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Photos courtesy of Sallie Ann Robinson  
In this photo from the 1960s, Pat Conroy is shown with his students at the Daufuskie Island schoolhouse.



Daufuskie Island students walk with teacher Pat Conroy near the Washington Monument during their 1969 field trip to Washington, D.C.



The group that went to the nation's capital gathers. Sallie Ann Robinson, pictured in the blue skirt, participated in the field trip.

## SEA FOAM



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## Business steps up for vets

**T**hanks to Carol Megathlin of Savannah for sharing a story about a local business showing its patriotism.

Carol is a board member of Honor Flight Savannah. She also is the Adopt-a-Soldier coordinator for the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Division based at Fort Stewart, Ga.

Carol writes:

Bob and Linda Murr, owners of Murr Printing on Boundary Street in Beaufort, understand how quickly we are losing our country's World War II Veterans — more than 1,000 a day.

They are the kind of patriots who step up to help make sure that these men and women, who saved our nation 65 years ago, get to visit their new National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., before it's too late.

Owen Hand, chairman of the board of Honor Flight Savannah, along with

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# MENTOR TO LAST A LIFETIME

Published author Sallie Ann Robinson shares accomplishments with Pat Conroy — the teacher who inspired her 40 years ago



Photo by Karen M. Peluso

Pat Conroy and Sallie Ann Robinson pose for a photo at a November 2004 book signing at the Bay Street Trading Co., which has since closed its doors.

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**S**allie Ann Robinson first went to Washington, D.C., on a class trip. A passionate young teacher had taken her class from their two-room Daufuskie Island schoolhouse and into a world many of them had only heard about.

The second time she went to the nation's capital she served as an ambassador of Gullah culture at the Smithsonian Institute. When she found out she'd been invited to the museum last year, she immediately emailed the teacher she had known for about 40 years.

### TRIBUTE FUNDRAISER

"An Evening with Henry Chambers, Pat Conroy and Cassandra King" will be Thursday at the Beaufort Boys & Girls Club. Tickets are \$100 a person. Space is limited. Corporate sponsors with special recognition tables for 10 are available for \$1,500. Details: Liz Vallino, 843-379-5430, lvallino@bgclowcountry.org

"I had a great moment in my life when she emailed to say she went back to Washington, D.C.," said that teacher, Pat Conroy, who immortalized his year at the Daufuskie school in his novel "The Water

is Wide."

Robinson and Conroy have kept in touch since their year together. Conroy went on to become a best-selling novelist while Robinson has made a name for herself in two cookbooks that draw on her Gullah roots.

They meet again Thursday at the Beaufort Boys & Girls Club when Conroy and his wife, Cassandra King, will have a reading room dedicated in their name. Former Beaufort Mayor Henry Chambers will have a center catering to teenagers named after him.

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## Fame — it's ego gone wild

**T**wo weeks ago, my TiVo did me the favor of recording Mariah Carey hocking her wares on the Home Shopping Network.

TiVo is a marvelous invention, and one of its great attributes is it studies what you watch and records shows for you that it thinks you would like. Sometimes this is flattering, and sometimes it records Mariah Carey selling stuff on HSN. (Please don't ask me to explain what I normally watch that would lead a computer to guess I'd want to see a pop star sell women's jewelry, because I don't know. Swear.)

Clips of Carey selling her stuff have become a minor YouTube hit — because she acts like a nut while doing it — but I had the pleasure of watching it via TiVo. And it was glorious.

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## HAVE YOU SEEN IT?

### THIS WEEK'S PICTURE



You've seen this, but where?

**Clue:** Get your motor runnin'

### LAST WEEK'S PICTURE



**Answer:** Kelly's Kuten-Kurl, Parris Island Gateway

**Winners:** Marie Korom, Sandy Hoover

Email answers to: features@beaufortgazette.com with "Have You Seen It?" in the subject line.

A correct response will get your name in the paper.

## ASK AND ANSWER

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

True or false: The Sea Island Hurricane of 1893 killed about 50 people total.

### FROM LAST WEEK

**Question:** What three main components is the building material "tabby" made of?

**Answer:** Tabby is made of oyster shell, water and sand.

**First to answer correctly:** Tommy O'Brien

**Send your answer to:** features@beaufortgazette.com, and we'll recognize in print the first person who responds correctly. You can also submit your northern Beaufort County trivia questions to features@beaufortgazette.com. If we select your question, we'll publish your name.



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