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Downtown Veterans Day celebration is Monday

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It will be a gathering for veterans from all military branches Monday when the downtown area plays host to the 20th annual Sumter County Veterans Day Celebration.

Larry Huff, a U.S. Air Force veteran and chairman of the Sumter County Veterans Association, spoke Friday on the annual event put on by his group in conjunction with the City of Sumter and Sumter County. Since today is Sunday, all Veterans Day observances have been moved to Monday.

Col. Derek O'Malley, commander of the 20th Fighter Wing at Shaw Air Force Base, will be the keynote speaker and parade marshal for the tribute program. Members of U.S. Army Central — also headquartered at Shaw — will also take part in the event.

The observance will begin at 10 a.m. with a parade down Main Street beginning near Central Carolina Technical College's Health Sciences Center, 133 S. Main St., according to event promotional materials. Joining O'Malley in the parade will be hundreds of participants including Shaw's Color and Honor Guard, area high schools' Junior ROTC units, bands and cheerleaders, the Sumter S.C. Combat Veterans Group, local post members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, and the Sumter Corvettes Veteran Club, among numerous others.

During the parade, attendees will also be able to view military vehicles, floats, a replica of an F-16 — "about one-third of the actual size of one," Huff said — and a monster truck mounted on a 60-foot trailer.

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World War II veterans Vernon Brantley and Gerald White are seen at Brantley's home in Columbia.

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2 World War II veterans share stories from Battle of the Bulge

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When a wounded soldier asked for a pass to town, that meant he wanted to get a haircut because he was ready to return to combat.

Vernon Brantley was ready for a haircut in early 1945. It had been at least six weeks since a mortar blew his jeep off the road in Grandmenil, Belgium, during World War II's Battle of the Bulge.

It can be a little difficult to keep all of the exact moments and timelines straight from that time more than 70 years ago. How could it not be? But Brantley's Purple Heart, the sand he has from the beaches of Normandy, the V-Mail letters he sent in late 1944

and early 1945 at the infamous moment in the war that turned the tables, once and for all, toward the American, British and Allied armies and against Hitler and the Germans' last-ditch major offensive in the West show just a glimpse of his time in Gen. George S. Patton Jr.'s Third Army.

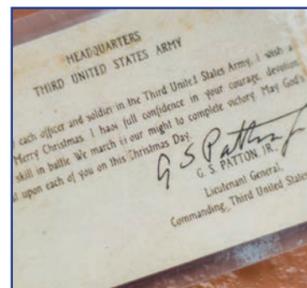
Brantley, a Kentucky native who lives in Columbia, was tasked to daisy chain a road to stop German tanks and vehicles from approaching the front of their position with the 75th Infantry Division, 289th Regiment.

"One mine likely would not stop a tank, but a series of mines, set to explode when any of the mines in the chain is set off, would. The mines were buried, then a rope connecting all of the arming clips was pulled to arm the entire chain," Brantley said.

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Vernon Brantley displays his Purple Heart.



Seen is a prayer card that the entire Third Army was given from Gen. George S. Patton Jr.



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Wilder Elementary School students sing Friday during their musical Veterans Day Program at the school.

Wilder Elementary students honor local veterans in musical

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Honor, gratitude, service and sacrifice for "the great U.S. of A." are all concepts that students at Wilder Elementary School have learned recently about veterans and were able to showcase Friday in a special musical.

It was Wilder's Veterans Day Program put on mostly

by fifth-graders at the school, but also including some other students. Peppered throughout the audience of mostly students in the K-5th grade school's gym were about 20 special V.I.P. guests — veterans, who are in some way connected to the school as a parent, grandparent or other close relative.

The genesis for the musical was in the summer when

Wilder decided it wanted to become a STEM/STEAM school in Sumter School District. STEM is an acronym for a curriculum focus in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. STEAM adds the "A" for Arts to the academic concentration.

Adapting and applying the STEAM concept, two Wilder

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Sumter Thanksgiving tradition continues More than 1,000 expected to be fed; volunteers, donations needed

BY IVY MOORE
Special to The Sumter Item

For more than 35 years, Geraldine Singleton has been spearheading what has become a Thanksgiving tradition in Sumter.

She started providing a free Thanksgiving dinner with several friends to "anyone who might not get one." This year, that dinner will be provided at the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club on Sunday, Nov. 18.

In 2017 and for several years before that, Singleton and volunteers have fed around 1,000 people at the club on the corner of Atlantic Avenue and South Sumter Street on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Not only does Singleton cook turkeys and side dishes, she raises funds for the dinner and does much of the preparation. This month, she acknowledged that she needs more help as she must have back surgery soon.

"Volunteers donate money and time for the dinners, and a lot of them cook and bring dishes," Singleton said. "Without them, there wouldn't be a Thanksgiving dinner. I can't do as much this year because of my back problems, so I'm hoping more people will volunteer."

Many people and several businesses donate turkeys, hams, side dishes and desserts. Traditionally, Harvin



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Geraldine Singleton shops for turkeys with donated money to feed the needy during a previous holiday season. Singleton has fed the elderly and needy at Thanksgiving for more than 35 years.

TO DONATE OR VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH DINNER

Call Geraldine Singleton at (803) 775-2047. She is also often at Sumter Cut Rate Coffee Shop, 32 S. Main St., between 8:30 and 10 a.m. weekdays. Donations can be left with the Cut Rate cashier at the front desk.

Meats, Sumter Cut Rate, Evergreen and Liberty Seafood have made sizeable donations each year. The Church of the

Holy Comforter has allowed Singleton the use of their kitchen for some of the preparation, and many church

members are also volunteers.

As the turnout for the dinners has increased each year, Singleton has added a clothes giveaway, live gospel music and a brief sermon by the Rev. Joshua Dupree to the event.

"People really seem to enjoy visiting with each other as well as the meal," she said.

Besides volunteers to prepare and serve meals, Single-

ton said volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound are also needed. The meals are delivered before she opens the doors to the club at noon. The event usually lasts about two hours, she said.

Singleton said that, so far, nothing has prevented her from holding the Thanksgiving dinners and that she's determined to do it again this year and as many years afterward as her health permits. What keeps her going, she said, is the knowledge that so many people, especially the elderly and homebound, have no one else to prepare a Thanksgiving meal for them. She said seeing the many people enjoying the meal and company at the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club and the cheerful volunteers is worth all the work.

To donate or volunteer to help with the dinner, call Singleton at (803) 775-2047. Singleton is often at the Sumter Cut Rate Coffee Shop, 32 S. Main St., between 8:30 and 10 a.m. on weekdays. If she's not there, donations can be left with the shop's cashiers at the front desk, she said.

Thanksgiving dinner will be served from noon until around 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 18, at the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club on the corner of Atlantic Avenue and South Sumter Street. There is no charge for the meal.

2nd suspect in shooting of teenager surrenders

BY BRUCE MILLS
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A second suspect in an attempted murder from October turned himself in Saturday to authorities at the Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

Aqueme Demond Randolph, 31, of 130 No More Road, surrendered without incident, according to a sheriff's office news release.

Randolph had been sought in connection

with an Oct. 1, 2018, shooting of a teenager that happened in the 1880 block of River Birch Drive.

According to reports, Randolph and others allegedly pulled up in a vehicle near a home in the area and shots were fired into a group of individuals striking an 18-year-old victim in the

stomach. That person is still recovering.

Randolph was positively identified by a witness at the scene.

Randolph's co-defendant, Byron Deshawn Lyons, 25, was also in the car with him and surrendered to authorities Oct. 4. He is being held in the Sumter County Sheriff's Office Detention Center awaiting a bond hearing.

Both defendants have been charged with two counts of attempted murder and one count each of possession of weapon during a violent crime.

Randolph is expected to have a first appearance hearing at 8:30 a.m. this morning at the Sumter County Sheriff's Office Detention Center. Sheriff's office Public Information Officer Ken Bell said authorities are still investigating who fired the shots and more arrests are expected.

Duke Energy proposes rate increase

Additional \$59M in revenues would go toward clean energy, improved service

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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Duke Energy Progress is requesting to increase customers rates to fund investments to generate cleaner energy and improve reliability and service.

The Public Service Commission of South Carolina filing asks for what would come out to an addition \$59 million in revenue, an overall rate increase across all customer groups of 10.3 percent, according to a news release from the energy company based in Charlotte, that provides 12,800 megawatts of electric capacity to 1.5 million customers in a 32,000-square-mile area of the Carolinas, including 169,000 customers in northeastern South Carolina and Sumter, Florence and Sumter counties.

"Customers want safe, reliable and increasingly clean electricity," said Kodwo Ghartey-Tagoe, Duke Energy's South Carolina president. "They also want more options and control over how they use energy in their everyday lives."

Work to modernize power plants and generate cleaner electricity, responsibly manage coal ash, improve reliability and continually enhance service is at the heart of the request.

The average rate increase for residential customers on their total bill would be 12.5 percent, while commercial and industrial customers would see an average increase of 8.8 percent, according to the company.

If the proposal is approved, a residential customer who uses 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month would pay about \$142.72 per

month, an increase of about \$17.91. Duke Energy Progress has requested options to spread recovery of certain costs over multiple years to reduce the immediate impact on customer bills.

Duke Energy Progress owns nuclear, coal, natural gas, renewables and hydroelectric generation, but it no longer operates any coal plants in South Carolina as part of its effort to deliver cleaner electricity while focusing more on carbon-free nuclear plants and new natural gas and utility-scale solar energy projects.

"The company is deploying a new customer information system to give customers more information and options and improve the overall customer experience; installing smart meters to give customers intelligent information to help them make smart choices to save energy and money before their bill is due, as well as improve the company's outage response when an outage occurs; seeking to offer customers the option of a pre-payment plan that can eliminate the need for deposits; and proposing the elimination of convenience charges for residential customers every time they use a credit or a debit card to make a payment," according to the release.

There will be a public review process that includes an opportunity for public comment on the proposed rate increases and a final evidentiary hearing in Columbia, where the PSC will consider written and oral testimony.

The proposal asks the rates go into effect June 1, 2019.

For more information, visit www.duke-energy.com/SCProgressRates.

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Sumter United Ministries collecting frozen turkeys for holiday dinner boxes

BY DANNY KELLY
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Sumter United Ministries will be collecting frozen turkeys from now until Nov. 16 for its Giving Thanks dinner boxes program to help those in need of a warm holiday dinner.

The emergency services nonprofit will be distributing them on Nov. 20.

“Our Giving Thanks dinner boxes have all the fixings of Thanksgiving,” Sumter

United Ministries director’s assistant Cathy Hunter said. “We want 150 turkeys, but extras are always good. We’re here Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. except this Monday because of Veterans Day.”

Turkeys can be dropped off at SUM’s main office, 36 Artillery Drive, or at Bynum Insurance, 1170 Wilson Hall Road.

Sumter United Ministries has a plethora of churches involved in collecting food items for the dinner boxes.

“We have 25 to 26 churches and a different church for each item; each church provides the same item every year,” Hunter said. “We’re blessed to have the help of churches and the community to provide Thanksgiving for those who need it. The churches are on board to help with that, and the community comes together.”

Volunteers will help people pick out what they want.

“They (patrons) will have the option of choosing from

a line of items,” Hunter said. “We collect apple boxes, wrap them in orange paper and put them in a cart. Then a volunteer helps them put items in the box.”

“Everyone goes through the line has the opportunity to get a turkey. At the end of the line, they can get a turkey, and then a volunteer will help them put it (the box) in their car.”

For more information, visit www.sumterunitedministries.org or call (803) 775-0757.



USC Sumter Alumni Association to celebrate ‘Bigger Wednesday’

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The USC Sumter Alumni Association will host Bigger Wednesday on Wednesday, Nov. 14, in celebration of the USC-Clemson football game.

“It’s usually called Big Wednesday, but this year it’s called Bigger Wednesday because it’s the 25th anniversary,” director of TRiO programs Lisa Rosdail said.

The event will include a golf tournament with check-in at 9 a.m. and a shotgun start at 10 a.m. at the Sunset Country Club, and a tailgate party at 6 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. at the USC Sumter Nettles Building.

The golf tournament is \$50 per player and \$10 for two mulligans. The price includes green and cart fees, lunch, a gift, beverages and more. There will be awards for first-, second- and third-place, a trophy for the Bigger Wednesday champion, course challenges and contests.

The tailgate party is \$20 per adult and \$10 for students and kids ages 4 through 12. The price includes dinner by Willie Sue’s, mascot appearances, door prizes, USC and Clemson cheerleaders, a silent auction, face painting, games, music by DJ Howie D, beer, wine and more.

“All funds go to student scholarships on campus, that’s the purpose of the event,” executive director of development and alumni services Vicki Singleton said. “We’re selling tickets up until the night of the event, and we encourage those who don’t have tickets to come Wednesday. It’s fun for the whole family and tickets include everything.”

Rosdail is proud of how the event has grown over the years.

“It started out being a small event on campus for faculty, staff, students and family,”

she said. “We celebrate the odd history of the facility, which started off as (a) Clemson (affiliate). (So some) people have worked for USC Sumter, but graduated from Clemson, so we celebrate the history of such a big rivalry in the state.”

The event wouldn’t be as big as it is today without Gala Corcoran.

“Gala Corcoran took over the job of alumni director and took it from a small campus

event to a big community-wide event,” Rosdail said. “We now have a full golf tournament with waiting lists, and the original party was just a food event, but now the tailgate party (brings the) gym to full capacity

(to where) you couldn’t buy tickets at the door; you had to buy them before the event. It didn’t used to be the case (where we had) mascots and cheerleaders.”

Columbia celebrates Big Thursday, so that’s why Sumter celebrates Big Wednesday. However, the celebration used to be different timing-wise.

“(Big Wednesday) was the Wednesday before the Saturday (Carolina-Clemson) game,” Rosdail said. “They moved the game to Thanksgiving weekend, so we moved the event to the week before the game.”

This was so the celebration would not interfere with peoples’ Thanksgiving plans.

Rosdail appreciates how unique the event is.

“We’re probably about the only place in the state where Carolina and Clemson fans celebrate together,” she said. “This particular location has graduated USC and Clemson people, so we celebrate the history of the facility.”

Patrons can buy tickets at www.eventbrite.com or call (803) 938-3782 to register and pay by credit card. For more information, visit www.uscsumter.edu.



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In the final hours of World War I, a terrible toll

BY RAF CASERT
Associated Press

VRIGNE-MEUSE, France — Augustin Trebuchon is buried beneath a white lie.

His tiny plot is almost on the front line where the guns finally fell silent at 11 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, after a four-year war that had already killed millions.

A simple white cross says: "Died for France on Nov. 10, 1918."

Not so.

Like hundreds of others along the Western Front, Trebuchon was killed in combat on the morning of Nov. 11 — after the pre-dawn agreement between the Allies and Germany but before the armistice took effect six hours later.

His death at almost literally the 11th hour only highlighted the folly of a war that had become ever more incomprehensible to many in nations drawn into the first global conflict.

Before Nov. 11, the war had killed 14 million people, including 9 million soldiers, sailors and airmen from 28 countries. Germany came close to a quick, early victory before the war settled into hellish trench fighting. One battle, like the Somme in France, could have up to 1 million casualties. The use of poison gas came to epitomize the ruthlessness of warfare that the world had never seen.

For the French, who lost up to 1.4 million troops, it was perhaps too poignant — or too shameful — to denote that Trebuchon had been killed on the very last morning, just as victory finally prevailed.

"Indeed, on the tombs it said 'Nov. 10, 1918,' to somewhat ease the mourning of families," said French military historian Nicolas Czubak.

There were many reasons why men kept falling until the call of the bugler at 11 a.m.: fear that the enemy would not abide by the armistice, a sheer hatred after four years of unprecedented slaughter, the ambition of commanders craving a last victory, bad communications, the inane joy of killing.

As the hours ticked down, villages were taken, attacks were thwarted with heavy losses and rivers were crossed under enemy fire. Questions remain whether the gains were worth all the human losses.

Historian Joseph Persico estimated the total dead, wounded and missing on all sides on the final day was 10,900.

U.S. Gen. John J. Pershing, who had been bent on continuing the fighting, even had to explain to Congress the high number of last-day losses.

Other nations also were not spared such casualties.

With two minutes to go, 25-year-old Canadian Pvt. George Lawrence Price was slain by a German sniper.

About 150 miles away in France, a 23-year-old American, Henry Gunther, was killed by German machine-gun fire one minute before the armistice.

Trebuchon, 40, also was shot minutes before the cease-fire. He was running to tell his comrades where and when they would have a meal after the armistice.

All three are considered their nations' last men to fall in active combat.

"THE FUTILITY OF THE LARGER WAR"

Anti-German sentiment ran high after the United States declared war in April 1917, and Gunther and his family in Baltimore were subjected to the kind of prejudice and suspicion that many of German descent faced at the time.

"It was not a good time to be German in the United States," said historian Alec Bennett.

Gunther had little choice when he got drafted. He was given the rank of sergeant, but he later was demoted when he wrote a letter home critical of the conditions in the war.

Soon after, he was thrown into the biggest U.S. battle of the war, the Meuse-Argonne offensive in northeastern France.



Seen is a memorial to U.S. World War I soldier Henry Gunther perched on a hill where he died in Chaumont-devant-Damvillers, France. Gunther's time of death was recorded at 10:59 a.m. and was recognized by Gen. John Pershing as the last American to die on the battlefield.

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There were reports he was still brooding over his demotion right on Nov. 11. When he emerged from a thick fog in the valley around Chaumont-devant-Damvillers, he and his comrades faced a German machine gun nest on the hillside.

Indications are that the Germans fired one salvo over his head as a warning, knowing the war was almost over. But he still charged onward.

"His time of death was 10:59 a.m., which is just so haunting," Bennett said. Gunther was recognized by Pershing as the last American to die on the battlefield.

Questions remain whether it was a suicide run, an attempt at redemption or an act

of true devotion.

"It is just as puzzling now as it was 100 years ago," Bennett said, adding that one thing is clear: "Gunther's act is seen as almost a symbol of the futility of the larger war."

But there was one more cruel twist for his family: They were unaware he had been killed.

Upon his expected return "they went to the train station to meet Henry — not there!" said Bruce Malone, superintendent of Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, the final resting place for 100 Americans who died Nov. 11.

"A NEED TO KILL ONE LAST TIME"

There was no mystery sur-

rounding the death of Price, the Canadian. It was an utterly senseless loss of life.

He was a farm laborer in Saskatchewan when the swirl of history plucked him off the land in October 1917 as the Allies sought ever more manpower for the Western Front.

The summer after he was drafted, he was part of the surge of victories that seized villages and cities right up to Nov. 11. By that time, Canadians were retaking Mons in southern Belgium, where soldiers from the British Commonwealth had their very first battle with the Germans in August 1914.

It was especially sweet for the Commonwealth commanders to retake the city, bringing the war full circle where they lost their first soldier, English Pvt. John Parr, on Aug. 21, 1914.

Price decided to check out homes along the canals while civilians in the center of Mons had already broken out the wine and whiskey they had hidden for years from the Germans to celebrate with the Canadians.

Suddenly, a shot rang out and Price collapsed.

"It really was one man, here and there, who was driven by vengeance, by a need to kill one last time," said Belgian historian Corentin Rousman.

The final minutes counted not just for the casualties but also for the killers.

"There are rules in war," Rousman said. "There is always the possibility to kill two minutes before a cease-fire. Two minutes after, the

German would have had to stand before a judge. That's the difference."

At the St. Symphorien cemetery just outside Mons, Price, the last Commonwealth soldier killed in the war, lies a stone's throw from Parr, the first.

"He is not forgotten," Rousman said of Price. "It's a soldier whose tomb is often draped in flowers."

"PART OF THIS GREAT PATRIOTIC MOMENTUM"

Trebuchon's grave stands out because of the date, underscoring the random fortunes of war.

He was a shepherd from France's Massif Central and could have avoided the war as a family breadwinner at age 36.

"But he was part of this great patriotic momentum," said Jean-Christophe Chanut, the mayor of Vrigne-Meuse, where he died.

Trebuchon knew misery as part of France's most brutal battles — Marne, Somme, Verdun. He survived right up to his last order — to tell soldiers where to gather after the armistice.

Instead, his body was found with a bullet wound to the head. He was recognized as "the last French soldier killed during the last French attack against the Germans," Chanut said.

The date on his grave — Nov. 10, 1918 — remains controversial, even if it was meant to soothe a family's sorrow.

"It was a lie, without a question," said Czubak, the French historian.

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1st female enlisted soldier, now Army Ranger, shares story

BY RON BARNETT
The Greenville News

EASLEY — Amanda Kelley didn't set out to become the first female enlisted soldier to pass the incredibly rigorous Army Ranger course.

For Staff Sgt. Kelley, a native of Easley, that was just another step along the path toward her bigger goal — to become sergeant major of the Army.

Not a sergeant major in the Army. The sergeant major of the Army. There's only one.

And purely by the coincidence of her gender, if it happens, she would be the first female to attain that office, the highest position enlisted personnel can hold.

But let's back up a little bit. Ranger School. Fort Benning, Georgia. A 62-day gauntlet run that two out of three who try fail.

You don't just get qualified to be a Ranger on a whim. Rangers have to be ready to embark upon dangerous special ops missions at a moment's notice. These are the soldiers who go busting down doors with guns a-blazing deep in enemy territory, softening up the resistance for the regular troops.

I caught up with Kelley by phone from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, after plowing through about 14 layers of bureaucracy to track her down. She's actually stationed at Fort Bliss.

One thing I learned very quickly from her: The test you have to pass to become a Ranger is the same for everybody. (That included shaving her head, just like the guys).

"I have a lot of people ask me how does it feel as a female going through Ranger school? I don't know, because I'm not a male. I can't compare," she said.

"But I can tell you what it's like as a soldier going through. And honestly, it's the same for male and female. We all go through the same thing at the same time. You look left or right, and each one of you is hurting just as bad. And you just pick up your rucksack and keep going."

Some of those hard things you have to do: at least 49 push-ups in two minutes; 59 sit-ups in two minutes; run 5 miles in 40 minutes or less.

That's just the introductory phase.

They go into north Georgia for the mountain phase — you can probably guess what that's like — and there's a swamp phase that involves negotiating swamps in Florida while carrying a "rucksack" that weighs anywhere from 80 to 120 pounds. In fact, you have to carry that rucksack wherever you go through the whole thing.

Not much fun! In fact, Kelley injured her back a week and a half into the 62-day program and had to "recycle" for five weeks before continuing. She's not sure how it happened, but it's common for Ranger candidates. Half of her company recycled along with her.

She got the bug to become a Ranger when she was de-

ployed in Iraq from June 2017 until March of this year. She started training with officers in her outfit who encouraged her to go for it.

"After work, at lunch, whenever we had any free time downrange, we were running, rucking, swimming, doing everything," she said.

Being woefully ignorant of military lingo, I had to ask her what rucking is. It's running around with that big, heavy rucksack on your back, of course.

So after months of training in the Iraqi desert, she started Ranger School at the end of May. She graduated Aug. 31.

None of this was about trying to be the first woman anything.

"I like challenges," she said. "And when I was in (Ranger) school I wasn't worried about making history, I wasn't worried about any of that. I was just worried about getting through this training because I didn't want to fail."

She describes herself as "a sore loser."

"Failure's not an option," she said.

Earning her Ranger "tab," which qualifies her to join a Ranger battalion, "felt amazing," she said.

"Every day I think I grasp a little more what it actually means to soldiers and NCO Corps and females throughout the military what I was able to accomplish," she said.

But she said it was just a matter of time being in her favor. Females weren't allowed to try to become Rangers until the Pentagon lifted the ban on women serving in combat five years ago.

"Honestly, I think if this school was afforded to females a long time ago there would have been a lot more females make it through already," she said.

Actually, she's not the first female to have completed the program but the first enlisted woman. She was the 16th, but all the others were officers.

Kelley seems to take pride in her status as an enlisted soldier rather than an officer — as evidenced by her goal of being the top enlisted officer in the whole Army, rather than aiming to put some brass on her sleeve.

Why does she want that job?

"Because I want to influence hundreds of thousands of soldiers in a positive way," she said.

"I wanted to get out of Easley. It's so small. I wanted to be somebody," she said. "I wanted to be a part of something bigger than myself."

She spent two years at Camp Casey in South Korea before moving to Fort Bliss. At Fort Sill, she's taking a senior leader course, which she needs to complete to become a sergeant 1st class.

So, if I were the current sergeant major of the Army, I would be looking for another role for myself somewhere down the road, because the first enlisted woman Ranger School graduate is working her way up the chain of command. And things are likely to never be the same again.



Dylan Wright plays a video game on his computer at his home in Greenwood. Wright and a partner won \$70,000 in a video game tournament recently in California.

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Greenwood teen wins \$70K in video gaming tournament

BY DAMIAN DOMINGUEZ
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GREENWOOD — Dylan Wright always knew he would end up making money playing video games though his parents might have had their doubts.

Over the course of a recent weekend, the 16-year-old Greenwood High School student and a teammate won a total of \$70,000 at a California gaming tournament. His nearly 8,500 matches played in the game Fortnite paid off at the game's official Fall Skirmish tournament.

The tournament spanned a recent weekend in San Jose, California, at a convention for the online streaming service Twitch, called TwitchCon 2018. Wright qualified for the tournament after spending many hours a day — some days spending nearly all day — playing Fortnite, a game that pits up to 100 players in a battle royale to be the last person standing.

When he walked into the convention center that Saturday, he said his nerves were getting the better of him. He was suddenly in the same room, getting ready to compete with world-class players he's been a fan of online.

"It was crazy. I mean, everyone wishes they could play in a tournament," he said. "I was shaking, but the first game hit and that adrenaline hit me. After that, everything was fine."

About 400 players showed up to test their gaming skills at the tournament, but once the matches began, Wright had only one thing on his mind: Victory.

Wright, who goes by "Hero JDW" in the game, was playing duos with a competitive partner he met through the game. Together, the two landed a third-place finish in the first heat of matches, securing themselves a place in Sunday's grand finals, where they placed 11th overall out of 50 teams.

"By grand finals I was a little nervous, but when the game started I totally forgot about it," he said.

For their performance in the matches,

Wright and his partner earned a total of \$70,000, which he said he imagines they'll split evenly once they receive it. With the money, he plans to improve his at-home gaming set up and start vying for future tournaments and possible sponsorship.

"Three months ago, he was out playing in a shed with nothing, and now he's here," said Wright's dad, Alan.

At their old house, Dylan's gaming setup was in an outbuilding — a shed in the backyard that he ran cables to from the house. He would spend long nights out there playing to his heart's content, keeping himself warm with a space heater in the winter.

Nowadays his gaming happens indoors, on a plastic folding table that he refuses to give up despite his mom's pleas to let her buy a better table.

"Me as mama, I would always tell him you need to focus in school, get off the game and study," Jennifer Wright said. "But he's an A and B student. He's a good kid, so that's where I'm OK. I know at nights he's in here playing his game, he's not out getting in trouble."

She admitted that when Dylan would spend all night playing the game during the summer, often still playing when his parents woke up, that she fussed at him. On Sunday, she was crying — what she had seen as aimless playing had been practicing all along.

"I've seen how hard he's worked over the past year and a half to accomplish this," she said. "I'm so proud of him."

Alan said he's always told his son to follow his dreams, even if they seem like a long shot. Of course, beside Dylan's three monitors on his table was his statistics textbook, and his parents said they're still pushing him to pursue higher education and always have a back-up plan.

For now though, mom is acting as a surrogate coach, carefully watching the offers that come in to sign Dylan to professional gaming teams and fully embrace him into the world of esports.

ENGAGEMENT

Dollard-Truluck

Mr. Joseph Clark Dollard and Mr. and Mrs. John William Baker Jr., all of Sumter, announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Danielle Dollard of Sumter, to Ryan Walker Truluck of Hopkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Walker Truluck of Hopkins.

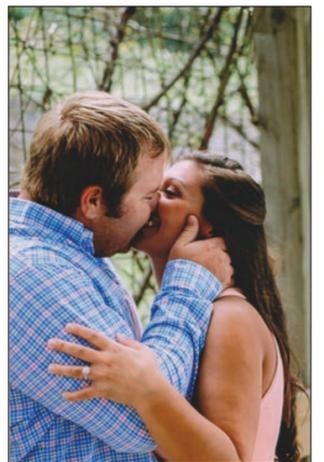
The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rutledge Dollard Sr. of Sumter, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Elton Rabon of Sumter and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny William Baker Sr. of Manning. She graduated from Laurence Manning Academy in 2008. She is employed by Columbia Eye Clinic.

The bridegroom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Walker Truluck of Columbia, Ms. Bette Jane Metz of Irmo and the late Mr. Earle Wilson Blankenship of Ocala, Florida. He graduated from Thomas Sumter Academy in 2006. He is employed by Westinghouse in Columbia.

The wedding is planned for April 27, 2019, at LinRan Farm in Sumter.

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The couple is registered at Belk, 100 Columbiana Circle, Columbia, www.belk.com; and Bed Bath and Beyond, 6090 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia, www.bedbathandbeyond.com.



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Live-streaming a marshland for fun, science

PLYMOUTH, Mass. (AP) — If a tree falls in the Tidmarsh Wildlife Sanctuary, it doesn't matter if there's no one around. You can hear it anyway.

That's because researchers have hidden dozens of wireless sensor nodes, microphones and cameras among the cattails and cedars of this Plymouth, Massachusetts nature preserve.

Sounds picked up from the marsh and nearby woodland feed into an artificial intelligence system that can identify frogs or crickets, ducks or a passing airplane.

One goal is to help scientists better understand changing climates and improve wildlife restoration techniques. Beyond that, though, researchers want to use the collected data to help power an online virtual reality world — a kind of alternate universe modeled on live conditions in the marsh, but populated with fanciful creatures invented in a computer science lab.

Could this be the future of the nature walk?

As wireless sensors get cheaper, longer-lasting and more sophisticated, they're increasingly turning up everywhere. We're already seeing them in "smart" homes and cities, pulling in data that can be analyzed in real time to smooth traffic flows, save energy, monitor pollution or respond to crime. But what happens when you apply such an internet-connected network to nature?

A research team at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has been trying it out at Tidmarsh, a former cranberry bog converting back to natural wetlands just a few miles from where the Pilgrims landed in 1620.

Remotely spying on nature isn't new, but the project goes far beyond simple webcams fixed on a hawk's nest or sea lions' favorite pier — or even the more sophisticated acoustic sensors designed to detect animal poachers.

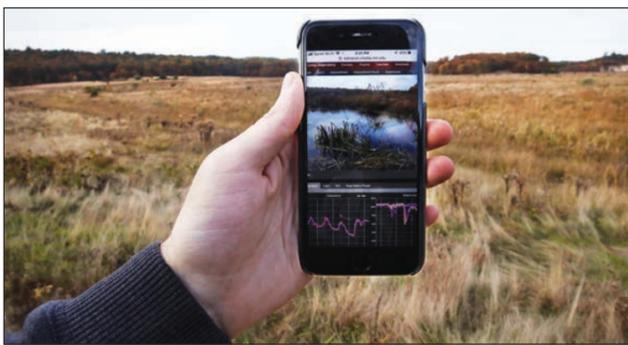
The team's goals for what they call the Living Observatory include supporting wildlife restoration efforts. The sensors measure temperature, moisture and other environmental conditions.

But a broader mission is to offer people — including children — a deeper understanding of nature using their laptops, phones or headsets. They can do so remotely or in person while walking a nature trail, said the project's visionary, Glorianna Davenport, a retired professor and co-founder of the MIT Media Lab.

"It's gorgeous to walk in the woods and not be fiddling with a cellphone," Davenport said. On the other hand, she added, what if you can learn more about the microbial environment, or the return of an endangered species, from a well-crafted smartphone app or a virtual reality game?

If it works here, Davenport said, researchers are already envisioning more ambitious projects deep in the Amazon rainforest — or on the moon.

The idea has skeptics who are worried about the intrusion of technology and constant surveillance into the world's last places without it. The Massachusetts Audubon Society manages the 480-acre sanctu-



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Brian Mayton, a research assistant at the MIT Media Lab Responsive Environment group, holds his mobile phone receiving live stream video and audio data at a marshland in Plymouth, Massachusetts, which is equipped with wireless sensors, cameras and microphones to create a virtual reality world inspired by nature's rhythms.

ary and took some time before it agreed to outfit it with live-streaming cameras and microphones. It was assured that human voices would be scrambled.

Educators have also asked Davenport why she would want to encourage kids to carry around their smartphones instead of just appreciating nature without them.

"And I went, 'Why not?' That's how they learn. That is their mechanism of interacting," she said.

The sanctuary is beginning to flourish as it changes from a heavily-fertilized industrial cranberry farm into a wetland full of insects, birds and native plants. The base camp for MIT scholars is also Davenport's home, which she built in 1999 after first visiting the property in the early 1980s. As landowners, she and her husband partnered with Audubon to transform the land into what it might have looked like before it was carved into manmade bogs in the 19th century.

The research projects reflect the diverse interests of multimedia scholars. Davenport is a documentary filmmaker. Others are computer scientists or musicians.

One project creates soundtracks driven by sensor readings — such as higher pitches that indicate warmer temperatures.

Another resembles a more ethereal version of the Pokemon Go augmented reality game, but with elk-like phantoms galloping around a virtual

world modeled on the marsh. If the sensors pick up a rainstorm at the real-life Tidmarsh, the animated creatures appear to get wet. If there's a loud, sudden sound, they become startled.

Yet another experiment involves strapping on a special headset while walking through the sanctuary. On a hot afternoon in late summer, MIT researcher Gershon Dublon and his colleagues tromped around the preserve in chest-high waders to show how the sensors can amplify a human's observation of nature.

"The forest is a lot more active than you would think, because wildlife is quieter when you're nearby," Dublon said.

The headset endows its users with a kind of supersensory power. Tap one ear and you can zoom your hearing toward a nearby pond where ducks are swimming. Gaze in another direction, tap again and listen in on a secluded spot beneath a canopy of trees.

It's a chance to hear elusive animals that scurry away long before humans get anywhere near them.

You can also travel in time, as MIT Media Lab professor Joseph Paradiso did last week — transporting himself out of the sleepy November landscape by tapping into sounds picked up from the same place six months earlier.

"We played the spring, and to me, that was a revelation," he said. "Hearing a dead landscape come alive as if you're there."

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Mark Brian Dudley, the son of Mrs. Amanda McDaniel Dudley and the late Mr. James Dudley, is a 1996 graduate of Sumter High School. Lt. Col. (Dr.) Dudley serves in the United States Air Force, and is currently stationed at Aviano Air Base, Italy. He serves as the Aerospace Medicine Squadron Commander and the Chief of Aerospace Medicine. He leads 65 personnel, and is responsible for various aspects of preventive, occupational and environmental health services for both Active Duty and beneficiaries. He has been able to serve two OCONUS (Outside of the Continental United States) tours of duties in defense of the United States. He attributes his leadership and success while serving his country to the spiritual, educational and family values established in his hometown of Sumter, SC. He is also a loving husband and dad.

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Dudley, we salute you and thank you for your service.
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Alaska man fakes death to avoid prison term

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A commercial fisherman who faked his death to avoid incarceration for a sexual assault has been sentenced to two and a half years in prison.

Federal prosecutors say the Coast Guard spent \$384,261 searching for 35-year-old Ryan Meganack after his girlfriend, who was part of the scheme, reported him missing off Port Graham.

Meganack in 2016 faced state charges of sexually assaulting an incapacitated woman.

Investigators determined he swamped his skiff, returned to Port Graham on another boat and hid out near his mother's home. He planned to flee Alaska when the search ended.

The plan went awry when Meganack's girlfriend confessed to his grieving parents that Meganack was not dead.

U.S. District Judge Sharon Gleason ordered Meganack to serve 15 months in prison consecutive to his 15-year state sentence.

Angry daughter fires gun over football game

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. (AP) — A sheriff's office says a woman repeatedly shot a gun at her parents because her father wanted to keep watching the University of Georgia-Kentucky football game.

The Macon Telegraph reports 28-year-old Tambria Chaprii Palmer was arrested Saturday on charges including aggravated assault.

A Baldwin County Sheriff's Office report says Palmer changed the chan-

nel while her father, Darrell, was watching the game. It says the father turned off the television, blocking it from being turned back on.

The report says Palmer then said she would "send everyone in the house to hell," loaded a gun and proceeded to empty the magazine as her parents scrambled for safety with their grandchildren.

It's unclear if Palmer has a lawyer.

Man wins \$100K by picking Red Sox numbers

BRAINTREE, Mass. (AP) — A Massachusetts great-grandfather has won a \$100,000 lottery prize by picking the jersey numbers of five members of the World Series-winning Boston Red Sox.

The lottery said in a statement that 84-year-old Jim Aylward Jr., of Templeton, won the prize in Monday's Mass Cash drawing using the numbers 11-16-19-22-25. He claimed his prize Wednesday.

Those are the jersey numbers of Red Sox players Rafael Devers, Andrew Benintendi, Jackie Bradley Jr., Rick Porcello, and World Series MVP Steve Pearce.

The numbers represent "two young stars, a dazzling outfielder, a starting pitcher and the series MVP," the lottery said in a release.

Aylward has five children, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

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Handwritten letter shows a fearful Einstein long before Nazis' rise

JERUSALEM (AP) — More than a decade before the Nazis seized power in Germany, Albert Einstein was on the run and already fearful for his country's future, according to a newly revealed handwritten letter.

His longtime friend and fellow Jew, German Foreign Minister Walther Rathenau, had just been assassinated by right-wing extremists and police had warned the noted physicist that his life could be in danger too.

So Einstein fled Berlin and went into hiding in northern Germany. It was during this hiatus that he penned a handwritten letter to his beloved younger sister, Maja, warning of the dangers of growing nationalism and anti-Semitism years before the Nazis ultimately rose to power, forcing Einstein to flee his native Germany for good.

"Out here, nobody knows where I am, and I'm believed to be away on a trip," he wrote in August 1922. "Here are brewing economically and politically dark times, so I'm happy to be able to get away from everything."

The previously unknown letter, brought forward by an anonymous collector, is set to go on auction next week in Jerusalem with an opening asking price of \$12,000.

As the most influential scien-

tist of the 20th century, Einstein's life and writings have been thoroughly researched. The Hebrew University in Jerusalem, of which Einstein was a founder, houses the world's largest collection of Einstein material. Together with the California Institute of Technology it runs the Einstein Papers Project. Individual auctions of his personal letters have brought in substantial sums in recent years.

The 1922 letter shows he was concerned about Germany's future a full year before the Nazis even attempted their first coup — the failed Munich Beer Hall Putsch to seize power in Bavaria.

"This letter reveals to us the thoughts that were running through Einstein's mind and heart at a very preliminary stage of Nazi terror," said Meron Eren, co-owner of the Kedem Auction House in Jerusalem, which obtained the letter and offered The Associated Press a glimpse before the public sale. "The relationship between Albert and Maja was very special and close, which adds another dimension to Einstein the man and greater authenticity to his writings."

The letter, which bears no return address, is presumed to have been written while he was staying in the port city of Kiel before embarking on a lengthy speaking tour across Asia.

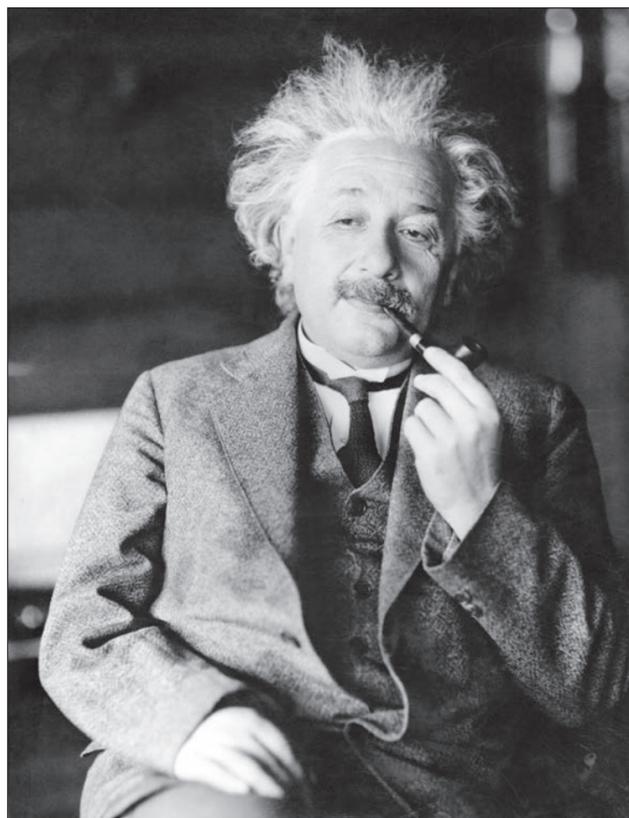
"I'm doing pretty well, despite all the anti-Semites among the German colleagues. I'm very reclusive here, without noise and without unpleasant feelings, and am earning my money mainly independent of the state, so that I'm really a free man," he wrote. "You see, I am about to become some kind of itinerant preacher. That is, firstly, pleasant and, secondly, necessary."

Addressing his sister's concerns, Einstein writes: "Don't worry about me, I myself don't worry either, even if it's not quite kosher, people are very upset. In Italy, it seems to be at least as bad."

Later in 1922, Einstein was awarded the Nobel Prize in physics.

Ze'ev Rosenkrantz, the assistant director of the Einstein Papers Project at Caltech, said the letter wasn't the first time Einstein warned about German anti-Semitism, but it captured his state of mind at this important junction after Rathenau's killing and the "internal exile" he imposed on himself shortly after it.

"Einstein's initial reaction was one of panic and a desire to leave Germany for good. Within a week, he had changed his mind," he said. "The letter reveals a mindset rather typical of Einstein in which he claims to be impervious to external pressures. One reason



AP FILE PHOTO

This undated photo shows legendary physicist Dr. Albert Einstein.

may be to assuage his sister's concerns. Another is that he didn't like to admit that he was stressed about external factors."

When the Nazis came to power and began enacting legislation against Jews, they also aimed to purge Jewish scientists. The Nazis dismissed Einstein's groundbreaking work, including his Law of Relativity, as "Jewish Physics."

Einstein renounced his German citizenship in 1933 after Hitler became chancellor. The physicist settled in the United States, where he would remain until his death in 1955.

Einstein declined an invitation to serve as the first president of the newly established state of Israel but left behind his literary estate and personal papers to the Hebrew University.

Personal transformation? Dutchman, 69, seeks age change to 49

UTRECHT, Netherlands (AP) — Self-styled positivity guru Emile Ratelband thinks age is just a number. And his is a number the Dutchman wants changed.

The 69-year-old TV personality has asked a court in the Netherlands to approve his request for a new birthday that officially would make him 49.

Ratelband says his legal appeal is consistent with other forms of personal transformation that are gain-

ing acceptance and government recognition in the Netherlands and around the world.

"With this free(dom) of choice, choice of name, freeness of gender, I want to have my own age. I want to control myself," he said Thursday.

Ratelband says he wants to avoid age discrimination in society — especially on dating websites.

"So when I ask for a mortgage, for example, they say it's impossible," he told The Associated Press. "If I

go on Tinder, then I get women from 68, 69 when women are there."

How about just being economical with the truth about his age?

"I don't want to lie," he said. "I want to be myself, so don't force me to lie."

Marjolein van den Brink, who specializes in human rights and gender issues at Utrecht University's law school, said age discrimination is a problem but is different than the issues involved in reassigning gender.

"It's quite clear that elderly people have a much smaller chance of getting a job than younger people," she said. "But that's just one element and it's only something that happens to you once you reach the age of 40, 45, 50, depending a bit on your job."

"Whereas gender is something that follows you from birth to grave, and it determines nearly everything — and not just in the labor market but everywhere," she said.

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“We were told that the road ahead of our position was under observation, meaning that the Germans would likely be sending mortars our way as soon as we were spotted. Speed was essential if we were to get ahead of the division’s position and protect them from frontal attack by enemy vehicles, especially tanks.”

Brantley only remembers a “puff of white smoke to the front left of the vehicle.”

Personnel at the first aid station thought he was “a goner,” so their triage involved no treatment. It was only when he started coughing up blood that they realized “I just might make it.”

He was shown as an MIA for six weeks before being put on limited duty and meeting back up with his outfit as they moved into Holland in February 1945 after leaving Bastogne.

Brantley and Gerald White, also a Columbia resident, attended the 100th birthday celebration on Wednesday of Third Army, which is now U.S. Army Central with the same lineage and honors that is headquartered at Shaw Air Force Base.

When they joined the Battle of the Bulge Association, Brantley said there were about 105 veterans. Now, eight remain alive. Brantley and White are the only two active members.

White, who was born in New York, arrived “someplace in Belgium” on Jan. 15, 1945, with the M Company of the 23rd Infantry of the 2nd Division. In the cold and the snow, he participated in battles “around the Omdemolivildengin Pass near St. Vith, Belgium, as part of the Battle of the Bulge.”

The men cut down trees with C-4 to use for bunkers because the ground was too frozen to dig foxholes.

White was also wounded. He was assigned

to burn up excess food, and did so on an undetected mine beneath the pile.

“I was blown away from the food pile,” he said. “I suffered burns and plenty of singed hair and was evacuated to Beaujon hospital in Paris, France. Two officers reported that I was MIA, and this was reported to my family. Ten days later, I was back with my unit, but my family was never told that I had been located, leaving them in complete darkness about my status.”

White’s unit cross the Ruhr River, a right-bank tributary of the Rhine, with “lots of action.”

“I received some advanced training and became a mortarman. We were on mechanized vehicles [after crossing the Rhine] ... We had a major battle outside of Leipzig,” he said. “Then, the tide turned, really turned. We took a lot out of the enemy. At one point, I looked up at an Allied bombing formation. There were so many airplanes that it looked like a big cloud passing over us.”

White was discharged on July 4, 1946. He had done his time, gave his service and brave sacrifice to his country.

What his country gave back to him is what he said was the best thing he could have asked for.

He went to Morrisville College on the GI Bill, which allowed him to go to work at the Seneca Army Depot as a civilian in the surveillance office. He worked as a munitions inspector for the federal government for 37 years, including serving in the Army as a civilian in Korea.

Those chain of events brought him to meet a pearl from the darkness of what war could be. Pearl Johnson would become his wife.

The past, especially one with war, can be hard to talk about. But it’s important.

Vital, White says. Because if it isn’t taught, it will be repeated.



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A Nazi belt buckle Vernon Brantley acquired in Germany.



One of Brantley’s uniforms lies on a chair.



Brantley collected sand from Normandy Beach on a return trip.

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staff members set out to have each grade do an arts/musical performance this year to make the learning process fun.

Friday’s Veterans Day musical performed by fifth-graders and the school’s Honors Choir — consisting of select second-through-fifth-graders — was the first in a series of six planned performances at the South Sumter school.

The musical came from a popular play titled “American Voices” and consisted of a medley of nine songs from the armistice, signed on Nov. 11, 1918, marking the end of World War I, when patriotism started to reach new heights — through the later decades of the 20th Century.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

The students’ musical arrangement included “Americana Medley,” “Won’t You Come Do the Charleston?,” “I’ll Be Home Real Soon” and “The New Deal Jump,” among other classics.

Fourth-grader Chyla Isaac said she learned a lot about veterans in the process of practicing and performing the play.

“Veterans have saved many lives and serve our country for us,” Isaac said.

U.S. Army veteran and Sumter resident Freddie McCrea has a great niece who attends Wilder, first-grader Lanayia Keitt, and attended the musical.

He said he thought it was a great program.

“It’s great to see what the students learn in school about our country and those who sacrificed for our country,” McCrea said.



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM
Wilder Elementary School Assistant Principal Maria Dantzler, right, places a pin on a veteran’s lapel Friday during the school’s Veterans Day Program.

CELEBRATION FROM PAGE A1

The traditional Veterans Day Ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. on the front lawn of the old Sumter County Courthouse, 141 N. Main St.

Retired U.S. Air Force Col. Bush Hanson will serve as the master of ceremonies, Huff said, and will provide the welcome and introduction of guests.

Also included in the ceremonies will be a presentation of colors by the Sumter High School Air Force Junior ROTC, O’Malley’s keynote address, a memorial wreath ceremony conducted by the Military Order of the Purple Heart, a 21-gun salute by Shaw’s Color and Honor Guard and various musical tributes.

After the ceremonies, Huff said, a veterans fair and meet-and-greet will be held on Law Range at noon, including vendors with valuable information on local services for veterans. Barbecue will be provided by the local Combat Veterans Group.

Parade line-up begins at 9 a.m. at the corner of Main and Bartlette streets and will proceed north down Main. The procession will make a right onto Calhoun Street and then a right onto Harvin Street before finishing.

Huff said everybody is welcome Monday, which is a federal holiday.

“The program will honor all veterans, living and deceased,” Huff said. “The event is educational for kids since they can learn about different aspects of the military.”

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COMMENTARY

The war for the soul of America

The war in Washington will not end until the presidency of Donald Trump ends. Everyone seems to sense that now.

This is a fight to the finish.

A postelection truce that began with Trump congratulating House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi — “I give her a great deal of credit for what she’s done and what she’s accomplished” — was ancient history by nightfall.



Pat Buchanan

With the forced resignation of Attorney General Jeff Sessions and his replacement by his chief of staff, Matthew Whitaker, the long-anticipated confrontation with Robert Mueller appears at hand.

Sessions had recused himself from the oversight role of the special counsel’s investigation into Russiagate. Whitaker has definitely not.

Before joining Justice, he said that the Mueller probe was overreaching, going places it had no authority to go, and that it could be leashed by a new attorney general and starved of funds until it passes away.

Whitaker was not chosen to be merely a place holder until a new AG is confirmed. He was picked so he can get the job done.

And about time.

For two years, Trump has been under a cloud of unproven allegations and suspicion that he and top campaign officials colluded with Vladimir Putin’s Russia to steal and publish the emails of the Clinton campaign and the Democratic National Committee.

It is past time for Mueller to prove these charges or concede he has a busted flush, wrap up his investigation and go home.

And now, in T.S. Eliot’s words, Trump appears to have found “the strength to force the moment to its crisis.”

His attitude toward Mueller’s probe is taking on the aspect of Andrew Jackson’s attitude toward Nicholas Biddle’s Second Bank of the United States: It’s “trying to kill me, but I will kill it.”

Trump has been warned by congressional Democrats that if he in any way impedes the work of Mueller’s office, he risks impeachment.

Well, let’s find out.

If the House Judiciary Committee of incoming chairman Jerrold Nadler wishes to impeach Trump for forcing Mueller to fish or cut bait, Trump’s allies should broaden the debate to the real motivation here of the defeated establishment: It detests the man the American people chose to lead their country and thus wants to use its political and cultural power to effect his removal.

Even before news of Sessions’ departure hit Wednesday, Trump was subjected to an Antifa-style hassling by the White House press corps.

One reporter berated the president and refused to surrender the microphone. Others shouted support for his antics. A third demanded to know whether Trump’s admission that he’s a “nationalist” would give aid and comfort to “white nationalists.”

By picking up the credentials of CNN’s Jim Acosta and booting him out of the White House, Trump has set a good precedent.

Freedom of the press does not mean guaranteed immunity of the press from the same kind of abuse the press directs at the president.

John F. Kennedy was beloved by the media elite. Yet JFK canceled all White House subscriptions to the *New York Herald Tribune* and called the publisher of *The New*

York Times to get him to pull reporter David Halberstam out of Vietnam for undermining U.S. morale in a war in which Green Berets were dying.

Some journalists have become Trump haters with press passes. And Trump is right to speak truth to mainstream media power and to accord to the chronically hostile press the same access to the White House to which Robert De Niro is entitled. Since the days of John Adams, the White House has been the president’s house, not the press’s house.

Pelosi appears the favorite to return as speaker of the House. But she may find her coming days in the post she loves to be less-than-happy times.

Some of her incoming committee chairs — namely, Adam Schiff, Maxine Waters and Elijah Cummings — seem less interested in legislative compromises than in rum-maging through White House files for documents to damage the president, starting with his tax returns.

To a world watching with fascination this death struggle convulsing our capital, one wonders how attractive American democracy appears.

And just how much division can this democracy stand?

We know what the left thinks of Trump’s “base.”

Hillary Clinton told us. Half his supporters, she said, are a “basket of deplorables” who are “racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, Islamophobic — you name it.” Lately, America’s populist right has been called fascist and neo-Nazi.

How can the left “unite” with people like that? Why should the left not try to drive such “racists” out of power by any means necessary?

This is the thinking that bred Antifa.

As for those on the right — as they watch the left disparage the old heroes, tear down their monuments, purge Christianity from their public schools — they have come to conclude that their enemies are at root anti-Christian and anti-American.

How do we unify a nation where the opposing camps believe this?

What the Trump-establishment war is about is the soul of America, a war in which a compromise on principle can be seen as a betrayal.

Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of “Nixon’s White House Wars: The Battles That Made and Broke a President and Divided America Forever.”

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Open letter to the Sumter School Board

Dear Sumter School Board members:

First, congratulations to each of our elected school board members. Those who are now serving for the first time as Sumter School Board members and those re-elected. This community is holding onto the very anticipated thought of seeing you come together over the next couple of months to put into play a vision of where you will lead our district going forward.



SCHWEDLER

What we need from you now that the election is over is a united and monumental effort to propel our district into being the very best it can be. Your mission is to create solid, visionary and bold policy that will motivate the new district leadership and administration, empower our teachers, and prepare our kids for a new era of our economy.

What we need now is for you to bridge the talent gap that our community is enduring with such low unemployment by providing the resources, tools, curriculum and facilities that produce best in class employable, young talent capable of either going on to further their educational opportunities or directly into the workplace.

You can not do this alone. As a parent of three Sumter School District children and a resident of this community, it is my duty and responsibility to make sure I am also doing my part to ensure you are successful

in doing yours. I am committed to getting behind you and being your biggest supporter; 0 but you owe it to me and my roughly 108,000 neighbors to make certain you make excellent financial and personnel decisions in the best interest of the District.

You owe it to us to go out with your unified vision and find and hire THE BEST Superintendent that you and your consultants, along with the valued input of the community, can find. This person will need the support, resources and tools to lead us into this next generation of education in Sumter County, and you need to be leaders who lead with that goal in mind and a plan to achieve the goal.

We have no more choices or options as a community as to who will serve us on the Board. We now know who our School Board members are, and we know their backgrounds and stories. We, as the community, must now unite behind this School Board to give them the opportunity to do what is in the best interests of our kids. So, Sumter School Board members — please do NOT miss this opportunity to make Sumter School District something we all are proud of.

We are proud of our kids and educators. We want to have the same pride and confidence that you are representing us and our future. Tomorrow can’t wait. The future is now. Go to work with the expectation of excellence as your standard.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Gamecocks win playoff opener



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Sumter running back Jonathan Henry (26) fights for a first down in the Gamecocks' 21-13 victory over Spring Valley on Friday in the 5A state playoffs at Sumter Memorial Stadium. Sumter will host a second-round game on Friday against Byrnes, a 57-14 winner over Westside on Saturday.

Sumter takes rematch against Spring Valley 21-13, will face Byrnes next

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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When Spring Valley High School placekicker Alex Herrera drilled a 43-yard field goal with six minutes left in the third quarter, the Sumter football team found itself on its heels.

What had been a 14-0 lead midway through the second quarter for the undefeated Gamecocks was down to a narrow 14-13 advantage in the 5A state playoffs first-round game on Friday against a team they had beaten 37-0 during the regular season.

Then Justice prevailed for Sumter. Justice Wells that is. Wells, the Gamecocks' sophomore running back, went 80 yards for a touchdown on the first play following the field goal to put them up 21-13. That allowed Sumter to regain its bearings as it went on to win by the same

score at Sumter Memorial Stadium.

"We certainly needed that at that time," said Sumter head coach Mark Barnes, whose team improved to 10-0 on the season. "They had the momentum, and we needed something like that to happen at that time. It got us the mo-

mentum back."

With the win, the Gamecocks advanced to the second round of the playoffs. They will play host to Byrnes, which beat Westside 57-14 on Saturday. Byrnes is 9-2 on the season.

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USC FOOTBALL

No. 19 Gators beat South Carolina 35-31

BY MARK LONG
The Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Feleipe Franks placed his index finger across his lips after both touchdown runs, sending a message to a home crowd that booed him earlier.

After the second one, there was nothing Franks could have done to silence the Florida faithful.

Franks accounted for three touchdowns, including the go-ahead score with a little more than four minutes remaining, and the 19th-ranked Gators rallied to beat South Carolina 35-31 Saturday and end a two-game losing streak.

"I'm a super emotional player," Franks said. "That what makes it a two-way street. Lots of people are

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Florida quarterback Feleipe Franks (13) pushes over the goal line against the South Carolina defense for a 1-yard, go-ahead touchdown during their game Saturday in Gainesville, Florida. Florida won 35-31.

PREP FOOTBALL



Top-ranked Hartsville cruises past Crestwood

BY DANNY KELLY
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KELLEYTOWN -- The Crestwood High School football team made a quick departure from the 4A state playoffs on Friday, falling to top-ranked Hartsville 57-7 at Kellytown Stadium.

"We need to take care of business in conference (next year)," said Crestwood head coach Roosevelt Nelson, whose team won its final two games of the regular season to gain an at-large berth in the upper state bracket. "We can't get this kind of draw. They're one of the better teams in the state of South Carolina."

Crestwood, which finished the year with a 2-9 record,



NELSON

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PREP FOOTBALL

Manning falls to Swansea 20-14 in overtime in 3A playoffs

BY EDDIE LITAKER
Special to The Sumter Item

MANNING — Turnovers, mistakes and missed opportunities resulted in Manning High School leaving 17 points on the field and giving up a score to visiting Swansea in Friday's opening-round 3A football state playoff match-up at Ramsey Stadium.

Predictably, it all led to a premature end to the Monarchs' season as the Region V No. 3 seed Tigers pulled out a 20-14 upset win in overtime.

"Rough night for us. We had our chances," said MHS head coach Keith West,

whose team finished as Region VIII runner-up but saw its season end with a 7-4 record for the third straight year. "We had two touchdowns called back, we had three or four great drives in the second half, down in the red zone, and just could not get it into the end zone. We had fumbles, we had penalties and we just fell apart in the red zone. We also missed a field goal, but the field goal (attempt) came because of fumbles and penalties. We went backwards when we got into the red zone."

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Manning's Caleb Wright, right, gives a Swansea defender a stiff arm during the Monarchs' 20-14 overtime loss on Friday at Ramsey Stadium in the opening round of the 3A state playoffs.

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AUTO RACING

Harvick on mission to silence his critics after penalty

BY JENNA FRYER
The Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — The mood in the desert is tense headed into the final elimination race before NASCAR's championship, a title Kevin Harvick is determined to win.

The 2014 champion is on a mission to lead his Stewart-Haas Racing team into the title race, prove they honestly are the best group in the garage and that a wave of adversity cannot unravel their success. NASCAR said the No. 4 team cheated in last weekend's victory at Texas by building their own spoiler and passing it off as one supplied by the required vendor. The punishment was severe and put Harvick in danger of not qualifying for the championship.

But the road to the final four goes through ISM Raceway outside of Phoenix. It's a track where Harvick has won nine times previously, including this year — a week after a different No. 4 Ford was found to be illegal following a victory. This track was critical in Harvick's run to his first title four years ago when he had to win, and did, at Phoenix to advance to the championship round.

A win isn't required Sunday, and Harvick needs only to avoid any on-track issues to secure his ticket at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Only a quiet Sunday drive is



AP FILE PHOTO

Kevin Harvick will be trying to earn his spot in the Monster Energy Cup Series championship again after his car was found illegal following his victory in the AAA Texas 500 last weekend.

not Harvick's style.

He arrived in Phoenix without his crew chief and car chief, both suspended for the final two races of the season. The berth he'd earned into the final four by winning last week at Texas had been stripped away as punishment by NASCAR. His team has been branded a cheat.

The situation is less than

ideal, and Harvick is disinterested in discussing the penalty or the plight of his race team. He's instead letting his performance speak for itself.

He went out and won the pole. Then he was fastest in both of Saturday's practices.

It's quite clear Harvick came to Arizona with every intention of rolling over the competition on his way to

Homestead. The penalty is old news to him and he's not looking back.

"I show up and do the best that I can," Harvick said. "The best thing that shows up are results on the race track. I drive and try to do the best that I can and we go from there."

He's one of seven drivers racing Sunday for three remaining spots in the finale.

CAN-AM 500 LINEUP

- Friday's qualifying; race Sunday
At ISM Raceway
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(Car number in parentheses)
- (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 139.340 mph.
 - (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 139.152.
 - (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 139.007.
 - (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 138.867.
 - (88) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 138.739.
 - (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 138.707.
 - (20) Erik Jones, Toyota, 138.344.
 - (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 138.259.
 - (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 138.254.
 - (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 138.249.
 - (21) Paul Menard, Ford, 137.889.
 - (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 137.667.
 - (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 138.339.
 - (41) Kurt Busch, Ford, 138.180.
 - (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 138.069.
 - (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 137.878.
 - (6) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 137.767.
 - (10) Aric Almirola, Ford, 137.720.
 - (24) William Byron, Chevrolet, 137.604.
 - (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 137.541.
 - (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 137.531.
 - (21) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 137.342.
 - (34) Michael McDowell, Ford, 136.815.
 - (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 136.529.
 - (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 136.664.
 - (19) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 136.529.
 - (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 135.916.
 - (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 135.767.
 - (95) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 135.649.
 - (43) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 135.542.
 - (38) David Ragan, Ford, 135.267.
 - (00) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 134.158.
 - (15) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 133.482.
 - (72) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 133.328.
 - (23) JJ Yeley, Toyota, 133.284.
 - (37) Tanner Berryhill, Toyota, 132.202.
 - (66) Timmy Hill, Toyota, 131.114.
 - (7) DJ Kennington, Chevrolet, 130.124.
 - (51) Cody Ware, Chevrolet, 0.000.

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5 a.m. — International Baseball: MLB All-Stars vs. Japanese National Team Game 3 from Tokyo (MLB NETWORK).
6:25 a.m. — International Soccer: Italian Serie A Match — Inter Milan vs. Atalanta (ESPN2).
6:55 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Fulham vs. Liverpool (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
9:10 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Everton vs. Chelsea (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
9:30 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Bayer Leverkusen vs. RB Leipzig (FOX SPORTS 1).
11:25 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Manchester United vs. Manchester City (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
11:50 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Schalke 04 vs. Eintracht Frankfurt (FOX SPORTS 2, UNIVISION).
Noon — Figure Skating: ISU Grand Prix NHK Trophy from Hiroshima, Japan (WIS 10).
Noon — Women's College Basketball: Ohio State at Connecticut (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
Noon — College Soccer: Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament Championship Match from Cary, N.C. — Louisville vs. North Carolina (ESPN).
12:05 p.m. — Formula One Racing: Grand Prix of Brazil from Sao Paulo, Brazil (ESPN2).
1 p.m. — NFL Football: New England at Tennessee (WLTX 19).
1 p.m. — NFL Football: Atlanta at Cleveland (WACH 57).
1 p.m. — College Basketball: Army at Duke (ESPN).
1 p.m. — CFL Football: Eastern Playoffs Semifinal Game — British Columbia at Hamilton (ESPNEWS).
1 p.m. — PGA Golf: Maykoba Classic First Round from Playa del Carmen, Mexico (GOLF).
1 p.m. — Women's College Volleyball: Florida at Auburn (SEC NETWORK).
1:30 p.m. — College Basketball: East Tennessee State at Creighton (FOX SPORTS 1).
2 p.m. — College Soccer: Big East Conference Tournament Championship Match from Washington — Georgetown vs. Marquette (FOX SPORTS 2).
2 p.m. — College Soccer: Patriot League Tournament Championship Match from Baltimore (STADIUM).
2:30 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Can-Am 500 from Avondale, Ariz. (WIS 10, WEGX-FM 92.9).
3 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Western Conference Playoffs Semifinal Second Leg Match — Real Salt Lake City vs. Sporting KC (ESPN).
3 p.m. — Professional Basketball: NBA G-League Game — Texas at Oklahoma (NBA TV).
3 p.m. — Women's College Volleyball: Mississippi at Texas A&M (SEC NETWORK).
3:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Charlotte at Detroit (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: Southeastern Louisiana at Nebraska (ESPN).
4 p.m. — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Charles Schwab Championship Final Round from Phoenix (GOLF).
4:25 p.m. — NFL Football: Seattle at Los Angeles Rams (WLTX 19).
4:30 p.m. — CFL Football: Western Playoffs Semifinal Game — Winnipeg at Saskatchewan (ESPN2).
5 p.m. — College Basketball: Hartford at Mississippi State (SEC NETWORK).
5 p.m. — College Basketball: Dartmouth at Loyola (Md.) (STADIUM).
5:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Eastern Conference Playoffs Semifinal Second Leg Match — New York City at Atlanta (ESPN).
5:30 p.m. — Women's Professional Tennis: USTA Women's Pro Circuit Semifinal Matches from Las Vegas (TENNIS).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Appalachian State at Alabama (SEC NETWORK).
7 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: South Carolina at Alabama State (WNKT-FM 107.5).
7:30 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Baylor vs. Arizona State (ESPN2).
8:20 p.m. — NFL Football: Dallas at Philadelphia (WIS 10, WNKT-FM 107.5).

MONDAY
7 a.m. — Professional Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals Day 2 Doubles Round-Robin Matches from London (TENNIS).
9 a.m. — Professional Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals Day 2 Singles Round-Robin Matches from London (TENNIS).
1 p.m. — Professional Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals Day 2 Doubles Round-Robin Matches from London (TENNIS).
3 p.m. — Professional Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals Day 2 Singles Round-Robin Matches from London (TENNIS).
6 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Baseball Writers' Association of America Awards Rookies of the Year (MLB NETWORK).
6:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Detroit at Butler (FOX SPORTS 1).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Stanford at North Carolina (ESPN2).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: North Carolina A&T at Maryland (ESPN).
7 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Chicago at Carolina (FOX SPORTS SOUTHWEST).
7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: New Orleans at Toronto (NBA TV).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: Prairie View A&M at Baylor (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
8:15 p.m. — NFL Football: New York Giants at San Francisco (ESPN, WNKT-FM 107.5).
8:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Morgan State at DePaul (FOX SPORTS 1).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Vermont at Kansas (ESPN2).
10:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Golden State at Los Angeles Clippers (NBA TV).

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	2	0	.778	270	202
Miami	5	4	0	.556	187	225
N.Y. Jets	3	6	0	.333	198	213
Buffalo	2	7	0	.222	96	241

South

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	6	3	0	.667	216	184
Tennessee	4	4	0	.500	134	141
Jacksonville	3	5	0	.375	134	170
Indianapolis	3	5	0	.375	231	213

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	6	2	1	.722	279	209
Cincinnati	5	3	0	.625	221	237
Baltimore	4	5	0	.444	213	160
Cleveland	2	6	1	.278	190	247

Kansas City

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	8	1	0	.889	327	226
L.A. Chargers	6	2	0	.750	220	180
Denver	3	6	0	.333	205	213
Oakland	1	7	0	.125	141	252

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	5	3	0	.625	160	172
Philadelphia	4	4	0	.500	178	156
Dallas	3	5	0	.375	154	151
N.Y. Giants	1	7	0	.125	150	205

South

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	7	1	0	.875	279	218
Carolina	6	3	0	.667	241	232
Atlanta	4	4	0	.500	228	226
Tampa Bay	3	5	0	.375	229	275

Chicago

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	5	3	0	.625	235	153
Minnesota	5	3	1	.611	221	204
Green Bay	3	4	1	.438	192	204
Detroit	3	5	0	.375	180	210

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	8	1	0	.889	299	200
Seattle	4	4	0	.500	188	156
Arizona	2	6	0	.250	110	199
San Francisco	2	7	0	.222	207	239

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Pittsburgh 52, Carolina 21

SUNDAY'S GAMES
 Arizona at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
 Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
 Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m.
 Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
 Washington at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
 New Orleans at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
 New England at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
 Atlanta at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
 L.A. Chargers at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
 Miami at Green Bay, 4:25 p.m.
 Seattle at L.A. Rams, 4:25 p.m.
 Dallas at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.
 Open: Minnesota, Denver, Baltimore, Houston

MONDAY'S GAMES
 N.Y. Giants at San Francisco, 8:15 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	12	1	.923	—
Philadelphia	8	5	.615	4
Boston	7	5	.583	4½
Brooklyn	6	6	.500	5½
New York	4	9	.308	8

Southeast Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	6	6	.500	—
Miami	5	6	.455	½
Orlando	5	7	.417	1
Atlanta	3	9	.250	3
Washington	2	9	.182	3½

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	9	3	.750	—
Indiana	8	5	.615	1½
Detroit	6	5	.545	2½
Chicago	3	9	.250	6
Cleveland	1	10	.091	7½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	6	4	.600	—
Memphis	6	4	.600	—
New Orleans	5	6	.455	1½
Houston	4	6	.400	2
Dallas	3	8	.273	3½

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	9	3	.750	—
Denver	9	3	.750	—
Oklahoma City	7	4	.636	1½
Utah	6	6	.500	3
Minnesota	4	9	.308	5½

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	10	2	.833	—
Sacramento	7	5	.583	3
L.A. Clippers	7	5	.583	3
L.A. Lakers	5	6	.455	4½
Phoenix	2	9	.182	7½

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 Orlando 117, Washington 108
 Philadelphia 133, Charlotte 132, OT
 Detroit 124, Atlanta 109
 Indiana 110, Miami 102

Brooklyn 112, Denver 110
 Utah 123, Boston 115
 Sacramento 121, Minnesota 110

SATURDAY'S GAMES
 Toronto 128, New York 112
 L.A. Clippers 128, Milwaukee 126, OT
 Phoenix at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
 Cleveland at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Memphis, 8 p.m.
 Washington at Miami, 8 p.m.
 Brooklyn at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.
 Houston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Dallas, 9 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
 Charlotte at Detroit, 3:30 p.m.
 Indiana at Houston, 7 p.m.
 Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Denver, 8 p.m.
 Boston at Portland, 9 p.m.
 Atlanta at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
 Orlando at Washington, 7 p.m.
 New Orleans at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
 Brooklyn at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Dallas at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Phoenix at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 Utah at Memphis, 8 p.m.
 San Antonio at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
 Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	16	12	3	1	25	59	42
Toronto	16	11	5	0	22	57	41
Buffalo	17	9	6	2	20	53	52
Montreal	16	8	5	3	19	53	51
Boston	15	8	5	2	18	44	39
Ottawa	16	6	7	3	15	55	67
Detroit	16	6	8	2	14	43	57
Florida	12	4	5	3	11	38	42

Metropolitan Division

Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	16	9	6	1	19	52	53
Philadelphia	17	9	7	1	19	57	60
N.Y. Islanders	15	8	5	2	18	47	38
Washington	15	7	5	3	17	53	52
N.Y. Rangers	16	7	7	2	16	45	50
Carolina	16	7	7	2	16	44	48
Pittsburgh	14	6	5	3	15	47	47
New Jersey	14	6	7	1	13	43	49

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	16	13	3	0	26	56	35
Minnesota	16	10	4	2	22	51	42
Dallas	17	9	6	2	20	50	48
Winnipeg	15	9	5	1	19	46	40
Colorado	16	7	6	3	17	55	49
St. Louis	14	6	5	3	15	50	68
Chicago	17	6	8	3	15	49	64

Pacific Division

Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	18	10	6	2	22	60	62
Calgary	16	9	6	1	19	54	53
San Jose	17	8	6	3	19	53	54
Edmonton	16	8	7	1	17	45	

PRO FOOTBALL

Rivera tells Panthers to get away from football after loss

BY STEVE REED
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — Panthers coach Ron Rivera wants his players to get away from football, just for a little while.

A day after a humiliating 52-21 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers, Carolina's eighth-year coach said it may just be what the Panthers need.

"Sometimes the best medicine is to forget about it and then come back ready to roll," Rivera said Friday, adding that they should focus on something other than football.

That advice doesn't apply to Rivera and his coaching staff.

Rivera said coaches will spend the next few days pouring over game film, looking for solutions and making adjustments, particularly on the offensive and defensive lines where the Panthers were overwhelmed by the Steelers in the road loss. The coach wouldn't say if he's considering any changes to the starting lineup.

Quarterback Cam Newton was sacked five times and threw a crucial pick-six out of desperation to avoid taking a safety in the end zone, while the defense never was able to stop Ben Roethlisberger, who turned in a perfect QB rating (158.3) after throwing

for 328 yards and five touchdowns. The 52 points allowed tied the most in franchise history.

The Panthers (6-3) are still in good shape in the NFC playoff picture, but Rivera expressed concern knowing the NFL is a copycat league and upcoming opponents will look to simulate what the Steelers did against them.

"It is a beg, borrow and steal league," Rivera said. "Guys are going to look at this tape and see what (the Steelers) did and have answers. We as coaches, as I said, are not done evaluating tape and going through it and trying to correct things."

Pittsburgh's defense brought more pass rushers than the Panthers were able to block, often resulting in 5-foot-11, 210-pound running back Christian McCaffrey desperately trying to pick up linemen who outweighed him by almost 100 pounds. That didn't go well.

Rivera said the Steelers defense threw some new looks at Carolina's revamped offensive line and the guys up front didn't recognize or adjust to them.

"Sometimes you see things for the first time, things that they do a little differently, with a little twist to them, it makes things difficult," Rivera said. "We have to be able to handle those things. We have to stick to our rules,



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Carolina running back Christian McCaffrey (22) backs into the end zone for a touchdown during the second half of the Panthers' 52-21 loss to Pittsburgh on Thursday in Pittsburgh.

our base fundamentals." Meanwhile, Carolina's defense failed to generate much of any pres-

sure on Roethlisberger. There were times he danced around in the pocket untouched for nearly 10 seconds.

Rivera said that has to change. He plans to continue to rotate defensive linemen in and out of the lineup "until we find something that clicks on the pass rush side."

Carolina's stadium was noticeably quiet and somber on a dark, gray afternoon.

After what he called a "very humbling experience to be beat the way we were," Rivera still gave players four days off — as previously planned before the game — beginning Friday. They'll return to practice Tuesday to begin preparations for the Nov. 18 game at Detroit.

For some, that wasn't by choice. Tight end Greg Olsen said after the game Thursday night that he wishes the Panthers had a four-day week this week and he could get back on the field to wash this loss out of their mouths instead of waiting 10 days for the next game.

"We just got thoroughly beaten in a game that we were looking forward to, a game that we thought we could really measure ourselves against one of the better teams in the league," Olsen said. "We got that answer. We got a lot of work to do."



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South Carolina quarterback Jake Bentley (19) is stopped by Florida defensive back CJ Henderson, right, during the first half of the Gators' 35-31, come-from-behind win over the Gamecocks on Saturday in Gainesville, Florida.

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going to like me and lots of people aren't going to like me. Maybe that's something I shouldn't have did. But at the same time, I'm an emotional player. I want to win as much as anybody in the world. I'm an emotional guy. That's the way I play my game. I do apologize for that."

Franks dived across the goal line on fourth down from inside the 1-yard line to put the Gators (7-3, 5-3 Southeastern Conference, No. 15 CFP) ahead for the first time all day and for good.

Coach Dan Mullen said he didn't hesitate to go for it even though a short field goal would have tied the game. The Gators overcame a 17-point deficit in the second half to prevent former Florida coach and current South Carolina coach Will Muschamp from getting a win in his second trip back to Gainesville.

C.J. Henderson sealed the victory when he intercepted Jake Bentley's third-down pass on the ensuing drive. Muschamp has dropped eighth of his last 10 games in the Swamp.

"It's a hard, tough loss," said Muschamp, who is 0-2 against his former team in Gainesville. "We had our opportunities. Give Florida credit. They made plays they had to at the end. ... When you go on the road in our league and have the opportunities in front of us, to lose the game, it's gut-wrenching."

Franks completed 15 of 21 passes for 161 yards and a touchdown. He also ran for 36 yards and two scores a week after getting benched for the third time in two seasons.

Mullen opened up the quarterback competition during the week, but backup

Kyle Trask broke a foot in practice Wednesday and is out for the remainder of the regular season. That left Franks as Mullen's only viable option against the Gamecocks (5-4, 4-4).

Still, the home crowd turned on Franks quickly Saturday by booing him after consecutive plays on the first series in which he fumbled and badly overthrew a receiver.

Franks responded after his first TD run.

"He's an emotional kid," Mullen said. "I told him he's going to get booed. ... I also told him don't worry about anything that's not going to help us win the football game. Score a touchdown and get off the sidelines so we can coach you."

South Carolina (5-4, 4-4) scored touchdowns on its first two possessions and looked like it would roll on the road — much like Missouri did last week. Jake Bentley had TD passes to end both drives, but did little down the stretch.

But Franks and the Gators responded. The Gators ended up with 367 yards rushing. Jordan Scarlett had 159 yards on the ground. Lamical Perine added 107 yards and two scores. Dynamic receiver Kadarius Toney chipped in 51 yards on four carries.

THE TAKEAWAY

South Carolina: After being up 17 points late in the third

quarter, the Gamecocks found themselves in another nail-biter late. It was the team's fifth consecutive game decided by four points or less. They are 3-2 in those.

Florida: The Gators still have hopes of making a big-time bowl game and reaching 10 wins for just the second time in the last six seasons.

MUSCHAMP CONNECTION

Although Muschamp will forever be tied to Florida, he won't have many connections to his former school after this game.

The Gators have six fifth-year seniors who signed with Florida before Muschamp's final season in 2014. Florida also has one more payment to Muschamp to fulfill his severance, a \$787,500 deposit later this month. That will complete his \$6.3 million buyout.

MISSING MEN

Florida was without three key players: guard Brett Heggie, safety Brad Stewart and receiver Freddie Swain. Heggie and Swain were injured last week against Missouri. Stewart has missed two of the last three games.

UP NEXT

South Carolina hosts Chattanooga of the FCS, a welcome break after eight consecutive conference games.

Florida concludes a three-game homestand against Idaho, also an FCS team. It's the Gators' home finale and senior day.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCORES

STATE	SEC
SATURDAY (2) Clemson at (17) Boston College (late) (19) Florida 35, South Carolina 31 Arkansas State 44, Coastal Carolina 16 Citadel 42, Samford 27 Furman 49, VMI 13 Wofford 38, Western Carolina 23 South Carolina State 44, Florida A&M 21 Charleston Southern 16, Gardner-Webb 0 Campbell 34, Presbyterian 6 Mars Hill 21, Newberry 17 North Alabama 31, North Greenville 28	SATURDAY (1) Alabama 24, (18) Mississippi State 0 Auburn at (5) Georgia (late) (9) LSU at Arkansas (late) Tennessee 24, (12) Kentucky 7 Missouri 33, Vanderbilt 28 Texas A&M 38, Mississippi 24
ACC	TOP 25
THURSDAY Wake Forest 27, (22) North Carolina State 23	FRIDAY Boise State 24, (16) Fresno State 17
FRIDAY (13) Syracuse 54, Louisville 23	SATURDAY (4) Michigan 42, Rutgers 7 (6) Oklahoma 48, Oklahoma State 47 (7) West Virginia 47, TCU 10 (8) Ohio State 26, (24) Michigan State 6 (10) Washington State 31, Colorado 7 (11) Central Florida 35, Navy 24 (14) Utah State 62, San Jose State 24 (15) Texas at Texas Tech (late) (21) Penn State 22, Wisconsin 10 (23) Iowa State 28, Baylor 14 South Florida at (25) Cincinnati (late) Baylor at (23) Iowa State South Florida at (25) Cincinnati (late)
SATURDAY Florida State at (3) Notre Dame (late) Duke 42, North Carolina 35 Virginia 45, Liberty 24 Pittsburgh 52, Virginia Tech 22 Miami at Georgia Tech (late)	

(19) FLORIDA 35, SOUTH CAROLINA 31

	SC	FLA
South Carolina	14	7
Florida	0	14
	10	0
	7	14
	-31	-35
First Quarter		
SC_August 2 pass from Bentley (White kick), 9:17		
SC_Markway 19 pass from Bentley (White kick), 4:51		
Second Quarter		
FLA_Perine 2 run (McPherson kick), 13:46		
FLA_Franks 10 run (McPherson kick), 8:58		
SC_Bentley 1 run (White kick), 4:21		
Third Quarter		
SC_FG White 34, 9:19		
SC_Dowdle 4 run (White kick), 4:43		
FLA_Toney 18 pass from Franks (McPherson kick), :56		
Fourth Quarter		
FLA_Perine 23 run (McPherson kick), 11:03		
FLA_Franks 1 run (McPherson kick), 4:09		
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Individual Statistics		
RUSHING_South Carolina, Turner 12-81, Denson 14-49, Dowdle 2-8, Bentley 6-8, Samuel 1-3, (Team) 1-(minus 2). Florida, Scarlett 18-159, Perine 16-107, Toney 4-51, Franks 16-36, Pierce 5-19, (Team) 3-(minus 5).		
PASSING_South Carolina, Bentley 18-28-1-239. Florida, Franks 15-21-0-161.		
RECEIVING_South Carolina, Samuel 4-120, Bry.Edwards 3-34, S.Smith 2-24, August 2-14, Crosby 2-11, Vann 2-10, Markway 1-19, Turner 1-4, Dawkins 1-3. Florida, Hammond 5-35, Toney 2-33, Grimes 2-24, Cleveland 1-19, Lewis 1-14, V.Jefferson 1-14, Gamble 1-11, Krull 1-10, Scarlett 1-1.		
MISSED FIELD GOALS_Florida, McPherson 41.		
First downs	18	34
Rushes-yards	36-147	62-367
Passing	239	161
Comp-Att-Int	18-28-1	15-21-0
Return Yards	78	-4
Punts-Avg.	4-44.5	3-46.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards	7-41	7-55
Time of Possession	24:20	35:40

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CLEMSON BASKETBALL



Clemson's Clyde Trapp (0) drives against North Carolina Central's Zacarry Douglas during the second half of the Tigers' 71-51 victory on Friday in Clemson.

No. 22 Clemson uses fast start to defeat N.C. Central 71-51

CLEMSON (AP) — Clemson coach Brad Brownell has long considered David Skara one of the Tigers' top defenders. Skara is showing he can score, too.

Skara had 16 points and No. 22 Clemson opened a large early lead in cruising to a 71-51 victory over North Carolina Central on Friday night.

It was Skara's second consecutive game in double figures after doing it just once in 26 contests last season.

"Last year I struggled a bit offensively," said Skara, who averaged only 3.3 points per game a year ago. "This year I feel a lot more comfortable. The shots are coming. My teammates are finding me and that helps to get my confidence up."

Brownell said Skara, a 6-foot-8 transfer who played

his first two seasons at Valparaiso, simply wanted to blend in with last season's talented team and not step on any toes.

"David's such a good guy that the last thing he wants to do is upset the apple cart," Brownell said.

This time around, Skara has been more assertive in looking for his shot. He's made nine of 14 field goal attempts and four 3-pointers in two games.

"He felt (last year) he was a much better player," Brownell said.

That was apparent against the Eagles (0-1). Skara made two of Clemson's eight straight baskets to start the game as the Tigers (2-0) opened a 23-11 advantage about eight minutes in and quickly took control of this matchup between 2018 NCAA

Tournament teams. While the Tigers reached the Sweet 16, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tournament champion North Carolina Central lost to Texas Southern in a First Four matchup. NCCU coach LeVelle Moton said his team made too many mental mistakes early and was moving too slow to hang with a Top 25 opponent. The Eagles fell to 0-10 against ranked teams.

"I'm disappointed in my guys because we have guys that have played in this atmosphere," he said. But "they haven't proven that they can play in the big lights."

Aamir Simms had 14 points and Shelton Mitchell 11 for Clemson. The team's leading scorer last season, Marquise Reed, was held to six points on 1-of-7 shooting.

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USC BASKETBALL

Stony Brook gets 2nd stunner in 83-81 win over South Carolina

COLUMBIA (AP) — Stony Brook coach Jeff Boals told his team if they played with no fear, they could knock off South Carolina.

So his Seawolves drove at the Gamecocks, beat them to rebounds and loose balls and pulled off their second big upset of the year in an 83-81 win Friday night.

"We expected to win this game," Boals said, three nights after Stony Brook (2-0) overcame falling behind 22-0 to beat George Washington in overtime.

The Seawolves led almost the entire second half against South Carolina (1-1). But they needed Jeff Otchere's block of a potential game-winning 3-pointer from Justin Minaya with two seconds left to hang on.

South Carolina was out of timeouts and scrambling to get a shot off after failing to rebound an air ball on a layup with 13 seconds left and grabbing Akwasi Yeboah's miss with six seconds to go.

Stony Brook pulled down 10 more offensive rebounds than South Carolina.

"They just physically handled us. They beat us to every loose ball. They beat us to every rebound. They didn't give in," South Carolina coach Frank Martin said.

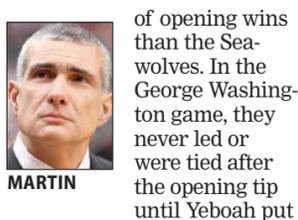
Yeboah scored 24 points and had 11 rebounds, while Elijah Olaniyi added 16 points and nine rebounds for Stony Brook.

Freshman A.J. Lawson scored 23 points and Tre Campbell added 15 for South Carolina.

"My freshmen really tried; we got nothing from the older guys. It's hard to win," Martin said.

BIG PICTURE

Stony Brook: Perhaps no small school has a better pair



MARTIN

of opening wins than the Seawolves. In the George Washington game, they never led or were tied after the opening tip until Yeboah put in his own miss with one second to go in regulation. Now Stony Brook can add a Southeastern Conference win to the list that includes a victory last season over Big Ten Rutgers.

South Carolina: The Gamecocks aren't looking good.

They also lost an exhibition game to Division II Augusta. South Carolina is now 4-2 against the Atlantic East. They also lost to Maine in 1980. South Carolina played just nine players because of injuries.

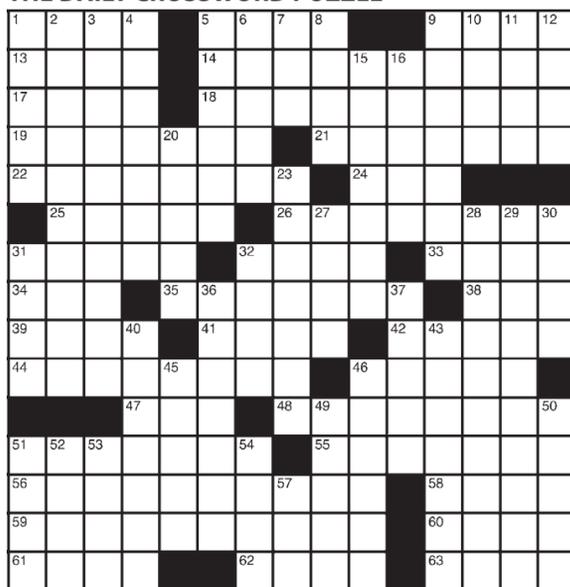
UP NEXT

Stony Brook: The Seawolves head to Connecticut to play Holy Cross on Nov. 16 in the Hall of Fame Tip-Off.

South Carolina: The Gamecocks end their three-game opening stand against Norfolk State on Tuesday.

SATURDAY PUZZLES

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Cheese manufacturing by-product
 - 5 2017 events for SNAP and Blue Apron
 - 9 Dolt
 - 13 Green feature
 - 14 Soup bar staple
 - 17 Dwarf planet named for a Greek goddess
 - 18 Annual awards for which many adolescents vote
 - 19 "Do I dare to eat a peach?" poet
 - 21 Ready to go out
 - 22 Underground rodent
 - 24 Grafton's "___ for Alibi"
 - 25 Oceanus, for one
 - 26 Shot in a tiny cup
 - 31 Top
 - 32 Bar at the garage
 - 33 "Rich Man, Poor Man" novelist
 - 34 Owns
 - 35 Bliss
 - 38 Cold draft, perhaps
- DOWN**
- 1 Sharpens
 - 2 Shrewd bargain
 - 3 The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Award was renamed for him
 - 4 "We should!"
 - 5 "Tough decision!"
- 39 "This other ___ demi-paradise": Shak.
- 41 Obsessed mariner
- 42 Like sea lions
- 44 Set free
- 46 Data breach causes
- 47 Welcome sight?
- 48 Small two-seater
- 51 Herald
- 55 Soften
- 56 Rash-causing shrubs
- 58 Quite some time
- 59 Source of potential matches
- 60 Out house?
- 61 Vein valuables
- 62 "If all ___ fails ..."
- 63 Body shop figs.
- 6 Only work Michelangelo ever signed
- 7 Together
- 8 Dispatch
- 9 Mass symbols
- 10 Hi's wife, in comics
- 11 Some time ago
- 12 House document
- 15 Tough spots
- 16 "___ Eyes Were Watching God": Hurston novel
- 20 Fit to be tied
- 23 Some online banners
- 27 Big piece
- 28 Divers' protection
- 29 Pitcher?
- 30 Outstanding
- 31 "Believe" singer
- 32 Court immortal
- 36 Certain director's concern
- 37 Quite some time
- 40 Waterloo
- 43 Set in motion
- 45 Alphabetically
- 46 Major Hall of Famer
- 49 Powerful sharks
- 50 Stops presenting evidence
- 51 Bun, e.g.
- 52 Skyrocket
- 53 "Women and Love" author
- 54 "You wish" sister company

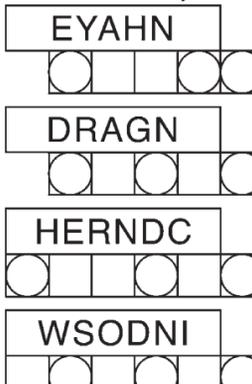
Previous Puzzle Solved



JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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



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

(Answers Monday)
Yesterday's Jumbles: MANLY STASH CUDDLY PONCHO
Answer: After explaining to his parents that he was going to be a mime, they said — YOU DON'T SAY

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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SHS FROM PAGE B1

Spring Valley, which finished the season 7-4, looked as though it was headed to another blowout loss. However, the Vikings scored 10 points in the final 3:02 of the first half and got the Herrera field goal on their first possession of the second half.

Herrera sent the kickoff into the end zone for a touchdown, meaning SHS started on its 20-yard line. Wells got the ball from quarterback Ontra' Harvin on the first play and went to the left side of his offensive line, initially took it inside before breaking down the sideline and outrunning the SV secondary.

"When I got the ball I saw the opening," said Wells, who had 91 yards on four carries. "I was supposed to go inside, but the opening was to the outside, so I cut it out and there was nothing but green grass."

The Vikings moved to around midfield on the ensuing drive, but any threat ended when defensive back Abraham Temoney intercepted a pass by quarterback TJ Wise at the SHS 38.

Sumter couldn't move the ball, but a 50-yard punt by Dyson Roberts had the Vikings starting at their 17. Wise, who didn't quarterback against Sumter in the first game, broke off an 11-yard run on the final play of the third quarter.

That would be their final first down of the game. Spring Valley ran just six offensive plays in the fourth quarter.

"I'm happy with the way our defense played," Barnes said. "We made plays when we needed to make plays."

As did the offense in the fourth quarter. Getting the ball back with 7:27 left in the game following a Spring Valley punt, Sumter never gave it back up. It picked up four first downs, the first coming when the Gamecocks got SV to jump off-sides on fourth down and five yards to go at the Vikings 47.

"We knew this wasn't going to be an easy game," Wells said. "Coach said this game was going to be tough. The first game was the fluke. Being the playoffs makes it tough."

After missing out on a scoring opportunity in the red zone on its first possession - losing a fumble on fourth down at the Vikings 4 - Harvin connected with wide receiver Tylee Craft on the first play of the next drive. Craft caught a slant around the Sumter 40 and went the rest of the way for a 58-yard TD pass. Roberts missed the extra point, leaving the score 6-0 with 2:41 left in the first quarter.

The Gamecocks drove 56 yards in 11 plays on the next possession for a touchdown, but they almost came up short in the red zone again. With first down and goal from the 3, Sumter needed four plays to get in the end zone. It fumbled on two of the first three plays, but recovered both.

Wells took a direct snap and went in from two yards out with 7:43 left in the first half. Running back Jonathan Henry threw to tight end Cameron Gaymon to make it 14-0.

"We struggled at times in the red zone tonight," Barnes said.

The Vikings answered with a 10-play, 78-yard scoring drive with running back Anthony Wilson scoring from four yards out. Herrera added the extra point to make it 14-7 with 3:02 left.

Sumter had to punt after three plays, and when Roberts mishandled a somewhat high snap, Spring Valley got the ball at the Gamecock 23. SHS was able to hold though and SV had to settle for a 38-yard field goal by Herrera.

Sumter had 299 yards of total offense, 213 of its coming on the ground. Henry had 27 carries for a tough 90 yards.

Adrian Ross rushed for 78 yards on 14 carries to lead SV. Wise had 62 yards on 20 totes.



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter wide receiver Tylee Craft races down the field on a 58-yard touchdown pass in the Gamecocks' 21-13 victory over Spring Valley on Friday in the 5A state playoffs at Sumter Memorial Stadium. Sumter will host a second-round game on Friday against Byrnes.



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter wide receiver Tony Dinkins-McCall comes down with a catch inbounds during the Gamecocks' 21-13 victory over Spring Valley on Friday in the 5A state playoffs at Sumter Memorial Stadium. Sumter will host a second-round game on Friday against Byrnes, a 57-14 winner over Westside on Saturday.

SPORTS ITEMS



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tennessee linebacker Darrell Taylor (19) celebrates a sack and fumble recovery with teammate linebacker Deandre Johnson (13) in the second half of the Volunteers' 24-7 upset victory over No. 12 Kentucky on Saturday at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Vols continue home mastery of No. 12 Kentucky, win 24-7

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee spoiled this Kentucky team's streak-busting reputation and maintained its home domination of the rivalry.

Jarrett Guarantano threw a 39-yard touchdown pass to Marquez Callaway on the final play of the first half and Darrell Taylor recorded four sacks as Tennessee trounced No. 12 Kentucky 24-7 on Saturday. Tennessee has won its last 17 home games against Kentucky, which hasn't beaten the Volunteers at Neyland Stadium since 1984.

"I think the whole team felt very confident going into this game," Guarantano said. "I know we were struggling last week (a 14-3 victory over Charlotte), but this week was different."

Tennessee (5-5, 2-4 SEC) has reason to feel confident whenever it hosts Kentucky (7-3, 5-3, No. 11 College Football Playoff).

Kentucky had ended one long run of futility earlier this season when it won 27-16 at Florida to snap a 31-game skid in that series. But the Wildcats couldn't reverse their history of frustration in Knoxville.

KUCHAR BUILDS 4-SHOT LEAD AT MAYAKOBA GOLF CLASSIC

PLAYA DEL CARMEN, Mexico — Matt Kuchar had another rough hole and enough birdies to atone for it Saturday, posting a 6-under 65 to open a four-shot lead in the Mayakoba Golf Classic.

Kuchar hit a wild drive

to the right into mangroves on the par-4 14th and had to get up-and-down to salvage a bogey. That was the only big mistake for Kuchar, who is going after his first PGA Tour title in more than four years.

SCOTT MCCARRON LEADS CHARLES SCHWAB CUP

PHOENIX — Scott McCarron moved into position to win the PGA Tour Champions' season points race, birdieing the final two holes Saturday for a one-stroke lead in the Charles Schwab Cup Championship.

McCarron shot a 5-under 66 on another warm and sunny day at Phoenix Country Club. One of six players fighting for the Charles Schwab Cup and a \$1 million annuity, McCarron had an 18-under 195 total.

GABY LOPEZ HANGS ON IN CHINA TO WIN FIRST LPGA TITLE

HAINAN ISLAND, China — Gaby Lopez won her first LPGA Tour event with a 1-over 73 to finish one shot ahead of Ariya Jutanugarn in the Blue Bay tournament in China.

Lopez had bogeys on the last two holes at the Jian Lake Blue Bay Golf Club on Saturday and almost let the title slip away. She finished at 8-under 280.

Playing in a group with Lopez, No. 1-ranked Jutanugarn had a birdie on the final hole to also finish on 73.

From wire reports

SCHSL STATE PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

5A
Upper State
T.L. Hanna 56, Spartanburg 20
Northwestern 54, Boiling Springs 35
Dorman 52, Greenwood 0
Nation Ford 14, Blythewood 5
Rock Hill 51, Laurens 30
Gaffney 26, Woodmont 14
Sumter 21, Spring Valley 13
Byrnes, Westside
Lower State
Dutch Fork 54, South Florence 0
West Ashley 16, Cane Bay 9
West Florence 52, Ashley Ridge 24
Fort Dorchester 61, Wandon
Berkeley 48, Irmo 33
River Bluff 35, Conway 19
Summerville 62, Stratford 7
Carolina Forest 36, Lexington 35

4A
Upper State
Westwood 20, Belton-Honea Path 3
Ridge View 70, Travelers Rest 0
Greer 35, Pickens 6
York 49, Orangeburg-Wilkinson 24
South Pointe 56, Walhalla 19
Daniel 49, Eastside 20
A.C. Flora 44, Lancaster 21
Wren 35, Greenville 14
Lower State
North Augusta 49, Hilton Head 0
Colleton County 36, Lower Richland 22
Hartsville 57, Crestwood 7
Brookland-Cayce 31, Beaufort 30
Wilson 28, Bluffton 3
North Myrtle Beach 52, South Aiken 21
Marlboro County 48, Airport 20
Myrtle Beach 57, Dreher 7

3A
Upper State
Chapman 42, Emerald 28
Camden 52, Seneca 10
Union County 56, Chesnee 13
Indian Land 29, Crescent 14
Fairfield Central at Pendleton
Newberry at Southside
Chester 47, Liberty 20
Broome 38, Woodruff 36
Lower State
Dillon 55, Ridgeland-Hardeeville 0
Swansea 20, Manning 14
May River 41, Lake City 12
Gilbert 33, Georgetown 7
Hanahan 20, Pellon 7
Aynor 55, Battery Creek 26
Strom Thurmond 52, Bishop England 0
Wade Hampton 42, Loris 14

2A
Upper State
Southside Christian 35, Silver Bluff 7
Ninety Six 42, Chesterfield 34
Buford 40, C.A. Johnson 6
Saluda 56, Blacksburg 20
Abbeville 54, Andrew Jackson 13
North Central 41, St. Joseph's 21
Batesburg-Leesville 49, Columbia 13
Central 28, Landrum 0
Lower State
Timberland 34, Kingstree 0
Mullins 40, Woodland 21
Barnwell 42, Andrews 8
Calhoun County 48, Burke 14
Gray Collegiate 43, Latta 21
Bamberg-Ehrhardt 50, Hannah-Pamplico 6

Carvers Bay 46, Garrett 6
Whale Branch 30, Oceanside Collegiate 28

1A
Upper State
Ridge Spring-Monetta 21, Timmons-ville 17
McBee 47, Ware Shoals 6
Williston-Elko 36, McCormick 0
Whitmire 35, Estill 3
Lower State
Branchville 30, Military Magnet 22
Hemingway 34, Scott's Branch 0
St. John's 39, Charleston Math & Science 8

SECOND ROUND

Friday, Nov. 16
5A
Upper State
Northwestern at T.L. Hanna
Nation Ford at Dorman
Gaffney at Rock Hill
Byrnes at Sumter
Lower State
West Ashley at Dutch Fork
Fort Dorchester at West Florence
River Bluff at Berkeley
Carolina Forest at Summerville

4A
Upper State
Westwood at Ridge View
York at Greer
Daniel at South Pointe
Wren at A.C. Flora
Lower State
Colleton County at North Augusta
Brookland-Cayce at Hartsville
Wilson 28 at North Myrtle Beach
Marlboro County at Myrtle Beach

3A
Upper State
Camden at Chapman
Indian Land at Union County
Southside vs. Fairfield Central at Pendleton
Broome at Chester
Lower State
Swansea at Dillon
Gilbert at May River
Aynor at Hanahan
Wade Hampton at Strom Thurmond

2A
Upper State
Ninety Six at Southside Christian
Saluda at Buford
North Central at Abbeville
Batesburg-Leesville at Central
Lower State
Mullins at Timberland
Calhoun County at Barnwell
Bamberg-Ehrhardt at Gray Collegiate
Whale Branch at Carvers Bay

1A
Upper State
Ridge Spring-Monetta at Dixie
McBee 47 at Blackville-Hilda
Williston-Elko at Lamar
Whitmire at Wagener-Salley
Lower State
Branchville at Baptist Hill
Green Sea-Floyds at C.E. Murray
Hemingway at Bethune-Bowman
St. John's at Lake View

SCISA FOOTBALL STATE PLAYOFFS

3A
Semifinals
Friday
Hammond 49, Cardinal Newman 12
First Baptist 28, Porter-Gaud 13
Championship
Saturday, Nov. 17
At Charlie W. Johnson Stadium (Columbia)
First Baptist vs. Hammond, 7:30 p.m.

2A
Semifinals
Friday
Florence Christian 42, Trinity-Byrnes 35
John Paul II 49, Robert E. Lee 6
Championship
Saturday, Nov. 17
At Charlie W. Johnson Stadium (Columbia)
Florence Christian vs. John Paul II, noon

1A
Semifinals
Friday, Nov. 9
Pee Dee 45, Bethesda Academy 28
Thomas Heyward 52, Carolina Academy 30
Championship
Saturday, Nov. 17
At Charlie W. Johnson Stadium (Columbia)
Thomas Heyward vs. Pee Dee, 3:30 p.m.

8-MAN
Semifinals
Friday
Andrew Jackson Academy 38, Clarendon Hall 30
Beaufort Academy 40, Jefferson Davis 30
Championship
Friday, Nov. 16
At Calhoun Academy (St. Matthews)
Andrew Jackson vs. Beaufort Academy, 7:30 p.m.

MANNING

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Two key plays for MHS came at the end of the first half and the beginning of the second half. Both plays appeared to be Monarch scores but both would be negated by penalties. The first came with MHS trying to push across a go-ahead score heading into the break. Facing a fourth down and 17 yards to go at the SHS 22, Monarch quarterback Jack Owens connected with receiver Corey Graham in the end zone, but an illegal shift took the score off the board. With one more shot after the penalty, Owens' pass fell incomplete.

With the score tied at 14-14, Chandler Brunson took the second half opening kickoff, found a seam down the far sidelines and took it all the way for what appeared to be an 81-yard touchdown return. Once again, the points came off the board, this time due to a block in the back that put the Monarchs back at their own 18.

Owens would find a hole around the right end and break off a 44-yard run all the way to the Tiger 38. Just when it seemed the MHS offense had something percolating, a bad snap on a planned pitch to Demont Dennis resulted in an 11-yard loss. The drive would end with Michael Jones intercepting an Owens pass attempt to Graham in the end zone.

On another play that illustrated that it was not the Monarchs' night, Owens slipped on a fourth-and-1 run attempt near midfield, resulting in a 1-yard loss and a turnover on downs. The play gave the Tigers the ball at their 49, setting up a drive that would come up just short as two Keenan Coats end zone pass attempts were completed but took the receivers out of bounds.

The stop set up a 13-play, 73-yard drive that, unfortunately

for the Monarchs, would again end in no points. Three big plays -- a 20-yard pass from Owens to Aaron Smith and Dennis runs of 18 and 11 yards -- helped to get MHS to the SHS 13 but a 40-yard Mason Dingle field goal attempt was low and wide left.

The Monarchs got to the SHS 19 on their next possession before giving the ball back on downs and then had to sweat out a last gasp attempt by the Tigers to win the game in regulation. Coats had two shots from his own 48 in the final eight seconds but could not connect on either pass attempt.

Mistakes came back once again to bite MHS in the extra period, where both teams opened a series at the opposition's 10. Manning lost the coin toss and took the ball first as the Tigers opted to go on defense. Darius Williams ran for a yard on first down before a fumble on the snap resulted in a seven-yard loss and Owens was once again caught in the backfield for a nine-yard loss, setting up a fourth down from the 25.

West elected to go for the end zone rather than attempt another field goal and a defensive pass interference penalty moved the ball to just outside the 12. With one more shot, Owens went back to Smith in the end zone but the Tiger defense broke up the pass, leaving the game still knotted at 14-14.

"I was going for it the whole time," West said. "We missed a field goal earlier and we just felt like we had to get a touchdown."

The Tigers, who advance with a 3-7 record into a second-round matchup at Dillon, took two plays to end the game. After throwing an incomplete pass on first down, Coats found a hole around left end and hit the pylon to break the plane of the end zone and the hearts of the Monarch seniors whose high school football careers had just come to a sudden end with a third



MARK MORGAN / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

Manning running back Demont Dennis, left, runs away from Swansea's Ty Shealy during the Monarchs' 20-14 overtime loss in the opening round of the 3A state playoffs on Friday at Ramsey Stadium in Manning.

straight first-round playoff exit.

"These seniors did a great job for us," West said. "They're a great group of kids, they fought hard for three years for us, they've won a lot of games. We've just come up a little short a few times."

MHS got off to a fast start as Brunson took a handoff on the second play of the Monarchs' opening possession and rambled 57 yards to the SHS

23, setting up a 1-yard Owens run to open up the scoring.

A Dontavious Hilton fumble on a punt set the Tigers up at the MHS 28, and Coats found Jones for the 28-yard touchdown pass four plays later. Coats ran it in for the 2-point conversion to give the Tigers their first lead, 8-7, with 10:23 to go in the half.

In what might have been the MHS highlight of the night, Dennis hauled in an Owens pass off a carom and

turned it into a 47-yard touchdown reception just four plays after SHS had taken the lead.

The final score of the half came with 3:11 to go as Coats ran it in from seven yards out to cap a 6-play, 58-yard drive that featured three Devin White runs for 37 yards. The Tigers went for two but came up short as Tykeem Scipio took a Coats pass and was forced out at the two by a host of Monarch defenders.

KNIGHTS

FROM PAGE B1

started off the game flat and had to punt on its first possession. Hartsville, however, started the game strong and didn't let up until the second half when it put its backups in.

The Red Foxes scored on their first possession with a 46-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Tiyon Evans to senior wide receiver JD Pendergrass. Senior placekicker Caleb Caldwell's extra point was true to put the Red Foxes up 7-0 with 9:12 to go in the first quarter.

However, the Knights did answer with a 39-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Anthony Bradley to senior wide receiver De Ontay Singleton. Sophomore placekicker Gavyn Zimmerman's extra point went

through the uprights with 7:51 to go in the first quarter to tie it up at 7-7.

However, Evans returned the ensuing kickoff for an 82-yard touchdown to put the Red Foxes back in front with 7:34 to go in the first quarter. Caldwell's extra point put Hartsville up 14-7.

This would mark the beginning of the end for Crestwood. The Knights gave up two more touchdowns in the quarter, both runs by Evans for 40 and 50 yards, respectively, and before you could blink, Crestwood found itself in a 28-7 hole after just 12 minutes of play.

"I don't see anyone slowing them down in the lower state," Nelson said of Hartsville.

Evans struck again in the second quarter, this time for a 62-yard touchdown run with 9:48 to go before the

half. Caldwell knocked through the point after to give Hartsville a commanding 35-7 lead.

On Hartsville's next possession, JD Pendergrass broke a 57-yard run to the Crestwood 1-yard-line, and senior running back Collins Bishop would take it in from there. JD Pendergrass bobbled the snap on the extra point, but it didn't matter because he just picked it up and ran it in for a 2-point conversion to put Hartsville up 43-7 with 6:57 to go before the half.

The Red Fox defense came up big as well.

Junior defensive back Zay Peterson picked off Bradley to set Hartsville up at Crestwood's 29-yard-line.

However, Hartsville did nothing with it and was forced to punt.

The Red Foxes would redeem themselves on their next possession with a

57-yard run from Evans, which set up a 6-yard touchdown run for sophomore running back Darian Pendergrass. Caldwell's extra point put the Red Foxes up 50-7 with 17 seconds to go before the half.

"We ran into a better team," Nelson said. "They beat us well in all three phases of the game."

In the third quarter, a running clock was implemented, and both teams turned the ball over on downs.

In the fourth quarter, Hartsville would score again with a 7-yard touchdown run from sophomore running back Darian McMillan. Senior kicker Mike Norris's extra point was good to put Hartsville up 57-7.

"I'm proud of my guys," Nelson said. "We won two out of our last three games. We have our heads held high and we'll get ready for 2019."

OBITUARIES

LINDA G. PETERS

Linda Gayle Hooks Peters, age 56, beloved wife of 40 years to Jeffery Claude Peters, died on Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018, at McLeod Regional Medical Center.

Born in Montgomery, Alabama, she was a daughter of Iris Hooks and the late Walter Hooks. Linda was a dedicated employee of Wally's Hardware for more than 30 years. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and aunt, who loved spending time with her family, especially at the beach.

Surviving in addition to her husband and mother are two daughters, Stephanie Browder and her husband, Cecil, and Jessica Hutson and her husband, Frank, all of Sumter; one brother, David Hooks and his wife, Barbara, of Sumter; one sister, Kimberly Hooks of Camden; and six grandchildren, Tyler Browder, Mason Browder, LJ Wilson, Abby Wilson, Jaxson Hutson and Ian Morris.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. today in the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel with the Revs. Al Sims and Cecil Browder officiating.

The family will receive

friends one hour prior to the service from 2 to 3 p.m. today at Bullock Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 400 Percival Road, P.O. Box 6604, Columbia, SC 29260-6604 or to the ALS Association, P.O. Box 3722, Boone, IA 50037-0022.

You may go to www.bullock-funeralhome.com and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



ALBERT WILSON

BALTIMORE, MD — The services for Mr. Albert Wilson, 80, will be held Monday



WILSON

at 1 p.m. at the Ebenezer AME Church, 119 Sumter St., Mayesville, with the Rev. Phillip L. Washington, Pastor and Officiant. Interment will follow in the Mayesville Community Cemetery.

A public viewing will be held today from 3 to 6 p.m. at the mortuary.

Albert was born on Sept. 1, 1938, to the late Henry and Geneva Robinson Wilson in Mayesville. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Henry Wilson Jr., Robert Wilson and Leroy Wilson, and one sister, Dorothy Williams.

Albert entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018, at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland.

He leaves to cherish his memory: one son, Victor Wilson; one daughter, Patricia Wells; three grandchildren, Brandon Newman, Corey Newman and Shanice Wilson; a sister, Sandra D. (Buford) Wilson; a brother, Donald B. (Beverly) Wilson; two sisters-in-law, Zelda Wilson and Dora Wilson; two caring nieces, Audrey Brown and Teresa Cutting; two special nephews, Bruce Williams and Robert Wilson, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Sandra and Buford Wilson at 87 Hugh Road, Mayesville.

Services have been entrusted to Whites Mortuary LLC.

HEYWARD BLUTHER JR.

BISHOPVILLE — Heyward Blyther Jr. passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2018, at McLeod Hospice House in Florence.

He was the husband of Frances Blyther.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today at St. Matthew Baptist Church in Lucknow. Interment will follow at Corbett Memorial Garden.

Visitation was held on Saturday.

Professional and courteous services have been entrusted to JP Holley Funeral Home, Bishopville Chapel.

CHARLES LEE CUMMINGS JR.

Charles Lee Cummings Jr., 35, was born on June 1, 1983, in Sumter, a son of Charles Lee Cummings Sr. and Dorothy Mae Morrer. He departed this life on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018, in Manning.

He was educated in Sumter and Clarendon counties. He graduated from Manning High School in 2002. He was employed with various companies, however, his passion included detailing cars. At an early age, he was a member of the Bible Church Inc., where he played the drums and was a member of the usher board. He enjoyed making music and was known to his friends as "Cee's." He enjoyed spending time with his kids and hanging out with his friends.

Charles leaves to cherish his precious memories: his parents, Charles Lee (Terry) Cummings Sr. and Dorothy Mae Moorer; one son, Chance Cummings of Timmonsville; three daughters, Dailah Crump of Sumter, and Charliisa and Charleah Cummings of Paxville; one grandparent,

Phillip Moorer; two sisters, Tiffany (Dwayne) Smalls of Sumter and Sylvia (Lorenzo) Vaughn of Columbia; two brothers, Christopher and Aaron Cummings of Sumter and Corey (Suki) Cummings of Atlanta; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephew, cousins and friends.

Public viewing will be held from noon to 5 p.m. today at Job's Mortuary.

Mr. Cummings will be placed in the church at noon on Monday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, with the Rev. Linda Benbow officiating. Interment will follow at Bradford Cemetery.

The family will be receiving friends at the home of his mother, 250 S.C. 261 South, Wedgefield, SC 29168.

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

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

PATRICIA S. BARBER

Patricia S. "Pat" Barber, 77, widow of James Donald "Don" Barber, died Friday, Nov. 9, 2018, at Palmetto Health Baptist.

Services will be announced by Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter.

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HOMEBUYING CREDIT DRAG

A homebuyer's credit score falls by 15 points on average after taking a mortgage out, according to a new study from LendingTree.com, with some scores falling as much as 40 points. It takes an average of 11 months for the credit score to fully recover as long as borrowers make payments on time.

Number of US homes above \$1 million rises sharply

Paul Davidson
USA TODAY

The million-dollar home is no longer such a rare species.

The number of U.S. homes valued at \$1 million or more increased by 400,702 this year, the largest annual rise since the housing price recovery began in 2012, according to a study by real estate research firm Trulia. Slightly more than 3 million homes nationally, or 3.6 percent of the total, are worth at least \$1 million, up from 3.1 percent last year and 1.5 percent in 2012.

Not surprisingly, many of the freshly minted million-dollar units are in California, which already boasts the most in the country. The San Jose and San Francisco metro areas have the largest shares of \$1 million homes and also notched the biggest increases over the past year.

Meanwhile, 29 cities and towns joined those with a median home value of \$1 million or more this year, bringing the total to 201. Nineteen municipalities joined the million-dollar club last year.

They include San Jose, California,



Slightly more than 3 million homes nationally are worth at least \$1 million. JENNIFER MCDERMOTT/AP

whose median value rose from \$930,900 to \$1.09 million; Fremont, California (\$966,000 to \$1.13 million); Burbank, California (\$845,700 to \$1.01 million); Newton, Massachusetts (\$977,200 to \$1.07 million); and Shelter Island, New York (\$903,500 to \$1.15 million)

Trulia senior economist Cheryl Young attributed the big jump to widespread home price increases in recent years, with the median national home price climbing 7.6 percent the past year to \$220,100. The median, or midpoint, of all home prices is up 45.3 percent since 2012. Housing demand has been strong while supplies are low, driving values higher.



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HOW NOT TO BLOW ASKING FOR A RAISE

Don't hope for kindness, prove you're worth it

Maurie Backman
The Motley Fool

Though asking for a raise takes guts, it pays to push yourself outside your comfort zone and do it. Seventy percent of workers who ask for a higher salary are successful to some degree, according to new data from PayScale, and 39 percent who request more money get the exact increase they ask for.

The way you approach the raise discussion could spell the difference between scoring a salary increase and getting flat-out denied. Here are a few things you should never do when negotiating a raise at work:

Go in without salary data: Throwing a random number at your boss is hardly effective. Rather than just land on a figure you'd like to be making, present a number that reflects what you should be making. Invest some time beforehand in digging up some statistics. If you're not sure where to start, job site Glassdoor has a "Know Your Worth" tool that lets you research salary data based on industry, job title and geographic location.

Catch your boss off-guard: A salary boost – especially a significant one – is not the sort of request you want to make on the fly. One of the biggest blunders you can make when negotiating salary is bringing it up to your boss in passing at the watercooler, or in the elevator when you're both on your way out. You'll need to present a clear, compelling case for a raise if you want your manager to consider one, so to that end, schedule a meeting with your boss and make its subject matter clear from the get-go. Your manager

won't feel ambushed and will be more receptive.

Get emotional: Being dissatisfied with your earnings is frustrating, but letting your emotions get the better of you can derail an otherwise productive salary negotiation. Before you go into that meeting, take some time to practice breathing exercises, get some fresh air, or do whatever it'll take to keep you from losing your cool at the worst possible time. The more professional you are when presenting your argument, the more likely you are to get your boss to see things your way.

Use personal hardships as the basis for your request: Maybe you just had a baby, bought a new house, or encountered a costly vehicle repair. While those things may have brought forth some financial challenges, the reality is that they have nothing to do with your performance at work. In fact, bringing up personal hardships as a means of justifying a raise is a good way to turn your manager off, so rather than attempt to guilt your boss into giving you a pay boost, focus on the ways you add value to your company instead. Maybe you possess certain skills that your peers don't, or you're that person who's often called upon to log on late at night to fix tech emergencies. Talking up your job-related contributions is far more effective and, frankly, appropriate, than introducing personal money problems into the mix.

We all want to make more money at work, but there's a right way and a foolish way to go about it. Avoid these mistakes, and with any luck, your paycheck will grow after that tough but necessary conversation.

Tax pros offer some tips for members of the military

Tina Orem
NerdWallet

Military life is extraordinary in many respects; even the taxes are different. Here are five tips the pros say can help members of the military and their families at tax time – including a few for veterans, too.

Keep records of your moving expenses: The recent changes to the tax law suspended the tax break for moving expenses in 2018 – but not for active-duty military members who have orders to relocate.

"A lot of soldiers and their families are moving, say, once every three or four years. So if you (expand) 25 years in, you could literally make eight moves. And then if you're moving overseas, that becomes quite expensive," says Robert Clark, a certified public accountant in Key West, Florida, who specializes in military tax services.

According to the IRS, if your reimbursements or allowances are less than your actual moving expenses, you probably can exclude them from income. Expenses that are more than your reimbursements are generally deductible.

Scrutinize your pay records: Regular military pay is usually subject to federal income tax, but combat pay generally isn't. Other types of compensation and allowances may be excluded from income for federal tax purposes, too. IRS Publication 3 has the details.

Check your Leave and Earnings Statement, or LES, to make sure your earnings are accurately reported, says Hannah Bigej, a CPA in Lake Oswego, Oregon. "It's not uncommon for that to have errors in it," she says.

Be choosy about tax prep and look for discounts: Find an experienced tax professional with the resources to do tax returns for military families and meet before year-end, while you still have time to make adjustments, says Brian Murray, a CPA in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Also, some software providers and even Uncle Sam offer breaks on tax software. The IRS' Free File program offers free software to people with adjusted gross income below certain thresholds, and the Military One-Source MilTax program can connect service members with free software and human help.

Embrace your home sales: The IRS typically allows people to exclude up to \$250,000 of capital gains on the sale of a house (\$500,000 for joint filers), though getting that tax break usually requires owning and living in the house for at least two of the five years before the sale. Military members usually don't have to meet the five-year test if they're on qualified official extended duty, Clark says.

Check your state residency status: Your state residency status, even if only on paper, can determine which state's tax rules apply to your income. State residency is also important for veterans, Bigej says. Some states don't tax military retirement pay, for example; others may give breaks on property taxes.

"You really want to pay attention to that LES and make sure that it has the right state on it," Bigej says. Also, research your state's military-related tax rules, and tell your tax preparer you were or are in the military.

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JAE YANG, PAUL TRAP/USA TODAY

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow Jones industrial average ▲718.47 week ▲5.14% YTD ▲13.33% 1 year	S&P 500 ▲57.95 week ▲4.02% YTD ▲9.72% 1 year	Gold Ounce, Comex ▼1.35% Friday close 1,225.10 306,521 Prev close Volume	Oil Light sweet crude ▼0.79% Friday close 60.67 798,290 Prev close Volume	Euro Dollars per euro ▼0.24% Friday close 1.1363 ▼5.57% Prev. close YTD	Yen Yen per dollar ▼0.21 Friday close 114.0700 ▲1.01% Prev close YTD
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Cooking at home cheaper, but not all can

For many, time savings, entertainment worth it



Pete the Planner

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USA TODAY

Pete:

You need to reveal a hidden expense that can easily be stopped. That expense is eating out. All over America, at every income level, people who shouldn't eat out are. Cooking at home every day, three times per day, is a lost art. Bring bagged lunches to work and school. No more swinging by restaurants to pick up carry-out on the way home.

— Dan, Florida

I passed my driver's test in December of 1993. Sixteen, excited, and ready for the freedom that came with a little piece of plastic adorned with a grainy photo of a freckled face, I drove to my best friend's house, picked him up, and we went to our favorite fast-food restaurant. We had food at home, we had time. But when moved by the spirit of freedom and choice, we chose to commemorate a monumental moment by spending \$18 on double-bacon cheeseburgers, cheese fries and chocolate shakes.

This is the complexity of choosing to dine out over cooking at home.

Don't get me wrong, I agree with you, Dan. Choosing to spend money on something you don't need is fundamentally a poor decision. But for better or worse, the fast-paced nature of life today makes home-prepped meals more unrealistic than you'd like. And for some, dining behavior can be influenced by the availability of fresh food in the area in which they live.

People dine out for several reasons, but I find all of them fall into two main categories: entertainment and convenience.

I am tickled when a chef can make simple ingredients taste like magic. How can a piece of fish taste fine when I make it, but transform into an ethereal experience when prepared by a master? Whatever the answer, I'm willing to pay for that moment. I'm also willing to pay to watch a group of relative strangers place a sombrero on my kid's head and



Don't let dining out lead to laziness, but it's good to be entertained. GETTY IMAGES

sing "Feliz Cumpleaños" off key. In fact, I place moments like these in my entertainment budget, and you should, too.

But convenience is an entirely different story, one that tempts us all with the slipperiest of slopes.

Convenience is when a person chooses to exchange money for time. On the way home from your kid's soccer, gymnastics or falconry lessons, you decided you weren't willing to spend time preparing a meal when you got home. And you certainly didn't spend time preparing one before you left. Instead, you paid money to save time.

But food convenience has gone too far. From purchasing pre-made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches with the crust cut off to pre-peeled garlic, you have to wonder how much time we're really saving. I mean, spend 90 seconds peeling the stinking garlic yourself and save yourself a couple of bucks.

I chose to answer this particular question this week as a catharsis. I fancy myself a learned financial mind. So why do I consistently have food de-

livered to my house, at a fee, when I could drive the two miles and five minutes to secure it myself? In this area of my life, I'm lazy. I'm not proud of it, but I'm willing to admit to it.

If, upon inspection, a person feels as though they're not accomplishing their financial goals because of the amount of money they spend on food, then obviously further scrutiny is needed. However, it's been my experience that most folks simply don't have hard and fast financial goals; therefore, overspending on food can't be blamed for a lack of success, because success is undefined. If I were to tie my desire to keep my kids from having student loans to the pizza I pick up on the way home from soccer, we'd likely just have a can of soup when we got home.

But I ... I just can't. Does that make me a hypocrite? I don't know. Although I can say with certainty that my well-established financial goals aren't impacted by my dining habits, that doesn't mean I should feel justified in objectively lazy acts.

My assertion is most people who spend too much on dining out do so because of their relationship with convenience. Spending money to save time isn't always a good idea. I'm personally reflecting on this idea as I write it. Thousands of articles have been written about meal prep, meal planning and cheap eating. And it would behoove Americans to adopt healthier practices in these areas. But none of it matters if definitive financial goals aren't in place to counterbalance our urge to live a convenient life.

Dan, your suggestion is correct, to the point and indisputable. But when you wrote "easily ... stopped," well, easy is in the eye of the beholder. That's the frustrating part about human behavior: We often act in ways that don't make a lot of sense.

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4 steps to getting richer by the end of the year

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The Motley Fool

The end of the year is drawing near, which means that it's time to focus on your finances if you haven't been doing so over the past 10 months. If your goal is to close out the year richer than you started off, here are a few key moves to make right now.

1. Create a budget

Sometimes we don't realize we're wasting money until we see the amount we're throwing away laid out before us on a spreadsheet. And there lies the case for creating a budget. Without one, you might have no idea where your paycheck goes month after month, but once you have that budget in place, you'll be able to more easily identify ways to reduce your spending. From there, you can start cutting corners, thereby freeing up more money to bank.

2. Get yourself a side hustle

Side hustles have grown increasingly common, and the holiday season is the perfect time to snag a second gig and bring in some extra cash in the process. Businesses tend to need more hands on deck as consumer activity really picks up, so if you've been struggling to find the right side hustle thus far, take the opportunity to secure an additional income stream.

3. Negotiate a raise

It's common for raises to kick in once a new year begins, but if you're worthy of an increase beforehand, why force yourself to wait that long? If you've recently completed a major project at work or taken on additional responsibilities, then it pays to sit your boss down and make the case for a raise.

The same holds true if you research salary data for your job title and find that you're being paid less than the typical worker with your qualifications. And if you're hesitant to broach the topic, consider this: PayScale reports that



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70 percent of workers who ask for a raise get some sort of bump, while nearly 40 percent wind up with the exact boost they request.

4. Step up retirement funding

Maybe you've been neglecting your retirement savings and spending your money elsewhere. Or maybe you've been contributing steadily to an IRA or 401(k), but feel you can do better. Either way, boosting your savings rate over the next couple of months is a good way to end 2018 with a lot more money to your name.

Not only will ramping up your contributions increase your nest egg balance, but it'll put more cash in your pocket in the form of tax savings. That's because traditional IRA and 401(k) contributions get to go in tax-free, so for every extra dollar you save in either type of account, you'll shield just a bit more income from the IRS.

Imagine you're able to sock away an extra \$1,000 for retirement over the next couple of months. If your effective tax rate is 25 percent, that'll translate into \$250 in tax savings. Talk about a win-win.

Ending the year with more money than you started out with is a respectable goal. Make these moves and your odds of achieving it will be even higher.

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Don't give hackers access to your bank account



Tech Talk

Kim Komando

You need to assume that your password isn't strong enough. You might as well believe that someone, somewhere, is working around the clock to break into your accounts and steal your money, your identity and anything else you have. Because it's essentially true.

Maybe you've taken precautions. You use security software. You have set up your router's security so hackers cannot access every device on your network, get your passwords or use your systems as a bot in their attacks.

But you're far from done. Hackers are smart and always on the move.

Here are five simple solutions:

Don't make common mistakes with passwords: Millions of people are sitting ducks because of insecure passwords such as 12345678 or Password. They also use the same password for multiple sites.

A password has to contain a random collection of letters (uppercase and lowercase), numbers and symbols, it has to be eight characters or longer, and you have to create a unique password for every account.

That's a tall order. While something like "Tl|_|\$,BwwB2RFB" is really strong, it isn't easy to remember. Or is it? Let me show you how I came up with it.

Start by thinking up a random sentence. Use a catchphrase, quote or even a song lyric. I chose a lyric from a Bruce Springsteen song: "Tramps like us, baby we were born to run."

I took the first character from each word to get "tlu,bwwbtr". Not bad, but it could be better. So, I added some symbols in place of similar letters. U becomes |_|, the "to" from the original lyric becomes 2. Then, I capitalized a few of the letters to make a strong password that I can easily remember: "Tl|_|\$,BwwB2R".

Once you have that you can tweak the same password for multiple accounts. For Facebook, you could make

it "Tl|_|\$,BwwB2RFB." Amazon can be "AmzTl|_|\$,BwwB2R".

Make it harder for hackers to crack the code: Hackers can figure out your password, but they can't figure out the secret, one-time code that your bank texts to you. Two-factor authentication is a powerful security method because hackers would have to physically steal your phone, enter the correct password, and then enter that secret code. In the wake of large-scale hacks, most major accounts offer two-factor authentication, from social media to banks.

Keep track of all your pennies: Most of us have at least one bank account (and often more) plus credit accounts, PayPal and other depositories for our money. It's easier to keep track of your business finances if all these accounts are aggregated in one place, right in front of your eyes.

These days that means an app such as Intuit's Mint. The Mint app, and others like it, can help you set budgets and manage your bills. You can also get reminders to pay bills when they're due.

Know your credit score: Your credit score will tell you a lot about hackers. If you see anything suspicious on them, such as credit-card accounts you didn't open, you can alert whichever credit bureau is reporting it, whether it's Experian, Equifax or TransUnion.

You can check free sites such as the Discover credit-card site, which says, "You don't have to be our customer, and there's no ding to your credit."

The important thing is to check your credit reports. You should start with the three credit bureaus, each of which gives you one free report every year.

Freeze your credit: Hackers will have a tough time accessing your personal information if you've asked the credit bureaus to freeze your credit — you can't access it, either, unless you ask them to unfreeze it.

The federal government mandates that you can freeze your credit for free by calling the credit bureaus, Experian, Equifax and TransUnion. They must do this within one business day of your request by phone or on their websites.

You can listen to the *Kim Komando Show* on your phone, tablet or computer.

SUNDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 11

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	Football Night in America (N) (Live)		(:20) NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at Philadelphia Eagles. The Eagles host the Cowboys. Dallas seeks its first road victory of the season, a performance in stark contrast to its 2017 campaign when it finished 6-2 away from home. The Eagles look to win back-to-back contests for the first time in 2018. (N) (Live)		WIS News 10 at 11 (N)		RightThisMinute (N)							
WLTX	19	9	9	NFL Football Seattle Seahawks at Los Angeles Rams.	60 Minutes (N)	God Friended Me "The Prodigal Son" Miles must confront family secrets. (N)		NCIS: Los Angeles "One of Us" Callen visits Agent Kolchek in prison. (N) (DVS)	Madam Secretary "Ejafajallajokull" Henry gives Alison advice. (N)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	NCIS: New Orleans "The List"						
WOLO	25	5	12	America's Funniest Home Videos Wedding fails; a son eats horseradish. (N) (DVS)	Dancing With the Stars: Juniors "Juniors Choice" The seven remaining kids compete. (N) (Live)		20/20 "Becoming Michelle: A First Lady's Journey With Robin Roberts" Michelle Obama talks about her memoir. (N)		Country Music's Biggest Stars: In the Spotlight With Robin Roberts: Interview with country music stars.	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	Never Fear Power Outages	Elementary Shinwell is framed for a gang killing.					
WRJA	27	11	14	Downton Abbey on Masterpiece Rosamund arrives at Downton. (DVS)	The Durrells in Corfu on Masterpiece Larry invites Henry Miller to stay. (N)		Poldark on Masterpiece George dotes on Elizabeth. (N)		The Woman in White Fosco and Percival's plan. (N)	Growing a Greener World	Art Wolfe's Travels to the Edge	The Durrells in Corfu on Masterpiece					
WACH	57	6	6	Last Man Standing Mike and Vanessa await Eve's return.	Bob's Burgers "V for Valentine-detta" (DVS)	The Simpsons "From Russia Without Love" (N)	(:28) Bob's Burgers "Bobby Driver" (N) (DVS)	Family Guy "Stand by Meg" (N) (DVS)	(:27) Rel Rel tries to reunite Dad's band. (N)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N)	Gamecock Football With Coach Will Muschamp	Sports Zone: 5th Quarter	NFL GameDay Prime (N) (Live)				
WKTC	63	4	22	How I Met Your Mother "Say Cheese"	How I Met Your Mother Marshall is mugged.	Supergirl "Parasite Lost" Haley makes a surprising decision. (N)		Charmed "Other Women" Mel is worried about Niko's safety. (N)		Family Guy "Episode VI: It's a Trap"	Family Guy "Episode VI: It's a Trap"	Bob's Burgers "Thanks-hoarding" (DVS)	Bob's Burgers "Bleakening Part 1" (DVS)	Movie			
CABLE CHANNELS																	
A&E	46	130	(:5:30) ** "Con Air" (1997, Action) Nicolas Cage, John Cusack.		** "Armageddon" (1998, Science Fiction)		Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton, Liv Tyler. A hero tries to save Earth from an asteroid.		(:04) ** "The Transporter Refueled" (2015, Action) Ed Skrein.		(:12:03) "The Transporter Refueled"						
AMC	48	180	(:6:48) The Walking Dead "The Obligated" Rick's vision of a future is threatened.		(:7:52) The Walking Dead "What Comes After" Rick struggles to maintain safety.		The Walking Dead "Who Are You Now?" Survivors encounter unfamiliar faces. (N)		(:20) Talking Dead (N)		(:20) The Walking Dead Survivors encounter unfamiliar faces.						
ANPL	41	100	Crikey! It's the Irwins "Tiger Eyes"		Crikey! It's the Irwins (N)		Amanda to the Rescue (N)		Into Alaska "The Salmon Are Coming!"		Scaled "Princess and the Python"		Amanda-Res.				
BET	61	162	(:5:57) *** "Southside With You" (2016) Tika Sumpter, Parker Sawyers.		(:7:58) *** "The Color Purple" (1985, Drama) Whoopi Goldberg, Danny Glover, Margaret Avery. Based on Alice Walker's portrait of a rural black woman.								Martin "The Bodyguard"				
BRAVO	47	181	The Real Housewives of Atlanta NeNe fights alongside Gregg.		The Real Housewives of Atlanta The women touch down in Miami. (N)		El People's Choice Awards: The El People's Choice Awards. (Live)				Watch What Happens Live	The Real Housewives of Atlanta The women touch down in Miami.					
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank		Shark Tank (DVS)		Deal or No Deal: Back in Business		Undercover Boss: Celebrity Edition		Undercover Boss: Celebrity Edition		Undercover				
CNN	3	80	CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)		CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)		Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown		(:15) This Is Life With Lisa Ling (N)		(:15) Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown		Anthony Bourd.				
COM	57	136	(:5:45) *** "Dodgoball: A True Underdog Story" (2004) Vince Vaughn.		(:7:55) *** "Wedding Crashers" (2005, Comedy) Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn, Christopher Walken.		Partygoers spend a wild weekend with a politician's family.		South Park "Towelie"		South Park "Tegridy Farms"		(:12:05) South Park				
DISN	18	200	"The Swap" (2016, Comedy) Peyton List, Jacob Bertrand. Two high school athletes magically swap bodies.		(:40) Coop & Cami Ask the World		(:05) Raven's Home		Raven's Home		Star Wars Resistance (N)		Coop & Cami Ask the World	Raven's Home	Bizaardvark		
DSC	42	103	Alaska: The Last Frontier		Alaska: The Last Frontier Exposed (N)		Alaska: The Last Frontier (N)		(:02) Wolves and Warriors "Welcome to the Wolf Sanctuary / A Wolf Romance"				Alaska				
ESPN	26	35	MLS Soccer		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		Who's In?		Earn Everything		World/Poker		SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter			
ESPN2	27	39	CFL Football		Women's College Basketball Baylor vs Arizona State. (N) (Live)				Formula 1 Racing		Heineken Grand Prix of Brazil.			Football Final			
FOOD	40	109	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Ultimate Thanksgiving Challenge (N)		Worst Cooks in America (N)		Beat Bobby Flay		Beat Bobby Flay	Thanksgiving			
FOXN	37	90	FOX News Sunday With Chris Wallace		OBJECTIFIED (N)		The Next Revolution With Steve Hilton		Life, Liberty & Levin (N)		OBJECTIFIED		Revolution				
FREE	20	131	(:6:35) ** "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000) Jim Carrey, Jeffrey Tambor. A curmudgeon hates the Christmas-loving Whos of Whoville.				(:15) *** "The Incredibles" (2004, Children's) Voices of Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter, Samuel L. Jackson. Animated. A former superhero gets back into action.						(:11:55) "Norm of the North" (2016)				
FSS	21	47	College Basketball Evansville at Xavier. From Cintas Center in Cincinnati.				Hawks Pregame		NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Los Angeles Lakers. From Staples Center in Los Angeles. (N) (Live)				Hawks Postgame				
HALL	52	183	(:6:00) "The Christmas Cottage" (2017) Merritt Patterson, Steve Lund.		"Christmas in Love" (2018, Romance) Brooke D'Orsay, Daniel Lissing, Carolina Bartczak. Premiere. Ellie must decide if she should trust a big city CEO.		"Christmas Getaway" (2017, Romance) Bridget Regan, Travis Van Winkle, Raven Stewart. A travel writer decides to go on a Christmas trip, alone.						"Christmas Connection" (2017)				
HGTV	39	112	Beach Bargain		Beach Bargain		Bahamas Life (N)		Bahamas Life (N)		Caribbean Life (N)		Hunters Int'l	Bahamas Life			
HIST	45	110	American Pickers "Mike's Big Buy"		Truck Night in America (N)		American Restoration "Truck Edition"		Rescue Trucks		Rescue Trucks		(:02) Counting Cars	(:32) Counting Cars	Truck Night		
ION	13	18	NCIS: Los Angeles "Blye, K." Kensi Blye is accused of murder.		NCIS: Los Angeles "Blye, K., Part 2" The team searches for evidence.		Private Eyes "The Frame Job" Shade and Angie investigate a scandal.		NCIS: Los Angeles A shooting outside of a consulate. (DVS)		NCIS: Los Angeles "Vengeance" The death of a Navy officer. (DVS)		NCIS: Los Angeles "Patriot Acts"				
LIFE	50	145	(:6:00) "The Perfect Mother" (2018) Sunny Mabrey, Audrey Whitby.		"Seduced by My Neighbor" (2018, Suspense) Andrea Bogart, Trevor St. John. Premiere. A neighborhood watchman stalks a single mom.				You "Bluebeard's Castle" Beck's deepest truths are revealed.		(:08) "Seduced by My Neighbor" (2018) Andrea Bogart. A neighborhood watchman stalks a single mom.						
MSNBC	36	92	Kasie DC (N)		Kasie DC (N)		Headliners		Headliners		Dateline Extra "Silent Witness"		Lockup: Raw				
NICK	16	210	Henry Danger		Henry Danger		SpongeBob		SpongeBob		Friends		Friends	(:35) Friends	(:12:10) Friends		
PARMT	64	153	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue "Casually Tapped Out"		Bar Rescue "Daddy Dearest"		Bar Rescue "Phishing for Answers"		Bar Rescue "Listen Y'all It's Sabotage"		Bar Rescue		
SYFY	58	152	(:6:30) ** "San Andreas" (2015, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Carla Gugino. A rescue pilot must save his family after an earthquake. (DVS)				El People's Choice Awards: The El People's Choice Awards. (Live)				Futurama "Fear of a Bot Planet"		(:31) Futurama		(:12:01) Futurama		
TBS	24	156	(:5:30) ** "The Intern" (2015, Comedy) Robert De Niro. (DVS)		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Book "Killer Party" *** "My Best Friend's Wedding" (1997) Julia Roberts.		
TCM	49	186	(:5:15) *** "The Guns of Navarone" (1961, War) Gregory Peck.		*** "The Longest Day" (1962, War) John Wayne, Robert Mitchum, Henry Fonda. Allied forces invade WWII Normandy on D-Day.								(:15) *** "The D.I." (1957) Jack Webb, Don Dubbins. A fast-paced look at Marine recruits in basic training.				
TLC	43	157	(:6:00) 90 Day Fiancé (N)		90 Day Fiancé "I Know What You Did" Leida's family arrives in NYC. (N)								My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding		90 Day Fiancé		
TNT	23	158	*** "Sully" (2016, Drama) Tom Hanks, Aaron Eckhart, Valerie Mahaffey. Heroic pilot Chesley Sullenberger faces an investigation. (DVS)				The Last Ship "Commitment" Chandler faces his greatest threat.		(:02) The Last Ship "Commitment" Chandler faces his greatest threat.		(:04) ** "The Finest Hours" (2016) Chris Pine. The Coast Guard battles a storm to rescue trapped sailors.						
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers "G.I. Jokers"		Impractical Jokers		
TV LAND	55	161	Reba		Reba		Love-Raymond		Love-Raymond		Two and Half Men		Two and Half Men		King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens
USA	25	132	(:6:10) *** "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" (2011, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe. Harry may have to make the ultimate sacrifice. (DVS)		Hallows: Part 2" (2011, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe. Harry may have to make the ultimate sacrifice. (DVS)		El People's Choice Awards: The El People's Choice Awards. (Live)				Modern Family (DVS)		Modern Family "Wine Weekend"		Modern Family "Pig Moon Rising"		
WE	68	166	Law & Order "Cradle to Grave"		Law & Order "The Fertile Fields"		Law & Order "Intolerance"		Law & Order "Silence"		Law & Order "Working Stiff"		Law & Order				
WGNA	8	172	Married ... With		Married ... With		Married ... With		Married ... With		Married ... With		Married ... With		Person of Interest		

MONDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 12

SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM				
LOCAL CHANNELS																
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	The Voice "Live Playoffs Top 24" The top 24 artists perform live. (N) (Live)		Manifest "S.N.A.F.U." Ben searches for 11 missing passengers. (N)		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)	The Neighborhood	Happy Together	Magnum P.I. "Die He Said" A man hires Magnum to find his brother. (N)	Bull "But for the Grace" Bull takes on a pro bono client. (N)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert					
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "GAC Washington, D.C." (N)	Jeopardy! "Teen Tournament" (N)	Dancing With the Stars "Semi-Finals" (N) (Live)		The Good Doctor "Hubert" Brothers bargain over life and death. (N)		ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live					
WRJA	27	11	14	Globe Trekker "Myanmar" Shwedagon Pagoda; Inle Lake. (DVS)		Antiques Roadshow "Charleston" A Newcomb College vase circa 1905. (Part 3 of 3)		Antiques Roadshow "The Civil War Years" Historical items from the battlefield.	Independent Lens "What Lies Upstream" Massive chemical spill in West Virginia. (DVS)			Amanpour and Company (N)				
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Resident "00:42:30" A blackout causes trouble for the staff. (DVS)		9-1-1 "Under Pressure" The first responders feel the pressure. (DVS)		WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)			
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing "Trick or Treat"	Last Man Standing "Bridezilla vs. the Baxters"	Arrow "The Demon" Felicity learns something about Oliver. (N)		DC's Legends of Tomorrow "Wet Hot American Summer" The Legends must find missing kids. (N)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Conscience" A researcher is found poisoned.	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Ill-Bred" Horse veterinarian is murdered.	The Game Melanie must move out.				
CABLE CHANNELS																
A&E	46	130	The First 48 "Dangerous Business" A teen is killed in a robbery gone bad.		The First 48 A teenager dies saving his friend.		The First 48 "Cruel Summer" Gunmen open fire on a porch.		(:01) The First 48 "Lost Boys" A grandmother is gunned down.		(:04) The First 48 Woman on the run; Army veteran killed.		(:12:03) The First 48			
AMC	48	180	(:5:00) *** "Inside Man" (2006) Denzel Washington, Clive Owen.		** "Shooter" (2007, Suspense) Mark Wahlberg, Michael Peña, Danny Glover. A wounded sniper plots revenge against those who betrayed him.				** "The Taking of Pelham 123" (2009, Action) Denzel Washington. Criminals hijack a New York subway train.							
ANPL	41	100	North Woods Law "When Duty Calls"		North Woods Law: Lone Star Law		Into Alaska (N)		Into Alaska		North Woods Law		Into Alaska			
BET	61	162	(:6:00) *** "Set It Off" (1996, Action) Jada Pinkett, Queen Latifah, Vivica A. Fox. Desperation drives four women to bank-robbery.				** "White Chicks" (2004, Comedy) Shawn Wayans, Marlon Wayans, Jaime King. Two male FBI agents pose as female social-ites.						Martin			
BRAVO	47	181	The Real Housewives of Orange County The women climb a waterfall.		The Real Housewives of Orange County Duelling plastic surgeries.		The Real Housewives of Orange County "Friends and Enemies" (N)		The Real Housewives of Orange County "Friends and Enemies"		Watch What Happens Live	The Real Housewives of Orange County "Friends and Enemies"	American Greed			
CNBC	35	84	American Greed "Shipwrecked"		American Greed "Wild West Rip-Off"		American Greed		American Greed: Deadly Rich (N)		American Greed		American Greed			
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)		Anderson Cooper			
COM	57	136	(:6:50) The Office "Mafia"		(:25) The Office "The Lover"		The Office "Koi Pond"	The Office "Double Date"	The Office "Murder"	The Office "Shareholders Meeting"	The Office "The Banker"	The Office "Sabre"	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	(:31) The Office An attitude adjustment.	(:12:01) South Park	
DISN	18	200	Coop & Cami Ask the World		Coop & Cami Ask the World		Raven's Home	Coop & Cami Ask the World	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Bizaardvark	
DSC	42	103	Street Outlaws: Memphis		Street Outlaws: Memphis: Full Throttle		Street Outlaws: Memphis (N)		(:01) Race Night at Bowman Gray (N)		To Be Announced		Brake Room (N)	Street		
ESPN	26	35	(:6:00) Monday Night Countdown (N)		(:15) NFL Football New York Giants at San Francisco 49ers. (N) (Live)		College Basketball Vermont at Kansas. From Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan.				Vans Park Series (N)		Coll. Football Live			
ESPN2	27	39	College Basketball Stanford at North Carolina. (N) (Live)				Holiday Baking Championship		Holiday Baking Championship (N)		Christmas Cookie Challenge (N)		Ultimate Thanksgiving Challenge	Holiday Baking		
FOOD	40	109	Christmas Cookie Challenge		Holiday Baking Championship		Holiday Baking Championship (N)		Christmas Cookie Challenge (N)		Ultimate Thanksgiving Challenge		Holiday Baking			
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)		Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)		Hannity (N)		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News at Night with Shannon		Tucker Carlson			
FREE	20	131	(:6:10) *** "The Incredibles" (2004, Children's) Voices of Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter. Animated. A former superhero gets back into action.				(:8:50) *** "Ice Age: Continental Drift" (2012) Voices of Ray Romano, John Leguizamo. Premiere. Manny and friends explore a new world.				The 700 Club		** "Dennis the Menace" (1993)			
FSS	21	47	Power of Sports		Power of Sports		College Basketball Prairie View A&M at Baylor. (N) (Live)		College Basketball Evansville at Xavier. From Cintas Center in Cincinnati.				College Basketball			
HALL	52	183	(:6:00) "Snow Bride" (2013, Drama) Katrina Law, Jordan Belfi.		"12 Gifts of Christmas" (2015, Romance) Katrina Law, Aaron O'Connell, Donna Mills. An executive hires an artist to do his Christmas shopping.		"Christmas Joy" (2018, Romance) Danielle Panabaker, Matthew Long. An ambitious businesswoman runs into an old flame.						"The Mistletoe Inn" (2017)			
HGTV	39	112	Love It or List It "Site Unseen"		Love It or List It "Kitchen Catastrophe"		Love It or List It (N)		House Hunters (N)		Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Love It or List It		
HIST	45	110	Oak Island: Digging Deeper		The Curse of Oak Island: Digging Deeper (Season Premiere) (N)						The Curse of Oak Island: Drilling Down		Digging Deeper			
ION	13	18	Criminal Minds "P911" A pornographer tries to auction a child.		Criminal Minds "The Perfect Storm" Investigating a series of murders.		Criminal Minds "Psychodrama" The team must profile a bank robber.		Criminal Minds "The Aftermath" Critical decision.		Criminal Minds "North Mammon" Three college athletes disappear.		Criminal Minds "The Boogeyman"			
LIFE	50	145	(:6:00) ** "A Nanny for Christmas" (2010) Emmanuelle Vaugier.		"Wrapped Up in Christmas" (2017, Romance) Tatyana Ali, Brendan Fehr, Kim Fields. Molly asks the mall Santa to find a boyfriend for her aunt.				(:03) "Four Christmases and a Wedding" (2017, Romance) Arielle Kebbel, Markie Post. Something magical may finally bring a couple together.				(:12:01) "Wrapped Up in Christmas"			
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	The Loud House		The Loud House		Henry Danger	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends "Pilot"	Friends	Friends	Friends	
PARMT	64	153	Friends		Friends		** "The Expendables 2" (2012, Action) Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham, Jet Li.				** "The Expendables 3" (2014) Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham.					
SYFY	58	152	"Pirates of the Caribbean"		*** "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" (2001, Children's) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson. J.K. Rowling's student wizard has his first adventure. (DVS)				Family Guy "Total Recall"		Family Guy "Save the Clam"	Family Guy "Farmer Guy"	Family Guy (DVS)	Final Space "Chapter Five"	Seinfeld (DVS)	Seinfeld (DVS)
TBS	24	156	Family Guy "Call Girl"		Family Guy "Turban Cowboy"		Family Guy (DVS)	Family Guy "Bigfat"	Family Guy "Total Recall"	Family Guy "Save the Clam"	Family Guy "Farmer Guy"	Family Guy (DVS)	Final Space "Chapter Five"	Seinfeld (DVS)	Seinfeld (DVS)	
TCM	49	186	(:6:30) ** "Hi, Nellie!" (1934) Paul Muni, Glenda Farrell, Ned Sparks.		* "Smart Blonde" (1936) Glenda Farrell, Barton MacLane.		(:15) ** "Adventurous Blonde" (1937) Glenda Farrell. A female reporter and her policeman fiance solve a crime.		** "Fly-Away Baby" (1937, Crime Drama) Glenda Farrell.				(:45) ** "Blondes at Work" (1938) Glenda Farrell, Barton MacLane.			
TLC	43	157	Long Island Medium (N)		Long Island Medium "Sitcom Spirits"		Mama Medium (N)		Long Lost Family (N)				Long Island Medium "The Reunion"	Island Medium		
TNT	23	158	(:6:30) *** "3 Days to Kill" (2014, Action) Kevin Costner, Amber Heard, Hailee Steinfeld. A dying agent must accomplish one final mission.				*** "Sully" (2016, Drama) Tom Hanks, Aaron Eckhart, Valerie Mahaffey. Heroic pilot Chesley Sullenberger faces an investigation. (DVS)				The Alienist Kreizler and Moore travel to Washington. (DVS)					
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers		
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	
USA	25	13														

REFLECTIONS

Veterans honored at Military Display

Reflections pays tribute to the Sumter veterans who have served our country. Many of their images are housed at the Military Display, a facility in the Clyburn Intermodal Transportation Center at 129 S. Harvin St., Suite No. 2.



Sammy Way
REFLECTIONS

The residents of Sumter are invited to visit the display, which will open in recognition of our veterans from 1 to 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 12, and view thousands of photos of the heroes that served in the protection and defense of our nation. In addition, the building houses countless memorabilia provided by our veterans, their family members and members of the community.

The Military Display will continue to open each Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and each Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. There is no charge for admission. Please contact Sammy Way at (803) 774-1294 for additional information.



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTOS

Navy veteran Jim Brown stands beside a uniform he wore while serving in Vietnam. Brown is a frequent visitor to the Military Display.



Chief reminds residents of fire danger; desegregation plans approved

75 YEARS AGO — 1944

June 3 — June 9

• Tuomey Hospital has been designated by the office of Civilian Penicillin Distribution War Production Board as a depot for penicillin for this area, John W. Rankin, superintendent, was notified. The hospital, during the past month, has been procuring penicillin from the depot at the Columbia hospital, Mr. Rankin said. Approximately three million units of the wonder drug were used at Tuomey during May. Under the new arrangement, with the local hospital as a depot, there will be approximately six million units of penicillin available during June, the superintendent added.

• Cpl. James Rollin Galloway died May 16 of wounds received in action in the Italian theater, his sisters were notified by a war department telegram. The message from the adjutant general gave no details but expressed the deepest sympathy and stated that a letter would follow. Two of Cpl. Galloway's sisters reside in Sumter, Miss Athleen Galloway and Mrs. D. E. Scurry. A third sister, Mrs. G. W. Guill, is a resident of Columbia.

• The office of the supervisors of registration for Sumter County will be open in the courthouse for the registration of qualified citizens to vote in the general election in November. Those who have registration certificates issued in 1938 or since do not have to register now. If the certificate has been lost, a duplicate may be obtained from the supervisors. Democrats who wish to vote in the primary may enroll at the same time by signing the roll book of the ward club of the district in which they reside. These books are kept at the courthouse, in charge of Mr. Horace Harby, and will be open every day for enrollment of members until June 27.

• Chief W. C. Kirven said that the Auxiliary Police Force responded very quickly to the city force's call for assistance during the Gulf Oil fire and aided the municipal officers in handling traffic and so on. Chief Kirven wishes to remind the public of the city ordinance which forbids us to go within a block of a fire, that is, unless directly connected with the police or fire departments. There is also an ordinance against following fire trucks. The other night at the Gulf Oil fire, the audience was so eager it almost got right into the flames, and officers had their hands full keeping order. Chief Lynam told us that had one of the big gasoline tanks exploded, it would have been a real tragedy and could have killed everyone on the block. So, leave the fire-fighting to the men who are trained for it.

• In a fast game of baseball on the Brooklyn-Cayce diamond, West Columbia defeated the Sumter American Legion Juniors, 4 to 0. The game was played in an hour and 45 minutes. The pitching was excellent on both sides. Morris secured the only hit for Sumter. Only five of the Gamecocks struck out, but they were not able to hit Mack effectively. Stokes and Reynolds made nice fielding plays.

• Boy Scout officials announced today that another waste paper drive will be conducted in the city. The public is urged to collect paper and have it on hand for the Scouts, preferably in convenient-to-handle bundles. Shaw Field is cooperating again by lending its trucks. Six of the vehicles will be at the Scouts' disposal when the white residential sections will be covered, and on Thursday, when the business district is to be canvassed. On Friday, Shaw Field will send two trucks for the use of black Scouts to go through the black residential and business sections.

• The Daily Vacation Bible School to be held at the Pres-



1993 — Ray Peterson, a painting contractor, gives a house on Cromer Drive a striped look as he concentrates on painting seams before doing other parts of the building.

byterian Sunday School June 5-16 will begin Monday morning. Mrs. Frank King will be in charge of the beginner department, for children four and five years old. The primary children will be taught by Miss Isabel McLaurin, Mrs. Byron H. Gilliland and Miss Marjorie Patterson; the juniors by Mrs. W. T. Nixon, Mrs. W. B. Upshur and Mrs. C. P. Beckman; and the junior high school boys and girls by Miss Page Lancaster.

• Shaw Field's Fliers flushed with a 10-9 victory over a strongly favored Greenville Army Air Base team in 10 innings will be after another win when they encounter the 346th Battalion team of Fort Jackson. The game will be played at Municipal Park and will start at 8:30. The Shaw Field band has been scheduled for a 30-minute concert preceding the contest. Last night the Fliers overcame an early Greenville lead and finally won out over the visitors in the 10th inning.

• E. C. Stroman of the Belk-Stroman company has only praise for the recently opened YMCA Health Club. In a letter to Carl Link, general secretary of the YMCA, Mr. Stroman said, "I needed to visit the Health Club only once to become convinced that the men of Sumter are afforded an unusual opportunity to keep in better physical condition. The average business man, especially in these busy times, often neglects his physical condition. There should be no excuse for this as long as the Health Club is in operation."

50 YEARS AGO — 1969

Feb. 2 — 8

• The new ambulance service for Sumter answered eight calls from midnight Friday to 2 o'clock this morning. Tuomey Hospital administrator Ralph Abercrombie said that five of those calls were accidents, and the other three were for other medical reasons. "The new service was quite impressive over this first weekend," Abercrombie said. The new ambulance service took over the ambulance and rescue operations for Sumter County on Friday night. The service has a heavy emergency vehicle to be used for long distances and two lightweight utility vehicles for regular ambulance functions in the county phase of the operation.

• The South Carolina Jaycees are now narrowing their search for the Outstanding Young Farmer for 1968-69. State OYF Chairman James P. Nettles Jr. of Sumter announced that all regional entries are in and a panel of outstanding judges are selecting the state winner. The state winner will be announced at the state OYF luncheon during the Jaycee Winter Board Meeting in Charleston.

• Rebuilding of the dam at Second Mill Pond, which was ruined by heavy rains in March 1965, is underway and should be completed by spring. Second Mill Pond was once a popular recreation

spot, but after the dam broke, the drying pond became a bed of insects and mosquitoes and the dried grass a fire hazard. Many complaints were voiced by area residents to the County Board of Commissioners about repairing the dam and refilling the pond. The County Board of Commissioners agreed to repair the dam at Second Mill on condition that the Elks Club, which owns the property, provide the cost of materials in the amount of \$7,500.

• Feb. 2-8 is the 21st-annual National Children's Dental Health Week. As part of the observance, the *Sumter Daily Item*, in cooperation with the Pee Dee Dental Society, today begins a series of six articles on facts you should know about dental health. Generally, the outlook is very optimistic for complete control of tooth decay within the next 10 to 20 years. Scientists have recently reported on a number of studies that have produced significant results. One of the most promising studies — still to be conducted with human subjects — involves the use of a specific enzyme called dextransase in the control of dental decay.

• After Morris College found itself behind by 21 points at half-time — 63-42 — it would have been easy to give up. Thanks to a wealth of poise, Morris didn't give up and outscored Barber-Scottia College by 22 points in the second half to capture a thrilling 113-112 victory. It put the Morris record over 500 for the first time this season at 9-8. It also furnished opposition with a notice that the Hornets are no pushovers.

• Sherrian Angela Floyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Floyd of Sumter, has been selected as a candidate-at-large in the "Little Miss North America" contest to be held in Wildwood, New Jersey, June 12-15. The pageant is being sponsored by the city of Wildwood. Contestants and their mothers will be guests of the city during their stay.

• The Edmunds High School Gamecocks used a team effort to easily defeat Hartsville 66-47 and win their 11th game out of 14 outings. Four of five starters soared into double figures in scoring, and Coach Charlie Hodgins got a chance to get his bench a workout in the encounter.

• Sumter Area TEC, in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, is presenting a short course entitled "Preparation of Personal Income Tax Returns." The course will be taught by a representative of the IRS and will consist of six two-hour classes designed to help the individual taxpayer in preparing his federal income tax return.

• Town and Country Manufacturing Co. announced plans today for a half-million-dollar construction project which will double the capacity of the Sumter mobile home manufacturing plant. The announcement was made by Larry Pinchback, vice president of Town and Country.

• Brig. Gen. Donovan F. Smith, vice commander of Tactical Air Command's Ninth Air Force, has been nominated for promotion to the rank of major general. The World War II ace and holder of the Distinguished Service Cross will do the two-star rank during the next year. General officers, once confirmed by Congress, are promoted as vacancies occur. Gen. Smith's colorful career includes eight aerial victories during World War II and 18 months duty as chief adviser to the Vietnamese Air Force.

• Shaw is in for some new facilities this year coming through a \$1.7 million Military Construction Program here. The program takes in almost everything from parking lots to air conditioning. The second phase of parking lot construction has already begun at the base hospital with completion scheduled in May. The new cold storage plant is now 84 percent complete and should be done in March.

• Sumter School District 17 has been named as one of 33 South Carolina school districts whose desegregation plans have been approved by the Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. District 17 school superintendent Dr. L.C. McArthur Jr. said that he has not been officially notified of HEW's acceptance and, after hearing of the press release received by the *Item*, said, "We submitted our desegregation plan after we had amended it, and this is our first responsive reply. I have no further comment."

• Paul E. Risinger has resigned as principal of Edmunds High School effective at the end of the current school year, District 17 Board Chairman John W. Godbey announced. Risinger's reason for leaving is required by the health of his parents, school authorities said, and he will return to the Columbia area to meet family responsibilities.

25 YEARS AGO — 1993

Nov. 5 — 11

• When the city of Sumter needs swan food, it turns to Kay Parnell. When Sumter School District 2 needs pencils, it calls Dave Tolson. When Sumter School District 17 needs new notebooks, Joe Klein is the man. And when Sumter County needed a new dam for Second Mill Pond, it called Bobby Galloway. Buying things for schools and municipalities isn't as easy as wandering down to the local Wal-Mart and picking it off the shelf, said Tolson, School District 2's finance director. Expensive items such as fire trucks and computers have to be competitively bid, and smaller items are ordered in mass quantities to save money.

• Kris Bruton scored 25 points to lead Benedict College to a 93-83 win over Morris College in the finals of the John E. Brown Tournament Classic. Morris College's Willie Moe Davis led the scoring with 24 points, James Mat-

thews had 14, while Allen McGill and Joe Pendergrass added 12 each.

• Sumter native Cameron Aiken is performing the tenor lead in the University of South Carolina Opera Company's production of "The Barber of Seville." "This has been the most demanding and challenging part to date," said Aiken, a senior vocal performance major who has been featured in several USC opera productions over the past four years.

• Nearly 50 years before the Pentagon lifted its ban on female combat pilots, Sumter's Jeri Crook knew what it felt like to swing her leg into the cockpit of an AT-10 and fire up the engine. She knew what it was like to pack her own parachute and hope she'd never have to use it. She knew what it was like to feel the resentment of male pilots who saw her as a threat to their jobs and an intrusion into a formerly all-male world. She knew what it was like to serve her country during war. Fifty years ago, Jeri Crook earned her wings with the Army Air Corps. Crook was one of a small, little-known group of pioneering female pilots in the predecessor of the Air Force during World War II. Only one of 25 women who applied were good enough to join the WASPS — Women's Airforce Service Pilots. One thousand women served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, a role that was then closed to women for decades to come.

• Thomas Sumter defeated Cardinal Newman 7-0 to do its part in clinching a playoff berth, and Hammond followed that up with some assistance to put the Generals in the post-season. The Skyhawks beat Heathwood Hall 23-20 at the Hammond field to give TSA the runner-up slot in the Palmetto Athletic Conference. Thomas Sumter first-year coach Bobby Cothran said the season has been a satisfying one as his team amassed a 6-4 record.

• The spinner baits weren't working, and the topwater plugs failed to fetch much better results. Grass beds that had produced a bounty of bass just a week earlier were proving fruitless this day. It was enough to drive the average weekend angler to distraction, but Steve Lowder is no average weekend angler. To Lowder, weekend fishing is serious business and, had this particular trip been one of his weekend forays, he might have been more upset about the lack of results. This midweek trip to Santee Cooper, though, was set up to try out a couple of newly acquired topwater lures and to accommodate a newspaper reporter who insisted that a proper interview could be conducted only on the water.

• The western reach of Summerton's town limits comes to a halt just before Scott's Branch High School on Fourth Street, even though the center of the small, lakeside town is only several blocks away. Many black residents of Summerton, which helped give birth to the U.S. Supreme Court decision to integrate the nation's public schools, say they feel just as ostracized now as when Scott's Branch was built in 1954 as one of the state's "separate but equal" black schools. This time the question is about town council's refusal to annex the predominately black area beyond Scott's Branch. When petitioners from Summerton's western outskirts asked to be annexed into the town, the all-white town council said it couldn't afford it. The group would not accept council's accountant's figures. Finally, we suggested they hire an accountant. Council said the low tax base of the rejected area, combined with the high cost of garbage pickup and laying water and sewer lines, would cost each household about \$230 more a year in taxes.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

- **Chappell Escalanta Tomlin and Aretha Cook**
- **Austin Harry Wingard and Kelly Katherine Kennedy**
- **Daniel Rhett Kolb and Morgan Leigh Pate**
- **Joseph Larry Walker and Helen Victoria Laura of Fort Bragg, North Carolina**
- **Sean Anthony Austin and Shelby Lynn Ridgill**
- **Patrick Charles Hudson and Stephanie Hopkins Bishop**
- **Norris Macarthur Wilson and Cynthia Nadine Tomlin**
- **Raymond T. Hudman and Amanda Duerene Smith**
- **Daniel Steven Fowle Jr. of Central and Kelli Nicole White of Gainesville, Georgia**
- **James Cameron Adam Welsh and Christian Taylor Watts, both of Manning**
- **Kenneth Brunson and Lawanda Denise Cohens**
- **Ronald Melvin Tabor and Katherine Lee Duke of Manning**
- **Mark Wayne Walters and Heather Lyn Cousins**
- **Matthew William Ison and Sylvia Leanne Andrews**
- **Spencer Kendrick Lynch and Hayley Elizabeth Forester**
- **Trevon Delantay Hill and Kayohna Latrece Butler**
- **Kevin Michael Graves and Christina Marie Elliott**
- **Timothy Blake Moseley and Allison Rebecca Nance**
- **Paul Caesar Jr. and Laverne Hudson**
- **James Rodre English and Dakota Sanara Maple**
- **Joseph Blake Durant and Darby Lynn Boland**
- **Matthew Caleb Neiswinter and Kirsten Danielle Dejong**
- **Richard Carl Tucker Jr. and Susan Elizabeth Landfried**
- **Brandon Steven Ferrell and Brittanie Nichol Smith, both of Virginia Beach, Virginia**
- **Shawn Johnson and Sarah Yvonne Horace**
- **Laquan Rashad Ludd and Asia Caress Walters, both of Dalzell**
- **Terrell Keith Leftwich and Victoria Jenise Fields**
- **Gerard Mandel Brooks Jr. of King George, Virginia, and Cassidy Ann Nicole Reiss of Shaw Air Force Base**
- **Datrck Lamont Gipson and Tarkeshia Cernone Commander**
- **Brian Richard Arens of Dalzell and Lakisha Lynn Schmitt**
- **Jordan D. Edwards and Ashlee Nicole Sumnerlot, both of Hampton, Virginia**
- **David McKinley Jones of Wadmalaw Island and Alexis Christine Duncan**
- **Courtney Jarrell Myers and Tamika Mashawn Lawson**
- **Brian Allen Bennett II and Darrienne Danielle Holladay**
- **Matthew Brown and Rendal Vernell Chatmon, both of Rembert**
- **David Michael Cockerill Jr. and Madison Gene Floyd**
- **Zachary Pittman Rivers and Sara Margaret McElveen**
- **Benjamin Parks Beaty and Lauren Ashley Brunson**
- **William McKinley Washington and Wavely Ellerby Kelly**
- **Joseph Doby Singleton and Raveen Cernone Bracey**
- **Michael Wayne Stepp and Diana Lynnn Coffey**
- **Jeremy Dontrel Durant and Jodi Lynn Wilson**
- **Equann Julius Plowden of Manning and Victoria Diane Player**
- **Osei Jebel Dwyer and Rachael M. Warren**
- **Jarrod Alan Just and Angela Sue Hale**
- **Brandon Eugene Conyers and Bridget Nicole Larkins**
- **Edward Wayne Thompson Jr. and Marie Newman Thompson**
- **Mark Tyler Christman and Autumn Marie Lamontagne**
- **Warren De'Andre Downing of Ellenwood, Georgia, and Rosalyn Evette Nixon of Martinsburg, West Virginia**
- **Christopher Glenn Avins and Leah Nicole Kidd**
- **Alejandro Samuel Huerta of Carter Lake, Iowa, and Daisy Ann Sullivan**
- **Neal Anthony Lambert and Rachel Joanne Sorrells**
- **Vincent Corey Jones of Alcolu and Chelsea Sherrill Alablander McKnight**
- **Christopher Lloyd Seibert and Kristen McKee Pinkerton, both of Dalzell**
- **Dominique Jerome Golden and Janicque Jashawn Blount**
- **Martrell Dure Rhames and Lakeisha Monique Singleton, both of Wedgefield**
- **Jose Curran Molina and Dorina Irene Ramos, both of Dalzell**
- **Quincy Malachi Farmer and Yolonda Latisha Farmer**
- **Philip Luis Soto and Valeria Soto, both of Shaw Air Force Base**
- **Joseph Lafayette Brown and Kirstin Nicole Clark**
- **Adrian Caldwell and Peggy Lynn McTeer of Orangeburg**
- **Heiko Hoer and Anja Shapiro-Hutzel**
- **Thomas Hoover Budden Jr. and Donna Hall McDuffie**
- **Luis Alonso Gomez of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Alexandria Nicoell Jeppe of Honolulu, Hawaii**
- **Art Corey Aguillon and Bailey Rebecca Ramsey**
- **Matthew Morgan Williams and Nicole Kimberly Stabler**
- **Keith Allen Maready and Robyn Lea Duarte**
- **Felton Brown and Amanda Michelle Lyons of Jacksonville, North Carolina**
- **Nicole Desiree Fisher and Sanchez R. Morales**
- **John Richard Bogdany and Joann Carlson Bruce**

- **Joseph Michael Magliocco Jr. and Lisa Jane Clarke**
- **David Lamont Greene of Alcolu and Chasity Roschell Priest**
- **Cecil Edward Lawhon III and Brandy Carol Goings, both of Dalzell**
- **Michael Shane McMillan and Jennifer Marie Ardis**
- **Justin Scott Whitmarsh and Ashlyn Katryna Touchberry**
- **Eric Carroll Fox and Heather Nicole Dallaire**
- **Kelly Scott Kovarna and Hope Lynn Berry, both of Dalzell**
- **Ronald Alan Lawrence and Sonya Celeste Talbert**
- **Brentley Allen Wilson and Hali Marie McCoy**
- **Larry Lee Shannon and Maria A. Boone**
- **Alvin Alonzo James Jr. and Robin Denise Phifer**
- **Derrick Laverne Williams and Lenora Renea Servance, both of Alcolu**
- **Randall Shane Richardson and Shevonne Monica Shaley**
- **John Earl Oneal Coard and Mye'Sha Tashay Bell**
- **Charles Patrick Walker IV and Meagan Elizabeth Gosselin, both of Dalzell**
- **Theodore Alexander Hardy and Crystal Truesdale Morris**
- **Harley David Hodge and Anna Somcheen**
- **Antonio Duquan Richardson and Datra Deanna Cook**
- **Travis Jackson Floyd and Sarah Rose Bitsky, both of Dalzell**
- **Paul Jacob Truesdale and Jamie Michelle Phillips**
- **Anthony Drayton and Gwendolyn Souix Holmes**
- **Evan Scott Johnson and Holly Ann Parker, both of APO AE, Germany**
- **Joshua James Arbeiter and Michelle Lee Eller, both of Dalzell**

BUILDING PERMITS

- **Great Southern Homes Inc.,** owner and contractor, 211 Niblick Drive, 3,040 heated square feet and 471 unheated square feet, \$130,104.08 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 1740 Trevino Drive, 2,125 heated square feet and 363 unheated square feet, \$105,177.73 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 205 Niblick Drive, 2,272 heated square feet and 352 unheated square feet, \$109,521.58 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 196 Niblick Drive, 2,362 heated square feet and 387 unheated square feet, \$115,590.62 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Gainey Construction Co. LLC,** owner and contractor, 4843 Sedgewood Drive, Wedgefield, 1,600 heated square feet and 469 unheated square feet, \$102,649 (new dwelling, residential).
- **J. Aaron Dyson Construction LLC,** owner, James A. Dyson dba Aaron Dyson Construction, contractor, 2830 Forest Lake Drive, 1,833 heated square feet and 610 unheated square feet, \$112,000 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Paul E. and Jodi I Robbins,** owners, Elvin Terry Osteen dba Terry Osteen Cont, contractor, 1016 Sparkleberry Lane, \$12,000 (remove / replace siding, residential).
- **Josie Elmore,** owner, John Brockington dba Brock Construction, contractor, 155 Tradd Circle, \$9,738 (install 17 windows, residential).
- **Jeannette Kennedy,** owner, John Brockington dba Brock Construction, contractor, 460 Simpson Road, \$5,584.16 (install 16 windows, residential).
- **Thomas E. Cabbagestalk,** owner, Global Construction and Dev Group LLC, contractor, 4060 Bank Lane, 1,500 heated square feet and 100 unheated square feet, \$22,000 (new dwelling — electric, plumbing, HVAC, residential).
- **Ronald D. and Janet L. Grimm,** owners, Cephus Gregg dba Designer Thoughts, contractor, 5440 Thomas Sumter Highway, Rembert, \$5,000 (brick underpinning for mobile home, residential).
- **2630 Highway 15 LLC,** owner, Pye-Barker Fire & Safety, contractor, 2630 U.S. 15 South, \$7,200 (install new suppression system in server room, commercial).
- **James Price,** owner, Cephus Gregg dba Designer Thoughts, contractor, 224 W. Williams St., \$5,000 (brick veneer and new windows, residential).
- **Ernest Green,** owner, George Wilson dba Wilson Roofing and Bui, contractor, 2 Crosswell Drive, \$4,800 (replace 12 windows and paint, residential).
- **James L. Johnson / Jean D. Johns,** owners, James L. Johnson, contractor, 8710 Rest Stop Lane, 320 unheated square feet, \$5,000 (detached storage building, residential).
- **Edward Darrel Odom,** owner, Frank Sims dba Frank's Roofing, contractor, 3030 Springdale Way, \$11,000 (reroof, residential).
- **Gary A. Jones Sr.,** owner, Jeffrey Callen dba Callen Construction, contractor, 2150 Graystone Drive, \$8,930 (replace shingle roof, residential).
- **Benjamin J. and Mona S. Chua,** owners, Solcius LLC, contractor, 3 Cedarwood Circle, \$45,135 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Jimie Golden,** owner, Solcius LLC, contractor, 1640 S. Guignard Parkway, \$23,450 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Jesse Walker,** owner, Ken-Co Homes, contractor, 1600 Condor Drive, Rembert (mobile home, residential).
- **Donna Velez,** owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 370 Mims Road (mobile home, residential).
- **Edward Brian Rembert Jr.,** owner, Peach Orchard General Contracting LLC, contractor, 60 Haley Ave., \$30,000 (10 windows, plumbing, HVAC, electric, roof, flooring, sheetrock, siding, paint, residential).
- **Retreat at Sumter LLC,** owner, Vue Custom Construction Inc., contractor, 3290 Broad St., \$192,511 (swimming pool, commercial).

- **Alicia Jones,** owner, Albert Courcelle, contractor, 944 W. Liberty St., \$14,019 (roof, duct work, drywall, outlet, d/r light fixture, residential).
- **Brandon D. Epps,** owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 224 E. Sumter St., Mayesville (mobile home, residential).
- **William Alonzo Hensley Jr.,** owner, Jonathan Brent Waynick, contractor, 1465 Poole Road, \$16,000 (roof replacement — house only, residential).
- **Loren S. Rose,** owner, Solcius LLC, contractor, \$54,428 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Randy L. and Diana J. Lane,** owners, Solcius LLC, contractor, 120 Lindley Ave., \$48,852 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Mark R. and Deborah A. Deonier,** owners, Solcius LLC, contractor, 2832 September Drive, \$11,151 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **S.C. Baptist Educational and Miss,** owner, Signs Ltd., contractor, 802 N. Main St., \$49,940 (freestanding sign — Morris College, commercial).
- **Vonron LLC,** owner, Ronnie Wilkes dba Wilkes Builders Inc., contractor, 3125 Lacosta Court, \$7,000 (new roof, residential).
- **Mamie Landreaux,** owner, JL Floyd & Sons Co., contractor, \$5,500 (residential demolition of burned house, residential).
- **Robert D. and Grace E. Field,** owners, Homestar Solar Solutions, contractor, 2742 Sandhill Drive, \$4,860 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Charlie M. and Sandy Wilson,** owners, Dee & Gee Builders LLC, contractor, 302 Pine St., \$4,800 (remove / replace shingles, residential).
- **Wendy M. Dinkins,** owner, Baxley's Bestway Transportation, contractor, 4100 Broad St. (lot 76) (mobile home, residential).
- **Michael J. and Christine L. Monroe,** owners, Home Depot USA Inc., contractor, 519 Ashby Road, \$12,600 (replace 11 windows size for size, residential).
- **Christopher J. Tkach,** owner, Phillip Gibson dba Gibson Builders, contractor, 6 Burkett Drive, \$35,900 (remodel / rebuild / repair flood house, residential).
- **Hayward L. Odom Jr. and Wendy A. Odom,** owners, Solcius LLC, contractor, 3601 Red Lane Road, Dalzell, \$53,100 (ground mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Cleveland D. and Cattle Brasington,** owners, Solcius LLC, contractor, 661 Pringle Drive, \$9,602.25 (roof mount solar panel systems, residential).
- **Kenneth M. Rogers,** owner, Jon M. Thorne, contractor, 270 Freedom Blvd., \$20,607 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Stacey Holiday,** owner, Charlie Sutton, contractor, 7454 Bennett Drive, Rembert (mobile home, residential).
- **WOCSC Worsley Real Estate LLC,** owner, Enloe Aluminum, contractor, 370 Pinewood Road, \$11,619 (repair damaged canopy from storm — like for like, commercial).
- **Howard and Susan Halverson,** owners, John Bailey, contractor, 3275 Lee Altman Road, Dalzell, \$4,507 (install shingles, residential).
- **Wesley Harlston and Jenni Spann,** owners, Jeffrey Callen dba Callen Construction, \$5,125 (replace shingle roof, residential).
- **Juanita Swinton,** owner, DSW Homes LLC, contractor, 17 Freeman St., \$6,013 (stair framing, redo ceilings, walls and floors, residential).
- **Dunlap Properties LP,** owner, Johnny M. James, contractor, 2090 Harborview Drive, 2,331 heated square feet and 600 unheated square feet, \$140,000 (new dwelling, residential); Dunlap Properties LP, owner, Johnny M. James, contractor, 2070 Harborview Drive, 2,100 heated square feet and 600 unheated square feet, \$135,000 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Edith A. Maybell,** owner, DSW Homes LLC, contractor, 24 W. Patricia Drive, \$9,778.10 (redo roof, ceilings, floors, residential).
- **Cecil T. Harrington Jr. and Stacy Harrington,** owners, James R. Josey, contractor, 2035 Bethel Church Road, \$5,425 (reroof, residential).
- **Jeffery David Crisp,** owner, Baxley's Bestway Transportation, contractor, 1751 Kentucky Lane, Pinewood (mobile home, residential).
- **Noreen Wall,** owner, Eddie Evans E.M.E. Enterprises, contractor, 845 Torrey Pines Drive, 285 unheated square feet, \$15,000 (roof over deck and screen in, residential).
- **Roger Cox,** owner, David Windham Roofing & Remodeling, contractor, 916 Mathis St., \$4,600 (reroof, residential).
- **Allen and Willie Mae Cocklin,** owners, Jon M. Thorne, contractor, 80 Wilshire Court, \$36,876 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Dwight D. and Susan F. Mixon,** owners, Carolina Home Improvements, contractor, 2010 Plowden Mill Road, 3,200 unheated square feet, \$25,000 (metal storage building, commercial).
- **Dunlap Properties LP et al,** owner, Jeffrey Bouknight dba Bouknight Construction LLC, contractor, 1179 Floyd Drive, 1,201 heated square feet and 487 unheated square feet, \$65,000 (new dwelling, residential); Dunlap Properties LP et al, owner, Jeffrey Bouknight dba Bouknight Construction LLC, contractor, 1183 Floyd Drive, 1,201 heated square feet and 487 unheated square feet, \$65,000 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Gretchen M. and Michael P. Davis,** owners, Solcius LLC, contractor, 450 Katydid St., \$10,087.35 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Charles Dais,** owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 4700 Ellerbe Mill Road, Rembert (mobile home, residential).
- **Michael D. and Cristine R. Vining,** owners, Ryan Mark Peters dba Steadfast Home LLC, contractor, \$15,000 (bathroom remodel, residential).

- **Charles Stanley and Cheryl Baker,** owners, Peach Orchard General Contracting LLC, contractor, 527 Benton Drive, \$5,665 (reroof, residential).
- **Rhonda H. Reynolds (lifetime estate),** owner, Howard Wayne Rogers, contractor, 1105 Gilbert St., 336 heated square feet, \$18,900 (add room on front left of existing double wide mobile home, residential).
- **Warren and Dorothy M. Maple,** owners, John Porter Jr. dba JP & Son Construction, contractor, \$7,229 (remove and reroof, residential).
- **Mark L. Moseley Jr. and Elaine L. Moseley,** owners, David Windham Roofing & Remodeling, contractor, 121 Guyton Drive, \$10,500 (reroof, residential).
- **Herman L. Wescott III and Phyllis Wescott,** owners, Ronnie Wilkes dba Wilkes Builders Inc., contractor, 2940 Lowerlake Drive, 2,700 heated square feet and 1,100 unheated square feet, \$187,000 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Ryan and Cynthia Walburn,** owners, Charpy's Pool Service, contractor, 25 Elkhorn Trail, \$22,000 (swimming pool, residential).
- **Clayton M. Flewelling Sr. and Hers,** owners, Charpy's Pool Service, contractor, 3045 Kari Drive, \$23,000 (swimming pool, residential).
- **Joann B. Rufus,** owner, Thompson Construction Group Inc., contractor, 1865 Pudding Swamp Road, Turbeville, 980 heated square feet and 50 unheated square feet, \$78,000 (new dwelling / demo, residential).
- **Ralph J. Oxendine,** owner, James P. Dennis, contractor, 5700 Oakhill Road, 864 unheated square feet, \$22,900 (detached post frame garage building, residential).
- **Charles R. Neill,** owner, Land Roofing Co., contractor, 114 S. Main St., \$29,850 (remove / replace roof, commercial).
- **Todd H. and Gretchen K. Sherman,** owners, Jeffrey D. Haas dba Square It Up Roofing, contractor, 706 Reynolds Road, \$9,645 (reroof, residential).
- **Clarke Currie,** owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 4100 Broad St. (Lot 101) (mobile home, residential).
- **Tonya L. Anderson-Gass,** owner, Ken-Co Homes of Sumter LLC, contractor, 5880 Tillman Nursery Road, Wedgefield (mobile home, residential).
- **Glen McCoy,** owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 5935 Archer Drive, Wedgefield (mobile home, residential).
- **Maebell Alston,** owner, Solcius LLC, contractor, 172 Curtiswood Ave., \$28,497 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Stacey Oxendine,** owner and contractor, 390 Katydid St., 1,200 unheated square feet, \$25,000 (detached garage / shop with porch, residential).
- **Warren S. and Kristi F. Curtis,** owners, Clarence J. Wilkes, contractor, 1145 Boardwalk (1135), 570 unheated square feet, \$10,000 (replace and enlarge existing deck — attached, residential).
- **Thomas L. and Mary F. Hansen,** owners, Jon M. Thorne, contractor, 60 Pyramid Court, \$17,070 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Patricia M. Gochbauer,** owner, Jon M. Thorne, contractor, 9 Golfair Court, \$26,572 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Eva Michelle Driggers,** owner, Charles James Jr. dba The James Group LLC, contractor, 2870 Danville Lane, 768 unheated square feet, \$19,000 (build detached enclosed garage, residential).
- **Alvern M. and Deborah V. Webb,** owners, Jon M. Thorne, contractor, 10 Erskine Court, \$29,826 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **David R. and Mackenzie A. Sholtz,** owners, Arres Inc., contractor, 302 W. Calhoun St., \$21,978 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Charlie Conyers Jr.,** owner, John Porter Jr. dba JP & Son Construction, contractor, 2170 W. Brewington Road, \$5,250 (remove and reroof, residential).
- **Gary Eugene Solesbee,** owner, Jerold Martin dba Jerold's Roofing, contractor, 308 Stuckey St., \$7,660 (replace roof, residential).
- **Alexander and Waltraud B. Kalusz,** owners, Dylon Graham dba Graham Construction, contractor, 3225 Coldice Court, 2,650 heated square feet and 800 unheated square feet, \$190,000 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Irene B. Pringle,** owner, Sharon D. Tindal dba Tindal Construction, contractor, 60 Wells Court, \$8,000 (repairs, roof, HVAC — no duct work, residential).
- **Dennis Ashley,** owner, Baxley's Bestway Transportation, contractor, 2920 Shawside Drive, Dalzell (mobile home, residential).
- **Francis M. Ward J. and Jennifer K. Ward,** owners, Lenza Eric Osteen dba A-Z Construction, contractor, 2303 Ginkgo Drive, \$7,900 (reroof, residential).
- **Oscar Johnson,** owner, Baxley's Bestway Transportation, contractor, 9035 S.C. 261 South, Pinewood (mobile home, residential).
- **Renate A. Sladic,** owner, Danny Marshall, contractor, 936 Wisteria Way, \$5,600 (six replacement windows and overhead trim, residential).
- **Gainey Construction Co. LLC,** owner and contractor, 14 Bancroft Drive, 1,935 heated square feet and 560 unheated square feet, \$12,399 (new dwelling, residential); Gainey Construction Co. LLC, owner and contractor, 1745 Queen Chapel Road, 1,610 heated square feet and 430 unheated square feet, \$102,410 (new dwelling, residential); Gainey Construction Co. LLC, owner and contractor, 3155 Oldyork Road, 1,610 heated square feet and 496 unheated square feet, \$103,796 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Blondell J. Colclough,** owner, Sears Home Improvement Products Inc., contractor, 9 Curtiswood Ave., \$6,101 (three new windows, residential).
- **Conrad and Delores Brooks,** owners, DeLores B. Brooks, contractor, 5715 Cane Savannah Road, 576 unheated square feet (attached open carport, residential).



OUTDOORS

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A day in November

They say that the truth is stranger than fiction, and I would agree with that in some cases. A deer hunt that I experienced on a Bloomville timber company lease, a few years ago, was just such a case.

It was a cool, clear, November morning, and I was running a little late as I slipped into a tripod stand overlooking the “honey hole.” The stand was set up against a small gum tree, at the end of a long narrow food plot.

It was already daylight, and I hadn't been there more than five minutes when a little doe came in at the far end of the food plot, about a hundred and fifty yards away. She worked her way down the plot taking a bite here and there, and looking back over her shoulder occasionally. The wind was in my face so I knew she couldn't get my scent. When she was about thirty yards from the stand she stopped and looked back again.

A big buck walked out at the far end of the plot and stopped. He was facing the stand and staring intently at the doe. He was an old buck with a wide seven-point rack. He started walking slowly down the plot, never taking his eyes off the doe. I had him in the scope, but didn't shoot as long as he was coming my way.

I noticed the doe out of the corner of my eye moving closer, and I was worried she would get too close, and bust me. About that time the buck stopped out at sixty yards, still looking intently at the doe. I figured it was now or never and put the cross-hairs on his chest and squeezed the trigger. When the rifle roared, he just wheeled around and ran into the woods on the right. The doe ran back down the food plot and into the woods where she had come from.

Excitement and bewilderment flooded over me, and I wondered “Did I miss him?” I had taken my time, and steadied my aim from the stand's rail. I knew that my sights were dead on him, but he showed no sign of being hit. I decided to wait a while before getting down to look. In a few minutes I saw another buck at the far end of the food plot. It was a little four-pointer and I watched

him through the scope as he walked down the plot toward me. When he got close, he stopped and appeared to be looking intently at something.

Looking up from the scope I saw what he was looking at. The seven-pointer that I had just shot at was walking across the plot from the right, at about twenty yards. Now remember, I'm in an elevated stand looking down the food plot through a rifle scope at the other buck. I was amazed and wondered “Had I missed him, or was he wandering around mortally wounded? Why would he come back and walk across the food plot after I had just shot at him?” I guess the rut just makes them crazy. I put the rifle up hurriedly, and fired at him again.

He just ran on into the woods on my left. He was so close I could hear him walking, and he was coming towards the stand! He walked back up to the edge of the food plot about ten yards away and stopped. He was looking out at the food plot, toward the last place he had seen the doe. When I moved to point the rifle at him, he looked up and saw me in the stand. He turned and started walking back through the woods. He was so close and the woods were so thick I could barely see him through the scope, but I shot again anyway. He ran on without showing any sign of being hit.

By now, I was so frazzled I couldn't think straight. I thought “That deer must have been out of his mind. Didn't he know that he was being shot at?” And, I wondered “Why was I missing him at almost point-blank range? Had my rifle sights gotten knocked off somehow?”

So here I was sitting in the stand with all these thoughts running through my mind, and I look up, and see another buck coming!

“Haven't these deer heard me shooting?” I wondered. “Where were they all coming from? Were they looking for that one little doe?” This buck just skirted the end of the food plot and went on into the woods on the right.



Dan Geddings

I sat there and thought to myself “Maybe he will just circle around in the woods and come out in the plot closer to me.” And he did! I could not believe what I was seeing.

This buck was an eight-pointer, and was bigger than the seven-pointer that I had been shooting at. He had the most perfect rack that I had ever seen, a very beautiful set of chocolate colored antlers. He walked out into the food plot and stopped broadside at about sixty yards. Almost exactly in the same spot that the seven-pointer had stopped at earlier. I took my time, put the cross-hairs on his front shoulder and fired. He wheeled around and ran back into the woods on the right.

Another miss! I thought I saw the bullet hit in the woods over his back, but I wasn't sure. Of course, I realized by now that something bad was wrong with my rifle. It wasn't shooting where I was aiming, but what to do? It wasn't doing me any good to sit up there in the stand and miss everything.

About that time, I heard a buck snort-wheeze in the woods to the left of the stand. I reached down and got a pair of rattling antlers and grunt call out of my back pack. I rattled and grunted to simulate a fight, and see if any of the bucks would come back out. Nothing happened, so I turned to put the horns and call back in my bag. The big eight-pointer was standing in a logging deck about thirty yards behind me. He saw me when I moved and ran back into the woods.

That was it! I got down from the stand. I couldn't take it anymore. My head was just swimming with all that had happened. I knew that I had just experienced one of the most amazing events of my life. I felt disappointment, but I knew that I was fortunate to have had such an unusual day in the woods. I know that I will probably never experience anything again, like that day in November.

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GARDENING



This undated photo shows a franklinia blossom in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Enjoy fall blossoms from the franklinia tree, a tree that, although native, has not been seen anywhere in the wild for 200 years. Fortunately the tree is offered by some nurseries.

Franklinia: a tree with history and beauty

BY LEE REICH
The Associated Press

If you have the ears to listen, this tree has a story to tell.

Let's go back to 1765 and travel along with American naturalists John Bartram and his son William, from Philadelphia to Florida. On a clear, cool day in October, the Bartrams happened upon a stand of beautiful trees that they didn't recognize along the banks of the Altamaha River in Georgia.

So taken were they by these trees that William eventually made a return trip to bring seeds and cuttings back home to Philadelphia, thus establishing in their botanical garden a planting of Franklinia. They named the genus after their friend, Benjamin Franklin. Botanically, the plant is *Franklinia alatamaha*.

THE PLOT THICKENS

Now for the strange thing: Franklinia trees have never been sighted in the wild anywhere except in the vicinity of Bartram's original sighting. And that stand of plants eventually died out; the last wild Franklinia was sighted there in 1803.

No one knows why those wild plants disappeared, or why Franklinia never spread beyond its original sighting.

The tree is actually quite cosmopolitan in its needs, and now grows from Massachusetts down to Florida and points West. A census in 1999 tallied up 1,896 Franklinia trees planted in the U.S. They've also been planted in other countries.

This time of year, when the tree's leaves are a dazzling mix of orange, red and mahogany, is a good time to think about planting a Franklinia. A few of the large, white blossoms might even be dressing up the branches still.

ENJOY A LATE SHOW OF BLOSSOMS

Yes, Franklinia is one of those rare, late-flowering trees. Although the main show opens in late summer, new flowers continue to open sporadically over a long period.

The blossoms are fragrant, with petals reminiscent of magnolia and camellia. They are soon followed by distinctive seed capsules that split open into 10 segments and dot the branches through the winter.

The tree is further dressed up in winter by an attractive bark, smooth, gray and broken up by longitudinal fissures sometimes highlighted chalky white. The sinewy surface resembles the bark of our native hornbeam trees.

PROVIDE FOR THE TREE AND IT'S EASY TO GROW

All that Franklinia needs to grow is an acidic soil rich in organic matter. Despite the swampy land that was home to Franklinia's last stand, the tree does need well-drained soil. Maybe that's why that stand died out.

Full sunlight or light shade suits the tree well.

Despite its Deep Southern home, Franklinia usually does better in the North than in the South. That's because many Southern soils hosted cotton, which itself hosted root rot, a disease that can persist in soil and attacks Franklinia. A well-drained soil lessens the chance of disease. Aside from this fungus, Franklinia has no serious pest troubles.

Because they lack fibrous roots, Franklinias are a little finicky about being moved. Transplant only potted or balled-and-burlapped trees, whose roots hardly get disturbed.

Otherwise, Franklinias are easy trees to propagate. The fresh seeds, collected now, sprout readily; if dried, they need a month in cool, moist soil before they can sprout. Stem cuttings root easily almost any time of year.

How fortunate it is that Franklinia is so easy to propagate, and that William Bartram propagated some plants for his Philadelphia garden. Unless someone discovers another wild Franklinia, all Franklinia trees in existence today are descendants of trees in Bartram's collection, the last tree of which died out

OUTDOORS ITEMS

Sewer spill closes shellfish harvesting

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CHARLESTON — South Carolina officials say a sewer spill has closed shellfish harvesting near Charleston.

State shellfish sanitation manager Mike Pearson tells news outlets in a Wednesday statement the leak in North Charleston has shut down oyster and clam beds around the city. Pearson says harvesting in the Charleston Harbor area will reopen when water quality data indicate bacteria levels are safe.

North Charleston Sewer District spokesman Jarred Jones tells The Post and Courier the leak is estimated to be spilling 200,000 gallons (800,000 liters) per day since Nov. 1. He says a contractor is repairing the breach on a 40-year-old line near the Ashley River.

Another spill in February led officials to order a recall of oysters after roughly 2.4 million gallons (9 million liters) of sewage flowed into the area.

REGULATORS WANT NEW RULES FOR WATER USE

COLUMBIA — Environmental regulators in South Carolina want more authority to manage water use in the state. The board at the Department of Health and Environmental Control voted Thursday for new rules that would apply in seven counties that have no limit on the amount of water that can be withdrawn, *The State* newspaper reported.

The rules would have to be approved by state lawmakers. But DHEC officials say the rules are needed as huge farms have moved into South Carolina that are using millions of gallons of water each month.

Under the new rules, mega-farms, large industries and other big water users would have to get state permission before using large quantities of water.

DHEC says groundwater levels have been dropping

from the South Carolina-Georgia state line east to Lexington County.

“Populations are increasing, irrigated acres are increasing,” said Alex Butler, an agency groundwater specialist. “We have a lot more demands on the water, and we don't expect that to stop.”

The rules would require DHEC to review water-withdrawal plans and issue permits to those wanting to use large amounts of groundwater.

Butler said underground water levels have dropped from 5 feet (1.5 meters) to 15 feet (4.6 meters) in the area in recent years. During the summer, when large farms irrigate heavily, water levels temporarily have dropped up to 40 feet (12 meters) in some places.

The South Carolina Farm Bureau and the Palmetto Agribusiness Council have opposed the new rules, saying they would be a burden for farmers.

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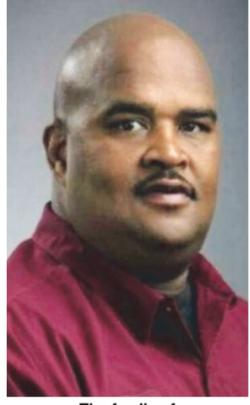
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Card of Thanks



The family of the late Mrs. Shirley Green Tomlin thank you most sincerely for your kind expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement. Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral spray, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend would say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you very much whatever the part.



The family of Tyson "Coon" Mack would like to thank each of you for your acts of kindness shown during our bereavement. Your flowers, cards, food, gifts and prayers were all very appreciated. We would like to extend a very special "thank you" to Job's Mortuary. The kindness and care extended to our entire family was exceptional. Thank you to Jehovah's Missionary Baptist Church for opening your doors for our needs. To the catering companies, thank you for the preparation as well as serving of the food. **Again, our sincere thanks. May God bless you immensely. Mrs. Nakia Mack and family**

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Help Wanted Full-Time

The Sumter County FSA Office will accept applications for a Part Time Program Technician position through the close of business on November 16th, 2018. This position is for an office assistance to help administer federal farm programs to producers in Sumter County. Must be able to utilize various types of computer systems to maintain producer data and process automated program forms and other actions. The incumbent will work only when needed. Salary will depend on the experience of the person selected, but no less than \$12.74 per hour. Vacancy announcements and applications may be picked up at the Sumter County FSA Office located in the Beach Forest Subdivision at 1975 Castle Rock Drive Sumter SC 29154. **FSA is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.**

Wanted laborer with CDL license, welding experience is a plus. Salary negotiable. For more info. call 803-494-9590.

Property Mgt Company accepting resumes for the position of "Property Manager" for their Sumter, SC property. Strong leadership and customer service skills required. Tax credit experience is a plus. Resumes can be submitted by email, resumes@unitedmgmtii.com or fax, 910-435-8934.

Full time sales position open, experience is a must in the auto industry. All inquiries call 803-494-5900

Community Residential Care 703 Broad Street Sumter Immediately Hiring! 2nd & 3rd shift (Mon-Fri) 1st & 2nd (Sat-Sun.) Must be available weekends and holiday. Serious Inquires Only! **Apply between 8am-2pm**

Northeastern Technical College in Cheraw, SC has an opening for a Human Resources Director and Vice President of Instruction. Apply online at https://careers.sc.gov/. AA/EEO Employer

Newman's Tree Service Now hiring tree workers, climbers, bucket truck operators, and groundsmen. Driver's license and experience is required. 803-316-0128

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Need someone with tractor/bush hog to do some light work in Manning. Call Ted at 803-795-3962

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1BR 1BA MH in a small park. Appl. incl., heat pump. Water, sewage & trash provided. \$330 mo. Call (803) 464-3437 9am-8 pm

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1000 sq. ft. retail, former beauty shop, McCrays Mill Rd. Call Bobby Sisson at 803-464-2730.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

To satisfy the owner's storage lien, PS Orange Co. Inc. will sell at public lien sale on **November 20, 2018**, the personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: household and personal items, office and other equipment. The public sale of these items will begin at 09:30 AM and continue until all units are sold.

PUBLIC STORAGE # 08604, 1277 Camden Hwy Sumter, SC 29153 (803) 218-9507 **Time: 02:00 PM**

B004 - Richburg, Daryl; B014 - Richburg, Alphonso; B024 - Taylor, Lillie; B047 - Johnson, Henry; B077 - Spencer, James; B092 - Hough, Shuante; D025 - Pritchard, Charlena; E023 - Reid, Camille; E059 - Edmond, Charles; F008 - Searson, Donald; F011 - Kelly, Albert; F053 - White, Shawn; G006 - Wilson, Shataria; G009 - Snell, Juaree; G012 - McDuffie, Rannie; G027 - Pearson, Marvin; I003 - Shannon, Janice; I015 - Brown, Fernandez

PUBLIC STORAGE # 25924, 1143 N Guignard Dr, Sumter, SC 29150, (803) 282-9623 **Time: 02:00 PM**

111 - Harvin, Mary; 123 - Simms, Kayola; 225 - Amerson, Lori; 404 - Wright, Eric; 701 - Capell, Joshua; 703 - James, Saymon; 703A - Johnson, Janice; 709 - Howard, James

PUBLIC STORAGE # 25925, 3785 Broad St, Sumter, SC 29154, (803) 282-9826 **Time: 02:00 PM**

0236 - Gary, Cynthia; 0237 - Gary, Cynthia; 0242 - Gilyard, Mary; 0333 - Coplin, Sheila; 0423 - Choice, Teresa; 0448 - Kind, Raymond; 0857 - Johnson, George

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If you meet these criteria, please send your resume to greatsumterjobs@gmail.com.

INVITATION FOR BID

The Housing Authority of the City of Sumter will receive sealed bids for cleaning services for all projects on **Tuesday, November 27, 2018 until 10:00 a.m.** at the Central Office located at 15 Caldwell St. Sumter, SC at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids shall be in sealed envelopes labeled as follows:

Bid Submitted From: _____

For: **Cleaning Services**

Date/Time of Bid Opening: **Tuesday, November 27, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m.**

Proposed Forms of Contract Documents, including specifications are available from the Administrative Office located at 15 Caldwell St.

Attention is called to the Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Provisions and Requirements of all contracts entered into by the Housing Authority of the City of Sumter. All bids will be considered without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital or veteran status, the presence of a non-job related medical condition of handicap, or any other legally protected status.

The Housing Authority of the City of Sumter reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding process. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of the bids without the consent of the Housing Authority of the City of Sumter.

Veronica Wilson 803-774-7309 **TDD# 1-800-545-1833 Ext.100**

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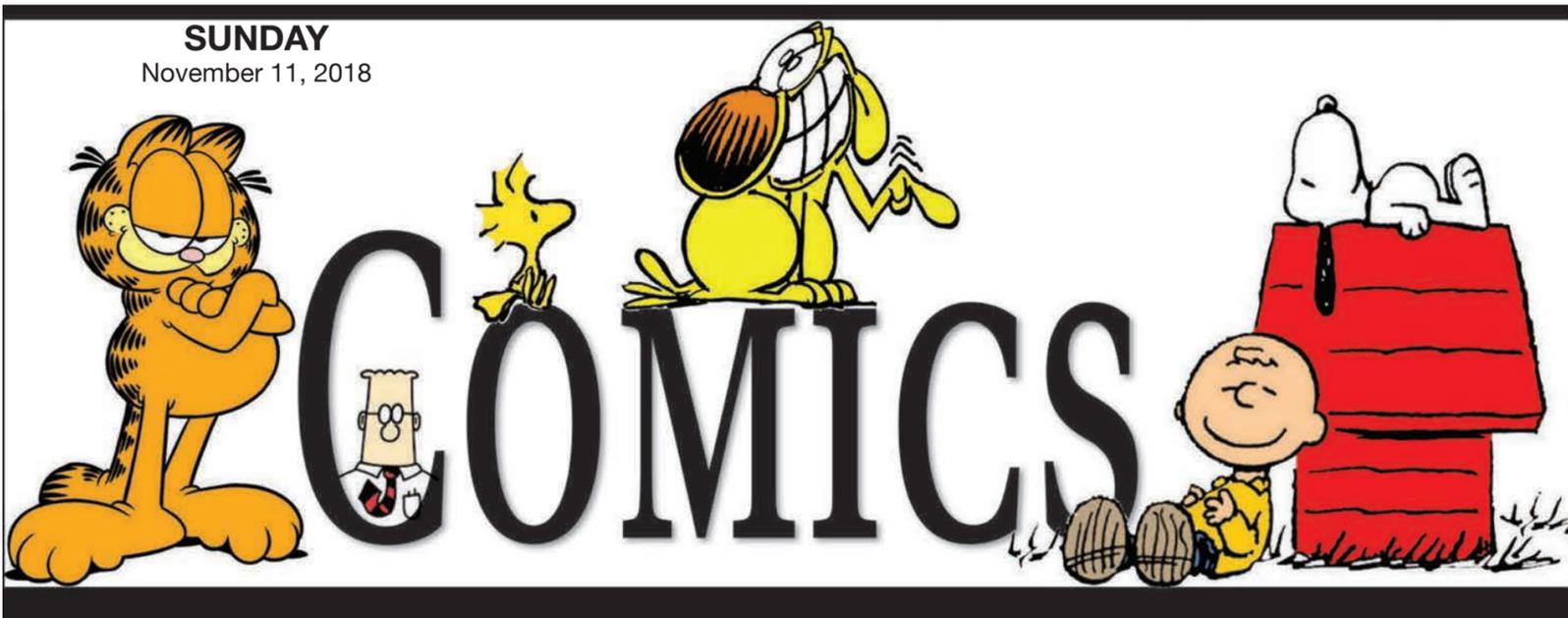
Edition	Deadline
Wed., November 21	Tues., November 20 at 11:30am
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Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

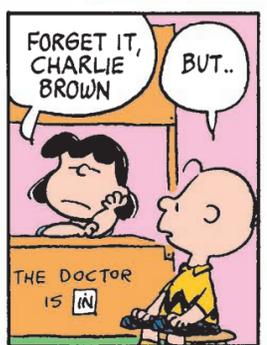
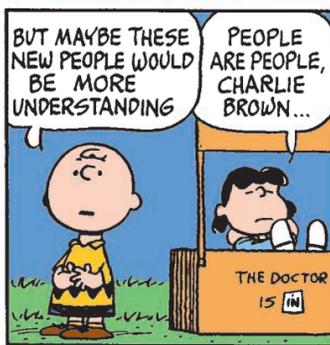
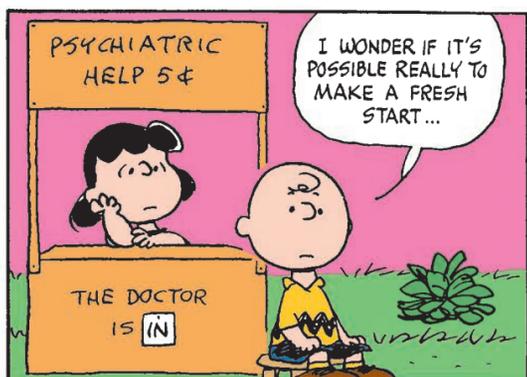
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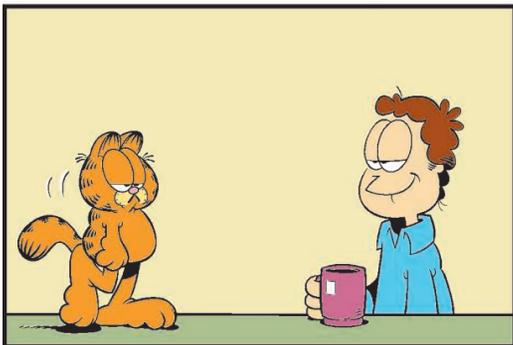


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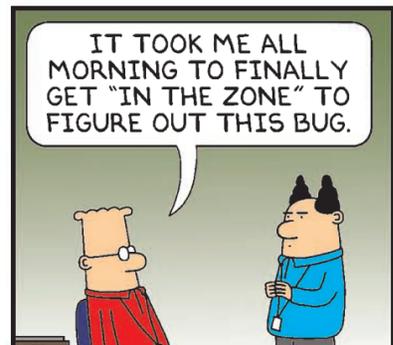
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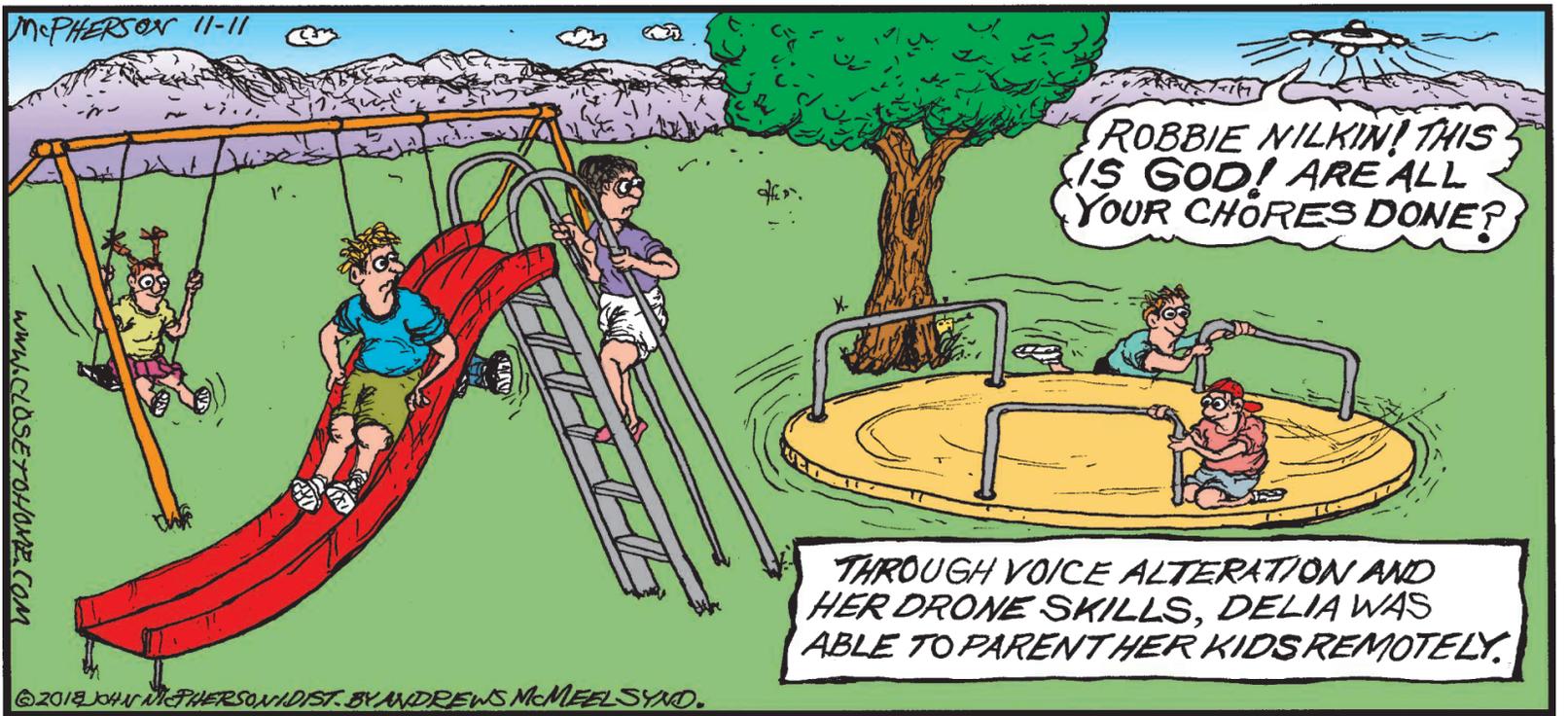
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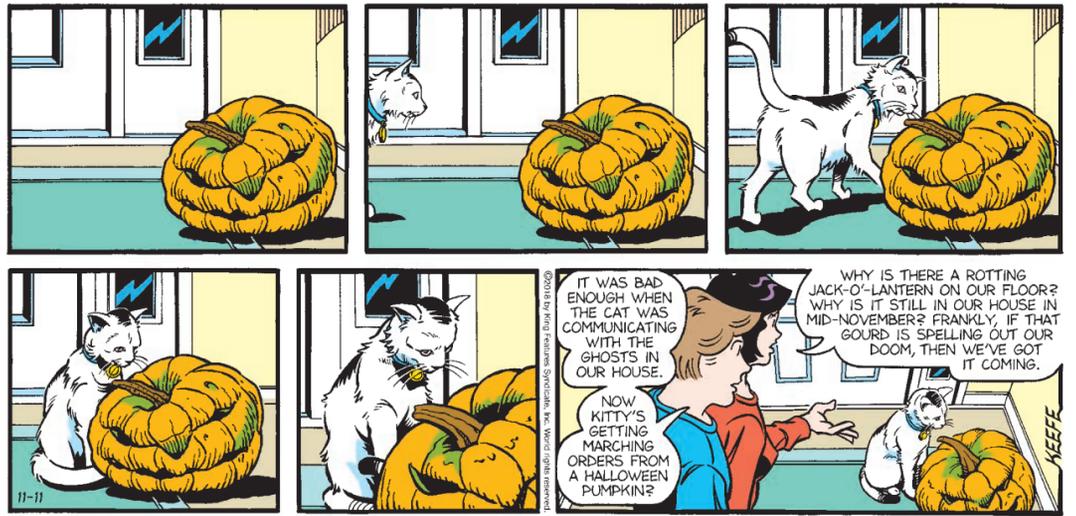
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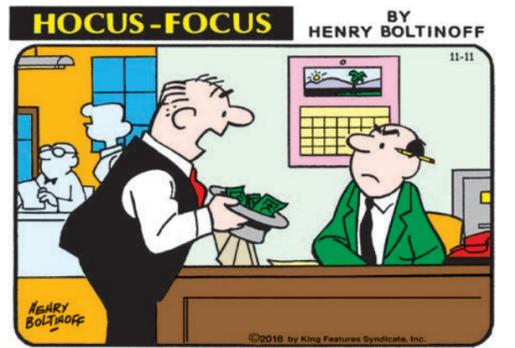
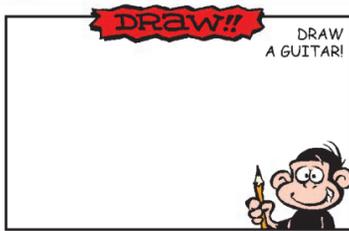
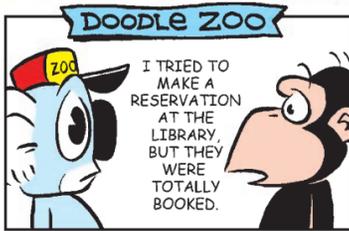
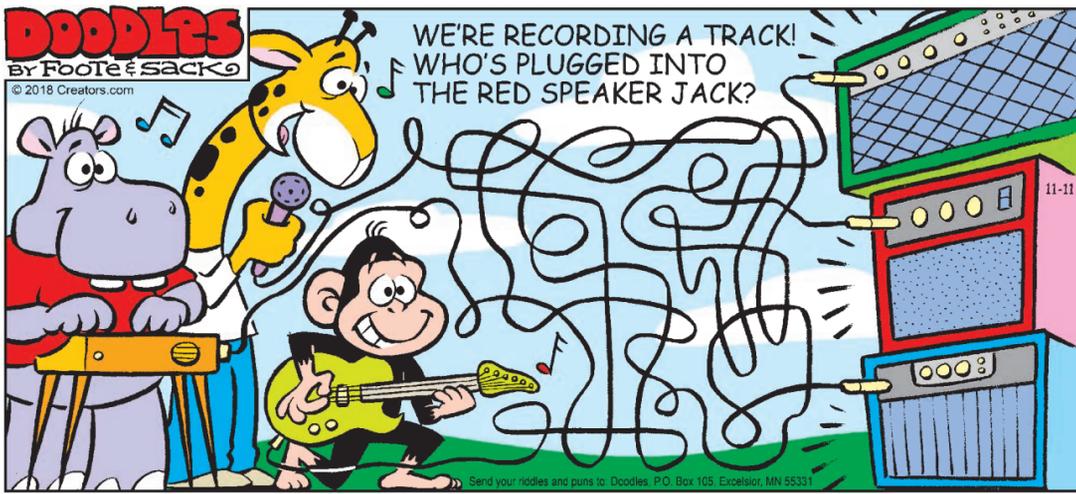
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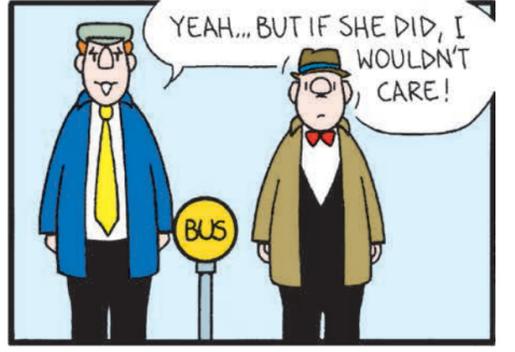
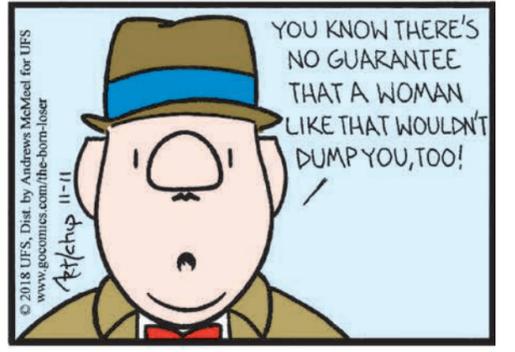
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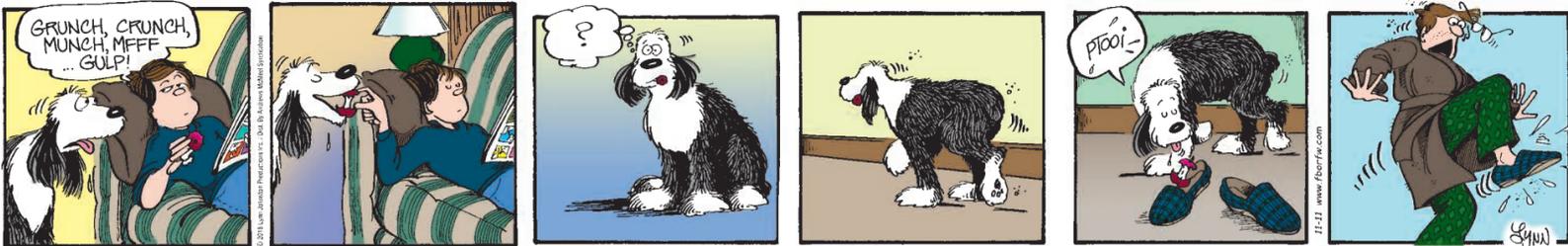
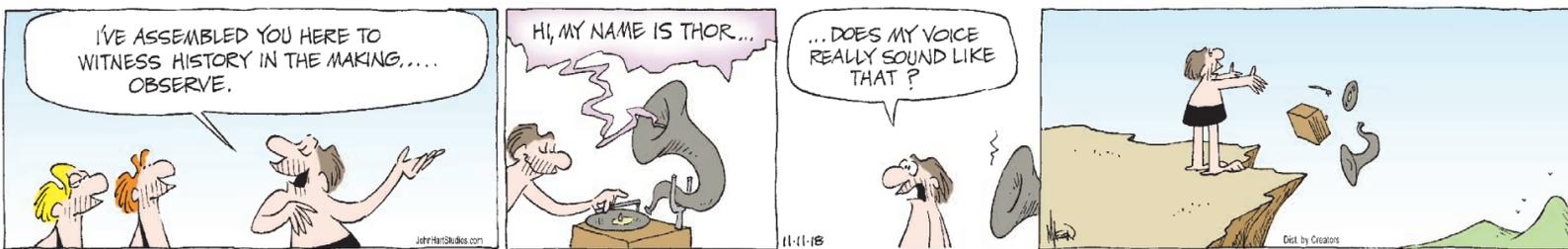
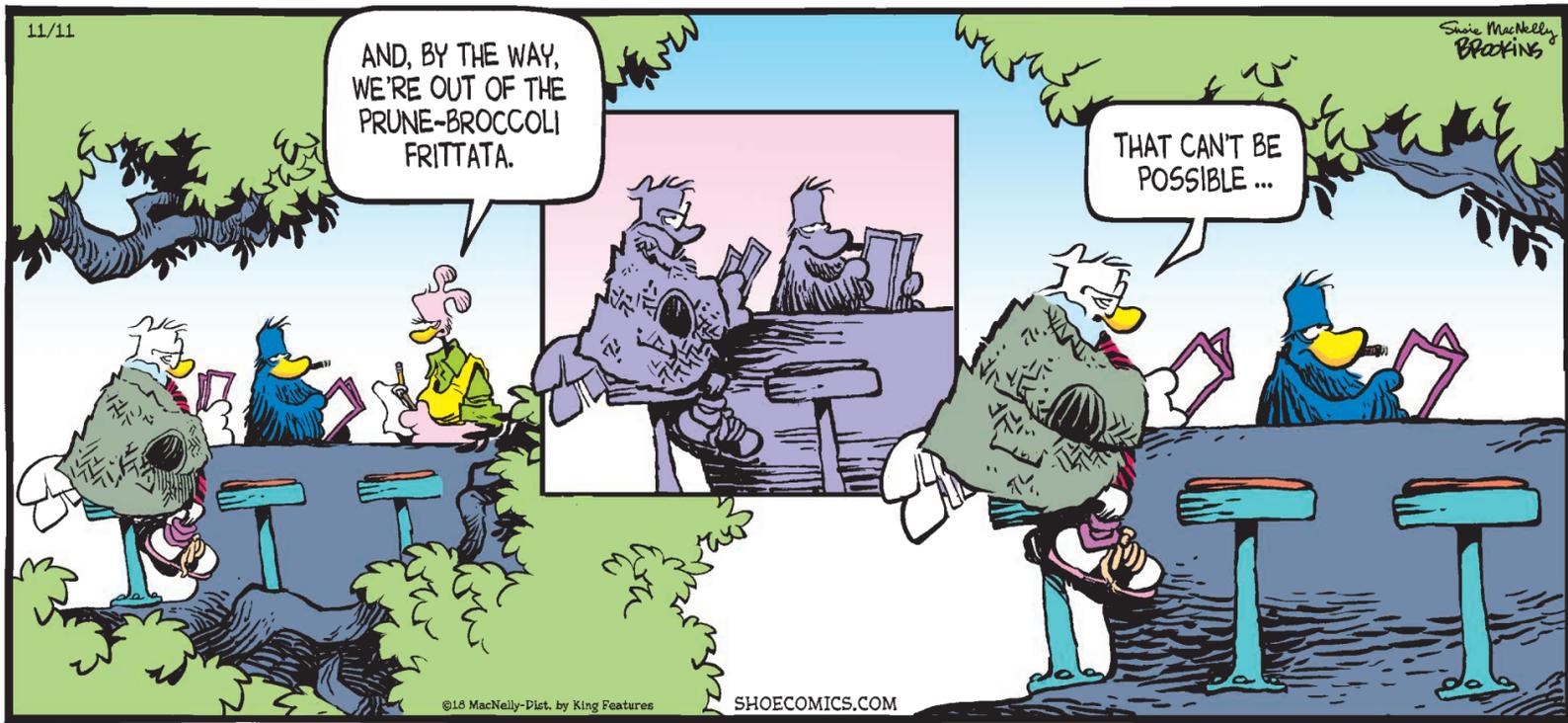
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