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TYPHOON HEADS FOR VIETNAM

Deaths in Philippines
climb into thousands
as islands devastated

By Jim Gomez
Associated Press

TACLOBAN, Philippines — Corpses hung from trees, scattered on sidewalks or buried in flattened buildings were among those of the thousands believed killed in one Philippine city alone by ferocious Typhoon Haiyan, which washed away homes and buildings with powerful winds and giant waves.

As the scale of devastation from one of the worst storms ever recorded became clear Sunday, officials said emergency crews could find more bodies when they reach parts of the archipelago cut off by flooding and landslides. Desperate residents raided grocery stores and gas stations in search of food, fuel and water as the government began relief efforts, and international aid operations got



underway.

Even in a nation regularly beset by earthquakes, volcanoes and tropical storms, Typhoon Haiyan appears to be the deadliest natural disaster on record.

Haiyan hit the eastern seaboard of the Philippines on Fri-

day and quickly barreled across its central islands, packing winds of 147 mph that gusted to 170 mph and a storm surge of 20 feet.

Its sustained winds weakened to 74 mph as the typhoon made landfall in northern Vietnam early Monday after cross-

ing the South China Sea, according to the Hong Kong meteorological observatory. Authorities there evacuated hundreds of thousands of people.

Hardest hit in the Philippines was Leyte Island, where regional Police Chief Elmer Soria said the provincial governor

4 MILLION AFFECTED

■ Typhoon Haiyan inflicted serious damage to at least six of more than 7,000 islands in the Philippines, with Leyte, Samar and the northern part of Cebu appearing to bear the brunt of the storm.
■ About 4 million people were affected by the storm, the national disaster agency said.

Two young boys look at the devastation in the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan on Sunday in Tacloban City, Leyte, Philippines. Haiyan, packing maximum sustained winds of 195 mph, slammed into the southern Philippines and left a trail of destruction. GETTY IMAGES

had told him there were about 10,000 dead, primarily from drowning and collapsed buildings. Most deaths were in Tacloban, the provincial capital of about 200,000 people that is the biggest city on the island.

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Graham wants Benghazi answers

Senator demands
to talk to witnesses

By Clark Brooks
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The day after the CBS news program "60 Minutes" aired a report in which a British security contractor said he warned of security problems at the U.S. mission in Benghazi and then helped fight the terrorists who attacked the compound, U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham demanded to talk to additional eyewitnesses.

Graham told Fox News on Oct. 28 that he would block Senate votes on President Barack Obama's nominees until the administration makes survivors of the Sept. 11, 2012 attack available to Congress. The next day, he went on CNN and said, "How can I explain to the people in my home state and



Sen. Lindsey
Graham

'THANK YOU'

Veterans' Day service honors
fallen vets in Richland Cemetery

By Amy Clarke Burns | Staff writer | aburns@greenvilleonline.com



He shots pierced the air with a sharp pop. Seven rifles, fired three times, offered as thanks and recognition for the 81 veterans buried at Historic Richland Cemetery.

With their crisply pressed slacks and gold shoulder cords, the honor guard from Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6731 paid tribute to their fallen comrades.

Then came the melancholy notes of "Taps," the white-gloved hands of a lone trumpeter calling forth the familiar tune for those gathered at an annual ceremony to honor Veterans' Day.

"We have for the past six years wanted to recognize those veterans who kept the land safe and kept us safe here in America," said Winifred Lykes, presi-



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Elzey sees 'a new day' at S.C. State

President tackles enrollment, financial issues first

BY DIANE KNICH
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When South Carolina State University's new president, Thomas Elzey, attended his first board meeting last summer, he learned that the school expected only about 3,000 students to enroll in the fall.

That represented a drop of more than 800 students from the previous fall.

"I almost fell out of my chair," Elzey said.

Public colleges and universities operate largely on money they bring in from tuition and state appropriations. If enrollment is low, the school's budget will take a hit.

And S.C. State can't afford any more hits, said Elzey, 60, who came to S.C. State from The Citadel, where he was executive vice president for finance, administration and operations.

When he took the reins at the state's only public, historically black university June 15, the school was facing a deficit of about \$9 million, which it had accumulated over several years.

The university has faced huge problems in recent years, including financial and program issues at the troubled James E. Clyburn University Transportation Center, criminal charges

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South Carolina State University President Thomas Elzey.

Declining numbers

S.C. State total fall enrollment over a six-year period

Year	Students
2013	3,461
2012	3,807
2011	4,326
2010	4,342
2009	4,538
2008	4,888

—Source: S.C. Commission on Higher Education/S.C. State

VETERANS DAY

Before they go silent

Veteran from IOP among those sharing WWII stories for history



Arthur Cobert, 92, talks about his time in the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations during World War II.

BY SCHUYLER KROFF
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Arthur Cobert remembers what it was like to be flying high above China, scanning for Japanese Zeroes.

Perched in the top turret of a B-25 bomber, the terrain below varied from mountains to jungles and the beaches of the South China Sea.

But when the Japanese planes pounced, the

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beauty of the Asian landscape was soon forgotten as Cobert's attention turned to the hundreds of rounds of ammunition ready to be fed into his twin .50-caliber machine guns.

"It would chop 'em right off," Cobert said,

describing what happened when a burst of rounds hit home.

Today is Veterans Day, but firsthand accounts of World War II experiences like Cobert's are in danger of disappearing. With 1940s veterans dying out at a rate of between 600 and 1,000 a day, there's a rush to get as much as possible recorded before the voices go silent.

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Erosion devours dunes on IOP

Sand loss severe in Breach Inlet area

BY PRENTISS FINDLAY
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ISLE OF PALMS — The city has stepped up monitoring of beach erosion near Breach Inlet because the dunes in that area are seriously damaged.

"It's a great concern," said Mayor Dick Cronin.

The scarred shoreline is particularly noticeable between 1st and 3rd avenues, but it extends up to 5th Avenue.

"If it keeps eroding and breaks through the primary dune then we have a problem," Cronin said.

From September 2010 to November 2012, the IOP beach from Breach Inlet to 6th Avenue lost 122,400 cubic yards of sand, according to a report prepared by consultant Coastal Science & Engineering.

The amount of eroded beach would fill more than 10,000 standard-sized dump trucks.

An estimated 58,000 cubic yards of sand was lost in the same section of



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IOP Mayor Dick Cronin

Typhoon a 'great human tragedy'

Filipinos desperate for aid; thousands dead or missing

BY JIM GOMEZ
Associated Press

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pine city alone by ferocious Typhoon Haiyan that washed away homes and buildings with powerful winds and giant waves.

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bodies when they reach parts of the archipelago cut off by flooding and landslides. Desperate residents raided grocery stores and gas stations in search of food, fuel and water as the government began relief efforts and

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Debris covers Tacloban Airport after powerful Typhoon Haiyan hit Tacloban in central Philippines on Saturday.



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A PLAY-BY-PLAY ACCOUNT OF THE DRIVE THAT LED TO USC'S OVERTIME VICTORY AND THE "MIRACLE AT MIZZOU"

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2ND AND GOAL AT MISSOURI 2



VETERANS DAY



Tim 'Pops' Frisby, a former USC football player, is now a personal trainer at Gold's Gym on Forest Drive.

'POPS' FRISBY: FAMOUS AT 40

He traded Army fatigues for USC football uniform in '04

By JOSH KENDALL
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Hundreds of players have worn South Carolina's garnet and black jerseys since the organization first fielded a team in 1892, but none have ever felt the spotlight like Tim Frisby. In fact, no college football player in the country was more famous in the fall of 2004 than "Pops."

Frisby, a 20-year Army veteran, walked onto the Gamecocks' football team that year at the age of 39 and, after a month of obscurity, became a national talking point. At the height of his fame, South Carolina received more than 100 media requests for an interview.

Frisby appeared on "The Late Show with David Letterman,"

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'POPS' UPDATE

It's been eight years since Tim Frisby was the most famous member of South Carolina's football team, but he still is recognized "constantly" by Gamecocks fans, Frisby told The State last week.

Frisby, who earned national acclaim and the nickname "Pops" as a



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SUSPICIOUS CHILD DEATHS IN S.C.

SLED seeking \$475,000 to cut backlog

Chief: More investigators needed as cases pile up

By ADAM BEAM
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Three-year-old Edna Hunt died in a Marlboro County hospital in 2011.

The official cause of death was an untreated urinary tract infection. But that did not tell the whole story.

Local and state investigators uncovered a history of brutal abuse of the toddler by Alexander Carmichael Huckabee III, who was dating Hunt's mother. Last year, a Marlboro County jury convicted Huckabee on four counts — including homicide by child abuse and criminal sexual conduct in the first degree. A judge sentenced Huckabee to two life sentences plus another 20 years. Hunt's mother is also in prison on a 20-year sentence.

SLED Chief Mark Keel points to the Marlboro case as one of the reasons that he is asking state lawmakers for \$475,136 to hire four new officers for SLED's Child Fatality Unit, the legislatively required squad that investigates every suspicious child death in South Carolina.

That unit gets 195 new cases each year on average, contributing to a backlog of 466 open cases. The

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INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS CHILD DEATHS

SLED now has 10 positions — 8 of which are filled — for investigators into suspicious child deaths. SLED Chief Mark Keel wants legislators to include four more in next year's state budget.

195

Number of suspicious child deaths referred to SLED for investigation each year, on average

466

SLED's current backlog of child deaths to investigate; the oldest is from 1999

15%

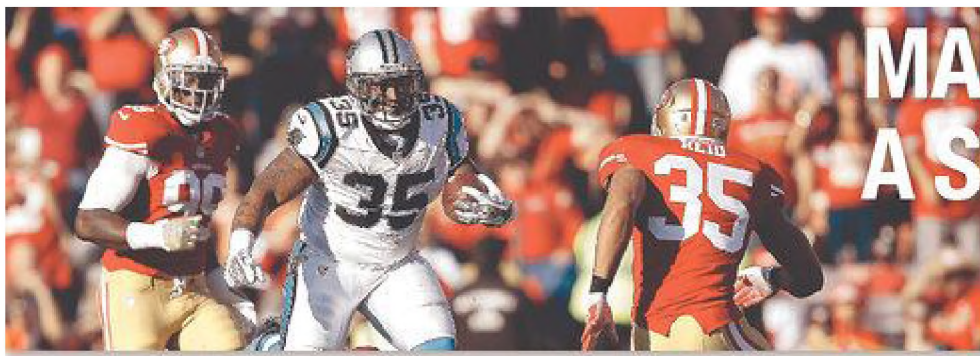
Percentage of suspicious child deaths in S.C. eventually classified as homicides.

\$475,136

Cost to add four additional SLED agents to investigate suspicious child deaths

\$200 MILLION

The amount of "new" money that state legislators will have to spend next year in the state's general fund budget



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10,000 dead

The scale of the devastation in the Philippines became clear Sunday after one of the worst storms ever recorded plowed through the archipelago. The death toll could climb higher than 10,000, officials said. **PAGE A9**

Eternal bonds

Dwindling numbers of World War II veterans continue to reunite each year, renewing bonds they forged in battle seven decades ago. **PAGE A9**

Enigmatic Oswald

Most Americans, especially those who were alive in November 1963, know the name Lee Harvey Oswald. Despite 50 years of investigation and research, the man who officials say assassinated JFK remains an enigma. **PAGE A8**

Atheist 'churches'

Dozens of gatherings dubbed "atheist megachurches" by supporters and detractors are springing up around the U.S. after finding success in Great Britain earlier this year. **PAGE A11**

Balancing act

Former Newark, N.J., mayor Cory Booker is that rare freshman U.S. senator with celebrity status. As such, he has to strike a balance between fitting in and standing out. **PAGE A4**

Weather

North-side shooting kills teen

Witnesses: Group confronted
Brewton and his friends, shot
victim 3 times, fled in sedan

By JENNY ARNOLD
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Police say an 18-year-old Spartanburg man died after being shot three times on Leonard Street on the city's north side Sunday morning.

Spartanburg County Coroner Rusty Cleveland said in a written statement Sunday night that Anthony Shauquez Brewton, 18, of 485 Vernon St., died at the hospital about 6 p.m. An autopsy is scheduled for this afternoon.

According to the Spartanburg Public Safety Department, officers responded to a shooting call at 754 Leonard St., near Cleveland Park, about 11:20 a.m. They arrived to find Brewton lying on the ground between two vacant houses, with gunshot wounds to the foot, leg and head. No arrests have been made, Capt. Art Little-

john said.

Investigators were not releasing a lot of information about the shooting Sunday night and were still interviewing witnesses and developing possible suspects, Littlejohn said.

Brewton was believed to have been with two or three friends and a family member shortly before he was shot. The group was approached by other men, Littlejohn said. It wasn't immediately known whether the men approached

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SOLDIER, BALLPLAYER, VOLUNTEER



World War II veteran J.Y. Hamrick looks at a photo taken of himself and his buddies shortly before they shipped out to Europe in 1944.



Hamrick holds up his Army uniform from World War II. Nearly 70 years later, he says it still fits, though getting all the buttons to button is a little difficult.



A card for his division lists the towns, rivers and engagements of Hamrick's tour.

Veteran recalls WWII, Textile League

By DREW BROOKS
For the Herald-Journal

For months in World War II, J.Y. Hamrick carried a Browning automatic rifle, a beastly, 16-pound gun that instantly made you a prized target for Nazi marksmen.

Later, his weapon of choice

Spartanburg County Textile League during a heralded career that included a league championship with the Chesnee Mill team in 1948.

Both experiences are highlights in Hamrick's life, but neither defines the man nicknamed "Red" who now sports snow-white

more than 67 years, a faithful parishioner who has spent 80 of his 93 years as a member of the same church, and a dedicated volunteer who, along with his wife, Jewell, has helped deliver meals in Cherokee County for nearly 30 years.

"He is an inspiration for oth-

VSP Club Senior Center, which is frequented by the Hamricks.

Terry Dennis, executive director of Cherokee County Meals on Wheels, said Hamrick and his wife are dedicated volunteers who have given more than 3,000 hours of their time and driven more than 62,000 miles since

Thank you, veterans

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SRS linked to contamination

Wall Street Journal includes radioactive swamp in report

BY DERREK ASBERRY
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Contamination in the Savannah River Swamp is linked to radioactive discharges from the Savannah River Site, according to a report published recently by *The Wall Street Journal*.

The report, "Waste Lands: America's forgotten nuclear legacy," includes a map that shows how close residents live to a radioactive site. The map pinpoints the swamp, which is located adjacent to the Savannah River, as one of many radioactive sites in the country, and it is the only one listed in

South Carolina.

"This site handled (or was contaminated by) cesium and other discharges from the Savannah River nuclear facility," according to government records," the newspaper stated on its website.

The report referenced a 2001 study

on the river that states the area between Steel Creek Landing and Little Hell Landing was contaminated by SRS operations. Water from Steel Creek flowed along the lowlands and resulted in the deposition of radioactive material. The water eventually discharged into the Savannah River

at Little Hell Landing, contaminating a portion of the Savannah River Swamp, the study stated.

DOE-SR representative Bill Taylor confirmed the information in an email to the *Aiken Standard*.

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Veterans Day observances

Aiken County schools:

- Warrenville Elementary School 8:30 p.m.
- North Augusta Middle School: 9 a.m.
- Busbee-Corbett Elementary-Middle School 1:30 p.m.
- Chukker Creek Elementary School 9:30 and 11 a.m.
- Clearwater Elementary School 6 p.m.
- North Aiken Elementary School 8:30 p.m.
- Mossy Creek Elementary School 9 a.m.
- North Augusta Elementary School 9 a.m.
- LBC Middle School 9 a.m.
- North Augusta Middle School 9 a.m.
- New Ellenton Middle School 9:50 a.m.
- North Augusta High School 9:50 a.m.
- Ridge Spring-Monetta High School 10:30 a.m.

Tri-County Home Health will host two Veterans Day ceremonies today. The first will be held at Trinity on Laurens, 213 Laurens St. N.W., at 10 a.m., and the second will be at Cumberland Village, 3335 Wise Creek Lane, at 3 p.m. For more information, call 803-561-7680.

The Marine Corps League's James L. Hammons Detachment No. 939 is the organizer Veterans Day observance today at the Aiken County Veterans Memorial Park, 1435 Richland Ave. E. The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m.

The North Augusta Arts Council will hold its 10th annual veterans concert today at 7:30 p.m. in the Wesley Center of Grace United Methodist Church, 639 Georgia Ave., North Augusta. For more information, visit www.naartscouncil.org.

Specialist Morgan surprises sister

BY ROB NOVIT
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Savannah Gregory, 6, was playing with her first-grade classmates on Friday, shortly before the Veterans Day program at J.D. Lever Elementary School.

She heard the classroom door open, and, when she looked up, Savannah was stunned to see her big brother — so much so she couldn't speak for a moment. Then she broke into a big smile and raced over to greet him as he picked up her for a hug.

Wayne Morgan, a 28-year-old Army specialist, adores his half-sister and so do his own children — Kenneth, 8, Shane, 7, and Allison, 5. Yes, Savannah is their aunt, but she's more like their sister, Morgan said.

A Midland Valley High School graduate, Morgan enlisted in the Army in 2008. He first stationed at Ft. Jackson and then Ft. Stewart in Savannah. He returned from a deployment to Afghanistan in June and continues to live with his wife Rachel and their kids.

Savannah was certainly an unexpected delight to her parents, Hazel and Larry Gregory. Morgan had been her only child until her daughter came along.

"It was a big surprise to me too," Morgan said. "It's fun to watch Sa-



STAFF PHOTO BY ROB NOVIT

Wayne Morgan, who is stationed at Ft. Stewart, surprised his little sister, Savannah Gregory, 6, a first-grader at J.D. Lever Elementary School, when he walked into her classroom on a Veterans Day program on Friday.

vannah grow up, and it's really nice."

After a group photo, Savannah was running around with her nephews and her niece, but, really, who

could tell the difference?

Senior writer Rob Novit is the Aiken Standard's education reporter and

has been with the newspaper since September 2001. He is a native of Walterboro and majored in journalism at the University of Georgia.

Veterans congregate at USC Aiken

BY MAAVAN SCHECHTER
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Tucked behind rows of bookshelves in the Gregg-Graniteville Library on USC Aiken's campus, behind the door emblazoned with military icons, a group of students hang out, do homework and share advice very little of the American population can understand.

The Veteran and Military Student Success Center, home to now about 1,000 students, keeps an open-door policy with those who served in the military, helping each individual remain successful in a new career — school. Director Robert Murphy, who served in the U.S. Marines for 23 years as a Chief Warrant Officer 4



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Robert Murphy, director of Veteran and Military Student Affairs, served for 23 years in the U.S. Marine Corps. Now a USC Aiken graduate, he runs the USCA Veterans and Military Student Success Center, giving veterans a place to hang out, talk and do homework.

When I first came on campus, I started the student center, veterans

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Erskine student found dead Acting president: Death appeared to be a suicide

From staff reports

An Erskine student was found dead early Sunday morning in what appears to be a suicide.

Officials at Erskine College in Due West confirmed a student death

Sunday evening.

According to a statement released by Erskine, the death was reported on campus before noon Sunday morning. Law enforcement was alerted and is still on scene investigating the death. A later statement

by Acting President Bradley Christie said the death appeared to be a suicide.

School officials said there was no risk to the campus. The individual's family is being contacted by college personnel.

Abbeville County Coroner Ronnie Ashley said the student was a 20-year-old male. Ashley declined to release the name of the student citing the wishes of the family.

An autopsy is scheduled in Anderson this morning.

Ashley said the time of death was estimated about 6:30 a.m. Sunday in Pressly Hall. Ashley could not give a cause of death until after the autopsy.

Christie's statement said counselors would be made available to meet with anyone requiring support.

■ EMERALD TRIANGLE

Entities could get more money

City Council set
to nearly double
H-tax funding

By CHRIS TRAINOR
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In September, representatives of Greenwood's Emerald Triangle — the Arts Center, The Museum and Greenwood Community Theatre — stood before Greenwood City Council and asked the elected officials to continue to provide hospitality tax funding to their agencies.

It appears that request could be fulfilled, and then some.

As currently planned, City Council is set to commit to another three years of H-tax funding for the Arts Center, The Museum and GCT. The proposed H-tax funding for those entities for 2014-16 would nearly double from the 2011-13 appropriations.

In 2011, the city agreed to provide a collective \$300,000 in hospitality tax dollars — \$100,000 each year for 2011-13 — to the Arts Center, Greenwood Community Theatre and The Museum.

As currently proposed, the three Emerald Triangle entities would collectively

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Thanking those for serving

Lewis Jackson Beaubé, seated, led the procession of veterans in the Greenwood Veterans Day Parade on Sunday afternoon. Beaubé was aided by his grandson-in-law, Nathan Alin Liverman, himself a veteran.

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Parade gives public chance to show its gratitude

By FRANK BUMB
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Do you believe in angels?
Lewis Jackson Beaubé, 97, remembers his time in the Pacific, fighting against the Japanese as if it was yesterday. He remembers a night raid on an enemy

convoy. A ship crashing into the destroyer he served on as a radioman.

"They hit us and put us on our side," Beaubé said. "The side that I was on was two feet from the water."

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Veterans Center Museum displays past military tools

By FRANK BUMB
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The machines of war are but tools for the men who use them, the plans and strategies merely the way to achieve a victory that must be won on the ground.

But while more and more

veterans are lost to the passage of time, Greenwood residents have an exciting new opportunity to look back on the materials their predecessors used to safeguard the country and our freedoms.

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No Payne, no gain: EHS teacher's success is on track



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Coming Events

Veterans Day Breakfast: Today, 8 a.m. at The Carolinian, 718 S. Dargan St. in Florence. The Carolinian will honor veterans by offering free breakfast for all veterans age 55 and older. Seating is limited. For reservations, call 843-665-9314.

Florence Veterans Day Ceremony: Today, 11 a.m. at Veterans Park, 601 Woody Jones Blvd. It includes the unveiling of 36 veterans' names to the Wall of Honor. Significant among this year's group are the names of three Timmonsville National Guardsmen killed in Afghanistan and the names of six brothers from Florence who served in World War II, believed to be the most brothers from South Carolina who served in WWII. Featured speaker is the adjutant general of South Carolina, Maj. Gen. Robert E. Livingston, who will be joined by U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham and Florence Mayor Stephen Wukela. For more information, email bfwingrdjr@aol.com.

The Florence County Education Association Retired Luncheon Meeting: Today, 10:30 a.m. at Western Sizzlin, 2688 David H. McLeod Blvd. in Florence. Bertha Scott with Florence County Election is the guest speaker. All retired educators are invited. For more information, call Sheila C. Gallagher at 843-669-5495.

35th annual Veterans Day Parade: Today, 11 a.m. on Sumter Street in downtown Columbia. Parade begins at intersection of Sumter and Laurel streets and travels northbound on Sumter Street, ending at Pendleton Street near the Statehouse. Admission is free. For more information, call 803-545-3100.

Dedication Ceremony: Today, 11 a.m. at Parnell Park in Lamar. Everyone is invited to attend the formal dedication of Lamar Veterans Memorial Park. Complimentary hot dogs will be available after the dedication ceremony.

Unveiling of the Iraq-Afghanistan War Memorial: Today, noon at VFW Post 10420 at 4359 U.S. 17 in Myrtle Beach. The Memorial Wall for all Post 9/11 Vets KIA from S.C. will be unveiled at the VFW Post. Everyone is invited to come out and support the fallen heroes. For more information, call 888-940-8387.

Veterans Day Parade: Today, 4 p.m. at East Bay Park on East Bay Street in Georgetown. Grand marshal is city of Georgetown Fire Department Chief Joey Tanner. Participants should assemble at East Bay Park at 3:30 p.m. Parade runs along Front Street to Wood Street. For more information on the event, call Richard Hathaway at 843-546-3765.

Vino's Palette: Today, 7-9 p.m. at Art Trail Gallery in downtown Florence. Jenny Altman guides participants

Local politicians honor veterans

BY LINDSAY S. BUCHANAN
Morning News
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FLORENCE — Each year we pause as a nation on Veterans Day to honor the men and women who voluntarily serve to defend and protect us and our country, and today people around the Pee Dee are taking time out to do just that at events like the one being held at Florence Veterans Park.

Area politicians, including Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-SC, and Florence Mayor Stephen Wukela are expected to join residents, veterans and their families to hear Major General Robert E. Livingston, the adjutant general of South Carolina,

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Florence Veterans Day Ceremony

WHEN: Today, 11 a.m.

WHERE: Florence Veterans Park, 601 Woody Jones Blvd.

INFO: Free event honoring area veterans. This year 36 veterans will be recognized with plaques on the Wall of Honor. Speaker Adjutant General of S.C., Maj. Gen. Robert E. Livingston will be joined by U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham and Florence Mayor Stephen Wukela.

as he honors all veterans at 11 a.m. with a special speech and ceremony.

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An attendee of Florence Veterans Park's 2012 Veterans Day Ceremony examines the names and photos of U.S. armed forces members, all from the Pee Dee, on one panel of the park's Wall of Honor. This year's ceremony will recognize 36 new additions to the wall Monday.

Quest for vests

Eight-year-old launches campaign to help equip Florence County's four-legged finest

BY TRACI BRIDGES
Morning News
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FLORENCE — Eight-year-old Hannah Smith-Gore loves animals. She has three dogs, a cat and two guinea pigs at home, but taking care of them is not enough.

Now, she wants to take care of some special dogs — a group of dogs that takes care of her and the rest of Florence County, for that matter — the Florence County Sheriff's Office's K-9 unit.

Hannah recently found out that seven of the county's 12 dogs are not equipped with bulletproof vests and decided she was going to do something about that.

"She came to us and said she wanted to do something to keep them safe because they work to keep her safe," Hannah's dad Chris Smith said. "We were very excited that she came up with the idea and so proud that even at her age, she's thinking of others instead of just thinking of herself."

Hannah's other dad, Jeff Gore, works with Stacey Watts, president of the Law Enforcement



Hannah Smith-Gore, 8, of Florence smiles as she pets Savanna, one of the Florence County Sheriff's Office's K-9 officers. Hannah has launched a campaign to raise funds to buy Savanna and six other sheriff's K-9 officers protective vests like human officers wear. She hopes to have the vests funded and purchased by Christmas.

HELP HANNAH

To learn more or to contribute to Hannah's efforts to raise money to purchase bulletproof vests for the Florence County Sheriff's Office's K-9 officers, email safeK9s@att.net or Stacey_watts@att.net.

Advocacy Foundation (LEAF), and mentioned his daughter's idea to her. A partnership was born and within hours, a plan was in motion.

"These are exactly the types of projects LEAF was established for," Watts said. "And to have an 8-year-old come up with the idea, we knew it was something we wanted to be involved in."

Hannah said she's started making flowers to give to neighbors and friends in exchange for a donation, and she's working with her friends and teachers at her Montessori school to plan a fundraiser for the project.

"We're thinking about 'Hotdogs for Safe Dogs' or something like that," Hannah said. "I just want to do something to help take care of the dogs and keep them safe."

Sheriff's Sgt. Shane Prince, who heads up the PCSO K-9 unit, said a local business donated vests for five of the dogs a few years back, but he has not had the budget to outfit the rest. Still, he said, vests are extremely important for dogs, too.

"These dogs are officers just

like us, and they're just as vulnerable as their handlers and other officers when they are tracking suspects or doing a search of a building or car," Prince said. "A vest on a dog is just as important as a vest on a human."

Florence County has not had any dogs wounded or killed in the line of duty, but there have been incidents elsewhere across the country — and in some cases, a vest made all the difference.

"Our dog teams wear their K9 Storm Vests 10 hours a day during their shift," K-9 Handler Andy Suver of the Auburn, Wash., Police Department, wrote on the K-9 Storm Vests website.

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New school lice policy has parents scratching their heads

The Associated Press



WASHINGTON — Some schools are letting kids with live lice in their hair back in the classroom, a less-restrictive policy that has parents scratching their heads.

"Lice is icky, but it's not dangerous," says Deborah Pontius, the school nurse for the Pershing County School District in Lovelock, Nev. "It's not infectious, and

class had lice so that they could be on the lookout for lice on their own children. Pontius has stopped doing that as well.

The policy shift is designed to help keep children from missing class, shield children with lice from embarrassment and protect their privacy.

Schools in Tennessee, California, Florida, Nebraska, New Mexico and South Carolina also are adopting the more lenient lice policy.



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EXPLOSIVE HISTORY

As young Marine,
Orangeburg man captured
iconic image of atomic blast

Veterans Day ceremony

A Veterans Day observance ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m. today at Orangeburg's Veterans Memorial on Riverside Drive. Retired U.S. Army Col. Everett R. Jenkins will be the featured speaker.

By RICHARD WALKER
T&D Staff writer

It was proclaimed in its day by national press as the best photograph to be taken of an atomic bomb explosion.

The man who took the photo was reluctant to tell the story of how he went from being a South Carolina farm boy to photographer at the nuclear test ranges of Nevada.

"I'm not going to get out here and have a show off with that picture," says 82-year-old Owen Priester of Orangeburg. "You've got guys with Purple Hearts and been in combat. I went in there and did what I could."



Owen Priester examines one of the negatives taken during his service in the Marines. Priester captured the image of an atomic bomb test explosion in 1952.



LARRY HARDY/T&D

Owen Priester's 1952 picture of an atomic bomb explosion has been described as the best photograph to come out of any atomic troop exercise at that time.

The iconic photograph taken by Priester in May 1952 shows the now-familiar mushroom cloud of an atomic blast at Desert Rock, Nev., once ground zero for nuclear testing.

The photograph was plastered on newspaper covers across the country, demonstrating the nation's military might. The atomic yield was equivalent to 19,000 tons of TNT. As part of Operation Tumbler-Snapper, the explosion was named "Dog," the fourth in a series of tests that month.

Priester left his parents' farm in Hampton after being given a choice between joining the U.S. Army or the Marine Corps. He chose the latter, and was sent to Parris Island.

After completing basic training, he was sent to Camp Lejeune, N.C., where an officer asked for a volunteer for office duty. But the Marines had learned to keep their heads down, even at home.

"I done learned down at Parris Island — don't volunteer for nothing," Priester said.

Sensing that mistrust, the officer specifically stated the Marines weren't at Parris Island any more. Priester hesitantly raised his hand.

At the time, the 2nd Division had a photographer who took pictures of the individual Marines to send to their hometown newspapers. When that position came open, Priester was "volunteered" to fill it.

He was given a Speedgraphic camera complete with detachable flash that for the day was fairly sophisticated. His first photograph — a work crew laying cable.

"I learned how to set the speed on the camera to produce a (motion) shot that was clear instead of blurry," he said.

He was then assigned to the 6th Fleet, which would be sent to the Mediterranean. Priester moved with the 6th to Scotland before it worked its way down the European coastline to France and Italy, then on to the "Med" as he calls it.

Some of his photographs as official division photog-

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Wire Reports

Man busted for selling rustled cow costumes

REDLANDS, Calif. — Police in Southern California have busted a cattle costume rustler after he tried to sell the stolen suits online.

Redlands police say the two 7-foot cow costumes created for the Chuck & A. chain were nabbed in separate restaurant burglaries.

The costumes turned up for sale for \$350 apiece on Craigslist on Oct. 30.

An undercover officer arranged to buy the bovine attire in time for Halloween.

When the seller produced the black-and-white outfits, he was arrested.

Forty-three-year-old Robert M. died Tyson of Riverside is being held for suspicion of possession of stolen property on \$275,000 bail.

The costumes were valued by the restaurant at \$2,800 apiece.

Police also recovered a pop-up canopy stolen from the restaurant. All the property was returned to Chuck & A.

Stolen motorcycle found after 46 years

OMAHA, Neb. — Donald DeHult wonders what kind of memories his Triumph motorcycle helped make in the 46 years since it was stolen, and he's looking forward to making more of his own when it's returned.

The 73-year-old Omana man learned recently that California authorities had recovered his 1953 Triumph Tiger 100 at the Port of Los Angeles. The bike was about to be shipped to Japan when U.S. Customs & Border Protection agents who checked the vehicle's identification number discovered the motorcycle had been reported stolen in February 1967.

The bike was valued at \$300 when it was stolen. The shipping documents listed its value today at \$9,000.

DeHult already has a Harley-Davidson and a Kawasaki motorcycle in his garage, so he plans to reserve the Triumph for special rides.

Homeless man found in hotel presidential suite

PITTSBURGH — A homeless man has gone from the proverbial penitentiary to the big house after he was found sleeping in the presidential suite at one of Pittsburgh's swankiest hotels.

Jeffrey Lannon Watson, 48, told police he was from Los Angeles and was passing through the city to return to California when he was rebuffed by security at the Omni William Penn Hotel, police spokeswoman Diane Richard said.

Hotel guests were checking into the suite when they saw Watson sleeping on a couch and notified hotel staff, police said. Hotel security officers woke him up, took him to their office and called police, Richard said.

Navy all the way: Branchville native assumes command of USS Zephyr

By KIMBERLEI N. DAVIS
T&D Staff Writer

Daniel Follett grew up in Branchville and loved the outdoors. He loved hunting and scouting, and

creation Navy man.

Whether it was following in the footsteps of his maternal great-grandfather, World War II veteran and Boatswain Mate E.W. Kinard of Smoaks; paternal grandfather veteran

is unique in the world; it is a transfer of total responsibility, authority and accountability from one individual to another.

A product of the Bamberg County School Districts, Follett achieved

Reserve Officer Training Corps at The Citadel and graduated in 2002.

After completion of the Surface Warfare Officer Division Course at Newport, R.I., he reported to the USS Cormorant (MCH 57), where he had

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