

# Shaw welcomes Reaper unit

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By the time the Air Force announced it would be opening a new MQ-9 Reaper Group at Shaw Air Force Base, the processes were in place to welcome the new unit and begin operations almost immediately.

The unit, which includes airmen, contractors, security and support personnel, carries out intelligence and air-to-ground combat missions with unmanned, remotely piloted aircraft, and Shaw was chosen as the preferred base to grow the mission — a choice that has not been a secret but that had to be formally withheld from the public until an Environmental Assessment was approved.

A "small advance team"

got to the Sumter base in December, with a "main wave of my first block of airmen coming in" this month to begin flying about February, said Lt. Col. David, who will be the group's commander once it becomes a squadron.

To learn more about the Reapers and their airmen Shaw is welcoming into its community, the following Q&A was formatted as such based on interviews with *The Sumter Item*.

**Q.** Why was Shaw chosen as the base for a new unit?

**A.** "To give, specifically, the RPA air crew members, but also everybody in the unit, more assignment choices and more locations across the U.S. Right now, they're all largely based in the Southwest, Nevada, New Mexico," David said.

Shaw is closer to home for many airmen and can be less harsh than the desert, and a goal of the Air Force is to retain airmen in this job and prevent burnout.

It's about making the community more resilient by putting them in a better situation. At Creech Air Force Base in Nevada, for example, airmen have to work shifts 24-7, 365 days a year with no reprieve. Once the full unit is at Shaw, airmen will be able to "dwell" for a few months at a time between deployments to catch up on schooling, training, family visits, counseling and anything else they need. The unit will be introduced to Shaw in phases, and when it is complete, a \$50 million building will be dedicated to them — something they've never had.

"A lot of times ... we've inherited other buildings and had to make them our own."

To read the rest of the story including a timeline of the next steps, see **REAPER** on A6.



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*'Nothing like this has been done in the RPA community.'*

**LT. COL. ANDRE**

Squadron director of operations

## Under tough personal circumstances, Sumter woman receives fund assistance

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Thanks to the continued donations to help many Sumterites with emergency heating needs, Fireside Fund keeps making an impact for Sumter United Ministries' Crisis Relief Ministry, according to director Kevin Howell.

Last week, Howell described the unfortunate circumstances facing one female client of the ministry who recently was in need of propane.

The lady — in her 50s — works full time but earns a very modest income, Howell said.

"She earns just enough to survive but also too much to qualify for many government programs that could further assist her," Howell said.

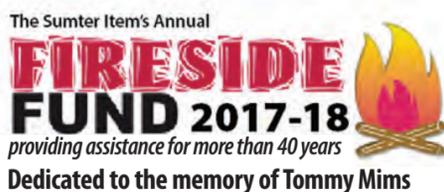
The woman has a large propane tank on her property that delivers the fuel to heat her home. When the tank needs a refill, it costs her between \$500 to \$700, and she generally saves to prepare for that expense, according to Howell.

However, recently she was out of work for several months, recovering from a leg operation. During the time, she didn't receive any pay or short-term disability income, Howell said.

Also, in the past when she would be in a pinch, she would call on her adult son to see if he could financially assist her. But, Howell said, the son was tragically killed in the past year.

As January's cold weather moved in earlier this month, her propane began to run low, and she had no one to turn to for help, according to Howell.

"She is motivated to meet her own needs, but she had to turn to us for help," Howell said. "She had just returned to work but hadn't received a paycheck yet, and her propane bill arrived. In order to keep her home warm, she would need substantial



ministry's assistance.

"She was ecstatic, thanking staff and volunteers with tears in her eyes," Howell said. "It was a moving resolution to an identifiable hardship."

Howell said the ministry is grateful for any and all donations to help those in need during the winter months.

This winter's Fireside Fund is dedicated to the memory of former Sumter County Sheriff Tommy Mims, who died in December 2016.

Mims joined the sheriff's office as a deputy in 1965, and after 23 years of service, he was elected sheriff in 1988. Mims served as sheriff for 16 years until his retirement in 2004.

Throughout his tenure in law enforcement, Mims was seen as a mentor and father figure to the men and women he led. He was also considered a dedicated public servant by many Sumterites.

Donations can be mailed to *The Sumter Item*, P.O. Box 1677, Sumter, SC 29151, or dropped off at 36 W. Liberty St.

Anyone in need of assistance with heating costs may call Sumter United Ministries at (803) 775-0757.

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*In memory of our friends who have passed away in 2017-18 from the Bob Reagan Life Group at Alice Drive Baptist Church from the Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter; \$50; in memory*

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Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., leaves after meeting with a bipartisan group of senators on Monday, day three of the government shutdown on Capitol Hill in Washington.

## A return to normalcy

Government shutdown reopens after 3 days

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While day-to-day operations throughout Sumter County were largely unscathed by the federal government shutting down for three days amid Congressional dysfunction on passing a spending measure, Shaw Air Force Base did see some affects closures.

All non-essential civilian employees at the Sumter base were furloughed, which means they were placed on a "temporary non-duty, non-pay status because there is a lapse in appropriations," according to Lt. Alannah Staver, chief of public affairs for the 20th Fighter Wing at Shaw.

"When the government shuts down, activities that are not expressly authorized by statute, necessary to discharge presidential powers or considered necessary for the safety of human life and protection of property, including operations essential to our national security, are discontinued and the civilians employed to accomplish these functions are furloughed until an appropriation bill or Continuing Resolution is enacted."

Congress sped toward reopening the government Monday, as Senate Democrats dropped their objections to a temporary funding bill in return for

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### Council to consider budget change for spillway gates

Sumter County Council will meet at 6 p.m. today in County Council Chambers, third floor of Sumter County Administration Building, 13 E. Canal St., to consider:

- Second reading of an ordinance to amend the county's 2017-18 budget to include the purchase of automated spillway gates for Second Mill Pond dam, valued at \$265,000, and the transfer of \$500,000 from the county's hospitality fund to go toward the construction of a veterans memorial park on Broad Street Extension adjoining Shaw Air Force Base;
- First reading of a request to amend the county's zoning and development standards ordinance to better define real estate, contractor, subdivision project and commercial project signs; and
- Receive an update from Sumter County Coroner's Office.

Before the regular meeting, Sumter County Fiscal, Tax and Property Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. in County Council Conference Room to hold an executive session regarding contractual and employment matters and receive a 2017-18 financial update.

### Nonprofit's rental property damaged in electrical fire

A family of six, including three children, is receiving assistance from American Red Cross after the Bagnal Drive home they rent from Santee-Lynches Affordable Housing was damaged during an electrical fire Sunday afternoon.

The call came in at 3:45 p.m., and firefighters arrived on scene at 3:51 p.m. to see smoke coming from a window air-conditioning unit, according to an incident report.

Firefighters found heavy smoke inside the residence after forcing their way inside the 1,000-square-foot structure and located flames inside a bedroom near the front of the house.

The fire — caused by faulty electrical wiring — was confined to the bedroom, according to the report. Approximately \$3,000 in damage was caused to the single-family residence, and about \$1,000 in contents were lost. An estimated \$115,000 of the structure was saved along with \$5,000 in contents.

Santee-Lynches Affordable Housing rents homes at affordable rates to low-to-moderate-income families in 15 counties including Sumter, said Karen Smith, vice president of the nonprofit.

There was no significant damage to the house, she said. The portions of the house that were damaged by fire and smoke will be fixed and cleaned, she said.



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A firefighter aims a hose at flames that reignited at the site of a warehouse fire that originally started early Friday.

## Warehouse fire reignites Monday



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On Monday afternoon, firefighters work the scene of the same warehouse fire that started early Friday.

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Sumter firefighters continued to contain the fire at Hodge Distribution & Logistics' warehouse on Hauser Street after contents of the building reignited on Monday afternoon.

Sumter Fire Department received a call about the resurfaced flames about noon and arrived to see materials near the center of the site on fire. Thick, black smoke could be seen billowing over the Lafayette bridge from downtown again.

Battalion Chief Joey Duggan said the blaze absolutely reignited because piles of flammable materials — plastic, carpet fibers and what appeared to be cloth — were still hot from Friday's fire. There will continue to be hot spots given the size of the structure, he said.

Duggan said firefighters have been monitoring the site in shifts and spraying water periodically since the

massive fire was extinguished — at least on the surface — on Friday evening.

Unfortunately, it could take up to a week before the fire is finally put out because of the size of the site and amount of flammable materials, he said.

Monday's fire required a smaller crew and fewer resources — about eight firefighters, an excavator, one ladder truck and a ground hose — compared to nearly 90 firefighters and three ladder trucks on Friday.

The more recent flames were extinguished just before 1 p.m., and firefighters placed two hoses on the site to flow water over potential hot spots before heading back to their respective stations.

Crews will continue to check the site and water flow as needed, Duggan said.

He said fire investigators are still working to determine a cause of the original fire.

## Driver still hospitalized after wreck at elementary school



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A Carolina Collision Center employee loads a damaged sedan onto a tow truck on Sunday at Alice Drive Elementary School.

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The driver of the sedan that crashed into the front of Alice Drive Elementary School on Sunday morning is still in the hospital because of medical issues that may have caused the wreck.

The driver — a man said to be in his 50s according to Sumter Police Department — was traveling southbound on Alice Drive about 11 a.m., in the direction of Swan Lake-Iris Gardens, when a medical issue caused him to

steer the vehicle to the left over the oncoming lane and onto school grounds. The medical issue was not specified.

The man sustained minor injuries after driving through the exit side of the school's driveway, knocking down two road signs and hitting the brick exterior near an entrance to the school building.

The driver was the only occupant in the vehicle, said Tonyia McGirt, Sumter Police Department public information officer. The man was taken to Palmetto Health Tuomey, where he re-

mains because of his medical condition, she said.

McGirt said the driver will not be charged.

Visible damage to the building includes cracked and displaced bricks on the exterior wall and a broken flower pot. The front end of the sedan appeared to have sustained significant damage.

Damage to the school is still being assessed, said Shelly Galloway, a spokeswoman for Sumter School District, on Sunday.

Estimated damage to the vehicle was not available by press time Monday.

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# USC Sumter hosts French film series

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

University of South Carolina Sumter's Division of Arts and Letters began the return of an annual French-language film series on Monday night at Nettles Auditorium.

The college also distributed a news release Monday on the series, which continues for the next five Mondays at 5:30 p.m. at the auditorium through Feb. 26.

A grant from the French-American Cultural Exchange Council has allowed USC Sumter to show recent French-language films through the Tournées Festival Film Series, a college spokesperson said.

All films are free and open to the public, according to the college. Each screening will begin with a short introduction and then will be followed by audience discussion.

Monday's film was Ziad Doueiri's *The Attack* from 2013, tracking the growing disillusion of a

highly successful Palestinian surgeon who lives and works in Tel Aviv.

Following is the schedule for the five remaining films in the series, along with a brief synopsis of each film provided by the college.

### MONDAY, JAN. 29: APRIL AND THE EXTRAORDINARY WORLD (2015)

This one-of-a-kind animated adventure film ushers the viewer into an alternate reality in which the Bonapartes still rule France, electricity was never discovered, trees are a distant memory and a steam-driven cable car connects Paris to Berlin.

In this dystopian steampunk landscape, scientists have mysteriously disappeared for decades and April Franklin, the brilliant young descendant of a long line of chemists, is in danger of being next. With the help of a shady drifter called Julius and her talking cat Darwin, April sets off to find her missing parents, while trying to keep the "invincibility serum" she has developed out of the hands of the imperial police — and those of a nefarious group of intelligent Komodo dragons!

Based on the unmistakable blend of urban grit and historical fantasy found in the drawings of Jacques Tardi, one of France's most influential

graphic novelists of the last half century, *April and the Extraordinary World* is not only an engrossing, wildly imaginative entertainment for the whole family, but also a slyly feminist statement, an ode to science and an earnest plea for world peace. It is also one of the finest showcases for the visionary work being done in contemporary French animation.

### MONDAY, FEB. 5: THE MISSING PICTURE (2013)

How can a filmmaker portray incomprehensible barbarity, especially when he himself and everyone he knew and loved was directly affected by this horror?

Rithy Panh ingeniously uses carved and painted figures to represent himself and his family (and many others) who had to flee Phnom Penh for agricultural labor camps on April 17, 1975, the day that the Khmer Rouge seized Cambodia's

capital city.

In calm, occasionally astringent first-person narration (read by Randal Douc), we learn that Panh was 13 when Pol Pot began his genocidal regime; by 1979, the year that the Khmer Rouge leader was removed from power, the director's parents, sisters and a niece and nephew were dead, among the millions who perished. The title refers to the fact that almost all of the documentary footage — snippets of which is interspersed throughout the film — that exists from the Khmer Rouge's horrific four-year reign is nothing but propaganda that glorifies the party and its commander. What was never documented was the legions of Cambodians and their relentless suffering.

Against intricately detailed dioramas, Panh's small clay human surrogates inexorably, almost magically, assume the qualities and dimensions of real people.

### MONDAY, FEB. 12: THE FRENCH MINISTER (2013)

Directed by Bertrand Tavernier, this razor-sharp satire of politics — both those enacted on the world stage and within the corridors of workplaces — originated in first-hand experience: The film is adapted from graphic novels written by Antonin Baudry, who worked as a



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Isabelle Huppert was nominated for a 2017 Academy Award for her work in *Elle*. The film will be shown at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 26 at USC Sumter's Nettles Auditorium.

speechwriter for Dominique de Villepin, the French foreign minister during the lead-up to the 2003 war in Iraq. (Baudry co-wrote the screenplay with Tavernier and Christophe Blain, who illustrated the books.)

As the Baudry surrogate, Raphaël Personnaz plays Arthur, recently hired by the imperiously named, high-ranking diplomat Alexandre Taillard de Worms (Thierry Lhermitte), a man who speaks in orotund outbursts. These thickets of words, which grow more hilarious and nonsensical as the film progresses, combine egregious clichés, lofty quotations from the sages of ancient Greece and impenetrable bureaucrat-speak.

As Arthur scrambles to figure out just what, exactly, his highly capricious boss wants from him, the crisis in "Lousdemistan" (clearly a stand-in for Iraq) deepens. The new hire must also contend with the petty office squabbling of his territorial colleagues and their bids for power; meanwhile, the overweening Alexandre quite literally creates chaos wherever he goes.

### MONDAY, FEB. 19: PANIQUE (1947)

Critically lambasted and shunned by postwar French audiences upon its release in 1947, Julien Duvivier's *Panique* has since come to be recognized as a long-overlooked treasure of French film noir. The film was the first of several adaptations of Mr. Hire's *Engagement*, one of the finest novels by legendary Belgian crime writer Georges Simenon, a coal-black tale of the scapegoating of the eccentric bachelor Mr. Hire following the murder of a woman in his Paris neighborhood. Mr. Hire has the

double misfortune of knowing too much for his own good and falling for the real murderer's girlfriend.

Yet as played by the towering, stony-faced Michel Simon, the prim and proper oddball is anything but meek and pathetic: Simon's Mr. Hire is an enigma but also the film's moral center. Viviane Romance, one of France's brightest stars of the period, gives a chilling performance as Alice, the hard-luck woman whose blind love for an unscrupulous crook leads her to become a ruthless femme fatale and frame Mr. Hire. While *Panique* is first and foremost a thrilling movie, both for its iconic performances and Duvivier's confident use of set pieces (several scenes in a fair, a desperate rooftop escape), it also provides deep insight into the mentality of the lynch mob and the pessimistic world view that existed in the immediate aftermath of World War II.

### MONDAY, FEB. 26: ELLE (2016)

The first French film by Paul Verhoeven, the Dutch provocateur behind such sneakily subversive Hollywood fare as *Robocop* and *Basic Instinct*, *Elle* is a work of startling moral complexity, a constantly surprising narrative that provides an in-depth, occasionally uncomfort-

able portrait of a well-to-do Paris woman with more than a few secrets.

The film begins when Michèle Leblanc, the co-owner of a successful video game company, is sexually assaulted by a masked man in her own home. Through Michèle's unusual response to her assault and eventual discovery of the culprit, the viewer learns about her past and comes to understand what has shaped her blunt, sometimes shocking personality.

*Elle* explores the dark, mystifying sides of the psyche but with a light touch and fast pace that allow Verhoeven to make the most of his characters' comic foibles. One only has to compare *Elle*'s bumbling men to its powerful heroine to realize that this is a feminist film, one that furthers the discussion on rape and trauma, but, most importantly, portrays women in positions of strength.

Nominated for a 2017 Academy Award for her work in *Elle*, Isabelle Huppert delivers another brave, illuminating performance. As Verhoeven has stated in interviews, one always sees what Michèle is thinking in Huppert's eyes. In a film that plumbs the depths of human complexity, this access to the intricacies of the mind is nothing short of riveting.

## WANT MORE INFO?

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assurances from Republican leaders that they will soon take up immigration and other contentious issues, The Associated Press reported.

At Shaw, active duty military and essential civilian personnel continued to perform their duties "without pay until Congress makes appropriated funds available to compensate them for this period of service," Staver said.

While certain on-base support facilities, such as the library and Community Activity Center, were closed or provided limited services during the shutdown, the impact on day-to-day operations at Shaw were minimal, according to Staver.

Emergency support provided by Shaw first responders and defense support to civil authorities in response to disasters or other threats to human life continued as normal. All departmental community and public outreach events were stopped, including any

flyovers, aerial demonstrations, military band performances, tours and ceremonial demonstrations.

"While daily operations will continue as normal," Staver said before the vote on Monday, "it is distressing our civilian teammates suffer furlough again [a shut down occurred in 2013]. A government shutdown causes serious uncertainty and will have severe and disruptive financial effect on an already stressed workforce or civilian airmen."

Military members who were not subjected to furlough had to continue performing their duties while not receiving pay for those three days.

Senate Republic leader Mitch McConnell's commitment to quickly tackle the issue of immigrant "Dreamers" was contingent on Democrats providing enough votes now for a stopgap spending measure lasting a little less than three

weeks. The Associated Press reported the measure needed 60 votes, and Democrats provided 33 of the 81 it got. Eighteen senators, including members of both parties, were opposed.

Neither of Sumter's U.S. senators, though, were among the 18.

Both Sen. Lindsey Graham and Sen. Tim Scott voted to end the shutdown. Graham was the one who proposed the legislation on Friday night after consulting with a group of bipartisan senators.

"Ending the government shutdown stops the losing for the country. But it's not winning. Winning is solving the nation's problems," The Republican senator said in a statement Monday. "Winning is ensuring we have the funding needed for our military to meet the tremendous challenges they face. Nothing means more to me than making sure we take care of our military's needs as they fight a war we can't afford to lose. Today, we took a giant step forward in that direction."

Graham also mentioned

the need to deal with the expiration of DACA, "as these young people know no other home than the United States."

"I believe the process we have created will allow us to get a result on these and other important issues. I enjoyed working with my colleagues — on both sides of the aisle — as we searched for breakthroughs that would not only keep the government running, but ultimately make it work for the American people."

Sen. Scott was not as complimentary toward Democrats.

"Unfortunately, my colleagues on the left side chose to play a political game that caused the Schumer Shutdown, jeopardizing health care for million of vulnerable children and funding for our brave men and women in uniform," he said in his statement. "Senate Democrats have finally made the right decision to end their political game and reopen the government — finding a permanent solution for Dreamers is an important

but unrelated issue."

To reopen the government, the Senate must vote on final passage, which the House must then approve. President Donald Trump must then sign the measure. The House approved the bill 266-150. Among the congressmen who voted to end the shutdown were Sumter's U.S. Rep. Ralph Norman, R-05.

U.S. House Assistant Democratic Leader James E. Clyburn, also a Sumter congressman, opposed the Continuing Resolution.

"Republicans are refusing to five aid and comfort to those Americans who are suffering through no fault of their own due to natural disasters that have occurred in multiple places in this country," he said in a statement Monday evening. "Rather than another stopgap half-measure, the American people deserve the security and certainty of a long-term budget that puts their well-being first and foremost."

The measure was sent to Trump's desk Monday evening.

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in memory of Peggy Hackett from Alice Andrews/Michaux Bible Class of Bethel United Methodist Church of Oswego, \$160; in memory of Bill Carter from Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Goodwin, \$150; in honor of Kira and Bobby Galloway from Charlie Pitts, \$25; Dalzell Divas Red Hats, \$80; Shaw Heights Baptist Church Adult 3 Sunday School Class, \$100; Mr. and Mrs. W D McDuffie, \$100; in memory of J. T. "Bud" Rivers Jr., and Mary Rivers Hiller, \$100.

Total anonymous this week: \$250  
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# 50 years after key Vietnam battles, Mattis seeks closer ties

BY ROBERT BURNS  
AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON — A half-century after the Tet Offensive punctured American hopes of victory in Vietnam, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis is visiting the former enemy in search of a different kind of win: incremental progress as partners in a part of the world the Pentagon has identified as vital for the United States to compete with China and Russia.

Mattis, a retired general who entered the Marine Corps during Vietnam but did not serve there, arrived in Indonesia on Monday where he'll spend two days before visiting Hanoi for talks with senior government and military leaders.

By coincidence, Mattis will be in Vietnam just days before the 50th anniversary of the communist offensive on Jan. 30-31, 1968, when North Vietnam attacked an array of key objectives in the South, including the city of Hue, a former imperial capital and cultural icon on the Perfume River. At the time, Mattis was a senior at Columbia High School in Richland, Washington. The following year he joined the Marine Corps Reserves.

The Tet Offensive gave the North an important boost, even though it ultimately was a military failure. It collapsed an air of confidence among U.S. leaders that they would soon win a favorable peace agreement. Looking ahead to 1968, the top U.S. commander in Vietnam at the time, Gen. William Westmoreland, famously declared in a speech



Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis testifies Oct. 30 during a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on "The Authorizations for the Use of Military Force: Administration Perspective" on Capitol Hill in Washington.

in Washington in November 1967 that the war was about to enter a phase "when the end begins to come into view."

The fighting dragged on for seven more years, fueling U.S. street protests and convulsing American politics, before the North prevailed and the last Americans evacuated in 1975.

The former enemies have gradually set aside their wartime differences, in part out of shared concern about China's growing military power

and more assertive position in the South China Sea. The Trump administration sees Vietnam as a partner in opposing China's assertion of territorial claims in the South China Sea, including the Spratlys, an island chain where Taiwan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam and Brunei also have claims.

Mattis said he didn't expect the war to come up in his talks in Vietnam.

"That largely has been

made a matter of the past," he said aboard his flight to Asia.

Despite the passage of time, the legacy of the U.S. war is never far from the surface.

The countries didn't normalize relations until 1995. It took an additional two decades before Washington fully lifted a ban on selling deadly weapons to Vietnam. The Vietnamese have largely embraced the new partnership as they've sought to diversify diplomatic and security relations in the region, fearing Chinese primacy. Vietnam fought a border war with China in 1979, and bitterness runs deep.

The current crop of top U.S. generals is too young to have served in Vietnam. The last chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to have been a Vietnam veteran was Adm. Mike Mullen, who served aboard a Navy destroyer in 1969 that provided fire support for American and South Vietnamese ground forces near Da Nang. The only secretary of defense to have fought in Vietnam was Chuck Hagel, wounded in 1968. He served as Pentagon chief from 2013-2015.

But the war isn't a relic of history at the Pentagon. An obscure office, the Defense

POW-MIA Accounting Agency, still directs efforts to find and identify remains of Americans killed in Vietnam. Decades of searches still haven't accounted for more than 1,200 people. An additional 350 are missing in Laos, Cambodia and China, the Pentagon says. Mattis may visit POW-MIA accounting representatives during his visit.

Mattis has shown interest in some of the unfinished business of Vietnam, too. Last month, he approved giving a Medal of Honor to a Marine for valorous actions in a counter-offensive to retake Hue. A Marine gunnery sergeant at the time, John Canley of Oxnard, California, had been awarded the Navy Cross for heroic action, including rescuing wounded Marines from Jan. 31 to Feb. 6, 1968.

Hue and the Tet Offensive remain a powerful symbol of the war for Americans of that generation; an Associated Press photograph by Eddie Adams of a Vietnamese officer executing a Viet Cong suspect on a street in Saigon on the second day of the Tet Offensive was a rallying cry for U.S. war protesters and is still an iconic symbol of the conflict.

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**What:** Two combat lines  
**Build-out:** Small trailers  
**When:** On site now, flying toward the end of February

**PHASE II**

**What:** Beefing up the combat lines, adding more airmen in rotation  
**Build-out:** Larger portable trailers  
**When:** Fall

**PHASE III**

**What:** Full 487-person unit, eight combat lines  
**Build-out:** \$50 million building for housing, training, dwell and operations  
**When:** 2021



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KATHRYN R.C. REAVES

**An MQ-9 Reaper mobile cockpit pilot's station remains empty at Shaw Air Force Base on Thursday. Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson approved the base to host a new MQ-9 Reaper group, which is anticipated to receive more than 400 Airmen, to achieve combatant commander objectives by executing "dominant persistent attack and reconnaissance."**

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This is from scratch," said Lt. Col. Andre, director of operations for the squadron. "It's going to be tailor made for us to be able to operate efficiently and comfortably."

**Q:** How did this process begin?

**A:** Air Combat Command created a program called the Culture and Process Improvement Plan to, in part, find ways to improve on concerns identified by airmen and their families in the RPA career fields.

"We are increasing the number of squadrons and the numbers of people that do this, but not at the same time increasing the number of aircraft we're flying. We're breaking out of the cycle we've been in for the last decade of 24-hours-a-day shift work where airmen have no chance to rest," David said.

After Shaw was chosen as the preferred base, nothing "irrevocable" such as digging or building could begin until an Environmental Assessment

was approved, said Chris Aamold, deputy base civil engineer.

Aamold's role in the process before the first airmen even arrived was vital to allowing for operations to begin as soon as they got here and as quickly as possible after the assessment was approved in November.

"We planned what were the requirements for space, utilities, communications. We could advertise contracts and go up to the actual award. We couldn't award the bid, but we did all the preparatory steps," he said. "It takes three to six months to get any type of facilities assessment."

He said no one wanted to wait that long after they were given the go-ahead.

"If you ask airmen what do you like to see improved, and you don't do anything and it takes years, it looks bad on leadership," Aamold said.

**Q:** Who will be in the unit?

**A:** Eventually, it is estimated the 487-person unit will consist of 378 airmen, 44 contractors, 18 security personnel and 47 support personnel.

"Our career field has had a lot of stress with the operations tempo," David said. "They get tired of it. It's not the mission. They like the mission. They get tired of back-to-back assignments in the desert. Volunteers [to join this unit], we've had to turn people away from this. We're all volunteers, and all the time we've been in this [RPA] community, that's never happened before, to my knowledge."

**Q:** Where will the aircraft be going?

**A:** "Any major campaign in which U.S. air power is a player in modern warfare, you will find Air Force remotely piloted aircraft. That's anecdotally, but pretty much anywhere you're reading about in the news, we're there, and we can be force multipliers," David said.

The aircraft themselves will not ever be at Shaw. They will take off, land and be housed at other locations.

**Q:** What is the benefit of using an RPA over manned aircraft?

**A:** MQ-9 Reapers are boasted as "dominant, persistent, attack and reconnaissance." Dominant "just by nature," David said.

Persistent because they can fly for "many, many hours." During that flight time, the pilot can switch with another because it is remotely piloted.

"The human is no longer the limiting factor," David said.

And it being unmanned takes out the risk to the pilot.

"We can occupy that air space over that battlefield," David said. "We can wait for the bad guys to make the wrong move, and then we can action that."

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# Doctor who aided hunt for bin Laden remains in jail

## Americans, Pakistanis see saga differently

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — Shakil Afridi has languished in jail for years — since 2011, when the Pakistani doctor used a vaccination scam in an attempt to identify Osama bin Laden's home, aiding U.S. Navy Seals who tracked and killed the al-Qaida leader.



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Americans might wonder how Pakistan could imprison a man who helped track down the mastermind of the 9/11 attacks. Pakistanis are apt to ask a different question: How could the United States betray its trust and cheapen its sovereignty with a secret nighttime raid that shamed the military and its intelligence agencies?

"The Shakil Afridi saga is the perfect metaphor for U.S.-Pakistan relations" — a growing tangle of mistrust and miscommunication that threatens to jeopardize key efforts against terrorism, Michael Kugelman, Asia program deputy director at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, said.

The U.S. thinks its financial support entitles it to Pakistan's backing in its efforts to defeat the Taliban — as a candidate, Donald Trump pledged to free Afridi, telling Fox News in April 2016 he would get him out of prison in "two minutes. ... Because we give a lot of aid to Pakistan." But Pakistan is resentful of what it sees as U.S. interference in its affairs.

Mohammed Amir Rana, director of the independent

Pakistan Institute of Peace Studies in Islamabad, said the trust deficit between the two countries is an old story that won't be rewritten until Pakistan and the U.S. revise their expectations of each other, recognize their divergent security concerns and plot an Afghan war strategy, other than the current one which is to both kill and talk to the Taliban.

"Shakil Afridi (is) part of the larger puzzle," he said.

Afridi hasn't seen his lawyer since 2012, and his wife and children are his only visitors. For two years his file "disappeared," delaying a court appeal that still hasn't proceeded. The courts now say a prosecutor is unavailable, his lawyer, Qamar Nadeem Afridi, told The Associated Press.

"Everyone is afraid to even talk about him, to mention his name," and not without reason, Nadeem, who is also Afridi's cousin, said.

In Nadeem's office, the wind whistles through a clumsily covered window shattered by a bullet. On another window, clear tape covers a second bullet hole, both from a shooting incident several years ago in which no suspects have been named. Another of Afridi's lawyers was gunned down outside his Peshawar home, and a Peshawar jail deputy

superintendent, who had advocated on Afridi's behalf, was shot and killed, Nadeem said.

Afridi used a fake hepatitis vaccination program to try to get DNA samples from bin Laden's family as a means of pinpointing his location. But he has not been charged in connection with the bin Laden operation.

He was accused under tribal law alleging he aided and facilitated militants in the nearby Khyber tribal region, Nadeem said. Even the Taliban scoffed at the charge that was filed to make use of Pakistan's antiquated tribal system, which allows closed courts, does not require the defendant to be present in court, and limits the number of appeals, he said.

If charged with treason — which Pakistani authorities say he committed — Afridi would have the right to public hearings and numerous appeals all the way to the Supreme Court, where the details of the bin Laden raid could be laid bare, something neither the civilian nor military establishments want, his lawyer said.

Tensions have grown between Pakistan and the U.S. since Trump's New Year's Day tweet in which he accused Pakistan of taking \$33 billion in aid and giving only "deceit

and lies" in return while harboring Afghan insurgents who attack American soldiers in neighboring Afghanistan. Days later, the U.S. suspended military aid to Pakistan, which could amount to \$2 billion.

Infuriated by Trump's tweet, Pakistan accused Washington of making it a scapegoat for its failure to bring peace to Afghanistan.

The Wilson Center's Kugelman advocated a "scaled-down relationship" between the two countries. He said both sides need to agree to disagree on some issues and instead focus on those areas where they can agree to cooperate against terror groups that both regard as threats, including the Islamic State group and al-Qaida.

Pakistan and the Taliban sanctuaries it provides are a big part of the insurgents' success in Afghanistan, but it's only one of many factors, Kugelman said.

"It's foolish to suggest that if the Pakistani sanctuaries were eliminated, the insurgency would magically go away and the U.S. would be able to prevail in Afghanistan," he said. "The Taliban has persevered because the U.S. still struggles to fight wars against non-state actors, and because the Afghan government has remained a

weak and corrupt entity that has failed to convince a critical mass of Afghans that it's a better alternative to the Taliban."

Afridi spends his days alone, isolated from a general prison population filled with militants who have vowed to kill him for his role in locating bin Laden, Nadeem said. Still, Nadeem said authorities are treating Afridi well and he is in good health, according to those who have seen him.

There was no indication whether U.S. Acting Assistant Secretary of State Alice Wells brought Afridi's case up in recent meetings in Pakistan. But in a statement, the U.S. State Department told the AP that Afridi has not been forgotten.

"We believe Dr. Afridi has been unjustly imprisoned and have clearly communicated our position to Pakistan on Dr. Afridi's case, both in public and in private," it said.

In the past, Pakistan has compared Afridi's dilemma with demands for the release of Afia Siddiqui, a Pakistani woman who is in U.S. custody convicted of trying to kill an American soldier in Afghanistan.

"To America, she (Siddiqui) is a terrorist," said Kugelman. "To Pakistan, she is a wrongfully imprisoned innocent."

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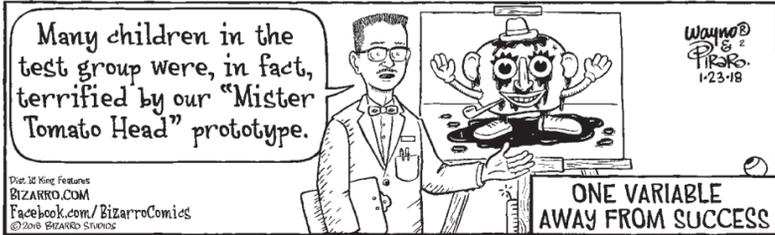
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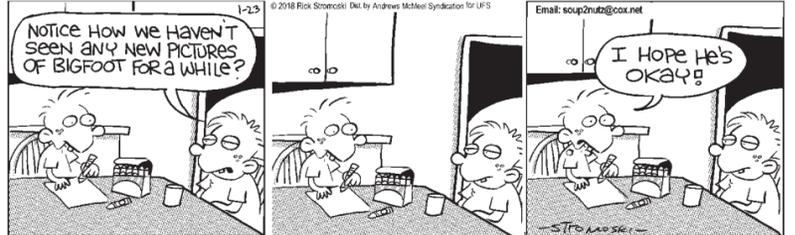
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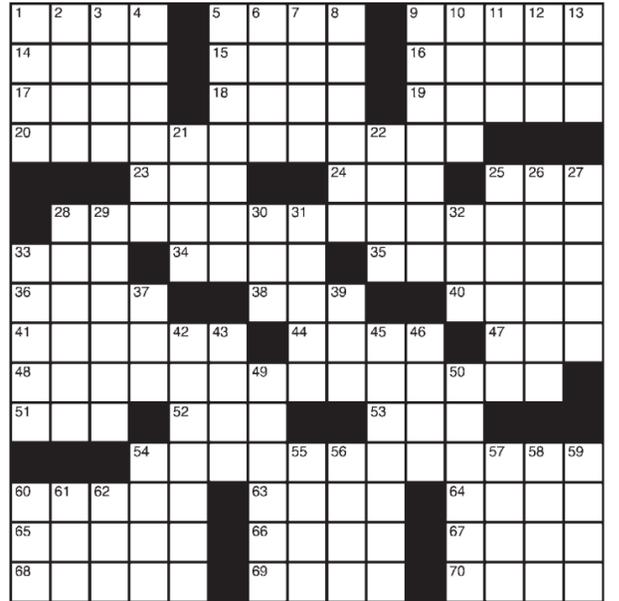
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**THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



Michael Dewey 1/23/18

**ACROSS**

- 1 Daily bread?
- 5 Convenient bag
- 9 Flower that's a Buddhist symbol of purity
- 14 Unattributed, as a quote: Abbr.
- 15 Prof.'s employer
- 16 Stupefy
- 17 Check-out unit
- 18 Actress Russo
- 19 Words to live by
- 20 1666 conflagration that destroyed St. Paul's Cathedral
- 23 Military abbr. on a Beatles album
- 24 NYC subway line
- 25 Pup squeak
- 28 Raphael fresco depicting Greek philosophers, with "The"
- 33 "-ching!"
- 34 Venison source
- 35 Sunny feeling
- 36 Seventh-day activity, in the Bible
- 38 \_\_\_ Gone: gunk-cleaning product
- 40 Repeated Doris Day song word
- 41 Gave the slip
- 44 Indian bread
- 47 At this moment
- 48 Gypsum used for casts
- 51 Subj. for immigrants
- 52 Color gradation
- 53 Coastal inlet
- 54 Pope
- 60 Complete chaos
- 63 Each
- 64 Rapper whose name sounds like a drink
- 65 Plato's marketplace
- 66 Fodder storage tower
- 67 Not this
- 68 Wooden peg
- 69 Informal greetings
- 70 "Star Wars" guru
- 9 De Niro's "Raging Bull" role
- 10 Arabian Peninsula nation
- 11 Payroll deduction
- 12 Action film weapon
- 13 College yr. division
- 21 Prayer opener
- 22 Sketch
- 25 Native of Sana'a
- 26 Emcees' duties
- 27 "Horse-feathers!"
- 28 Beach-comber's finds
- 29 Like some Friday work attire
- 30 Meet portion, or portion of meat
- 31 Maine college town
- 32 Store posting: Abbr.
- 33 Parisian pancake
- 37 NFL six-pointers
- 39 Dolt
- 42 Virtuous
- 43 Latin god
- 45 At just the right time
- 46 Innocent soul
- 49 Go over again
- 50 Uncommon thing
- 54 Droning lecture, e.g.
- 55 Freckled boy of old TV
- 56 Roly-\_\_\_
- 57 Eight, in Ecuador
- 58 Renaissance faire quaff
- 59 Jazzy James
- 60 "I've been \_\_\_!"
- 61 Back in time
- 62 Pledge

**Previous Puzzle Solved**

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## COMMENTARY

# Offshore drilling and war on environment

*Editor's note: This column originally ran in the Post and Courier on Saturday.*

It's rare to see bipartisan agreement on much of anything these days. But an array of Republican and Democratic governors of states on the East and West coasts have found common cause in telling the Trump administration: Take your offshore oil rigs, and put them where the sun don't shine.

A number of GOP leaders sounded as though they had just come from a two-week wilderness outing sponsored by the Sierra Club. "We cannot afford to take a chance with the beauty, the majesty and the economic value and vitality of our wonderful coastline," said South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster, objecting to the Interior Department's plan to open thousands of miles of coastal waters to oil and gas exploration.

Maryland's Larry Hogan agreed with his fellow Republican. "Such drilling would create too great a risk to the health, safety and welfare of Maryland citizens, communities and businesses," he declared. New Hampshire's Chris Sununu and Massachusetts' Charlie Baker are also against the plan. Most conspicuous is Florida's Rick Scott — who was unique in persuading Interior

Secretary Ryan Zinke to spare his state. Apparently, there is a point at which some Republican officeholders can no longer abide the administration's indifference to environmental preservation. Until now, the prevailing attitude among them has been that nature is big enough to take care of itself. A broad rollback of protections by Donald Trump's appointees has proceeded with hardly a protest.

Young people may not believe that the federal Environmental Protection Agency came into being under and with the support of a Republican president (Richard Nixon). Or that the 1970 Clean Air Act passed almost unanimously. Or that a bipartisan majority overwhelmingly approved a 1990 update, signed by another Republican president (George H.W. Bush).

On the latter occasion, Sen. Mitch McConnell, now the Senate GOP leader, said proudly, "I had to choose between cleaner air and the status quo. I chose cleaner air." Today, however, he wants to encourage the production and use of coal, which is infamous for its filthiness. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is trying to advance the same goal by undoing the Obama administration's Clean Power Plan, even though his own agency estimates that it would save at least 1,900 lives a year.

Conservatives can rationalize inaction against global warming on the grounds that it's distant, speculative and resistant to tolerable remedies. But they somehow manage to overlook harms that are far more immediate, tangible and solvable.

They do so even though there is nothing logically conservative about tolerating pollution. Just as your neighbors have no right to smash your windows, they have no right to pump sewage onto your lawn. Nor should the factory down the road be allowed to emit substances that endanger your health or despoil your community. Preventing pollution is a basic function of government, like national defense and policing.

The pitifully low importance Trump and Pruitt put on this responsibility is reflected in their budget — which would cut the EPA's funding by 31 percent and slash its personnel. Pruitt, who accuses Obama of neglecting toxic waste sites, would reduce the budget to clean them up by 25 percent.

Deferring to the demands of industry is the operating mode of this administration. The EPA has scrapped regulations that blocked companies from dumping mountaintop mining debris into waterways and valleys — which ravages landscapes and presents risks to people. Under the Obama

administration, the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine undertook a \$1 million study of the health hazards. The Trump administration canceled it.

The plan to expand offshore oil drilling betrays an equally callous attitude. The Interior Department announced the decision after it proposed to kill a rule — adopted after the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill, the worst in American history — that tightened regulations designed to avert a repeat.

The Interior Department says removing these "unnecessary burdens" will save the industry \$228 million over a decade — a puny amount next to the \$17 billion worth of damage the Deepwater Horizon spill did to the Gulf of Mexico and the 11 lives it ended. The administration wants to stimulate offshore drilling while making it more dangerous.

"My top priority is to ensure that Florida's natural resources are protected," Gov. Scott said in reference to the offshore drilling plan, and the administration agreed. That's a sweet deal for him and residents of his state. But those people who would like to prevent environmental harms in the rest of the country? They can go sit on a drill bit.

*Steve Chapman is a columnist for the Chicago Tribune.*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

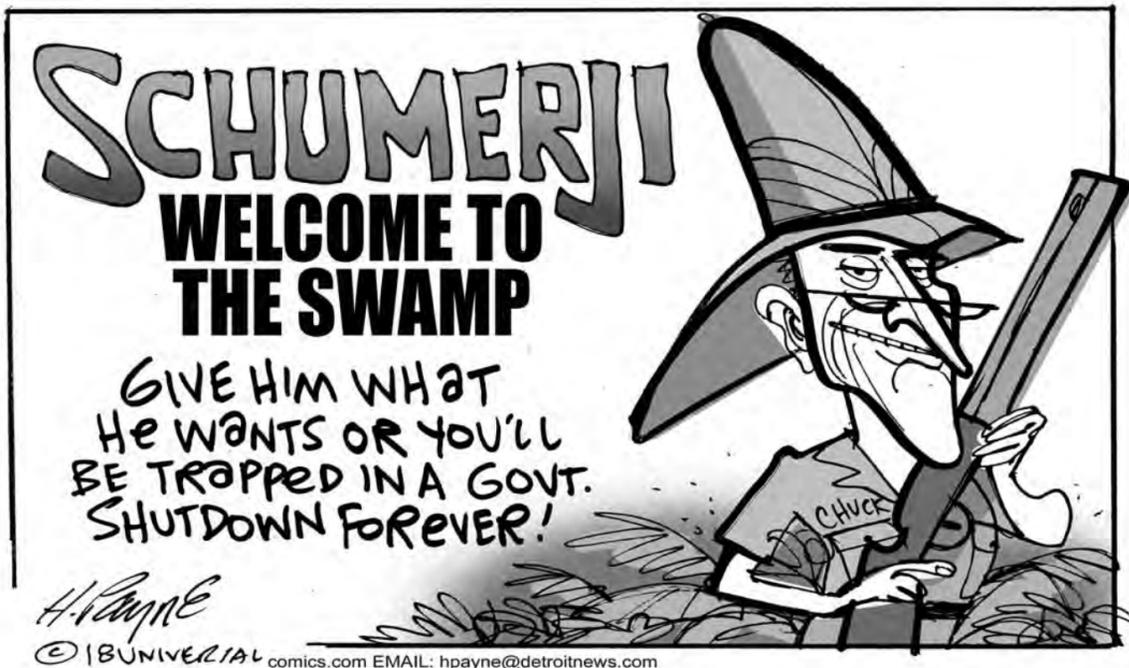
### USPS POSTMASTER HAS HIS HEAD IN A HOLE

What's happened to our mail delivery? We live on Rural Route 4 and got absolutely NO mail delivery yesterday (Jan. 18). This has happened several times in the last four months, and complaints to the USPS online have resulted in nothing!

Today (Jan. 19) I called the Sumter post office and an employee answered the phone. When I asked why we didn't receive mail, he told me I'd have to talk to a supervisor. I held the phone for 10 minutes, and no one came to the phone. I called three more times, and no one answered the phone!

Apparently we are out of line if we actually expect to receive service, as in United States Postal Service. The postmaster either has his head in a hole or does not care if the mail gets delivered or not. I would appreciate some comment about this situation!

GERALD DUHON  
Sumter



## COMMENTARY

# A U.S.-Turkish clash in Syria for dominance?

The war for dominance in the Middle East, following the crushing of ISIS, appears about to commence in Syria — with NATO allies America and Turkey on opposing sides.

Turkey is moving armor and troops south to Syria's border enclave of Afrin, occupied by Kurds, to drive them out, and then drive the Syrian Kurds out of Manbij farther south as well.

Says President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, "We will destroy all terror nests, one by one, in Syria, starting from Afrin and Manbij."

For Erdogan, the Kurdish YPG, the major U.S. ally in Syria, is an arm of the Kurdish PKK in Turkey, which we and the Turks have designated as a terrorist organization.

While the Kurds were our most effective allies against ISIS in Syria, Turkey views them as a mortal peril and intends to deal with that threat.

If Erdogan is serious, a clash with the U.S. is coming, as our Kurdish allies occupy most of Syria's border with Turkey.

Moreover, the U.S. has announced plans to create a 30,000-man Border Security Force of Kurds and Arabs to keep ISIS out of Syria.

Erdogan has branded this BSF a "terror army," and President Bashar Assad of Syria has called BSF members "traitors."

This U.S. plan to create a BSF inside Syria, Damascus declared, "represents a blatant attack on the sovereignty and territorial integrity and unity of Syria and a flagrant violation of international law."

Does not the Syrian government have a point?

Now that ISIS has been driven out of Raqqa and Syria, by what authority do U.S. forces remain to arm troops to keep the Damascus government from reimposing its authority on its own territory?

Secretary of State Tillerson gave Syria the news Wednesday.

The U.S. troop commitment to Syria, he said, is now open-ended.

Our goals: Guarantee al-Qaida and ISIS do not return

and set up sanctuary; cope with rising Iranian influence in Damascus; and pursue the removal of Bashar Assad's ruthless regime.

But who authorized this strategic commitment, of indefinite duration, in Syria, when near two decades in Afghanistan have failed to secure that nation against the return of al-Qaida and ISIS?

Again and again, the American people have said they do not want to be dragged into Syria's civil war. Donald Trump won the presidency on a promise of no more unnecessary wars.

Have the American people been had again?

Will they support a clash with NATO ally Turkey, to keep armed Kurds on Turkey's border, when the Turks regard them as terrorists?

Are we prepared for a shooting war with a Syrian army, backed by Russia, Iran, Hezbollah and Shiite militias from Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan, to hold onto a fourth of Syria's territory in alliance with Kurds?

The U.S. coalition in Syria said this week the BSF will be built up "over the next several years" and "be stationed along the borders ...

to include portions of the Euphrates river valley and international borders to the east and north."

Remarkable: A U.S.-created border army is going to occupy and control long stretches of Syria's borders with Turkey and Iraq, over Syria's objections. And the U.S. military will stand behind the BSF.

Are the 2,000 U.S. troops in Syria really up to that task, should the Turks decide to cleanse the Syrian border of Kurds, or should the Syrian regime decide to take back territory occupied by the Kurds?

Who sanctioned this commitment to a new army, which, if Syria and its Russian and Iranian allies, and the Turks, do not all back down, risks a major U.S. war with no allies but the Kurds?

As for Syria's Kurds casting their lot with the Americans, one wonders: Did they not observe what happened when their Iraqi cousins, after helping us drive ISIS out of Mosul, were themselves driven out of Kirkuk by the Iraqi army, as their U.S. allies watched?

In the six-year Syrian civil war, which may be about to enter a new phase, America faces a familiar situation.

While our "allies" and adversaries have vital interests there, we do not. The Assads have been in power for the lifetime of most Americans. And we Americans have never shown a desire to fight there.

Assad has a vital interest: preservation of his family regime and the reunification of his country. The Turks have a vital interest in keeping armed Kurds out of their border regions adjacent to their own Kurdish minority, which seeks greater independence.

The Israelis and Saudi royals want the U.S. to keep Iran from securing a land bridge from Tehran to Damascus to Lebanon.

The U.S. War Party wants us to smash Iran and remain in the Middle East forever to assure the hegemony of its favorites.

Have the generals taking us into Syria told the president how and when, if ever, they plan to get us out?

*Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of a new book, "Nixon's White House Wars: The Battles That Made and Broke a President and Divided America Forever."*

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AROUND TOWN

**SCEAR (South Carolina Education Association of Retired Teachers)** will meet at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 24, at the North HOPE Center.

**Free income tax filing services and FAFSA application assistance** will be provided on a walk-in basis from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays beginning Feb. 3 at 640 Broad St. (the Anything Paper building). Services include e-file and direct deposit 2017 tax year and processing taxes from three years back (2016, 2015 and 2014). Call (803) 883-5483 for information.

**The Sumter AARP Tax-Aide Foundation will offer free tax assistance and preparation** on a first come, first served basis on Mondays and Wednesdays from Feb. 5 through April 17 at the Lincoln Historical Center (former home of the Shepherd's Center), 26 Council St. On Saturday, Feb. 17, assistance will be available on an appointment basis only. Call Lula King at (803) 316-0772 for information.

**"Saturday Morning Coffee with the Judge"** will be held from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Jan. 27, at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, 155 Wall St. This free seminar will help attendees learn about estate planning. Featured topics include use of wills to pass assets to heirs and beneficiaries; burial policies / insurance policies; and burial plots. Refreshments provided and door prizes to include preparation of Last Will and Testament. Call the church office at (803) 775-4041 to register.

**"Scholarship Bootcamp: Manning High School Edition"** will be held 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Jan. 27, in the lecture hall of Manning High School, 2155 Paxville Highway, Manning. Services will include essay writing assistance, assistance in completing scholarship packets, college resumé assistance and institutional scholarship search. Students need to sign up by speaking with a counselor in the guidance office.

**The Sumter County Democrats will host its 2018 Precinct Reorganization** at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27, at the

Sumter County Judicial Center, 215 N. Harvin St., in the jury meeting room on the first floor. All local Democrats are encouraged to attend to elect precinct leaders to serve the county party. Contact Allen Bailey at (803) 316-1976 or [sumter-democratssc@gmail.com](mailto:sumter-democratssc@gmail.com).

**The Sumter County Historical Society** will meet at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 28, at Temple Sinai, Church Street. Elizabeth Moses, of the Sumter County Museum, will present an update on the partnership of the temple and the museum along with providing insight into the history of the temple and the plans for the future.

**The Network Organization of Women will host a free legal workshop** with South Carolina Legal Aide Services 1-3 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the Sumter County Library, 111 N. Harvin St. Featured topics will include landlord and tenant, foreclosure, probate and family law (divorce, custody, foster care, etc.). **Preregistration before Jan. 29 is required** either online at [www.yournowonlinehelp.org](http://www.yournowonlinehelp.org) or by calling toll free (866) 376-4767.

**An American Red Cross Blood Drive** will be held 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3, at the St. Francis Xavier High School cafeteria, 15 School St. Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code St-FrancisSumter to schedule an appointment. You can streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

**The Lee County Branch of the NAACP will sponsor its annual Freedom Fund Banquet** at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Lee Central High School cafeteria, 1800 Wisacky Highway, Bishopville. Retired Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department Detective Garry McFadden, of Investigation Discovery's "I Am Homicide," will speak. Tickets for the event are \$25 and must be purchased in advance from a committee member. For additional information, email [nasia500@yahoo.com](mailto:nasia500@yahoo.com).

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

| TODAY               | TONIGHT            | WEDNESDAY          | THURSDAY           | FRIDAY             | SATURDAY            |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
|                     |                    |                    |                    |                    |                     |
| <b>72°</b>          | <b>36°</b>         | <b>60° / 31°</b>   | <b>58° / 30°</b>   | <b>63° / 38°</b>   | <b>65° / 50°</b>    |
| Chance of rain: 50% | Chance of rain: 5% | Chance of rain: 5% | Chance of rain: 0% | Chance of rain: 5% | Chance of rain: 20% |
| WSW 10-20 mph       | WNW 6-12 mph       | WNW 4-8 mph        | NNW 3-6 mph        | E 4-8 mph          | E 4-8 mph           |

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS

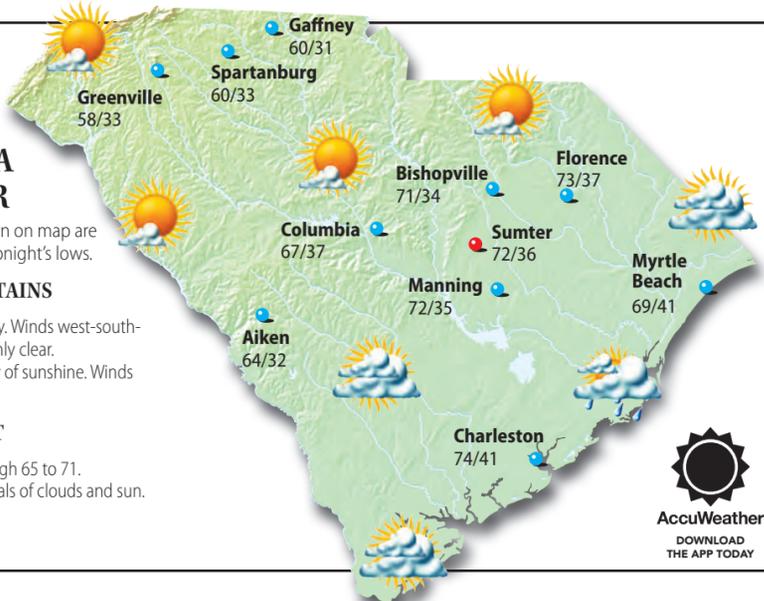
**Today:** Mostly sunny. Winds west-southwest 8-16 mph. Mainly clear.

**Wednesday:** Plenty of sunshine. Winds southwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

**Today:** A shower. High 65 to 71.

**Wednesday:** Intervals of clouds and sun. High 56 to 60.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

| Temperature |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| High        | 64°         |
| Low         | 36°         |
| Normal high | 55°         |
| Normal low  | 32°         |
| Record high | 78° in 1999 |
| Record low  | 3° in 1985  |

| Precipitation              |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| 24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest. | 0.00" |
| Month to date              | 0.83" |
| Normal month to date       | 2.84" |
| Year to date               | 0.83" |
| Last year to date          | 4.47" |
| Normal year to date        | 2.84" |

LAKE LEVELS

| Lake     | Full pool | 7 a.m. yest. | 24-hr chg |
|----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| Murray   | 360       | 353.91       | none      |
| Marion   | 76.8      | 73.28        | +0.03     |
| Moultrie | 75.5      | 73.29        | none      |
| Wateree  | 100       | 96.73        | +0.01     |

RIVER STAGES

| River            | Flood stage | 7 a.m. yest. | 24-hr chg |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| Black River      | 12          | 7.58         | -0.10     |
| Congaree River   | 19          | 3.80         | +0.60     |
| Lynches River    | 14          | 5.42         | -0.32     |
| Saluda River     | 14          | 2.20         | -0.02     |
| Up. Santee River | 80          | 75.68        | -0.34     |
| Wateree River    | 24          | 5.38         | -0.65     |

SUN AND MOON

|          |            |         |           |
|----------|------------|---------|-----------|
| Sunrise  | 7:24 a.m.  | Sunset  | 5:43 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 11:18 a.m. | Moonset | none      |

| First   | Full    | Last   | New     |
|---------|---------|--------|---------|
|         |         |        |         |
| Jan. 24 | Jan. 31 | Feb. 7 | Feb. 15 |

TIDES

| AT MYRTLE BEACH |            |     |           |     |
|-----------------|------------|-----|-----------|-----|
|                 | High       | Ht. | Low       | Ht. |
| Today           | 12:31 a.m. | 2.7 | 7:32 a.m. | 0.2 |
|                 | 12:58 p.m. | 2.7 | 8:05 p.m. | 0.0 |
| Wed.            | 1:25 a.m.  | 2.8 | 8:31 a.m. | 0.3 |
|                 | 1:53 p.m.  | 2.6 | 8:59 p.m. | 0.0 |

NATIONAL CITIES

| City          | Today Hi/Lo/W | Wed. Hi/Lo/W |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Atlanta       | 55/34/s       | 51/31/s      |
| Chicago       | 35/22/sf      | 33/24/pc     |
| Dallas        | 61/34/s       | 63/36/s      |
| Detroit       | 40/23/sn      | 30/23/c      |
| Houston       | 66/39/s       | 64/36/pc     |
| Los Angeles   | 75/50/s       | 73/46/pc     |
| New Orleans   | 62/42/pc      | 58/41/c      |
| New York      | 58/37/r       | 42/26/pc     |
| Orlando       | 77/52/c       | 69/48/c      |
| Philadelphia  | 62/36/r       | 42/27/pc     |
| Phoenix       | 71/44/s       | 75/50/s      |
| San Francisco | 55/44/c       | 55/46/r      |
| Wash., DC     | 66/38/r       | 47/31/s      |

REGIONAL CITIES

| City           | Today Hi/Lo/W | Wed. Hi/Lo/W | City             | Today Hi/Lo/W | Wed. Hi/Lo/W |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Asheville      | 52/30/s       | 44/27/s      | Florence         | 73/37/pc      | 58/32/pc     |
| Athens         | 58/33/s       | 54/29/s      | Gainesville      | 72/40/c       | 61/39/pc     |
| Augusta        | 67/34/pc      | 60/30/pc     | Gastonia         | 63/32/s       | 54/28/s      |
| Beaufort       | 71/40/pc      | 60/36/pc     | Greenville       | 58/33/s       | 52/28/s      |
| Cape Hatteras  | 61/41/pc      | 47/35/pc     | Hickory          | 58/32/s       | 48/28/s      |
| Charleston     | 74/41/pc      | 61/38/pc     | Hilton Head      | 68/41/sh      | 59/38/pc     |
| Charlotte      | 62/32/s       | 54/28/s      | Greensboro       | 62/33/pc      | 49/27/s      |
| Clemson        | 57/33/s       | 54/29/s      | Greenville       | 58/33/s       | 52/28/s      |
| Columbia       | 67/37/pc      | 59/32/pc     | Jacksonville, FL | 74/42/pc      | 61/40/pc     |
| Darlington     | 72/35/pc      | 58/32/pc     | La Grange        | 59/34/s       | 55/29/pc     |
| Elizabeth City | 67/37/sh      | 52/30/s      | Macon            | 63/35/pc      | 56/30/pc     |
| Elizabethtown  | 74/36/pc      | 57/32/pc     | Marietta         | 53/32/s       | 50/28/s      |
| Fayetteville   | 74/38/pc      | 57/32/pc     |                  |               |              |
|                |               |              | Marion           | 58/30/pc      | 48/26/s      |
|                |               |              | Mt. Pleasant     | 71/41/pc      | 60/37/pc     |
|                |               |              | Myrtle Beach     | 69/41/pc      | 56/35/pc     |
|                |               |              | Orangeburg       | 71/35/pc      | 59/32/pc     |
|                |               |              | Port Royal       | 68/40/pc      | 58/38/pc     |
|                |               |              | Raleigh          | 70/35/sh      | 52/29/s      |
|                |               |              | Rock Hill        | 63/32/s       | 55/29/s      |
|                |               |              | Rockingham       | 72/33/pc      | 57/29/pc     |
|                |               |              | Savannah         | 72/40/sh      | 60/35/pc     |
|                |               |              | Spartanburg      | 60/33/s       | 53/30/s      |
|                |               |              | Summerville      | 73/38/pc      | 60/35/pc     |
|                |               |              | Wilmington       | 69/40/pc      | 58/33/pc     |
|                |               |              | Winston-Salem    | 61/33/pc      | 49/27/s      |

PUBLIC AGENDA

**CLARENDON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Today, 6 p.m., hospital board room

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

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

**The last word in astrology**  
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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): You may not like your current

situation, but you can use your intelligence to concentrate on doing the best you can.

Complaining or criticizing others will only make you look bad. Personal improvements are favored and romance is featured.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Use your intelligence. Inconsistency will give others reason to mistrust you. Stick to what you know and only offer what you can. It's better to show that you are reliable. Avoid overreacting and being indulgent.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): The changes you want to make will have to be well-thought-out. Avoid taking on too much or making snap decisions that will leave you short of cash or reneging on a promise you made.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Partnerships will experience difficulty. It will be best to weather the storm by standing on the sidelines and observing how situations develop. Leave room to make a hasty exit if necessary. Play it safe and avoid unnecessary stress.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): A career change may tempt you, but get the lowdown before you make a move. You are better off making personal changes to your life before you take on a project that needs your undivided attention. Romance is highlighted.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Invest in yourself, not others. Walk away from fast-talkers and emotional manipulation. Trust in yourself, your skills and your ability to design your own life plan with confidence. Partner with those who have something to offer in return.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be tempted to make an emotional move. Before you say something you may regret, consider the outcome and how it will affect the people you love. Don't act hastily when you need time to determine what you really want.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be extra careful in the way you present information. Precision and detail will be required to avoid being misinterpreted. Refuse to let personal matters interfere with your professional responsibilities.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Refuse to let emotional issues ruin your day. Put the past behind you and head into the future without regret. Look forward to new projects and make the most of your time. Personal improvements are encouraged.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Sensitive issues will need to be taken care of with diplomacy. Be a good listener, and once you've gathered all the information, consider your choices and respond with honesty and compassion. A professional matter will turn in your favor.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do your own research. Change can be good if it's well planned and executed with precision. However, snap judgments, assumptions and acting without thinking will keep you from reaching your goals. Rely on past experiences and choose wisely.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotions will stand in your way. Make an effort to concentrate on what needs to be done, not what others are doing. Take care of your responsibilities regardless of interference. What you accomplish will lead to an unexpected opportunity.

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Jeff Byer comments on his photo submission, "We saw this eagle perched in a cypress tree at Swan Lake. This is a first for us! We've never seen an eagle at Swan Lake in the past."

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## PRO FOOTBALL



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New England cornerback Stephon Gilmore (24) breaks up a pass intended for Jacksonville wide receiver Dede Westbrook (12) that gave the Patriots a 24-20 victory in the AFC championship game on Sunday in Foxborough, Mass. Gilmore, the former University of South Carolina standout, and the Patriots will take on Philadelphia in the upcoming Super Bowl.

# Patriots' defense was key to another postseason comeback

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER  
The Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — So many times during the Patriots' run of success over the past two decades, the defense was watching as Tom Brady sealed another victory.

In Sunday's 24-20 AFC championship victory over the Jacksonville, the defense got its chance to secure the Patriots' record 10th Super Bowl appearance.

Jacksonville entered the game with the best red-zone scoring per-

centage in NFL, scoring touchdowns on 67.9 percent of trips this season (40 on 56 drives). The Jaguars scored touchdowns on both of their red-zone trips in the first half, as quarterback Blake Bortles had his way with short and intermediate routes to pile up first downs.

It added up to a 20-10 fourth-quarter lead, and left Gillette Stadium in stunned silence as New England's hopes of getting a chance to defend its Super Bowl title seemed to be dwindling.

But Jacksonville got conservative

over the final 30 minutes, much like the Atlanta Falcons did with 28-3 lead in last year's Super Bowl collapse against New England. The Patriots seized on it and the Jaguars' offense never got closer than the Patriots' 25 in the second half.

"We put ourselves in position to come back and just keep fighting," defensive end Tray Flowers said. "We knew they were going to run the ball, but we kept fighting and it was a fourth-quarter game."

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## PREP BOWLING

# Thrice as nice



PHOTO PROVIDED

The Laurence Manning Academy boys bowling team won its third straight SCISA team state championship on Thursday at Gamecock Lanes. Members of the team are, left to right: David Johnson, assistant coach Ashleigh Atkins, assistant coach Les Gravermoenn, head coach Jay Atkins, James Sandifer, Gregory Morris, Mark Lupori, Harley Sandier, Seth Stamps and Hayden Griffin.

# High-scoring opening game helps LMA boys bowling team secure 3rd straight title

BY DENNIS BRUNSON  
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The Laurence Manning Academy boys bowling team felt good about its chances of winning its third straight SCISA team championship on Thursday at Gamecock Lanes.

"We were really confident going in," said Mark Lupori. "We didn't win a single (regular-season) match

last year and then won state. We won several matches this year."

Any doubts that the Swampcats would go back-to-back-to-back were pretty much erased after the first of the three games in the 4-team championship round.

LMA rolled a season high 223 in the opening game for a 60-pin lead and increased its lead by one pin in the second game. It went on to beat

Heathwood Hall by 40 points, 534-494. Cardinal Newman was third at 462 and Thomas Sumter Academy was fourth at 381.

"It took a lot of pressure off of us to get to that early lead," said Laurence Manning head coach Jay Atkins, who has led the program to four state titles in the seven years

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## PRO FOOTBALL

# Foles, Eagles fly into Super Bowl, rout Vikings 38-7

BY BARRY WILNER  
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — With one quarter remaining, Eagles players on the field and sideline already were dancing.

A bit later, after their stunning and resounding 38-7 rout of the Minnesota Vikings earned them the NFC championship, they listened as nearly 70,000 made the Linc shake with "Fly Eagles Fly."

Hey Philly, you're in the Super Bowl.

"It was electric. The fans are awesome," All-Pro tackle Lane Johnson said.

"We're going there to prove we belong," added Brandon Graham of the meeting with the AFC champion Patriots in two weeks.

And maybe it's time for everyone to put aside Carson Wentz's injury. Nick Foles might be good enough to win the Eagles their first NFL title since 1960.

Foles was on fire Sunday night against the stingiest scoring defense in the NFL. Next up after their most-lopsided playoff victory: the Eagles' first Super Bowl appearance since 2005, against the team that beat them then.

Foles replaced the injured Wentz in Game 13 and finished off a rise from last place last season to first in the NFC East. There were plenty of doubters entering the playoffs, but the former starter in Philadelphia (15-3) under another regime has been brilliant.

"I just think you've got to keep going at it," Foles said. "And we all believe in each other. I'm blessed to have amazing teammates, amazing

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Philadelphia wide receiver Alshon Jeffery (17) goes up to grab one of his two touchdown receptions from quarterback Nick Foles in the Eagles' 38-7 victory over Minnesota in the NFC championship game on Sunday in Philadelphia. Jeffery, the former University of South Carolina standout had five catches for 85 yards.

## PRO TENNIS

# Djokovic, Thiem out; Chung, Sandgren in

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Even by Australian Open standards, back-to-back shockers have resulted in a most unexpected quarterfinal.

The season-opening Grand Slam has a tendency to be unpredictable, but losing six-time champion Novak Djokovic and fifth-ranked Dominic Thiem within a few hours on Monday leaves



DJOKOVIC

injured Djokovic in a 7-6 (4), 7-5, 7-6 (3) fourth-round victory, becoming the first South Korean to reach the

Hyeon Chung and Tennys Sandgren playing for a spot in the semifinals.

The 58th-ranked Chung relentlessly attacked a clearly injured Djokovic in a 7-6 (4), 7-5, 7-6 (3) fourth-round victory, becoming the first South Korean to reach the

last eight at a Grand Slam.

Then there's Tennys. The 26-year-old from Tennessee had never won a Grand Slam match or beaten a top-10 player until last week. The 97th-ranked Sandgren beat Thiem 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-7 (7), 6-3, following up on his earlier victory over 2014 Australian Open champion Stan Wawrinka.

He's only the second man

in 20 years to reach the quarterfinals in his debut at Melbourne Park.

The bespectacled Chung ripped 47 winners, including a forehand on the slide and at full stretch that put him within two points of victory, and credited Djokovic as his inspiration.

"When I'm young, I'm just

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

**6 a.m.** - Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Quarterfinal Matches from Melbourne, Australia (TENNIS).  
**10 a.m.** - Amateur Golf: Latin America Amateur Championship Final Round from Santiago, Chile (ESPN2).  
**10 p.m.** - Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Quarterfinal Matches from Melbourne, Australia (TENNIS).

**1 p.m.** - College Football Senior Bowl Practice from Mobile, Ala. (NFL NETWORK).  
**2 p.m.** - Professional Golf: Web.com Tour The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic Third Round from Winding Bay, Bahamas (GOLF).  
**2 p.m.** - Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Quarterfinal Matches from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN2).

**4 p.m.** - College Football Senior Bowl Practice from Mobile, Ala. (NFL NETWORK).  
**4:30 p.m.** - Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Quarterfinal Matches from Melbourne, Australia (TENNIS).

**6:05 p.m.** - Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).  
**6:30 p.m.** - College Basketball: Providence at Villanova (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**6:30 p.m.** - College Basketball Arkansas at Georgia (SEC NETWORK).

**7 p.m.** - College Basketball: Davidson at Dayton (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).  
**7 p.m.** - College Basketball: Kansas at Oklahoma (ESPN).  
**7 p.m.** - College Basketball: Oklahoma State at Texas Tech (ESPNEWS).

**7 p.m.** - College Basketball: Wisconsin at Iowa (ESPN2).  
**7 p.m.** - College Basketball: Vanderbilt at Tennessee (ESPN).  
**7 p.m.** - College Basketball: Clemson at Virginia (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWBD-FM 94.7, WPUB-FM 102.7).

**7 p.m.** - NHL Hockey: Carolina at Pittsburgh (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).  
**7 p.m.** - Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Quarterfinal Matches from Melbourne, Australia (TENNIS).

**7:30 p.m.** - NHL Hockey: Philadelphia at Detroit (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**8 p.m.** - NBA Basketball: Cleveland at San Antonio (TNT).  
**8:30 p.m.** - College Basketball: Creighton at St. John's (FOX SPORTS 1).

**8:30 p.m.** - College Basketball: Alabama at Mississippi (SEC NETWORK).  
**9 p.m.** - College Basketball: Virginia Commonwealth at St. Louis (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).  
**9 p.m.** - College Basketball: Mississippi State at Kentucky (ESPN).

**9 p.m.** - Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Quarterfinal Matches from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN2).  
**9 p.m.** - College Basketball: Texas A&M at Louisiana State (ESPN).  
**10:30 p.m.** - NBA Basketball: Boston at Los Angeles Lakers (TNT).

**11 p.m.** - College Basketball: Nevada-Las Vegas at Fresno State (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).  
**2 a.m.** - Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Quarterfinal Matches from Melbourne, Australia (TENNIS).

**3:30 a.m.** - Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's Quarterfinal Match from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN2).

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

**Varsity Basketball**  
 Crestwood at Lugoff-Elgin, 6 p.m.  
 Lakewood at Hartsville, 6 p.m.  
 Lee Central at Chesterfield, 6 p.m.  
 Green Sea-Floyds at East Clarendon, 6 p.m.  
 Camden Military at Laurence Manning (Boys Only), 5 p.m.  
**Varsity and JV Basketball**  
 Conway at Sumter (Boys Only), 6 p.m.  
 Sumter at Conway (Girls Only), 6 p.m.  
 Manning at Hanahan, 4:30 p.m.  
 Scott's Branch at Oceanside Academy (No JV Girls), 5 p.m.  
 Wilson Hall at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.  
 Robert E. Lee at Williamsburg, 4 p.m.  
 Clarendon Hall at Andrew Jackson Academy, 4 p.m.

NFL PLAYOFFS

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS

**Saturday, Jan. 6**  
 Tennessee 22, Kansas City 21  
 Atlanta 26, Los Angeles Rams 13

**Sunday, Jan. 7**  
 Jacksonville 10, Buffalo 3  
 New Orleans 31, Carolina 26

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

**Saturday, Jan. 13**  
 Philadelphia 15, Atlanta 10  
 New England 35, Tennessee 14

**Sunday, Jan. 14**  
 Jacksonville 45, Pittsburgh 42  
 Minnesota 29, New Orleans 24

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Sunday, Jan. 21**  
 AFC  
 New England 24, Jacksonville 20  
 NFC  
 Philadelphia 38, Minnesota 7

PRO BOWL

**Sunday, Jan. 28**  
**At Orlando, Fla.**  
 AFC vs. NFC, 3 p.m. (ESPN/ABC)

SUPER BOWL

**Sunday, Feb. 4**  
**At Minneapolis**  
 New England vs. Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m. (NBC)

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

**Atlantic Division**

|              | W  | L  | Pct  | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|----|
| Boston       | 34 | 13 | .723 | —  |
| Toronto      | 31 | 14 | .689 | 2  |
| Philadelphia | 22 | 20 | .524 | 9½ |
| New York     | 21 | 26 | .447 | 13 |
| Brooklyn     | 18 | 29 | .383 | 16 |

**Southeast Division**

|            | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
|------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Miami      | 27 | 19 | .587 | —   |
| Washington | 26 | 20 | .565 | 1   |
| Charlotte  | 18 | 26 | .409 | 8   |
| Orlando    | 14 | 32 | .304 | 13  |
| Atlanta    | 13 | 32 | .289 | 13½ |

**Central Division**

|           | W  | L  | Pct  | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|----|
| Cleveland | 27 | 18 | .600 | —  |
| Indiana   | 25 | 22 | .532 | 3  |
| Milwaukee | 23 | 22 | .511 | 4  |
| Detroit   | 22 | 23 | .489 | 5  |
| Chicago   | 18 | 28 | .391 | 9½ |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Southwest Division**

|             | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
|-------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Houston     | 32 | 12 | .727 | —   |
| San Antonio | 30 | 18 | .625 | 4   |
| New Orleans | 24 | 21 | .533 | 8½  |
| Memphis     | 16 | 29 | .356 | 16½ |
| Dallas      | 15 | 31 | .326 | 18  |

**Northwest Division**

|               | W  | L  | Pct  | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|----|
| Minnesota     | 30 | 18 | .625 | —  |
| Oklahoma City | 26 | 20 | .565 | 3  |
| Portland      | 25 | 21 | .543 | 4  |
| Denver        | 23 | 23 | .500 | 6  |
| Utah          | 19 | 27 | .413 | 10 |

**Pacific Division**

|               | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Golden State  | 37 | 10 | .787 | —   |
| L.A. Clippers | 23 | 22 | .511 | 13  |
| Phoenix       | 17 | 29 | .370 | 19½ |
| L.A. Lakers   | 17 | 29 | .370 | 19½ |
| Sacramento    | 13 | 32 | .289 | 23  |

**SUNDAY'S GAMES**  
 Orlando 103, Boston 95  
 L.A. Lakers 127, New York 107  
 Brooklyn 101, Detroit 100  
 Indiana 94, San Antonio 86

TODAY'S GAMES

Sacramento at Orlando, 7 p.m.  
 Brooklyn at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.  
 Cleveland at San Antonio, 8 p.m.  
 Boston at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.  
 New York at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Chicago at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
 New Orleans at Charlotte, 7 p.m.  
 Phoenix at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
 Utah at Detroit, 7 p.m.  
 Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
 Houston at Dallas, 8 p.m.  
 San Antonio at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Portland, 10 p.m.  
 Boston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Sacramento at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
 Washington at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.  
 New York at Denver, 9 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

|           | GP | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF  |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| <b>GA</b> |    |    |    |    |     |     |
| Tampa Bay | 46 | 31 | 12 | 3  | 65  | 164 |
| Boston    | 45 | 27 | 10 | 8  | 62  | 150 |
| Toronto   | 48 | 26 | 17 | 5  | 57  | 153 |
| Florida   | 45 | 19 | 20 | 6  | 44  | 129 |
| Montreal  | 47 | 19 | 22 | 6  | 44  | 120 |
| Detroit   | 45 | 18 | 20 | 7  | 43  | 120 |
| Ottawa    | 44 | 15 | 20 | 9  | 39  | 121 |
| Buffalo   | 46 | 11 | 26 | 9  | 31  | 103 |

Metropolitan Division

|                | GP | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF  |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| <b>GA</b>      |    |    |    |    |     |     |
| Washington     | 48 | 28 | 15 | 5  | 61  | 146 |
| New Jersey     | 45 | 24 | 13 | 8  | 56  | 142 |
| Columbus       | 47 | 26 | 18 | 3  | 55  | 126 |
| Philadelphia   | 47 | 23 | 16 | 8  | 54  | 137 |
| N.Y. Rangers   | 48 | 24 | 19 | 5  | 53  | 144 |
| Pittsburgh     | 49 | 25 | 21 | 3  | 53  | 142 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 48 | 24 | 20 | 4  | 52  | 168 |
| Carolina       | 47 | 21 | 18 | 8  | 50  | 130 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

|           | GP | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF  |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| <b>GA</b> |    |    |    |    |     |     |
| Winnipeg  | 48 | 28 | 13 | 7  | 63  | 156 |
| Nashville | 45 | 28 | 11 | 6  | 62  | 139 |
| St. Louis | 49 | 28 | 18 | 3  | 59  | 142 |
| Dallas    | 48 | 27 | 17 | 4  | 58  | 148 |
| Colorado  | 45 | 26 | 16 | 3  | 55  | 130 |
| Minnesota | 47 | 25 | 17 | 5  | 55  | 138 |
| Chicago   | 46 | 22 | 18 | 6  | 50  | 139 |

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## BOYS AREA ROUNDUP

# Payeur, WH sporting clays team finish first

EDGEFIELD — Mason Payeur won the highest overall score and led Wilson Hall's sporting clays team to a first-place finish in the senior varsity high school division of the SCDNR/SCISA Trap State Qualifier on Saturday at Palmetto Shooting Complex.

Payeur and teammates John Thomas Parker and Matthew Blankenship qualified for the state trap finals on Feb. 8-9.

The WH junior varsity team of Haile McElveen, Bynum Kelley and James Hiott finished seventh.

## MS BASKETBALL

ALICE DRIVE 45  
EBENEZER 27

Alice Drive Middle School improved to 11-1 on the season with a 45-27 victory over Ebenezer on Monday at the ADMS gymnasium.

Ryan McCants led the Hawks with 13 points. Deandre Porter added nine and Keon Jett had eight.

CHESTNUT OAKS 59  
MANNING 50

Chestnut Oaks defeated Manning Junior High School 59-50 on Monday at the COMS gymnasium.

Zayveon Wells led the Falcons with 17 points and eight steals. Kori Green had a double-double of 12 points and 10 rebounds, Lawrence Burroughs had 10 points and eight rebounds and

Kameron Rodriguez had 12 points.

MAYEWOOD 37  
BATES 29

Mayewood Middle School defeated Bates 37-29 on Monday at the BMS gymnasium.

Kayshawn Boyd led the Bantams with eight points. Jordan Dantzler had seven.

## B TEAM BASKETBALL

WILSON HALL 36  
TRINITY-BYRNES 21

Wilson Hall improved to 10-3 with a 36-21 victory over Trinity-Byrnes on Monday at Nash Student Center.

Tate Sistare led the Barons with 12 points and Jackson Duvall had seven.

## VARSITY BASKETBALL

LAKEWOOD 67  
LIBERTY HEIGHTS 66

CHARLESTON — Lakewood High School's Grant Singleton scored 18 points and was named the most valuable player in the Lowcountry Shootout in a 67-66 victory over Liberty Heights of Charlotte on Saturday at the Porter-Gaud gymnasium.

Ahkeem Lawson added 15 points for the Gators, who improved to 12-8. Jaron Richardson had 11 and Terrell Houston had nine.

## USC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Wilson returns, S.C. women top Kentucky

BY KEITH TAYLOR

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — South Carolina coach Dawn Staley was relieved to get her top player back on the court.

Senior A'Ja Wilson came off the bench and scored 26 points after missing two games because of an ankle injury, leading No. 10 South Carolina over Kentucky 81-64 Sunday.

"It helped (us) in so many aspects of the game," Staley said. "Obviously she can score the ball and she can rebound and defensively she blocks shots. She's an intimidator in the paint."

"It just helps our overall morale and she's a voice out there on the court and she talks to our young players. She gives us a great deal of confidence," she said.

Wilson, who tops the Southeastern Conference in scoring with 23.2 points per game, showed no ill effects in her return from a sprained right ankle. She shot 10 for 12 and also had eight rebounds.

"It definitely felt good to be out there," Wilson said. "I really did miss my teammates and just being out there. It's a lot of fun and felt good to get back in it."

Kentucky coach Matthew Mitchell

said Wilson was the difference in the game.

"She's a world-class player," Mitchell said. "One of the best human beings on the planet that plays women's basketball."

Former Kentucky forward Alexis Jennings added 17 points and seven rebounds for the Gamecocks (16-3, 5-2). The junior averaged 8.9 points and 5.4 rebounds during her two seasons with the Wildcats.

"I wasn't worried about (coming back)," Jennings said. "I just did what I do best and that's scoring the ball. Playing (at Rupp Arena) was very different than (playing at Memorial Coliseum). I didn't shy away from the crowd. We have a lot of fans at our gym, too."

Tyasha Harris had 12 points for South Carolina in its seventh straight win over Kentucky. The Gamecocks made their last five shots of the first half and outscored the Wildcats 21-8 in the second quarter.

"We got the ball to the right people," Staley said. "Getting the ball to our post players benefited us."

Maci Morris led Kentucky (9-11, 1-5) with 19 points.

Taylor Murray had 17 points, KeKe McKinney had 12 and Dorie Harrison 11.

## GIRLS AREA ROUNDUP

# Lady Barons fall to Northwood 63-60

Wilson Hall's varsity girls basketball fell to 12-6 on the season with a 63-60 loss to Northwood Academy at Nash Student Center.

Natalie Jackson led the Lady Barons with 18 points. Madison Elmore had 16 points and five steals, while Susanna Hutson had 12 points and Courtney Clark eight points.

SCOTT'S BRANCH 61  
C.E. MURRAY 45

SUMMERTON — Scott's Branch High School defeated C.E. Murray 61-45 on Friday at the SBHS gymnasium.

Mary Wimberly led the Lady Eagles with 19 points. Chaniya Monroe added 14, while Tonia Lawson had nine and Cambria Parker eight.

On Tuesday, Jan. 16, in Summerton, Scott's Branch defeated Bethune-Bowman 60-39. Wimberly and Teja Madison both had 11 points, while Parker added 10. Lawson and Monroe both had eight.

## C.E. MURRAY

Scott 5, Edwards 11, Barnes 2, Morris 7, Paulin 3, Morgan 3, Anderson 14.

## SCOTT'S BRANCH

Wimberly 19, Bowman 5, Parker 8, Lawson 9, Madison 2, Monroe 14, Seaberry 2.

LEE CENTRAL 40  
BUFORD 28

BISHOPVILLE — Lee Central High School improved to 4-2 in Region IV-2A with a 40-28 victory over Buford on Friday at the LCHS gymnasium.

Robionne Myers led the Lady Stallions with 19 points, six rebounds and four assists. Kendra Lesane added eight points and four assists, while Keoniyah Dennis had eight points, nine rebounds and four blocked shots.

## JV BASKETBALL

LAURENCE MANNING 38  
PINEWOOD PREP 34

MANNING — Laurence Manning Academy improved to 7-2 with a 38-34 victory over Pinewood Prep on Monday at Bubba Davis Gymnasium.

Audrey Bennett led the Lady Swampcats with 12 points. Bryce Erickson had eight points, 12 rebounds and four blocked shots. Breanna Boykin and Madison Truett both had six points.

On Friday in Sumter, LMA handed Wilson Hall its first loss of the season with a 25-24 victory. Boykin led LMA with 14 points. Peyton Davis had six points, while Bryce Erickson had 11 rebounds and three blocked shots.

WILSON HALL 33  
NORTHWOOD 20

Wilson Hall improved to 13-1 with a 33-20 victory over Northwood Academy on Monday at Nash Student Center.

Gracyn Coker and Abbie Beatson led the Lady Barons with eight points. Owings Holler added six.

On Friday in Sumter, WH lost to Laurence Manning Academy 25-24. Lucy Matthews and Becca Cromer both had five points to lead the

Lady Barons.

CRESTWOOD 30  
LAKEWOOD 10

Crestwood High School defeated Lakewood 30-10 on Thursday at The Swamp.

Shaniyah Davis led the Lady Knights with 10 points.

C.E. MURRAY 16  
SCOTT'S BRANCH 7

SUMMERTON — Scott's Branch lost to C.E. Murray 16-7 on Friday at the SBHS gymnasium.

Tierra Parson led the Lady Eagles with three points.

On Tuesday in Summerton, Scott's Branch topped Bethune-Bowman 28-7. Tiaunna Hunt led SB with seven points. Keonna Felder added six, while Rosandra Bennett and Tyleiesha Gibson both had five.

## MS BASKETBALL

ALICE DRIVE 53  
EBENEZER 36

Stevye Sinkler and Dayziana McCray combined for 43 points to lead Alice Drive to a 53-36 victory over Ebenezer on Tuesday at the ADMS gymnasium.

Sinkler led the Hawks with 24 points. McCray had 19 and Amaya Coleman had six.

CHESTNUT OAKS 43  
MAYEWOOD 19

Chestnut Oaks improved to 11-0 on the season with a 34-24 victory over Furman on Saturday at the COMS gymnasium.

Quanayzha Pearson led the Lady Falcons with 14 points. Antiyona Roach added 13.

On Thursday, Chestnut Oaks defeated Mayewood 43-19. Pearson led the Lady Falcons with 17 points. Roach added 10, Avianna Johnson eight and Kalayah White six.

## B TEAM BASKETBALL

CLARENDON HALL 13  
PATRICK HENRY 4

SUMMERTON — Clarendon Hall remained undefeated with 13-4 victory over Patrick Henry on Thursday at the CH gymnasium.

Macie McIntosh and Ashlynn Ewell both had four points for the 5-0 Lady Saints.

On Wednesday in Summerton, Clarendon Hall defeated Holly Hill 13-4. Sydney Berry led CH with six points and Colleen McIntosh had five.

WILSON HALL 27  
LAURENCE MANNING 15

Wilson Hall defeated Laurence Manning Academy 27-15 on Friday at Nash Student Center.

Sarah Sonntag led the Lady Barons with nine points.

## SPORTING CLAYS

## WH team finishes third

EDGEFIELD — The Wilson Hall middle school ladies sporting clays team finished third in the SCDNR/SCISA Trap State Qualifier at Palmetto Shooting Complex.

The team Samantha Richards, Madisen Galiano and Ann Weathers Blankenship qualified for the state trap finals to be held Feb. 8-9.

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that SCISA has offered the championship. "Each of the players came out and bowled really well."

The format has five players bowl two frames each in the game. Along with Lupori, the other players are Seth Stamps, Harley Sandifer, Gregory Morris and Hayden Griffin.

"I think we had five or six strikes in a row at one point," Atkins said. "Once we got that lead, we knew if we just stayed close in the next two games we'd be OK."

"It felt great to jump out early and have that big lead," Stamps said. "It was fun to see everyone playing with so much confidence."

Lupori and Stamps have been on each of the three championship teams.

"It feels great to win three in a row," Stamps said. "It was great to have everyone play as well as they did."

"It really feels great to be able to do this," Lupori said. "It's a great experience for us."

After the tremendous first

game, things did level off for the Swampcats. They shot a 163 in the second game before finishing with a 148 in the final game.

"After the first game I looked at everyone and told them we couldn't let up," Lupori said. "All it would take is for us to have one really bad game and another team to have a big game and it would be tight again."

Unbelievably, LMA returns

everyone for next year. Atkins though isn't ready to make any kind of predictions.

"You never know until you play," he said. "You don't know who might come into another school who's a real strong player. We'll just have to see how the pins fall."

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trying to copy Novak because he's my idol," Chung said. "I can't believe this tonight. Dreams come true tonight."

Djokovic was playing his first competitive tennis since Wimbledon last July and had to remodel his service swing to take some load off his injured right elbow.

He winced and grimaced throughout the match, particularly when stretching for backhands, and needed a medical timeout in the second set for massage on his injured elbow.

The 12-time major champion said he would need to reassess the injury but didn't want his pain to detract from Chung's win.

"Amazing. Amazing performance," said Djokovic, who was seeded 14th after his ranking slid in 2017 while he was off the tour. "Whenever he was in trouble, he came up with some unbelievable shots. Just from the back of the court, you know, he was like a wall."

Chung was coming off a win over fourth-seeded Alexander Zverev and is on a roll.

Djokovic wasn't even sure until the last minute that he would be able to play at Melbourne Park but was fit enough to beat Donald Young, Gael Monfils and No. 21 Albert Ramos-Vinolas. Chung was a different proposition.

"I had similar situations in the past where I found myself struggling a little bit with some injuries during the match, then I managed to win," Djokovic said. "I felt the level of pain was not that high that I need to stop the match, even though it was obviously compromising my serve."

"That's life. I have to move on."

The 26-year-old Sandgren missed a match point in the fourth set but held on to beat Thiem.

"I don't know if this is a dream or not — all you guys are here, so maybe it's not," Sandgren said in an on-court TV interview after his win. "I'm not in my underwear, so maybe it's not a dream."

He described it later as "a real 'pinch-me' moment."

Sandgren converted half of his eight



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**Chung Hyeon reacts after winning a point against Novak Djokovic during their fourth-round match in the Australian on Monday in Melbourne, Australia. Hyeon defeated Djokovic 7-6 (4), 7-5, 7-6 (3).**

break-point chances and fended off 10 of the 12 he faced against Thiem. He hit 63 winners against 38 unforced errors.

"Trying to keep riding the wave," said Sandgren, who was given his first name in memory of his great-grandfather.

Defending champion Roger Federer, meanwhile, had no real difficulties in reaching the Australian Open quarterfinals for the 14th time.

He beat Marton Fucsovics 6-4, 7-6 (3), 6-2 and will next renew a lengthy rivalry against Tomas Berdych, who had a 6-1, 6-4, 6-4 win over Fabio Fognini.

The win over Fucsovics was Federer's first day match of the 2018 tournament, and he joked about needing sunglasses and a towel for the beach but said really the only change was to set the alarm for a different time.

Angelique Kerber, the only Grand Slam singles champion remaining in the women's draw, was up earlier than Federer and got a serious wake-up call.

For a while it appeared the former Australian and U.S. Open champion's tournament could unravel against No. 8 Hsieh Su-wei, a former top-ranked doubles player with a double-handed grip on both sides.

Kerber recovered for a 4-6, 7-5, 6-1 win that earned her a quarterfinal spot against U.S. Open finalist Madison Keys, who beat No. 8 Caroline Garcia 6-3, 6-2.

"Credit to her. She played an unbelievable match," said Kerber, who is on a 13-match winning streak. "I was feeling I was running everywhere."

Top-seeded Simona Halep, who had to rally from triple match point down to advance through the third round, beat Naomi Osaka 6-3, 6-2.

Halep will next play sixth-seeded Karolina Pliskova, who rounded off Day 8 with a 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-2 win over No. 20 Barbora Strýcova.

## OBITUARIES

### ROSE MARIE KENNEDY

BARNESVILLE, Ohio — Rose Marie Kennedy, 69, wife of Donald Kennedy, died on Friday, Jan. 19, 2018, at Wheeling Memorial Hospital in Wheeling, West Virginia.

Born on March 25, 1948, at Hamilton Air Force Base, California, she was a daughter of the late John and Martha James Kitzak. She was employed at the Shaw Air Force Base Exchange for many years.

Survivors include her husband of Barnesville; a son, Tobby Kennedy (Nancy) of Timmonsville; a daughter, Trina Hayes (Benjie) of Sumter; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; a brother, Duke Kitzak (Linda) of Sumter; lifelong special friends, Lupe and Ruben Hill and Roy Barkley; and fur baby, Angel Marie.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Neil DuBose officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Zack Hayes, Chase Hayes, Kyle Turpin, Travis Kennedy, Tradd Hayes and William Hayes.

Honorary pallbearer will be Justin Stover.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Sumter SPCA, 1140 S. Guignard Drive, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

### ALLEN W. KINLAW SR.

LYNCHBURG — Allen Warren Kinlaw Sr., age 67, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018, at McLeod Hospice House, after an illness.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. today at Tabernacle Cemetery near Lynchburg, directed by Floyd Funeral Home of Olanta.

The family will receive friends following the service at the graveside.

Born in Lynchburg, he was a son of the late Junious Woodrow Kinlaw and Blonnie Amerson Kinlaw. He was the

owner of Kinlaw Grocery for more than 40 years. He was a beloved "Papa" to Adair, Grant and Mary Louise.

He was succeeded in death by a sister, Linda K. Lawhon; and a brother, William O'Dell Atkinson.

Surviving are two sons, Allen Kinlaw Jr. of Columbia and Glenn Kinlaw of Sardinia; a sister, Marth Ann Effler of Sumter; two brothers, Thomas Wayne Kinlaw and Kenneth Wyman Kinlaw, both of Lynchburg; and three grandchildren.

Please visit [www.floydfuneralhome.com](http://www.floydfuneralhome.com) for online condolences.

### VINCENT P. WARD

Vincent Paul "Vince" Ward, 60, died on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, at his home.

Born on Nov. 5, 1957, in Sumter, he was a son of the late Thad Anderson Ward Jr. and Lucille Madray Ward. He was formerly a co-owner of Wards Barbecue.

Survivors include two daughters, Chrystal Mims (Troy) and Erin Ward, both of Sumter; four grandchildren, Hayden, Lucy Hayes, Mason and Ashton; three brothers, Charles "Bubba" Ward (Jeanie) and Mickey Ward (Anna), all of Sumter; and Buddy Ward (Renee) of Spartanburg; and a special aunt, Dianne Condrey (Jimmy) of Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Sammy Geddings officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Steve Shorter, Mark Amerson, Chris Crawford, Dalton Ward, Easton Ward and Chase Ward.

Honorary pallbearers will be Thomas Dollard, Brian Crawford, Tripp Ward, Cody Ward, Dylan Ward Nicholas Condrey, Bubba Callahan and Justin Ward.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 950 48th Ave. North, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

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

### WILLIAM D. JENKINS

SUMMERTON — William

David Jenkins, 75, husband of Marcella Pence Jenkins, died on Monday, Jan. 22, 2018, at Lake Marion Nursing Facility.

Services will be announced by Stephens Funeral Home & Crematory, 304 N. Church St., Manning, SC 29102, (803) 435-2179. [www.stephensfuneralhome.org](http://www.stephensfuneralhome.org)

### JAMES DUNCAN SR.

James Duncan Sr., 80, husband of Estelle Mack Duncan, departed this life on Jan. 20, 2018, at his residence.

He was born on Feb. 25, 1937, in Atlanta, a son of the late Viola Jones Duncan.

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

### BETTY W. WARNER

WEDGEFIELD — Betty Berniece Wood Warner, age 82, beloved wife of 46 years to Bobby Gene Warner, died on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, at her residence.

Born in Franklin, Indiana, she was a daughter of the late Clarence Daniel Wood and Ina Mae Whetstone Jolliffe. Betty was an avid football fan, reader and animal lover. She was very patriotic and supported her country. She was fair-minded and treated everyone the same. She was very family oriented and her true joy was spending time with her loved ones. Betty was an active member of Wedgefield Baptist Church.

Surviving in addition to her husband are four daughters, Vicky Jo Niccum and Rachel Lee Niccum Andrews of Indianapolis, Indiana, Susan Warner Shaw and her husband, Paul, of Scranton and Karen Lynn Warner of Atlanta; two sons, Robert David Warner and his wife, Virginia Rose Warner; and Allen Douglas Warner and Tammy, all of Florence; one son-in-law, John Coward of Sumter; four brothers, Clarence Daniel Wood Jr., David Wood, Timothy Joe Wood and Philip M. Wood; three sisters, Rita Kay Kneller, Susan Wood and Janice Wood; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Cindy Jane Coward.

Services will be private. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army of Sumter, 16 Kendrick St., Sumter, SC 29150; St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 332 N. Lauderdale,

Memphis, TN 38105-2479; American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37839, Boone, IA 50037-0839; or to the Sumter SPCA, 1140 S. Guignard Drive, Sumter, SC 29150.

You may go to [www.bullockfuneralhome.com](http://www.bullockfuneralhome.com) and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



### SAMUEL GOODMAN

Samuel Goodman, 56, husband of Nancy Davis Goodman, died on Monday, Jan. 22, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on Feb. 28, 1961, in Sumter County, he was a son of Sigers and Earlene Grant Goodman.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 2615 Yank Haven Drive.

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

### ASHAWNTIE BROWN

Ashawntie Brown entered eternal rest on Jan. 16, 2018, in Baltimore.

He was born on Feb. 3, 1998, in Baltimore, a son of Edmond "Buster Rogers" Williams, formerly of Sumter, and Margaret Brown Williams. He was a freshman at Richmond Community College.

Services were held on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, in Baltimore.

Joseph H. Brown Jr. Funeral Home No. 2 was in charge of these arrangements.

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

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at [williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com](http://williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com). Visit us on the web at [www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com)

### PATRICIA A. SCOTT

Patricia A. Rembert Scott, 63, transitioned to her eternal home on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018, at her home.

Born on Aug. 22, 1954, in Sumter County, she was a daughter of Elizabeth V. Rembert and the late Herman E. Rembert Sr. Pat at

tended the public schools of Sumter County and was a graduate of Hillcrest High School Class of 1972. She furthered her education at South Carolina State University and Orangeburg Technical College to pursue her life's goal of being a nurse.

She worked in that field for more than 30 years, specializing in geriatric care in various locations in Georgia and South Carolina. She attended and was a faithful member of Shepherd United Methodist Church, where she served as a member of the United Methodist Women, Stewardess Board, Voices of Praise Choir and Sister Circle.

She leaves to cherish her memories: one daughter, Kanika J. Scott; one son, Thabiti S. Scott; her mother; one sister, Nevetta H. Rembert; one brother, Kelvin L. Rembert; three grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home of her mother, 1230 S. Pike East, Lot 124, Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at Shepherd United Methodist Church, 2210 N. Main St., Sumter, with the Rev. Raymond Cooke, pastor, eulogist.

The remains will be placed in the church at noon.

The procession will leave at 12:20 p.m. from the home of her mother.

These services have been entrusted to the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at [williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com](http://williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com).

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### KEYSHAWN G. DRAYTON

Keyshawn Givens Drayton, 6 months, died on Monday, Jan. 22, 2018, at the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston.

Born on July 3, 2017, in Sumter County, he was a son of Klentae Drayton and Stacy Givens.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 751 N. Main St., Apartment 52.

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

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| LOCAL CHANNELS |    |      |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |
| WIS            | 10 | 3    | 10  | WIS News 10 at 7 (N)   | Entertainment Tonight (N)  | Ellen's Game of Games "You Can't Handle the Toothpaste" Dizzy Dash; Tuba Toothpaste. (N)                                | This Is Us "That'll Be the Day" Kevin helps Randall and Beth. (N)                     | (:01) Chicago Med "Lemons and Lemonade" Dr. Choi treats an anorexic woman. (N) (DVS) | WIS News 10 at 11 (N)  | (:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Alex Rodriguez; Taylor Kitsch. (N) |   |   |   |   |
| WLTX           | 19 | 9    | 9   | News 19 at 7pm (N)   | Inside Edition (N)   | NCIS "Family Ties" A high schooler witnesses a hit-and-run. (N) (DVS)   | Bull "Kill Shot" A widow hires Bull. (N)  | NCIS: New Orleans "Ties That Bind" A petty officer is murdered. (N) (DVS)            | News 19 at 11pm (N)  | (:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert  |   |   |   |   |
| WOLO           | 25 | 5    | 12  | Wheel of Fortune "Swiss Holiday" (N)   | Jeopardy! (N)  | The Middle Frankie meets Lexie's rich parents.  | Fresh Off the Boat "B as in Best Friends"   | blackish Diane experiences a big life event.   | Modern Family Claire throws an anniversary party.                        | Match Game Joel McHale; Niecy Nash; Mark Duplass.                               | ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)                       | (:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live                           |   |   |
| WRJA           | 27 | 11   | 14  | Making It Grow Amanda McNulty and master gardeners answer viewers' questions. (N)  | We'll Meet Again "Children of WWII" (Series Premiere) Woman hopes to find a childhood friend. (N)  | Lethal Weapon "Double Shot of Baileys" Bailey's sister runs into trouble. (N) (DVS)                                     | LA to Vegas A passenger is suspected of infidelity.                                   | The Mick Mickey and Alba chaperone a field trip. (N)                                 | WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)   | Sports Zone   | DailyMailTV (N)                                   | TMZ (N)   |   |   |
| WACH           | 57 | 6    | 6   | The Big Bang Theory  | The Big Bang Theory  | The Flash "The Elongated Knight Rises" Ralph must defend Central City. (N)  | Black Lightning "Lawanda: The Book of Hope" Jefferson Pierce struggles to decide. (N) | The X-Files "Talitha Cum" Mulder's past is revealed. (Part 1 of 2)                   | The X-Files "Herrenvolk" Agents hunt for a missing man. (Part 2 of 2)    | The Game Blue struggles with his feelings.                                      |   |   |   |   |
| WKTC           | 63 | 4    | 22  | Last Man Standing Boyd gets in trouble at a party.   | Last Man Standing "Rediscover America"   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |
| CABLE CHANNELS |    |      |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |
| A&E            | 46 | 130  | Intervention: Inside the Heroin Triangle The Heroin Triangle's reach expands.   | Intervention: Inside the Heroin Triangle New strategy for a triple intervention.   | Intervention Preparing for Toni's intervention. (N)  | Undercover High "At Risk" Making inroads with at-risk students. (N)   | (:08) Intervention "Katherine C." An assault victim turns to drugs.                   | Intervention: Inside the Heroin Triangle   |  |   |   |   |   |   |
| AMC            | 48 | 180  | (5:00) *** "Enemy of the State" (1998) Will Smith, Gene Hackman.  | *** "Kill Bill: Vol. 1" (2003, Action) Uma Thurman, Lucy Liu, Vivica A. Fox. An assassin seeks vengeance against her attackers.              | River Monsters "Amazon Apocalypse" Boat attack killed over 200 people.   | The Quad "InLoveAndTrouble" Cedric engages in student activism.   | Stripped (N)  | Watch What Happens Live  | The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills Dorit searches for a birthday gift. |   |   |   |   |   |
| ANPL           | 41 | 100  | The Great Barrier Reef  | Madea's Big Happy Family: A dying woman gathers her family.  | "True to the Game" (2017, Drama) Erica Peeples, Vivica A. Fox, Nelsan Ellis. Premiere. A tale of love, sex and drugs.                        | The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills Dorit searches for a birthday gift. (N)  | Shark Tank (DVS)  | Cuomo Prime Time (N)   | Drunk History "First Ladies"   | Drunk History "Hamilton"  | Drunk History "Heroines"                          | Another Period "Congress"                         |   |   |
| BET            | 61 | 162  | The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills The power goes out at Kyle's party.  | Shark Tank   | Anderson Cooper 360 (N)  | Shark Tank  | Drunk History "First Ladies"  | Bizaardvark  | Bizaardvark  | Bunk'd  | Jessie  | The Daily Show With Trevor Noah                   | The Opposition w/ Jordan Klepper (N)              | (12:01) The Office "The Coup"                     |
| BRAVO          | 47 | 181  | The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills The power goes out at Kyle's party.  | Shark Tank   | Anderson Cooper 360 (N)  | Shark Tank  | Drunk History "First Ladies"  | Bizaardvark  | Bizaardvark  | Bunk'd  | Jessie  | The Daily Show With Trevor Noah                   | The Opposition w/ Jordan Klepper (N)              | (12:01) The Office "The Coup"                     |
| CNBC           | 35 | 84   | Shark Tank  | Erin Burnett OutFront (N)  | South Park   | South Park "Chin-poko Mon"  | Drunk History "First Ladies"  | Bizaardvark  | Bizaardvark  | Bunk'd  | Jessie  | The Daily Show With Trevor Noah                   | The Opposition w/ Jordan Klepper (N)              | (12:01) The Office "The Coup"                     |
| CNN            | 3  | 80   | Erin Burnett OutFront (N)   | (6:50) South Park  | (:25) South Park   | South Park  | Drunk History "First Ladies"  | Bizaardvark  | Bizaardvark  | Bunk'd  | Jessie  | The Daily Show With Trevor Noah                   | The Opposition w/ Jordan Klepper (N)              | (12:01) The Office "The Coup"                     |
| COM            | 57 | 136  | Erin Burnett OutFront (N)   | (6:50) South Park  | (:25) South Park   | South Park  | Drunk History "First Ladies"  | Bizaardvark  | Bizaardvark  | Bunk'd  | Jessie  | The Daily Show With Trevor Noah                   | The Opposition w/ Jordan Klepper (N)              | (12:01) The Office "The Coup"                     |
| DISN           | 18 | 200  | Bunk'd  | Raven's Home   | K.C. Undercover (N)  | Stuck in the Middle   | Drunk History "First Ladies"  | Bizaardvark  | Bizaardvark  | Bunk'd  | Jessie  | The Daily Show With Trevor Noah                   | The Opposition w/ Jordan Klepper (N)              | (12:01) The Office "The Coup"                     |
| DSC            | 42 | 103  | Moonshiners: Outlaw Cuts (N)  | Moonshiners (N)  | Moonshiners "Blowing Your Cover" (N)   | Tesla's Death Ray: A Murder   | Moonshiners "Blowing Your Cover" (N)  | Tesla's Death Ray: A Murder  | Moonshiners "Blowing Your Cover" (N)                                     | Tesla's Death Ray: A Murder   | Moonshiners "Blowing Your Cover" (N)              | Tesla's Death Ray: A Murder                       | Tesla's Death Ray: A Murder                       | Tesla's Death Ray: A Murder                       |
| ESPN           | 26 | 35   | College Basketball Kansas at Oklahoma. (N) (Live)   | College Basketball Wisconsin at Iowa. (N) (Live)   | College Basketball Kansas at Oklahoma. (N) (Live)  | College Basketball Wisconsin at Iowa. (N) (Live)  | College Basketball Kansas at Oklahoma. (N) (Live)                                     | College Basketball Wisconsin at Iowa. (N) (Live)                                     | College Basketball Kansas at Oklahoma. (N) (Live)                        | College Basketball Wisconsin at Iowa. (N) (Live)                                | College Basketball Kansas at Oklahoma. (N) (Live) | College Basketball Wisconsin at Iowa. (N) (Live)  | College Basketball Kansas at Oklahoma. (N) (Live) | College Basketball Wisconsin at Iowa. (N) (Live)  |
| ESPN2          | 27 | 39   | College Basketball Wisconsin at Iowa. (N) (Live)  | College Basketball Kansas at Oklahoma. (N) (Live)  | College Basketball Wisconsin at Iowa. (N) (Live)   | College Basketball Kansas at Oklahoma. (N) (Live)   | College Basketball Wisconsin at Iowa. (N) (Live)                                      | College Basketball Kansas at Oklahoma. (N) (Live)                                    | College Basketball Wisconsin at Iowa. (N) (Live)                         | College Basketball Kansas at Oklahoma. (N) (Live)                               | College Basketball Wisconsin at Iowa. (N) (Live)  | College Basketball Kansas at Oklahoma. (N) (Live) | College Basketball Wisconsin at Iowa. (N) (Live)  | College Basketball Kansas at Oklahoma. (N) (Live) |
| FOOD           | 40 | 109  | Chopped "Chopped All-Stars Finale"  | Chopped "The Newlywed Game"  | Chopped Grits in the first basket.   | Chopped "Gold Medal Games: Baking"  | Chopped "Greater Tater"   | Chopped  |  |   |   |   |   |   |
| FOXN           | 37 | 90   | The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)   | The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)  | Hannity (N)  | The Inghram Angle (N)   | The Inghram Angle (N)   | The Inghram Angle (N)  | The Inghram Angle (N)  | The Inghram Angle (N)   | The Inghram Angle (N)                             | The Inghram Angle (N)                             | The Inghram Angle (N)                             | The Inghram Angle (N)                             |
| FREE           | 20 | 131  | (6:00) ** "Pocahontas" (1995) Voice of Irene Bedard.  | The Fosters The family celebrates Stef's birthday. (N)   | (:01) ** "Pocahontas" (1995, Children's Animated. A Powhatan maiden falls for an English settler.  | Future Phenoms  | Boxing 30   | NHL Hockey Carolina Hurricanes at Pittsburgh Penguins.                               |  |   |   |   |   |   |
| FSS            | 21 | 47   | Power of Sports   | Power of Sports  | Women's College Basketball Kansas State at Baylor.   | The Middle "The Test"   | The Middle "Bad Choices"  | The Middle "Halloween II"  | The Middle   | The Golden Girls  | The Golden Girls "The Pope's Ring"                | The Golden Girls "Old Boyfriends"                 |   |   |
| HALL           | 52 | 183  | Full House  | Full House "I've Got a Secret"   | Full House "To Joey, With Love"  | Full House  | The Middle "The Test"   | The Middle "Bad Choices"   | The Middle "Halloween II"  | The Middle  | The Golden Girls                                  | The Golden Girls "The Pope's Ring"                | The Golden Girls "Old Boyfriends"                 |   |
| HGTV           | 39 | 112  | Fixer Upper   | Fixer Upper  | Fixer Upper (N)  | Restored Fords  | House Hunters (N)   | House Hunters  | Hunters Int'l  | Fixer Upper   |   |   |   |   |
| HIST           | 45 | 110  | The Curse of Oak Island   | Oak Island: Digging Deeper   | The Curse of Oak Island (N)  | (:03) Hunting Hitler "150 Feet Below"   | (:03) The Curse of Oak Island   | Digging Deeper   |  |   |   |   |   |   |
| ION            | 13 | 18   | Criminal Minds "The Inspiration" The team tracks a killer to Arizona.   | Criminal Minds "The Inspired" Zeroing in on a ritualistic killer. (DVS)  | Criminal Minds "Final Shot" Dallas is threatened by a sniper. (DVS)  | Criminal Minds "To Bear Witness" The team meets the new section chief.  | Criminal Minds "Route 66" Hotch has visions of his late wife. (DVS)                   | Criminal Minds "In the Blood"  |  |   |   |   |   |   |
| LIFE           | 50 | 145  | Married at First Sight "Weddings" Wedding time for the strangers.   | Married at First Sight (N)   | Married at First Sight (N)   | Married at First Sight The couples embark on their honeymoons. (N)  | (:02) This Time Next Year Overweight family; deaf veteran. (N)                        | (:03) This Time Next Year Overweight family; deaf veteran. (N)                       | (12:01) Married at First Sight   |   |   |   |   |   |
| MSNBC          | 36 | 92   | Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)  | All In With Chris Hayes (N)  | The Rachel Maddow Show (N)   | The Last Word   | The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)   | Rachel Maddow  |  |   |   |   |   |   |
| NICK           | 16 | 210  | Paradise Run (N)  | SpongeBob  | *** "The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water" (2015)  | Two and Half Men  | Two and Half Men  | Friends  | Friends  | Friends   |   |   |   |   |
| SPIKE          | 64 | 153  | Friends   | Friends  | Ink Master "Filler Up"   | Ink Master "Divine Proportion" (N)  | ** "Road House" (1989, Action) Patrick Swayze.  | ** "Silent House" (2011)   |  |   |   |   |   |   |
| SYFY           | 58 | 152  | ** "Faster" (2010, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Billy Bob Thornton. An ex-con begins a race against time to avenge his brother's murder. | The Big Bang Theory  | The Big Bang Theory  | The Big Bang Theory   | The Big Bang Theory   | The Big Bang Theory  | The Detour "The Run"   | Conan Actor Kathy Bates; actor Louie Anderson. (N)                              | The Detour "The Run"                              |   |   |   |
| TBS            | 24 | 156  | The Big Bang Theory   | The Big Bang Theory  | **** "Fiddler on the Roof" (1971, Musical) Topol, Norma Crane, Leonard Frey. Poor Jewish milkman, wife and five daughters in czarist Russia. | (:02) I Am Jazz (N)   | (:04) Dr. Pimple Popper   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |
| TCM            | 49 | 186  | (5:30) ** "The Great Waltz" (1972) Horst Buchholz, Mary Costa.  | **** "Fiddler on the Roof" (1971, Musical) Topol, Norma Crane, Leonard Frey. Poor Jewish milkman, wife and five daughters in czarist Russia. | (:02) I Am Jazz (N)  | (:04) Dr. Pimple Popper   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |
| TLC            | 43 | 157  | (:05) My Big Fat Fabulous Life (N)  | My Big Fat Fabulous Life (N)   | NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at San Antonio Spurs. From the AT&T Center in San Antonio. (N)  | NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Los Angeles Lakers. From Staples Center in Los Angeles. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live) |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |
| TNT            | 23 | 158  | NBA Tip-Off (N) (Live)  | Subject to Blackout) (Live)  | Subject to Blackout) (Live)  | Subject to Blackout) (Live)   | Subject to Blackout) (Live)   | Subject to Blackout) (Live)  | Subject to Blackout) (Live)  | Subject to Blackout) (Live)   | Subject to Blackout) (Live)                       | Subject to Blackout) (Live)                       |   |   |
| TRUTV          | 38 | 129  | Impractical Jokers  | Impractical Jokers   | Impractical Jokers   | Impractical Jokers  | Impractical Jokers  | Impractical Jokers   | Impractical Jokers   | Impractical Jokers  | Impractical Jokers                                | Impractical Jokers                                |   |   |
| TV LAND        | 55 | 161  | M*A*S*H   | M*A*S*H  | Love-Raymond   | Love-Raymond  | Love-Raymond  | Love-Raymond   | Mom  | Mom   | King of Queens                                    | King of Queens                                    |   |   |
| USA            | 25 | 132  | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Carisi looks for a rapist at a shelter.   | WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live)  | Law & Order "Standoff"   | Law & Order "Return"  | Law & Order "Burn Baby Burn"  | Law & Order "Amends"   | Law & Order "Amends"   | Law & Order "Amends"  | Law & Order "Amends"                              | Law & Order "Amends"                              |   |   |
| WE             | 68 | 166  | Law & Order "Dissonance"  | Law & Order "Standoff"   | Law & Order "Return"   | Law & Order "Burn Baby Burn"  | Law & Order "Amends"  | Law & Order "Amends"   | Law & Order "Amends"   | Law & Order "Amends"  | Law & Order "Amends"                              | Law & Order "Amends"                              |   |   |
| WGNA           | 8  | 172  | Cops  | ** "Godzilla" (2014) Aaron Taylor-Johnson. Godzilla and malevolent foes battle for supremacy.  | Bellevue "Pilot" (Series Premiere) (N)   | Bellevue "Pilot" (DVS)  | Elementary  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |

# Have a box of tissue on hand for 'We'll Meet Again'

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

I'm mystified that anybody watches morning television. Particularly those hyperactive series disguised as "news." Filled with chipper chatter, repetitive reports read by pretty people wearing way too much makeup, fake friendliness and mawkish emotional drivel, morning television news makes hundreds of millions of dollars for various networks. But like most sugary cereals, it triggers my gag reflex.

So it is with some degree of queasiness that I report that prime-time television real estate, and the PBS schedule at that, has been invaded by former morning TV personality Ann Curry. She gained some notoriety for being ruthlessly iced out of the "happy" "Today" gang and has enjoyed a recent moment of karmic comeuppance when her former tormentor Matt Lauer was exposed as an arrogant, sleazy guy.

Curry now hosts "We'll Meet Again" (8 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings). This reality series takes a deeply personal view of historical events and interviews people who had been thrown together by epic moments, cataclysm and tragedy.

We first meet a Japanese American woman who was taunted as a little girl in the days after Pearl Harbor. Of all her neighbors and classmates,

only one girl stood by her side back in those dark days. Curry orchestrates a reunion between the two women, now in their 80s.

We later meet a Holocaust survivor who meets a member of a surrogate family who saved him during World War II. Later, Curry will host reunions of people thrown together by other wars and domestic events, including the 9/11 attacks.

No one can deny the genuineness of Curry's guests, their experiences or feelings. But a little of this goes a long way.

"We'll Meet Again" is history mediated through "This Is Your Life" talk-show gimmickry and the haze of insistent sentimentality. As on most daytime talk shows, everything is made better with a hankie and a hug.

Anna Paquin stars in the Canadian import "Bellevue" (10 p.m., WGN, TV-MA). She's Annie, a troubled detective and the daughter of a slain cop in a remote mountain town that has become weird and sad since the local mine closed.

Actually, it was pretty creepy 20 years before that, when a local teen was killed and a predator lured Annie with hidden notes and riddles said to be from her deceased father. Long on lurid atmosphere, "Bellevue" asks viewers to follow Annie as she con-

nects the dots from mysteries past and present.

## TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- A rich man's widow needs a good defense on "Bull" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- Kate feels generous on "This Is Us" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- The community begins to suspect that its hero has returned on "Black Lightning" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14).
- "Frontline" (9 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings) examines migrants caught up in Europe's refugee crisis.
- "Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern" (9 p.m., Travel) begins its 19th season on Minnesota's Paul Bunyan Trail, sampling game dishes including muskrat, duck stew and bear pastrami.
- A case brings Pride back to one of his mother's haunts on "NCIS: New Orleans" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- Choi helps a patient's eating disorder on "Chicago Med" (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- Chip masters essential technology on the third season premiere of "Baskets" (10 p.m., FX, TV-MA).

## CULT CHOICE

TCM invites viewers to spend the day with adaptations of hit Broadway musicals, from "Camelot" (6 a.m.) to



SKIP BOLEN / CBS

Tess Soltau, left, stars as Rachel Modine and Lucas Black as Special Agent Christopher LaSalle in the "Ties That Bind" episode of "NCIS: New Orleans," airing at 10 p.m. today on CBS.

"Fiddler on the Roof" (8 p.m.).

## SERIES NOTES

A teen witness vanishes on "NCIS" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) \* "Ellen's Game of Games" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG) \* Bailey's sister needs a favor on "Lethal Weapon" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14) \* Frankie's status freak-out on "The Middle" (8 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) \* Ralph faces a challenge on "The Flash" (8 p.m., CW, TV-PG) \* Asleep at the "Wheel" on "Fresh Off the Boat" (8:30 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) \* Ronnie wonders about a regular's behavior on "LA to Vegas" (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14) \* Diane's milestone on "blackish" (9 p.m., ABC, r, TV-14) \*

Bad chaperone on "The Mick" (9:30 p.m., Fox, TV-14) \* An anniversary to forget on "Modern Family" (9:30 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG). Alec Baldwin hosts "Match Game" (10 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG).

## LATE NIGHT

Jason Reynolds is booked on "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central) \* Jimmy Fallon welcomes Alex Rodriguez, Taylor Kitsch and Bebe Rexha featuring Florida Georgia Line on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC).

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Summons AND NOTICES (Non-Jury) IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS C/A NO.: 2017-CP-43-01794

FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff, v. Robert A. England a/k/a Robert England, deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons or entities entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons or entities with any right, title, estate, interest in or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as Richard Roe; and any unknown minors, incompetent or imprisoned person, or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe; Sonja G. England a/k/a Sonja England; Brittany England, Defendant(s).

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Code Ann. § 29-3-100, effective June 16, 1993, any collateral assignment of rents contained in the referenced Mortgage is perfected and Attorney for Plaintiff hereby gives notice that all rents shall be payable directly to it by delivery to its undersigned attorneys from the date of default. In the alternative, Plaintiff will move before a judge of this Circuit on the 10th day after service hereof, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, for an Order enforcing the assignment of rents, if any, and compelling payment of all rents to the Plaintiff, which motion is to be based upon the original Note and Mortgage herein and the Complaint attached hereto.

LIS PENDENS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an action has been or will be commenced in this Court upon complaint of the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendant(s) for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage of real estate given by Robert A. England and Sonja G. England to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Amerigroup Mortgage Corporation dated March 21, 2002 and recorded on April 5, 2002 in Book 837 at Page 1842, in the Sumter County Registry (hereinafter, "Mortgage"). Thereafter, the Mortgage was transferred to the Plaintiff herein by assignment and/or corporate merger.

The premises covered and affected by the said Mortgage and by the foreclosure thereof were, at the time of the making thereof and at the time of the filing of this notice, more particularly described in the said Mortgage and are more commonly described as:

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This being the same property conveyed to Robert A. England by deed of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of Washington, D.C. dated November 12, 1984 and recorded November 12, 1984 in book 385 at page 443 in the records for Sumter County, South Carolina. Thereafter, Robert A. England conveyed his interest to Robert A. England and Sonja G. England, as joint tenants, with right of survivorship, and not as tenants in common, be deed dated October 27, 1998 and recorded November 2, 1998 in book 722 at page 149 in the records for Sumter County, South Carolina.

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Property Address: 609 N Magnolia Street, Sumter, SC 29150

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the original Complaint, Cover Sheet for Civil Actions and Certificate of Exemption from ADR in the above entitled action was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on October 3, 2017. A Notice of Foreclosure Intervention was also filed in the Clerk of Court's Office.

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, upon reading the filed Petition for Appointment of Kelley Woody, Esquire as Guardian ad Litem for unknown minors, and persons who may be under a disability, and it appearing that Kelley Woody, Esquire has consented to said appointment.

FURTHER upon reading the filed Petition for Appointment of Kelley Woody, Esquire as Attorney for any unknown Defendants who may be in the Military Service of the United States of America, and may be, as such, entitled to the benefits of the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act, and any amendments thereto, and it appearing that Kelley Woody, Esquire has consented to act for and

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represent said Defendants, it is

ORDERED that Kelley Woody, Esquire, P.O. Box 6432, Columbia, SC 29260 phone (803) 787-9678, be and hereby is appointed Guardian ad Litem on behalf of all unknown minors and all unknown persons who may be under a disability, all of whom may have or claim to have some interest or claim to the real property commonly known as 609 N Magnolia Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29150; that she is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent said Defendants, unless said Defendants, or someone on their behalf, shall within thirty (30) days after service of a copy hereof as directed, procure the appointment of Guardian or Guardians ad Litem for said Defendants.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Kelley Woody, Esquire, P.O. Box 6432, Columbia, SC 29260 phone (803) 787-9678, be and hereby is appointed Attorney for any unknown Defendants who are, or may be, in the Military Service of the United States of America and as such are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act aka Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, and any amendments thereto, to represent and protect the interest of said Defendants.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That a copy of this Order shall be forth with served upon said Defendants by publication in The Item, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, together with the Summons and Notice of Filing of Complaint in the above entitled action.

Brook & Scott, PLLC 3800 Fernandina Road, Suite 110 Columbia, SC 29210 Phone 844-856-6646 Fax 803-454-3451 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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 #371PC 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: Timothy Myer Barkley #2018ES4300015 Personal Representative Lois J. Barkley 4350 Nazarene Church Rd. Sumter, SC 29154

Estate: Julius H. Caulder, Jr. #2018ES4300012 Personal Representative Terry D. Caulder 45 Glenwood Dr Sumter, SC 29153

Estate: Brenda Louise Williams #2018ES4300078 Personal Representative Nathalie Brown 6217 Strathcona Street N. Chesterfield, VA 23234

Estate: William Oliver Boyer #2018ES4300028 Personal Representative Dorothy McNeill 704 Nelson Street Sumter, SC 29150

Estate: Maggie V. Benenhaley #2018ES4300010 Personal Representative John Benenhaley 875 Kolb Road Sumter, SC 29154

Estate: Wayne M. McElveen #2018ES4300001 Personal Representative Kevin W. McElveen and Bryan R. McElveen Thomas E. Player, Jr. Attorney at Law PO Box 3690 Sumter, SC 29151

Estate: Florence M. Anderson #2018ES4300024 Personal Representative Philip Anderson, Jr. 100 Grayside Road Irmo, SC 29063

Estate: Larue Merida Medlin, Jr. #2018ES4300005 Personal Representative Rose H. Medlin 340 Eastern School Road Sumter, SC 29153

Estate: Edward Canty Jr. #2018ES4300016 Personal Representative Shirley Coulette 450 Ballpark Road Pinewood, SC 29125

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Estate: Nancy Dixon Webster #2017ES4300736 Personal Representative Robin Clark Webster C/O Kenneth Hamilton Attorney at Law 4100 Broad Street Lot 2 Sumter, SC 29154

Estate: Kenneth Brown #2018ES4300020 Personal Representative Kenneth Brown, II 906 Jensen Street Sumter, SC 29154

Estate: Joseph Lawrence Fohner #2018ES4300004 Personal Representative Gayle T. Fohner C/O Kenneth Hamilton Attorney at Law PO Box 1774 Sumter, SC 29151

Estate: George Charvis, Jr. #2018ES4300003 Personal Representative Patricia A. Kirvin Charvis C/O J. Cabot Seth Attorney at Law PO Box 1268 Sumter, SC 29151

Estate: Ron Kenneth Wilson #2017ES4300600 Personal Representative Sherman Wilson C/O William Land Attorney at Law PO Box 1302 Manning, SC 29188

Estate: Ren Frew James #2017ES4300729 Personal Representative John E. James, III PO Box 329 Winnsboro, SC 29180

Estate: Dorothy Smalls #2017ES4300734 Personal Representative Pamela V. Tolbert 110 Perkins Avenue Sumter, SC 29150

Estate: William McCants #2018ES4300014 Personal Representative Michael Anthony 1045 Spaulding Ave. Sumter, SC 29150

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