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FROM LEFT: In a file photo, parade-goers line Main Street outside of Sumter Electric and Appliance Co., which was eventually shortened to SEACO; the last set of 45 records sits atop the main counter last week; and Brooks Wilkinson rings up a customer in this 2007 file photo. The Sumter icon featured instruments, signed celebrity musicians' photos, lessons, 45 records and other music along with behind-the-scenes stories of the local and national music scene.

SEACO: Morphing with the music

Longtime shop is moving this month to Bultman Drive

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"We've seen a lot of stuff." The words come out almost simultaneously from the mouths of Brooks and Shannan Wilkinson as they recount their many years in the music business.

Owners of SEACO music store at 140 N. Main St., the couple has been packing up more than 60 years of memories as they prepare to move to 657 Bultman Drive.

Originally Sumter Electric and Appliance Co., Brooks Wilkinson's parents, Edward and Ruth Wilkinson, and an uncle, Roy Griffin, bought the appliance store from Red Baker in 1954. Baker had opened the company in 1946. "When they bought it, they sold washing machines and stuff like that," Brooks said.

Eventually, the company's focus switched to music.

A record bar was added in the '50s, Brooks said.

"People would actually sit and listen to records, 45s and then albums as they came into prominence in the '60s," he said. "In the '70s, they added more guitars and amps; in the late '80s, they started doing the



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Brooks and Shannan Wilkinson are seen outside SEACO on Main Street. Downtown Sumter will no longer have one of its icons located across from the Sumter County Courthouse on Main Street. On Oct. 31, Brooks Wilkinson will lock the doors on the iconic Main Street music shop for the last time. As the music begins again, this time across town, the 70-year-old Sumter business will have a grand reopening mid-November in its new location on Bultman Drive.

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Children team up with local 1st responders

Course helps build trust

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Children learned the importance of building trust with law enforcement during the annual Battle Buddies event at Shaw Park on Saturday.

Saturday was the third time the event was hosted by Palmetto Optimist Club, which was chartered in May 2016.

The purpose of the event is to promote respect for law enforcement as well as physical health for children, said club



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Children climb over a wall during the annual Battle Buddies event hosted by Palmetto Optimist Club at Shaw Park on Saturday. See more photos of the event on page A3.

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Senate passes \$36.5B aid bill

Trump's signature will OK disaster relief

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate passed a \$36.5 billion emergency aid measure Tuesday to refill disaster accounts, provide a much-needed cash infusion to Puerto Rico and bail out the federal flood insurance program.

The 82-17 vote sends the measure to the White House, where President Trump is sure to sign it.

The measure provides \$18.7 billion to replenish the Federal Emergency Management Agency's rapid-

ly dwindling accounts and \$16 billion so the flood insurance program can keep paying claims.

It brings the total approved by Congress during this fall's hurricane season to more than \$50 billion — and that's before requests expected soon to cover damage to water and navigation projects, crops, public buildings and infrastructure and to help homeowners

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Show proves there's more to coin hobby than just money

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Becoming a coin collector can be an opportunity to collect antique currency that today has a value much more than its original worth or an opportunity to learn about the history of other societies.

However if your curiosity manifests itself as a coin collector, you are sure to come across unique items and more information about the history than you already know.

For some, Saturday served as an opportunity to get a start in the coin collecting world during the annual Sumter Coin Show at Bethesda Church of God.

Ken Lyles, president of the Sumter Coin Club, became a member in 1972. Everybody has a different story of how he or she got started, he said.

It's amazing that you could have in your hand a coin that was used by ancient Romans, he said. And there are some people who have collections that include coins that were used during Biblical times, he said.

At one of the stations on Saturday, Don Cann, a member of the Sumter Coin Club, displayed his collection of old coins and bills that were used in America as well as antique currency that was used in Africa and China.

On one of his display shelves, Cann took down a mondua, a coil of cooper that was used as currency and a symbol of wealth in the western parts of Africa. The mondua and some other forms of currency in western Africa could be worn as jewelry, he said.

Europeans came across the mondua while conducting trade in Africa during the Atlantic slave trade and later manufactured their

own form of currency, the manilla, that could also function as jewelry that they could trade with Africans.

Cann's collection also includes a block of pressed black tea that was used as currency in China, Sri Lanka and some other Asian countries.

Tea money was used for hundreds of years, he said.

The value of the entire block was determined by the quality of the tea, and that block could be broken into pieces of specific sizes to make change, he said.

Cann said he sold a block of tea to a Chinese man who was only interested in the tea money as a beverage. The guy returned and bought another block of tea but came back later saying that the second block did not taste as good, he said.

If you happened to have visited the coin show without any knowledge of the history or details of coins, the club members would have been more than happy to clue you in.

Aside from buying and selling coins, the club members also talked about how to tell if a coin is fake.

Lyles said one of the easiest ways to tell if a coin is fake is if it is attracted by a magnet. He said this is especially true for silver coins because silver is not attracted by regular magnets.

However people who make counterfeit coins have gotten smarter about passing off fake coins that can pass the magnet test, Lyles said. But there is also the option to weigh the coins and to check the mint marks of the coin, he said.

Whatever your reason for starting a coin collection or visiting a coin show, you are sure to learn a great deal about something that can fit in your pocket, around your wrist or in your tea cup.



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A large coil of copper, called a mondua, and a u-shaped piece of copper, called a manilla, were on display during the annual Sumter Coin Show on Saturday. The pieces were used as currency by Africans and Europeans during the time of the Atlantic slave trade.



A block of compressed black tea was used as a form of currency in some Asian countries. The value of the block was based on the value of the tea.



Don Cann, right, discusses his extensive coin collection with a visitor during the annual Sumter Coin Show on Saturday.

Judge serves eviction notice on pregnant mom's unborn baby

PROVO, Utah (AP) — A Utah mom in her final days of pregnancy gave her baby an eviction notice and made it official with a judge's signature. Incredibly, the baby obeyed.

Kaylee Bays was pregnant with her third child, a girl, and thought she was going into labor last week, but it stopped.

She went back to work to her job as a judicial assistant at the Fourth District Court in Provo, and jokingly asked Judge Lynn Davis to serve an eviction notice on her baby.

He did. And it worked. Less than 12 hours later, baby Gretsel was born, the *Daily Her-*

ald reported.

Bays said Davis told her it was his first baby eviction notice in his 31 years as a judge.

"He told me, 'If it really works, I want it framed.' It did, and I'm going to frame it for him," Bays said.

Bays said the eviction notice gave her baby three days to "vacate the premises."

The notice was addressed to Gretsel at Mommy Belly Lane, in Womb, Utah.

"She came 12 hours later. So far, she's a good listener," she joked. "She didn't want to be in contempt of court."

CORRECTION

An article published in *The Sumter Item* on Sunday contained inaccuracies.

The article quoted Shaw Air Force Base Deputy Base Civil Engineer Christopher Aamold as saying the group of arriving personnel at Shaw will include 378 airmen in the group, 44 contractors, 18 security personnel and 47 support personnel for a total of 487 people.

The number of support personnel that would be coming to Shaw is 27, not 47, making the total number of personnel 467, not 487.

Additionally, the article reads, "(Environmental) As-

essments are being done at Shaw and five other bases," he (Aamold) said.

Actually, Shaw is being considered along with four other bases.

Also, Lt. Allanah Staver of the 20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs asked *The Sumter Item* to clarify that the term "deployment" as used in the article could be interpreted to mean the M-9 group personnel would come here for a short time. Staver assured *The Sumter Item* that should the group be assigned to Shaw, it would be a permanent assignment.

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Massages can provide many therapeutic benefits

It used to be that massages were a luxury and only offered in spas and health clubs, but now massages are offered everywhere, from airports and malls to businesses and schools. You can get a quick, rejuvenating 5-minute chair massage or a relaxing 90-minute full-body massage. There are so many options to choose from, and you can tailor it to your specific needs. In addition to relaxation, there are many therapeutic benefits that help with the management of chronic pain.



Missy Corrigan

It is reported that massages effectively reduce stress, muscle pain and tension and

help with these conditions: low back pain, fibromyalgia pain, tension headaches, rheumatoid arthritis pain, neck pain, high blood pressure. It can decrease symptoms of carpal tunnel syndrome, improve cardiovascular health, sleep, digestive disorders and balance, reduce symptoms of depression and increase a joint's range of motion. There are many different

types of massages ranging from gentle pressure and strokes that help promote relaxation to deep-tissue massages that work through the layers of the muscles and connective tissues. Even though they are different, they can help improve overall quality of life.

Massages should not be painful. A deep-tissue massage can be slightly uncomfortable, but for the most part, massages should help you relax. Experiencing some soreness the next day is normal, so drink plenty of fluids and stretch. Experts suggest that massages may not be appropriate if you

have osteoporosis, burns or open wounds, blood disorders of deep-vein thrombosis.

Getting a massage can really help you improve your well-being. Whether you use self-massage techniques, use massage tools that reach specific areas or hire a massage therapist, you will experience some benefits. But as with anything, the more you massage regularly, the greater the benefit.

If you are looking for a massage therapist, it is important to interview them. While most states regulate massage therapists through licensing and certification requirements,

you will want to make sure their training, experience and cost meets your needs and expectations.

Massage therapy is considered an alternative medicine that is sometimes used in addition to standard medical treatments. Massage is not a replacement for medical care or treatment, and you should consult your physician before you get a massage, especially if you are under current medical care.

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Kids enjoy activities during Battle Buddies



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Children were invited to challenge themselves at the Palmetto Optimist Club's Battle Buddies Obstacle Course on Saturday at Shaw Park near Shaw Air Force Base. They were paired with mentors, law enforcement, military personnel and first responders from the community, who helped guide them through each obstacle. The event is meant to help children learn how to overcome personal obstacles with help from others.



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Sumter Christian students learn about fire safety



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Sumter Christian School elementary students learned about fire safety on Oct. 19 through visits to Sumter Fire Department. Firefighter Chris Mahoney taught students about the fire trucks and the protective suits firefighters wear. Eighth-grade student Ashtyn DuCom wore the gear while Mahoney explained the various parts of the fire suit.



Surfer makes board with 10,000 cigarette butts

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, California (AP) — A California surfer has won a recycled surfboard contest with an entry covered with 10,000 cigarette butts.

"This is the most polluted item picked up on the beach," creator Taylor Lane told the *Orange County Register*. "And no one thinks twice that you can do anything with it."

Lane, 24, from Santa Cruz had the top entry amid an assortment of boards made from potato sacks, used packaging and stuff picked up from Dumpster dives. An Australian entry was made from an old bathroom door.

The entries were for the third-annual "Creators & Innovators Upcycle Contest," hosted by the Vissla surfing gear brand and the nonprofit Surfrider Foundation.

A dozen entries were displayed last Friday at the

Ecology Center in San Juan Capistrano.

"Who would have thought cigarette butts would have been beautiful?" said visitor Karyn Buky of Rancho Santa Margarita, California. "It gives you an awkward feeling, that something so pretty is so icky at the same time. It's amazing."

Lane and his friend, Ben Judkins, spent the summer plucking butts from the sand, beach parking lots and local paths in Santa Cruz. The board also uses Styrofoam from fish markets.

"It's visually disgusting — but awesome in how gross it is," Judkins said. "It just ties together surfing and something we care about — the environment, the ocean and the health of the ocean."

Contestants had three months to make their surfboards.



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(sound system) installs; and in the '90s, they added the lessons and stuff," Brooks said.

He said installing sound systems is still important to SEACO.

"Our bread and butter is installs, a lot of church installs, and lessons, of course," Brooks said.

"Moving is not for the squeamish," he said, standing in the Main Street store already stripped on many of its celebrity-autographed pictures and music memorabilia.

Brooks said he and Shannan don't want to leave, but it is

probably for the best.

"Besides being quasi forced into it, it's a business decision, too," he said.

Brooks said they would probably open the new location on Monday.

Main Street just doesn't have the walk-in traffic they need, he said.

For Brooks, a 1976 graduate of Sumter High School, working in his parents' record store during the '70s would be a dream come true for many teens in that era.

"What better place to hang out," Brooks said, grinning.

In addition to working at the store, Brooks learned to fix amplifiers and was a drummer for a local band.

Soon he was spending a lot of time on the road.

"I've been touring all my life doing tech support," Brooks said. "Since we were a music store, we got to actually handle instruments. We were 'BG' — band gear."

As the trucks with audio equipment pull into a concert venue, they would unload the sound gear and set it up.

It was a choice gig, he said.

"If you were (an electrician) over at the (Carolina) Coliseum, it sounds good, but no, you were dragging these four-ought cables, not a good job," he said. "If you were a carpenter, not a good job, you were hauling stages."

Shannan said she got into the music business through catering.

"In the '90s, I got a

job working for Matt's Catering, which did all the concerts and stuff like that," she said. "When you are catering you get all-access passes."

"I actually had a drink with Tom Petty and his crew," she said. "They were awesome live, and they were awesome people."

"We have so many auto-graphed pictures, you can see where they were," Brooks said, pointing at faint silhouettes on the walls above.

"They're at the new store," Shannan added.

As operators of a music store, the Wilkinsons

were often feted by trade associations and music distributors.

"They would roll out the red carpet for us; they wanted us to buy their gear," Shannan said. "They would get all the famous people, and you would get to go to free concerts just for us to meet them."

Celebrities have made their way into SEACO on Main Street as well.

"Two years ago, Leon Russell came by on a Segway," Brooks said. "Bounced a Segway into the store. He didn't have his top hat on, or he wouldn't have cleared the door."

Brooks said some of his best memories are from growing up in a music store when it was an outlet for concert ticket sales.

"People would line up for shows; we would not let them start lining up till we were closed," he said. "People would line up the night before, they were like tailgating out here."

SEACO was a Capitol (Records) outlet, Brooks said.

"We sold tickets for the last Elvis show here," he said.

He said the first computer he ever saw was installed by the Coliseum for ticket sales.

"No one had ever used a computer," he said.

The technology of the music

People would line up for shows; we would not let them start lining up till we were closed. People would line up the night before, they were like tailgating out here.'

BROOKS WILKINSON

Describing how SEACO sold concert tickets



PHOTOS BY CHRIS MOORE / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

Brooks Wilkinson, who turns 60 in 2018, looks out across Main Street last week. On Oct. 31, Brooks will lock the doors on the historic Sumter business for the final time at its original location. Brooks literally grew up in the 70-year-old family business. SEACO Music will hold a grand reopening mid-November at its new location on Bultman Drive.



A box adorned with a SEACO Music sticker featuring "Since 1946" sits in front of SEACO's huge American flag. SEACO thanks its loyal customers for supporting local music and musicians, and it looks forward to continuing the tradition across town.

business is constantly changing, but SEACO has changed with it.

"We just keep reinventing ourselves," Brooks said.

In more recent times, the couple has found several niches in addition to the audio installs.

"I still do sheet music," Shannan said. "I still get teachers and stuff like that. We still get band members looking for the accessories, and we still get school kids coming in."

"We put stuff on eBay because you have to have an online presence now," Brooks added. "We put our noses pretty much anywhere there that

we can."

Lessons are another niche for Brooks.

"I teach drums; where else can I make \$30 an hour?" he asked. "Nowhere. Playing drums, it's not out there doing manual labor, plus it's fun."

They said love of music is alive and well among young people.

"All of our young students come in, and they want to learn AC/DC songs," Brooks said. "These are 8- and 10-year-old kids; they listen to the stuff we listened to, they are still playing it today," he said. "I think it is from listening to the parents' record collections."

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president Melissa Marshall. Personnel from Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter Police Department, Sumter County Sheriff's Office and Sumter Fire Department participated in the event and assisted children through the obstacle course which included agility, strength and endurance exercises.

Marshall said she was interested in joining Palmetto Optimist Club because of its dedication to providing education and recreational resources for children.

She said she enjoyed seeing the children have fun outside with military personnel and local first responders on Saturday. It's important to give them an outlet like that, she said.

Marshall said Saturday was the first time during the Battle Buddies event that a competition element was added. The fastest time that a child completed the course was 2 minutes and 47 seconds, she said.

The children ended the evening with a refreshing water balloon fight after completing the obstacle course one last time.

Also present on Saturday was Safe Kids Sumter County, sponsored by the Tuomey Foundation, which was encouraging children to wear life jackets while in the water.

Residents of Sumter and Manning communities may also see members of Palmetto Optimist Club participating in other initiatives throughout the year that promote education and encourage reading.



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President Trump leaves the Capitol after lunch with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Senate Republicans to talk about his tax reform agenda in Washington on Tuesday.

AID

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without flood insurance rebuild.

"We're still waiting for all the data to come in from Texas to determine what the need is," said Rep. Blake Farenthold, R-Texas, whose Gulf Coast district was slammed by Hurricane Harvey. "We've already done the supplementals to keep the agencies going, but the long-term stuff — public assistance, FEMA and housing — are the big questions. We still haven't gotten all the numbers in from the state."

The measure fails to address demands from the Florida and Texas delegations for more funding now, but lawmakers representing those states have won assurances from GOP leaders such as House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., White House budget director Mick Mulvaney and Trump himself that more help is in the works.

"I want to stress that much, much more will be needed in my state," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas. "It's not over and done with, and it's not time to just move on."

The current measure would permit FEMA to allocate up to \$5 billion to assist Puerto Rico's central government and various municipalities through a cash crisis. Maria has largely shut down the island's economy and choked off tax revenues. The island's electric grid has been mostly destroyed, and more than one-fourth of Puerto Rico's residents don't have potable running water.

Some conservatives, however, are becoming uneasy with the steadily growing cost of this year's spate of hurricanes.

"People here will say they have great compassion and want to help the people of Puerto Rico and the people of Texas and the people of Florida," said Sen. Rand Paul, R-Texas. "It is compas-

sion with money that doesn't exist, money that's borrowed."

But Republicans controlling Washington are proving more willing to send aid to Texas and Florida this year than they were with New York and New Jersey after Superstorm Sandy hit those states — which are strongly Democratic — five years ago. And just last year, Republicans held up funding sought by President Obama to combat the threat of the Zika virus and to help Flint, Michigan, repair its lead-tainted water system.

Now the challenge is whether Puerto Rico, which sustained enormous damage after Hurricane Maria's landfall more than a month ago, will get enough aid to rebuild.

Trump tweeted earlier this month that the federal government can't keep sending help to Puerto Rico "forever" and suggested that the U.S. territory was to blame for its financial struggles.

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Pink Out Day at Central Carolina

Central Carolina Technical College students, faculty and staff wore pink to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month at their annual Pink Out Day.

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Man keeps looking for pink-feathered bird thought extinct

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hope is the thing with feathers, poet Emily Dickinson wrote. For Richard Thorns, the feathers are pink.

Thorns' hope? To prove that a colorful duck is not extinct. This week, he launches a seventh expedition into the inaccessible wilds of Myanmar to search for the pink-headed duck that hasn't been seen alive since 1949, and that was in India. No one has seen the bird alive in Myanmar in more than a century.

Thorns, a British writer who quit his shop clerk job 20 years ago after reading about the pink-headed duck in the book "Vanishing Birds," has spent \$20,000 of his own money on previous fruitless trips. His birder brother called him mad.

"I could have had a lot of

nice things," the 53-year-old said. "I don't want nice things. I want to see a pink-headed duck."

This time, he is backed by the Global Wildlife Conservation group, which launched a hunt for "lost species" — 25 quirky and elusive plants and animals beginning with the duck. A sports optic company and cheesemaking company

are also helping pay.

Thorns and three others plan to head to the wetlands north of the vast Indawgyi Lake during the rainy season where they think they have a better chance of spotting the duck. And Thorns thinks he has a secret weapon: elephants.

He used canoes in the past and thinks he probably spooked the shy birds. Now he

plans to bring elephants stomping through the wetlands.

"Clearly a bird isn't going to hunker down if there are 2-ton elephants," Thorns said.

As crazy as it may seem, Thorns may be onto something, said ornithologist Kevin McGowan at Cornell University who isn't part of the expedition.

"Fairly regularly birds get re-

discovered," said McGowan, who has gone on unsuccessful expeditions for the ivory-billed woodpecker. "We don't see all the world that is in front of our eyes."

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Kids, screens and parental guilt; Experts say it's time to relax a little

BY BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK — Parents of small children have long been hearing about the perils of "screen time." And with more screens, and new technologies such as Amazon's Echo speaker, the message is getting louder.

And while plenty of parents are feeling guilty about it, some experts say it might be time to relax a little.

Go ahead and hand your kid a gadget now and then to cook dinner or get some work done. Not all kids can entertain themselves quietly, especially when they are young. Try that, and see how long it takes your toddler to start fishing a banana peel out of the overflowing trash can.

"I know I should limit my kid's screen time a lot, but there is reality," said Dorothy Jean Chang, who works for a tech company in New York and has a 2-year-old son. When she needs to work or finds her son awake too early, "it's the best, easiest way to keep him occupied and quiet."

Screen time, she says, "definitely happens more often than I like to admit."

She's not alone. Common Sense Media, a nonprofit group focused on kids' use of media and technology, said in a recent report that kids aged 8 and under average about 2 hours and 19 minutes with screens every day at home. That's about the same as in 2011, though it's up from an hour and a half in 2013 — the last time the survey was conducted — when smartphones were not yet ubiquitous but TV watching was on the decline.

While the overall numbers have held steady in recent years, kids are shifting to mobile devices and other new technologies, just as their parents are. The survey found that kids spend an average of 48 minutes a day on mobile devices, up from 15 minutes in 2013. Kids are also getting exposed to voice-activated assistants, virtual reality and internet-connected toys, for which few guidelines exist because they are so new.

MIXED MESSAGE

Some parents and experts worry that screens are taking time away from exercise and learning.

But studies are inconclusive. The economist Emily Oster said studies have found that kids who watch a lot of TV tend to be poorer, belong to minority groups and have parents with less education — all factors that contribute to higher levels of obesity and lower test scores. For that reason, it's "difficult to draw strong conclusions about the effects of television from this research," Oster wrote in 2015.

In fact, the Common Sense survey found that kids whose parents have higher incomes and education spend "substantially less time" with screens than other children. The gap was larger in 2017 than in previous years.

For more than a quarter century, the American Academy of Pediatrics held that kids under 2 should not be exposed to screens at all, and older kids should have strict limits. The rules have relaxed, such that video calls with grandmas are OK, though "entertainment" television still isn't. Even so, guidelines still feel out of touch for many parents who use screens of various sizes to preserve their sanity and get things done.

After all, what's the point of putting on an episode of "Daniel Tiger" so you can do laundry if the nation's pediatricians insist you sit with your kid while she's watching it?

"My kids are not any more or less crazy than your average toddlers because we watch a little TV," said Jenny Hopf, a mother of two who co-founded Momidarity, an online video service for moms to connect with each other. "When used at the right time, it's a lifesaver."

Jen Bjorem, a pediatric speech pathologist in Leawood,

'Screen time can be a relief for many parents during times of high stress or just needing a break.'

JEN BJOREM

Pediatric speech pathologist in Leawood, Kansas

Kansas, said that while it's "quite unrealistic" for many families to totally do away with screen time, balance is key.

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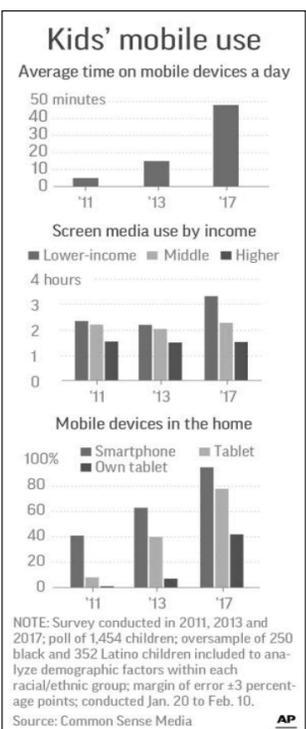
break," she said.

EVERYTHING IN MODERATION

Bjorem recommends using "visual schedules" that toddlers can understand to set limits. Instead of words, these

schedules have images — of dinner, bed time, reading or TV time, for example. Another idea for toddlers? "Sensory bins," or plastic tubs filled with beads, dry pasta and other stuff kids can play around with and, ideally, be just as absorbed as in mobile app or an episode of "Elmo."

Of course, some kids will play with these carefully crafted, Pinterest-worthy bins only for a few minutes. Then they might start throwing beans and pasta all over your living room. So you clean up, put away the bins and turn on the TV.



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What scares you?

Halloween Phobias

A phobia (pronounced FO-bee-uh) is an extreme fear of something. Are these things you should really fear, or are they things that just need a little more understanding?

A fear of pumpkins is called **cucurbitophobia!**

A fear of ghosts is called **spectrophobia!**

Follow the maze. The letters along the correct path spell the word for the fear of bats!

Write the letters in these circles.

Is the number 13 bad luck?

Some people consider the number 13 to be bad luck. They worry whenever the 13th of the month falls on a Friday. Floor buttons in some elevators skip the number 13, going right from 12 to 14. Use the code at left to discover the name for this phobia.

Web Walkers

They're creepy and crawly. And every one of the 40,000 types of spiders (arachnids) in the world have fangs and venom. But most spider venom won't really harm people. The fear of spiders is called **arachnophobia**.

If you just can't stand spiders, there's really only one continent on Earth that is spider-free. (You'd better bring a heavy coat, though). Circle every third letter to find out the name of this continent.

Unscramble the letters!

Vampires have a lot of phobias! **Alliumphobia** is the fear of:

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B R I G M C R D A**

How many bats are on this page?

Clowning Around

Clowns are all about silliness and fun, right? **Right?** Well, if clowns freak you out, your fear is known as **coulrophobia**. Set your fears aside and see if you can find the two identical clowns!

Spooky Search

Look through the newspaper to find:

- the scariest item you see
- a pumpkin
- a black cat
- a spider
- a word that rhymes with ghost
- a word containing the letters B-O-O

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

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Catoptrophobia is a fear of mirrors. How many differences can you find between this creature and its reflection?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Word Search

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

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HALLOWEEN
CLOWNS
VAMPIRES
CREEPY
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COAT
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Phantom Letters

Look through the newspaper to find words where the letters **ph** are blended to make the sound **f**. List these words and then create sentences using these words. Then see if you can do the same exercise with the letters **gh** blended to make the sound **f**.

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COMMENTARY

Undermining our America

Our nation's leftist progressives have long sought to undermine the American values expressed in our Declaration of Independence and Constitution. Though typical Democrats and Republicans do not have this leftist hate for our nation, they have been willing accomplices in undermining the most basic value the Founding Fathers sought to promote — limited government. Leftists have had their greatest successes in undermining American values on the nation's college campuses. Derelict and dishonest college administrators, professors and boards of trustees have given them carte blanche. Let's look at some of it.



Walter Williams

Students at the University of Virginia desecrated the statue of Thomas Jefferson, the university's founder. Students at the University of Missouri want Jefferson's statue gone. Why? He was a slave owner. Many in the college community supported Sen. Bernie Sanders' presidential bid. They welcomed Sanders' belief that the United States was founded on "racist principles."

There have also been calls for the removal of George Washington's and Abraham Lincoln's statues. Some have called for the renaming of schools that honor Washington, Jefferson and 11 other slave-owning presidents. Leftists have called for the renaming of streets named after slave-owning presidents. There have been many leftist calls for the elimination of Columbus Day. Their success at getting Confederate statues taken down has emboldened them.

What goes unappreciated is just why America's leftists' movement attacks the Founders. If they can delegitimize the Founders themselves, it goes a long way toward their agenda of delegitimizing the founding principles of our nation. If the leftists can convince the nation that men such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison were good-for-nothing slave-owning racists, then their ideas can be more easily trashed. We find the greatest assaults on our founding documents on the nation's college campuses.

The average parent, taxpayer and donor has absolutely no idea of the bizarre lessons that college professors are teaching students. Professor Adam Kotsko of Shimer College teaches, "Whether or not your individual ancestors owned slaves, you as a white person have benefited from slavery and are complicit in it." Dr. Micah Johnson, a research assistant and graduate student instructor in the University of Florida's department of sociology and criminology and law, teaches that the American notion of patriotism is "drenched in whiteness" and that patriotism implies that black people are "un-American."

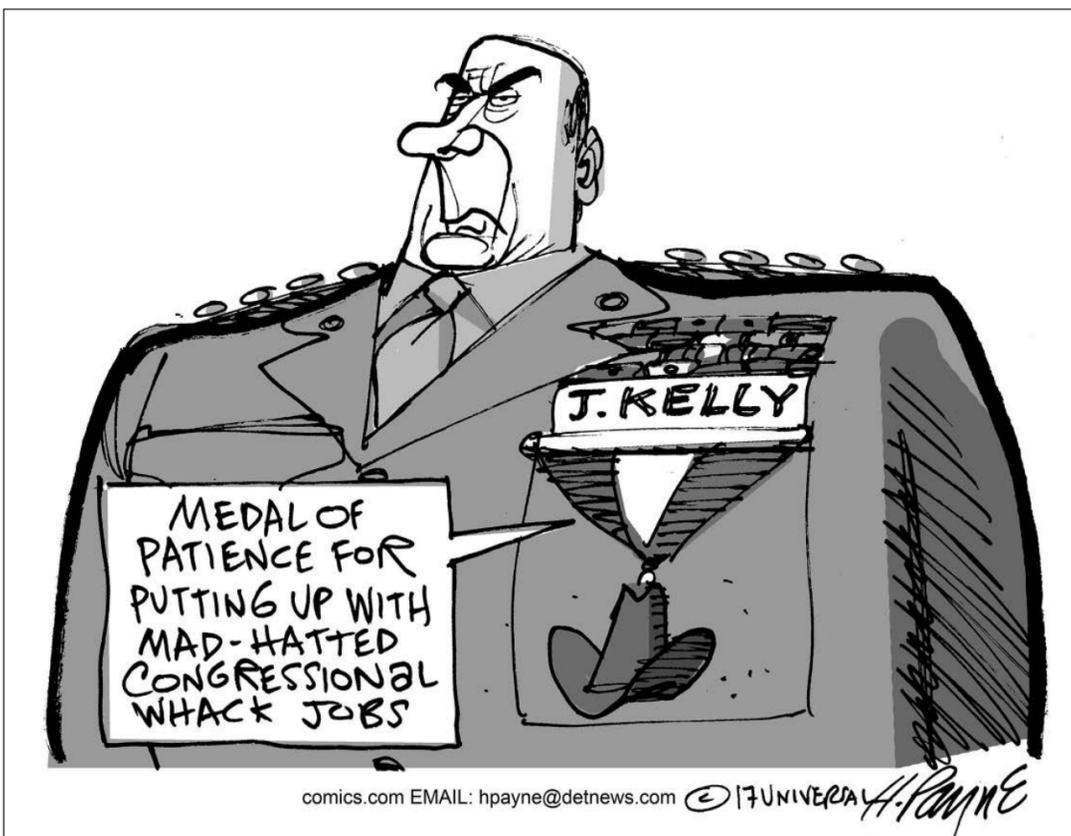
These types of attacks on American values have reached one of our most prestigious institutions of higher learning — the U.S. Military Academy. The administration at West Point knew of 2nd Lt. Spenser Rapone's disqualifying insubordination at the academy, extremist political views and regulation-breaking online activity. Proof has surfaced that West Point leadership knew as early as 2015 that Rapone was an avowed communist and held Marxist anti-American beliefs (<http://tinyurl.com/yb-nppum6>). One of his Facebook posts read, "F--- this country and its false freedom." Despite Rapone's conduct and demonstrated hatred of our nation, the U.S. Military Academy's administration saw fit to allow Rapone to graduate in 2016.

But the rot at our premier military academy goes beyond the traitorous ideas of Rapone's. That was revealed in an open letter written by retired Army Lt. Col. Robert Heffington, once a professor of history at West Point (<http://tinyurl.com/yb6dljy8>). Heffington's letter exposed widespread corruption, cheating and falling standards at the academy to which the administration has turned a blind, politically correct eye. In response to Heffington's widely circulated letter, the superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy, Lt. Gen. Robert L. Caslen Jr., released a standard bureaucratic letter saying the administration will address the concerns raised in Heffington's letter about falling standards. It will also investigate the revelations that it not only managed to graduate Rapone, but also sent him on to Army battlefield units, thus enabling him to spread his anti-American ideas.

The American people need to stop being sheeple and put a halt to the undermining of our nation taking place in our institutions of higher learning.

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NOTABLE & QUOTABLE

The Charleston Post and Courier points out how State Rep. Stephen Goldfinch sent the "Wrong message on offshore oil."

Despite nearly universal opposition to offshore drilling among coastal South Carolina residents and their elected representatives, state Sen. Stephen Goldfinch, R-Murrells Inlet, recently told a congressional panel that Georgetown would be an ideal spot for the oil industry to build the infrastructure needed to support offshore rigs.

That's sending the wrong message. What's worse, Sen. Goldfinch was testifying in support of a bill that would limit the president's authority to ban drilling on the outer continental shelf and weaken the approval process for offshore leases.

He suggested offshore drilling would help reinvent Georgetown as a working waterfront and bring thousands of jobs to relatively depressed areas such as Conway and Andrews.

"I believe offshore oil and gas exploration and development could help write the next chapter in [Georgetown's] history," Mr. Goldfinch told a House subcommittee. Actually, Georgetown officials already have a solid plan to revitalize Georgetown's waterfront with residential and commercial development supplanting port operations and a disused steel plant.

In any event, both the city and county of Georgetown have gone on record in opposition to offshore drilling, as have all coastal South Carolina congressional representatives, and other coastal city and county governments. So have a wide range of environmental organizations.

The S.C. Small Business Chamber of Commerce has taken a leading role in the opposition, representing 500,000 fishing families and 41,000 businesses in this and other states.

Given his support for developing Georgetown as a hub for offshore exploration, it shouldn't come as a surprise that Sen. Goldfinch is also sponsoring a bill aimed at putting a referendum on offshore drilling on a statewide ballot next year.

That would be a further affront to his constituents. Coastal residents don't need one of their own legislators attempting to pass the decision-making to voters from the Midlands and Upstate who wouldn't be dealing with the consequences of seismic testing and offshore drilling.

The House subcommittee also heard from offshore drilling opponents in July, including North Litchfield Beach resident and former Chevron engineer Peg Howell of Stop Offshore Drilling in the Atlantic. She argued that the number of jobs that would

be created locally by offshore drilling was inflated and that most of the skilled positions would be filled by out-of-state industry journeymen.

Tourism — mostly along the coast — already brings in about \$20 billion annually in South Carolina, compared to a projected economic impact of \$2.7 billion for oil and gas over 20 years.

Sen. Goldfinch was invited to testify to the subcommittee by Rep. Jeff Duncan, R-S.C., who represents an Upstate district centered in Anderson. The coastal representatives who have opposed offshore drilling — Republicans Mark Sanford and Tom Rice, and Democrat Jim Clyburn — should make clear their opposition to their colleagues. And Gov. Henry McMaster, who stated his opposition to the drilling proposal while serving as lieutenant governor, should underscore that position as the state's chief executive.

The state's booming coastal tourism industry doesn't need fouled beaches and the threat of blowouts and spills. South Carolina leaders should be working to protect coastal resources, not setting them up for the highest bidder.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DENNIS AND HIS TEAM SHOULD BE CONGRATULATED

Sheriff Anthony Dennis and his team of officers on the recent drug bust in Sumter and the surrounding areas, he has done a great job on drug cleanup in Sumter.

These drugs and guns will have to be eliminated from our streets and communities. We have to have a safe community environment.

My family has a history of law enforcement, son is Baltimore, Maryland, retired police officer, daughter-in-law retired police officer with Baltimore police, son Baltimore police officer retired to become a minister. Son works with Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Congratulations to Sheriff Dennis and officers: a job well done.

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SEEK GOD TO GET US THROUGH THIS TIME

Our national anthem was written during a battle and adopted as "Our National Anthem." Our flag was still there.

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If millionaires can disrupt our God and country so be it; that's their choice. However, we too have a choice. Stop buying, stop going, stop watching and supporting the NFL or any and all sports that devalue our God and nation. Our military matters.

Just one more thing. One more distraction. Each day is different, yet the same. It seems as though some people are against everything and for nothing. A nation divided will fall. We are not different.

We are the most blessed nation in the world, yet, we take it and

everything God has blessed us with for granted.

We are destroying ourselves. Crime, violence. There has never been such a time as this in our lifetime.

God has given us one last chance. What we do with it is our choice. After all, we decide our destiny.

There are consequences to every decision we make. Right or wrong, we choose.

Life is God's gift to us. What we do with it is our gift to God. Life only comes around once. Therefore, make wise and Godly decisions. After all, our children will live by our choices, our examples.

Now, we have the trickle-down effect. Even grammar school payers are taking a knee to something they don't understand. We as adults don't understand. However, I know what I stand for and who I stand for: God and country. If we don't respect The One, we won't respect The Other. Seek God and His wisdom. He is the solution to every problem we will ever face.

SHERIAN MATTHEWS
Manning

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

SATURDAY MEETINGS:

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

SUNDAY MEETINGS:

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

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TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly sunny	Clear and chilly	Mostly sunny	Sunny and pleasant	Mostly cloudy	Some sun, a shower possible
67°	43°	68° / 45°	74° / 51°	75° / 58°	69° / 41°
Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 30%
W 6-12 mph	W 4-8 mph	WNW 4-8 mph	SSE 4-8 mph	SE 6-12 mph	WSW 7-14 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Partly sunny. Winds west-southwest 4-8 mph. Clear.

Thursday: Plenty of sun. Winds south-southwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Plenty of sunshine; not as warm. High 66 to 70.

Thursday: Mostly sunny. High 66 to 70.

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SUMMER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
72°	72°	54°	72°	48°	88° in 2001	31° in 1987

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date	Last year to date	Normal year to date
0.62"	1.57"	2.79"	32.57"	44.55"	40.03"	

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	354.43	+0.05
Marion	76.8	74.21	+0.04
Moultrie	75.5	74.07	+0.01
Wateree	100	98.01	+0.15

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	3.89	+0.16
Congaree River	19	3.00	+0.30
Lynches River	14	3.04	+0.04
Saluda River	14	2.13	+0.01
Up. Santee River	80	75.59	+0.45
Wateree River	24	6.50	-0.05

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise 7:35 a.m. Sunset 6:36 p.m.
Moonrise 12:35 p.m. Moonset 11:02 p.m.

Phase	Date
First	Oct. 27
Full	Nov. 4
Last	Nov. 10
New	Nov. 18

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	12:57 a.m.	2.8	7:38 a.m.	0.9
	1:33 p.m.	3.1	8:32 p.m.	1.1
Thu.	1:42 a.m.	2.7	8:21 a.m.	1.1
	2:21 p.m.	3.0	9:20 p.m.	1.1

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	60/44/s	69/48/s
Chicago	49/35/pc	54/45/pc
Dallas	79/55/s	86/49/s
Detroit	52/36/sh	54/43/pc
Houston	76/50/s	82/63/s
Los Angeles	100/69/s	88/65/s
New Orleans	70/50/s	78/62/s
New York	67/51/pc	61/48/pc
Orlando	73/51/s	74/57/s
Philadelphia	68/46/pc	61/43/pc
Phoenix	93/65/s	92/63/s
San Francisco	82/57/s	82/56/s
Wash., DC	65/48/pc	60/43/s

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	56/33/pc	64/39/s	Florence	67/43/s	65/44/s
Athens	61/39/s	68/43/s	Gainesville	71/43/s	74/47/s
Augusta	68/40/s	71/43/s	Gastonia	63/38/s	65/43/s
Beaufort	70/47/s	70/51/s	Greenville	62/39/pc	65/44/s
Cape Hatteras	71/54/pc	67/56/s	Hickory	60/38/pc	63/42/s
Charleston	68/45/s	69/48/s	Goose Creek	66/44/s	67/46/s
Charlotte	64/39/s	65/43/s	Greensboro	62/40/s	60/43/s
Clemson	61/39/pc	66/46/s	Hilton Head	68/48/s	68/50/s
Columbia	67/43/s	69/45/s	Jacksonville, FL	71/46/s	74/50/s
Darlington	66/41/s	66/43/s	La Grange	61/40/s	71/44/s
Elizabeth City	71/48/pc	65/45/s	Macon	65/38/s	72/43/s
Elizabethtown	67/43/s	65/43/s	Marietta	58/39/pc	68/44/s
Fayetteville	67/44/s	65/43/s	Marion	58/35/pc	64/39/s
			Mt. Pleasant	67/47/s	67/49/s
			Myrtle Beach	67/47/s	66/50/s
			Orangeburg	66/41/s	68/44/s
			Port Royal	67/47/s	69/51/s
			Raleigh	65/42/s	62/42/s
			Rock Hill	63/38/s	65/42/s
			Rockingham	66/40/s	66/42/s
			Savannah	69/45/s	72/48/s
			Spartanburg	60/37/pc	64/43/s
			Summerville	66/42/s	66/45/s
			Wilmington	70/46/s	66/46/s
			Winston-Salem	61/39/s	60/42/s

PUBLIC AGENDA

GREATER SUMTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Today, noon, chamber office

SUMTER CITY-COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Today, 3 p.m., fourth floor, Sumter Opera House, Council Chambers

SUMTER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Thursday, 7:30 a.m., Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce boardroom, 32 E. Calhoun St.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Emotions will take over if you aren't

careful. Avoid disagreements that can turn into regret and disappointment. Concentrate on yourself and how you can improve your skills and appearance. Added discipline will help you evolve.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Gather information that will help you get a better understanding of what others are going through or how you can help a situation that is affecting those you love. Participation will lead to an opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Listen to your peers and be aware of what's happening around you at work or when volunteering your time or services. Confusion can play havoc with the decisions you make regarding relationships. Joint ventures should be avoided.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Partnerships are best dealt with intellectually. Don't let people's emotions confuse you or take you down a path that is built on assumptions. Let your intuition be your guide and you will find the right words and actions to ensure success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't take a risk or get trapped in someone else's dilemma. Look out for your emotional and personal interests and let others do the same. Better times will come from greater self-awareness and personal growth.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will gain control if you use intelligence to win support and favors from friends, relatives and peers. Laying out a plan that includes people you enjoy working alongside will help you excel. A change of scenery is favored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Emotional

uproar will flourish if you don't remain calm and look for reasonable solutions to any dilemma that you encounter. Getting along with others will not be as easy as you hoped. Protect your personal information and passwords.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Size up situations and take the plunge. What you accomplish today will not go unnoticed. Articulate and enthusiastic plans will capture interest and the help you need to accomplish your goals. Protect against bullies and users.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Watch your back. Stay on top of your work. Someone will complain if you are negligent or too busy having fun to take care of your responsibilities. Take care of business first and avoid criticism. Hard work will pay off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emotional matters concerning friends or relatives will give you something to think about. Helping someone who is not well will make a positive difference in your relationship. Expect an unusual financial development.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Handle your money, possessions and matters pertaining to the way you earn your living carefully. Letting emotions interfere with your common sense will get you into trouble. Say little but do your part to ensure you take care of your responsibilities.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): It's OK to be different or take a unique approach to the way you earn your keep. Expand your interests and check out investment or job opportunities that will improve your lifestyle. Protect your intellectual property and possessions.

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SUMTER ANIMAL CONTROL PET OF THE WEEK



Meet beautiful Susie. This stunning little lady is 3 to 4 years old, weighs 43 pounds, is spayed, heartworm negative and current on heartworm prevention. She does well around other dogs and walks nicely on a leash. She is housebroken. Gentle around children, Susie would make an amazing addition to any family. Susie is in kennel No. 26 at Sumter Animal Control, 1240 Winkles Road. To inquire about meeting and possibly adopting Susie, call our adoption / rescue coordinator at (803) 774-3232 or email rescuesumtersc@gmail.com. Please keep Sumter Animal Control in mind when searching for a lost or an adoptable pet. We have many wonderful dogs who have lost a home through no fault of their own and are now available for adoption. Check out Sumter Animal Control on Facebook to view our animals.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

TSA falls in 2A volleyball title match

BY WORTHY EVANS
Special to The Sumter Item

CLINTON – Down two sets to zero, Taja Hunley and the Thomas Sumter Academy volleyball team made a last-ditch effort to take the third set and stay alive in their SCISA 2A state championship match against Spartanburg Christian on Tuesday.

The defending state champion Lady Warriors had already closed out wins in the first

two sets at Presbyterian College's Furman B. Pinson Jr. Court, and were up 22-18 in the third set of the best-of-5 match.

However, as teammate Diamond Gibson served, Hunley camped out in front of the net and delivered three straight kills to get the Lady Generals to within 22-21.

Spartanburg Christian proved too solid up front though.

Led by Peyton Thompson,

who reached the 2,000-kill mark for during the game, the Lady Warriors closed out a 25-23 win in the third set to clinch the match and back-to-back state championships.

"We played our game that we played all year," TSA head coach Gwen Herod said. "That's what we came to do. I think our girls played great. They have a lot to be proud of."

Spartanburg Christian, which was riding a 14-game winning streak going into the

final match of the season, finished the year 26-17.

"That's a good team," Spartanburg Christian head coach Andrew Garland said of the Lady Generals. "They're probably the most athletic team we've played all year. They came out like they had been here four years in a row. They do good things and they can be tough. I didn't want them to outwork us."

The Lady Generals finish at 28-3.

Spartanburg Christian controlled the first two sets, but TSA did everything it could to keep close.

The Lady Generals opened the first set with a 3-0 lead, but Spartanburg Christian came back to tie things up at 3. From that point on, TSA and the Lady Warriors matched point for point until Carson Coggins came to serve for Spartanburg Christian.

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PREP FOOTBALL



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Lee Central running back Demetrius Dubose (5) gets around the end during the Stallions' 14-7 victory over Cheraw on Oct. 13. LCHS moved to fourth in the S.C. Prep Media Football Poll released on Tuesday

Lee Central ranked 4th in latest 2A poll; SHS falls to No.8; MHS, Branch drop out

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Lee Central High School went into the 2A football state playoffs last season as the No. 4 team from Region IV. The Stallions are more than likely entering this year's playoffs as the No. 4 team in 2A.

LC moved up a spot to fourth in the S.C. Prep Media Football Poll released on Tuesday, and with its regular season completed, the odds are it will remain there when the playoffs begin on Nov. 3.

Lee Central was the only local team not to take a hit in their respective polls. Sumter dropped from No.

6 to eighth in the 5A poll after a 14-13 loss to Conway, while Manning fell out of the 3A poll and Scott's Branch out of the 1A poll after losing as well.

Lee Central won the first region title in school history with a 26-14 victory over Andrew Jackson High on Friday. That left the Stallions at 9-1 overall and 5-1 in the region, winning its final five region contests after losing the opener to Buford 28-27.

LC's bye week is this week, so unless someone jumps it in next

week's poll, Lee Central will be at No. 4 entering its first-round home game.

The team the Stallions bypassed in this week's poll is Barnwell, which fell from No. 2 to No. 5. It lost 21-0 to Bamberg-Ehrhardt, which moved up to third from No. 4.

Two of Lee Central's region foes are in the top 10 as well. Cheraw is No. 6 and Chesterfield reentered at No. 10.

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USC FOOTBALL



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

South Carolina running back A.J. Turner (25) and the Gamecocks play host to Vanderbilt on Saturday beginning at 4 p.m.

Gamecocks exceeding expectations in SEC East

BY JOSH KENDALL
The State

South Carolina's football team can still win the SEC East. It knows it can still win the SEC East. It just doesn't want to talk about possibly winning the SEC East.

"Well, yeah, that's one of our goals," Gamecocks quarterback Jake Bentley said. "That's what we try to do, but at the end of the day we just have to win, we have to take care of the games that we play in, and we can't worry about what has to happen with other teams or what the scenarios are."

The Gamecocks (5-2 overall, 3-2 SEC) return from their season's only open date to play Vanderbilt (3-4, 0-4) on Saturday at 4 p.m. in Williams-Brice Stadium. Four teams

remain in contention for the division crown – No. 3 Georgia (7-0, 4-0), Florida (3-3, 3-2), Kentucky (5-2, 2-2) and the Gamecocks.

The path for South Carolina from here to Atlanta would include winning the remainder of its conference games, against the Commodores on Saturday, the Bulldogs on Nov. 4 and the Gators on Nov. 11, plus have Georgia lose to either Florida, Auburn or Kentucky plus have the Wildcats lose one more conference game.

It is not a mathematically probable path, but that one remains at all this deep into the season is a testament to the Gamecocks' exceeding expectations in head coach Will Muschamp's second season.

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PREP FOOTBALL

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



KESSINGER

OFFENSIVE
PLAYER



GILMORE

DEFENSIVE
PLAYER



STUDER

OFFENSIVE
LINEMAN



ROBERTS

SPECIAL
TEAMS

Roberts, Kessinger, Studer, Gilmore Players of Week

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Only a few people each year get a chance to replace an athlete rated as No. 1 at his position in the country.

Sumter High School's Dyson Roberts is one of those. He has taken over the punting chores for the Gamecocks with the graduation of Pressley Harvin, who is now punting for Georgia Tech and was deemed by most as the nation's top punter a year ago.

Roberts did his predecessor proud on Friday in SHS' 14-13 loss to Conway.

Roberts punted seven times with a pedestrian average of 34.0 yards a punt. However, four of the punts were downed inside the Tigers' 20-yard and two of them nestled inside the 5.

"I was just going through my routine," Roberts said. "I felt pretty good out there. I think I may have had one other game similar to that this season."

For his performance, Roberts has been selected as The Sumter Item Special Teams Player of the Week. Thomas Sumter Academy quarterback Eli Kessinger is the Offensive Player of the Week, TSA offensive tackle Mason Studer is the Offensive Lineman of the Week and Clarendon Hall outside linebacker Zyan Gilmore is the Defensive Player of the Week.

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

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TV, RADIO

TODAY
7 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Erste Bank Open Early-Round Matches from Vienna and Swiss Indoors Early-Round Matches from Basel, Switzerland (TENNIS).
7:30 a.m. — International Soccer: FIFA U-17 World Cup Semifinal Match from Guwahati, India — England vs. Brazil (FOX SPORTS 2).
10:20 a.m. — International Soccer: FIFA U-17 World Cup Semifinal Match from Guwahati, India — Spain vs. Mali (FOX SPORTS 2).
Noon — Professional Tennis: Erste Bank Open Early-Round Matches from Vienna and Swiss Indoors Early-Round Matches from Basel, Switzerland (TENNIS).
6 p.m. — College Soccer: Bucknell at Lehigh (SPECTRUM 1250).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. — Women's College Volleyball: Arkansas at Georgia (ESPNU).
7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Denver at Charlotte (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: World Series Game 2 — Houston at Los Angeles Dodgers (WACH 57).
8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: San Antonio at Miami (ESPN).
8 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Buffalo at Columbus (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. — Women's College Volleyball: Missouri at Mississippi (SEC NETWORK).
8:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Eastern Conference Playoffs Knockout Round Match — New York at Chicago (FOX SPORTS 1).
9 p.m. — Women's College Volleyball: Iowa State at Kansas State (ESPN).
10 p.m. — PGA Golf: WGC-HSBC Champions First round from Shanghai (GOLF).
10:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Washington at Los Angeles Lakers (ESPN).
1 a.m. — Amateur Golf: Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship First Round from Upper Hut, New Zealand (ESPN2).

MLB PLAYOFFS

By The Associated Press
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LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (Best-of-7)
AMERICAN LEAGUE
 Houston 4, New York 3
 Friday, Oct. 13: Houston 2, New York 1
 Saturday, Oct. 14: Houston 2, New York 1
 Monday, Oct. 16: New York 8, Houston 1
 Tuesday, Oct. 17: New York 6, Houston 4
 Wednesday, Oct. 18: New York 5, Houston 0
 Friday, Oct. 20: Houston 7, New York 1
 Saturday, Oct. 21: Houston 4, New York 0
NATIONAL LEAGUE
 Los Angeles 4, Chicago 1
 Saturday, Oct. 14: Los Angeles 5, Chicago 2
 Sunday, Oct. 15: Los Angeles 4, Chicago 1
 Tuesday, Oct. 17: Los Angeles 6, Chicago 1
 Wednesday, Oct. 18: Chicago 3, Los Angeles 2
 Thursday, Oct. 19: Los Angeles 11, Chicago 1

WORLD SERIES (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
All Games Televised by Fox
 Houston vs. L.A. Dodgers
 Tuesday, Oct. 24: Houston (Keuchel 14-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 18-4), 8:09 p.m.
 Wednesday, Oct. 25: Houston (Verlander 15-8) at L.A. Dodgers (Hill 12-8), 8:09 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 27: L.A. Dodgers (Darvish 10-12) at Houston (Morton 14-7 or McCullers 7-4), 8:09 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 28: L.A. Dodgers at Houston, 8:09 p.m.
 x-Tuesday, Oct. 29: L.A. Dodgers at Houston, 8:16 p.m.
 x-Sunday, Oct. 31: Houston at L.A. Dodgers, 8:09 p.m.
 x-Wednesday, Nov. 1: Houston at L.A. Dodgers, 8:10 p.m.

NFL STANDINGS

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	2	0	.714	195	166
Buffalo	4	2	0	.667	119	101
Miami	4	2	0	.667	92	112
N.Y. Jets	3	4	0	.429	137	161

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	4	3	0	.571	183	110
Tennessee	4	3	0	.571	158	173
Houston	3	3	0	.500	177	147
Indianapolis	2	5	0	.286	119	222

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	5	2	0	.714	147	116
Baltimore	3	4	0	.429	130	148
Cincinnati	2	4	0	.333	98	112
Cleveland	0	7	0	.000	103	169

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	5	2	0	.714	207	161
Denver	3	3	0	.500	108	118
L.A. Chargers	3	4	0	.429	137	131
Oakland	3	4	0	.429	155	156

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	6	1	0	.857	199	146
Dallas	3	3	0	.500	165	142
Washington	3	3	0	.500	141	147
N.Y. Giants	1	6	0	.143	112	156

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	4	2	0	.667	171	133
Carolina	4	3	0	.571	131	139
Atlanta	3	3	0	.500	128	132
Tampa Bay	2	4	0	.333	145	151

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	5	2	0	.714	146	119
Green Bay	4	3	0	.571	164	161
Detroit	3	3	0	.500	161	149
Chicago	3	4	0	.429	122	151

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	5	2	0	.714	212	138
Seattle	4	2	0	.667	134	94
Arizona	3	4	0	.429	119	191
San Francisco	0	7	0	.000	123	186

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Miami at Baltimore, 8:25 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
 Minnesota vs Cleveland at London, UK, 9:30 a.m.
 San Francisco at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
 Oakland at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
 Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
 Carolina at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
 Chicago at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
 Atlanta at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
 L.A. Chargers at New England, 1 p.m.
 Houston at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
 Dallas at Washington, 4:25 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Detroit, 8:30 p.m.
 Open: L.A. Rams, Arizona, N.Y. Giants, Jacksonville, Tennessee, Green Bay

MONDAY'S GAMES
 Denver at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOV. 2
 Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 8:25 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 5
 Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
 Baltimore at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
 L.A. Rams at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
 Indianapolis at Houston, 1 p.m.
 Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
 Denver at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
 Arizona at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
 Washington at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
 Kansas City at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.
 Oakland at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
 Open: Chicago, Minnesota, New England, L.A. Chargers, Cleveland, Pittsburgh

MONDAY, NOV. 6
 Detroit at Green Bay, 8:30 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	2	1	.667	—
Brooklyn	2	1	.667	—
Boston	1	2	.333	1
Philadelphia	1	3	.250	1½
New York	0	2	.000	1½

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	3	0	1.000	—
Orlando	2	1	.667	1
Miami	2	1	.667	1
Charlotte	1	2	.333	2
Atlanta	1	3	.250	2½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	3	1	.750	—
Cleveland	2	1	.667	½
Detroit	2	2	.500	1
Indiana	1	2	.333	1½
Chicago	0	2	.000	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	3	0	1.000	—
San Antonio	3	0	1.000	—
Houston	3	1	.750	½
New Orleans	1	2	.333	2
Dallas	0	4	.000	3½

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	2	1	.667	—
Utah	2	1	.667	—
Portland	2	1	.667	—
Denver	1	2	.333	1
Oklahoma City	1	2	.333	1

PACIFIC DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	2	0	1.000	—
Golden State	2	2	.500	1
L.A. Lakers	1	2	.333	1½
Phoenix	1	3	.250	2
Sacramento	1	3	.250	2

MONDAY'S GAMES
 Philadelphia 97, Detroit 86
 Miami 104, Atlanta 93
 Memphis 98, Houston 90
 Milwaukee 103, Charlotte 94
 Golden State 133, Dallas 103
 San Antonio 101, Toronto 97
 Washington 109, Denver 104
 Phoenix 117, Sacramento 115

TUESDAY'S GAMES
 Brooklyn at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 Chicago at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
 New York at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
 Indiana at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 New Orleans at Portland, 10 p.m.
 Washington at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
 Denver at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 Houston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Minnesota at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Cleveland at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
 Indiana at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 San Antonio at Miami, 8 p.m.
 Memphis at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Utah at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
 Toronto at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
 Washington at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Atlanta at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Boston vs. Milwaukee at Milwaukee, Wis., 8 p.m.
 Dallas at Memphis, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Portland, 10 p.m.
 New Orleans at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 Houston at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 Brooklyn at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Denver at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Toronto at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
 Washington at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	9	7	1	1	15	36	24
Toronto	9	7	2	0	14	40	30
Ottawa	8	4	1	3	11	30	21
Detroit	9	4	4	1	9	27	29
Boston	7	3	3	1	7	24	26
Florida	7	3	4	0	6	24	25
Buffalo	9	2	5	2	6	25	36
Montreal	8	1	6	1	3	13	33

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	8	6	2	0	12	31	24
Pittsburgh	9	5	3	1	11	30	39
Philadelphia	8	5	3	0	10	28	18
Columbus	8	5	3	0	10	25	21
N.Y. Islanders	8	4	3	1	9	24	24
Washington	9	4	4	1	9	28	31
Carolina	6	3	2	1	7	17	16
N.Y. Rangers	10	2	6	2	6	25	36

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	9	6	2	1	13	29	24
Chicago	9	5	2	2	12	32	22
Dallas	8	5	3	0	10	23	21
Nashville	8	4	3	1	9	21	21
Winnipeg	7	4	3	0	8	22	26
Colorado	8	4	4	0	8	23	21
Minnesota	6	2	2	2	6	22	22

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	8	6	1	1	13	29	17
Vegas	7	6	1	0	12	23	17
Vancouver	8	4	3	1	9	23	23
San Jose	8	4	4	0	8	23	22
Calgary	8	4	4	0	8	20	23
Anaheim	7	3	3	1	7	18	19
Edmonton	7	2	5	0	4	14	22
Arizona	8	0	7	1	1	18	34

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

MONDAY'S GAMES
 San Jose 4, N.Y. Rangers 1
 Toronto 3, Los Angeles 2

TUESDAY'S GAMES
 Edmonton at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Carolina, 7 p.m.
 Anaheim at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Arizona at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
 Florida at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
 Detroit at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
 Calgary at Nashville, 7:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Dallas at Colorado, 9 p.m.
 Chicago at Vegas, 10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
 Calgary at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
 Buffalo at Columbus, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 San Jose at Boston, 7 p.m.
 Arizona at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
 Carolina at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 Winnipeg at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
 Detroit at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
 Anaheim at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Dallas at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
 Washington at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 Colorado at Vegas, 6 p.m.
 Ottawa at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 Winnipeg at Columbus, 7 p.m.
 St. Louis at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
 Nashville at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
 Dallas at Calgary, 9 p.m.

CFB TOP 25 SCHEDULE
By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

THURSDAY
 No. 20 Stanford at Oregon State, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY
 No. 24 Memphis vs. Tulane, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY
 No. 2 Penn State at No. 6 Ohio State, 3:30 p.m.
 No. 3 Georgia vs. Florida at Jacksonville, Fla., 3:30 p.m.
 No. 4 TCU at No. 25 Iowa State, 3:30 p.m.
 No. 5 Wisconsin at Illinois, Noon
No. 7 Clemson vs. Georgia Tech, 8 p.m.
 No. 8 Miami at North Carolina, Noon
 No. 9 Notre Dame vs. No. 14 NC State, 3:30 p.m.
 No. 10 Oklahoma vs. Texas Tech, 8 p.m.
 No. 11 Oklahoma State at No. 22 West Virginia, Noon
 No. 12 Washington vs. UCLA, 3:30 p.m.
 No. 13 Virginia Tech vs. Duke, 7:30 p.m.
 No. 15 Washington State at Arizona, 9:30 p.m.
 No. 16 Michigan State at Northwestern, 3:30 p.m.
 No. 17 South Florida vs. Houston, 3:45 p.m.
 No. 18 UCF vs. Austin Peay, 5 p.m.
 No. 21 Southern Cal at Arizona State, 10:45 p.m.

CFB FCS POLLS

FCS COACHES POLL
SPARTANBURG (AP) — The top 25 teams in the Coaches Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 22, points and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. James Madison (26)	6-0	650	1
2. North Dakota State	6-0	624	2
3. Jacksonville State	6-1	597	3
4. Central Arkansas	6-1	548	6
5. Sam Houston State	6-1	541	7
6. North Carolina A&T	8-0	463	11
7. South Dakota	5-2	444	4
8. Samford	5-2	435	14
8. South Dakota State	5-2	435	13
10. Wofford	6-1	421	5
11. Elon	6-1	362	15
12. Eastern Washington	5-3		

WORLD SERIES

Astros, Dodgers developed rivalry as division foes

BY NOAH TRISTER

The Associated Press

Long before they made it to this year's World Series, the Houston Astros and Los Angeles Dodgers were plenty familiar with each other.

For a quarter-century, they were in the NL West together, and back in the 1980s, their rivalry really began to take shape. Although Houston eventually moved to the NL Central and then the American League, the Astros have a history with the Dodgers that adds even more intrigue to their matchup in the coming World Series.

Here's a look back at 10 of the most memorable games between these two franchises:

OCT. 3, 1980: DODGERS 3, ASTROS 2, 10 INNINGS

Houston led the Dodgers by three games in the division race heading into this final three-game series in Los Angeles, so the Astros needed only one victory to wrap up the NL West and their first playoff spot. They nearly got it in the opener, but with the Dodgers down to their last out, Ron Cey singled home the tying run in the ninth. Joe Ferguson won it with a leadoff homer an inning later.

The winning pitcher was 19-year-old Fernando Valenzuela. A year before "Fernandomania" took the National League by storm, the Mexican lefthander made his major league debut in mid-September and pitched 10 times in relief down the stretch.

OCT. 6, 1980: ASTROS 7, DODGERS 1

The Dodgers got the sweep



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Los Angeles Dodger Chris Taylor hits a leadoff home run off of Houston pitcher Dallas Keuchel in the bottom of the first inning of Game 1 of the World Series on Tuesday. The game was tied 1-1 in the sixth inning at press time. Go to www.theitem.com for complete results.

they needed to pull even with Houston, but in a one-game playoff for the division title, Art Howe hit a two-run homer in the third inning, and the Astros were up 7-0 by the middle of the fourth at Dodger Stadium. Joe Niekro went the distance for his 20th win of the year, and Houston headed to the postseason for the first time.

APRIL 9, 1981: DODGERS 2, ASTROS 0

The first start of Valenzuela's career came in the season opener in '81, and his five-hit shutout was a sign of things to come. He would go on to win his first eight starts, throwing shutouts in five of them.

SEPT. 26, 1981: ASTROS 5, DODGERS 0

Although Valenzuela won the Cy Young Award as a rookie, Houston's Nolan Ryan provided a late-season highlight of his own when he pitched the fifth no-hitter of his career. Ryan struck out 11 at the Astrodome and retired Dusty Baker on a groundout to third to end it.

OCT. 6, 1981: ASTROS 3, DODGERS 1

After a players' strike in midseason, Major League Baseball decided the first-place team from the opening half would play the first-place club from the second half for the division title. Los Angeles was best before the strike,

Houston was tops after the players returned. Game 1 pitted Valenzuela against Ryan, and Houston finally prevailed when Alan Ashby connected for a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth off reliever Dave Stewart.

OCT. 7, 1981: ASTROS 1, DODGERS 0, 11 INNINGS

Stewart would become a star years later in Oakland, but this series was a forgettable one for the right-hander. He took the loss in Game 2 as well. Denny Walling delivered the winning hit, and Houston had its second straight dramatic victory at the Astrodome.

OCT. 11, 1981: DODGERS 4, ASTROS 0

On the brink of elimination, the Dodgers won three in a row to take the best-of-five series. The finale was in Los Angeles, and Jerry Reuss pitched a five-hitter, outdueling Ryan and sending the Dodgers to the next round. Los Angeles went on to win the World Series.

JUNE 3, 1989: ASTROS 5, DODGERS 4, 22 INNINGS

There wasn't as much at stake on this June night at the Astrodome, but the Astros and Dodgers ended up playing one of the wackiest games in the history of either franchise. Houston tied it with three runs in the sixth, and then nobody scored for a good long while.

The Astros had the would-be winning run thrown out at the plate twice in extra innings. Orel Hershiser pitched seven scoreless innings of relief on two days' rest. The Dodgers had men on second

and third with nobody out in the 21st and didn't score. In the bottom half, LA finally took Hershiser out and put third baseman Jeff Hamilton on the mound to pitch. Eddie Murray moved from first base to third and Valenzuela — who had pitched seven innings the previous day — went in to play first.

Hamilton actually retired the Astros in order in the 21st, but the following inning, Rafael Ramirez hit an RBI single past Valenzuela to end it.

JUNE 4, 1989: ASTROS 7, DODGERS 6, 13 INNINGS

After playing into the wee hours of the morning, the teams had to be back at the ballpark for a day game, and that one went long, too. Mike Scioscia of the Dodgers and Louie Meadows of the Astros both hit grand slams, and Houston ultimately rallied from a 6-0 deficit to win. Craig Biggio hit a solo homer with two outs in the ninth to force extra innings.

Once again, the ending had a twist. The Astros brought in ace Mike Scott — who had thrown a shutout two days earlier — to pitch in relief. After he made it through the top of the 13th, Scott drove in the winning run with a sacrifice fly in the bottom half.

AUG. 21, 2015: ASTROS 3, DODGERS 0

Houston was in the American League by this time, but the Astros and Dodgers were still capable of some drama. Mike Fiers pitched a no-hitter for Houston, striking out 10 in what is still the only complete game of his major league career.

TSA FROM PAGE B1

The Lady Warriors scored four points in Coggins' service to take a 15-9 lead over the Lady Generals. They eventually closed out the first set 25-16.

The second set was a carbon copy of the first, with both teams battling point-for-point. It wasn't until Corey Nichols served up four straight service points that the Lady Warriors eventually took an 18-13 lead.

Spartanburg Christian eventually took a 2-0 advantage with a 25-19 win

of the second set.

"They're a good team, they're a strong team," Herod said of Spartanburg Christian. "Both sides had some mistakes, but we were true to our game, which is aggressive. A few times we got pulled out of that with some different things. In order to be aggressive, we've got to play all the way through."

With their backs to the wall, the Lady Generals fought their way in the third set. TSA eventually

squeaked out a 17-14 lead on the Lady Warriors.

Down three points, Spartanburg Christian itched to close out the game in three sets. With Coggins again as the server, the Lady Warriors scored seven points to go from a 17-15 deficit to a 22-17 advantage.

That run set up the Lady Generals' last stand. Unfortunately for TSA, it didn't work out.

"We could've done better," Hunley said, "but considering they were a really good team, it just didn't go our way."

Anita Cookey-Gam had 12 kills for TSA. Hunley had eight kills and four blocks, Karleigh Young had two kills and four blocks, Carmen Silvester had six kills and Diamond Gibson added 12 kills. Sydney Daniel had 13 assists and Josie Reed had seven.

The Lady Generals finished second best, but have nothing to be ashamed of, Herrod said.

"They didn't leave anything on the floor, and they made a memory for a lifetime," Herod said. "They have nothing to hang their heads about, I'm proud of them."

WEEK FROM PAGE B1

The quartet will be honored at the weekly meeting of the Sumter Touchdown Club presented by Farmers Telephone Cooperative on Friday. The meeting will be held at the Swan Lake Visitors Center beginning at 7:15 a.m. The visitors center is located inside the gates of Swan Lake-Iris Gardens on West Liberty Street.

The guest speaker on Friday will be former Crestwood High School and Clemson linebacker Maurice Nelson.

Roberts helped Sumter win the field position battle throughout the game, especially in the second quarter. He placed the ball inside the Conway 5 on successive punts and the defense forced the Tigers to punt after three downs.

However, SHS couldn't take advantage of starting at the Conway 45, 35 and 32 on successive possessions.

"He had a really good game," Sumter head coach Mark Barnes said of Roberts following Friday's game. "He certainly helped us with

field position."

Roberts, a sophomore, punted for Alice Drive Middle School, but didn't punt last season. He said Barnes came to him and asked him if he would give punting a try.

"I played soccer and coach asked me if I would be interested," Roberts said. "I said I would give it a try and I've dedicated myself to it."

Kessinger completed 21 of 32 passes for 417 yards and six touchdowns against just one interception in Thomas Sumter's 58-27 victory over Williamsburg Academy.

Studer led the way up front, grading out at 91 percent with one pancake block.

Gilmore had one interception, one fumble recovery, three solo tackles, two assists and one tackle for loss in Clarendon Hall's 80-34 victory over Newberry Academy. However, Gilmore did much more than that.

He had three receptions for 110 yards and two touchdowns while carrying the ball one time for 37 yards. He also had a punt return for 30 yards.

POLLS FROM PAGE B1

Sumter came up short in the battle for the Region VI-5A title with the 1-point loss to Conway. While the Gamecocks dropped two spots, Conway from seventh to No. 4, jumping over Sumter, Spring Valley and Byrnes, all of which lost.

Manning dropped out of the 3A poll after suffering its third straight loss, falling to Bishop England 45-36. The Monarchs were tied for 10th last week with Pendleton, which is No. 10 by itself.

Manning's Region VII foe Timberland moved up from No. 6 to No.5.

Scott's Branch was tied for ninth with Ridge Spring-Monetta last week, but a 42-6 loss to Cross knocked the Eagles out of the poll.

The 5-4 Eagles can still grab a share of the Region V title with a victory over C.E. Murray on Friday. CEM is tied for fourth with Williston-Elko.

Hartsville, a Region VI-4A foe of both Lakewood and

S.C. PREP MEDIA FOOTBALL POLLS

5A
1. Fort Dorchester (13)
2. T.L. Hanna
3. Dutch Fork
4. Conway
5. Spring Valley
6. Dorman
7. Summerville
8. Sumter
9. Byrnes
10. Hillcrest
Receiving votes: Greenwood, Spartanburg, Gaffney

4A
1. South Pointe (13)
2. North Myrtle Beach
3. Hartsville
4. North Augusta
5. Belton Honea Path
6. Greer
7. Berkeley
8. York
9. South Aiken
10. Greenville
Receiving votes: Cane Bay, Eastside

3A
1. Chapman (12)
2. Dillon (1)
3. Gilbert
4. Newberry
5. Timberland
6. Fairfield Central
7. Broome
8. Chester
9. Brookland-Cayce
10. Pendleton
Receiving votes: Walhalla, Emerald, Seneca, Bishop England, Aynor, Bluffton

2A
1. Abbeville (12)
2. Carvers Bay (1)
3. Bamberg-Ehrhardt
4. Lee Central
5. Barnwell
6. Cheraw
7. Saluda
8. Andrews
9. Southside Christian
10. Chesterfield
Receiving votes: Latta

1A
1. Lamar (13)
2. Hemingway
3. Lake View
4. (tie) Williston-Elko
C.E. Murray
6. Baptist Hill
7. Wagener-Salley
8. Lewisville
9. Ridge Spring-Monetta
10. Timmonsville
Receiving votes: Cross, Scott's Branch, Dixie, McCormick, Hannah-Pamplico

Voters: Chris Dearing, The State; Bret McCormick, The Herald; Lou Bejak, The State; Joe Hughes, The Sun News; Travis Jenkins, Chester News Reporter; Jed Blackwell, Spartanburg Herald-Journal; Bob Castello, Greenville News; Chris Burgin, 100.1 The Fan; Eric Russell, Aiken Standard; Scott Chancey, Florence Morning News; Justin Jarrett, Lowcountry Sports; Chris Clark, Orangeburg Times and Democrat; Dennis Brunson, Sumter Item; David Roberts, Greenwood Index-Journal; David Shelton, Charleston Post and Courier; Lake Morris, Anderson Independent Mail.

Crestwood, held steady at No. 3 in the 4A poll.

The No. 1 teams remained the same with three of them — Fort Dorchester in 5A, South Pointe in 4A and

Lamar in 1A — all unanimous choices.

Chapman in 3A and Abbeville in 2A missed out on being unanimous choices by one vote.

USC FROM PAGE B1

"A lot of people thought we weren't going to have a great record or whatever, but I'm really proud of the guys because no one really got too caught up in that," Bentley said. "Yeah, we saw it. It's there, but we knew what we had on our team and how we could play if we executed at a high level."

The Gamecocks, who were 2-4 at the midpoint of last season, are tied for second in the East with the Gators.

"Being at 2-4 last year, maybe the confidence wasn't there. We were kind

of going on the field hoping we were going to win rather than expecting to win," Bentley said. "I think that's really what has changed this year, the mentality of our team, the confidence levels of everyone. Every time we take the field, we expect to win."

The Commodores have lost four straight games in ugly fashion, making them a prime candidate to be overlooked by a South Carolina team that faces the two teams ahead of it in the division race in the following two

weeks, which explains why Muschamp spent the first three days of this week telling his team through the media that it better focus fully on Vanderbilt.

"Anything past that really doesn't matter. We have to accomplish what we need to accomplish on Saturday afternoon," he said. "That's been our focus. We haven't talked about anything other than Vanderbilt in our organization."

It is incumbent on the team's older players and leaders to hammer that message home with their teammates, Bentley said.

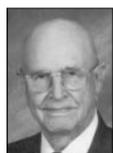
"I think the older guys have to really lock into the fact that it's a one-game season. That's what Coach Muschamp has been telling us all week and really all year," Bentley said. "Our focus is on Vandy."

Bentley chose his words carefully with the media this week.

"I think I can say this because Coach Muschamp says it all the time, we expect to win now," he said. "That's what he always tells us, and that's what we believe. Never do we think we are not going to win a game. We expect to win every game as every team that takes the field should."

CHARLES R. WILCOX

Charles Raymond Wilcox, age 98, beloved husband of the late Katherine Moak Wilcox, died on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017, at NHC Healthcare of Sumter.



WILCOX

Born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Walter R. Wilcox and Ida May Robinson Wilcox. He graduated from Washington Irving High

School and went to work for Western Union Telegraph Co. He went on to join the United States Air Force, where he served proudly in WWII, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. After retirement, he went on to work with Exide Battery as the manager of quality control. He then went on to serve as the coordinator of law enforcement of four counties with Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments. He was a volunteer with the Alcohol and Drug Commission as a trained counselor, and he helped establish and volunteered with the Greenhouse Runaway Shelter. Ray organized a joint City and County Drug Unit, a crime analysis section and initiated the installation of 911 system for Sumter County. He served as chairman of the Pee Dee Regional Emergency Medical Services, chairman of the Sumter County Culture Commission, chairman of the South Carolina Quality Control Association and a member of the Institution of Industrial and Electronic Engineers. He was the recipient of the Thousand Points of Light Award for volunteer work in the community. Ray was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are: one son, Thor Wilcox of Denmark; one daughter, Nancy Wilcox Shepherd and her husband, David, of Florida; his companion, Maxine Taylor of Sumter; one sister, Barbara Jean Kaufman of Florida; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, including James Wilcox and Katie Hemmingway.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a son, James Phillip Wilcox.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel. Military honors will follow the service.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday at Bullock Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the United Ministries, 36 S. Artillery Drive, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



DR. THOMAS T. UPSHUR IV

Dr. Thomas T. Upshur IV, 102, of Lynchburg, Virginia, died Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017, at his home. He was born Feb. 22, 1915, in Sumter, a son of the late William Brown Upshur and Caroline Martin Upshur. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 70 years, Betsy Cox Upshur, and all six of his siblings.



UPSHUR

Dr. Upshur grew up in Sumter and received a BS degree from Presbyterian College, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity. He received his DDS from Emory University in 1943. His educational path was interrupted by WWII in which he served as captain in the U.S. Army dental corps from 1943 to 1945 on the European Theatre. Returning from the war, he continued his education at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he received an MS in Periodontics.

Having passed the state boards of several states, he and Betsy chose to settle in Lynchburg in 1946. There

they grew their family of five children, and Dr. Upshur continued to practice dentistry and serve, trying to improve the dentistry profession. He was president of the Lynchburg Dental Society, Piedmont Dental Society and the Virginia Dental Association, and actively served on committees of the American Dental Association, American Association of Endodontics and Southern Academy of Periodontics.

During the time he was at Ann Arbor, the university was concluding a 10-year program investigating the effectiveness of fluoride in water systems to help prevent tooth decay in children. He brought the idea to do the same here in Lynchburg, and with the help of Dr. C. K. Garrard, who had a special interest in children's dentistry, the proposal of fluoridating the water supply in Lynchburg was presented to city council. It was accepted, and Lynchburg became the first city in Virginia to do this and possibly the first city in the South to do so.

Dr. Upshur was both an elder and a deacon at First Presbyterian Church. In the community, he served as president of Lynchburg Guidance Center, American Field Service, Lynchburg chapter, and the PTA at E.C. Glass High School where all of his children graduated. He was also a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Keep Lynchburg Beautiful Commission. He represented the city of Lynchburg on the Central Virginia Air Pollution Control Committee (marking on several occasions that a fellow committee member sitting beside him chain-smoked through every meeting!).

In 1993, he and his brother Bob co-authored and published the second edition of "The Upshur Family in Virginia." He was also a member of the Society of the Cincinnati.

Dr. Upshur's hobbies were legendary and included jewelry making, sculpture, wood and metal-working, enameling, lapidary, glass-slumping and sailing. The replicas he made of 17th and 18th century naval cannons using pictures in a book from the library and a metal lathe which he purchased are true family heirlooms, and his daughters have enjoyed wearing unique pieces of jewelry he designed and made through the years. At age 99, he constructed a 6-foot sailboat for his great-grandchildren to use at Smith Mountain Lake, and at the time of his death he was still occasionally making slump-glass cheese trays for Blue Mountain Brewery. His children received much love and instruction from him and his wife. He will be greatly missed but leaves a legacy of love and involvement in family, job and community.

Dr. Upshur is survived by his five children and their families: Diana and Kent Smack of Lynchburg, Elizabeth Upshur of Lynchburg, Fontaine and Charles Nolan of Greensboro, Carol and Paul Salmons of Opelika, Alabama, and T and Marjette Upshur of Lynchburg. Also surviving are six grandsons: Stephen (and Karen) Smack of Portland, Oregon, Taylor (and Mandi) Smack of Afton, Virginia, Chris (and April) Nolan of Charlotte, Scott Upshur of Telluride, Colorado, and Jonathan (and fiancé Jessica) and Matthew (and Allie) of Opelika. Five great-grandchildren survive him also: Hayden and Evan Smack, Emerson and Brock Smack, Emerson and Brock Smack, and Dorothy Smack. A special thank you from the family to Sarah Wilson for her devotion and care of our father and mother, and also to his other wonderful caregivers: Mary Johnson, Joanne Hamilton and Marcia Miller.

A celebration of his life and inurnment service will be conducted in the Columbarium of First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Friday. The Rev. Dr. James J.H. Price and Richard Boswell, CRE, will be officiating.

Tharp Funeral Home & Crematory, Lynchburg, is assisting the family. To send condolences, please visit tharpfuneralhome.com.

GLADYS R. MITCHEM

Gladys Richardson Mitchem, was born on June 23, 1929, to the late Ovel Manning and Elizabeth Richardson Manning in Sumter. She departed this life on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.



MITCHEM

Gladys was raised in Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. She received her formal education in the public schools of Sumter County. She migrated to Brooklyn, New York, in the early 1950s. In 1953, she was united in marriage to Rufus (Buster) Mitchem. Sadly to say in 1955 Buster departed this life.

While still residing in New York, Gladys worked as a domestic engineer for approximately 30 years. Then for approximately 15 years, she ran a children's day care in her home. Gladys received numerous certificates and awards for her dedicated service in caring for children through Graham Windham Agency.

In 2001, Gladys relocated back to Sumter. She reunited with Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. She became a member of the ushers board where she served faithfully. She was a dedicated member of the United Methodist Women. Gladys was also an active and committed member of the Auxiliary VFW 10813.

While living at S.P. Holladay Manor, Gladys worked as a domestic engineer for approximately eight years.

Gladys leaves to cherish her memories: a devoted and loving son, Dan (Janice) Richardson of Brooklyn; three grandsons, Dan C. and Melvin, both of Brooklyn, and Dorain (Theresa) of Chase City, Virginia; a great-grandson, Denzel Holcom; a brother, Willie Manning of Queens, New York; a niece, Dr. Dawn Williams of Atlanta; two nephews, Judge Daryl Manning of Tampa, Florida, and James Manning; and two great-nieces, Danielle and Dana, and one great-nephew, Robert (Trey) Williams.

Public viewing will be held today from 2 to 6 p.m. at Job's Mortuary.

Ms. Mitchem will be placed in the church on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 130 Loring Mill Road, Sumter, with Pastor Gwendolyn White, officiating.

Interment will follow in Evergreen Memorial Park, Sumter.

Family will be receiving friends at 325 Loring Mill Road, Sumter, SC 29150

Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., 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.

ELMORE E. THOMAS

Elmore Eugene Thomas, 73, husband of Blanche Wilson Thomas and son of the late William "Bill" Thomas and Charlotte James Thomas, was born on Dec. 9, 1943, in Ocala, Florida. He departed this life on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017, at his residence.

Family will be receiving friends at the home, 2498 Pipkin Road, Sumter, SC 29154.

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

PATRICIA M. BYRD



BYRD

Patricia M. Byrd, age 66, beloved wife of the late Alton D. Byrd Jr., died on Monday, Oct. 23, 2017, at her residence. Born in Sumter, she was the daughter of the late Henry McElveen and Hazelene Stephens Sellers. Patricia was an avid Gamecock football fan and enjoyed the mountains. She was a hardworking lady who took great pride in raising her children. She always lived her life to the fullest.

Surviving are: three daughters, Patricia Carolyn Richburg, Jerrie Danielle Cortez and Heather Danielle Byrd; two brothers, Johnny McElveen and Ray McElveen, all of Sumter; five grandchildren, Allen Richburg, Kelly Richburg, Juan Reyes Jr., Doninicks Reyes and

Abigail Reyes; and three great-grandchildren, Richard Evans, Jayce Richburg and Kelaiah Gaud.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul McElveen and Junior McElveen.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



CURTIS C. KIMBRELL

A memorial service will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Sumter.

The family will have a time of visitation after the service in the fellowship hall of the church.

Layton-Anderson Funeral Home of Florence assisted with arrangements.

MINNIE LEE NEWCOMB

REMBERT — Minnie Lee Newcomb, age 82, beloved wife of Leslie Galloway Newcomb, died on Friday, Oct. 20, 2017, at Blue Ridge of Sumter.

Born in Cool Springs, Georgia, she was the daughter of the late Carroll Hampton Rogers and Annie M. Rogers.

Surviving in addition to her husband are: one daughter, Rachel Newcomb (Ken) of Ridge-way; three sisters; two grandchildren, Kyra Dahlgren and Kaitlin Childers; and two great-grandchildren, Dan and Cameron Dahlgren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Francis "Frank" Leslie

Newcomb; one sister, Vivian Hall; and four brothers, Jimmy, Johnny, Clarence and J.M. Rogers.

A memorial mass will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel.

The family will receive friends two hours prior to the service on Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at Bullock Funeral Home. A rosary will be held in the chapel from noon to 12:30 p.m.

The family asks that all friends pay their respects at the visitation and service.

Memorials may be made to the St. Anne Catholic Church, 216 E. Liberty St., Sumter, SC 29150; Shepherd Center of Sumter, 24 Council St., Sumter, SC 29150; or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 332 North Lauderdale, Memphis, TN 38105-2479.

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NADIA N. WILLIAMS

NEW ZION — Nadia Nichelle Williams, 36, died Monday, Oct. 23, 2017, at the home of her mother, 1425-527 Subdivision Road. She was born July 23, 1981, in Durham, North Carolina, a daughter of Betty Fulton Cooper and the late William E. Cooper.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her mother.

These services have been entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC.

Keeping Sumter Beautiful

Katie Altman-Goff, Water Resources Extension Agent

Home, Sweet Home in the Sweetgrass

I recently took a trip to the mountains of Georgia and I thoroughly enjoyed all of the color from the changing leaves, but I'm glad to be back home, sweet home. We don't get nearly as much color change here in the midlands of South Carolina but one burst of color I look forward to every fall is the brilliant pink, purple, and white of our native muhly grass, also known as Sweetgrass. Its light, feathery flowers make it a real showstopper in the fall but it also provides some great benefits for those creatures interested in more than beauty. Muhly grass seeds are a food source for birds, it attracts beneficial insects such as lady beetles, and provides habitat for other wildlife. If you've ever taken a trip to the low country, especially Charleston, you've probably seen one human use for Sweetgrass, traditional basket weaving. You can often see it planted in roadsides and medians because it is extremely low maintenance once it becomes established.

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PRO FOOTBALL

Eagles lose Peters, Hicks for season

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Staying on top became a little tougher for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Nine-time Pro Bowl left tackle Jason Peters and starting linebacker Jordan Hicks will miss the rest of the season after being injured in Monday's 34-24 win over Washington.

Peters tore his right ACL and MCL and Hicks ruptured his right Achilles tendon.

Those are two big losses for the NFL-leading Eagles (6-1).

"Both of them are obviously significant," coach Doug Pederson said Tuesday. "They will be missed."

The Eagles already lost veteran return specialist Darren Sproles and special teams ace Chris Maragos to season-ending injuries. Top cornerback Ronald Darby has been out since Week 1 with an ankle injury.

"When you look at the injury list and the guys that we've lost, guys that are significant starters and role players, leaders on your football team, captains of your football team, it can make an impact," Pederson said. "It's definitely the next-man-up (mentality). We still have a lot of football left."

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Trainers take a look at Philadelphia middle linebacker Jordan Hicks (58) during the first half of the Eagles' 34-24 victory over the Washington Redskins on Monday in Philadelphia. Eagles head coach Doug Pederson said Hicks and 9-time Pro Bowl left tackle Jason Peters will miss the rest of the season after being injured in the game.

Peters' spot. Najee Goode and Joe Walker filled in for Hicks against the Redskins.

Peters has anchored Philadelphia's offensive line for a decade. He's a team leader and teammates showed their respect by surrounding the cart before it took him off the field.

"He is a legend around here," quarterback Carson Wentz said. "He is a future Hall of Famer. We love that guy. He means a lot to us."

Hicks is a top playmaker on

defense. He has seven interceptions and five fumble recoveries in 31 games.

"We've had a lot of injuries this year," tight end Zach Ertz said. "I think it shows a lot about the character of this team that we're able to fight through adversity each and every week with the guys we have. No matter who's out there, we have a firm belief that we're going to win the game."

The Eagles will host the winless San Francisco 49ers (0-7) on Sunday.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Tate takes off; Holland's sack streak

The sixth installment of the weekly All-America watch features a quarterback who started the season as a backup, an SEC linebacker on a sack streak and a matchup in the middle of the Big Ten's game of the year.

SPOTLIGHT

Khalil Tate, QB, Arizona

Tate began the season on the bench after losing a pre-season competition for the starting job to Brandon Dawkins. Then the sophomore was banged up and not available for a couple games. An injury to Dawkins three games ago gave Tate a chance and he has simply been one of the best players in the country since. In the last three games, Tate has run for 694 yards and passed for 468 more while accounting for 11 touchdowns. Playing for coach Rich Rodri-

guez, the comparisons to former West Virginia quarterback Pat White are inevitable. The Wildcats have won four straight to surge into the Pac-12 South race.

What they are saying: "He is actually playing better than we anticipated that he would, particularly running-wise" — Rodriguez.

Outlook: The Wildcats play No. 15 Washington State and No. 21 Southern California the next two weeks. Let's see if he can keep the show going against better competition.

WHO'S HOT?

Jeff Holland, LB, Auburn
Linebacker is a loaded position and Holland didn't make the AP's midseason All-America team, but he is pushing to get recognition on the team that counts most. Holland leads the Southeastern Confer-

ence with eight sacks, registering at least one in his last five games and 3.5 in his last two. Against Arkansas last Saturday, he caused two fumbles.

WHO'S NOT?

Simmie Cobbs, WR, Indiana
Cobbs missed all of last season with an ankle injury, and then had a breakout game to open this season against Ohio State, with 11 catches for 149 yards and a touchdown. The 6-foot-4, 220-pound senior has not cracked 100 yards in a game since and in the last two games he has been limited to just 94 yards on 11 catches. Cobbs' issues are really just a symptom of an Indiana offense that ranks near the bottom of the Big Ten in yards per play (4.76) and yards per pass (6.1), and has already made a quarterback change.

PRO BASKETBALL

Thunder's George set to face former team

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Just four games into the season, Paul George has to face the team he just left under less than ideal circumstances.

During the offseason, George's camp let it be known he planned to become a free agent after next season. The disappointed Pacers opted to trade the face of their franchise to Oklahoma City rather than play a season with a star they had no long-term future with and perhaps get nothing in return.

With the Pacers, George was a four-time All-Star and helped Indiana reach the Eastern Conference Finals twice. The Thunder host the Pacers on Wednesday night.

"It'll be emotional from a standpoint of it's an organization that I started with, had a wonderful journey with, that I had seven unbelievable years with," George said.

George was especially close to Larry Bird, who was team president when the Pacers made him the 10th pick in the 2010 draft. George said he appreciated the time he spent with Bird, who has stepped down as president but remains with the franchise as a consultant.

"His stories, his knowledge of the game, talking with

him through playoff battles and his understanding," George said. "He's a legend. Hall of Fame player, Hall of Fame across the whole board — executive, coach. It meant a lot as a young player coming into this league. I was grateful to have that time talking to him and sharing conversations."

New Thunder forward Carmelo Anthony had to face his old team, the New York Knicks, in the season opener. He said he spoke with George during the preseason about facing their former teams so soon.

"If I sit here and say he's not excited about that game tomorrow, I'd be lying to you," Anthony said.

Thunder coach Billy Donovan said he expects George to handle the situation well.

"I'm sure that there's things he's going through, but he's a pro," Donovan said. "He'll handle things how he sees fit to handle them. I think he'll be fine."

The Pacers got Victor Oladipo and Domantas Sabonis from the Thunder in exchange for George. Oladipo is averaging 22.3 points per game. Donovan said Oladipo is in a good place because his athletic ability can be maximized in Indiana's up-tempo style.



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Oklahoma City forward Paul George, right, shoots over Minnesota guard Andrew Wiggins (22) in the third quarter of the Timberwolves' 115-113 win in Oklahoma City on Sunday.

OBITUARIES

JOHNNY MCMILLAN

Johnny McMillan, affectionately known as "Big Mac," was born on Oct. 31, 1943, to the late Delia Johnson McMillan and James McMillan Sr. He departed this earthly life on Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

He was reared in St. Rest Holiness Church in Mayesville.

He was educated in the public schools of Lee County; later he went into the work field after graduation.

Johnny was employed with Georgia Pacific/VB Williams for more than 30 years. He was a very good athlete and played with the St. Charles Demons, I.C.I Troopers and V.B. Williams Night League.

He leaves to cherish his memories: six daughters, Carmelita Cousar, Clarence McMillan, Ravonya McMillan, all of Cambridge, Maryland, Lakeiah Damon of Sumter, Tiffany Shannon of Columbia and Kanisha Damon of Mayesville; two sons, Clarence (Desiree) McMillan of Dalzell and Terrell (Robin) McMillan of Sumter; one sister, Ruth Moses of Mayesville; one brother, Henry (Elaine) McMillan of Sumter; 12 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; a very special friend, Georgia Mae Damon; two other daughters whom he raised as his own, Walshea Damon Burgess and Janasia Burgess; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and four sisters.

Public viewing will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. today at Job's Mortuary.

Mr. McMillan will be placed in the church on Thursday at

noon for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 1 p.m. at Salem Chapel Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave.

Interment will follow in Mayesville Community Cemetery, Mayesville.

Family will be receiving friends at the home his son, 3100 Georgia St., Dalzell.

Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., 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.

BILLIE H. COX

Billie Hazel Cox, 96, widow of John D. Cox, died Monday, Oct. 23, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey, Sumter.

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

DAVID L. LEE JR.

David Layne Lee Jr., 70, died Monday, Oct. 23, 2017.

Born in Ft. Mill, he was a son of the late David Layne Lee Sr. and Nell Stoddard Lee.

Mr. Lee was a member of the Church of the Holy Cross at Stateburg. He was a graduate of Clemson University with a degree in Industrial Education. He was retired from Fluid Power Inc.

Surviving are a daughter, Louise L. Hughes (Ted) of Asheville, North Carolina; a son, David L. Lee III of O'Katie; two grandchildren, Webb and Charlie Hughes of Asheville; and a brother, James Tyler Lee of Florida.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at the

Church of the Holy Cross Cemetery at Stateburg with the Rev. Michael Ridgill and the Rev. David Thurlow officiating.

The family will receive friends in the Parish Hall following the service.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com

Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

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



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NATHANIEL PEARSON

Nathaniel "Sonny" Pearson, 76, of Hillside, New Jersey, made his transition on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017. He was born and reared in Sumter County.

Sonny leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Martha; son, Nathaniel Jr.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Viewing was held Tuesday from 10 a. m. to noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 581

Clinton Ave., Newark, New Jersey, with funeral services immediately following. Interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery, Hillside, New Jersey.

Macon Cotton Funeral Home in Newark was in charge of these arrangements.

This is a courtesy announcement of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com. Visit us on the web at www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com.

ROBERT S. HILLMAN

Robert "Robbie" Staunton Hillman, 54, husband of the late Kathy Fye Hillman, died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2017, at his home in Sumter.

Born March 7, 1963, in Biloxi, Mississippi, he was a son of Robert Earl Hillman and Doris Jean Burden Hillman. He was an avid outdoorsman and a self-employed carpenter and painter.

Survivors include his parents of Sumter; a son, Robert Andrew "Andy" Hillman of Sumter; a daughter, Brittany Taylor-Rose Hillman of Sumter; two sisters, Cynthia Carol Hillman of Sumter and Mary

Hillman Pardue of Charlotte; and a brother, Joseph Lee Hillman of Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Robert White officiating. Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home of his parents.

Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter is in charge of the arrangements.

WILLIAM BENJAMIN

William "Bill" Benjamin, 77, husband of MacBeth Smith Benjamin, died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017, at McLeod Health Clarendon Hospital, Manning. Born April 16, 1940, in St. Charles, he was the son of the late Lonnie and Lucille Elizabeth Charles Benjamin.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 2899 Old Georgetown Road, Manning.

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

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C/A #: 2017-CP-43-01421

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
Plaintiff,

vs.
JOSHUA D. JACOB, RANDY L. MCFADDIN and CATHERINE B. MCFADDIN,
Defendants.

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Summons & Notice

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Breast cancer survivor says positive attitude is key

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Many people have been able to bounce back after surviving the fight against cancer.

Virginia Wheeler of Mayesville managed to keep a positive attitude during treatment and is now back to spending happier times with her family after surviving stage two breast cancer.

Wheeler, 52, had her first mammogram at 36 and went for another check up nine years later at the advice of one of her home care clients.

One evening in 2010 when she was going home, Wheeler said she felt as if she had had a stroke and lost the ability to command some of her movements.

"I couldn't pick up a fork," she said.

She said one of her sons had to help her get out of the car. "I just felt really tired," she said.

After sharing her experience with her client, Wheeler was told to get checked for breast cancer. And that's exactly what it turned out to be, she said.

"I had stage two breast cancer," Wheeler said.

After being diagnosed with breast cancer, Wheeler stopped working to take 33 radiation and six chemotherapy sessions during a six-month period.

Other than getting sick one day, she said her treatments were not too bad.

"I had faith I would be OK," Wheeler said.

Wheeler said she believed if she went to treatment with a positive attitude she would be fine. You need to have a positive attitude, she said.

She said her family also played a large role in helping her stay positive and getting through her treatments.

She said her sons took care of her as if they were her parents and also had food prepared when she returned home from the hospital.

Wheeler said her sons acted like parents in the way they took care of her. Everybody was



ADRIENNE SARVIS / THE SUMTER ITEM

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helping out, she said.

After completing her treatment Wheeler rang the bell and went home to pick back up where she left off. You go home and keep on going, she said.

She has been free of cancer for seven years.

Since returning to life as she knew it before, Wheeler is taking care of her home care pa-

tients as well as her mother and son. She also tries to spend as much time as possible with her granddaughter.

Wheeler said she recognizes that her experience was not as difficult as others' so she sends best wishes to anyone receiving treatment.

Keep positive, and keep the faith, and keep fighting, she said.

Breast cancer risk higher in western parts of time zones

BY RICHARD G. "BUGS" STEVENS
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The 2017 Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine was awarded to three researchers "for their discoveries of molecular mechanisms controlling the circadian rhythm."

The circadian rhythm is an innate, approximately 24-hour cycle in physiology found in almost all life on Earth. The prize adds a new prominence to the study of how disruption of circadian physiology might compromise human health.

An innovative new approach is based on location within a time zone, which affects the clock time of sunrise and thereby has circadian implications for residents. On this basis, Mikhail Borisenkov from the Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Science predicted that risk of cancer would increase the farther west people lived in a time zone.

Neil Caporaso and colleagues at the National Cancer Institute tested the same prediction within the United States in a paper just published in August.

WHEN SUNRISE COMES AN HOUR LATER

In the absence of electric light, our transition to nighttime physiology begins at sunset and to daytime physiology begins at sunrise. Electric light can disrupt this cycle when it occurs at the wrong time of day and thereby delays, truncates or otherwise disrupts our nighttime physiology.

We have some control of lighting in

our home, but on a societal level, an unavoidable aspect of the timing of electric light is position in a time zone. That's because the position within a time zone affects how early a person must turn on the lights in the morning.

The average width of a time zone should be 15 degrees of longitude (360 degrees, divided by 24 hours in the day), although for various business and political reasons there's a lot of gerrymandering (for instance, all of China has only one official time zone). By definition, those living at the western extreme must rise one hour earlier in their solar day than those at the eastern extreme (in China, it's more like five hours).

Given that the solar time at the eastern extreme of a time zone is one hour later than at the western extreme, the clock time at which one must get up for work in the morning can make the difference between night and day depending on where one lives — often before dawn in the west and after dawn in the east, though clock time is the same.

For example, Nashville, Tennessee, is at the eastern end of the central time zone, whereas Amarillo, Texas, is at the western end. Their longitudes, respectively, are 86.8 and 101.8 West, 15 degrees apart.

In the summer, on June 20, sunrise in Nashville is 5:30 a.m.; this means that in Nashville, getting out of bed at 6 or 6:30 is well after sunrise. However, in Amarillo, sunrise is 6:33. Getting up at 6, which electric light makes possible, is before sunrise and, at 6:30, right at sunrise.

In the winter, Dec. 20, sunrise in Nashville is 6:53, and in Amarillo it's 7:51. So, over much of the year, people in Amarillo start their day before sunrise, while in Nashville it's comfortably after sunrise, at least for day shift workers.

One hour in the course of human activity may not matter much in the middle of the day, but at the beginning of the day, when the physiological transition from night to day should begin, it can make a difference in circadian alignment. With each such wake-up in the dark, there comes a small degree of circadian misalignment and a slight phase advance. Phase advance is the body thinking it's sunrise before the sun has actually risen.

The question many researchers are studying is whether this small circadian disruption occurring daily for years or decades can make diseases such as cancer more likely.

Scientists have come to learn that even small daily insults over a span of many years can sometimes yield catastrophic results. Lung cancer from smoking is the easiest example to cite, but there are many others such as sun exposure and skin cancer, workplace dust and lung disease and lead exposure and developmental delay in children.

TIME ZONES AND CANCER IN THE UNITED STATES

Caporaso used data on age-adjusted cancer incidence taken from the Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results program, which covers about 28 percent of the population of the Unit-

ed States. He then broke it down to the incidence in each of the 607 counties represented in the program.

He calculated the displacement in degrees longitude of the population center of each county from the middle longitude of its time zone, similar to what Borisenkov had done in European Russia.

Caporaso found a significant association of position in time zone and incidence of all cancers combined, and of breast cancer in particular. The risk was higher the farther west a county was in its time zone. After some fancy statistical manipulations, the estimate was that risk of breast cancer was 12 percent higher at the western extreme of a time zone than at the eastern extreme.

THE EVIDENCE ACCUMULATES

As I described in a recent article about a Harvard study of outside nighttime light level and breast cancer risk, there are two concerns about this estimate: confounding and exposure misclassification. Perhaps women who are already at higher risk of breast cancer (like having a strong family history) for some reason wind up living in the western parts of time zones, and wake-up time has nothing to do with it; that would be confounding.

On the other side, not all women in any time zone have to be at work by 8 or 9 a.m., and so can follow the sun and not necessarily clock time for when they arise in the morning; that would be exposure misclassification. In that case, the 12 percent estimate is probably lower than the true effect.

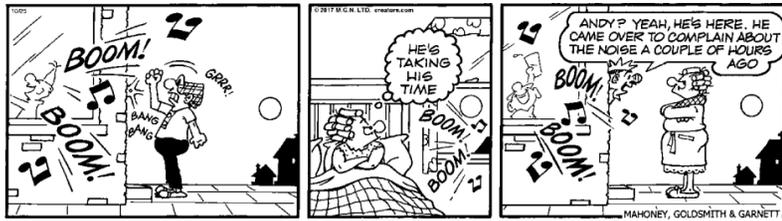
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Married man ponders affair due to inactive love life



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — I'm in my 60s, fit, sexually able and I desire physical relations. My wife, because of health issues, is no longer interested in sex. In fact, it would be at least mildly painful to her.

up on it at the time. I am wondering if such a relationship is acceptable with today's mores and the circumstances. No, I won't discuss this with my wife. It would only hurt her feelings and strain our relationship. Should I pursue the hint?

DEAR FOLLOW UP — I would not advise pursuing the "hint" — which appears to me to be more of a full frontal assault — without thinking very carefully. The problem with adulterous relationships is that more often than not, the spouse catches on. If you think that by not talking this out with your wife you will be sparing her feelings, you are wrong. When, not if, she finds out, she will be devastated.

As women age their bodies change, and sex can become painful. But that can be remedied in many cases with prescription and other medications. It's possible they could help your wife. Of course, that's not going to happen unless she talks with her OB/GYN about the problem. And that won't happen unless you talk to her.

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

SERDS

TORNF

BICLUP

ATONAS

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CANAL GOOEY STRONG SWITCH

Answer: When asked what inspired him to write a lengthy book, J.R.R. Tolkien said — IT'S A LONG STORY



SUDOKU

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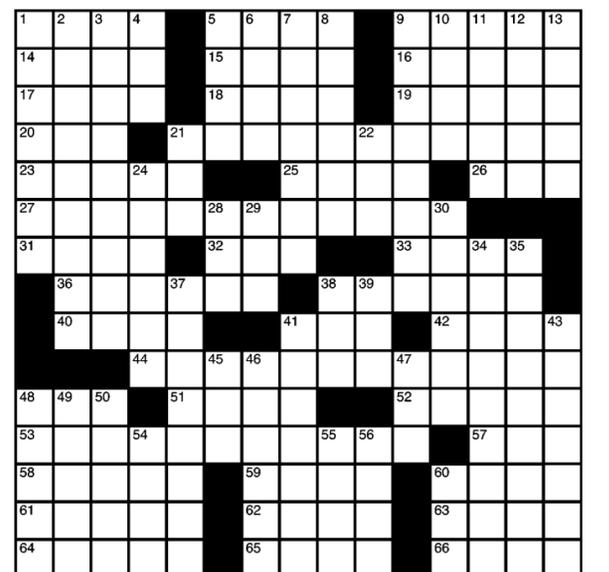
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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



By Gail Grabowski and Bruce Venzke

10/25/17

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bunches of bucks
 - 5 Strip of latticework
 - 9 Expels
 - 14 For each one
 - 15 Jackson 5 hair style
 - 16 IV part
 - 17 Stacy Lewis' org.
 - 18 Severely harm
 - 19 Use, as for a snooze
 - 20 "Well, ___-di-dah!"
 - 21 Finishing a sentence?
 - 23 In the air
 - 25 Ancient Peruvian
 - 26 "Fresh Air" aier
 - 27 Diagram on a golf score card
 - 31 Attachment to a movable sprinkler
 - 32 Divinity school subj.
 - 33 John Irving title writer
 - 36 Romantically involved with his wife Anne Jackson
 - 40 "And she shall bring forth ___": Matthew
 - 41 Bordeaux brushoff
 - 5 Unconvincing, as excuses go
 - 6 A long way off
 - 7 Barely worth mentioning
 - 8 Grits, essentially
 - 9 Dashboard indicator
 - 10 Textbook division
 - 11 Oktoberfest keepsake
 - 12 Beat the pants off
 - 13 More reasonable
 - 21 GPS lines
 - 22 Cpl., for one
 - 24 No longer encumbered by
 - 28 South end?
 - 29 Journey segment
 - 30 Did terribly
 - 34 Orthodontic devices
 - 66 Wordless summons
 - 42 Co. known for music compilations
 - 44 Bad news for subway riders
 - 48 VW precursors?
 - 51 Fabric mishap
 - 52 Grecian urn
 - 53 Grammatically, "have" in "I have spoken," e.g.
 - 57 Letters between mud and xis
 - 58 Ball co-star
 - 59 Revered Tibetan
 - 60 Paltry
 - 61 Author Kafka or composer Liszt
 - 62 City west of Tulsa
 - 63 Neck of the woods
 - 64 Short-tempered
 - 65 College Board exams, for short
 - 66 Wordless summons
 - 35 Lays a guilt trip on, say
 - 37 Nervously distracted
 - 38 Took the title
 - 39 Business abbr.
 - 41 State of bliss
 - 43 "Dinner!" ... and a hint to the first word of 21-, 27-, 44- and 53-Across
 - 45 Stimp's sidekick
 - 46 NFC East team
 - 47 Take the wrong way?
 - 48 Unfair treatment, with "the"
 - 49 Haute
 - 50 Forearm bones
 - 54 Breathe hard
 - 55 Give off
 - 56 X-ray units
 - 60 27-Across, essentially
- DOWN**
- 1 Character actor Eli who often co-starred with his wife Anne Jackson
 - 2 Horse with a spotted coat
 - 3 Backyard pet shelters
 - 4 Massage venue
- Tuesday's Puzzle Solved**
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SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	
LOCAL CHANNELS													
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	The Blacklist "Ilyas Surkov" Red provides intel on a terrorist. (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Complicated" An old kidnapping case is reopened. (N) (DVS)	Chicago P.D. "Home" A meth lab bust uncovers a scam. (N) (DVS)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Jessica Alba; JB Smoove; Kevin Delaney. (N)			
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Survivor "The Past Will Eat You Alive" (N)	SEAL Team "Collapse" The team must protect an ambassador. (N)	Criminal Minds "Lucky Strikes" Morgan returns to help Penelope. (N) (DVS)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Hugh Laurie; Gretchen Carlson. (N)			
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Girlfriend Getaways" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Goldbergs "Jackie Likes Star Trek" (N)	Speechless The DiMeo kids have bad dreams. (N)	Modern Family Mitch confronts Jay. (N)	(:31) American Housewife "Boo-Who?" (N)	Designated Survivor "Suckers" Kirkman tries to win back trust. (N)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	
WRJA	27	11	14	Weekends With Yankee "Back to the Land"	Expeditions With Patrick McMillan Wildlife in Belize.	Nature "Charlie and the Curious Otters" Three river otter orphans in Wisconsin. (N) (DVS)	NOVA "Killer Volcanoes" Volcanic mega-eruption. (N) (DVS)	Frontline "Putin's Revenge (Part 1)" Vladimir Putin's conflict with the U.S. (N) (Part 1 of 2)	Tavis Smiley (N)	BBC World News	Charlie Rose (N)		
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Gothowitz Deviation"	2017 World Series Pregame Show (N) (Live)	2017 World Series Game 2: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)			WACH FOX News at 10 (N)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)		
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing "Eve's Boyfriend"	Last Man Standing "Project Mandy"	Riverdale "Chapter Sixteen: The Watcher in the Woods" Jughead befriends a South-side Serpent. (N)	Dynasty "Guilt Is for Insecure People" The Carringtons throw a charity gala. (N)	Dateline "A Teacher's Message" A racy photo is found on a cell phone.	Dateline "Finding Savanna" A woman disappears with her daughter.	The Game Char-donny goes on an emotional ride.			
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130	130	Storage Wars "The Ice-man Carvelth"	Storage Wars	Storage Wars: Biggest Scores "Biggest Scores 2" (N)						Storage Wars: Biggest Scores	
AMC	48	180	180	(6:00) "Cult of Chucky" (2017, Horror) Fiona Dourif, Jennifer Tilly.	** "Annabelle" (2014, Horror) Annabelle Wallis, Ward Horton, Tony Amendola. Premiere. A vintage doll becomes a conduit for ultimate evil.	** "Annabelle" (2014, Horror) Annabelle Wallis, Ward Horton, Tony Amendola. Premiere. A vintage doll becomes a conduit for ultimate evil.		(:15) *** "Carrie" (1976, Horror) Sissy Spacek, Piper Laurie, William Katt. A teen with unusual powers seeks revenge on her classmates.					
ANPL	41	100	100	Too Cute! Shar-Pei; cairn terrier; boxer.	Too Cute! OMG! "Puppy Power" (N)	Super Posh Pets	Super Posh Pets	My Big Fat Pet Makeover	Face Value (N)	50 Central Porn for women. (N)	Too Cute! "Spotted, Pampered Pups"	Too Cute!	
BET	61	162	162	(5:05) "All About the Benjamins"	** "Peeples" (2013, Romance-Comedy) Craig Robinson, Kerry Washington, David Alan Grier. A man's girlfriend goes away.	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Teresa begins to work on a new book.	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Danielle shares a secret with Teresa.	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Danielle shares a secret with Teresa.	Watch What Happens Live	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Danielle shares a secret with Teresa.			
BRAVO	47	181	181	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Margaret and Siggy's rift turns ugly.	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Margaret and Siggy's rift turns ugly.								
CNBC	35	84	84	Shark Tank	Shark Tank								
CNN	3	80	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)								
COM	57	136	136	(6:50) South Park "The F Word"	(:25) South Park	South Park "Raisins"	South Park "The Undergroundable"	South Park	South Park "Hum-mels & Heroin"	South Park (N)	Broad City "Witches" (N)	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	The Opposition w/ Jordan Klepper (N)
DISN	18	200	200	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Andi Mack	Stuck in the Middle	Stuck in the Middle	Raven's Home "Baxter's Back!"	K.C. Undercover	Liv and Maddie	Mickey Mouse	Toy Story OF TERROR!
DSC	42	103	103	Misfit Garage A rare '65 Ford Sunliner.	Misfit Garage: Fired Up "Stars Align"			Misfit Garage A '67 Ford Fairlane GTA.	Garage Rehab "Abel Racing" (N)			Misfit Garage A '67 Ford Fairlane GTA.	Garage Rehab
ESPN	26	35	35	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Miami Heat. From the American Airlines Arena in Miami. (N)			NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Los Angeles Lakers. (N) (Live)					
ESPN2	27	39	39	Baseball Tonight (N) (Live)	NFL Live			The Fantasy Show Coll. Football Live	SportsCenter (N) (Live)			SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N)
FOOD	40	109	109	Halloween Baking Championship	Halloween Baking Championship			Halloween Baking Championship	Best Baker in America (N)			Halloween Baking Championship	Halloween Baking
FOXN	37	90	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)			Hannity (N)	Fox News Tonight (N)			Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity
FREE	20	131	131	(6:35) *** "Hocus Pocus" (1993) Bette Midler. Youths conjure up three child-hungry witches on Halloween.	(:45) *** "Men in Black" (1997, Action) Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith, Linda Fiorentino. Secret agents monitor extraterrestrial activity on Earth.							The 700 Club	** "Bewitched" (2005)
FSS	21	47	47	Women's College Volleyball Baylor at Texas Tech. (N) (Live)				Future Phenoms	Driven			Women's College Volleyball Baylor at Texas Tech.	
HALL	52	183	183	Last Man Standing "Shoveling Snow"	Last Man Standing	2017 American Humane Hero Dog Awards (N)			The First Boys of Spring			The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls
HGTV	39	112	112	Property Brothers	Property Brothers			Property Brothers "Big City Move" (N)	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l		Property Brothers	Property Brothers
HIST	45	110	110	American Pickers "Coin-Op Kings"	American Pickers A one-man village.			American Pickers (N)	(:03) American Pickers (DVS)			(:03) American Pickers "Shock Value"	American Pickers
ION	13	18	18	Law & Order "Bling" Detectives must solve a rapper's murder.	Law & Order "Fallout" Emigre's death seems to be terrorism.			Law & Order "Captive" Former sexual predator.	Law & Order "Over Here" Two homeless men die.			Law & Order "The Family Hour" A former senator's ex-wife is killed.	Law & Order "Called Home"
LIFE	50	145	145	Little Women: Dallas Amanda embarks on a new career.	Little Women: Dallas Caylea, Emily and Amanda get heated. (N)			Little Women: Dallas Bri and Brichelle go to a matchmaker. (N)	(:02) Little Women: LA Terra's baby is rushed to the NICU. (N)			(:06) Little Women: Dallas Bri and Brichelle go to a matchmaker.	(12:02) Little Women: Dallas
MSNBC	36	92	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	210	Henry Danger	The Thundermans			Full House	Full House			Friends	Friends
SPIKE	64	153	153	Friends	Friends			Friends	Friends			Friends	Friends
SYFY	58	152	152	** "What Lies Beneath" (2000, Suspense) Harrison Ford, Michelle Pfeiffer, Diana Scarwid. A housewife is swept up in a spirit's supernatural revenge.				Channel Zero: No-End House Jules goes back inside to rescue Margot.				** "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" (2005) Brad Pitt.	** "Jennifer's Body" (2009) Megan Fox. A possessed cheerleader has an insatiable appetite for her classmates.
TBS	24	156	156	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory			The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory			Conan Actor Paul Reiser; actor Abbi Jacobson. (N)	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee
TCM	49	186	186	(6:00) *** "Suspicion" (1941) Cary Grant, Joan Fontaine.	*** "Doctor Zhivago" (1965, Romance) Omar Sharif, Julie Christie, Geraldine Chaplin. A Russian doctor is torn between his wife and another woman.							*** "Nicholas and Alexandra" (1971) Michael Jayston.	
TLC	43	157	157	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days			90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days			90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days	90 Day Fiancé
TNT	23	158	158	Bones The remains of a repo man are found.	** "Real Steel" (2011, Action) Hugh Jackman, Evangeline Lilly, Dakota Goyo. Premiere. A boxing promoter and his son build a robot fighter. (DVS)			** "Real Steel" (2011, Action) Hugh Jackman, Evangeline Lilly, Dakota Goyo. A boxing promoter and his son build a robot fighter. (DVS)	(:31) ** "Real Steel" (2011, Action) Hugh Jackman, Evangeline Lilly, Dakota Goyo. A boxing promoter and his son build a robot fighter. (DVS)				
TRUTV	38	129	129	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.			Hack My Life	Hack My Life			Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.
TV LAND	55	161	161	M*A*S*H	(:36) M*A*S*H	(:12) Everybody Loves Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Mom	Mom		King of Queens	King of Queens
USA	25	132	132	NCIS "Nonstop" A petty officer is murdered. (DVS)	NCIS "Something Blue" A young petty officer dies in his sleep. (DVS)			NCIS "Rendezvous" A Navy SEAL goes missing in Paraguay. (DVS)	Mr. Robot "Eps3.2legacy.so" The interim CTO of E Corp returns. (N)			(:03) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Rollins helps a friend press charges.	(12:03) Chicago P.D. (DVS)
WE	68	166	166	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	** "Overboard" (1987, Comedy) Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell, Edward Herrmann.			** "Overboard" (1987, Comedy) Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell.				** "Overboard" (1987, Comedy) Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell.	
WGNA	8	172	172	** "Armageddon" (1998) Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton. A hero tries to save Earth from an asteroid.				** "Armageddon" (1998) Bruce Willis. A hero tries to save Earth from an asteroid.				** "Armageddon" (1998) Bruce Willis. A hero tries to save Earth from an asteroid.	

'Frontline' begins two-part profile 'Putin's Revenge'

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

For real frights, Halloween has nothing on tonight's "Putin's Revenge, Part I" on "Frontline" (10 p.m., PBS, check local listings). A two-part report, concluding Nov. 1, "Revenge" is based on interviews with more than 60 intelligence experts from the United States, Europe and Russia, as well as journalists who have been covering Vladimir Putin for decades.

Tonight's documentary begins during the days leading up to the 2016 election, when American intelligence grew increasingly alarmed by Russian cyber activity that appeared aimed at tampering with the Nov. 8 vote, actions that former Director of National Intelligence James Clapper described as "warlike."

The balance of "Revenge" surveys Putin's rise to power since 2000 and his increasing distrust of the United States. As a KGB officer in 1989, he looked on with horror at crowds gathering in the streets of Dresden, East Germany, as the Communist regime collapsed and Moscow failed to come to its aid.

After he took power and trampled on media and political opponents, Putin suspected Western ties to any dissident groups either in Russia, or in former Soviet republics Ukraine and Georgia.

Putin's distrust of the United States only grew when the George W. Bush administration pursued regime change in Iraq and eventually killed Saddam Hussein and his sons. To experts here, Putin saw himself as the ultimate target of such personalized overthrows. After Obama became president, he saw American conspiracies at work in the Arab Spring and was personally repulsed by the brutal murder of Libya's



From left, Kal Penn stars as Seth Wright, Paulo Constanzo as Lyor Boone and Italia Ricci as Emily Rhodes in the "Suckers" episode of "Designated Survivor," airing at 10 p.m. today on ABC.

Muammar Gaddafi in 2011 and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's seemingly calous reactions to his death.

Part II will expand upon Putin's personal obsession with Clinton and how it contributed to his decision to launch a politically motivated cyber assault on the U.S. in 2016.

There appears to be a law dictating that every sitcom must have a Halloween episode. ABC complies willingly and dedicates its four-comedy lineup to holiday frights.

Viewers may be surprised to note that "The Goldbergs" (8 p.m., TV-PG) has reached the 100-episode milestone already. Time flies when you're stuck in the 1980s. In tonight's episode, arguments about "Star Trek" and costumes loom large.

On "Speechless" (8:30 p.m., TV-PG), a batch of old candy

gives the kids vivid dreams filled with frightful imagery. An argument about Michael Jackson costumes ensues.

For the entire run of its nine seasons, "Modern Family" (9 p.m., TV-PG) has emphasized Phil and Claire's competitiveness over Halloween displays. Tonight, they begin to wonder if they've always taken things too far, and worse, if others may not have really appreciated, or even noticed, their efforts.

On "American Housewife" (9:30 p.m., TV-PG), the family receives a gift and a note with friendly advice, a passive-aggressive Halloween tradition peculiar to their town.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

• Otters cavort on "Nature" (8 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings).

• A creature seeks comfort food on the premiere of "Massive Monster Mayhem" (8 p.m., Nicktoons, TV-Y7).

• The 2017 American Humane Hero Dog Awards (8 p.m., Hallmark, TV-G) extols the links between dogs and people.

• "NOVA" (9 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings) looks for evidence of a giant volcano that plunged Europe into darkness during medieval times.

• A drug bust exposes a child trafficking ring on "Chi-

ago P.D." (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14).

• Fake news and intelligence sharing on "Designated Survivor" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-14).

SERIES NOTES

Red snags a wanted terrorist on "The Blacklist" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-14) * Archie shows initiative on "Riverdale" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14) * An ambassador won't evacuate a country in chaos on "SEAL Team" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * A disoriented woman re-opens an old case on "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14) * A charity function celebrates a lost era on "Dynasty" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14) * Morgan returns on "Criminal Minds" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

Maggie Gyllenhaal appears on "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central) * Paul Reiser, Abbi Jacobson and JD McPherson are booked on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS) * Expect Hugh Laurie, Gretchen Carlson, Adam Savage and Michael Stevens on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Jessica Alba, JB Smoove and Kevin Delaney on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Megyn Kelly, Nathan Fielder, Colton Dunn and Sonny Emory visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) * Anna Wintour and Everything Everything appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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Sweet potato and Brussels sprouts hash gets a

BACON BLAST

BY MELISSA D'ARABIAN
The Associated Press

A chill is finally in the air, which transforms what goes on our table.

Winter squash, hardy greens such as kale and chard, cabbage, cauliflower and sweet potatoes are filling the markets and my recipe-testing table. The colder weather has me craving filling side dishes to go alongside juicy roasts and festive winter meals.

Baking sheets covered in cubed veggies offer a nutritious and weeknight-friendly solution. Cut almost any firm veggie into cubes, toss in a little olive oil and seasoning, and roast on high heat until the inside is tender and the edges are golden and caramelized. Time varies by vegetable, but most are done in the 20-30 minute range. Serve your roasted veggies with sliced beef or pork roast, or serve simply with some steamed quinoa.

Today's Sweet Potato and Brussels Sprouts Hash is filling enough to step in for less healthy options at your holiday table but broad enough in its appeal to be

eaten year-round (OK, so maybe not at your Fourth of July barbecue).

Brussels sprouts and their ever-popular companion bacon are teamed up with sweet potatoes to make a tasty oven-roasted hash that requires just minutes of prep time to cube the veggies, all of which can be done a day in advance.

Fans of sweet potatoes love that they have a lower glycemic index than their white counterparts, while fans of bacon love that I'm not such a stickler for healthy that we can't indulge a little here. It only takes two thick slices of bacon, boosted by a little smoked paprika and smoked turmeric (a worthy splurge if you can find it), to impart a lovely salty-smokiness on the whole dish.

Garlic cloves roast up into mellow creamy pods of flavor while tart apple cubes add a welcomed touch of acidity. The hash is meant to be a plug-and-play recipe — swap out ingredients as you wish — but this combination is exactly right, so you may find yourself making this version over and over.

ROASTED SWEET POTATO AND BRUSSELS HASH

Start to Finish: 40 minutes.

Yield: 6 servings

- 3/4 pound medium-sized Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved, about 2 cups
- 1 medium sweet potato, peeled and cut into 3/4-inch cubes, about 1 1/2 cups
- 1 medium granny smith (or other tart) apple, peeled and cut into 3/4-inch cubes, about 1 cup
- 1/2 cup whole garlic cloves, peeled
- 2 thick-cut slices bacon, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon smoked turmeric (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- chopped fresh chives and rosemary for garnish (optional)

Preheat the oven to 400 F. In a large bowl, mix together all the ingredients except the chives and rosemary, and stir until vegetables are coated evenly with olive oil and spices. Cover a baking sheet with parchment paper, and spread the mixture out into a single layer. Bake until sweet potato, Brussels sprouts and garlic are tender and golden brown, about 30 minutes, stirring halfway through cook time. Sprinkle with fresh herbs if desired and serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 114 calories; 36 calories from fat; 4 g fat (1 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 3 mg cholesterol; 242 mg sodium; 18 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 5 g sugar; 3 g protein.

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