

2019 VETERAN HONOREES

Each year, Sumter County Veterans Affairs randomly selects a group of about 30 veterans to be honored at the end of the official ceremony. Each veteran received an American flag and a proclamation.

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- Sammy Way

VETERANS BY THE NUMBERS

18 million

Military veterans in U.S.

1.7 million

Female veterans in U.S.

12%

Veterans in 2018 who were black

7.2%

Veterans in 2018 who were Hispanic

50.1%

Veterans age 65 or older

9.1%

Veterans 35 or younger

11,265

Veterans in Sumter County (2017)

Source: Census.gov 2018 statistics unless different year noted

'We've got to remember what they've done and the sacrifices they have made for our country.'

VALERIE BRUNSON, director of Sumter County Veterans Affairs

Ensuring our freedom



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Giovanni Sanchez Mercantini salutes as the Crestwood High School Jr. ROTC marches by during the Veterans Day Parade in downtown Sumter on Monday morning.

Sumter holds annual Veterans Day celebration with parade, ceremony, meet and greet

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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Kids clamored over candy tossed from floats as a few handfuls even soared to the open second-story windows of Sumter's soon-to-be first brewery, construction workers taking a break to watch the parade pass by beneath.

Hundreds gathered along Main Street Monday morning for the annual Veterans Day parade that marched toward the old courthouse, where Sumter County's official ceremony took place and culminated with a food-filled celebration and meet and greet.

The ceremony has been held annually since 1996, according to Valerie Brunson, director of Sumter County

Veterans Affairs. She has been with the Sumter VA for eight years and started the parade and subsequent meet and greet six years ago.

This year was the biggest yet. "We always come here for this parade. It's a good one," said veteran Andre Laperle, daughter on his shoulders and son at his side.

The parade featured about 100 groups, and parade-watchers waved to airmen and soldiers from the 20th Fighter Wing and U.S. Army Central, both of which are headquartered at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter. They were entertained by marching bands from Sumter's

Sumter, Crestwood and Lakewood high schools and Clarendon County's Scott's Branch High School.

The youngest attendees covered their ears for honks from the Sumter County Sheriff's Office, Sumter Police Department, Sumter Fire Department, Sumter Utilities and even the loud horn coming from the small Jamil Shriners truck.

Brunson, Sumter's VA director, said

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More than Sumter County 30 veterans were recognized during Monday's ceremony, including Johnathan Bryan, above.

Sharyn Boyd, right, wears an American flag outfit during the Veterans Day ceremony in downtown Sumter on Monday.



Media attorney: Association backs school boards, not citizens

BY BRUCE MILLS
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A Columbia attorney with almost 45 years of experience representing teachers against school boards and news organizations challenging school boards secrecy is voicing con-

cern over Sumter's board taking advice from a state lobbying association.

The majority of Sumter School District's Board of Trustees is now following the advice of the S.C. School Boards Association on a potential decision to disallow

public members from serving on standing board committees. Jay Bender, legal counsel for the S.C. Press Association, told *The Sumter Item* the group does not have citizens' interests as a priority; only those of the school board's elected officials.

"The school boards association is sponsored entirely by public funds, and its job is to protect school boards and do so at the expense of the citizens," Bender said.

Community members with expertise in finance and business have served alongside

trustees on the board's Finance Committee since shortly after two school districts in Sumter were consolidated into one in 2011. The committee meets monthly and has no voting power. It provides

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Jewel Mathis Burton
Michelle Lee Rogers Carraway
D.D. Miles
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Clotell Sarah Dozier Matthews
Carrie Mae Harvin Brown
Edith W. Taylor
Rosalind Blackmon
Johnnie Hilton
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Musicians from across the Sumter area will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Sumter Opera House in the fourth Homegrown concert to raise money for The Sounds of Grace. The music ministry supports patients and their families with soothing music.

RIGHT: Mark Mitchiner and Caleb Hermanson are among the local musicians who will perform in the concert.



Homegrown presents 'The Mixtape' on Thursday at opera house

Concert benefits music ministry 'Sounds of Grace'

BY IVY MOORE
Features contributor

The annual Homegrown concert has become a much-anticipated fixture at the Sumter Opera House, as it brings together local — or “homegrown” — musicians from across the area for an evening of varied styles of music. The concert not only showcases some of Sumter’s most talented performers, but it also raises money for The Sounds of Grace, a music ministry that “brings peace and healing through music by placing musicians in classrooms for those with special needs” and in hospital and health care settings where comfort is needed.

The ministry was started by harpist and singer Kipper Ackerman, who began performing for patients and their families at Prisma Health Tuom-

sey Hospital in 2012. She said at the time she was surprised by the effect doing so had on her, as well as the staff and administration of the hospital.

Ackerman produced several concerts using other harpists, and they began to grow in popularity and continue to do so.

“This is our fourth Homegrown,” she said. “There are several musicians who have been in all of them.”

On Thursday at 7 p.m., the musicians will perform separately and in varying group sizes, sharing their favorite songs with the audience. The theme of the two-hour concert is the mixtape. Mixtapes began in the 1980s as a compilation of different recorded songs, usually made at home onto cassette tapes, CDs or flash drives. The songs were meaningful to the ones who made them and intended to be meaningful for the recipient.

Thursday’s concert will be a sort of “live mixtape,” selected for the audi-

ence’s pleasure. Among the musicians performing will be Curt and Kipper Ackerman, Kevin Jarvis, Ashlee Holloman, Hank and Sandi Edens, Michael Baier, Caroline and Molly Prothro, Sonny Jones, Mark Mitchiner, Tripp Boykin, Caleb Hermanson, Jeff Wilson and Jay Hodge.

Ackerman said, “There are a couple of selections that include a large group, but not all of the musicians will perform at one time.”

In addition to the music, Ackerman will speak briefly about The Sounds of Grace and its impact on patients and musicians.

Of the impact of the Homegrown concerts, she said, “Homegrown has become our largest fundraiser for the Sounds of Grace and is extremely important to the organization. But most importantly, it has become a time where musicians can come together and have a great time supporting a great cause.”

“Performing together brings so

much joy to our musicians and is as much a benefit to us as it is to our audience. It’s a special night for everyone. The concert will finish with a strong set of songs from the 1980s.”

Money raised by the Homegrown concert will benefit The Sounds of Grace, supporting the upkeep of instruments, transportation and other needs to support volunteer musicians.

Tickets for Homegrown, The Mixtape are \$25 and can be purchased online at the Sumter Opera House box office, www.sumteroperahouse.com, www.thesoundsofgrace.com and at The Olive Tree Bookstore, 600 Bultman Drive, No. 6. Tickets to the special pre-event concert package are \$50 and can be purchased at the Church of the Holy Comforter office, 213 N. Main St. The pre-event includes heavy hors d’oeuvres, beverages, live entertainment and tickets to the concert at the Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St. Call (803) 491-5514 for more information.

Restaurant news

Family brings food on wheels to south Sumter

BY SHELBY GOULDING
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A mother, son and nephew started a food on wheels business to bring a little more goodness to the Sumter community.

Chris Wilson-Davis, owner of Susie’s Chicken & Fries; her son, Dashin Simmons; and her nephew Jamaal Green all have a background in the food industry business, and they wanted to collaborate and create something of their own.

“We all kind of had the skills that complemented each other,” Simmons said.

When the family decided to start its own business, Simmons and Green had the idea of running a food truck, but Wilson-Davis had her heart set on opening a restaurant.

However, she changed her mind after getting the oppor-

tunity to help a friend run his food truck.

“She fell in love with it,” Simmons said.

They purchased the old Manning Avenue Seafood restaurant, 303 Manning Ave., and hit the road with Susie’s Chicken & Fries, which was named after the boys’ grandmother.

“She helped with raising a lot of us, so it’s kind of like a tribute to her,” Simmons said.

The most popular item on the menu is the turkey wings with Susie sauce, but they also have chicken tenders, chicken wings, baskets, fries, okra and more.

Wilson-Davis said she’s planning to open a restaurant soon at 303 Manning Ave., where the same items from the food truck will be served along with an extended menu.

Green said they had their



SHELBY GOULDING / THE SUMTER ITEM

Susie’s Chicken & Fries workers smile with their customers at the Sumter Farmers Market at University of South Carolina Sumter on Friday.

first location at the U.S. 1 Metro Flee Market in Columbia, but they realized they wanted to stay close to home.

“We’re actually from this neighborhood,” Simmons said. “The bigger purpose of all of this [is] we want to

show people that it’s possible to do something here.”

Simmons and Green both said their food truck can bring some good to the community that has had its share of crime-focused headlines.

“We want to show that we can support each other be-

cause that’s a big issue in our community,” Simmons said. “We really got a lot of support from the community.”

The food truck’s locations and hours can be found on the Susie’s Chicken & Fries Facebook page, which is updated daily.

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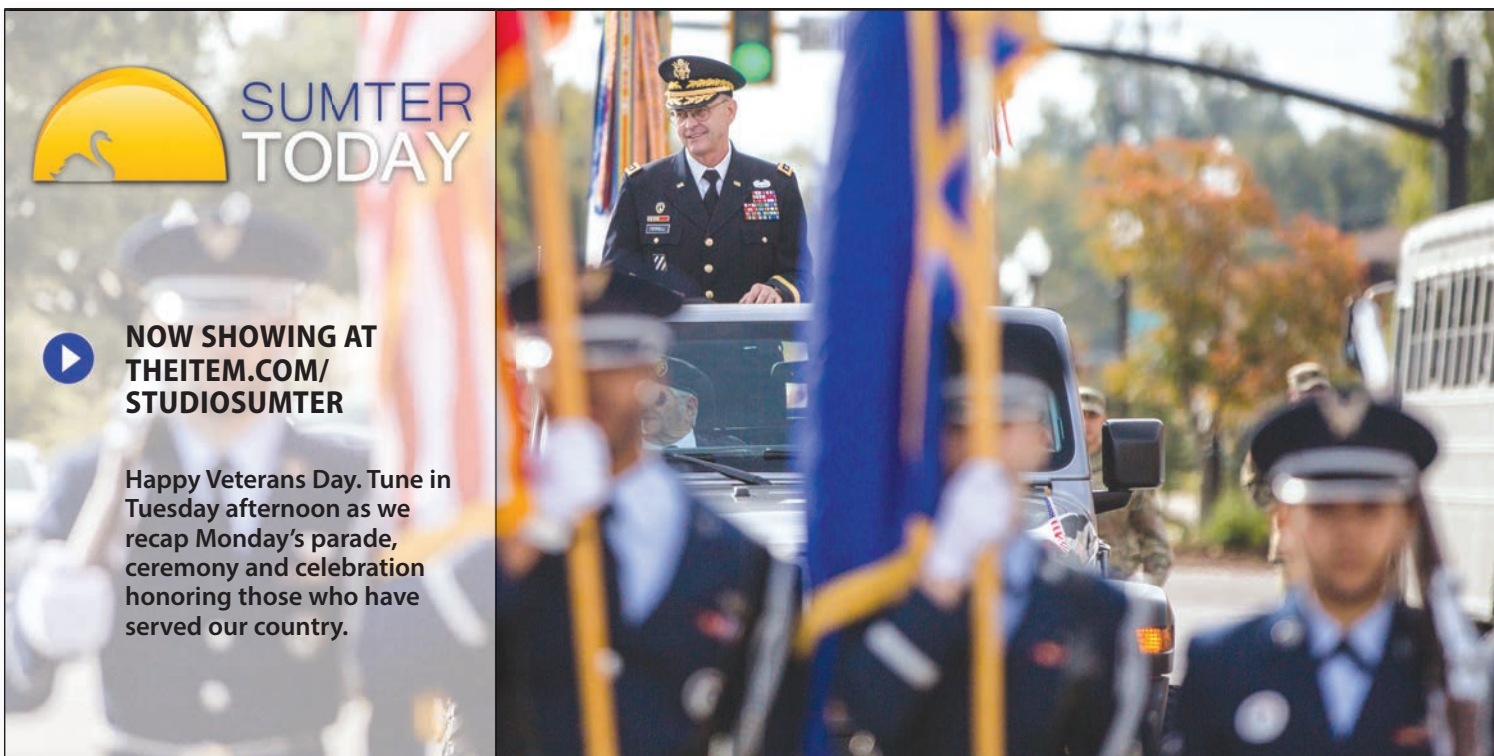
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Build strong bones with exercise, sleep, vitamin D

The National Osteoporosis Foundation states that more than half of adults over the age of 50 are at risk of breaking a bone because of low bone density or osteoporosis. The less we use our muscles and bones, the more they deteriorate, leading to muscle weakness and bone fragility.

A diagnosis of osteoporosis does not mean it is time to stop exercising; it just means it's time to make some modifications.

Osteoporosis is a degenerative bone disease that can make the simplest activity seem difficult or even impossible. Weakened muscles can compromise balance and increase the risk for falls. Decreased bone mass leads to struc-

tural deterioration, increasing the risk for fractures.

If osteoporosis is left untreated, there are several complications that can occur: bone spurs — growths on the ends of the bones that can cause severe pain; damaged tendons and ligaments — they can be stressed and stretched as they take on more pressure from the deteriorating joint; and joint deformity or breakdown of bones because of inadequate blood flow.



Missy Corrigan

Research shows that putting stress on the bones activates bone cells that leads to bone formation, often referred to as osteogenesis. Since we cannot see our bones, we must rely on medical tests that measure bone mineral density levels, like a Dual Energy X-Ray Absorpti-

ometry. X-rays do have the ability to show changes in joints that indicate osteoarthritis.

To improve bone density, exercises need to be weight bearing. Weight-bearing exercises can be high impact or low impact. Examples of high-impact exercises are dancing, tennis, running, dancing, hiking and climbing. Low-impact exercises are walking, cycling, yoga or using cardio and strength-training machines. Both options provide weight-bearing opportunities, which helps stimulate the production of bone cells.

Other important factors for boosting bone density include getting adequate sleep and vitamin D intake. Proper sleep patterns allow for natural melatonin production, which is essential to the reformation of bone. Experts theorize that bone growth happens most when the body is at rest because studies do show that over time, a lack of sleep results in decreased bone density.

Vitamin D is necessary for calcium absorption and bone mineralization. While sunlight is the main source, there are many who rely on supplements because it does not occur in many foods. Vitamin D supplements can help improve the levels in those who are deficient as well as prevent rare conditions, such as rickets. Although studies have yet to prove that the supplements alone actually improve bone density or prevent fractures or falls, taking them in low doses is harmless.

Experts state that the best way to preserve or improve bone health and strength is to get or stay active with weight-bearing exercises, spend 20 minutes out in the sun several days a week without sunscreen, and stick with a regularly scheduled sleep pattern.

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

Briefs

Camden woman, 24, dies in crash in Lee County

A 24-year-old Camden woman died early Sunday in a single-vehicle wreck in Lee County.

Kaitlyn Marie Kellogg, of Black River Road, was pronounced dead on scene after the wreck that occurred about midnight, according to Lee County Coroner Larry Logan.

South Carolina Highway Patrol Lance Cpl. Matt Southern said Kellogg was heading west on Lucknow Road near Shady Grove Road in a 2010 Hyundai passenger car when the vehicle ran off the right side of the road and into a ditch before striking a tree. Kellogg was wearing a seat belt, Southern said. She was the only person in the vehicle. SCHP is investigating the incident.

S.C. cashes in with \$2B extra in its budget

COLUMBIA (AP) — South Carolina economists said the state likely will have an additional nearly \$2 billion to

spend next budget year.

The state Board of Economic Advisers said the growing population, expanding economy, more vigorous collection of on-line sales taxes and underestimating other taxes this year has led to the extra money.

The amount of money South Carolina lawmakers control spending for will jump past \$10 billion in the budget year that starts in July 2020 for the first time.

Lawmakers said they want to use the extra money to increase salaries for teachers and state workers, improve prisons and do deferred maintenance on state buildings and tackle tax reform.

S.C. nuclear reactor shut down over small coolant system leak

JENKINSVILLE (AP) — A South Carolina energy company shut down one of its nuclear reactors after officials discovered a small leak in the coolant system.

Dominion Energy spokeswoman Rhonda O'Banion told *The State* on Saturday that the

V.C. Summer reactor in Fairfield County is temporarily out of commission as the water leak, possibly from a valve, is addressed. The company said the liquid has not escaped beyond the reactor's containment building, and there's no danger to the public.

Sheriff: Deputy kills man with knife after Taser shock fails

LOCKHART (AP) — A South Carolina sheriff said one of his deputies shot and killed a man who tried to attack the officer with a knife even after being shocked with a Taser. Union County Sher-

iff David Taylor said 28-year-old Daniel Childers Jr. first tried to use the knife to attack paramedics called to his Lockhart home about 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Taylor said Childers then

threatened the deputy with the knife and kept trying to stab the officer after being hit by the Taser.

Taylor said in a statement Childers died at the scene of the shooting.

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"At Last" is one of many paintings in Carolita Cantrell's solo exhibition titled Spirited Vision, which opened Thursday at the Sumter County Gallery of Art. See the show through Jan. 10, 2020.

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Cantrell's art is diverse, thought-provoking in Spirited Vision show

BY JANE COLLINS
Special to The Sumter Item

Wow! Wow! and wow! If you like your art colorful, creative, diverse and thought-provoking, then the current Sumter County Gallery of Art exhibit "Spirited Vision," by Carolita Cantrell, should be high on your list of things to make you happy. The Sumter Item's introduction of the artist by Ivy Moore in the Nov. 2-3 Weekend Edition gave a

strong introduction of the artist's background and connection to Sumter. What it could not do is prepare you for the highly diverse nature of her works. "Free to Fly" establishes "Spirited Vision"—its composition and attitude. Arms reaching upward, lifting a billowing scarf toward the sky, the woman reaches up. A bird continues the upward direction, leading the eye and reaffirming the spirit of freedom. The scarf symbol is emphasized again in "Free to Fly." Another realistic painting, "Love All Creatures Great and Small," adds an aspect of symbolism with the animals gathered around the woman. Cantrell's mosaic-inspired works emphasize her subtle use of color and shading. "Lady with a Fur," located in the entry hall, seems almost monochromatic, yet there are minute color variations to enhance the picture's depth. "Majestic," another mosaic-inspired piece, seems Byzantine; however, the woman's

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expression and bright halo add a sense of character to her serenity. Cantrell's focus of "Spirited Vision" also celebrates her willingness to explore. The gold leaf dominating "Glitters" adds another dimension to her artistic exploration.

Her ability to use color and stroke lines becomes evident in most of her work. "The Geisha," "Prediction" and

"Hint of the Orient" come alive with action and attitude through her careful use of brush and color combinations. In "Flight," she says much with little detail, the two white forms moving against the contrast of the red-and-orange background, a tract of purple extending the eye and action.

Her paintings are not without humor: Look for hidden faces, study "Head in the Clouds," check out the use of color in "Woman." Works like the mixed-media "Fun" and the intense use of color and composition in "Racing with the Moon" are testimony to her vast range of artistic genre and ability.

The level of artistic control, development of atmosphere and variety of formats certainly showcases her desire to reflect a "Spirited Vision." Her exhibit will remain at Sumter Gallery of Art, 200 Hasell St., through Jan. 10, 2020. For more information, call (803) 775-0543 or visit <https://sumtergallery.com>.

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Former S.C. Gov. Haley alleges disloyalty among some on the Trump team in new memoir

BY HILLEL ITALIE
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — President Donald Trump's former U.N. ambassador and South Carolina's former governor, Nikki Haley, alleges in her upcoming memoir that two administration officials who were ultimately pushed out by Trump once tried to get her to join them in opposing some of his policies.

In "With All Due Respect," Haley said then-Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and then-White House chief of staff John Kelly told her that they were trying to "save the country." Haley writes that she was "shocked" by the request, made during a closed-door meeting, and thought they were only trying to put their own imprint on his policies.

"Kelly and Tillerson confided in me that when they resisted the president, they weren't being insubordinate, they were trying to save the country," Haley wrote. "It was their decisions, not the president's, that were in the best interests of America, they said. The president didn't know what he was doing. ... Tillerson went on to tell me the reason he resisted the president's decisions was because, if he didn't, people would die."

The former South Carolina governor said the meeting lasted more than an hour and that they never



President Donald Trump meets with outgoing U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley in the Oval Office of the White House on Oct. 9, 2018, in Washington.

raised the issue to her again.

Haley's book comes out today. The Associated Press purchased an early copy.

"Instead of saying that to me, they should've been saying that to the president, not asking me to join them on their sidebar plan," Haley wrote. "It should've been, 'Go tell the president what your differences are, and quit if you don't like what he's doing.' But to undermine a president is really a very dangerous thing. And it goes against the Constitution, and it goes against what the American people want. And it was offensive."

Trump fired Tillerson in March 2018. Later, Tillerson said the president was "undisciplined" and did not like to read briefing reports. Trump countered, calling Tillerson "dumb as a rock."

When Kelly was chief of staff, Trump chafed at the orderly processes the general imposed on his freewheeling style and White House operations at large. Trump let him go in December 2018.

When asked to respond to Haley's book, Kelly told CBS' "Sunday Morning" that "if by resistance and stalling, she means putting a staff process in place ... to ensure the (president) knew all the pros and cons of what policy decision he might be contemplating so he could make an informed decision, then guilty as charged."

One early reaction to Haley's book came from Trump's Twitter account. After noting the book's release and her book tour, Trump tweeted, "Good luck Nikki!"

Turkey starts returning IS fighters, deports U.S. national

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkey on Monday deported citizens of the United States and Denmark who fought for the Islamic State and made plans to expel other foreign nationals as the government began a new push to send back captured foreign fighters to their home countries, a Turkish official said.

The move comes just more than a week after the Turkish interior minister said Turkey was not a "hotel" for IS fighters and criticized Western nations for their reluctance to take back citizens who had joined the ranks of the extremist militant group as it sought to establish a "caliphate" in Iraq and Syria.

Turkish Interior Minister Suleyman Soylu said last week that about

1,200 foreign IS fighters were in Turkish prisons and 287 members, including women and children, were recaptured during Turkey's offensive in Syria.

Several European countries, including Britain, have stripped IS fighters of their nationalities to prevent their return.

A U.S. and a Danish national were deported from Turkey on Monday, while a German national was scheduled to be deported later in the day, Turkey's state-run Anadolu Agency quoted Interior Ministry

spokesman Ismail Catakli as saying. Seven other German nationals are scheduled to leave the country on Thursday, he said.

Two Irish nationals, two German nationals and 11 French nationals who were captured in Syria were also to be transferred to their home countries soon, Catakli said.

He did not provide further information but said the suspects were being held in Turkish deportation centers.

The U.S. did not immediately comment on Ankara's announcement.

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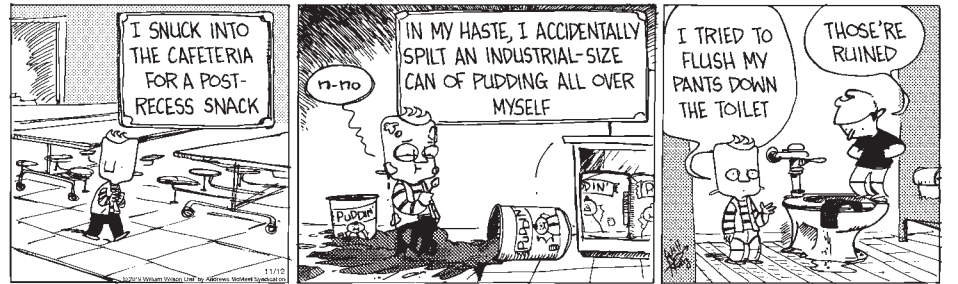
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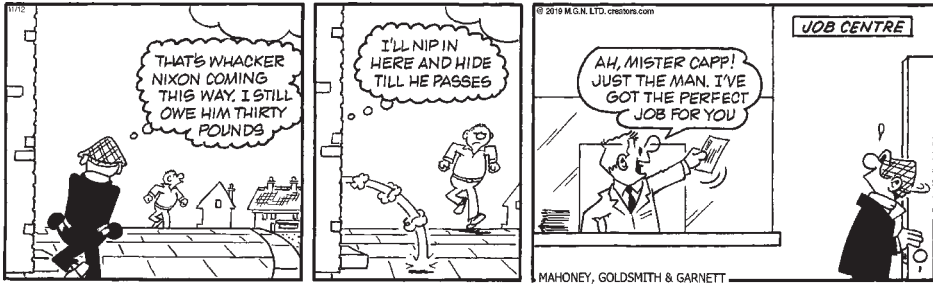
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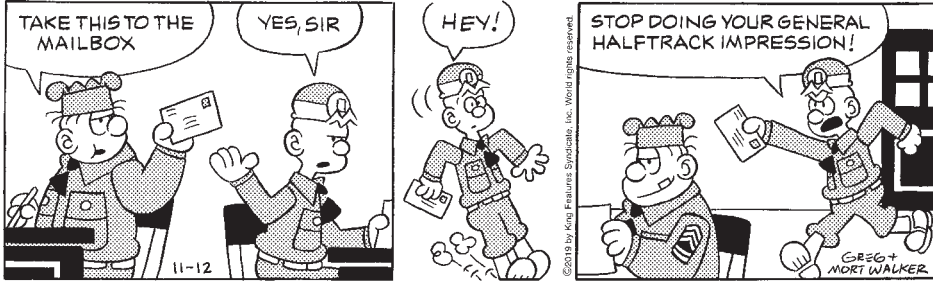
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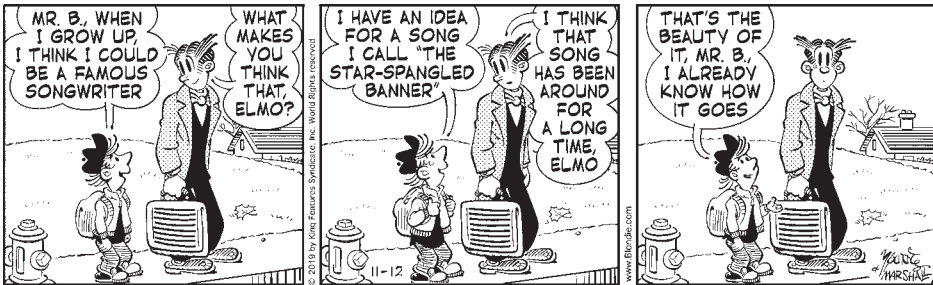
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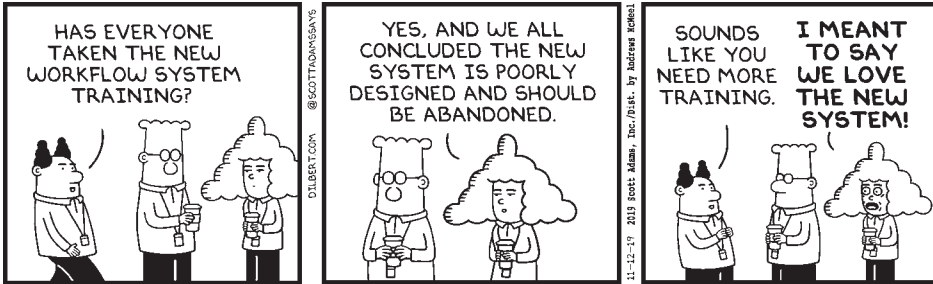
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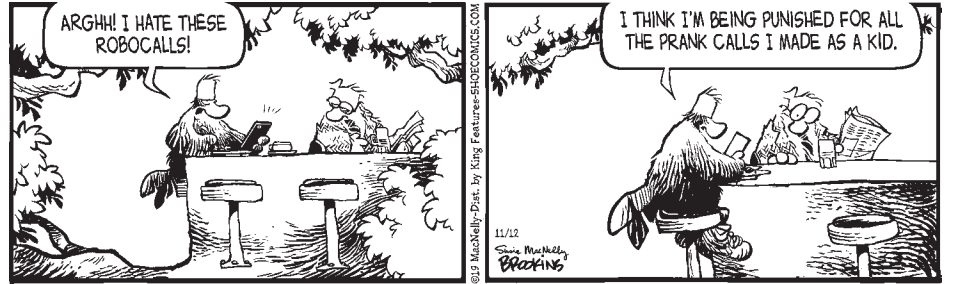
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JEFF MACNELLY'S SHOE



New girlfriend nixes time spent with kids, ex-wife



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — I'm recently divorced. We have two wonderful children ages 6 and 11. I try to spend as much time with them as possible, even if it means spending time with my ex-wife.

The woman I'm dating is also divorced. She has a bad relationship with her ex and doesn't think I should spend any time with my ex, even if it's for the sake of the kids. An example: My daughter's birthday is coming up, and it's my ex's day with the kids. However, we'll be going out for a birthday dinner, and my girl-

friend doesn't think I should go.

I'm not torn about going to dinner. I'm torn about how to deal with the new girlfriend regarding my relationship with my kids and ex-wife. Any suggestions?

Jeff in Michigan

DEAR JEFF — Yes, and I sincerely hope you will take this to heart. What you've described is a huge red flag. Lose this girlfriend now. She appears to be both selfish and insecure, and she will worsen your relationship with your ex and destroy your relationship with your children if she can.

DEAR ABBY — My partner and I have a long, loving relationship. But there's always been this one little problem. When we're out in public, I ask him

to "please pull up your pants" and "please not put your hand down your pants." He gets upset that I call him out on it, but it's embarrassing for me, and I feel like it should be for him, too. How can I stop him from letting his pants be a problem? (They are nice slacks with button, zipper and belt!)

Jane Doe in California

DEAR JANE DOE — Buy your partner a pair of suspenders and insist that he wear them when he's out in public with you. (It should lessen his need to put his hand down his pants, a habit that should've been "discouraged" before he entered kindergarten.)

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

TEEIL

OMNWA

CCNIES

HNRSKU

HIS



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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FINAL ROUGH ROOKIE WISDOM
Answer: When promising to respect our veterans, "respect" is a — WORD OF HONOR

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

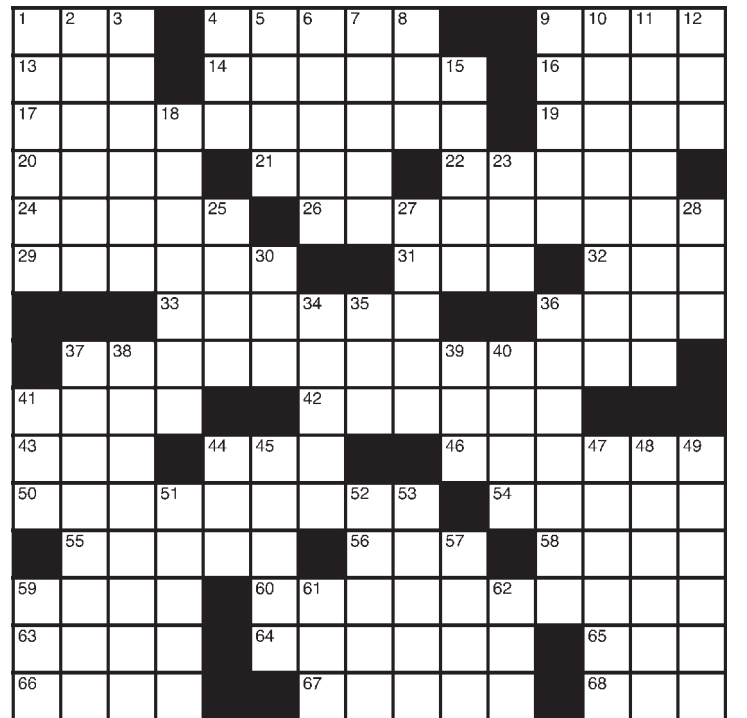
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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Kurt Krauss 11/12/19

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sports agent, briefly
 - 4 Lavish meal
 - 9 Behold, to
 - 13 "Another Green World" musician Brian
 - 14 Foamy coffee drinks
 - 16 Bar measure
 - 17 "Big top"
 - 19 "The Handmaid's": Atwood novel
 - 20 This, in Spain
 - 21 Acapulco aunt
 - 22 Final Olds produced
 - 24 Injured-arm support
 - 26 "School keepsake"
 - 29 "Under Siege" star Steven
 - 31 Prof.'s degree
 - 32 See 38-Down
 - 33 Restaurant
 - 34 Arlo Guthrie sang about
 - 36 Early 2000s Apple product
 - 37 "The Daily Show" network
 - 41 Hard to find
 - 42 Cosa
 - 43 Trident-shaped Greek letter
 - 44 Angry
 - 46 Pick up the pace
 - 50 *2012 Channing Tatum film
- DOWN**
- 11 Pre-Revolutionary furniture style
 - 12 French summer
 - 15 Secret supply
 - 18 Scam
 - 23 "Dropped" '60s drug
 - 25 Battering wind
 - 27 Cathedral areas
 - 28 Nutritional supplements co.
 - 30 Pot top
 - 34 Pop singer
 - 35 Novelist Umberto
 - 36 Blackboard chore
 - 37 Legendary lover
 - 38 With
 - 32-Across, Adam and Eve's transgression
 - 39 To the degree
 - 40 Gillette's razor
 - 41 Turntable speed, for short
 - 44 Longtime Tom Petty label
 - 45 Defensive retort
 - 47 The "T" in NATO
 - 48 Toyota Prius, e.g.
 - 49 Loire Valley city
 - 51 Bucky Beaver's toothpaste
 - 52 Wails with grief
 - 53 Shore birds
 - 57 Apple Watch assistant
 - 59 Family reunion attendees
 - 61 Ace
 - 62 "Science Guy" Bill
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VETERANS

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the city and county work hard to stay true to Sumter's motto of "uncommon patriotism."

Veterans permeate Sumter. They are business owners, and they are doctors. They are lawyers, community leaders, elected officials, teachers, historians, taxpayers.

"Honoring them is something I love to do," Brunson said. "We've got to remember what they've done and the sacrifices they have made for our country."

'THE STRENGTH OF OUR NATION'

Brunson and her team wrangled the day together, complete with five ROTC groups, representatives from all the veterans organizations in Sumter, a veteran-owned shaved ice truck, multiple Girl Scout troops and a Sumter firefighter and Continental manager dressed as Lady Liberty and Uncle Sam.

Lt. Gen. Terry Ferrell, commanding general of USARCENT, which provides land domain oversight, support and services for U.S. Central Command in the Middle East, Central Asia and South Asia and traces its storied lineage to World War II Gen. George Patton's Third Army, served as the pa-



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Lt. Gen. Terry Ferrell, commanding general of USARCENT, speaks during the Veterans Day ceremony. See more photos from the day's events online with this story at www.theitem.com.

rade's grand marshal and ceremony's keynote speaker.

Veterans Day demonstrates the "strength of our nation," he said.

It doesn't matter the color of the uniform. The chairs at the front of the crowd spilling across the old courthouse lawn, reserved for veterans, sported a spectrum of colors. Dress blues and camouflage greens. Tuskegee red and Marine red. Black and gold, navy and white, purple.

When he started a roll call for veterans to stand up for each war they served in, just a few stood at the beginning. Then Vietnam was called. Then the same veterans started standing again.

Veterans Day is about more than those from different military branches coming together. Mayor Joe McElveen, himself a son, son-in-law, nephew and grandson of a veteran and a veteran himself, said the day is about celebrating every veteran who served, no matter the capacity or marked impact.

Sumter has produced such notable veterans as Medal of Honor recipient George Mabry Jr., who as a lieutenant colonel in World War II led an attack through Hurtgen Forest in Germany before retiring from the Army in 1975 as a major general. The "strength of our nation" lies in both people like Mabry and in every single veteran's contribution.

The spectrum of Sumter's veterans was represented on the courthouse steps at the end of the ceremony. Each year, the Sumter County Veterans Association randomly selects about 30 veterans to be specifically honored. Each received an American flag and a proclamation.

Special this year, veteran Ruth Hoyt gifted each of the honorees a patriotic blanket. The 97-year-old was a flight

nurse in World War II, and, with only the help of a walker and a helping hand nearby, she said she is "still going strong."

Veteran Laperle, who took his kids to the parade, said he enjoyed seeing all the ROTC cadets participate. Veterans like when younger generations are interested in the military.

He was stationed at Shaw Air Force Base from 2011 to 2015 before stints in South Korea and Hurlburt Field near Fort Walton Beach, Florida. He now works for Caterpillar in West Columbia but comes to Sumter's Veterans Day program because of the community feel.

His daughter, Ava, 4, said she liked the music. His son, Joey, 10, couldn't decide what he liked most because it was all good, he said. The Sumter Utilities vehicles were cool, though.

Sumter's biggest parade yet represented a community that has grown in the decades since these veterans took up arms. It's a community big enough to line the streets but small enough still for a wife to grab a kiss through the driver's window of a cop car rolling down the parade route. Small enough for an airman to break rank and shuffle to the curb for a quick high five from his son.

The patriotism may be uncommon, but its presence is familiar.

ASSOCIATION

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recommendations to the full board on the district's \$130 million budget, and the full board has final say on all budgetary matters.

Board Chairman the Rev. Ralph Canty recently proposed a new charter that would add community members with appropriate and vetted expertise to the other two committees, Facilities and Policy.

Canty's draft charter appeared to be the direction the board was headed until a majority of members changed stance after a Sept. 30 workshop with legal counsel from the state School Boards Association. Attorney Tiffany Richardson from the association discussed at that meeting the rarity of the public serving on standing committees and potential legal ramifications.

Bender said it's a move to remove the public.

"This is another example of where they have made the recommendation to shut the public out of a process," he said. "When you told me that they had citizen members on their committees, I thought that was just as enlightened as I have ever heard."

Based on his experience, Bender said, the state association has nice people on staff but only serves one group's interests.

"If serving the interests of the school board means diminishing the rights of teachers, they will do it," he said. "If it means diminishing the access citizens have to school matters, they will recommend it. ... Their name says it all."

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM POLICY COMMITTEE

Policy Committee Chairman the Rev. Daryl McGhaney and

fellow trustees and committee members Matthew "Mac" McLeod and Brian Alston are all in agreement to heed the association's advice and make changes to the standing committee system, but their recommendations for moving forward are different.

At their committee meeting last week, all three emphasized they still want public involvement with the board.

At the full board's next meeting Monday, it's expected trustees will have an open discussion on two recommendations — one presented from Alston last week and another from McLeod. Policy Committee members said last week that both recommendations could still be married as another option.

ALSTON — ELIMINATE PUBLIC FROM STANDING COMMITTEES, CREATE NEW CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Alston recommends eliminating public members from standing committees but allowing the public to serve on a new Citizens Advisory Committee.

"That way, we still give the community a seat at the table and a voice," Alston said.

Membership would be based on board approval, meaning at least five of nine votes from trustees.

He said he thinks the standing committees are still needed, given the volume of the board's workload, but they should only

consist of board members.

Following the meeting last week, *The Sumter Item* contacted Chairman Canty, who is a proponent of maintaining the existing standing committee system. He does not support Alston's proposal.

"In my opinion, the difference between the two, the advisory committee is to receive input from the board and from the administration to keep the community abreast of what's going on in the district," Canty said. "Public membership on standing committees is to give input to the board and administration."

"If we want to give the illusion of public involvement, then we create an advisory committee," Canty said. "But if we want to be real and genuine in developing relationships with this community, then we seek opportunities to empower the community to be involved in what we are doing through standing committees."

Canty said there is nothing in the board's bylaws about committees.

MCLEOD — ELIMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES, GO TO AD HOC WHEN NEEDED

McLeod recommended the full board do away with all its committees altogether.

"Ultimately, items come back to the board to handle," McLeod said last month. "The board was elected to handle the business of the district; so,

rather than going through two or three channels, handle it. Hold each other accountable, and handle the business."

He proposed the board form ad hoc committees when needed on special projects. Through that mechanism, he said, more public involvement can be achieved.

In a phone conversation last week with *The Sumter Item*, McLeod said ad hocs could be formed based on specific areas that the board is discussing, and the move could allow for more broad public input than just a standing committee.

"If we are developing a policy on fire safety, we could have someone from the fire department come in," McLeod said. "I think it would be better to have people from the specific areas that we are discussing. Same thing with facilities: We're looking at air conditioners right now. Let's have some people from the HVAC world come in and make suggestions. Let's don't try to do it all ourselves,

but let's have people with expertise in those areas.

"And, if we try to put somebody from every field on all of our standing committees, then we're going to have a lot of people."

Three members of the public currently serve on the Finance Committee. Two are business owners, and one is a longtime community leader and activist. McLeod said the board needs to have discussion in open session on various options.

"And, when we discuss it at the next meeting, maybe the way that Mr. Alston was talking about doing it with the Citizens Advisory Committee, maybe that's the route we need to take," he said.

He also said another option may be better.

"I am not saying that eliminating committees is 'the way' to go," he said. "In my mind right now, that's the way I am thinking, but if we get in there and we discuss it, I may change my mind."

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Nov. 6

Staying alert while driving to avoid deadly crashes

All the myriad days, weeks and months designated for this or that cause or awareness campaign might be enough to make you cross-eyed, but some should make you bolt upright and think about the message.

That's the case [last] week with the AAA Carolinas' reminder for motorists. And like many of these campaigns, the message is a perennial. National Drowsy Driving Prevention Week began Nov. 3 and [ended Nov.

10]. It's no coincidence that it ties right in with when we all set our clocks back an hour before hitting the hay.

"With fall activities in full swing and the end of daylight saving time, there is a greater risk for drowsiness behind the wheel," said Tiffany Wright, AAA Carolinas spokeswoman, wrote in a press release. "We urge motorists to get the full recommended amount of sleep each night despite their busy schedules as drowsy driving is now involved in one in five fatal crashes on U.S. roadways each year."

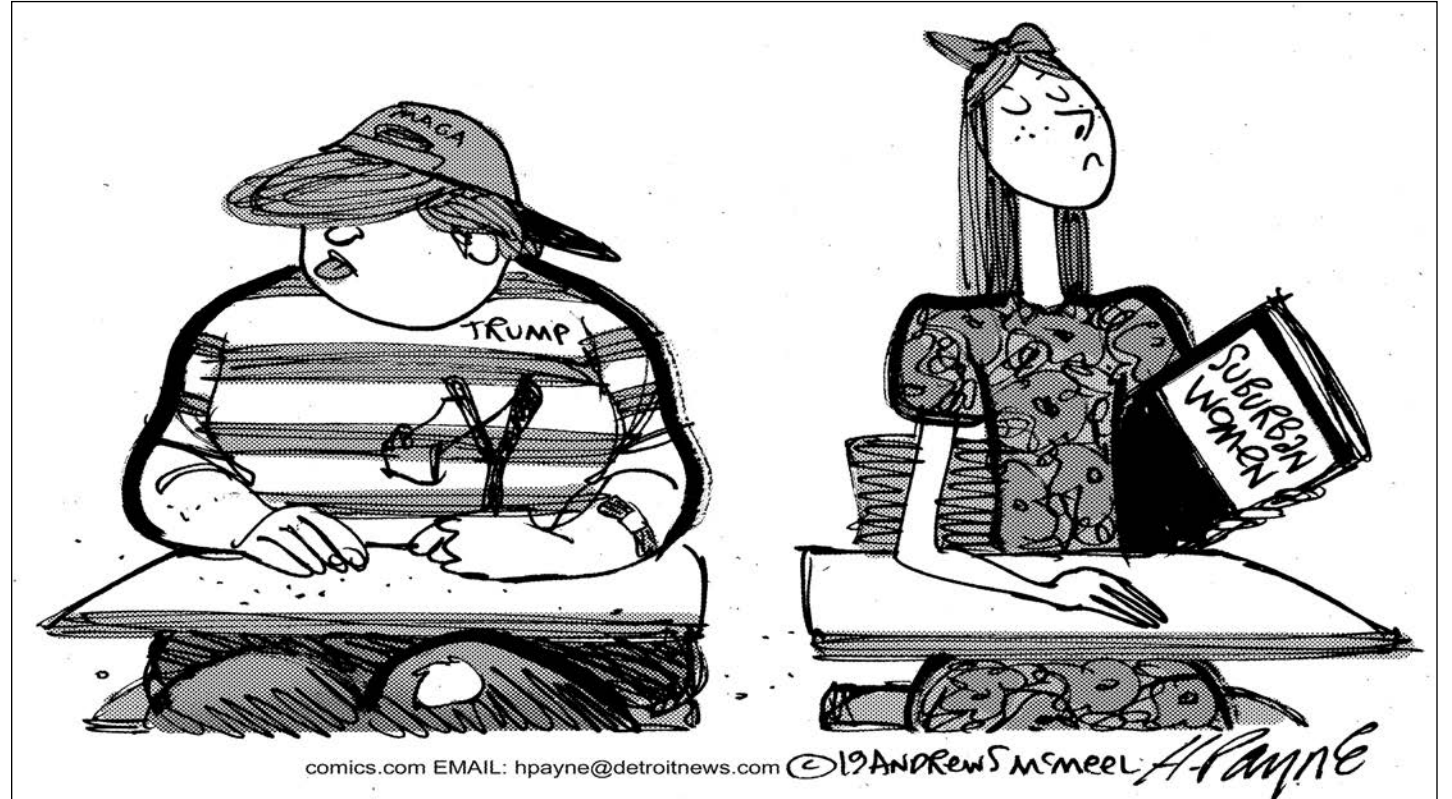
The symptoms of drowsy driving many of us already know or have experienced: Having trouble keeping eyes open, drifting from lanes and not remembering the last few miles driven. But AAA cautions that more than half of drivers involved in fatigue-related crashes experienced no symptoms before falling asleep behind the wheel.

Sleep is the best prevention to fatigue-related wrecks, as AAA notes that missing just one to two hours of the recommended seven hours of sleep each day doubles — yes, doubles — the risk for a crash.

AAA Carolinas suggested the following to help drivers avoid crashes:

- **Rest Up:** Get plenty of rest before getting behind the wheel of a vehicle. If you do begin to feel drowsy while driving, pull over immediately and rest or call a family member or friend for assistance.

- **Be prepared for morning/afternoon sun glare:** Sun glare in the morning or late afternoon can cause temporary blindness. To reduce the glare, wear high-quality sunglasses and adjust sun visors as needed. Use of the night



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setting on rearview mirrors can reduce glare from headlights approaching from the rear.

- **Car care maintenance:** Keep headlights, taillights, signal lights and windows (inside and out) clean.

- **Ensure headlights are properly aimed:** Misaimed headlights blind other drivers and reduce visibility. And keep headlights on low beams when following another vehicle, so other drivers are not blinded.

- **Reduce your speed and increase your following distances.** It is more difficult to judge other vehicles' speeds and distances at night.

- **Be mindful of pedestrians and crosswalks.** Yield the right of way to pedestrians in crosswalks, and do not pass vehicles stopped at crosswalks.

While the safety advances manufacturers have devised are great, they are no guarantee and certainly should not be wholly relied upon. Applying common sense and getting that right amount of sleep should remain at the top of your driver to-do list.

THE POST AND COURIER

Nov. 2

Female inmates' mental health should be priority

South Carolina must improve how it cares for mentally ill prisoners, and it's happening broadly under a court order that arose from a decade

of class-action litigation. But according to a psychiatrist who works at the Camille Graham women's prison in Columbia, conditions worsened between 2014 when she regularly made rounds there and earlier this year when she returned as a contract doctor. That is both frustrating and disappointing.

According to her recent testimony before a House oversight committee, the abuse and neglect suffered by mentally ill women — isolation and deprivation — was intentional and meant to discourage them from seeking help.

"They punished those that would (seek crisis care) by these means and so that got the numbers down of people complaining about being suicidal," Dr. Pamela Crawford told lawmakers. "So we had people that were afraid (of seeking help). ... It was, in my opinion, orchestrated to make it punitive for them to seek help."

Dr. Crawford, a retired state psychiatrist who came back to work at the Department of Corrections in May, had testified in the agency's defense in that class-action lawsuit. But last month, she described to lawmakers how patients she treated before 2014 had "deteriorated" greatly and how at least one schizophrenic inmate had been removed from mental health rolls and her diagnosis revised. And, worse, no one spoke up about the conditions until she did this past summer.

The good news is that the Department of Corrections quickly cleaned house, disciplining some staffers, including a supervisor in the mental health unit, and reversing what Dr.

Crawford described as de facto policies that led to a few psychotic women sleeping on bare bunks and being deprived of basic hygiene — for up to two years.

The prison team responded in part by holding "mass mental health days" to clear backlogs of women awaiting help. No criminal charges arose from an investigation by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

Separate but relevant, a correctional officer from another prison broke down in tears at the same hearing in describing how she tried to fight against a staff culture steeped in the "socialized normalization of deviance." But she said she was demoted and labeled "insubordinate." That speaks to what might have gone wrong at Camille Graham and what must change to ensure mentally ill prisoners are treated humanely.

Still, what Dr. Crawford described at Camille Graham as "abuse" and "neglect" has no easy solutions. The state, much less the DOC, simply doesn't have the psychiatric hospital beds needed to treat its most seriously mentally ill patients, prisoners or not. That needs to change.

Dr. Crawford's testimony was an eye-opener when it shouldn't have been. Lawmakers must be told the truth about what happens behind prison walls, but they are too often insulated from the kind of raw facts the veteran psychiatrist delivered. A summary of her findings, for instance, somehow never made it to the committee before she began her public testimony.

We're keeping a tight grip on our nuclear toys

"Everyone wants to play with the big boys, and the only way to become one of the big boys is to have nuclear toys."

Attention Planet Earth! Attention Planet Earth! It is time to grow up.

The words are those of Mohamed ElBaradei, then director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, from a 2005 interview, several months before he and the agency were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. They remain eerily relevant in 2019, summing up as they do the puerile recklessness that is in the process of regaining its grip on geopolitics. Nuclear weapons treaties are withering on the vine, and proliferation threatens a triumphant return.

Hello, omnicide. We may not be as lucky as we were in the Cold War era, when the consequences of nuclear accidents and political brinkmanship were relatively contained and the victims of nuclear development were limited to the people who lived near test areas like the Marshall Islands, Kazakhstan or the Nevada Test Site in the western United States. Nuclear stockpiles have shrunk, not grown, and nuclear-armed nations number nine.

This is still insane, of course. That number should — must — find its way to zero, as declared by the Treaty on the Prohibi-

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tion of Nuclear Weapons, which was passed by a United Nations vote of 122-1 in 2017 but still awaits actual ratification by 50 countries (32 have ratified it so far). Hope-inspiring as that treaty is, the big boys — who boycotted the U.N. vote two years ago — still control the game, and led by the USA, they are pulling out of the treaties that constrain them.



Robert Koehler

"After the recent death of the treaty covering intermediate-range missiles, a new arms race appears to be taking shape, drawing in more players, more money and more weapons at a time of increased global instability and anxiety about nuclear proliferation," Steven Erlanger wrote recently in the *New York Times*, referring to the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty, signed by Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev in 1987, which the Trump administration pulled out of.

Since then, Trumpica has also indicated it wants to dump the New START Treaty, brokered by Barack Obama with the Russians in 2011, which ex-

pires in February 2021, shortly after the inauguration of whoever is the next president. New START limits the two countries' "strategic arsenals" (not their "tactical arsenals") to 1,550 weapons each — still enough to, uh, destroy the world and all, but ... at least they bring the concept of limits into the nuclear discussion, putting, you might say, a parental check on the big boys and their nukes.

Thus, writes Erlanger: "The dismantling of 'arms control,' a Cold War mantra, is now heightening the risks of a new era when nuclear powers like India and Pakistan are clashing over Kashmir, and when nuclear Israel feels threatened by Iran, North Korea is testing new missiles, and other countries like Saudi Arabia are thought to have access to nuclear weapons or to be capable of building them."

"The consequence, experts say, is likely to be a more dangerous and unstable environment, even in the near term ..."

He then quotes Joseph Cirincione, a nuclear analyst and president of the Ploughshares Fund: "If there's not nuclear disarmament, there will be proliferation. If big powers race to build up their arsenals, smaller powers will follow."

In other words, global leadership is adolescent in nature. Big boys rule and lust for power

takes control of the brain, especially power in a competitive context. If you represent the interests of a nation-state, you could easily become consumed by the hostile environment in which those interests are trying to establish themselves. And the interests of the planet as a whole (e.g., survival, a future) could easily disappear as anything but idealistic, ignorable abstractions. Disarmament? Give me a break. Not when regional powers, as Erlanger also writes, are "challenging American hegemony."

Add to this the transnational, corporate interest in militarism. There's no money in peace, which is seen mostly as a black hole, the lull between wars. Money doesn't start to flow until the bullets and the bombs start to fly. If you're opposed to war, the real enemy isn't Russia or China; it's the military-industrial complex (which can smell, for instance, the trillion-plus-dollars earmarked for an upgraded nuclear arsenal).

So what we have right now is a world in which the public's natural desire for peace is diverted to the status of impossible, at least until we destroy our enemies and secure our hegemony; and the growing global peace movement remains utterly marginalized. How much time do you think will be devoted to the issue of denucleariza-

tion, let us say, in the looming presidential race?

All of which leads me back to the Kings Bay Plowshares 7, the seven courageous peace activists who were arrested last year after they cut through the fencing around the Kings Bay Naval Base in St. Mary's, Georgia, the Atlantic home port of the country's Trident nuclear missile-carrying submarines, and entered the base without permission. There, they poured out vials of blood (their own) on the grounds, hung up signs and issued an indictment of the U.S. military for violating the 1968 U.N. Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Their trial, during which they were not allowed to present their case on the global danger of nuclear weapons, recently ended. To no one's surprise, they were found guilty and await sentencing.

"... and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." And Isaiah 2:4, the 3,000-year-old cry for peace, remains irrelevant.

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AROUND TOWN

Members of the Sumter Marine Corps League Detachment 1202 will be collecting toys and accepting donations for its 2019 Toys for Tots drive between now and mid-December in various locations across Sumter, including Walmart and Simpson Hardware and Sporting Goods (Wesmark Boulevard location). Toy collection boxes will be set up at many retail and business establishments. All donated toys must be new and unwrapped. MCL members ask to keep in mind that realistic-looking toy guns or other weapons will not be distributed to children in accordance with the Toys for Tots Foundation guidelines. Applications are also available for families who need extra help providing Christmas gifts for their children this year. To apply, visit Jackson & Hewitt, 61 W. Wesmark Blvd., any Tuesday or Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Friends of the Sumter County Library Annual Book Sale will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 14-16, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, at the Sumter County Library, 111 N. Harvin St., main meeting room. Call (803) 773-7273 for more details. On the last day of the book sale, Sunday, Nov. 17, bags will be issued at the door for attendees to fill up with books for only \$5 per bag. www.sumtercountylibrary.org

The Sumter Police Department's Cram-A-Cruiser Toy Drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7, Saturday, Dec. 14, and Saturday, Dec. 21, at Walmart, 1283 Broad St. The Sumter Police will accept donations of new, unwrapped toys. Call (803) 436-2700 for information.

The Sumter Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Shiloh-Randolph Manor, 125 W. Bartlette St. The spotlight is shining on Morris Howard and the associate is Della Sherod. Contact Debra Canty, chapter presi-

dent, at (803) 775-5792 or debra.canty@frontier.com.

McLeod Hospice will offer a "Hospice Volunteering 101" class from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 13, in the Volunteer Services Office of McLeod Health Clarendon, 10 Hospital St., Manning. This volunteer training program is for those interested in helping Hospice patients and / or assisting Hospice support staff in Clarendon and Sumter counties. **Attendees must register in advance to participate** in the training. Call Stacy Mosier at (803) 435-5287.

A Midlands sports card and memorabilia show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16, at Bishopville High School Memorial Gym. Bobby Richardson, former New York Yankee and USC head baseball coach, will sign autographs for free from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free admission and free parking. Call or text (803) 261-0099 for details.

A Caregivers' Day observance "We Care Fair," hosted by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Eta Zeta Omega Chapter, will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16, at the South HOPE Center, 1125 S. Lafayette Drive. The event will feature health stations, popcorn, a beauty station, gifts and drawings.

Lake Marion VFW Post 11078, Summerton, will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 1 Duke St., Summerton. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting starting at 7 p.m. All VFW members are encouraged to attend. If you think you may be eligible for membership, join us for the dinner and meeting. Call Carl A. Farley, post commander, at (803) 460-8910.

The Palmetto Optimist Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at St. James Lutheran Church, 1137 Alice Drive. Contact Beth Abruzzino at (850) 687-8393 for further information. Jason Stoddard will speak on the upcoming census.

PUBLIC AGENDA

LEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Today, 9 a.m., council chambers

SUMTER HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
Today, noon, Sunset Country Club

LYNCHBURG TOWN COUNCIL
Today, 6 p.m., Teen Center on Magnolia Street, Lynchburg

SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL
Today, 6 p.m., Sumter County Council Chambers

SUMMERTON TOWN COUNCIL
Today, 6 p.m., town hall

PINEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
Today, 6:30 p.m., town hall

TURBEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
Today, 6:30 p.m., town hall

MAYESVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
Today, 7 p.m., town hall

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

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

The last word in astrology
EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19):
Make new experiences your way of

learning, picking up skills and expanding your awareness. The people you encounter will give you the nudge you need to put your dreams into motion. Express your feelings. Romance is on the rise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stop wasting time worrying about what others do. Look at what you can accomplish and the best way to go about getting what you want. Use your intelligence, and be prepared to adapt quickly when a change is required.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The best way to make a point is through your actions. Doing what you say, keeping your promises and saying no to unreasonable demands will help you avoid a misunderstanding. A joint venture will not live up to your expectations. Use discretion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Engage in something that will open your eyes to new possibilities. Getting involved in a cause, volunteering, making a difference and sharing your ideas with someone you enjoy spending time with will all lead to new endeavors.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Put a schedule in place to get things done. Take physical action, and don't stop until you finish what you start. Talk less and do more, and you will avoid being criticized. A change someone makes should not interfere with your plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Join in and explore new possibilities, friendships and pursuits that will help you improve your skills and insight into future trends. Refuse to let someone's manipulative tactics interfere with your plans. A positive personal change is overdue.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stay focused on what makes you happy. Refuse to give in to someone who is always asking you for something. Put your needs first, and establish personal adjustments that will encourage less stress and improved physical health.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Live and learn. Someone with more experience will offer insight into an unprecedented lifestyle change. Don't be afraid to do things differently. A partnership will end up turning into an unexpected game changer. Walk away from unwarranted behavior.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Spend time perfecting yourself. Concentrate on how you present who you are, how you look and what you have to offer. Don't follow what someone else is doing. Be exclusively you. Walk the walk, talk the talk and live in the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It's up to you to initiate change if that's what you want. Waiting for someone else to make the first move will lead to frustration and impatience. Someone from your past will confuse you. Look forward, not back. Don't repeat mistakes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Self-improvement will make a massive difference in your life. Forget what others are doing, and focus on what's important to you and how you are going to reach your goal. A lifestyle change is favored, and love is on the rise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't give in to temptation. You'll make more progress if you focus on what you can do to make a positive difference in the world we live in. Step up and use your intelligence to find solutions. Start a movement; follow through.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
60°	23°	47° / 26°	52° / 41°	57° / 40°	54° / 36°
Chance of rain: 65%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 25%
NNW 7-14 mph	N 8-16 mph	NE 7-14 mph	NNE 6-12 mph	NNE 7-14 mph	NNE 10-20 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

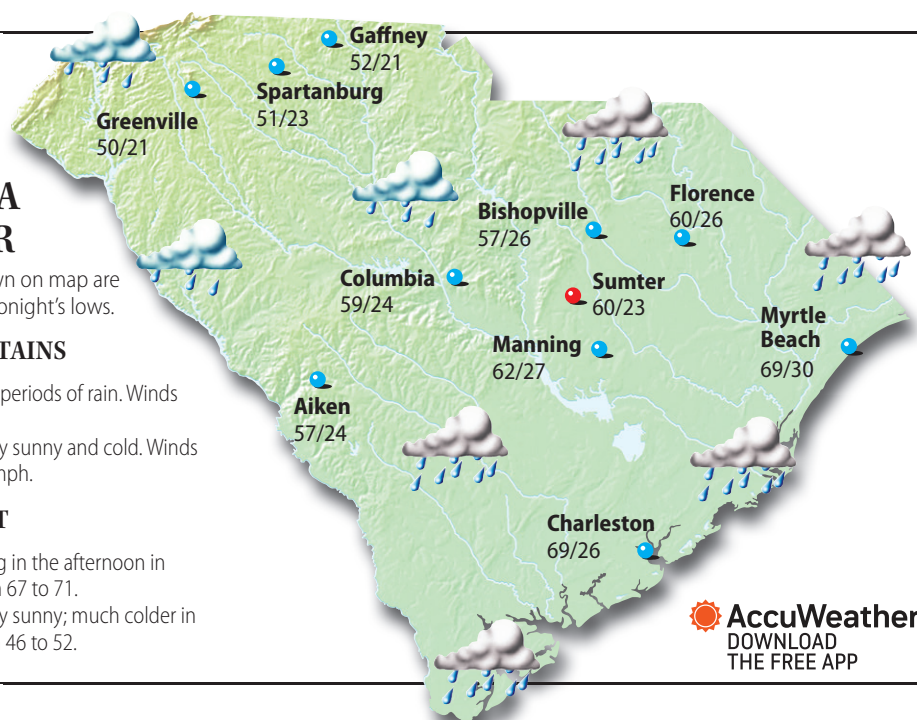
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Cooler with periods of rain. Winds north 6-12 mph.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny and cold. Winds east-northeast 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Rain; arriving in the afternoon in southern parts. High 67 to 71.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny; much colder in northern parts. High 46 to 52.



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SUMMER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
	69°	40°	68°	42°	81° in 2006	25° in 1973

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date	Last year to date	Normal year to date
	0.00"	1.06"	1.03"	31.60"	37.71"	41.72"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	356.03	-0.02
Marion	76.8	73.70	none
Moultrie	75.5	73.72	+0.07
Wateree	100	96.10	-0.09

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	3.83	+0.11
Congaree River	19	3.30	none
Lynches River	14	2.82	+0.06
Saluda River	14	2.30	-0.85
Up. Santee River	80	76.13	+0.15
Wateree River	24	13.08	+0.33

SUN AND MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset
Nov. 12	6:51 a.m.	5:20 p.m.
	Moonrise	Moonset
Nov. 19	5:45 p.m.	6:43 a.m.

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	8:32 a.m.	3.5	2:55 a.m.	0.2
Wed.	8:54 p.m.	3.0	3:32 p.m.	0.4
	9:08 a.m.	3.5	3:33 a.m.	0.1
	9:31 p.m.	2.9	4:13 p.m.	0.4

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	43/24/r	44/29/s
Chicago	21/10/s	29/20/c
Dallas	44/23/pc	54/33/pc
Detroit	27/8/sf	28/22/pc
Houston	47/27/r	53/41/pc
Los Angeles	82/58/s	77/57/pc
New Orleans	47/30/sh	51/43/pc
New York	49/22/r	34/26/s
Oriando	86/58/pc	70/63/pc
Philadelphia	49/23/r	36/24/s
Phoenix	81/57/s	81/57/pc
San Francisco	68/52/pc	65/52/c
Wash., DC	49/28/r	40/28/s

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Asheville	38/16/sf	42/21/s
Athens	51/24/r	47/25/s
Augusta	62/27/r	51/28/s
Beaufort	69/29/r	52/35/s
Cape Hatteras	69/43/r	48/43/s
Charleston	69/26/r	50/33/s
Charlotte	53/20/r	45/24/s
Clemson	51/24/r	44/26/s
Columbia	59/24/r	47/26/s
Darlington	58/26/r	46/27/s
Elizabeth City	62/30/r	43/31/s
Elizabethtown	61/27/r	44/27/s
Fayetteville	58/26/r	44/24/s
Florence	60/26/r	46/26/s
Gainesville	78/39/t	60/48/pc
Gastonia	54/23/r	44/22/s
Goldsboro	61/27/r	44/23/s
Goose Creek	68/27/r	48/34/s
Greensboro	50/22/r	42/24/s
Greenville	50/21/r	44/24/s
Hickory	49/18/sn	42/22/s
Hilton Head	70/31/r	49/38/s
Jacksonville, FL	76/40/t	56/45/pc
La Grange	49/25/r	50/28/s
Macon	56/23/r	50/29/s
Marietta	42/20/r	47/26/s
Marion	46/16/r	41/18/s
Mt. Pleasant	70/29/r	49/37/s
Myrtle Beach	69/30/r	46/34/s
Orangeburg	61/27/r	47/28/s
Port Royal	68/31/r	50/38/s
Raleigh	54/23/r	43/23/s
Rock Hill	54/22/r	44/22/s
Rockingham	55/24/r	44/23/s
Savannah	70/29/sh	52/36/s
Spartanburg	51/23/r	43/23/s
Summerville	66/27/r	48/33/s
Wilmington	69/29/r	47/31/s
Winston-Salem	49/19/r	41/20/s

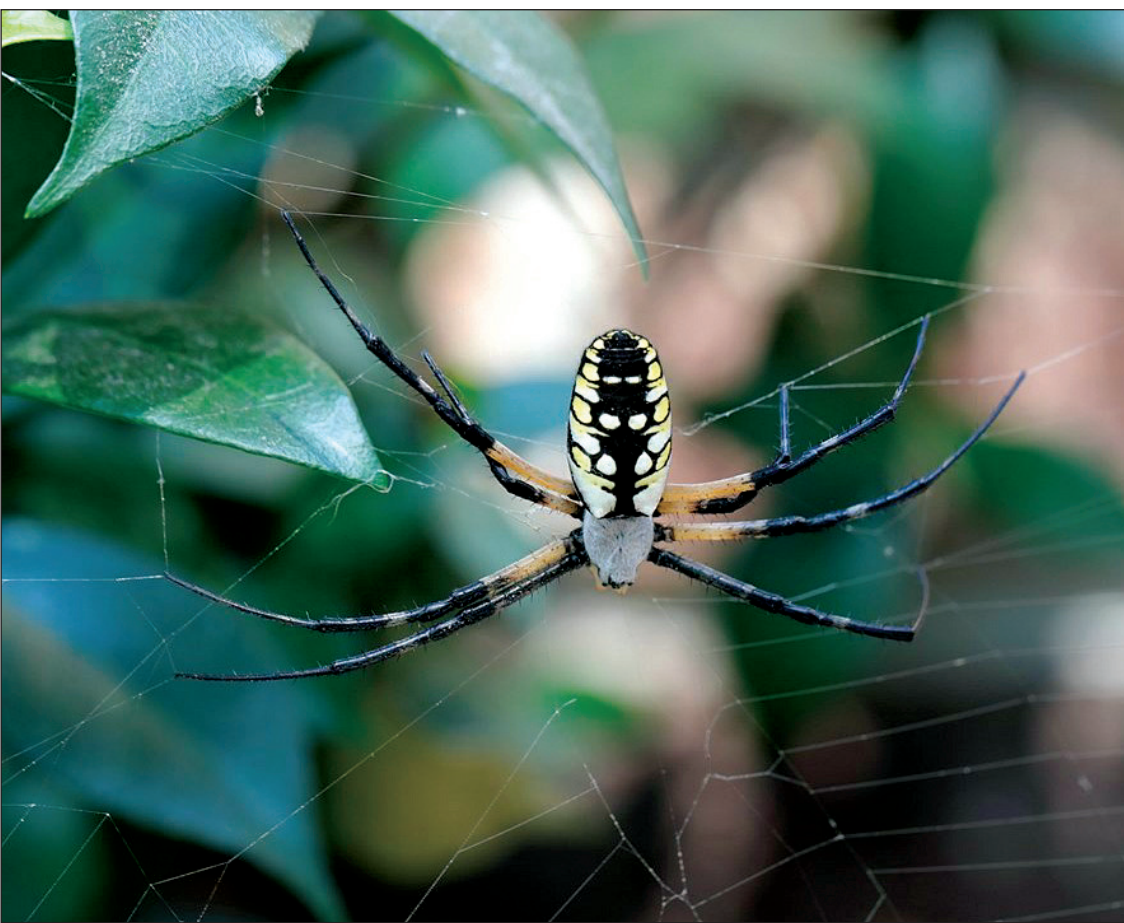
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Debra Riles shares this photo of a garden spider in her yard.

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No. 3 Clemson tops N.C. State 55-10 to win ACC division title



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Clemson's Tyler Davis (13) celebrates a fumble recovery with teammates James Skalski (47) and K'Von Wallace (12) during the Tigers' 55-10 win over North Carolina State in Raleigh, N.C. on Saturday.

BY AARON BEARD

The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Trevor Lawrence said he and his Clemson teammates aren't focused on trying to make a point about their outside-looking-in position in the first College Football Playoff rankings.

Maybe not, but the reigning national champion Tigers sure are playing with an overwhelming edge all the same — and that has for now at least secured their ticket to the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game.

Lawrence threw for two scores and ran for another in a dominating first quarter, helping No. 4 Clemson beat North Carolina State 55-10 on Saturday night to clinch the league's Atlantic Division title.

The Tigers learned this week that they were fifth in the four-team playoff rankings. Yet coach Dabo Swinney had said the Tigers (10-0, 7-0, No. 5 CFP) were in a "good spot" and needed to

focus instead on finishing strong.

Since surviving a 21-20 scare at unranked North Carolina in September, the Tigers have won five straight games by 31 or more points.

"I think with something like (the CFP ranking), it's hard to just avoid it and not see it and not hear any of that," Lawrence said.

"But we don't really focus on it, especially now. I mean, after the 12th week or the ACC championship, that'll be important for sure then. ... If we don't win next week and the week after that and the week after that, it doesn't really matter about the playoff if we lose a game."

Starting that way was enough against the Wolfpack (4-5, 1-4) as Clemson extended its school-record winning streak to 25 games.

Clemson scored touchdowns on all four first-quarter drives, two coming after turnovers to give the Tigers short

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Scott's Branch beats Hemingway to set up rematch with C.E. Murray

BY J. SCOTT SEWELL
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Few people would've likely picked Scott's Branch High School to win a road game in the 1A football state playoffs this season after the Eagles opened the year losing four straight games by an average margin of nearly 40 points. That's exactly what happened on Friday though when the Eagles traveled to Hemingway and beat the Tigers 38-7.

Scott's Branch last won a playoff game back in 2011, that coming in Leonard Johnson's first tour as the Scott's Branch head coach. Johnson, who left after the 2012 season, returned this year and the win breaks a string of five straight playoff losses, including two to Hemingway.

It's been a long road this season for a young Eagles team that's been tasked with learning a whole new offensive system, but Friday's win served as vindication that the process is working.

"I think they've become comfortable with the system," said Johnson, whose team improved to 3-8 with the victory. "The guys executed offensively and defensively, and we did what we had to do, win by at least one point to move on."

It's the first taste of success for a team that entered Friday's game confident against the winless Tigers.

"They expected to win, they came out to win, and then they won," said Johnson. "That's a good feeling."

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MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Scott's Branch hasn't won a playoff game since Leonard Johnson's last stint as head coach in 2011. Johnson led the Eagles to a postseason victory over Hemingway 38-7 on Friday.

Appalachian State beats USC 20-15 for 2nd Power Five win

BY PETE IACOBELLI
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Appalachian State just keeps adding to its rich, college football history.

The small school champions that took down mighty Michigan in the Big House 12 years ago has now beaten two Power Five programs — and its first Southeastern Conference opponent — after a 20-15 victory at South Carolina on Saturday night.

"Yeah, definitely means a lot," said Zac Thomas, the Mountaineers junior quarterback. "It's remarkable coming from a Group of Five conference. A lot of people don't do that. It makes you feel good."

Thomas ran for a 1-yard touchdown and safety Nicholas Ross scored on a 20-yard interception return for a 20-15 win at South Carolina, the program's second Power Five win this season.

Chandler Staton added field goals of 40 and 47 yards and Appalachian State's defense held off the Gamecocks' late rally.

Appalachian State's time in the college football spotlight looked finished after last week as it lost its national ranking, its undefeated start and a



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South Carolina wide receiver Bryan Edwards runs after a catch during the Gamecocks' 20-15 loss to Appalachian State on Saturday in Columbia.

chance at the Cotton Bowl with a 24-21 home loss to Georgia Southern.

Instead, they bounced back the best way possible and added this Power Five take-down to their 34-31 victory at North Carolina on Sept. 21.

The Gamecocks (4-6) rallied from 20-9 down in the final quarter on Bryan Edwards' 23-yard touchdown with 2:58 left and drove to the App State 11 in the final seconds. But Ryan Hilinski pass to Edwards in the end zone was too high, touching off the latest improb-

able celebration for the Mountaineers.

"This team is something special," Mountaineers tight end Collin Reed said. "We've been building for a long time."

South Carolina's chances of making a bowl took a serious hit. The Gamecocks now must win at Texas A&M (something they've never done) and No. 4 Clemson in their final two games to make their fourth postseason trip under coach Will Muschamp.

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Mets' Alonso, Astros' Álvarez named Rookies of the Year

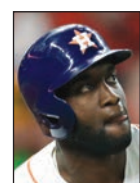
BY JAKE SEINER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pete Alonso of the New York Mets has been selected NL Rookie of the Year.

Alonso led the majors with 53 home runs and earned 29 of 30 first-place votes in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America revealed Monday night. The other first-place vote went to runner-up Mike Soroka, a right-hander with the Atlanta Braves.

Houston Astros designated hitter Yordan Álvarez took all 30 first-place votes in the AL, becoming the 24th unanimous pick.

Alonso's home run total was one better than Yankees star Aaron Judge's rookie record in 2017. "Polar Bear" Pete became the face of baseball in Flushing, beloved for his power, personality and philanthropy — he gifted \$100,000 from his All-Star



ÁLVAREZ



ALONSO

Home Run Derby prize to charities supporting injured soldiers and 9/11 workers.

The slugging first baseman is the sixth Met to win the award and first since teammate Jacob deGrom in 2014.

Padres shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr. finished third in the NL voting.

Álvarez, a 22-year-old from Cuba, played 87 games after debuting in June, fewest by any position player to win AL Rookie of the Year. He hit 27 homers, batted .313, drove in 78 and had a 1.067 OPS for the pennant-winning Astros. He struggled at times in the postseason, but that was after voting had concluded.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TUESDAY

7 a.m. - Professional Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals... 9 a.m. - Professional Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals... 1 p.m. - Professional Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals... 3 p.m. - Professional Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals... 6 p.m. - College Basketball: Pittsburgh at Robert Morris (ESPNU)... 6:05 p.m. - Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240)... 6:30 p.m. - College Basketball: Creighton at Michigan (FOX SPORTS 1)... 7 p.m. - College Basketball: Central Arkansas at Duke (ACC NETWORK)... 7 p.m. - College Basketball: North Alabama at Indiana (BIG TEN NETWORK)... 7 p.m. - College Basketball: Missouri at Xavier (CBS SPORTS NETWORK)... 7 p.m. - College Basketball: New Hampshire at St. John's (FOX SPORTS 2)... 7 p.m. - NBA Basketball: Cleveland at Philadelphia (NBA TV)... 7 p.m. - College Basketball: Evansville at Kentucky (SEC NETWORK)... 7 p.m. - College Basketball: Air Force at Army (STADIUM)... 7:30 p.m. - College Football: Western Michigan at Ohio (ESPN2)... 7:30 p.m. - NHL Hockey: Pittsburgh at New York Rangers (NBC SPORTS NETWORK)... 8 p.m. - College Football: Eastern Michigan at Akron (ESPN)... 8:30 p.m. - College Basketball: Minnesota at Butler (FOX SPORTS 1)... 8:30 p.m. - College Basketball: Louisiana-Lafayette at Texas Christian (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST)... 9 p.m. - College Basketball: Miami at Central Florida (CBS SPORTS NETWORK)... 9 p.m. - College Basketball: Phil Knight Invitational from Portland, Ore. - Memphis vs. Oregon (ESPN)... 9 p.m. - College Basketball: Murray State at Tennessee (SEC NETWORK)... 9 p.m. - Women's College Volleyball: Fresno State at San Diego State (STADIUM)... 10 p.m. - NBA Basketball: Portland at Sacramento (NBA TV)... 11:30 p.m. - College Basketball: Phil Knight Invitational from Portland, Ore. - Oklahoma vs. Oregon State (ESPN2).

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct. Rows include Kansas City, Oakland, L.A. Chargers, Denver.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE East

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South

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Rows include New Orleans, Carolina, Tampa Bay, Atlanta.

North

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Rows include Green Bay, Minnesota, Chicago, Detroit.

West

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Rows include San Francisco, Seattle, L.A. Rams, Arizona.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Oakland 26, L.A. Chargers 24

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Baltimore 49, Cincinnati 13, Chicago 20, Detroit 13, Atlanta 26, New Orleans 9, Tennessee 35, Kansas City 32, N.Y. Jets 34, N.Y. Giants 27, Cleveland 19, Buffalo 16, Tampa Bay 30, Arizona 27, Miami 16, Indianapolis 12, Green Bay 24, Carolina 16, Pittsburgh 17, L.A. Rams 12, Minnesota 28, Dallas 24, Open: Washington, Jacksonville, New England, Denver, Philadelphia, Houston

THURSDAY, NOV. 14

Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 8:20 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 17

Dallas at Detroit, 1 p.m., N.Y. Jets at Washington, 1 p.m., New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m., Denver at Minnesota, 1 p.m., Houston at Baltimore, 1 p.m., Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m., Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1 p.m., Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m., Arizona at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m., New England at Philadelphia, 4:25 p.m., Cincinnati at Oakland, 4:25 p.m., Chicago at L.A. Rams, 8:20 p.m., Open: N.Y. Giants, Seattle, Tennessee, Green Bay

MONDAY, NOV. 18

Kansas City vs L.A. Chargers at Mexico City, MEX, 8:15 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division

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Southeast Division

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Central Division

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include Milwaukee, Indiana, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago.

WESTERN CONFERENCE Southwest Division

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, New Orleans, Memphis.

Northwest Division

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include Denver, Utah, Minnesota, Portland, Oklahoma City.

Pacific Division

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows include L.A. Lakers, Phoenix, L.A. Clippers, Sacramento, Golden State.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Denver 100, Minnesota 98, OT, Indiana 109, Orlando 102, Philadelphia 114, Charlotte 106, Milwaukee 121, Oklahoma City 119, Cleveland 108, New York 87, Phoenix 138, Brooklyn 112, Portland 124, Atlanta 113, OT, Toronto 113, L.A. Lakers 104

TODAY'S GAMES

Cleveland at Philadelphia, 7 p.m., Oklahoma City at Indiana, 7 p.m., Detroit at Miami, 7:30 p.m., New York at Chicago, 8 p.m., Atlanta at Denver, 9 p.m., Brooklyn at Utah, 9 p.m., L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 9 p.m., Portland at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Memphis at Charlotte, 7 p.m., Philadelphia at Orlando, 7 p.m., L.A. Clippers at Houston, 7:30 p.m., Washington at Boston, 7:30 p.m., San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m., Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 10 p.m., Toronto at Portland, 10 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Miami at Cleveland, 6 p.m., Chicago at Milwaukee, 8 p.m., Dallas at New York, 8 p.m., L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 8 p.m., Atlanta at Phoenix, 9 p.m., Brooklyn at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division

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Metropolitan Division

Table with 8 columns: Team, GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA. Rows include Washington, N.Y. Islanders, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Carolina, N.Y. Rangers, Columbus, New Jersey.

WESTERN CONFERENCE Central Division

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Pacific Division

Table with 8 columns: Team, GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA. Rows include Edmonton, Los Angeles, Calgary, Vancouver, Vegas, Arizona, Anaheim, San Jose, Los Angeles.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Florida 6, N.Y. Rangers 5, SO, Winnipeg 3, Dallas 2, OT, New Jersey 2, Vancouver 1, Detroit 3, Vegas 2, Chicago 5, Toronto 4, Philadelphia 3, Boston 2, SO, Edmonton 6, Anaheim 2

TODAY'S GAMES

Florida at Boston, 7 p.m., Columbus at Montreal, 7 p.m., Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m., Colorado at Winnipeg, 8 p.m., Arizona at St. Louis, 8 p.m., Detroit at Anaheim, 10 p.m., Nashville at Vancouver, 10 p.m., Minnesota at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m., Edmonton at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Ottawa at New Jersey, 7 p.m., Toronto vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 7 p.m., Washington at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m., Dallas at Calgary, 9:30 p.m., Chicago at Vegas, 10 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Winnipeg at Florida, 7 p.m., N.Y. Rangers at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m., Carolina at Buffalo, 7 p.m., Arizona at Minnesota, 8 p.m., Colorado at Edmonton, 9 p.m., San Jose at Anaheim, 10 p.m., Dallas at Vancouver, 10 p.m., Detroit at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

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USC women get revenge against Maryland with 63-54 triumph

BY DAVID GINSBURG

The Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Standing tall in the middle of the lane, South Carolina freshman Aliyah Boston proved to be the difference maker in a matchup between two of the nation's premier women's basketball programs.

Boston scored 14 points, grabbed seven rebounds and blocked five shots to help the now No. 6 Gamecocks beat now No. 8 Maryland 63-54 on Sunday.

USC moved up to sixth in The Associated Press poll released on Monday, while Maryland dropped to No. 8.

South Carolina (2-0) never trailed in its first road test. The Gamecocks led by 10 at half-time, upped the margin to 14 in the third quarter and remained comfortably in front the rest of the way.

When the 6-foot-5 Boston wasn't swatting away a shot, she found a way to make the Terrapins miss.

"You saw, she just impacted so many shots when we got into the paint," Maryland coach Brenda Frese said. "She was the anchor defensively that they needed, and probably got in our heads with all the missed layups that we had. I thought she was a big reason for it."

South Carolina coach Dawn Staley knew Boston was tall, but misjudged her prowess on the defensive end of the court.

"Recruiting her, I didn't realize she was that much of a shot blocker," Staley said. "I thought she blocked shots because she was big, but there's a knack to it. She did a great job not fouling, keeping the ball in play and altering shots."

Asked if her presence in the middle was the reason behind Maryland's reluctance to drive the lane, Boston answered, "I don't know if it was me, but they did start taking more outside jump shots. So I guess the answer is yes."

The Terrapins (1-1) return all five starters from a squad that went 29-5 and won the Big Ten

regular-season title. Maryland blasted Wagner 119-56 in the opener, but this game was decidedly different.

Freshman Ashley Owusa scored 17 for the Terps, who shot 31% and finished 2 for 16 from beyond the arc.

Down 38-24 early in the third quarter, the Terrapins cut it to 44-38 late in the period but simply could not get production from their most skilled shooters.

Kaila Charles finished with 11 points on 5-for-18 shooting and Taylor Mikesell failed to score. Both were picked to the All-Big Ten Preseason team.

"We have a lot of lessons to learn," Charles conceded.

After guiding South Carolina to a 23-10 record and an appearance in the Sweet 16 last season, Staley is counting on a retooled roster that features only two seniors and one junior. Seniors Tyasha Harris and Mikiyah Herbert Harrigan were joined in the starting lineup by freshmen Zia Cooke, Boston and Brea Beal.

Harris scored 13 for the Gamecocks, Cooke added 10 and Beal had a team-high 10 rebounds, which more than offset her 0 for 6 shooting performance.

"Whatever you need, she provides," Staley said. "She didn't make a basket, but her impact was felt. I just thought she played huge."

With Beal leading the way, the Gamecocks finished with a 54-38 rebounding advantage.

A year ago, Maryland went to South Carolina and rallied from an early 12-point deficit to register an 85-61 victory.

"It was an embarrassment," Staley said.

In this one, the Gamecocks bolted to a 14-8 lead behind Boston, who had eight points and three rebounds in the opening six minutes.

South Carolina expanded the advantage to 28-19 while the Terrapins went through a 1-for-12 dry spell, and led 34-24 at halftime after limiting Maryland to nine points on 4-for-20 shooting in the second quarter.



South Carolina forward Aliyah Boston (4) blocks a shot by Maryland guard Ashley Owusu (15) during the Gamecocks' 63-54 win over the Terrapins on Sunday in College Park, Md.

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TOUGH SCHEDULE

In addition to playing at Maryland before the start of Southeastern Conference play, the Gamecocks have road games against Temple and Clemson in addition to facing Baylor in the Virgin Islands.

"We like to utilize November and December to prepare for March," Staley said. "These are the type of games your players will grow up and learn. Whether you win or you lose, there's a lesson from it."

BIG PICTURE

South Carolina: Huge road win for the Gamecocks, whose rebuild with six newcomers is already in full swing.

Maryland: This defeat should drop the Terps out of the Top 5, but it's likely only a temporary setback for a deep team adjusting to a lineup with two starting freshmen.

UP NEXT

South Carolina stays on the road for a matchup against Dayton on Wednesday night.

Maryland opens its road schedule Wednesday night at James Madison.

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TIGERS

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fields their humming-along offense didn't even need.

“Our guys were locked in and just really ready to play,” Swinney said. “And our execution was tremendous in that first half. We really played about as clean as you can play. We didn't make many mistakes.”

There weren't many positives for N.C. State beyond freshman Zonovan Knight's 53-yard TD run. That came early in the third quarter, long after the Wolfpack's typically rowdy fans had fled for the exits to leave the rest of the game to play out in a largely empty Carter-Finley Stadium. “The bottom line is we can't turn the football over and win a football game,” Wolfpack coach Dave Doeren said. “We turned it over three times in the first half against a team that's as good as anybody we're going to play every year. You just can't do that.”

THE TAKEAWAY

Clemson: The four-time reigning ACC champions claimed the league's Atlantic Division title with the win and No. 22 Wake Forest's loss at Virginia Tech earlier Saturday. That will give the Tigers a shot at becoming the first team in any power conference to win five straight league championship games when they face the Coastal Division champion Dec. 7 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

N.C. State: Injuries have caused an already young team to force even younger players into the lineup, and it didn't get better Saturday night. A Lawrence keeper ended with three Wolfpack players lying on the turf in pain and ultimately left freshman linebacker Payton Wilson with his left arm in a sling and an ice bag on his shoulder with what Doeren called a shoulder sprain. Redshirt freshman QB Devin Leary got little chance to build confidence in a bumpy second start — including simply dropping the ball in the pocket for a turnover — in a game that got away quickly. N.C. State must win two of the final three games to reach a sixth straight bowl game.

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POLL IMPLICATIONS

The Tigers could move up in the AP Top 25 with No. 2 Alabama losing to No. 1 LSU. They also could rise in the playoff rankings with Alabama (No. 3 CFP) and No. 5 Penn State (No. 4 CFP) both falling Saturday.

POSITION VERSATILITY?

Clemson gave offensive lineman John Simpson and linebacker James Skalski a chance to show off some positional versatility in this one. The Tigers' 42-0 halftime lead included 6-foot-4, 330-pound Simpson taking a goal-line handoff and plowing in for a 1-yard touchdown.

“Getting in there was insane,” Simpson said, adding: “It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.”

And near the end of the game, after Clemson added a 1-yard scoring run with 11 seconds left, the Tigers let Skalski unsuccessfully kick the extra point.

Swinney said Skalski makes kicks in practice but “all of a sudden, he got a little stage fright out there tonight.”

UP NEXT

Clemson: The Tigers host No. 22 Wake Forest next Saturday.

N.C. State: Louisville visits the Wolfpack next Saturday.

BRANCH

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when you get a lot of young guys having that feeling. They just went out and executed the game plan.”

Teams that face that Eagles know what to expect at this point with Hammer offense, and Johnson has spent the season getting his inexperienced team to understand that's OK.

“They had that look on their face of ‘Why are you still doing it? everyone knows what we're gonna do,’” Johnson said. “But, I think everybody is beginning to understand the system, and why we had to spend a lot of time (early on) running those base plays.”

Next up for Scott's Branch is its Region IV foe and champion, C.E. Murray. CEM just beat the Eagles 38-12 two weeks ago in the final game of the regular season.

C.E. Murray is coached by Brian Smith, who left Scott's Branch in May to take the job at C.E. Murray, where he had previously been the head coach, thus opening the door for Johnson's return to Scott's Branch.

Smith led CEM to a 7-2 regular-season record. Johnson expects Smith to stick with what worked two weeks ago when the teams meet on Friday.

“They're going to do the same thing they've been doing all year,” said Johnson.

son. “Last time they played us, they decimated our line, both offensively and defensively, and if we don't have an answer for that it's going to be more of the same.”

Scott's Branch jumped out to an early lead in the first contest before C.E. Murray took control. CEM dominated the line of scrimmage, racking up 272 yards rushing along with five rushing touchdowns.

“We have to learn it's a fight for 48 minutes, and I think they saw it, but they just have to learn how to grow in that situation,” said Johnson. “If we don't control their line, we're going to be in trouble -- it's going to be a long night for us. We've got to control the line of scrimmage.”

FOOTBALL STATE PLAYOFF SCORES AND SCHEDULE

SCHSL

5A

First Round

Upper State

- (1) Laurens 43, (AL) Blythewood 40
- (2) Byrnes 48, (3) Nation Ford 34
- (1) Sumter 45, (4) Woodmont 7
- (2) Gaffney 27, (2) Rock Hill 6
- (1) Dorman 35, (5) Greenwood 0
- (2) Spring Valley 37, (3) Westside 35
- (1) Clover 49, (5) Boiling Springs 14
- (3) Mauldin 41, (2) T.L. Hanna 35

Lower State

- (1) Dutch Fork 55, (AL) Chapin 10
- (3) Wando 30, (2) Conway 21
- (1) Fort Dorchester 31, (3) Lexington 3
- (2) Berkeley 46, (3) West Florence 0
- (1) Carolina Forest 42, (4) Cane Bay 7
- (2) River Bluff 42, (3) West Ashley 7
- (1) Goose Creek 48, (4) South Florence 27
- (2) Summerville 14, (3) Lugoff-Elgin 10

Second Round

FRIDAY

Upper State

- (2) Byrnes at (1) Laurens
- (3) Gaffney at (1) Sumter
- (2) Spring Valley at (1) Dorman
- (4) Mauldin at (1) Clover

Lower State

- (3) Wando at (1) Dutch Fork
- (1) Berkeley at (1) Fort Dorchester
- (2) River Bluff at (1) Carolina Forest
- (2) Summerville at (1) Goose Creek

4A

First Round

Upper State

- (1) Greenville 49, (AL) Palmetto 24
- (5) Belton-Honea Path 42, (4) York 27
- (4) Greer 21, South Pointe 14
- (2) Wren 56, (3) Orangeburg-Wilkinson 14
- (1) Daniel 48, (AL) Lancaster 6
- (3) Westwood 70, Eastside 52
- (2) A.C. Flora 36, (4) Walhalla 26
- (2) Ridge View 33, (3) Travelers Rest 14

Lower State

- (1) Lower Richland 20, (AL) Marlboro County 14
- (2) Airport 21, (3) Colleton County 14
- (1) Myrtle Beach 63, (4) Lakewood 31
- (4) North Myrtle Beach 38, (3) North Augusta 31
- (3) Wilson 47, (2) Hilton Head Island 34
- (2) Hartsville 28, (4) South Aiken 16

Second Round

FRIDAY

Upper State

- (3) Belton-Honea Path at (1) Greenville
- (4) Greer at (2) Wren
- (3) Westwood at (1) Daniel
- (2) Ridge View at (2) A.C. Flora

Lower State

- (2) Airport at (1) Lower Richland
- (4) North Myrtle Beach at (1) Myrtle Beach
- (3) Wilson at (1) Brookland-Cayce
- (2) Hartsville at (1) Beaufort

3A

First Round

Upper State

- (1) Pendleton 23, (4) Southside 12
- (2) Woodruff 49, (3) Indian Land 7
- (1) Chapman 54, (4) Liberty 7
- (3) Newberry 14, Chester 7
- (1) Union County 21, (4) Fairfield Central 12
- (3) Chesnee 25, (2) Seneca 13
- (1) Camden 43, (4) Clinton 14
- (2) Broome 45, (3) Powdersville 21

Lower State

- (4) Cheraw 34, (1) Manning 12
- (2) Strom Thurmond 44, (3) Battery Creek 14
- (1) Aynor 42, (4) Georgetown 13
- (2) May River 59, (3) Swansea 20
- (1) Gilbert 56, (4) Ridgeland-Hardeeville 6
- (3) Lake City 14, (2) Bishop England 7
- (1) Wade Hampton (H) 42, (4) Edisto 13
- (2) Dillon 61, (3) Waccamaw 6

Second Round

FRIDAY

Upper State

- (2) Woodruff at (1) Pendleton
- (3) Newberry at (1) Chapman
- (3) Chesnee at (1) Union County
- (2) Broome at (1) Camden

Lower State

- (4) Cheraw at (2) Strom Thurmond
- (2) May River at (1) Aynor
- (3) Lake City at (1) Gilbert
- (2) Dillon at (1) Wade Hampton (H)

2A

Upper State

- (1) Southside Christian 49, (5) Ninety Six 7
- (2) Batesburg-Leesville 20, (4) Central 6

(1) Buford 43, (3) C.A. Johnson 34

- (3) Saluda 42, (3) Blacksburg 7
- (1) Abbeville 85, (5) Lewisville 22
- (2) Andrew Jackson 52, (4) Christ Church 0
- (1) Gray Collegiate 42, (4) Fox Creek 7
- (2) St. Joseph's 49, (3) Lee Central 27

Lower State

- (1) Timberland 41, (6) Latta 7
- (3) Bamberg-Ehrhardt 20, at (2) Mullins 16
- (1) Barnwell 55, (4) Hannah-Pamplico 6
- (3) Burke 52, (4) Eau Claire 14
- (2) Calhoun County 34, (5) Johnsonville 28
- (2) Woodland 42, (3) East Clarendon 14
- (4) Oceanside Collegiate 56, (1) Andrews 36
- (4) Whale Branch 36, (2) Philip Simmons 10

Second Round

FRIDAY

Upper State

- (2) Batesburg-Leesville at (1) Southside Christian
- (3) Saluda at (1) Buford
- (2) Andrew Jackson at (1) Abbeville
- (2) St. Joseph's at (1) Gray Collegiate

Lower State

- (3) Bamberg-Ehrhardt at (1) Timberland
- (3) Burke at (1) Barnwell
- (2) Calhoun County at (2) Woodland
- (4) Oceanside Collegiate at (4) Whale Branch

1A

Upper State

- (3) Ridge Spring-Monetta 47, (3) Great Falls 0
- (2) McBee 30, (4) Dixie 0
- (3) Ware Shoals 20, (4) Hunter-Kinard-Tyler 12
- (2) McCormick 56, (5) Williston-Elko 35

Lower State

- (3) Cross 36, (3) Military Magnet 0
- (2) Lake View 54, (6) Denmark-Olar 12
- (4) Scott's Branch 38, (3) Hemingway 7
- (2) St. John's 6, (5) Bethune-Bowman 0

Second Round

FRIDAY

Upper State

- (3) Ridge Spring-Monetta at (1) Whitime
- (2) McBee at (2) Blackville-Hilda
- (3) Ware Shoals at (1) Lamar
- (2) McCormick at (1) Wagener-Salley

Lower State

- (3) Cross at (1) Baptist Hill
- (2) Lake View at (2) Branchville
- (4) Scott's Branch at (1) C.E. Murray
- (2) St. John's at (1) Green Sea-Floyds

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Quarterfinals

- (1) Hammond 49, (8) Augusta Christian 6
- (4) Heathwood Hall 3, (5) Cardinal Newman 0
- (2) Laurence Manning 40, (7) Porter-Gaud 14
- (6) Ben Lippen 26, (3) First Baptist 10

Semifinals

FRIDAY

- (3) Heathwood Hall at (1) Hammond
- (6) Ben Lippen at (2) Laurence Manning

2A

Quarterfinals

- (1) Trinity-Byrnes 49, (4) Northwood 0
- (2) Orangeburg Prep 19, (2) Robert E. Lee 14
- (1) Hilton Head Christian 22, (4) Greenwood Christian 7
- (2) Florence Christian 47, (3) Hilton Head Prep 21

Semifinals

FRIDAY

- (2) Orangeburg Prep at (1) Trinity-Byrnes
- (2) Florence Christian at (1) Hilton Head Christian

1A

Quarterfinals

- (1) Pee Dee 49, (4) Dorchester 21
- (2) Thomas Heyward 50, (3) Dillon Christian 6
- (1) Bethesda Academy 50, (4) The King's Academy 13
- (2) Carolina 21, (3) Colleton Prep 6

Semifinals

FRIDAY

- (2) Thomas Heyward at (1) Pee Dee
- (2) Carolina at (1) Bethesda Academy

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Quarterfinals

- (1) Andrew Jackson Academy 50, (4) Calhoun Academy 20
- (3) Palmetto Christian 40, (2) Wardlaw 28
- (1) Richard Winn 36, (4) Holly Hill 14
- (2) St. John's Christian 44, (3) Clarendon Hall 32

Semifinals

FRIDAY

- (3) Palmetto Christian at (1) Andrew Jackson Academy
- (2) St. John's Christian at (1) Richard Winn

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Things turned right before halftime when Hilinski's hard throw over the middle bounced off Xavier Legette's hands and was intercepted by safety Nicholas Ross and returned 20 yards for a touchdown to put Appalachian State ahead for good 13-6.

Hilinski, the Gamecocks freshman, had not thrown a pick in his past five games until Ross got the deflected ball and took it in for the score.

Appalachian State defense took away what was expected to be the Gamecocks biggest edge in the run game. Season starter Rico Dowdle, who had missed the previous two games with an ankle sprain, had zero yards on 10 first-half carries in his return.

The Gamecocks came in averaging 184 yards a game on the ground but gained just 21 on 27 carries. South Carolina played without leading rusher Tavien Feaster, who sustained a groin injury last week.

“When we don't have the ability to run the ball, we're going to struggle,” South Carolina coach Will Muschamp said.

Edwards finished with nine catches for 90 yards, the senior surpassing Alshon Jeffery for the school's all-time receiving yardage mark. Asked about his record, Edwards said simply, “We lost.”

THE TAKEAWAY

Appalachian State: The Mountaineers made a strong case to re-enter the national rankings. They also made a strong impression on Power Five athletic directors about not wanting to add Appalachian State to future schedules.

South Carolina: Muschamp had touted this as his deepest, most talented group this summer. But the Gamecocks continue to confound as they struggled to make plays on both sides of the ball. It was the third time in four games, South Carolina was outplayed in the second half of losses with a chance to win the game. Florida outscored the Gamecocks in the fourth quarter while Tennessee had a 24-0 advantage in the second half. Add the Mountaineers to the list.

BACK IN CHARGE

Appalachian State coach

Elijah Drinkwitz said his team wanted to win against South Carolina. They really want to capture the Sun Belt Conference crown and play well in top-flight bowl game. The Mountaineers were tied with Georgia Southern and Georgia State with only one conference defeat coming into the week. But Georgia Southern and Georgia State both fell in league play to give Appalachian State control of its Sun Belt destiny when it returns to conference play next week.

ALL THIS AND MORE

Along with the victory, Appalachian State left with \$900,000 for coming to South Carolina. The teams will play twice more, including a game in Boone, North Carolina in 2025.

UP NEXT

Appalachian State plays at Georgia State on Saturday night.

South Carolina closes Southeastern Conference play at Texas A&M on Saturday night.

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Hamlin races way into championship field with Phoenix win

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AVONDALE, Ariz. — Denny Hamlin adamantly insisted ‘it’s not over’ after a critical mistake last week put the Daytona 500 winner on the verge of elimination from NASCAR’s championship race.

He remained undeterred, confident in his chances to win Sunday at ISM Raceway and save his season with a victory that would give him an automatic berth into the final four.

He called his shot and delivered. Hamlin snagged his first spot in the championship field since 2014 with his win, a victory that eliminated NASCAR champion Joey Logano from the playoffs and gave Joe Gibbs Racing and Toyota three of the slots in next week’s decider at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

“I try not to put too much into it,” Hamlin said. “There’s still work to be done. Doesn’t guarantee a championship. Gives us a chance. Live to fight another day. That’s all you can ask for.”

Hamlin, one of the favorites to win the title, faced elimination after spinning last week at Texas but took control and had the win essentially in the bag until a caution with nine laps remaining set up a final restart.



HAMLIN

Hamlin, who had been terrible on restarts the entire race, punched his steering wheel in anger when the yellow flag waved. His Joe Gibbs Racing team made an unusual call to take just two

tires — the same strategy as contender Ryan Blaney — and the two lined up next to each other for the restart with three laps to go.

Hamlin finally got a decent restart, pulled into the lead, and Gibbs teammate Kyle Busch passed Blaney to put a buffer between the two.

Hamlin then cruised to his sixth win of the season and punched the air with his fist in his car as he crossed the finish line. He jumped into the arms of his waiting crew, which he had promised earlier Sunday to give his all in an effort to make the championship field at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

“This race team worked so hard this whole year. They deserve to be there,” Hamlin said of his No. 11 crew. “I put them in a bad hole last week. I told them today in the meeting, I said, ‘I’m going to give everything I’ve got to make up for the mistake I made last week.’ That’s all I got.”

Hamlin will race Gibbs teammates Busch and Martin Truex Jr., as well as Kevin Harvick of Stewart-Haas Racing, for the championship. Gibbs, winner of 18 races this season, and Toyota have three of the slots in the final four.

“I feel like we are all here because we worked together,” said Truex.

Chevrolet will not be represented for the third consecutive season and Harvick races a Ford. Hamlin’s win sealed the manufacturer championship for Toyota.

Truex won the 2018 title, Busch won in 2015 and Harvick in 2014. All three raced for the championship last season against Logano, who won the finale to snag the title away from the three drivers who dominated the season. This year the final four is equally deserving of their spots in the finale — the champion has had to win the race at Homestead to claim the title every year since the elimination format debuted in 2014.

Hamlin has never won a championship, but had chances in 2010 and 2014 but had disappointing races — a decision not to take tires after a late caution took Hamlin from the lead to out of contention in the 2014 race.

“Denny has not won a championship, so you can imagine how hard

he’s going to go for it,” said Gibbs.

Chase Elliott, Kyle Larson, Blaney and Logano were eliminated. Logano was seeking a chance to make it back-to-back titles but had a mechanical problem early in the final stage that dropped him deep into the field.

“No clue. An air pressure adjustment made it go from a winning car to not able to stay on the lead lap. That sounds ridiculous,” said Logano. “We’ll live. Everything is going to be OK. We’re still fortunate to be here and grateful to do what we love.”

ELLIOTT’S AWFUL ROUND

Elliott’s championship chances ended with a crash in the final stage. He had to win to earn a berth at Homestead after a disastrous third round of the playoffs.

NASCAR’s most popular driver had a mechanical problem at Martinsville, crashed last week at Texas and crashed Sunday when he appeared to have a tire issue that caused him to spin.

“Just a continuation of our first two weeks,” Elliott said. “I feel like we were in a good position to run solid. Not sure why we had a tire go down, I think that’s what happened. These last three weeks have been rough.”

OBITUARIES

WILBUR E. LOWDER SR.

Wilbur E. Lowder Sr., 90, died on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019, at his home.



LOWDER

Born on April 23, 1929, in Clarendon County, he was a son of the late Tindal and Alice Lowder. He was a member of Lewis Chapel United Methodist

Church and the Men’s Club of Lewis Chapel. He retired from Hicklin Motor Lines.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie Clark Lowder; three children, Wilbur E. “Will” Lowder Jr. (Patsy), Annette Fryberger (Richard) and Darlene Watts (Robert), all of Sumter; five grandchildren, Tripp Lowder (Belinda), Todd Lowder (Christy), Bert Watts (Amy), Whitney Watts and Burrell Taylor (Lauren); six great-grandchildren, Mary McLeod, Anna Lowder, Ethan Lowder, Danielle Lowder, Kelsey Lowder and Callie Jane Watts; and two sisters-in-law, Ruth Pearson and Rose Lowder.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy Prescott Lowder; a son, Gary Lowder Sr.; and a grandson, Gary Lowder Jr.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Lewis Chapel United Methodist Church with the Rev. Nancy Reed officiating. Burial will be at Brunson Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Tripp Lowder, Todd Lowder, Burrell Taylor, Bert Watts, Ethan Lowder and Bobby Jones.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home of Darlene and Robert Watts, 3140 Britton Road.

Memorials may be made to Lewis Chapel United Methodist Church, 1510 Plowden Mill Road, Sumter, SC 29153.

The family would like to express their appreciation to Amedisys Hospice and caregivers, Daisy Crowder and Carmella Spann, for all of their care and compassion.

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

JULIA GREEN OLIVER

Julia Green Oliver, 69, wife of John Earl Oliver, died on Friday, Nov. 8, 2019, at Providence Hospital, Columbia.

She was born on Sept. 29, 1950, in Summerton, to the late Junious and Carrie Doughty Green.

Funeral services are incomplete and will be announced at a later date by King-Fields Mortuary, Summerton.

FLORENTINO WILSON

Florentino “Barry” Wilson, 56, entered into eternal rest on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.

Born in Poughkeepsie, New

York, he was a son of Elizabeth Sweat.

The family is receiving visitors at the home of his mother, 138 W. Red Bay Road.

Funeral services are incomplete and will be announced by Ephriam D. Stephens Funeral Home, 230 S. Lafayette Drive, (803) 775-8911.

JEWEL MATHIS BURTON

Jewel Mathis Burton, 73, wife of W.L. “Lee” Burton, died on Friday, Nov. 8, 2019, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.

Born in Sumter, she was a daughter of the late Eugene F. and Odessa Hall Mathis. Mrs. Burton was a member of Concord Baptist Church and was a member of the Red Hat Society. She was a retired loan officer with Transouth Finance Co.

Surviving are her husband of Sumter; one son, Michael W. Burton (Donna) of Sumter; one brother, Edwin Mathis (Ruth) of Sumter; two grandchildren, Brantley Baker (Kasey) and Alyson Baker; numerous nieces and nephews; and her maltese, Shasa. She was predeceased by a brother, Gene Mathis.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at Concord Baptist Church with the Rev. Tim Clark and the Rev. Gene Mosier officiating. Burial will follow at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home and other times at the home of her son, 920 Ridgehill Drive.

Memorials may be made to Concord Baptist Church, 1885 Myrtle Beach Highway, Sumter, SC 29153 or to Toys for Tots, P.O. Box 1222, Sumter, SC 29151.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com.

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



MICHELLE LEE ROGERS CARRAWAY

Michelle Lee Rogers Carraway, 44, beloved wife of the late Thomas Edward Carraway Sr., died on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019, at McLeod Regional Medical Center.

You may go to www.bullockfuneralhome.com to view the obituary and sign the family’s guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



D.D. MILES

MANNING — D.D. Miles, 78, husband of Rosa Hodge Miles, died on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019, at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence.

Born April 29, 1941, in Clarendon County, he was a son of the late Albert and Letha Floyd Miles. He was a master mechanic and was the owner and operator of Miles Garage. He was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years; two sons, Douglas Miles (Robin) and Ronald Miles; and three grandchildren, Sarah Hopland (Alex), Douglas Miles Jr. and Coby Miles.

He was preceded in death by siblings, Jasper Floyd, Oree Watford and Clarence Miles.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. today in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Sammy Thompson officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Cole Poplin, Tripp Poplin, Luke Miles, Clint Hodge, Laten Hodge and Donnie Floyd.

The family will receive friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Miles, 575 Bendale Road, Sumter. The family requests casual attire.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 950 W. Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605.

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

SUE EVERETT KOTZ

Sue Everett Kotz, 78, of Charleston, wife of the late Frank Kotz of more than 20 years, entered into heaven on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019.

Born on May 23, 1941 in Beaumont, Texas, she was a daughter of the late Wilson Floyd Canfield and Agnes Pauline Canfield.

Sue was predeceased by her sister, Jo Etta Latiolais; and her brother-in-law, Carroll Loyd Latiolais.

She is survived by her children, Kim McCracken and Todd Everett and his wife, Renee; stepdaughter, Jennifer Kotz; grandchildren, Teague, Ava, Ella, Jesse, Ansley and Corbyn; many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday at McAlister-Smith Funeral Home, 1520 Rifle Range Road, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464, where her memorial service will be held immediately following at 2 p.m.

Expressions of sympathy may be viewed or submitted online at www.mcalister-smith.com.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to McAlister-Smith Funeral Home, Mount Pleasant, 1520 Rifle Range Road, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464, (843) 884-3833.

CLOTELL SARAH DOZIER MATTHEWS

GREELEYVILLE — Clotell Sarah Dozier Matthews, 91, widow of Walter Matthews Sr., died on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019, at the home of her daughter, Lucretia M. Conyers, 13 Beetle Lane, Greeleyville.

She was born on May 7, 1928, in Salters, a daughter of the late Willie and Lanie Maxwell Dozier.

The family is receiving friends at the home of Lucretia M. Conyers.

These services have been entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC.

CARRIE MAE HARVIN BROWN

MANNING — Carrie Mae Harvin Brown, 92, widow of Willie Davis Brown, died on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019, at McLeod Hospice House, Florence.

She was born on Dec. 27, 1922, in New Zion, a daughter of the late William and Leola Harvin.

The family is receiving friends at her residence, 2 Branch St., Bellwood section of Manning.

These services have been entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC of Manning.

EDITH W. TAYLOR

Edith W. Taylor, 86, widow of Donald J. Taylor, died on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019, at her home.

Born in Coatesville, Pennsylvania, she spent most of her life in Montrose, Pennsylvania. After the death of her husband, Don, in 1994, she moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, where she spent 11 years, before moving to Sumter. Edith was a 1955 graduate of Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pennsylvania, and a lifelong active member of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

She is survived by one daughter, Susan Taylor Duran (Julian); two grandsons, Rhyle Jordan Duran and Griffin Taylor Duran; one sister, Donna W. Robey (Robert); a sister-in-law, Janet Taylor; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com.

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



ROSALIND BLACKMON

Rosalind Blackmon, 66, wife of David C. Blackmon, died on Monday, Nov. 11, 2019, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.

Born on Jan. 25, 1953, in Selma, Alabama, she was a daughter of Paul Leonard

Thigpen and the late Rosa Lee Hinson Thigpen. She was a member of Bible Fellowship Church.

Survivors include her husband of 49 years; two children, Sharolyn Ellis (Ted) of Sumter and Chris Blackmon of Turbeville; a granddaughter, Chloe Blackmon; a brother, the Rev. Dr. Paul Daniel Thigpen (Faye) of Orangeburg; and a sister, Ann Duby (Gary) of Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Chris Moore and the Rev. Dr. Dan Thigpen officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Bible Fellowship Church, 227 Broad St., Sumter, SC 29150.

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

JOHNNIE HILTON

MANNING — Johnnie Hilton, 72, husband of Dorthina Hilton, died on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019, at Roper Hospice Cottage, Mount Pleasant.

He was born on July 15, 1947, in Manning, a son of the late Levan Hilton Sr. and Chinese Wells Hilton.

The family is receiving friends at his residence, 1152 Weeping Cherry Lane, Manning.

These services have been entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC of Manning.

BETTY LORINE BRAZELL PARKER

Betty Lorine Brazell Parker, age 82, beloved wife of the late John Albert Parker, died on Monday, Nov. 11, 2019, at Agape Hospice House in Columbia.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



CHARLES EDWARD MCKNIGHT

Charles Edward McKnight, 84, widower of Lottie Ladson McKnight, departed this life on Friday, Nov. 8, 2019, at Lexington Medical Center in West Columbia.

He was born on April 10, 1935, in Sumter, a son of the late Jake McKnight and Lillian Gordan Little.

The family will receive friends at 224 Manhattan Ave., Sumter, SC 29150.

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

SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM
LOCAL CHANNELS												
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	The Voice "Live Top 20 Eliminations" America votes eight artists through. (N) (Live)	This Is Us "Sorry" Rebecca visits Randall in Philadelphia. (N) (DVS)	(:01) New Amsterdam "What the Heart Wants" Sharpe lands in hot water. (N) (DVS)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	NCIS "No Vacancy" The team investigates a Marine's murder. (N) (DVS)	FBI "Undisclosed" A family member wants O.A.'s help. (N)	NCIS: New Orleans "Boom-Boom-Boom-Boom" A natural gas explosion at a theater. (N) (DVS)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Liev Schreiber, Daniel Kaluuya. (N)		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "America's Game" (N)	Jeopardy! "Tournament of Champions" (N)	The Conners "Tempest in a Stew Pot" (N)	Bless This Mess "The Visit" (N) (DVS)	mixed-ish "Puttin' on the Ritz" Alicia fights with Denise. (N)	black-ish Dre tries to reconnect with Diane. (N)	Dolly Parton: Here She Comes Again! The life and career of the country icon. (N)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!
WRJA	27	11	14	Making It Grow Host Amanda McNulty and Clemson Extension Agents answer viewers' gardening questions.	Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Actor Andy Samberg, George R.R. Martin.	American Experience "The Race Underground" America's first subway system in Boston. (DVS)	Frontline "Kids Caught in the Crackdown" The confinement of migrant children. (N)	Amanpour and Company (N)		Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates, Jr.		
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Monetary Insufficiency"	The Big Bang Theory "The Monetary Insufficiency"	The Resident "Nurses' Day" National Nurses' Day at the hospital. (N) (DVS)	Empire "Heart of Stone" Lucious deals with self-reflection. (N) (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)		Sports Zone (N) (Live)	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Vanessa starts a lending library.	Last Man Standing Kyle is a guest on Ryan's podcast.	The Doctors (N)		Judge Jerry (N)	Judge Jerry (N)	Chicago P.D. "My Way" Lindsay deals with a piece of her past.	Chicago P.D. "The Docks" Platt and Voight discuss their pasts.	The Game Tasha's boyfriend confronts her.

CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	46	130	The First 48 "Stray Shot" Young thugs terrorize a neighborhood.		The First 48 "A Bad Run-In; Inferno" An elderly man is burned alive.	The First 48 "Chopper" An Atlanta man is gunned down.		(:01) The First 48: Squad Stories: Atlanta A young father is fatally shot. (N)	(:06) The First 48 "Killer Contact" A young man shot dead in his van.		(:12:03) The First 48	
AMC	48	180	*** "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" (2013)		*** "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1" (2014, Science Fiction) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth. Katniss fights for Peeta and a nation moved by her courage.		*** "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2" (2015, Science Fiction) Jennifer Lawrence, Katniss and her team attempt to assassinate President Snow.					
ANPL	41	100	North Woods Law		North Woods Law: Uncuffed Officer's attempt treacherous rescues. (N)		Northwest Law "Poacher Pursuit"		Northwest Law		North Woods Law	
BET	61	162	(5:00) *** "All Eyes on Me" (2017, Biography) Demetrius Shipp Jr., Danaei Gurira, Kat Graham. The true and untold story of prolific rapper Tupac Shakur.		** "Madea's Family Reunion" (2006, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Blair Underwood, Lynn Whitfield. A matriarch must keep the peace through family strife.							
BRAVO	47	181	The Real Housewives of Orange County		The Real Housewives of Orange County "Never Before Scene 1414" (N)		The Real Housewives of Orange County (N)		The Real Housewives of Dallas LeeAnne and Rich tie the knot.		Watch What Happens Live	
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank (DVS)		The Profit Selling coconut beverages.		The Profit (N)	
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	
COM	57	136	(6:50) The Office "Promos"		(:25) The Office "Stairmageddon"		The Office A paper airplane contest.		The Office "Livin the Dream"		Tosh.0 "1119" (N)	
DISN	18	200	Sydney to the Max		Bunk'd		Jessie		Jessie		Coop & Cami Ask the World	
DSC	42	103	Bering Sea Gold: Dredged Up (N)		Bering Sea Gold "Episode 3" (N)		Bering Sea Gold "Race the Storm" Shawn and Ken battle for Gold King. (N)		(:02) Bering Sea Gold "Pay the Piper"		Bering Sea Gold	
ESPN	26	35	College Football Playoff: Top 25 (N)		CFB 150: The American Game		College Basketball Phil Knight Invitational -- Oregon vs Memphis. (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	27	39	SC Featured		College Football Western Michigan at Ohio. From Peden Stadium in Athens, Ohio. (N) (Live)		NBA: The Jump		College Basketball			
FOOD	40	109	Chopped "Thanksgiving Soup-er Stars"		Chopped Junior "Turkey Day! Hooray!"		Chopped "Thanksgiving Champions"		Chopped Thanksgiving competition.		Chopped "Turkey Day Heroes"	
FOXX	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)		Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)		Hannity (N)		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Tucker Carlson	
FREE	20	131	(5:50) *** "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin. A left-behind boy battles two burglars in the house.		(:20) ** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992, Children's) Kevin ends up in New York when he boards the wrong plane.		Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern.		The 700 Club		* "Home Alone 3" (1997)	
FSS	21	47	(6:30) College Basketball NJIT at Providence.		Hawks Pregame		NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Denver Nuggets. From the Pepsi Center in Denver. (N) (Live)		Hawks Postgame		Hawks 4th Quarter	
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "Coming Home for Christmas" (2017, Romance) Danica McKellar.		"A Royal Christmas" (2014, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Stephen Hagan, Jane Seymour. A queen does not want her son to marry a commoner.		(:03) "The Mistletoe Secret" (2019, Romance) Kellie Pickler, Patrick Duffy, Tyler Hynes. Aria hopes to save Christmas in Midway.		(12:06) "Merry & Bright" (2019)			
HGTV	39	112	Fixer Upper (DVS)		Fixer Upper (DVS)		Fixer to Fabulous (N)		House Hunters (N) Hunters Int'l		House Hunters Hunters Int'l	
HIST	45	110	The Curse of Oak Island: Digging Deeper		Evidence suggests a ship is buried.		The Curse of Oak Island (N)		(:03) Kings of Pain (Series Premiere) (N)		(:05) Kings of Pain	
ION	13	18	Criminal Minds Families of two students are murdered. (DVS)		Criminal Minds "Truth or Dare" A series of fatal shootings. (DVS)		Criminal Minds "300" Reid and Garcia are abducted. (DVS)		Criminal Minds "Starter Home" The team tracks a serial killer.		Criminal Minds "Elliott's Pond" Three children vanish on a bike path.	
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) "A Very Nutty Christmas" (2018) Melissa Joan Hart, Barry Watson.		"Dear Santa" (2011, Drama) Amy Acker, Brooklynn Proulx, Gina Holden. A party girl has to change her ways or get cut off.		(:03) "My Christmas Prince" (2017, Romance) Alexis Knapp, Callum Alexander. Samantha has to make a difficult choice during Christmas.		(12:01) "Dear Santa" (2011)			
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)		All In With Chris Hayes (N)		The Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word		The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	
NICK	16	210	SpongeBob		SpongeBob		SpongeBob		Friends		Friends	
PARMT	64	153	Two and Half Men		Two and Half Men		*** "Friday" (1995, Comedy) Ice Cube, Chris Tucker, Nia Long.		Ink Master Grudge Match (N)		*** "Friday" (1995) Ice Cube, Chris Tucker.	
SYFY	58	152	(5:00) ** "Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets" (2017)		*** "Mad Max: Fury Road" (2015, Action) Tom Hardy, Charlize Theron, Nicholas Hoult. Mad Max must outrun a warlord and his men in a desert chase. (DVS)		Futurama (Part 1 of 4)		Futurama (Part 2 of 4)		Futurama (Part 3 of 4)	
TBS	24	156	The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Misery Index (N)	
TCM	49	186	(6:15) *** "Marked Woman" (1937, Crime Drama) Bette Davis.		*** "Jezebel" (1938, Drama) Bette Davis, Henry Fonda, George Brent. A New Orleans belle makes her fiance jealous.		*** "Dark Victory" (1939, Drama) Bette Davis, George Brent, Humphrey Bogart. A dying heiress embarks on a social whirl. (DVS)		Welcome to Plathville (N)		Welcome to Plathville	
TLC	43	157	Welcome to Plathville		Little People, Big World		Counting On (N)		Welcome to Plathville (N)		Welcome to Plathville	
TNT	23	158	(4:30) ** "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" (2012) Ian McKellen.		*** "The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug" (2013, Fantasy) Ian McKellen, Martin Freeman, Richard Armitage. Bilbo and company encounter the fearsome dragon Smaug. (DVS)		*** "The Imitation Game" (2014) Benedict Cumberbatch. Premiere.		Adam Ruins		Adam Ruins	
TRUTV	38	129	The Misery Index		The Misery Index		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers	
TV LAND	55	161	Andy Griffith Show		Andy Griffith Show		Love-Raymond		Two and Half Men		Two and Half Men	
USA	25	132	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit SVU uncovers a pregnant teen's secret.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Benson helps an assaulted teenager.		The Purge "House of Mirrors" The crew learn some tough truths. (N)		(:01) Treadstone "The Bentley Lament" Doug goes on a dangerous mission. (N)		(:04) Back in the Game Evander Holyfield seeks business advice.	
WE	68	166	Law & Order "Identity"		Law & Order "Floater"		Law & Order "Embedded"		Law & Order "Compassion"		Law & Order Clothing manufacturer.	
WGNA	8	172	*** "Full Metal Jacket" (1987, War) Matthew Modine, Adam Baldwin, Vincent D'Onofrio.		*** "Full Metal Jacket" (1987, War) Matthew Modine, Adam Baldwin, Vincent D'Onofrio.		*** "Full Metal Jacket" (1987, War) Matthew Modine, Adam Baldwin, Vincent D'Onofrio.		*** "Full Metal Jacket" (1987, War) Matthew Modine, Adam Baldwin, Vincent D'Onofrio.		Married ... With	

History's 'Kings of Pain' introduces a whole new level of stupidity

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

The streaming galaxy expands in a major way today as Disney+ makes its much-hyped and anticipated launch. The video-on-demand service joins Amazon Prime, Netflix, Hulu and other well-entrenched companies. Like those options (and unlike Apple's boutique approach) the Disney venture offers a broad cafeteria of shows and films from the Disney and 20th Century Fox film libraries, as well as titles from the "Star Wars" catalog and the recent hit "Avengers: Endgame."

At roughly \$7 per month, the service will be cheaper than Netflix. An expanded package, including an ad-supported version of Hulu and an ESPN streaming service, will cost roughly as much as Netflix.

New, exclusive offerings on Disney+ reflect the service's consistency and synergy with its corporate mission. They include "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series." This faux-documentary look at a high school drama club putting on their own version of "High School Musical" was showcased last week on ABC, Freeform and Disney.

In a similar vein, it also offers a season expansion of "Encore!" a clever 2017 special featuring Kristen Bell, who invites actors, now in middle age, to reunite with high school castmates to revive musical productions they appeared in as teens.

Obsessive fans of the "Star Wars" sagas might enjoy "The Mandalorian." The eight-episode series takes place in the narrative somewhere between the franchise's sixth and seventh films. Got that?

It stars Pedro Pascal ("Narcos") as a warrior in the far reaches of the galaxy. The cast includes Nick Nolte, Gina Carano, Giancarlo Esposito, Carl Weathers and German director Werner Herzog, who plays a villain.

Clearly aimed at fans of classic Disney films, a new "Lady and the Tramp" updates the 1955 favorite.

- While discussed as a rival to Netflix, it's not clear if Disney+ will make inroads into that service's subscriber base. There's as good a chance that increased VOD options could exacerbate the exodus from cable, known as cord-cutting.

As if to comment on the worthiness (or worthlessness) of basic cable fare, here comes "Kings of Pain" (10 p.m., History, TV-14). A show this dumb must be seen to be believed.

Two dudes with light stubble and backward baseball caps set about getting stung, bitten and nibbled on by a



DAMIEN MALONEY / HISTORY

Professional animal wrangler Rob "Caveman" Alleva, left, and wildlife biologist Adam Thorn administering a sting from a tarantula hawk on Adam on the new series "Kings of Pain," premiering at 10 p.m. today on History.

host of venomous snakes, spiders and other creepy crawlies. They're supposed to be on a scientific mission to establish a scale of pain and endurance. But most of this consists of them growling and grimming and congratulating themselves on the outrageous nature of their tough-guy antics. I can't believe they didn't call this "Bite Me!"

Fans of this can also anticipate "Man vs. Bear," arriving Dec. 4 on Discovery.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Eight artists move forward on "The Voice" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG).
- Feelings flow in Philadelphia on "This Is Us" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- A healthcare tycoon is slain on "FBI" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- Hackers spark gas explosions on "NCIS: New Orleans" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- Sharpe goes the extra mile on "New Amsterdam" (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- "Dolly Parton: Here She Comes Again!" (10 p.m., ABC) glances back at the singer's career.
- "Frontline" (10 p.m., PBS, check local listings) looks at the children caught in the immigration crackdown.
- Bentley sees the light on "Treadstone" (10 p.m., USA, TV-MA).

CULT CHOICE

A vulnerable woman's (Mia Farrow) actor husband (John Cassavetes) conspires with the Satanists next door

(Ruth Gordon and Sidney Blackmer) to have her give birth to the Antichrist in the 1968 shocker "Rosemary's Baby" (7:10 p.m., Showcase), directed by Roman Polanski and produced by William Castle.

SERIES NOTES

A Marine ends up in the morgue on "NCIS" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * National Nurses' Day on "The Resident" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * Darlene's Lunch Box dreams on "The Conners" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * Time to mourn on "The Flash" (8 p.m., CW, r, TV-PG) * Harvest time on "Bless This Mess" (8:30 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * A trip to Miami on "Empire" (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * A country club clash on "mixed-ish" (9 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * Oliver returns on "Arrow" (9 p.m., CW, r, TV-14) * Daddy-daughter time on "black-ish" (9:30 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).

LATE NIGHT

Lizzy Caplan is booked on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS) * Liev Schreiber, Daniel Kaluuya and Cold War Kids appear on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Kristen Bell, Judd Apatow and Danny Brown on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Taron Egerton, Steve Kornacki, Mark Fischbach and Chris Johnson visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC).

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ABC announces cancellation of 'Fresh Off the Boat'

BY LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — ABC's "Fresh Off the Boat," the first network TV comedy in two decades to focus on an Asian American family, is coming to an end after six seasons.

The network said Friday that the sitcom starring Randall Park and Constance Wu will wrap with an hour-long finale on Feb. 21, making this a truncated last season.

The show about a couple and their three children in 1990s Florida is based on chef Eddie Huang's memoir of the same name.

In a statement, ABC Entertainment president Karey Burke lauded the show as "game-changing" with its focus on an Asian American family.

While the TV industry has gradually embraced diversity, it's been slow to include characters of Asian descent in the mix. Comedian Margaret Cho's "All-American Girl" ended in 1995 after one season.

A possible spinoff with characters to be introduced on "Fresh Off the Boat" is being considered. It would focus on an Indian family whose daughter is one of Eddie's (Hudson Yang) classmates.

Wu, who starred in "Crazy Rich Asians," apologized earlier this year for a Twitter outburst lamenting the show's renewal this season.

She said it was an emotional reaction to having to pass on a passion project because it conflicted with "Fresh Off the Boat."

The comedy that airs at 8:30 p.m. Friday is averaging 3.1 million weekly viewers for the season to date, making it No. 69 out of about 80 network programs. Its direct competition includes CBS' "Hawaii Five-0," which is drawing nearly triple the audience and ranks 26th for the season so far, according to Nielsen.

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In Memory



In Loving Memory of Ruby Vermell James Billie 11/9/24-10/17/15

Thanks for the time you have given me, memories are all in my mind. Now that we came to the end of our rainbow, there is something I must say out loud, you're once, twice, three times a lady, and I love you! Sadly missed by your son Samuel & Family

BUSINESS SERVICES

Home Improvements

H.L. Boone, Contractor: Remodel paint roofs gutters drywall blown ceilings ect. 773-9904

Tree Service

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Newman's Tree Service Tree removal, trimming, topping, view enhancement pruning, bobcat work stump grinding, Lic & insured. Call 803-316-0128

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For Sale or Trade

Medium 6ft, 2 cushion dark brown Microfiber couch. Only available for viewing in Sumter on Fridays. 803-783-6164 \$125 Looks Good

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted Full-Time

Please apply in person at TRU BY HILTON 2607 Broad St. Seeking front desk clerk and night auditor. Trubyhilton@gmail.com

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Unfurnished Homes

Houses for rent. Burgess Crt \$575+dep. First months rent free. C/H/A Call 803-983-5691

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Sumter Area Transportation Study (SUATS), pursuant to the requirements of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), gives notice of the following action. Effective November 14, 2019, SUATS will accept public review and comment on Amendment #1 to the Sumter Area Transportation Study's (SUATS) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The SUATS UPWP outlines the focus of work efforts and use of planning funds anticipated over a two fiscal year period.

UPWP Amendment Description: Addition of an additional task, II-B, Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation, as well as updates to SUATS committee lists, and revisions to expected and programmed resource allocations for FY2020 and FY2021.

Public review and comments will be received until 5:00 p.m. Thursday, December 5, 2019. Copies of all applicable documents, as well as additional information concerning these proposed actions are available upon request at the address cited below.

Written comments may be sent to Mr. Kyle Kelly, Senior Planner, Sumter City-County Planning Commission. Mailing Address - PO Box 1449, Sumter, SC 29151 Physical Address 12 W. Liberty St., Sumter, SC 29150.

Any written comments submitted may be reviewed by the public at the address above, Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Joseph T. McElveen, Jr. Chairman, SUATS Policy Committee

A-1 Self Storage Public Auction

Nov. 19, 2019 @ 9:00 am. 3501 Broad Street Ext. Sumter, SC 29154

The following units will be up for auction:
 T. Robinson (A04) - tools, furniture, hot tub, misc. items
 S. Pitts-Myers (A08) - misc. furniture, boxes, items
 D. Praylon (C20) - misc. boxes, clothes, electronics, stereo system
 S. Holland (D09) - misc. furniture, clothes, bags, items
 L. Moses (E32) - misc. furniture, bags, flatscreen tv, stereo

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Sumter Area Transportation Study (SUATS), pursuant to the requirements of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), gives notice of the following action. Effective November 14, 2019, SUATS will accept public review and comment on Amendment #9 to the 2017-2022 Sumter Area Transportation Study's (SUATS) Transportation Improvement Plan

Legal Notice

(TIP). The SUATS TIP outlines federally funded as well as regionally significant transportation projects that are planned for the next six (6) years and serves as our plan to improve transportation services in the Sumter community.

TIP Amendment Description: Comprehensive updates to the document to fully account for active Sumter Penny for Progress transportation projects and SCDOT-initiated transportation projects. This amendment also includes addition of \$60,000 in FTA Section 5310 Small Urbanized Funds for the purchase of a transit vehicle for Sumter Senior Services, and addition of \$1,019,542 in Section 5307 State Mass Transit Formula Funds for transit operations to be provided in the Sumter Urban area by Santee-Waterree Regional Transportation Authority (SWRTA).

Public review and comments will be received until 5:00 p.m. Thursday, December 5, 2019. Copies of all applicable documents, as well as additional information concerning these proposed actions are available upon request at the address cited below. This public notice and the time established for public review of and comments on the TIP satisfies the Section 5307 Program of Project (POP) requirements for Santee-Waterree Regional Transportation Authority (SWRTA).

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NOTICE TO CITIZENS OF CLarendon County:

Pursuant to the South Carolina Eminent Domain Procedure Act, Section 28-2-70(c), Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, notice is hereby given that entry by personnel of the South Carolina Department of Transportation will be made in the area of the road described below for such purposes as topographic surveys, subsurface exploration, environmental related studies and for the gathering of any other data necessary for the planning, development of location alternatives, design, property acquisition, and construction of a highway project.

The project will consist of roadway and drainage improvements along S-76 (Elliott Mill Pond Dam), approximately 1.0 mile south of S-26, SC.

More specific information about the project may be obtained by contacting Program Manager Tony Edwards at (803) 737-1238 in Columbia, South Carolina.

Abandon Vehicle / Boat

Abandoned Vehicle Notice:

The following vehicle was abandoned at J & J Towing, 965 Bethel Church Rd. Sumter, SC 29154. Described as a 1973 Chevrolet Nova, VIN # 1Y17D3W286551. Total Due for storage is \$575.00 as of Nov. 7, 2019, \$175 for tow plus \$40.00 per day thereafter. 2010 Chevrolet Traverse, VIN# 1GNLRED7AS115915. Total Due for storage is \$623.00 as of October 31, 2019, \$175 for tow plus \$40.00 per day thereafter. Owner is asked to call 803-506-4858. If not claimed in 30 days, it will be turned over to the Magistrate's Office for public sale.



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Summons & Notice

SUMMONS AND NOTICES
 IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
 CASE NO.
 2019-CP-14-00551

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CLARENDON

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company, PLAINTIFF,

VS.
 Eddie Myers, individually, as Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Evangeline K. Myers a/k/a Evangeline Kennedy Myers a/k/a Evangeline "Coo" Kennedy Myers a/k/a Evangeline Myers, Deceased; Any Heirs-at-Law or Devises of the Estate of Evangeline K. Myers a/k/a Evangeline Kennedy Myers a/k/a Evangeline Myers, Deceased, their heirs or devisees, successors and assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe; and The United States of America by and through its agency, the Department of Housing and Urban Development a/k/a Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, DEFENDANT(S).

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE-NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 2712 Middleburg Drive, Suite 200, Columbia, South Office Box 2065, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202-2065, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the answer shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for a general Order of Reference of this cause to the Master-In-Equity or Special Referee for Clarendon County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 (e) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master-In-Equity or Special Master is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this cause.

TO MINORS) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND/OR MINORS) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY:

YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, Plaintiff will apply to have the appointment of the Guardian ad Litem Nisi, Kelley Yarborough Woody, made absolute.

NOTICE

TO THE DEFENDANTS: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County, South Carolina on October 25, 2019.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the order appointing Kelley Yarborough Woody, whose address is PO Box 6432, Columbia, SC 29260, as Guardian Ad Litem Nisi for all persons whomsoever herein collectively designated as Richard Roe, defendants herein whose names and addresses are unknown, including any thereof who may be minors, incapacitated, or under other legal disability, whether

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residents or non-residents of South Carolina; for all named Defendants, addresses unknown, who may be infants, incapacitated, or under a legal disability; for any unknown heirs-at-law of Evangeline K. Myers a/k/a Evangeline Kennedy Myers a/k/a Evangeline "Coo" Kennedy Myers a/k/a Evangeline Myers, including their heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; and for all other unknown persons with any right, title, or interest in and to the real estate that is the subject of this foreclosure action, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County on the 4th day of November, 2019.

YOU WILL FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that unless the said Defendants, or someone in their behalf or in behalf of any of them, shall within thirty (30) days after service of notice of this order upon them by publication, exclusive of the day of such service, procure to be appointed for them, or any of them, a Guardian Ad Litem to represent them or any of them for the purposes of this action, the Plaintiff will apply for an order making the appointment of said Guardian Ad Litem Nisi absolute.

LIS PENDENS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an action has been commenced by the Plaintiff above named against the Defendant(s) above named for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage given by Evangeline K. Myers to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated February 11, 2009, recorded March 24, 2009, in the office of the Clerk of Court/Register of Deeds for Clarendon County, in Book 836 at Page 3; thereafter, said Mortgage was assigned to Nationstar Mortgage Company by assignment instrument dated September 25, 2017 and recorded September 29, 2017 in Book 1120 at Page 253.

The description of the premises is as follows: All that certain piece, parcel, lot or tract of land, together with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the County of Clarendon, State of South Carolina, being more fully shown containing 0.72 acre, more or less on a plat prepared for Evangeline K. Myers by Ben Whetstone Associates, dated January 13, 2009. Reference is hereby craved to said plat for a more complete and accurate description. Be all measurements a little more or less.

This being the same property conveyed to Evangeline K. Myers by deed of Carlisle A. Buddin, dated June 16, 1965 and recorded October 10, 1968 in Book A32 at Page 69 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Clarendon County.

TMS No.

315-00-03-013-00

Property address:

1022 Featherwood Road
 Turbeville, SC 29162

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 803-252-3340

Estate Notice Sumter County

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

Persons having claim against the following estates are required to deliver or mail their claims to the indicated Personal Representatives, appointed to administer these estates, and to file their claims on Form #37IPC with the Probate Court of Sumter County Courthouse, N. Main Street, Sumter, SC, 29150, on or before the date that is eight months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors, (unless previously barred by operation of Section 62-3-803), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements, indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the amount claimed and the date when due, and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate:/Malcolm Jackson #2019ES4300568

Personal Representative: Melissa Jackson 22 Shuler Dr. Sumter, SC 29150

Estate:/Cindy Monique J. West #2019ES4300585

Personal Representative: Monique Jones 680 Ginhouse Dr. Sumter, SC 29154

Estate:/John F. Ardis #2019ES4300577

Personal Representative: Vonnie B. Ardis 3570 Osteen Rd. Sumter, SC 29154

Estate:/Douglass A. Pugh #2019ES4300573

Personal Representative: Garriss Varner 3985 Peacock Dr. Sumter, SC 29154

Estate:/Francis E. Lee #2019ES4300581

Personal Representative: Connie W. Scurry 509 Georgetown Ave. Sumter, SC 29154

Estate:/Ernestine W. McDowell #2019ES4300570

Personal Representative: Edward H. McDowell C/O Garryll L. Deas PO Box 1211 Sumter, SC 29151

Estate:/Aubrey Hatfield, Sr. #2019ES4300580

Personal Representative: Aubrey Hatfield, Jr. C/O J. Cabot Seth PO Box 1268 Sumter, SC 29151

Estate:/Harvey L. Washington #2019ES4300569

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