in Clarendon County in 1950, is one of five cases that were combined into the Brown v. Board of Education lawsuit.

"We all know that the Supreme Court ruled in Brown v. Board of Education, but Griggs v. Elliot was the first of five cases that made up that case," China said.

He said the group hopes to erect historic monuments and markers to commemorate the contributions made by individuals in Clarendon County.

"We believe contributions made in this county have not yet received the historical recognition that it should," he said.

OTHER ACTION

Council accepted a deed to a road from a private party that developed the road and maintained it for one year.

Planning Commission Chair Maria Rose said the road had been approved by the planning commission and that it meets all the standards to become a publicly maintained road.

The council also passed the third and final reading of ordinances to merge the Clarendon County Delinquent Tax Collector's Department with the County

Treasurer's Office and to merge animal control with the Clarendon County Sheriff's Office.

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COMMENTARY

Stalking horses

When hunting was the major source of food, hunters often used stalking horses as a means of sneaking up on their prey. They would synchronize their steps on the side of the horse away from their prey until they were close enough for a good shot. A stalking horse had a double benefit if the prey was an armed person. If the stalkers were discovered, it would be the horse that took the first shot. That's what blacks are to liberals and progressives in their efforts to transform America — stalking horses. Let's look at it.



Walter Williams

I'll just list a few pieces of the leftist agenda that would be unachievable without black political support. Black people are the major victims of the grossly rotten education in our big-city schools. The average black 12th-grader can read, write and compute no better than a white seventh- or eighth-grader. Many black parents want better and safer schools for their children. According to a 2015 survey of black parents, 72 percent "favor public charter schools, and 70 percent favor a system that would create vouchers parents could use to cover tuition for those who want to enroll their children in a private or parochial school" (<http://tinyurl.com/y7d57cbg>). Black politicians and civil rights organizations fight tooth and nail against charter schools and education vouchers. Why? The National Education Association sees charters and vouchers as a threat to its education monopoly. It is able to use black politicians and civil rights organizations as stalking horses in its fight to protect its education monopoly.

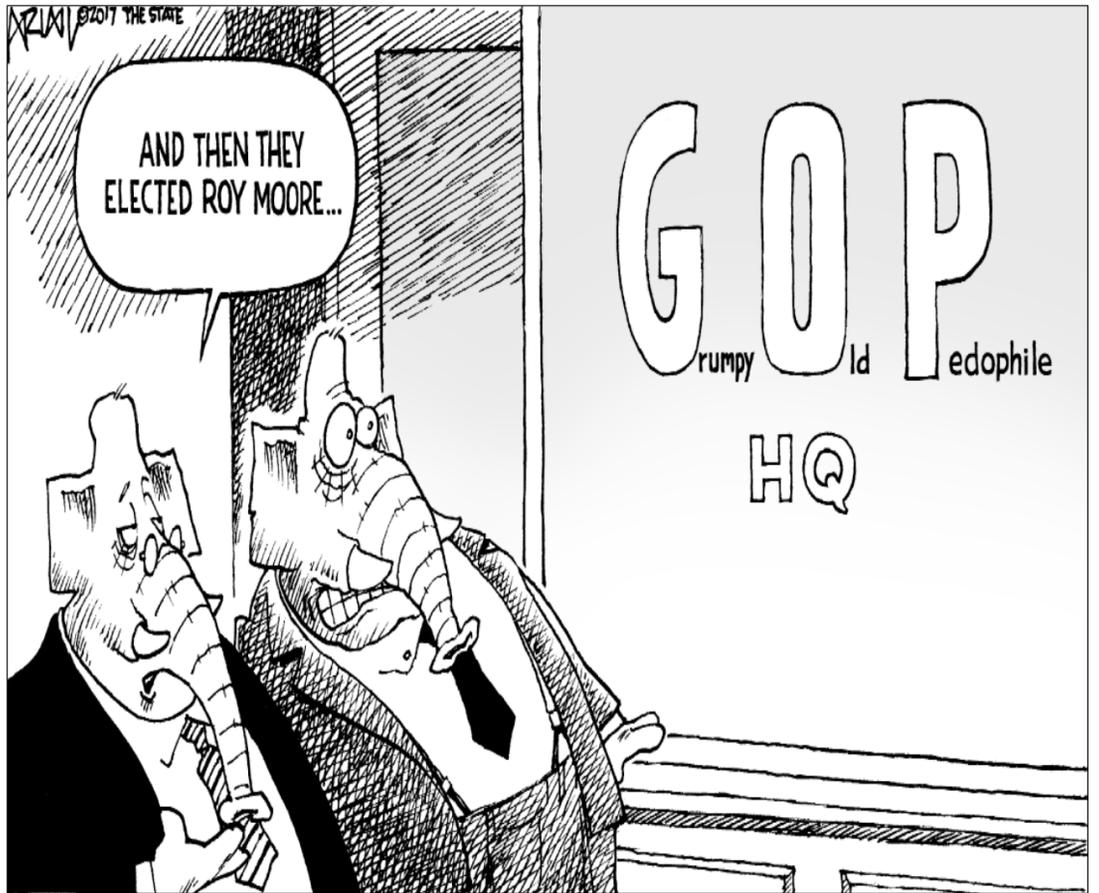
The Davis-Bacon Act of 1931 was the nation's first federally mandated minimum wage law. Its explicit intent was to discriminate against black construction workers. During the legislative debate on the Davis-Bacon Act, quite a few congressmen, along with union leaders, expressed their racist intentions. Rep. Miles Allgood, D-Ala., said, "Reference has been made to a contractor from Alabama who went to New York with bootleg labor. This is a fact. That contractor has cheap colored labor that he transports, and he puts them in cabins, and it is labor of that sort that is in competition with white labor throughout the country." American Federation of Labor President William Green said, "Colored labor is being sought to demoralize wage rates."

The Davis-Bacon Act is still law today. Supporters do not use the 1931 racist language to support it. Plus, nearly every black member of Congress supports the Davis-Bacon Act. But that does not change its racially discriminatory effects. In recent decades, the Davis-Bacon Act has been challenged, and it has prevailed. That would not be the case without unions' political and financial support to black members of Congress to secure their votes.

Crime is a major problem in many black neighborhoods. In 2016, there were close to 8,000 blacks murdered, mostly by other blacks (<http://tinyurl.com/y8snbfga>). In that year, 233 blacks were killed by police. Which deaths receive the most attention from politicians, civil rights groups and white liberals and bring out marches, demonstrations and political pontification? It's the blacks killed by police. There's little protest against the horrible and dangerous conditions under which many poor and law-abiding black people must live. Political hustlers blame their condition on poverty and racism — ignoring the fact that poverty and racism were much greater yesteryear, when there was not nearly the same amount of chaos. Also ignored is the fact that the dangerous living conditions worsened under a black president's administration.

There are several recommendations that I might make. The first and most important is that black Americans stop being useful tools for the leftist hate-America agenda. As for black politicians and civil rights leaders, if they're going to sell their people down the river, they should demand a higher price. For example, if black congressmen vote in support of the Davis-Bacon Act, they ought to demand that construction unions give 30 percent of the jobs to black workers. Finally, many black problems are exacerbated by white liberal guilt. White liberals ought to stop feeling guilty so they can be more respectful in their relationships with black Americans.

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



COMMENTARY

Alabama rolls toward a high-stakes skirmish

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — But for the bomb, the four would be in their 60s, probably grandmothers. Three were 14 and one was 11 in 1963 when the blast killed them in the 16th Street Baptist Church, which is four blocks from the law office of Doug Jones, who then was 9.



George Will

He was born in May 1954, 13 days before the U.S. Supreme Court's *Brown v. Board of Education* school desegregation decision. He was 16 when he attended, at this city's Legion Field, the Alabama Crimson Tide vs. University of Southern California Trojans football game, in which USC's Sam Cunningham, an African-American all-American, led a 42-21 thumping of the home team, thereby (so goes the much-embellished but true-enough story) advancing the integration of the region through its cultural pulse, college football. Roll Tide.

As a second-year law student, Jones cut classes to attend the 1977 trial of one of the church bombers, "Dynamite Bob" Chambliss. In 2001 and 2002, as U.S. attorney, Jones successfully prosecuted two other bombers. Was there resentment about this protracted pursuit of justice? No, he says as he nurses with tea a voice raspy from campaigning, because after 9/11 intervened, punishing domestic terrorism was not controversial. Today, this son of a steelworker stands between Roy Moore — an Elmer Gantry mixing piety and cupidity: he and his family have done well financially running a foundation — and the U.S. Senate seat vacated by Jeff Sessions.

Moore campaigns almost entirely about social issues —

NFL protests, the transgender menace — and the wild liberalism of Jones, a law-and-order prosecutor and deer and turkey hunter who says he has "a safe full of guns." Jones' grandfathers were members of the mineworkers and steelworkers unions: Birmingham, surrounded by coal and iron ore, was Pittsburgh — a steel city — almost before Pittsburgh was. He hopes economic and health care issues matter more.

Evangelical Christians who embrace Moore are serving the public good by making ridiculous their pose as uniquely moral Americans and by revealing their leaders to be especially grotesque specimens of the vanity — vanity about virtue — that is curdling politics. Another public benefit from the Moore spectacle is the embarrassment of national Republicans. Their party having made the star of the "Access Hollywood" tape president, they now are horrified that Moore might become 1 percent of the Senate. Actually, this scofflaw, twice removed from Alabama's Supreme Court, once for disobeying a U.S. Supreme Court ruling, is a suitable sidekick for the president who pardoned Joe Arpaio, Arizona's criminal former sheriff. Even after Donald Trump conceded that Barack Obama was born in America, Moore continued rejecting such squishiness.

Absentee ballots are already being cast. Assuming that the Republican governor does not shred state law by preventing the election from occurring Dec. 12, Republicans' Senate majority might soon be gone. It has been 21 years since a Democratic Senate candidate won even 40 percent of Alabama's vote.

It has, however, been even longer — not since the George Wallace era — that the state's identity has been hostage to a politician who assumes that Alabamans are eager to live

down to hostile caricatures of them.

Nothing about Moore's political, financial or glandular history will shake his base, unless the credible accusations of serial pursuit of underage girls are suddenly overshadowed by something his voters consider serious, such as taking sides in the Alabama-Auburn game. Jones' hopes rest with traditional white Democrats (scarce), Republicans capable of chagrin (scarcer) and African-Americans. They are 27 percent of this state in which "civil rights tourism" (the 16th Street church, Selma's Edmund Pettus Bridge, Martin Luther King's Montgomery church and more) is economically important.

This month, Virginia's African-Americans turned out for Gov.-elect Ralph Northam, a Democrat who, like Jones, invited voters to take a walk on the mild side. Approximately a quarter of Alabamans live in the metropolitan area of Birmingham, which has had an African-American mayor since 1979. National Democrats are helping Jones but delicately. They rashly treated a Georgia special congressional election as a referendum on the president and want to avoid that mistake in a state Donald Trump carried by 28 points.

Turnout to the August Republican primary and the September runoff was about 18 and 14 percent, respectively. Next month's election will occur during many distractions, midway between Thanksgiving and Christmas and, more important, 10 days after Armageddon — the SEC championship game. Perhaps an Alabama victory would make the state hanker for a senator worthy of its football team. If so: Roll Tide.

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MONDAY MEETINGS:

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

TUESDAY MEETINGS:

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

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

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

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

Sumter Chapter Parents of Murdered Children (POMC) — Third Tuesday, 5:30-7 p.m., Birnie HOPE Center, 210 S. Purdy St.

Open to anyone who has lost a loved one to murder in a violent way.

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

WEDNESDAY MEETINGS:

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

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

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

THURSDAY MEETINGS:

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

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

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

FRIDAY MEETINGS:

Celebrate Recovery — Fridays, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. program, Salt & Light Church, Miller Road (across from Food Lion). For help with struggles of alcohol, drugs, family problems, smoking, etc.

Wateree AIDS Task Force Support Group — Third Friday, 11:30 a.m., 508 W. Liberty St. Call (803) 778-0303.

SATURDAY MEETINGS:

Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy/Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Support Group — Third Saturday, 1:30 p.m., 3785 Blackberry Lane, Lot 7. Call (803) 481-7521.

SUNDAY MEETINGS:

Sumter MS Support Group — First Sunday, 3 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church, 2751 S. Wise Drive. Call (803) 481-5344 or (803) 464-6440. Email I.am.me.not.ms@gmail.com or msmiles013@gmail.com.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy and chilly	Mostly sunny and warmer	Mostly sunny	Some sun; pleasant and warmer	Partly sunny and cooler
59°	37°	69° / 38°	60° / 40°	73° / 46°	59° / 30°
Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 0%
NE 6-12 mph	VAR 2-4 mph	NW 4-8 mph	ENE 4-8 mph	SW 8-16 mph	W 8-16 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS

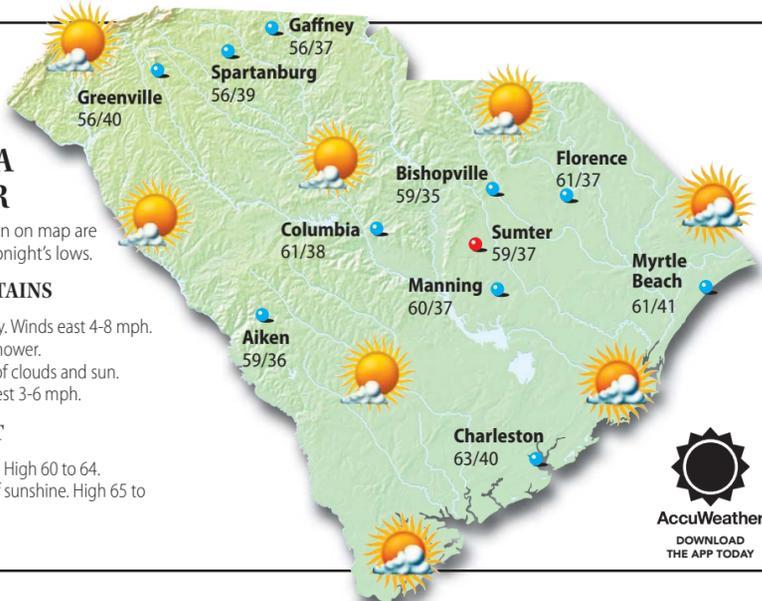
Today: Mostly sunny. Winds east 4-8 mph. A passing evening shower.

Thursday: Periods of clouds and sun. Winds west-southwest 3-6 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Partly sunny. High 60 to 64.

Thursday: Plenty of sunshine. High 65 to 69.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
High	58°					
Low	40°					
Normal high	67°					
Normal low	41°					
Record high	83° in 1989					
Record low	25° in 1977					

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date	Last year to date	Normal year to date
24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	0.00"					
Month to date	0.76"					
Normal month to date	1.31"					
Year to date	33.33"					
Last year to date	44.73"					
Normal year to date	42.00"					

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	354.73	+0.04
Marion	76.8	74.67	+0.02
Moultrie	75.5	74.52	-0.01
Wateree	100	97.03	-0.01

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	5.65	-0.04
Congaree River	19	3.39	+1.95
Lynchies River	14	3.52	+0.11
Saluda River	14	3.33	+1.11
Up. Santee River	80	76.94	-0.07
Wateree River	24	10.93	+0.02

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:54 a.m.	Sunset	5:18 p.m.
Moonrise	4:04 a.m.	Moonset	4:03 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Nov. 18	Nov. 26	Dec. 3	Dec. 10

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	6:39 a.m.	3.4	12:56 a.m.	0.1
	6:48 p.m.	3.2	1:25 p.m.	0.2
Thu.	7:25 a.m.	3.5	1:41 a.m.	0.1
	7:31 p.m.	3.1	2:13 p.m.	0.1

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	60/45/s	67/42/pc
Chicago	51/31/r	40/32/pc
Dallas	73/60/r	75/63/sh
Detroit	46/36/r	43/28/c
Houston	80/61/s	80/64/pc
Los Angeles	77/61/pc	73/60/c
New Orleans	75/54/pc	75/55/pc
New York	49/44/pc	55/36/pc
Orlando	78/61/pc	76/58/pc
Philadelphia	53/45/pc	58/36/pc
Phoenix	85/60/pc	86/61/s
San Francisco	66/56/sh	64/51/sh
Wash., DC	53/44/pc	59/37/pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Asheville	57/41/pc	60/35/pc	Florence	61/37/s	69/38/s
Athens	59/40/s	68/39/pc	Gainesville	72/46/s	73/46/s
Augusta	63/37/s	70/38/pc	Gastonia	57/38/s	67/35/s
Beaufort	64/41/pc	69/45/s	Goldensboro	60/39/pc	68/36/s
Cape Hatteras	64/52/pc	63/46/s	Goose Creek	62/40/pc	67/42/s
Charleston	63/40/pc	68/43/s	Greensboro	55/39/s	63/33/s
Charlotte	58/38/s	66/36/s	Greenville	56/40/s	67/38/pc
Clemson	57/43/s	67/40/pc	Hickory	55/38/s	64/33/pc
Columbia	61/38/s	70/37/pc	Hilton Head	64/45/pc	68/48/s
Darlington	59/36/s	68/37/s	Jacksonville, FL	70/49/pc	73/52/s
Elizabeth City	59/45/pc	65/38/s	La Grange	62/43/s	69/41/pc
Elizabethtown	59/38/pc	67/38/s	Macon	63/39/s	72/40/pc
Fayetteville	58/38/s	67/37/s	Marietta	59/43/s	66/40/pc
Marion	55/39/pc	62/32/pc	Mt. Pleasant	63/43/pc	68/46/s
Myrtle Beach	61/41/pc	66/42/s	Orangeburg	61/37/s	68/40/s
Port Royal	62/42/pc	67/46/s	Port Royal	62/42/pc	67/46/s
Raleigh	56/38/s	65/34/s	Rock Hill	57/37/s	66/35/s
Rock Hill	57/37/s	66/35/s	Rockingham	59/35/s	67/34/s
Rockingham	59/35/s	67/34/s	Savannah	66/41/pc	71/45/s
Savannah	66/41/pc	71/45/s	Spartanburg	56/39/s	66/36/pc
Spartanburg	56/39/s	66/36/pc	Summerville	61/38/pc	66/40/s
Summerville	61/38/pc	66/40/s	Wilmington	63/40/pc	68/40/s
Wilmington	63/40/pc	68/40/s	Winston-Salem	55/38/s	63/33/pc

PUBLIC AGENDA

CENTRAL CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION
Thursday, 5:30 p.m., building M500, second floor, President's Conference Room, 506 N. Guignard Drive

CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 3
Thursday, 7:30 p.m., district office, Turbeville

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Be careful when dealing with work-

related matters or people of influence who could affect your future. Listen and look for solutions that will be in accordance with what the majority wants to see happen. Keep the peace.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Protect your money and belongings. Don't share personal information or passwords. Focus on partnerships and how to best keep them amicable and advantageous. Taking an unusual route to reach your goals is in your best interest.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Change the way you do business, where you work or the people you collaborate with. Fine-tune what you want to accomplish and focus on what and who you need in your corner to reach your goals.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll experience an unexpected turn of events if your relationships with others haven't been copacetic. Do your best to calm the situation by offering unique alternatives and incentives to those reluctant to do things your way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Expect an emotional outburst if you haven't been taking care of your personal responsibilities. Avoid practicing poor habits that may bother the people who love and care about you. Soul-searching will be required if you want to make progress.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Live and learn. Look inward and concentrate on how you can strive to be the best you can possibly be. Personal growth and nurturing important relationships will help ease any stress you face. Take care of

responsibilities graciously.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Anger issues should be dealt with in competitive ways. Challenges and debates will help you gain access to something you've wanted for some time. Don't venture far from the truth or someone will call you on your oversight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep moving forward. Inject what you've done in the past into future plans in order to save time. Using your skills wisely will give you the edge you need to conquer what you set out to do. Keep your life simple.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Refuse to get emotional if someone pressures you. Size up the situation and do whatever it takes to live up to your promises and responsibilities. Embrace change by turning whatever comes your way into a new opportunity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Avoid a run-in with someone in a position of authority. Use intelligence and charm to help present your plans. Anger won't solve anything, and it may even put you in a precarious position. Treat sensitive issues with courtesy and patience.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Channel your energy into getting your way. Negotiate on your own behalf and know exactly what you want the outcome to be. Your strength is in your ability to articulate the facts and come up with fair figures.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Concentrate on your goals and bringing about positive changes. A move or personal financial deal can be put into play. Personal growth is within reach if you're willing to put in the time and energy.

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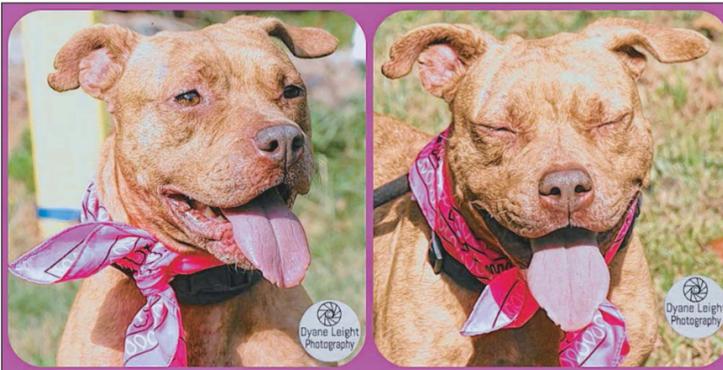
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LEFT: Trina is such a love. She craves cuddles and love from the volunteers and really enjoys going for walks. She is very people-focused so she may do best as an only pet. Trina is in kennel 26.



BELOW: Tully is a fun, medium-energy guy. He is playful, enjoys being around other pups and is learning to walk nicely on leash. He would be a great addition to any family. Tully is in kennel 21.

To learn more about Trina or Tully, call the adoption coordinator at (803) 774-3232. To view more adoptable or lost pets, see Sumter Animal Control on Facebook. Animal Control is located at 1240 Winkles Road.

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PREP SOFTBALL



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Thomas Sumter Academy's Carmen Silvester, shown rounding third base after hitting a home run, will play college softball for North Greenville University. Silvester and Josie Reed will both play collegiate softball at North Greenville University in Tigerville.

Longtime teammates Reed, Silvester of TSA will play softball together at North Greenville

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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DALZELL — The first time that Josie Reed and Carmen Silvester were teammates it was when both were 3 years old playing T-ball. And as the years have gone along, they have pretty much remained teammates.



SILVESTER

No, they weren't always on the same teams in the Sumter County Recreation Department's softball league, but they did represent Sumter as teammates on the all-star teams. They've been teammates on travel teams together and they've been teammates in not only softball, but basketball and volleyball as well at Thomas Sumter Academy.



REED

So why not do it at the col-



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Thomas Sumter Academy's Josie Reed, shown sliding into second base, signed to play college softball with North Greenville University last week.

legiate level as well, right? That's precisely what the TSA seniors are going to do

after they signed to play softball with North Greenville University last week in a ceremony in TSA's auditorium.

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SUMTER SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Ballard's golf prowess led to selection

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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BALLARD

Connie Ballard didn't start playing the sport of golf until she became an adult, playing on the military courses

where she and her husband, the late Dr. Marvin K. Ballard Jr., were stationed. And once she did, there was no putting down the clubs for a very, very long time.

"I was addicted," Ballard said. "I enjoyed it, the challenge of it."

And while any golfer will tell you that you never overcome the challenge the game presents, Ballard was able to win her share of battles while trying. Among her many victories, Ballard won two South Carolina Women's Open Golf Championships in the 1980s Association and was part of a foursome that won a national tournament.

Because of her success being able to put a little white ball in a hole, Ballard will be inducted into the Sumter Sports Hall of Fame on Thursday.

"I really enjoyed my time in the golf game," she said.

Ballard will be inducted along with Lisa Ard, the late Buddy Hodge, Garon Jackson, Stacy Martin, Brooks Shumake and Travis Yates beginning at 6 p.m. at the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Sumter located at 630 South Sumter Street.

Tickets are \$25 a person for the event and can be purchased at the Boys & Girls Club. Its offices are open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call Jean Ford at (803) 775-5006.

Ballard said one reason she was able to improve at such a rapid pace as a player is because she loved all aspects of the game.

"I worked at the game, trying to get better," she said. "I enjoyed playing, but I enjoyed practicing the game too. I didn't mind the practice, working at the game and getting better."

When Ballard and her family moved to Sumter, she began playing at Sunset Country Club. After winning numerous club championships, Ballard moved on to playing in regional and national competitions. As part

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SUMTER SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Garon Jackson was standout distance runner at SHS

When Garon Jackson was in the fifth grade at Lemira Elementary School, he had to perform a fitness test in physical education. That's when he first found out that he could run long distances in a short period of time.



JACKSON

"My coach said that I had a time that would qualify for state at the high school level," Jackson said.

And thus the stage was set for an outstanding high school and collegiate career as a track and field distance runner and as a cross country runner in college. Jackson won the 1995 4A state title in both the 800- and 1,600-meter runs in his senior year at Sumter High School. While at Voorhees College, Jackson was the 4-time Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference champion in cross country, was the

3-time EIAC most outstanding athlete and was the only undefeated track and field athlete in EIAC history.

Because of his success, Jackson will be inducted into the Sumter Sports Hall of Fame.

"This is the greatest honor to ever happen to me athletically," said Jackson, who is currently the associate head coach for cross country and track and field at Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Fla. "To be inducted into the Hall of Fame with people like Wally Richardson, Norman Greene, Nicole Gamble and Terry Kinard. Those are all people that I looked up to."

Jackson will be inducted along with Lisa Ard, Connie Ballard, the late Buddy Hodge, Stacy Martin, Brooks Shumake and Travis Yates on Thursday beginning at 6 p.m. at

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SUMTER SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Buddy Hodge was multi-sport star

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When talking about the athletic career of Clifford Padgett "Buddy" Hodge it might be easier to list the things that he didn't do than the things that he did do.

Hodge was a standout athlete at Edmunds High School, played four sports in college, was a high school coach in both football and track and field, was a referee for both high school football and basketball as well as helping with the Sumter Post 15 American Legion baseball program.



HODGE

Because of all of that, Hodge will be inducted into the Sumter Sports Hall of Fame posthumously on Thursday beginning at 6 p.m. at the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Sumter located at 630 South Sumter Street.

Hodge will be inducted along with

Lis Ard, Connie Ballard, Garon Jackson, Stacy Martin, Brooks Shumake and Travis Yates.

Tickets are \$25 a person for the event and can be purchased at the Boys & Girls Club. Its offices are open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call Jean Ford at (803) 775-5006.

After playing basketball and football for the first time at McLaurin Junior High School, Hodge lettered in both of the sports at Edmunds. He played guard in basketball and was an end in football.

Upon graduating from Edmunds in 1943, Hodge went on to Wheaton University in Wheaton, Illinois. He was a member of both the football and basketball teams, but only for one season. That's because he joined the U.S. Navy because of World War II.

While in the Navy from 1944 until his honorable discharge in '46, Hodge played for its traveling basketball team.

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
7 a.m. — Professional Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals Doubles Round-Robin Matches from London (TENNIS).
9 a.m. — Professional Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals Singles Round-Robin Matches from London (TENNIS).
11 a.m. — Professional Golf: Asian Tour Resorts World Manila Masters Final Round from Manila, Philippines (GOLF).
1 p.m. — Professional Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals Doubles Round-Robin Matches from London (TENNIS).
3 p.m. — Professional Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals Singles Round-Robin Matches from London (TENNIS).
4 p.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour The Hero Challenge from Dubai, United Arab Emirates (GOLF).
6 p.m. — College Volleyball: Florida at Texas A&M (ESPN).
6 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Baseball Writers' Association of America Awards — Cy Young Award Winners (MLB NETWORK).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
6:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Indiana at Seton Hall (FOX SPORTS 1).
7 p.m. — College Football: Eastern Michigan at Miami (Ohio) (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. — College Football: Western Michigan at Northern Illinois (ESPN2).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Mount St. Mary's at Georgetown (FOX SPORTS 2).
8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Cleveland at Charlotte (ESPN).
8 p.m. — College Football: Toledo at Bowling Green (ESPN).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: Ball State at Oklahoma (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
8 p.m. — NHL Hockey: New York Rangers at Chicago (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. — College Volleyball: Auburn at Louisiana State (SEC NETWORK).
8:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Butler at Maryland (FOX SPORTS 1).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: South Dakota at Texas Christian (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
10:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Philadelphia at Los Angeles Lakers (ESPN).
3 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour DP World Tour Championship First Round from Dubai, United Arab Emirates (GOLF).

NFL STANDINGS

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	2	0	.778	257	195
Buffalo	5	4	0	.556	184	196
Miami	4	5	0	.444	137	224
N.Y. Jets	4	6	0	.400	201	222

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	6	3	0	.667	205	213
Jacksonville	6	3	0	.667	226	134
Houston	3	6	0	.333	236	241
Indianapolis	3	7	0	.300	179	280

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	7	2	0	.778	187	148
Baltimore	4	5	0	.444	190	171
Cincinnati	3	6	0	.333	149	182
Cleveland	0	9	0	.000	143	240

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	6	3	0	.667	253	208
Oakland	4	5	0	.444	196	214
Denver	3	6	0	.333	166	239
L.A. Chargers	3	6	0	.333	167	172

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	8	1	0	.889	283	179
Dallas	5	4	0	.556	233	205
Washington	4	5	0	.444	207	232
N.Y. Giants	1	8	0	.111	150	238

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	7	2	0	.778	268	165
Carolina	7	3	0	.700	213	180
Atlanta	5	4	0	.556	197	179
Tampa Bay	3	6	0	.333	173	208

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	7	2	0	.778	217	165
Detroit	5	4	0	.556	244	210
Green Bay	5	4	0	.556	204	207
Chicago	3	6	0	.333	150	194

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	7	2	0	.778	296	162
Seattle	6	3	0	.667	211	165
Arizona	4	5	0	.444	155	223
San Francisco	1	9	0	.100	174	260

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Seattle 22, Arizona 16

SUNDAY'S GAMES

New Orleans 47, Buffalo 10
 Green Bay 23, Chicago 16
 Tampa Bay 15, N.Y. Jets 10
 Detroit 38, Cleveland 24
 Pittsburgh 20, Indianapolis 17
 Minnesota 38, Washington 30
 Tennessee 24, Cincinnati 20
 Jacksonville 20, L.A. Chargers 17, OT
 L.A. Rams 33, Houston 7
 Atlanta 27, Dallas 7
 San Francisco 31, N.Y. Giants 21
 New England 41, Denver 16
 Open: Kansas City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Oakland

MONDAY'S GAMES

Carolina 45, Miami 21

THURSDAY, NOV. 16

Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 8:25 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 19

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

MONDAY, NOV. 20

Atlanta at Seattle, 8:30 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	12	2	.857	—
Toronto	7	5	.583	4
New York	7	6	.538	4½
Philadelphia	7	6	.538	4½
Brooklyn	5	8	.385	6½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	8	5	.615	—
Orlando	8	6	.571	½
Miami	6	7	.462	2
Charlotte	5	7	.417	2½
Atlanta	2	12	.143	6½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	10	3	.769	—
Milwaukee	7	6	.538	3
Cleveland	7	7	.500	3½
Indiana	6	8	.429	4½
Chicago	2	9	.182	7

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	11	3	.786	—
San Antonio	8	5	.615	2½
New Orleans	8	6	.571	3
Memphis	7	6	.538	3½
Dallas	2	12	.143	9

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	8	5	.615	—
Denver	8	6	.571	½
Portland	7	6	.538	1
Oklahoma City	6	7	.462	2
Utah	6	8	.429	2½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	11	3	.786	—
L.A. Lakers	6	8	.429	5
L.A. Clippers	5	8	.385	5½
Phoenix	5	10	.333	6½
Sacramento	3	10	.231	7½

MONDAY'S GAMES

Washington 110, Sacramento 92
 Cleveland 104, New York 101
 Milwaukee 110, Memphis 103
 New Orleans 106, Atlanta 105
 L.A. Lakers 100, Phoenix 93
 Minnesota 109, Utah 98
 Portland 99, Denver 82
 Golden State 110, Orlando 100
 Philadelphia 109, L.A. Clippers 105

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Boston at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
 Toronto at Houston, 8 p.m.
 San Antonio at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Sacramento at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Utah at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Washington at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 Cleveland at Charlotte, 8 p.m.
 Detroit at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
 Indiana at Memphis, 8 p.m.
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Toronto at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 Orlando at Portland, 10 p.m.
 Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	18	14	2	2	30	71	46
Toronto	19	12	7	0	24	72	63
Ottawa	16	8	3	5	21	59	53
Detroit	18	8	8	2	18	49	51
Montreal	18	8	9	1	17	46	61
Boston	16	6	6	4	16	44	51
Buffalo	17	5	9	3	13	40	60
Florida	16	5	9	2	12	53	62

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	17	11	4	2	24	61	54
Columbus	18	10	7	1	21	55	50
Washington	18	10	7	1	21	53	53
Pittsburgh	19	7	3	2	21	50	68
N.Y. Islanders	17	9	6	2	20	60	55
N.Y. Rangers	18	9	7	2	20	60	59
Carolina	16	7	5	4	18	46	44
Philadelphia	17	8	7	2	18	50	45

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	19	13	5	1	27	62	51
Winnipeg	16	9	4	3	21	52	46
Nashville	16	9	5	2	20	45	46
Dallas	17	9	8	0	18	48	48
Chicago	18	8	8	2	18	53	49
Colorado	16	8	7	1	17	54	55
Minnesota	16	7	7	2	16	46	44

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	17	11	4	2	24	55	41
Vegas	16	10	5	1	21	57	46
San Jose	16	10	6	0	20	44	36
Calgary	17	10	7	0	20	51	50
Vancouver	17	8	7	2	18	43	46
Anaheim	17	7	7	3	17	48	50
Edmonton	17	6	9	2	14	38	52
Arizona	19	2	14	3	7	45	75

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

Carolina 5, Dallas 1
 Calgary 7, St. Louis 4

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
 Dallas at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
 Columbus at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Arizona at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
 Washington at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 Vegas at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
 Florida at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Calgary at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Boston at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 Carolina at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
 Dallas at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
 Arizona at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
 Nashville at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
 St. Louis at Colorado, 9 p.m.
 Vegas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
 Florida at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
 Boston at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

FCS TOP 25
SPARTANBURG — The top 25 teams in the Coaches Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 12, points and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. James Madison (26)	10-0	650	1
2. Jacksonville State	9-1	618	2
3. Central Arkansas	9-1	572	3
4. Sam Houston State	9-1	558	4
5. South Dakota State	8-2	544	5
6. North Dakota State	9-1	535	6
7. North Carolina A&T	10-0	473	7
7. Wofford	9-1	473	8
9. Weber State	8-2	397	12
10. Western Illinois	7-3	387	13
11. Grambling State	9-1	385	11
12. Stony Brook	8-2	318	15
13. Samford	7-3	312	14
14. New Hampshire	8-2	207	16
15. Elon	8-2	269	9
16. South Dakota	7-3	257	10
17. Nicholls	8-2	217	17

USC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wilson leads No. 4 South Carolina past 15th-ranked Maryland 94-86

BY DAVID GINSBURG
The Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Personal glory doesn't really excite A'ja Wilson all that much. The South Carolina senior is all about winning, especially after experiencing the thrill of claiming the NCAA championship last season.

Thus, after scoring a career-high 32 points in a 94-86 victory over No. 15 Maryland on Monday night, Wilson declared: "The biggest thing was we got a good road win. That was the goal."

After withstanding a late charge, by the scrappy Terrapins, No. 4 South Carolina had a victory to savor.

"I don't know if it's a statement win, but it's a great win," coach Dawn Staley said. "The reason why we set this game up so early is we wanted to test ourselves."

The fourth-ranked Gamecocks (2-0) let a 26-point lead dwindle to 87-84 before Tyasha Harris made a three-point play with 23 seconds left to clinch it.

"We just kind of got tired," Wilson acknowledged.

South Carolina has only two returning starters from last season's squad, but one of them is Wilson — and that appears to plenty good enough. The 6-foot-5 forward had 18 points by halftime and finished with 12 rebounds for her 32nd career double-double.

"Obviously, A'ja Wilson is a woman among girls," Maryland coach Brenda Frese said. "She should be in the pros. She's just that talented."

Wilson went 10 for 19 from the field and made 12 of 18 free throws. Her previous career high was 31 points, against Texas last December.

Harris, South Carolina's other returning starter, had 20 points and nine assists. Alexis



South Carolina's A'ja Wilson, right, shoots over Maryland's Kaila Charles in the first half of the Gamecocks' 94-86 victory on Monday in College Park, Maryland.

Jennings contributed 12 points and 13 rebounds.

Kaila Charles led Maryland (1-1) with 31 points and Blair Watson had 14.

With only two seniors on a roster depleted by graduation and transfers, Maryland didn't have the talent, height or depth to hang with the Gamecocks.

But the Terps made it close. "A great experience for our young team to be able to go through," Frese said. "We've got to build on it and make it a 40-minute game."

After Watson drilled a pair of

3-pointers in a 13-2 run that got the Terrapins to 34-26, Wilson scored 10 points in a 17-10 spurt that made it 51-36 at the half.

The Gamecocks stretched their lead to 71-45 in the third quarter.

Maryland rallied, but couldn't finish — even though Wilson missed three free throws in the final two minutes.

UP NEXT

South Carolina: In-state road game against Clemson on Thursday night.

Maryland: Hosts Niagara on Thursday night.

USC MEN'S BASKETBALL

Gamecocks slip past Western Michigan 78-60

COLUMBIA (AP) — South Carolina doubled down on a season opening victory, claiming a 78-60 home win Monday night over Western Michigan in its second encounter.

The Gamecocks managed to get a bit of breathing room late in the first half, opening a nine-point lead at the break. They remained on top throughout the second half, gradually increasing the lead.

"It was just a little too much South Carolina tonight," said Western Michigan coach Steve Hawkins. "Their defense just kept us at arm's length all night. We hoped to lock down on their inside guys, but their guys seemed to make every 3. That opened things up for those to maneuver after that."

The inside duo of Chris Silva and Maik Kotsar dominated action inside, allowing USC to connect on 26 of 57 field goals, while holding Western Michigan to 21 of 58.

Despite its statistical dominance, South Carolina watched a 17-point lead cut to nine with 7:50 remaining. The Gamecocks had an answer for each Western Michigan run, however.

While the inside duo was responsible for obtaining the lead, point guard Hassani Gravett hit three late 3-pointers to allow South Carolina's advantage to grow to as much as 19.

He led the Gamecocks in scoring with 15. Frank Booker followed with 14, while Silva and Kotsar each scored 10 and hauled in a combined 13 rebounds.

"A real good win for us," said USC coach Frank Martin. "They've got a really good team. I'm real

proud of the guys. I did a poor job preparing these guys. For as bad of a job as I did preparing us offensively, they did a good job on the court."

"For a young squad, our guys adapted pretty well."

Western Michigan's Thomas Wilder led all scorers with 21, earning most of his points driving to the basket. Bryce Moore and Josh Davis followed with 12 and 11 points respectively.

BIG PICTURE

The Gamecocks unveiled the 2017 Final Four banner prior to the game but, following the loss of its top four guards, South Carolina coach Frank Martin is looking for combinations that can give the team consistency.

Hassani Gravett, who is serving as the squad's starting point guard, played little in the first half after being pulled from the game early. He was solid in the second half, however, consistently hitting 3-point jump shots when the Gamecocks needed them most.

While the backcourt remains a work in progress, the play of Gravette, transfer Kory Holden and graduate transfer Frank Booker should give the team a lift.

"I just let go of the first half," said Gravett. "I didn't get to get to play and I knew I was going to be full of energy for the second half. I just tried to come out and help my team as best I could."

Picked to win the MAC Conference, Western Michigan will hope to get back on track with a solid performance at the Puerto Rico tournament in Conway, S.C.

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YAS Spartans in search of donations for trip to Pop Warner championship

The Youth Athletics of Sumter Spartans Pee Wee football team is seeking financial support and sponsors for the community to play in the Pop Warner National Championship to be held Dec. 1-9 at Disney ESPN Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla.

The team has set up a GOFUNDME page at <https://www.gofundme.com/sumter-pee-wee-road-to-disney>.

The team will be having a Spartan Rally on Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. at Manning Avenue Free Studio Park located at 241 Manning Avenue. There will be food, music and a chance to win prizes such as a 55-inch Vizio D series 1080p Full Array LED television valued at \$450 and a 20-quart Yeti Roadie Cooler valued at \$180. Raffle tickets for the TV and cooler are currently being sold at CA Harler Trophies & Engraving LLC located at 703 Bultman Drive and by Meagan Cassidy at Destinations Spa at 1147 North Guignard Drive.

Prior to going to Orlando, the Spartans will travel to Virginia Beach, Va., to play the Cleveland Rams from Clay-

SPORTS ITEMS

ton, N.C., in the region championship game on Nov. 25.

HOOPS JAMBOREE TODAY, THURSDAY

The Sumter Middle School Basketball Jamboree will be held today and Thursday at the Bates Middle School gym.

The girls will play today with the boys tipping off on Thursday. Both days will have Mayewood and Manning Junior High facing off at 5 p.m. Furman will take on Chestnut Oaks at 5:35 followed by Alice Drive and Hillcrest at 6:10 and Ebenezer and Bates at 6:45.

The format will have the teams playing two 10-minute quarters with a running clock. Each team will have one timeout.

MOLITOR, LOVULLO WIN AWARDS

Paul Molitor has won the American League Manager of the Year award after his Minnesota Twins became the first team to make the playoffs following a 100-loss season.

Molitor won the honor Tuesday in

voting by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Torey Lovullo of the Arizona Diamondbacks won the NL award. In his first full season as a big league skipper, Arizona reached the playoffs a year after going 69-93.

Molitor joined Frank Robinson as the only Hall of Fame players to win a manager of the year award, which was first presented in 1983.

The Twins went 85-77 this season and earned their first playoff spot since 2010 before losing to the Yankees in the AL wild-card game. Last year, the Twins led the majors with 103 losses.

RED SOX GREAT DOERR DIES

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — Bobby Doerr, the Hall of Fame second baseman dubbed the "Silent Captain" of the Boston Red Sox by longtime teammate and friend Ted Williams, has died. He was 99.

Doerr died on Monday in Junction City, Oregon, the Red Sox said Tuesday in a statement. The Red Sox said

Doerr had been the oldest living major league player.

Signed out of the old Pacific Coast League on the same scouting trip that brought Williams to Fenway Park, Doerr played 14 seasons with the Red Sox and joined his fishing buddy in the Hall of Fame in 1986. He had a .288 lifetime average and helped the Red Sox to the 1946 World Series.

The nine-time All-Star often forgave his more accomplished friend for his storied anger and impatience.

Doerr's modesty was belied by his stats: He finished with 2,042 hits, 223 home runs and 1,247 RBIs and he once went 414 games without an error — a record at the time. His six seasons with at least 100 RBIs was not matched by another second baseman for 25 years.

Doerr was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1986 by the Veterans Committee and the Red Sox retired his No. 1 jersey in 1988. The Red Sox honored Doerr with a 2004 World Series ring after breaking their 86-year championship drought.

JACKSON

FROM PAGE B1

the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Sumter located at 630 South Sumter Street.

Tickets are \$25 a person for the event and can be purchased at the Boys & Girls Club. Its offices are open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call Jean Ford at (803) 775-5006.

Jackson began to compete in the seventh grade at Bates Middle School. He was on the Sumter High varsity in the eighth grade, and as a freshman he was all-state in both the 800 and 1,600. As a sophomore, he was all-state in those two events again as well as the 3,200.

Prior to the start of his junior year though, Jackson was shot and he had to work to get back out on the track.

"It was hard because the doctor had said he didn't know if I would get back," Jackson said. "That motivated me to work out three times a day. It motivated me because I was one of the top distance runners in South Carolina and I wanted to get back to that."

Jackson came back to claim the two state titles in 1995. Going to Voorhees, Jackson became the EIAC record holder in four events by the time he was done.

Jackson became the head coach for track and cross country at Voorhees for five years before moving on to Bethune-Cookman and has coached several outstanding athletes.

Being so competitive in high school and college pushed me to be a career in coaching," he said. "I try to pass on what I've learned over the years and instill that drive into my athletes."

HODGE

FROM PAGE B1

Upon his discharge, Hodge went back to college, this time at a school much closer to Sumter -- Newberry College. That's where Hodge was a letter winner in four sports. He played basketball and football for Newberry for three years and lettered in tennis and golf for two seasons.

He was a co-captain on the 1948 team, scoring the only touchdown in a 6-0 victory over arch rival Presbyterian.

After graduating from Newberry, Hodge got into coaching, serving as an assistant at Laurens High School for two years and for one year at Columbia.

Hodge, who passed away at the age of 91 in December of 2016, became the first football head coach and athletic director at Eau Claire High in Columbia in 1951. He served in that capacity through 1959 and developed the school's track and field program in 1956, leading it to a state title that season.

Hodge was also a referee for 30 years, calling games all throughout the state. The highlight of his refereeing career though came in 1955 when he called a game for the Harlem Globetrotters during a visit to Township Auditorium in Columbia.

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

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THANKSGIVING CRAFTS

Grateful Pinecone Turkey

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

pinecone
construction paper
googly eyes
pen
glue

- Cut construction paper into strips about 11 inches long. These will be tail feathers.
- Fold each strip in half and write something you're grateful for on each "feather."
- Put a dab of glue on the end of each feather and insert in pinecone.
- Cut a turkey head shape out of paper. Glue on eyes and a beak.
- Place the turkey in a place of honor on your Thanksgiving table!

What are you thankful for at school?

Write three things you appreciate about school on this pumpkin.

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The Thankful Pumpkin

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

pumpkin
permanent markers

Pass a pumpkin around before your Thanksgiving dinner. Have each person write some things they are thankful for on the pumpkin. Keep writing things until the surface of the pumpkin is mostly covered. Then use the pumpkin as a centerpiece on the table.

How many leaf shapes do you see below?

How many leaves can you find on this page?

Leaves of Love

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

craft sticks
glue
jar
pen
craft foam

- Cut leaf shapes out of red, brown, yellow and orange craft foam.
- Write each guest's name on a craft stick.
- Glue a leaf to each craft stick and place them in the jar.
- During dinner, have each person pull one stick and say why they are grateful for that person.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Practice saying **THANK YOU** in seven different languages! Match each **Thank You** below to the country from which it comes. Stuck? Ask a family member for help.

	Tak (takg)	FRANCE DENMARK JAPAN POLAND FINLAND MEXICO GERMANY
	Gracias (gra-sec-us)	
	Merci (mehr-see)	
	Kiitos (kee-toas)	
	Danke (dahn-kah)	
	Arigato (ahree-gah-tow)	
	Dziękuję (dsyne-koo-yeh)	

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

PINECONES	THANKFUL
PUMPKIN	GOOGLY
TURKEY	LEAVES
SHAPES	BROWN
PAPER	FACE
TUCK	FELT
DOOR	WIDE
RED	

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Thankful Letter to the Editor

Who in the community are you thankful for? Perhaps a teacher? A coach? A first responder? Write a letter to the editor of this newspaper telling the community why you are thankful for someone.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Allen leads No. 1 Duke past No. 2 Michigan State 88-81; Villanova sets new blocks record in 113-77 win

CHICAGO — Grayson Allen — Duke's lone senior — scored a career-high 37 points, freshman Trevon Duval had 17 points and 10 assists, and the top-ranked Blue Devils beat No. 2 Michigan State 88-81 in the Champions Classic on Tuesday night.

On a court full of some college basketball's brightest stars, Allen stepped up whenever his team needed a big play. The Blue Devils (3-0) lost Marvin Bagley III to an eye injury midway through the first half, but Allen made five 3-pointers and scored 21 points in the second half to help make up for the missing freshman phenom.

Wendell Carter Jr. added 12 points and 12 rebounds, helping Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski improve to 12-1 in his career against Michigan State.

Miles Bridges, Jaren Jackson Jr. and Nick Ward each scored 19 points for the Spartans, who blocked 12 shots — just one shy of the school record. Michigan State (1-1) shot 51 percent from the field, but was out-rebounded 46-34 by the long and athletic Blue Devils.

The 42nd meeting of the top two schools in The Associated Press poll since 1949 lived up to its pregame hype, with Duke and Michi-

gan State exchanging runs for most of the night at the home of the NBA's Chicago Bulls. Each team had its sloppy moments typical of a mid-November game, but they also brought the crowd to its feet several times with an array of impressive jams and emphatic rejections at the rim.

Cassius Winston drove the lane and passed to Kenny Goins for a dunk that gave Michigan State a 75-73 lead with 4:12 left. But Carter responded with a rebound slam at the other end and Allen set up Gary Trent Jr.'s tiebreaking 3-pointer with 3:11 to go.

Allen added two more 3s in the final 2 1/2 minutes and Javin DeLaurier's breakaway dunk made it 86-77 with 50 seconds left, putting the Spartans away for good.

(5) VILLANOVA 113 NICHOLLS 77

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Mikal Bridges rejected consecutive shots by Roddy Peters in the lane, producing "oohs" from the crowd.

And No. 5 Villanova wasn't done, not even on this possession.

Omari Spellman brought the fans and bench players to their feet by swatting Tevon Saddler's follow attempt from behind, giving

the Wildcats three blocks in 8 seconds and setting the tone in a record-setting 113-77 rout of Nicholls on Tuesday night.

"That's what we should be fired up about," Bridges said. "defensive things, not offensive."

Bridges set career highs with 23 points, four blocks and five steals, and Villanova (2-0) set a school record by blocking 13 shots. Spellman also had four rejections.

"We have the potential to be a very good defensive team," Wildcats coach Jay Wright said. "I think you saw some of that tonight. It was more athleticism tonight than defensive technique."

Donte DiVincenzo added 20 points, Jalen Brunson had 17 and the Wildcats had six players in double figures while shooting 58 percent from the field in their second straight blowout of an inferior opponent.

"I can't imagine many teams in the country being better than them," Nicholls coach Richie Riley said. "I think they have a chance to hang another banner. I think they're that good."

Zaquavian Smith scored 25 points and Peters had 17 for the Colonels (1-1), who trailed by as many as 38 points.

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"It just means the world to me that we're going to do this together," said Reed. "She's my best friend, and there's no other way I would want it to be. I'm just excited to see how we grow as players at North Greenville."

"We've been playing together for a long time," Silvester said. "We've been friends for all that time, and I'm excited that we're going to get to play together in college as well."

This isn't a package deal where Reed and Silvester made a pact that they would play at the college level together as well. They took separate visits to the campus at the NCAA Division II school located in Tigerville. They both liked what the program and the school offered and made their decisions on their own.

"It means a lot to get this opportunity," Silvester said. "When you think about all of the work you put in to get to

this moment it lets you know it was worth it."

"When I went up there for the visit I knew it was right for me," Reed said. "It's a small campus like Thomas Sumter and it has the same Christian environment."

Both Reed and Silvester have been integral parts of the success Thomas Sumter's softball program has enjoyed over the past several years. They were both members of the 2014 team that won the SCISA 2A title in 2014 and the 3A title in 2015 and helped lead the Lady Generals back to the 3A championship series in 2016.

Reed had a .432 batting average with 11 runs batted in last season on a team that reached the state tournament. Reed has been an all-region selection for the past four years.

Silvester also batted .432 and she had 21 RBI while being named all-region as well. She was also an all-region pick in both 2015 and 2016.

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the state, Ballard won the National Walter Hagen Memorial Women's Golf Tournament in Orlando, Fla. She won several other Virginia-Carolinas Women Golf Championships match play events.

Ballard won her South Carolina Women's Open Golf Championships in consecutive years. The first one came in 1986 in Beaufort in a match play format. The next year she won in a stroke play event in Anderson.

Ballard obviously enjoyed the competitive side of the events, but there was more to

it for her than just that. "My best friends had become golfers," said Ballard, who has four career holes-in-one. "I played all of the tournaments for the enjoyment of it. It was fun."

As a senior golfer, Ballard went on to gain victories in the South Carolina Women's Championships and the Carolinas Women's Championships. She also served as the board president for both organizations and has helped rated over a third of the courses in the state for the PGA of America.

OBITUARIES

JUSTIN A. BROGDON

ALCOLU — Justin Allen Brogdon, 34, died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017, at his home.

Born July 16, 1983, in Sumter, he was a son of Joseph Allen "Joe" Brogdon and the late Sandra Lee Guess "Sandy" Brogdon. He was a member of the Sammy Swamp Hunting Club and Jefferson Road Free Will Baptist Church.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Lily Adkins Brogdon, of Summerton; his brother, Eric Ste-

vens (Megan) of Lexington; two sisters, Ruby Edwards of Charlotte, and Barbara Brogdon of Sumter; two nieces, Audrey Brogdon and Taylor Hicks; and his nephew, J.T. Brogdon.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday in the chapel of Stephens Funeral Home with the Rev. Gene Gilbert officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Joe Brogdon, Kerry Wayne Spivey, Richard Spivey, Eric Stevens, Paul Reece Lea III, Dustie Allen Hearrell and James Reece Lea.

Visitation will be held one

hour prior to the service from 1 to 2 p.m. at Stephens Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Jefferson Road Free Will Baptist Church, 999 Jefferson Road, Sumter, SC 29153.

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

WILLIE MUSTIPHER

Willie Mustipher, 75, of Charleston, died on Friday, Nov. 10, 2017, in Sumter.

The family will receive visitors at the home of Vivian Mustipher; his sister-in-law, located at 311 Pioneer Drive, Sumter.

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Arbor Day at Swan Lake Iris Gardens

Arbor Day, the largest non-profit organization dedicated to planting trees, was started by John Rosenow in Nebraska in 1972. No doubt, living in Nebraska spurred his decision. Historically it was an unbroken prairie covered with native grasses which grew taller than a person during the growing season but then dried and served as a massive fire load in fall, leading to fires that threatened native animals and with the coming of settlers, their lives and homesteads. The wind blowing across these vast spaces howled like animals and was a contributing factor to a common condition called prairie madness.

The date for Arbor Days varies across the country depending on the local environmental conditions. In South Carolina, we celebrate Arbor Day on the first Friday in December. If you put new plants in your yard in the fall, the roots can grow all winter while the tops are dormant, vastly increasing the chances of successful establishment. See Clemson HGIC Factsheet 1001, Planting Trees Correctly; you'll be reminded of such important tips as not digging the hole too deep and finding the root flare to determine that depth.

Swan Lake Iris Gardens is now a recognized arboretum through the certifying agency Arbnet. City Horticulturist Brock McDaniel told me that on this year's Arbor Day the Public Works garden staff will have a special installation.

Austin Jenkins who teaches environmental sciences at USC Sumter has with his students started an inventory of the native plants in the Bland Garden section of Swan Lake Iris Gardens. For this Arbor Day, the Garden staff will plant some of those indigenous species in appropriate sites near the Sensory Garden on the Heath side of the Gardens.

The following is a part of the statement you find at Arbnet if you search Swan Lake Iris Gardens. "Swan Lake Iris Gardens encompasses 120 acres and contains an estimated 8,500 trees and woody plant species. Within this acreage there is a Cypress Swamp with boardwalks winding through the indigenous vegetation giving visitors an up close view of wildlife in its natural habitat. The tree collection changes as visitors move to the upland areas. Native Pines, Oaks, Gums, Sycamores, Poplars and Maples tower over visitors as they walk along trails throughout the park. Planted among these indigenous species are a variety of ornamental and exotic species that add beauty and interest to the collection. The Talking Tree Tour takes visitors along an interactive tour of tree species in the park, where they receive a lesson on the history and importance of various tree species."

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Gallery presents works by Ackerman, Clark

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BY STAFF REPORTS

The Sumter County Gallery of Art will present Deane Ackerman: Radiant Expressions and Terrell Clark: EYES of Havana from Thursday through Jan. 12, 2018, at the gallery, 200 Hassell St. (adjacent to Patriot Hall).

The opening reception will be held at the gallery from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday with Clark giving an artist talk from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Both artists will be in attendance.

Ackerman, a native of Illinois and a Sumter resident since 1965, attended Northwestern University for one year and continued her college work as a sculpture major at the School of the Art Institute in Chicago. She is a charter member of the Sumter Artist's Guild, which was founded in 1972. She worked almost exclusively as a sculptor until 1980, producing many pieces found in private collections across the country. Though she has worked in a variety of mediums, her focus for the past 30 years has been colored pencil drawing, for which she has won numerous awards.

In 1993, Ackerman became a member of the newly founded Colored Pencil Society of America. The original organization, started by a small number of artists working exclusively in colored pencil, has now expanded to include approximately 1,800 members, with chapters in 10 other countries. Each summer, the CPSA has an international exhibit in a different city in the United States, and this year marked her 11th time being juried into the annual exhibit and her third time as an award winner.

In January 2005, the Sumter Gallery of Art presented a Deane Ackerman Retrospective with the emphasis on Ackerman's sculptural works. Sumter County Gallery of Art Executive Director Karen Watson and Curator Gardner Cole Miller are both enthusiastic about revisiting Ackerman's work, this time with an emphasis on her colored pencil drawings.

ACKERMAN'S ARTIST STATEMENT

My interest in art began in early childhood. Moving from one medium to the next, I first discovered sculpture in my high school art class. I found the three-dimensional form fascinating, and it has continued to be apparent in most all of my work throughout the years. After years of working as a sculptor, I had the desire to move toward color and also back to the basics of all art, drawing; pencil on paper. When I discovered colored pencil about 30 years ago, it was just by chance, browsing through a bookstore. Seeing the colorful spine of a book titled "Colored Pencil," I knew before I had pulled it from the shelf that I had found "IT"! That was the starting point of a very exciting and challenging journey that I have been on ever since.

A lot of thought goes into my decisions on subject matter and composition because I know it will be an investment of months of time. I'm always looking for "the light," because between light and dark is the drama



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Terrell Clark's "Unlit" is part of the Deane Ackerman: Radiant Expressions and Terrell Clark: EYES of Havana exhibit at the Sumter Gallery of Art.

of the piece. Objects that are transparent or reflective are particularly fascinating to me, especially those elements that are viewed through glass and water. Being able to examine and capture that special moment, in time and light, with all of its intricate depth and detail, is what I find so satisfying and colored pencil drawing offers me just that.

Reflecting on what has held my interest and driven me to express myself as an artist over almost all the years of my life, I really cannot say. All I know is that my passion for it has never diminished. I have always had some art project going on; if not already in progress, then in my head, observing my surroundings. Maybe it's somewhere in my DNA, but wherever it springs from, I am most grateful.

CLARK'S PHOTOGRAPHY

A native of Meridian, Mississippi, and a resident of Atlanta, Clark is a photographer who possesses the rare ability to capture those precious moments in life that would otherwise be missed and forever lost. Clark's beginning in photography was in ninth grade when he built a pinhole camera from a Maxwell House coffee can. To this day he still has his first picture, which was taken with the pinhole camera.

In addition to crisscrossing the United States, his camera has taken him to different parts of the world, including various countries in Africa and Europe, Jamaica, the Dominican Republic, St. Thomas-U.S. Virgin Islands, Tortola-British Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Grand Bahama Island and recently Cuba.

His work has appeared in numerous newspapers, magazines and publications, and online publications including *The Meridian Star*, *Huffington Post*, *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, *Gulf Scapes Magazine*, *Season Magazine* and *Loft*



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Deane Ackerman's "A Rose is a Rose"

Life Magazine. Past exhibitions include Mason Fine Art; Arnika Dawkins Gallery; Photography Center of Atlanta; Sewanee: The University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee; Georgia State University, Atlanta; The Hub, Atlanta; Johnson C. Smith University, North Carolina; and Clay's Gallery in Atlanta. Corporate clients include Renaissance Waverly Hotel, General Electric, Jennings Holdings, Java Vino, Sip The Experience Coffee Shop, Blue Linx, Marquette University, Life University, Khoshnood Law Firm and Health Plus Wellness Center.

In 2009, Clark's first monograph,

EYES OF UGANDA, A Sociological Perspective, was released. In December 2015, three of his large-scale pinhole works were part of a group exhibition at The Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia (Atlanta), his first museum showing. In 2016, Clark's catalogue, "EYES of Havana, Chromatic Life" was published in a limited edition. The Sumter exhibition comprises the images from his time spent in Havana. Also included will be Clark's black-and-white photographs.

The gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and is closed Sunday and Monday.

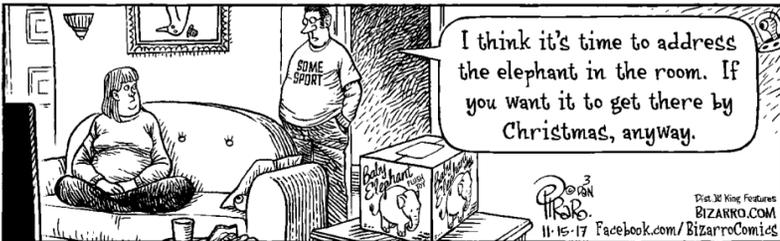


LEFT: Clark's "Bass Man"

FAR LEFT: Ackerman's "Mermaid of Table Rock Lake"

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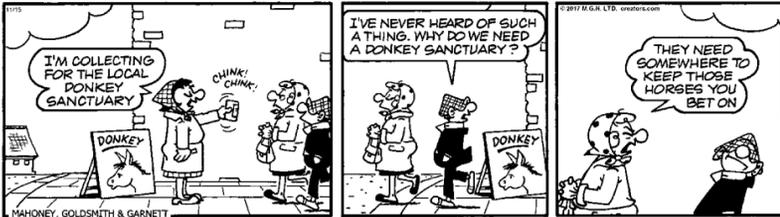
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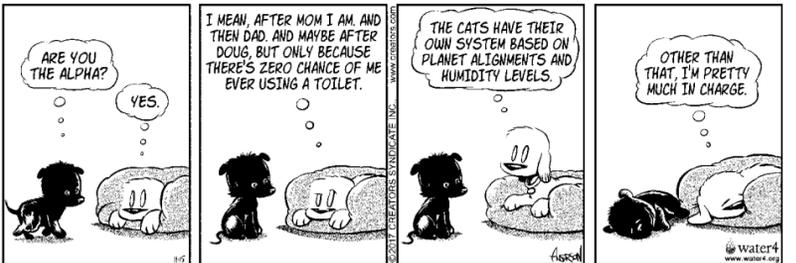
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DEAR NANCY — If there is one subject that crops up repeatedly in my mail, it's thank-you notes — or rather, the lack of them. I print letters about it because of the number of complaints I receive. When a gift or a check isn't acknowledged, the message it sends is that the item wasn't appreciated, which is insulting and hurtful.

Chief among the reasons that thank-you notes are unwritten is that many people don't know what to say. They think the message has to be long and flowery when, in fact, keeping it short and to the point is more effective. My booklet, "How to Write Letters for All Occasions," contains samples of thank-you letters for birthday gifts, shower gifts and wedding gifts, as well as those that ar-

rive around holiday time. It also includes letters of congratulations and ones regarding difficult subjects, such as the loss of a parent, a spouse or a child. It can be ordered by sending your name, mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 to Dear Abby Letters Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.) With the holiday season approaching, this is the perfect time to reply with a handwritten letter, note or well-written email.

Because the composition of letters is not always effectively taught in the schools, my booklet can serve as a helpful tutorial, one that is valuable for parents as a way to teach their children to write using proper etiquette.

Nancy in Nevada

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.

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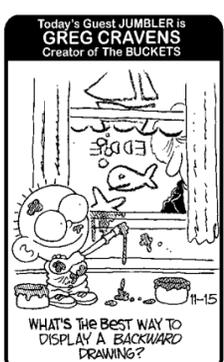
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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PLAZA EMPTY MINGLE ZODIAC
Answer: The little green man from outer space felt alone and — ALIENATED



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

SUDOKU

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

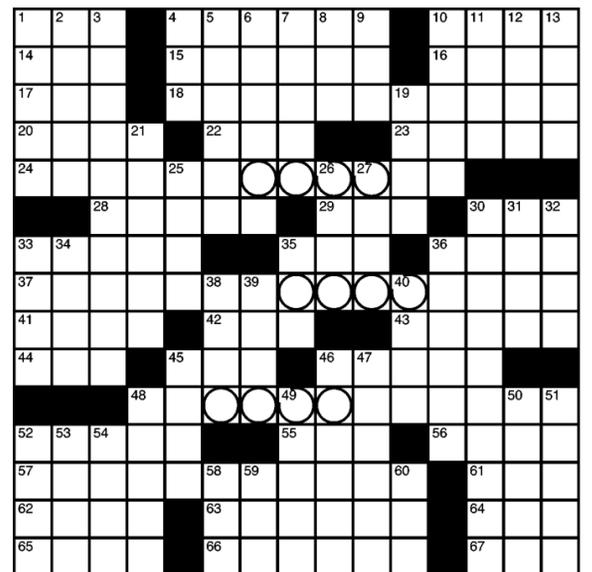
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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



By Jerry Edelstein

11/15/17

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Rhoda" production co.
 - 4 It may follow cries of "Bravo!"
 - 10 Brink
 - 14 Longtime coach Parseghian of Notre Dame
 - 15 Chestnut horse
 - 16 Witnessed
 - 17 B.A. or B.S.
 - 18 With 57-Across, what a 37-Across does; also, as the circles show, what each answer containing them does
 - 20 Alamo competitor
 - 22 DDE's overseas command
 - 23 Racers in some Wii games
 - 24 Item that isn't on its regular hook
 - 28 Gear components
 - 29 Assist
 - 30 Peace, to Pedro
 - 33 Say yes
 - 35 Journalist Curry
 - 36 Warsaw native
 - 37 Casino employee
 - 41 The two
 - 42 Tolkien forest shepherd
 - 43 In _; unborn
 - 44 Stun
 - 45 "The A-Team" actor
 - 46 The "A" in James A. Garfield
 - 48 Prepared
 - 49 Goodies for the fundraiser
 - 52 Blotch
 - 55 Former transp. regulator
 - 56 Confident words
 - 57 See 18-Across
 - 61 Keogh plan rel.
 - 62 Many
 - 63 Paradise
 - 64 Third-qr. ender
 - 65 Actress Russo
 - 66 Fireplace shelf
 - 67 Goal line crossings: Abbr.
 - 7 "Friend _?": sentry's query
 - 8 Slo-mo reviewer
 - 9 Pipe shape
 - 10 Composed piece
 - 11 Expensive
 - 12 Bloke
 - 13 Fades to black
 - 19 _ out a win
 - 21 The State of the Union, for one
 - 25 Onionlike veggie
 - 26 Moist and chilly
 - 27 Nice
 - 30 One drawn to controversy
 - 31 Oriole or Jay
 - 32 MapMyWalk starting point
 - 33 "Waterloo" band
 - 34 Healthy look
 - 35 Pretend
 - 36 Former New York governor George
 - 60 _ Kan pet food
 - 38 Weightlifting move
 - 39 Start a pot
 - 40 German capital
 - 45 Retail outlet
 - 46 Say yes
 - 47 Italian lawn bowling
 - 48 Keep moist, in a way
 - 49 "What I _ My Summer Vacation": school essay
 - 50 Like some seals
 - 51 Spells, as of cold weather
 - 52 Emotional mark
 - 53 Beast of burden
 - 54 Thames academy
 - 58 Run smoothly
 - 59 LAX announcement
 - 60 _ Kan pet food
- Tuesday's Puzzle Solved**
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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 "Ian Garvey" Tom goes missing and Liz must find him. (N)	The Voice "The Playoffs, Night 3" The remaining artists compete. (N)	Chicago P.D. "Care Under Fire" Halstead goes under cover to save a kid. (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 "Knights of the Round Table" (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 "Jordan Peele; Alia Shawkat; Paul Mercuro" Jordan Peele; Alia Shawkat. (:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live			
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Walt Disney World Orlando" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Goldbergs "A Wall Street Thanksgiving" (N)	Speechless Jimmy deals with getting older. (N)	Modern Family Jay toasts family successes. (N)	(:31) American Housewife "Family Secrets" (N)	Designated Survivor "Family Ties" Turkey's president demands extradition. (N)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)		
WRJA	27	11	14	Sea Change: Patrick McMillan look at immediate and long term impacts and the efforts made to withstand nature.		A Year in Space: International Space Station.	Beyond a Year in Space: Astronaut Scott Kelly; twin study.	The Farthest -- Voyager in Space: NASA's Voyager missions.			Charlie Rose (N)		
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The 2003 Approximation"	The Big Bang Theory "The 2003 Approximation"	Empire "Fortune Be Not Crost" The Lyons band together to help Hakeem. (N) (DVS)	Star "Faking It" Ayanna tries to restore Midtown's image. (N) (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N)		Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Mike offers Kristin and Ryan money.	Last Man Standing Mike and his neighbor butt heads.	Riverdale "Chapter Nineteen: Death Proof" Jughead tries to prevent an alliance. (N)	Dynasty "I Exist Only for Me" A houseguest proves awkward for Blake. (N)	Dateline "One Small Dose" A new class of synthetic drugs.		Dateline "Friends Until Death" A young actress is strangled to death.	The Game Melanie may be pregnant.		
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130		Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	(:01) Ozzy and Jack's World Detour "Speed Demons" (N)	(:03) Storage Wars	(:33) Storage Wars	(12:03) Storage Wars
AMC	48	180		(5:00) *** "Live Free or Die Hard" (2007) Bruce Willis, Justin Long.		*** "Déjà Vu" (2006, Suspense) Denzel Washington, Val Kilmer, Jim Caviezel. A time-folding federal agent falls in love with a future murder victim.		Washington, Val Kilmer, Jim Caviezel. A time-folding federal agent falls in love with a future murder victim.		*** "Se7en" (1995, Suspense) Brad Pitt, Morgan Freeman, Gwyneth Paltrow. A killer dispatches his victims via the Seven Deadly Sins.			
ANPL	41	100		Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters: Branched Out Clients request luxury treetop escapes. (N)	Face Value (N)	50 Central "Cop Insurance" (N)	Treehouse Masters	50 Central "Cop Insurance"	TM: Branched Out	
BET	61	162		** "Takers" (2010, Action) Matt Dillon, Paul Walker, Idris Elba. Skilled thieves plan the biggest heist of their careers.									
BRAVO	47	181		The Real Housewives of New Jersey Melissa and Teresa get into a fight.	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Sissy gets hormone therapy.	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Dolores drops a bomb. (N)	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Dolores drops a bomb.	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Dolores drops a bomb.	Watch What Happens Live	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Dolores drops a bomb.			
CNBC	35	84		Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank (DVS)	The Job Interview	The Job Interview	Shark Tank	Shark Tank			
CNN	3	80		Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper			
COM	57	136		(6:50) South Park	(:25) South Park	South Park "Insecurity"	South Park "Conjoined Fetus Lady"	South Park	South Park "Doubling Down"	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	The Opposition w/ Jordan Klepper (N)	(12:01) South Park	
DISN	18	200		Bunk'd An abandoned treehouse.	Raven's Home	Andi Mack	Bizaardvark "Hawkward"	Raven's Home "Baxter's Back!"	Stuck in the Middle	Bizaardvark A rich fan helps out.	Raven's Home "Dancing Tween"	Stuck in the Middle	
DSC	42	103		Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue: Surviving the Wild	Homestead Rescue			(:01) Bushcraft Build-Off	(:04) Homestead Rescue	Bushcraft Build-Off		
ESPN	26	35		NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Charlotte Hornets. From Spectrum Center in Charlotte, N.C.	NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Los Angeles Lakers. (N) (Live)							
ESPN2	27	39		College Football Teams TBA. (N) (Live)			SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)					
FOOD	40	109		(6:00) Iron Chef America	Iron Chef Showdown	Iron Chef Showdown (N)	Iron Chef: Behind the Battle (N)	Iron Chef America					
FOXN	37	90		The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News at Night (N)	Tucker Carlson				
FREE	20	131		(:15) *** "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" (2009, Children's) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson. New dangers lurk for Harry, Dumbledore and their friends.					The 700 Club		** "Dennis the Menace" (1993)		
FSS	21	47		Hawks Pregame	NBA Basketball Sacramento Kings at Atlanta Hawks. From Philips Arena in Atlanta. (N) (Live)		Hawks Postgame	Gmty: Ga Tech	NBA Basketball Sacramento Kings at Atlanta Hawks.				
HALL	52	183		(6:00) "Christmas Incorporated" (2015, Drama) Shenae Grimes-Beech.	"My Christmas Dream" (2016, Drama) Danica McKellar, David Haydn-Jones, Deirdre Hall. A manager has to choose between her dreams and her heart.		"Love You Like Christmas" (2016, Drama) Bonnie Somerville, Brennan Elliott, Precious Chong. Car trouble leads a powerful executive to Christmas Valley.	"Tis the Season for Love" (2015)					
HGTV	39	112		Property Brothers: Buying & Selling	Property Brothers	Property Brothers (N)	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Property Brothers	Property Brothers			
HIST	45	110		American Pickers "Bucking Bronco"	American Pickers "American Dream"	American Pickers Garage-related picks.	(:09) American Pickers (DVS)	(:08) American Pickers "KISS and Sell"	American Pickers	American Pickers			
ION	13	18		Law & Order "The Ring" Ring identifies victim.	Law & Order "Hitman" Hit man guns down husband.	Law & Order "Open Season" Acquittal leads to attorney's murder.	Law & Order "Asterisk" A ballplayer's chauffeur is killed.	Law & Order "The Wheel" Asian girl's smoldering corpse.	Law & Order "Mother's Day"				
LIFE	50	145		Little Women: Dallas Caylea confronts Tiffany. (N)	Little Women: Dallas Amanda makes a startling admission. (N)	Little Women: Dallas "Can You Hear Me Now?" Asta and Amanda argue. (N)	(:02) Little Women: LA Terra has exciting news to tell Joe. (N)	(:06) Little Women: Dallas Asta and Amanda argue.	(12:02) Little Women: Dallas				
MSNBC	36	92		Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow				
NICK	16	210		Paradise Run (N)	The Thundermans	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends	Friends	
SPIKE	64	153		Friends	Friends	The Shannara Chronicles "Warlock"	The Shannara Chronicles "Amberle"	*** "Training Day" (2001) Denzel Washington.					
SYFY	58	152		(6:30) ** "Paul" (2011) Simon Pegg. Two help an alien return to his spaceship. (DVS)	British sci-fi nerds	** "Green Lantern" (2011, Action) Ryan Reynolds, Blake Lively, Peter Sarsgaard. A test pilot joins a band of intergalactic warriors.		"Justice League: Doom" (2012, Action) Voices of Kevin Conroy, Tim Daly, Susan Eisenberg.					
TBS	24	156		The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee (N)	Conan Actor Kathy Bates; comic Jeff Caldwell.	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee		
TCM	49	186		(6:00) *** "Rope" (1948, Crime Drama) James Stewart, John Dall.	**** "Vertigo" (1958, Suspense) James Stewart, Kim Novak, Barbara Bel Geddes. A detective with a fear of heights falls for his quarry.		Unexpected (N)	90 Day Fiancé: Extended "Crossing the Line"					
TLC	43	157		Long Lost Family	90 Day Fiancé: Extended Annie cries because of David; extended. (N)		(:01) *** "Shrek 2" (2004, Children's) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz. Animated. A green ogre must meet his wife's parents. (DVS)	(12:02) ** "The Pacifier" (2005)					
TNT	23	158		(6:00) ** "The Pacifier" (2005) Vin Diesel, Lauren Graham. (DVS)	** "Shrek the Third" (2007) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy. Animated. Shrek and friends look for the true heir of Far, Far Away. (DVS)								
TRUTV	38	129		Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.		
TV LAND	55	161		M*A*S*H	(:36) M*A*S*H	(:12) Everybody Loves Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Mom	Mom	King of Queens	King of Queens	
USA	25	132		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A murder is connected to an old case.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit An Army Ranger is sexually assaulted.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A rape suspect blames his genes.	Mr. Robot "Eps3.5kill-process.inc" Elliot faces off with Mr. Robot. (N)	(:01) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Determining a murder victim's identity.	(12:01) Chicago P.D. (DVS)				
WE	68	166		Law & Order: Criminal Intent	** "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" (2003) Kate Hudson, Matthew McConaughey.		** "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" (2003) Kate Hudson.						
WGNA	8	172		Cops	Cops	Cops In Arizona.	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops "Arizona"	Cops	

Whatever happened to faces with character?

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

While reviewing tonight's episode of "Chicago P.D." (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14), I was struck by two things. First, this is clearly the "Veterans Day" episode. A kidnapping case sends Halstead (Jesse Lee Soffer) undercover with a gang of professional criminals who are all war veterans, something the haunted Halstead can relate to. Just in case we forgot, we see him screaming in his sleep in an early scene.

Give "Chicago P.D." credit for having these men on both sides of the law discuss the memories they can't escape. Most of them don't involve fear, or the trauma of coming under fire. They center around the horrific realization that they had become killers and that some of their victims had been women and children.

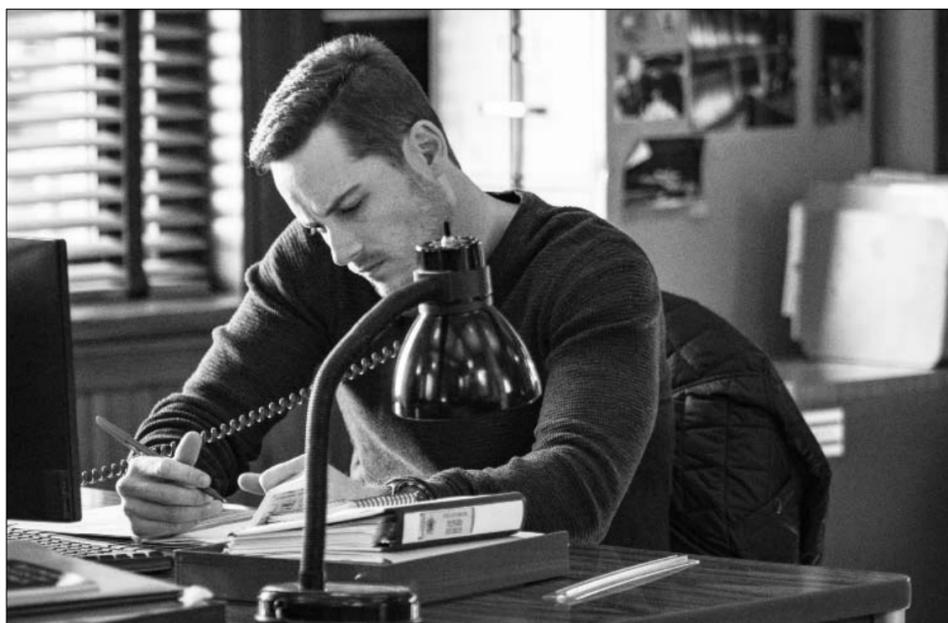
Putting aside the gravity of the subject matter, I was also struck by just how pretty the cast of this and many cop shows have become. Not an eyebrow hair out of place!

Time was, police procedurals were the perfect place for character actors to stand out. Nobody ever hired Dennis Franz (Sipowicz on "NYPD Blue") or Jerry Orbach (Briscoe on "Law & Order") for their looks.

On police shows, slightly goofy-looking characters could always bring something different to the proceedings. As a fan of "The Shield," I always enjoyed the scenes when Dutch (Jay Karnes) faced some new challenge or humiliation.

Cop shows allowed blue-collar types to shine; these characters weren't rich or beautiful, but could still drive the story. I think this started to go out the window when they cast Angie Harmon on "Law & Order," then recast her as a "tomboy" on "Rizzoli & Isles."

It's a tad difficult to take "Chicago P.D." seriously because everybody except the



MATT DINERSTEIN / NBC

Jesse Lee Soffer stars as Jay Halstead in "Chicago P.D." airing at 10 p.m. today on NBC.

gravel-voiced Voight (Jason Beghe) looks like they just breezed in from hair-and-makeup.

- "MythBusters" (9 p.m., Science, TV-PG) returns for a new 14-episode season. New hosts Brian Louden and Jon Lung emerged during the talent hunt presented on "MythBusters: The Search." The second season of "Street Science" (10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., TV-PG) follows.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Hakeem fights for custody of Bella on "Empire" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14).
- James Coburn plays an aging rodeo star in the 1972 comedy "The Honkers" (8 p.m., This TV), co-starring Slim Pickens and introducing Anne Archer in her first movie role.
- Playoffs continue on "The Voice" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-PG).
- The first family is consumed by controversy on "Des-

ignated Survivor" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).

- For those still counting, "House Hunters" (10 p.m., HGTV, TV-G) enters its 137th season.

CULT CHOICE

After gaslighting a disturbed detective (Jimmy Stewart), a femme fatale (Kim Novak) becomes the object of his morbid desire in the 1958 thriller "Vertigo" (8 p.m., TCM).

SERIES NOTES

Tom vanishes on "The Blacklist" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-14) * A sure thing on "The Goldbergs" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * The mayor muddies the waters on "Riverdale" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14) * Holland Taylor guest-stars as Maya's mother on "Speechless" (8:30 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * A CIA agent falls into terrorists' hands on "SEAL Team" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * Image restoration on "Star" (9 p.m., Fox, TV-

stock on "Dynasty" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14) * Keeping up with the Jones' turkey on "American Housewife" (9:30 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * A killer targets VIPs on "Criminal Minds" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

Elaine McMillion Sheldon appears on "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central) * Kathy Bates, Seann William Scott and Jeff Caldwell are on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS, r) * Expect Jordan Peele, Alia Shawkat and Paul Mercuro on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Gary Oldman, Gigi Hadid, Darryl Strawberry, Macklemore, Travis Thompson and Dave B on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Kim Kardashian West, Ludacris and Amy Shark appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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Sweet potatoes and roasted garlic — yum!

BY KATIE WORKMAN
Associated Press

There are certain vegetables that I bring home and have a stare-off with for a while before cooking them.

I think sweet potatoes top the list, partly because they will last forever, so the staring contest can go on for quite some time. And partly because they have eyes. Oh, yes, you are right, I am so funny.

While I love sweet potatoes simply mashed with some butter and milk and not much else, that can be boring.

Then, because of the naturally sweet nature of these potatoes, the tendency is to go for seasonings and flavors that underscore or amplify the sweetness. But that gets predictable as well.

Anyway, in my quest for different, for savory, and for not a lot of extra thinking, I picked roasted garlic as the newest uncomplicated addition to sweet potatoes. I'm fairly certain this recipe is going to wiggle its way into the regular rotation. Start with about eight

cloves of the roasted garlic, which will give the dish a nice but not too intense garlicky flavor, and add more if you want a more pronounced hit of garlic.

There are many types of sweet potatoes, and if you are a fan, have at it and get to know the different kinds. The exteriors and interiors range considerably in color, but most common are shades of white, tan and all sorts of oranges.

In this recipe, I tested with an organic sweet potato with a very pale cream interior (kind of the color of Yukon golds). Next time I might look for orange sweet potatoes, because I am a sucker for the color and it makes a holiday table feel like a holiday table to me.

If you haven't ever tried making roasted garlic, just do that today. Start the garlic before you start the potatoes, so the garlic will be roasted when you are ready to mash. It's stupidly, stupidly easy. And such a simple way to change up the flavor of everything from a crostini topping to a sauce to a chicken dish.

If you want a milder garlic flavor in the potatoes, cut back on the number of cloves you mash in.



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MASHED SWEET POTATOES WITH ROASTED GARLIC

Serves 8
Start to finish: 1 hour, including roasting the garlic

ROASTED GARLIC:

- 1 head garlic
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- Generous pinch salt

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Slice the top off the head of garlic so that the top of the cloves are exposed. (You can do as many of these as you want, at the same time.) Place each head on a square of aluminum foil, drizzle with olive oil, sprinkle with salt, and wrap up the cloves well in the foil. Bake for about 45 minutes until the garlic is very soft.

When cool enough to handle, squeeze out the roasted garlic from the papery wrapper, pressing up from the bottom to pop it out.

MASHED SWEET POTATOES:

- Coarse or kosher salt to taste
- 3 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3/4 cup whole milk or half and half (or a combo), warmed
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over high heat. Add the potatoes, and allow the water to return to a simmer. Adjust the heat so the water remains at a simmer, and simmer until the sweet potatoes are soft, about 20 to 25 minutes.

Drain the potatoes. Either return them to the pot with about eight cloves of the garlic, or to taste, and mash with an immersion blender or a potato masher, or put the potatoes through a ricer or food mill with the desired amount of garlic, doing this so the riced potatoes fall back into the pot. Add the olive oil, butter, milk, salt, and pepper, and stir to thoroughly combine. Serve hot.

Nutrition information per serving: 229 calories; 73 calories from fat; 8 g fat (4 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 14 mg cholesterol; 344 mg sodium; 36 g carbohydrate; 5 g fiber; 8 g sugar; 4 g protein.

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