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Attorney slams Morris for 'negligence, recklessness'

Harrell says delaying hearing in mold case is college's strategy

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BY BRUCE MILLS
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The litigation attorney who recently filed a class-action suit on

behalf of current and former Morris College students against the college claims efforts to delay an

initial hearing in the case last week are an example of the college's "negligence and/or recklessness" that the suit seeks to address.

After the college's lawyer, David Weeks — who is also a state legislator — invoked his "legislative privilege" to "protect" him from being called to any court hearing for the

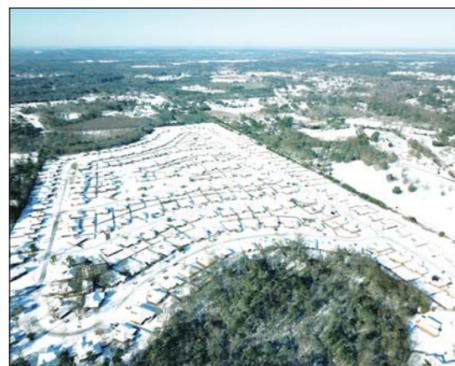
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Bird's-eye view of Sumter's blanket of snow



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The campus of Sumter High School on McCrays Mill Road is seen after snow fell on the area Wednesday.



LEFT: Foxcroft Subdivision across from Sumter High School off McCrays Mill Road is seen.



RIGHT: McCrays Mill Road looking toward Pinewood Road is seen.

Stay safe during rare cold snap

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Though the roads are clearing of ice and snow, freezing temperatures in Sumter are still an issue that residents should try to stay ahead of, especially at home.

Temperatures in Sumter dropped below 20 degrees for six nights in a row between Monday and Saturday for only the third time since 1901, according to National Weather Service in Columbia.

When temperatures reach below or near freezing (32 degrees) at night, residents should take efforts to get the most out of their heating systems without breaking the bank, such as setting the system at the right temperature.

C.W. Boykin, an owner of the family run Boykin Air

Conditioning Services, said he gets that question every week.

"You're paying for comfort, so set it to where it's comfortable," he said.

The recommended temperature of 68 degrees came about in the '70s when the government tried to help people save money and energy during an energy crisis, he said.

Today, a common setting is between 72 and 74 degrees, though some people lower the temperature at night to help save money, he said.

A good tip is to set the thermostat and leave it there, Boykin said. Adjusting the setting multiple times will use more energy.

Boykin said the business received hundreds of calls last week when temperatures

SPACE HEATER SAFETY

The Palmetto S.C. Region of the American Red Cross assisted 245 people from Jan. 1-5, compared to 119 during the same time last year. The agency responded to 61 incidents as of Friday morning in the first week of the year — last year, there were only 26 incidents.

About 95 percent of those calls were for house fires, the agency reported.

"This has been an unprecedented beginning to 2018," Regional CEO Louise Welch Williams said.

Following are some safety tips to keep in mind when using space heaters:

- There should be at least 3 feet of open space all around the heater when it is in use, and keep pets away at a safe distance;
- Use the proper kind of fuel when using oil-based heaters;
- Make sure smoke alarms are properly installed in the house and are working.
- Visit your nearest Sumter County fire station to register to have smoke alarms installed in your home for free.

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CHARLES LEMMON 'FLOP' SHAW

Shaw remembered as 'epitome of Southern gentleman'

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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Athletes have their superstitions, their must-do rituals. It can be witnessed in any sport, and Flop Shaw was no different.

Shaw, whose full name, Charles Lemmon Shaw, "affectionately" went unused in place of "Flop," "had a very unusual way of smelling the tennis ball before he would serve," said Sam Hunter, a longtime friend.

The Sumterite died on Jan. 3 after a lifetime of service to his country, his community, his family and his church. And to quite a few games of tennis and basketball.



SHAW

a place he molded his life around.

Shaw, for whose uncle Shaw Air Force Base was named, graduated

"Flop loved college basketball, and he loved to talk about it," Hunter said.

Hunter will speak at Shaw's funeral today at 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, a place Shaw attended his entire life and

from Edmunds High School and Davidson College, where he expressed his love for basketball on the court.

As a Davidson freshman, he joined the U.S. Army during World War II, a part of his life those who were close to him said he did not often bring up on his own. But it was a part of his life that was honorable and beyond belief.

Bill Scobee said he met Shaw in 1964 when he moved to Sumter to join the Air Force and has been close with his family since.

"He was a hero," Scobee said. Shaw was sent to Anzio, Italy, a tour for which he received a Purple Heart and brought back some unwanted souvenirs.

"He still has pieces of shrapnel in

his leg," Scobee said. "It's a wonder he survived."

Scobee said his friend was always giving back in one way or another, and most of it was "behind the scenes."

"He was a very humble man and didn't seek notoriety or publicity," he said. "He would do anything for his friends. He was very charitable. People have no idea how charitable he was for the whole community."

One way Shaw gave back in the public eye was his dedication to the Sumter YMCA, serving as president of its board of directors and being selected as Humanitarian of the Year.

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N.C. woman, 58, dies in Clarendon County wreck

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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A 58-year-old Fayetteville, North Carolina, woman died after being involved in a single-vehicle wreck on Interstate 95 near the 105 mile marker on Thursday morning.

The wreck occurred at 10:10 a.m. when the 2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer — driven by a man also from Fayetteville — struck ice on the roadway, spun out of control, went off the left shoulder and struck multiple trees, said S.C. Highway Patrol Lance Cpl. David Jones.

Cynthia Hutchings, a front passenger in the vehicle, was transported to an area hospital where she later died of her injuries, he said. She was wearing a seatbelt, he said.

Jones said the driver was wearing a seatbelt, but did not provide information about his condition.

The relationship between the driver and deceased was not specified.

Highway patrol is still investigating the incident.

Rembert fire causes \$400K in damage

BY BRUCE MILLS
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A Sumter County farmer's shed and equipment were destroyed after a fire Friday in Rembert causing about \$400,000 in damage, according to a Sumter Fire Department report.

The blaze started in a shed at 6550 TD McCloud Road in Rembert about 3:30 p.m. Friday, the report says. At least two tractors, other farm equipment, and the shed were lost in the fire. No one was hurt in the blaze.

According to the incident report, fire truck units arrived on the scene at 3:59 p.m. and responders had the blaze under control at 4:50 p.m.

On Saturday, Sumter Fire Battalion Chief Joey Duggan said the cause of the fire was still undetermined, but officials didn't expect it was anything suspicious.

CORRECTIONS

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Board to hear school district update

BY BRUCE MILLS
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On what will turn out to be the first day back to school for students after an extended winter holiday break, the Sumter School District Board of Trustees will also hold its first board meeting of 2018 on Monday.

A district staff member sent out the agenda for Monday's regularly scheduled monthly board meeting on Friday afternoon. Reports

SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING

WHEN: Monday, 6 p.m.
WHERE: Sumter Career and Technology Center, 2612 McCrays Mill Road

from the board's three committees (finance, facilities and curriculum, instruction and assessment) highlight the agenda, along with a district update from acting Su-

perintendent Debbie Hamm, a personnel report, and a recommendation from the Finance Committee.

Unlike board meetings during the fall semester that were all held at the district office, Monday's meeting will be at the Sumter Career and Technology Center, 2612 McCrays Mill Road. Typically, the trustees do hold their monthly meetings at various schools around the district. Those are generally held the second Monday of each

month. The board's monthly work sessions, which are typically the fourth Monday each month, are held at the district office.

Like all board-related meetings, Monday's meeting is open to the public, and public participation is also listed on the agenda. Because the meeting is at the district career and technology center, an update on the school will also be provided to board members. The meeting begins at 6 p.m.



Victoria Bailey helps her son Max get on dry mittens Thursday morning in Sumter.

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Children are at higher risk in extreme cold

Palmetto Health gives safety tips for hypothermia, frostbite

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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With multiple days now of temperatures being near, at or below freezing in Sumter County and the surrounding area, a children's hospital in the community wants parents to take extra precautions to protect their little ones from harm caused by extended and extreme cold.

Palmetto Health Children's Hospital in Columbia knows damage like frostbite and hypothermia can happen quickly if children are not prepared with the right clothing and safe measures, and just because the snow may be gone does not mean cold temperatures are less dangerous.

"Children may be so excited about playing that they don't want to come inside," said Jason Peck, a pediatric intensivist.

The National Weather Service is predicting temperatures to remain in the 30s for the next couple nights, rounding out almost a week-long streak of below-freezing nights and daytime temperatures in the 30s and 40s.

Here are some tips provided by the hospital to keep kids safe during cold weather.

WHAT TO WEAR

- Several thin layers will keep infants dry and warm.

- Do not forget warm boots, a hat and gloves or mittens. Boots should be large enough to comfortably accommodate two pairs of socks.

- Remove drawstrings from clothing that can get caught on tree branches or play equipment and replace with Velcro.

- Babies and children should wear thin, snug layers when riding in the car instead of thick, bulky coats or snowsuits.

- Keep blankets, quilts, pillows, bumpers, sheepskins and other loose bedding out of infants' sleeping environment because they are associated with suffocation deaths and may contribute to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. One-piece sleepers or wearable blankets are preferred.

- If a blanket must be used to keep a sleeping infant warm, use a thin one that can be tucked under the crib mattress, reaching only as far as the baby's chest.

HYPOTHERMIA

What it is: Hypothermia develops when a child's temperature falls below normal because of exposure to cold temperatures. It often happens when a youngster is playing outside without wearing proper clothing or when clothes get wet.

It can develop faster in kids than in adults.

Symptoms: Shivering, becoming lethargic and clumsy, slurring speech, declining body temperature in severe cases

What to do: If you suspect your child is hypothermic, call 911. Until help arrives, take the child inside, remove any wet clothing and wrap him or her in blankets or warm clothes.

FROSTBITE

What it is: Frostbite happens when the skin and outer tissues become frozen. This condition typically happens on extremities such as fingers, toes, ears and the nose.

Symptoms: Skin first becomes red and tingly then gray and painful and finally white, cold and hard without pain. Blistering occurs after the skin thaws.

How to prevent it: Dress in layers, covering all body parts when outside in cold weather. Bring children inside if clothing gets wet.

What to do:

- Bring the child indoors if frostbite occurs and place the affected parts of the body in warm (not hot) water. It is recommended to use water that is 104 degrees — about the temperature of most hot tubs.

- Warm washcloths may be applied to the nose, ears and lips.

- Give the child acetaminophen or ibuprofen when you begin rewarming to help painful thawing of skin.

- Do not rub affected areas.

- After a few minutes, dry and cover the child with clothing or blankets. Give him or her something warm to drink and seek medical attention immediately, especially if blistering occurs.

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Item readers enjoy the snow

The tri-county region of Sumter, Lee and Clarendon got a rare couple inches of snow Wednesday afternoon and evening, transforming yards into beautiful winter scenes but making roads treacherous. *The Sumter Item* asked readers to share pictures they took of them and their families enjoying the fresh powder. These are a few of our favorites; see more reader-submitted photos online at www.theitem.com.

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Man says he killed parents because they asked him to

SPARTANBURG (AP) — A South Carolina man who says he killed his ailing parents because they asked him to has been sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Stephen Belcher, 40, of Boiling Springs, pleaded guilty Thursday to voluntary manslaughter in his 69-year-old parents' deaths, *The Herald-Journal* of Spartanburg reported.

Belcher said his parents had asked him to kill them because of their health problems.

Belcher initially was charged with murder in the shooting deaths of Henrietta Green Belcher and William Edward Belcher. Their

bodies were found Nov. 15, 2016. Investigators said they had been killed 10 days earlier.

"What my client did was not legal, but what my client did was merciful," defense attorney Doug Brannon said.

Belcher's wife, Vonda Belcher, said the couple moved from Georgia to the area to better take care of his parents.

"I ask for mercy. He felt like he was helping them," Vonda Belcher said in court.

Prosecutor Barry Barrette says the lesser charge was part of a plea deal. Circuit Judge Derham Cole gave Belcher a 10-year pris-

on sentence.

Deborah Belcher, Stephen's sister, said he was better able to care for their parents than she could. He carried his mother when necessary, helping her get around the family's house, something Deborah could not do.

"I do understand it, and I forgive him," she said.

Stephen Belcher's older brother, David, also testified for him before the sentencing.

"My brother was guilty of loving my parents to a tragic end," David Belcher said. "I don't want Stephen to spend the rest of his life in prison."

Avoid desire to shove sermon down the throat of another

I love a good sermon, especially when the challenges issued in that sermon do not apply to me. It makes it easier to level judgment at another person who I think should take the message to heart.

"I hope she was listening," I'll tell my husband on the way home from church. "That sermon was for her."

Yes, there's nothing like a good steep in self-righteousness after a Sunday morning worship service.

We may not say it aloud but there are those times when we wish we could condense a sermon and shove it down the throats of those we feel need to hear it.

Not every sermon point, Bible study or Scriptural challenge will apply to us every time. Each of us has our own specific set of struggles that trip us up from time to time. A sinful proclivity for one is easily ignored by another. Where a person grapples with greed, another exemplifies contentment. God made each of us unique but with the same foundational problem: We all make mistakes (Romans 3:23). It's a great equalizer — not one of us is good (Romans 3:10).

But that doesn't give us license to adopt a pious perspective from which to cast condemnation.

"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your

brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." (Matthew 7:3-5, NIV)

The imagery here is beautiful and particularly convicting if you consider the ineffectiveness of a person, who suffers from poor vision, trying to perform the delicate act of eye surgery on another. It would be reckless and, ultimately, a disaster. It would be best to leave the task to someone with an unobstructed perspective.

Biblical commentator Matthew Henry writes that our focus should be on sanctifying our lives rather than calling down condemnation on the lives of others. "Our own sins ought to appear greater to us than the same sins in others: that which charity teaches us to call but a splinter in our brother's eye, true repentance and godly sorrow will teach us to call a beam in our own ..."

If we are truly concerned with helping a fellow believer remove a detrimental obstacle in his or her lives, then we must act from a place of personal contrition. It's there that we can help others see God's grace.

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Man arrested in connection to shooting into vehicle

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Bond was denied for a 25-year-old Sumter man who allegedly threatened a close family member with a firearm and fired shots into the family member's vehicle in December.



LENEAU

Shaquille Marique Leneau, of Jessamine Trail, is accused of assaulting a close family member and threatening to shoot two other individuals on Dec. 20, making threats to a family member on Dec. 23, and firing multiple shots into a family member's vehicle on Dec. 31 in the Manning Avenue area.

The incidents appear to be part of an on-

going dispute, said Tonyia McGirt, Sumter Police Department public information officer.

The same victim was involved in each of the three incidents and was inside the vehicle when Leneau fired into it, she said. No injuries were reported, she said.

Leneau was arrested on Wednesday without incident and is being held at Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center.

He is charged with attempted murder; second degree assault and battery; three counts of possession of a weapon by a convicted felon; possession with intent to distribute marijuana, second offense; and two counts of pointing and presenting a firearm.

POLICE BLOTTER

STOLEN PROPERTY

A brown 12-gauge Remington 1100 firearm with a wood-grain stock valued at \$350 was reportedly stolen from a Dodge Ram truck while parked at a convenience store on Myrtle Beach Highway between 2 and 3 p.m. on Monday.

A black-and-brown 12-gauge Woodcock shotgun valued at \$600 was reportedly stolen from a lot on Headquarters Road in Wedgefield between 5 p.m. on Dec. 30 and Dec. 31.

A 60-inch Vizio TV valued at \$700, a 55-inch Samsung TV valued at \$500, a gold Armitron watch valued at \$150 and an 18-inch gold necklace

valued at \$140 were reportedly stolen from a residence on Torwood Court in Wedgefield about 7:30 a.m. on Dec. 31.

A CD player valued at \$200, a Pioneer car amplifier and two 12-inch sub woofers valued at \$670 and six 1-quart bottles of Havoline motor oil valued at \$3.50 each were reportedly stolen from a Chevrolet Silverado while parked at a residence on Murphy Street between 8 p.m. on Wednesday and 1 p.m. on Thursday. According to an incident report from Sumter Police Department, unknown subjects allegedly pried open the passenger side window, causing damage to the paint, before reportedly taking the items.



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Furman Middle School to perform

Annie Jr.

BY IVY MOORE
Special to The Sumter Item

Lakewood Center for the Performing Arts will host a stage full of musical comedy's most beloved orphans for five performances of Annie Jr. On Jan. 11 through 13, more than two dozen of Furman Middle School's talented actors, singers and dancers will present the seven Tony award-winning show set in Depression-era New York City.

Directed by Linda Beck, Annie Jr.'s cast comprises FMS choir members, REACH students and others. REACH is Sumter School District's summer program for gifted and talented students.

Beck said the cast is very excited about the show with "Lots of energy and so much talent!"

In the lead roles of Annie, Daddy Warbucks and Miss Hannigan are Haley Franks, Quinn Welsh and Rachel Parker. Both Franks and Parker have acted in previous Furman musicals, and Welsh recently auditioned for the national TV show "America's Got Talent." All three are in the FMS show choir.

As the show opens, Annie is with six other young girls — Molly, Kate, Tessie, Pepper, July and Duffy — in The New York City Municipal Orphanage. The six orphans are played by Haley Smalls, Payton Sestokas, Mia Margliano, Alyssa Costas, Zoe Ricklin and Marissa Dorr.

All Annie knows of her life before she was left on the orphanage steps is contained in a note her parents left, promising to come back for her. Miss Hannigan, the orphanage supervisor, who has no love for the orphans, orders them to scrub the floors, prompting them to sing one of the show's signature songs, "It's a Hard Knock Life."

Perhaps the show's most recognized tune, "Tomorrow," is sung by Annie to Sandy, a stray dog she rescues. Sandy is played by Ginger Costas.

Annie herself is "rescued" by the billionaire Daddy Warbucks, prompting Miss Hannigan's brother Rooster (Quinden Dais) and his girlfriend Lily (Brelen Livingston) to impersonate Annie's parents in order to swindle money from Warbucks.

Beck had high praise for her cast: "Rachel has done an exceptional job — Hannigan is very funny. She has been watching Carol Burnett, who was Hannigan in the original Broadway show. The orphans are doing a great job hating Miss Hannigan.

"Haley has a wonderful voice and couldn't have been a better choice for Annie. Quinn plays a really good Warbucks ... as dog catcher, also doing



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Annie and the orphans who befriend her in the New York City Municipal Orphanage where she is left on the doorstep are played by front row, Miabella Margliano and Payton Sestokas, and back row, from left Haley Franks (Annie), Haley Smalls, Zoe Ricklin, Alyssa Costas and Marissa Dorr. The musical "Annie Jr.," presented by Furman Middle School, runs for five performances beginning Thursday.

ANNIE JR., SPONSORED BY PALMETTO HEALTH TUOMEY

WHERE: Lakewood Center for the Performing Arts, Lakewood High School, 350 Old Manning Road, Sumter

WHEN: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday

TICKETS: Tickets for evening performances and the 3 p.m. Saturday show are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students at the door. The 10 a.m. Thursday and Friday seats are \$3 and reserved for Sumter School District elementary school students. For more information or group rates call Furman Middle School, (803) 481-8519.

sound effects, Manuel Sanchez-Ruiz gives 300 percent ... and J'Shawn Stukes plays several roles and is a wonderful talent."

Several show choir members and students Beck said she wants for FMS' 2018-19 show choir also play various roles in Annie Jr. Landon Rivers plays Franklin Roosevelt, Vincent DeGrazio plays Bundles McCloskey and Louis Howe, Quinden Dais is Apple Seller, Neveah Keller is Warbucks' assistant Grace Keller, Brayden Mainey is Drake, Elisa Thompson is Cecille, Haley Collins is Annette, Shadijah Burgess is Mrs. Greer, Alalia Hill is Mrs. Pugh, Rachel James is a Star to Be and Aubrey Lane is Usherette.

Community members Sylvia Pickell and David Shoemaker lend their pro-

fessional touches to the show, Beck noted. Pickell is longtime costume designer and wardrobe mistress for Sumter Little Theatre, and has done the costumes for Annie Jr. Shoemaker, also an SLT member as musician, set and light designer, has designed the set and lights for Annie.

Sumter School District curriculum coach Bill Austin designed the posters and programs.

Costumes, including the orphan Annie's signature red dress, designed by Sylvia Pickell, await the Furman Middle School actors at the opening of FMS' musical Annie Jr., directed by Linda Beck. The show can be seen at the Lakewood Center for Performing Arts Jan. 11, 12 and 13.



Pennsylvania Farm Show unveils butter sculpture

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — A half-ton of butter has been transformed into a sculpture celebrating Pennsylvania's dairy industry and heralding the start of the state's 102nd Farm Show.

Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding says the sculpture, "Strength in our Diversity," unveiled Thursday highlights the careers and roles the dairy industry plays in the state.

The sculpture features renderings of a cow and a farmer, an agronomist who helps produce corn to feed

dairy cows, a milk processor and a consumer with a basket full of products.

The butter came from waste scrap butter unsuitable for human consumption. After the show, the sculpture will be taken to a farm and turned into energy in a methane digester.

The Pennsylvania Farm Show, which runs through Jan. 13, is the nation's largest indoor agricultural event, featuring 12,000 competitive exhibits, more than 5,200 of which are animal competitions.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Van Richardson of Sumter announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennie Linn Richardson of Sumter, to Joseph Khalid Freiji of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brawner Duffie Jr. of Wedgefield and the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ray Richardson of Owensboro, Kentucky. She graduated from Laurence Manning Academy in Manning and is pursuing a degree in education from the United Kingdom's Early Years Education Program, Cache. She is employed as an early childhood teacher in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

The bridegroom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hassan Hamdar of Abu Dhabi. He graduated from Al Hosn University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Finance. He is employed as a financial analyst for Abu Dhabi International Bank.

The wedding is planned for July 28, 2018, at Wedgefield Presbyterian Church, Wedgefield.

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5 debutantes presented at The Carolinian Ball



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The Carolinian Ball presented five debutantes on Dec. 15, 2017, at Sunset Country Club. From left are Lauren Melinda Goodson escorted by Samuel Larand Watford and James Arthur Goodson IV; Elizabeth Kent Cunningham escorted by William Ballard Kinney and Robert Wesley James; Nicolette Kaitlyn Fisher escorted by James Patrick Muldrow and John Evans Boyle; McLean Marie Achziger escorted by Granger Keith Rabon and Kiel Curran Bilton; and Lauren Wynn Hill escorted by Blaze Evan Robertson and Thomas Preston Thompson III. The Carolinian also presented five sophomore sons, not pictured: Dylan Matthew Kolb, Turner Champ Newman, Brandon Scott Spittle, William Charles Stallings and Samuel Larand Watford.

Brides are finding non-traditional ways to celebrate grandparents

BY LISA A. FLAM
Associated Press

Nancy Rutchik and Flossie Pack are flower girls extraordinaire. Not only did the outgoing and energetic 80-somethings draw cheers as the surprise flower girls at their granddaughter Lucy Schanzer's wedding, but they re-pressed the role to further acclaim at the wedding of Schanzer's younger sister the following year.

Being close with her grandmothers, Schanzer, 31, wanted to involve them in her wedding ceremony in a way that was prominent and unique. "Grongong" Nancy and Grammy Flossie embraced their chance to be flower girls, which was kept secret until the two, wearing pearls and big smiles, began scattering petals from antique silver baskets to the "I Love Lucy" theme song. They walked down the aisle before an adoring crowd just before Schanzer married Kyle Schanzer on May 30, 2015, in a redwood forest in Carmel, California.

"When they saw us, they started laughing," said Rutchik, 87, of Dallas. "Then they had whistle calls and they called our names and 'Go girl!' We broke up the wedding. It was really a fun thing."

Many modern couples are tinkering with tradition as they personalize their weddings, and that includes placing grandparents in more visible positions like flower girl or ring bearer, best man or bridesmaid. It's a loving way to celebrate grandparents who were involved and influential in their upbringing.

"It honors the legacy of a family and the extension of a family and how the family is growing, because that's fundamentally what marriage is about," said San Francisco wedding and event planner Alicia Falango, who estimates that about 30 percent of her couples include grandparents in a unique way. "It's not the norm per se, but it's gaining popularity," she added.

These unexpected, high-profile roles are a departure from what many brides and grooms have done for years: quietly recognizing grandparents with a corsage or boutonniere, and having them walk down the aisle ahead of the bridal party to take front-row seats.

Recent wedding seasons have seen an



TOM O'NEAL/TGO WEDDINGS/LUCY SCHANZER VIA AP

Flossie "Grammy" Pack, left center, and Nancy "Grongong" Rutchik, right center, walk down the aisle as flower girls for the wedding of their granddaughter Lucy Schanzer in Carmel, California. Lucy married Kyle Schanzer.

Indiana groom who tapped his 90-year-old grandfather as best man, a Minnesota bride who chose her 92-year-old grandmother as her flower girl, and a Pennsylvania wedding featuring two grandmothers in matching gowns as flower girls.

"It resonates with a lot of people," Falango said. "When you are an adult, it's a blessing to have a living grandparent. It's so emotional for people. They go inward and say, 'Wow, I wish my grandma or grandpa were still here.'"

Beyond including a grandparent in the bridal party, couples can ask one to officiate, like Nadine Gorand did with her grandfather Raymond Oddi. Gorand and her fiancé, Pat, wanted an officiant they loved and respected for their Sept. 16 wedding at the Art Institute of Chicago. They immediately thought of Oddi, then 89.

"His work ethic and his family values are definitely things we both look up to and admire," said Gorand, 28. She added that her Gramps made the ceremony feel "really intimate and personal and just very loving and genuine."

At the reception, couples can also men-

tion their parents' parents in speeches, display their old wedding photos or honor them on the dance floor.

At the Oct. 14 wedding of Ashley and Matthew Beine in West Bend, Wisconsin, the couple's seven grandparents proudly walked down the aisle before the wedding party, and later, the DJ played a snippet of a slow song from decades ago to honor their weddings.

"We know how rare it is to have that many grandparents alive for a big life event like this," said the bride, 23. "They have set a really great example for my husband and me on life after 40 years of marriage. They're all very honest about the fact that there are some days you want to kill each other and other days you love each other and it's just worth it."

Schanzer's grandmother Grongong Rutchik allows that grandparents are sometimes overlooked at weddings, and having such a special place in her granddaughters' celebrations made her feel loved.

"It made me feel awful special, and I loved being part of such a happy occasion," she said.



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An iguana that froze fell from a tree and landed belly up along the edge of Frank Cerabino's pool on Thursday in Boca Raton, Florida.

Iguanas are falling from trees in Florida

BY JENNIFER KAY
Associated Press

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — It's so cold in Florida that iguanas are falling from their perches in suburban trees.

Temperatures dipped below 40 degrees Fahrenheit early Thursday in parts of South Florida, according to the National Weather Service in Miami.

That's chilly enough to immobilize green iguanas common in Miami's suburbs.

Palm Beach Post columnist Frank Cerabino tweeted a photograph of an iguana lying belly up next to his swimming pool. WPEC-TV posted images of an iguana on its back on a Palm Beach County road.

The cold-blooded creatures native to Central and South America start to get sluggish when temperatures fall below 50 degrees, said Kristen Sommers, who oversees the non-native fish and wildlife program for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

If temperatures drop below that, iguanas freeze up. "It's too cold for them to move," Sommers said.

They're not the only reptiles stunned by this week's cold snap: Sea turtles also stiffen up when temperatures fall. The wildlife commission's biologists have been rescuing cold-stunned sea turtles found floating listlessly on the water or near shore, but no such rescue is planned for iguanas.

Well-meaning residents finding stiffened iguanas are advised to leave them alone, as they may feel threatened and bite once they warm up.

"Don't assume that they're dead," Sommers said.

Green iguanas are an invasive species in Florida known for eating through landscaping and digging burrows that undermine infrastructure. They can grow more than 5 feet long, and their droppings can be a potential source of salmonella bacteria, which causes food poisoning.

The wildlife commission has begun holding workshops to train homeowners and property managers to trap or manage iguanas. The reptiles may be easier to catch this week, Sommers said.

"This provides an opportunity to capture some, but I'm not sure it's going to be cold enough for long enough to make enough of a difference," she said. "In most cases, they're going to warm back up and move around again, unless they're euthanized."

A two-week cold snap with temperatures below 40 de-

grees in 2010 killed off many iguanas, along with Burmese pythons and other invasive pests that thrive in South Florida's subtropical climate. Those populations have since rebounded.

Elsewhere in Florida, the effects of a brutal winter storm rolling up the East Coast were less exotic. It snowed briefly Wednesday in the state's capital, Tallahassee, for the first time in 28 years.

Atlanta Police: Please, no guns in cars at championship game

BY KATE BRUMBACK AND
JEFF MARTIN
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Atlanta's mayor is promising a "safe, smooth and secure" college football championship game on Monday, despite the traffic caused by President Donald Trump's motorcade, but none of the many agencies involved are taking any chances.

The stadium will be secured by legions of undercover and uniformed officers, overhead air traffic including drones will be prohibited, and the police chief implored the more than 100,000 participants in events related to the big game to leave their guns at home.

"Please, please execute the highest regard and greatest level of common sense. We CANNOT have folks continuing to bring guns and leaving them in their cars," Chief Erika Shields said at a multi-agency news conference Thursday on preparations.

Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms said the Secret Service and other agencies have prepared for this for months, so the addition of a presidential visit to the mix won't disrupt the fun.

"Enjoy the game, enjoy the city, and let us handle the details," the mayor said.

Special Agent David LeValley, who runs the FBI's Atlanta office, said although

"there aren't any specific threats against this event, we are actively assessing intelligence that comes in." Precautions include the Federal Aviation Administration prohibiting aircraft over Mercedes-Benz Stadium, including drones.

Both LeValley and Shields urged people attending the game and surrounding events, including a concert in nearby Centennial Olympic Park, to call 911 if they see anything suspicious.

"We encourage and ask that everyone be aware of their surroundings while they're in the city, and immediately report any suspicious activity, no matter how trivial it may seem to be," LeValley said.

Monday evening's College Football Playoff Championship game between the University of Georgia and the University of Alabama was already being treated as a high-level security event, so the president's visit won't imply much additional security, LeValley said.

College Football Playoff Executive Director Bill Hancock said the stadium already requires fans to comply with stringent security. He said he hadn't heard from the White House about any additional measures as of Thursday afternoon.

The contest will be held in downtown Atlanta, in the congressional district of U.S. Rep. John Lewis, a Democrat and a civil

rights icon.

Trump tweeted last year that Lewis' district was "in horrible shape and falling apart (not to mention crime infested)" — a claim hard to match with the facts. Atlanta's economy is growing rapidly, and while crime and poverty remain higher than average, the district is home to several Fortune 500 headquarters, prestigious universities and the nation's busiest airport.

Trump's tweet came after Lewis announced he would skip Trump's inauguration, saying he didn't consider him to be a "legitimate president" due to Russian interference in the election.

Trump's visit comes almost a half-century after President Richard Nixon attended the 1969 showdown between No. 1 Texas and No. 2 Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas. After Texas won 15-14, Nixon visited with players in the locker room and presented Texas coach Darrell Royal with a plaque declaring Texas the national champion.

For Georgia, a president's attendance could bode well: With President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, in the stands at the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, Georgia won a national championship by defeating Notre Dame on Jan. 1, 1981.

Associated Press news researcher Jennifer Farrar contributed.

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entire legislative session, attorney John Harrell of Harrell Law Firm, PA, in Charleston made his remarks Wednesday in an on-the-record commentary to *The Sumter Item*. That full commentary is on page A9 in today's edition.

That same day, the class plaintiffs (represented by Harrell) and the college (represented by Weeks) were scheduled to have a hearing in Sumter County with an at-large circuit court judge regarding a subpoena request by Harrell to allow his firm to send a mold specialist firm onto the campus to formally test for mold infestation. After Weeks filed a letter on Dec. 28 to protect him from being called to a trial or hearing from January through July, Wednesday's hearing was canceled.

Harrell wrote that he's not upset with Weeks and his actions but that the college is acting poorly toward its students and employees.

"I believe, also, that Rep. Weeks is being a good lawyer to his client, but it seems his client is continuing to be a bad actor toward its students and employees," Harrell wrote. "The college may very well be using his privilege as a legislator to do this to everyone, but it's certainly not illegal. It's just a glaring example of the negligence and/or recklessness of Morris College that this lawsuit seeks to address."

In mid-November, Harrell filed a class-action suit on behalf of five current and former students against the college for health issues related to mold infestation in the student dormitories on campus. The five plaintiffs were — or are current — residents in student housing on the Morris cam-



PHOTO PROVIDED

Mold appears to be in tiles in a Morris College facility in this photograph taken by a student last semester. The photo was submitted to Harrell Law Firm, PA, in Charleston.

pus, 100 W. College St. The plaintiffs are Teanna Caswell, Maya Robinson, Kiesha Robinson, Myrcle Fleming and Kianna Joint.

According to the suit, the plaintiffs are seeking at least \$55 million in damages.

In its answer to the complaint, Morris said in mid-December that the students assumed the risk of mold infestation while living in the campus facilities. Weeks filed the answer for the college.

Harrell said in mid-November that the mold conditions at the college are toxic and are making people literally sick to the point of having to go to the doctor.

The 17-page class-action complaint dates the mold problems at the college back to at least 2013, but Harrell said he thinks — based on clients' testimony — the problems date back to potentially 2007 or earlier.

In his commentary, Harrell wrote the class plaintiffs simply want the college to allow for the formal mold testing to go forward. He said then everyone would be able to get to the root of the problem and necessary action can be taken.

"Then, we all can get to a solution for the ongoing problem of these toxic conditions, rather than forcing students to continue to live in it, employees to continue to work in it and all to continue becoming even more ill in it," Harrell wrote.

In his commentary, Harrell did reference a meeting that he's having with Weeks this week to discuss a solution, which has been proposed to his firm on behalf of current and future class plaintiffs. He said he couldn't discuss details of the plan until his meeting with Weeks, but he said the proposed solution would be "manageable" and "helpful to all."

HEAT FROM PAGE A1

dropped below freezing for six nights in a row and that responses were prioritized to people who were completely without heat.

Temperatures are expected to be higher at night this week — between 26 and 44 degrees, according to NWS.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, other energy-saving steps include:

- Make sure supply-and-return vents, radiators and baseboard heating units are not obstructed by furniture, appliances or other objects, so that air can flow freely to and from units. This will maximize the efficiency of the heating system and help distribute warm air throughout the room.

- Clean or change furnace filters in forced hot air systems once a month, or as often as needed. Dirty filters, coils and fans reduce airflow throughout the system, which decreases performance and can damage the system.

- Insulate hot water tanks with an insulating jacket according to manufacturer recommendations.

- Save money by turning down the thermostat in rooms that are unoccupied, and have separate heating zones. However, do not take this step if it has negative effects on the rest of the heating system or could lead to freezing water pipes.

- During the heating season, keep draperies and shades open during the day on your southern-facing walls to allow sunlight to enter. Keep them closed at night to reduce heat loss and the chill or "draft" you may feel from cold windows.

SHAW FROM PAGE A1

He also served on the board of The Salvation Army.

Shaw loved his work, and he was "always fair," said his first cousin, Ervin Shaw.

"He was good to me," he said. "I'm proud to call him my cousin."

The veteran worked at Shaw Lumber Co., which his father, Paul Whitworth "Whit" Shaw, established in 1930. Though his son, Paul Whitworth "Whit" Shaw II, now runs the company, Flop Shaw continued going to work until an illness would not allow it.

When not at work, Shaw would likely be found at First Presbyterian Church, where he attended his entire life.

"We will all miss him because he's been a real attribute to this community," said Sally Wilson. Shaw and the wife of Wilson Hall's namesake, the late John S. Wilson, grew up together and taught Sunday school at the church.

"He was certainly an honorable young man, and if he ever said he would do something, it was done," she said.

Shaw's involvement at First Presbyterian also included serving as church treasurer, clerk of the session, church trustee, elder emeritus and chairman of the board of deacons.

Hunter looks back on his friendship with Shaw as more than tennis superstitions.

"He was a man of unparalleled character. He was part of the Greatest Generation that helped build Sumter into the community it is today. Without men like Flop, the YMCA would not be what it is today. First Presbyterian Church would not be what it is today. And the community in general would not be what it is today."

The memory of the perfect Southern gentleman is firm and steady among anyone who knew him, like an oak tree whose branches give shade and shelter and whose roots spread wide.

Above all, maybe, Shaw was devoted to his family and to his faith.

"He always noted his family was the first priority in his life. And then his church, and then his business," said Sumter's state Rep. Murrell Smith Jr., who is married to Shaw's granddaughter, Macaulay White.

Shaw had hearing difficulties because of his injuries from the war, Smith said, and what his grandfather-in-law said when he was told he could receive hearing aids from the VA stands out to him, even now.

"He said I'm not here to take from our government. I'm here to support our government," Smith said. "That was his mentality in everything he did. I'm here for my country, my family, my church. I don't take. I give. That's that way he was

taught."

Smith said Shaw could be found every Sunday, unless he was out of town or sick, sitting in the same pew in church. Up front. Middle aisle.

Four or five rows back.

"I never heard him speak ill of anybody. He was the epitome of a Southern gentleman," Smith said.

There will be an empty

space today, but his family will be in that pew up front in the middle aisle. His friends will be. All those who remember him so fondly will be.

So, too, then, will he.

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COMMENTARY

Attorney says Weeks is 'good lawyer,' Morris is a 'bad actor' to its students, employees

On Wednesday, the parties in the class-action lawsuit of *Current and Former Students Vs. Morris College* were scheduled to have a hearing at Sumter County Judicial Center before an at-large circuit court judge on a quashed — or stopped — subpoena letter to allow the plaintiffs to send a mold specialist firm onto the campus to formally test for mold infestation.

On Dec. 28, Morris College attorney David Weeks sent a letter to the state's Third Circuit Court to "protect" him, because he is a state legislator, from being called to any court hearing for the legislative session through July 31. Therefore, there was no hearing in the case on Wednesday.

Attorney John Harrell wrote on behalf of his client plaintiffs the following commentary for publication in response to questioning from The Sumter Item on whether Weeks' letter to invoke his "legislative privilege" would delay the hearing on the quashed subpoena letter indefinitely:

In response to your question, no, our hearing is not postponed indefinitely, but legislative privilege can have the effect of delaying an important hearing like this one, though a legislator can attend a hearing despite the invoked privilege. The hearing



John Harrell

was for Morris College's motion to quash (suppress) the Class Plaintiffs' (students') subpoena to have — at the students' expense — testing done on the buildings' condition and presence of toxic mold at Morris College.

Rep. David Weeks is not likely to blame for this. It's most certainly his client — Morris — that is prompting this delay. I say this because Rep. Weeks also represents the good people and students in his district where Morris College sits.

He's not attending the hearing — an action which allows this delay and thus blocks the discovery of an important health improvement solution ... at his alma mater that's making employees, students and children of his constituents sick.

This doesn't seem like something he would be in favor of doing, and I'm willing to bet it's not. As lawyers, we follow our clients' wishes, and — knowing of Rep. Weeks as I do — I feel certain this is most likely the case here.

So far, the Class Plaintiffs, and some employees, have spent over \$30,000 in medical expenses — just since we filed the (November) lawsuit — trying to get these affected students and employees in his district back on the road to health. There are a multitude more to test and treat, and there are many "sick buildings" to remediate.

Our subpoena was simply seeking to do toxic mold testing. I believe it's highly likely that Rep. Weeks was instructed to file a motion to block what was simply an effort to allow the testing — at our clients' expense, not the school's — of the toxic mold conditions so we could address how to fix the problem once and for all. Morris College has put Rep.

Weeks in a tough spot because the college is blocking the resolution of critical health concerns at the expense of Rep. Weeks, his alma mater, the students and his employee constituents, in his own district in an election year.

I believe, also, that Rep. Weeks is being a good lawyer to his client, but it seems his client is continuing to be a bad actor toward its students and employees. The college may very well be using his privilege as a legislator to do this to everyone, but it's certainly not illegal. It's just a glaring example of the negligence and/or recklessness of Morris College that this lawsuit seeks to address.

All lawyer-legislators enjoy protection from the court during the legislative session and into the summer. Rep. Weeks' invocation of that privilege now — even though the Legislature doesn't start until Tuesday — is what makes us think it's all at the behest of his client, the college.

If Morris would permit Rep. Weeks to do so, it could just as simply agree to allow the testing by the Class Plaintiffs' engineers and mold experts to go forward. Then, we all can get to a solution for the ongoing problem of these toxic conditions, rather than forcing students to continue to live in it, employees to continue to work in it and all to continue becoming even more ill in it.

I'm coming to Rep. Weeks' defense on this issue because he's a good man, a good legislator, a good lawyer and very likely only following the marching orders of his client, Morris College. We believe the college has never sought testing for a lasting solution to these egregious problems. It seems to have always turned a blind eye to the illnesses of the thousands of students, former students and the employees when the issue of toxic mold contamination is concerned.

Many, many people are very sick, the buildings are very sick, and the Class Plaintiffs just want their experts — engineers and mold experts — to get on campus to tell us all how to fix these pervasive problems once and for all. We fully intended to produce the results to Morris and hope for some helpful, caring action on the part of the college. The college has blocked that effort to date.

However, there's some good news in the case. I have an upcoming meeting with Rep. Weeks next week (the week of Jan. 8-12) to discuss a solution, which has been proposed to us on behalf of the current Class Plaintiffs and future Plaintiffs. I'm not authorized by my clients to discuss or disclose the plan, until I speak to Rep. Weeks. What I can say is this proposed solution promises a manageable, ongoing, global solution that's helpful to all.

I'm looking forward to discussing it with Rep. Weeks. It's a solution that should help everyone medically recover, repair the sick buildings, provide for oversight leadership and restore Morris College to its rightful place as a top-notch HBCU (Historically Black College and University).

I'm looking forward to this meeting because Rep. Weeks and I have an opportunity to do some good for everyone involved.



COMMENTARY

'Transparency' bill is anything but

There is a wolf in sheep's clothing working its way through our state Legislature.

The bill purports to be a transparency bill, but it is anything but ... and it will hide how millions of taxpayer dollars are spent.



Bill Rogers

The wording begins saying any non-profit entity that "received more than one hundred dollars in public funds from a state agency or political subdivision in the previous calendar year or the current calendar year, must submit a quarterly expenditure report to the jurisdiction awarding the funds."

That sounds great. But the final section of the

bill, H. 3931, drops a bombshell on openness. It says that an entity filing such a form is exempt from disclosure provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

This means that chambers of commerce, development corporations and publicly supported entities such as museums, charter schools and volunteer fire departments would no longer have to disclose how they spend the millions of public dollars they receive.

Under current law, they must tell the public how money is spent. The FOIA says any entity "supported in whole or in part by public funds" is subject to the provisions of the act. This means their meetings are open to the public and their records must be available to the public.

The Hilton Head Chamber of Commerce challenged this law about their being subject to the FOIA. A Circuit Court

ruled they were indeed subject to the law and that ruling was later appealed to the S.C. Supreme Court, which heard arguments in this case in October and is presently considering the case before issuing its ruling.

We hope the current Supreme Court case will reaffirm openness.

A cynic might say this bill is in response to that suit and is a desperate way to keep secret how chambers spend their public money.

Also note that the proposed law's required reports would provide the public with far less information than what the FOIA is currently able to provide.

This is a very bad bill and should be defeated when it comes before the House Ways and Means Committee.

Rogers is executive director of the S.C. Press Association, an advocate for open government.

COMMENTARY

Say no to coastal drilling

BY JACQUELINE SAVITZ

At the end of 2016, residents up and down the Atlantic coast were breathing sighs of relief after successfully arguing to keep offshore drilling away from their beaches, tourism-dependent economies and their very ways of life. But this week, the possibility of offshore oil and gas drilling returned and again has placed coastal business owners and residents in the position of defending their livelihoods.

The Trump administration has released a draft plan that would open almost all United States waters to offshore oil and gas drilling from 2019 to 2024. This plan envisions a sweeping expansion of oil and gas exploration and drilling in the nation's outer continental shelf, about three nautical miles to as much as 200 miles offshore. The triple threat of seismic airgun blasting to find oil and gas below the ocean floor, coastal industrialization and inevitable oil spills would forever change the Atlantic tourist economy, where drilling has never taken place. These are some of the same areas where coastal residents fought down an Obama administration plan to permit oil and gas drilling off the mid- and southeastern Atlantic coast.

And if expanding offshore drilling isn't bad enough, this plan follows a series of proposed rollbacks announced by the administration last week of safety rules that were put in place after the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil rig disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, which killed 11 people and caused the nation's worst oil spill. In effect, these rollbacks pave

the way for another such disaster.

This latest move from the Trump administration is a slap in the face for the hundreds of thousands of people who made their voices heard as President Obama considered opening up more coastal waters to drilling.

President Trump's plan puts powerful fossil-fuel interests ahead of those of coastal businessmen and women. Over the last several years, thousands of Americans petitioned their local, state and federal governments to say no to seismic airgun blasting, which is damaging to marine life, and offshore drilling. They called, they signed petitions, wrote letters, went to city council meetings, held rallies and wrote op-ed essays and letters to the editor; some even traveled multiple times to Washington to meet with their representatives.

I have met these people. They are from all parties. Many are Republicans. Many are business owners. Others are fishermen, veterans, faith leaders and even former oil industry leaders. They saw that their government responded to their concerns when the Obama administration removed the Arctic and Atlantic seaboard from its offshore drilling plan. In removing Atlantic coastal areas from the plan, the Obama administration cited "significant potential conflicts with other ocean uses such as Department of Defense and commercial interests, current market dynamics, limited infrastructure, and opposition from many coastal communities."

The Trump administration seems to be ignoring the voices of those communities.

Last year, Secretary of the

Interior Ryan Zinke promised to "listen to state and local stakeholders" as his department reviewed offshore oil and gas. But this proposal plan tells America that so far, the only stakeholders this administration has listened to are industry lobbyists.

Perhaps this will change. There will be a 60-day window for the public to comment on the Interior Department plan. In announcing the proposal, Mr. Zinke said, "Just like with mining, not all areas are appropriate for offshore drilling, and we will take that into consideration in the coming weeks."

I hope he does. Oil interests are probably hoping that this new plan will discourage those who fought long and hard to protect their coast. But if I know anything about the people I've met over the last couple of years, they're not the type to be discouraged. And by expanding the threat of drilling to nearly all United States waters, this administration faces a tsunami of opposition from businesses, local leaders and activists on all our coasts.

This offshore drilling proposal will be very real for many people who might not have been involved in politics before. They are getting involved now. The Trump administration may not have listened to state and local stakeholders yet, but soon the president won't be able to ignore the chorus of voices demanding that he keep offshore drilling out of the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic Oceans, and the eastern Gulf of Mexico.

Jacqueline Savitz is the senior vice president for United States oceans at the ocean advocacy organization Oceana.

FYI

The National Kidney Foundation of South Carolina is in need of unwanted vehicles — even ones that don't run.

The Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation Inc. (MDFF), a non-profit organization, accepts vehicle contributions.

PUBLIC AGENDA

CLARENDON COUNTY COUNCIL Monday, 6 p.m., Administration Building, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning

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

SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES Monday, 6 p.m., Sumter Career and Technology Center, 2612 McCray's Mill Road

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't limit your possibilities

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Mull over how you have handled emotional matters in the past.

by being reclusive or not sharing your feelings. You'll gain far more if you are willing to listen and work alongside others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take better care of your health. Refuse to let stress take hold, causing you to succumb to minor illness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't get involved in joint financial ventures. Take a responsible approach when dealing with people who need to be managed closely.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Socialize and you'll recognize things you failed to notice in the past.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotional decisions should be minimized. Acting out for the wrong reasons will bring poor results and lead to regret.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Clear up any misunderstandings that have caused you uncertainty.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep everyone guessing. Protect against theft and keep your personal information a secret.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A short trip or getting involved in events or activities that give back to your community or bring you closer to friends or relatives is favored as long as you are willing to compromise and work as a team player.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Question what's going on in your life personally and financially.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be careful when handling money matters, donations, family expenses and personal spending.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll feel limited or stifled if you are too shy or afraid to speak your mind.

THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

A CENTURY AGO: What happened in 1918 By S.N.

ACROSS

- 1 Equivalent of C sharp
6 Be worried
10 Vuitton competitor
15 Creative inspiration
19 Yellowish green
20 Overdue
21 Any Bryn Mawr grad
22 Piece for a diva
23 The first part of his Ulysses was published in 1918
25 Tennis "hustler" born in 1918
27 Sandal features
28 Actress Watts
30 Exclusive license of a sort
31 The Bee ("Night Fever" trio)

60 Nutrient in seaweed

- 61 Poll tally
62 Manhattan Project VIP
63 Quest for Galahad
64 Tedious journey
66 Little Havana's home
67 GI dog-tag data
70 In one piece
71 Her My Antonia was published in 1918
73 "There's no team"
74 Misfortunes
75 Boone nickname
76 Small town
77 Title bestowed on Julie Andrews
78 Turndowns
79 "Rock-a-bye" subject of a 1918 Jolson song
83 The Lion King hero
84 Smarten up
86 Declares
87 Petrified wood, e.g.

88 Criticizes

- 89 Authoritative order
90 Criticize
91 Curtain-raising time
94 St. Teresa's home
95 Hawaii's high point
99 Their first studio opened in 1918
101 Iconic doll introduced in 1918
103 Awestruck
104 Successful, in show-biz slang
105 Coleridge creation
106 Brief run-in
107 Cravings
108 City near Düsseldorf
109 Rescue team: Abbr.
110 "___ a Grecian Urn"

Crossword grid with letters and numbers.

- DOWN
1 Martial arts school
2 Tent entrance
3 Sherbet flavor
4 Iron Man, Hulk and col-leagues
5 Perfume counter bottles
6 Ice on the sea
7 Shafts of light
8 Space-saving abbr.
9 Adolescents
10 South Africa's last prime minister
11 Suite things
12 It means "both"
13 Small portion
14 Wherever you like
15 Rum cocktail
16 Craving
17 Provide an endorsement
18 Cardinal point
24 "Average" fellows
26 Ellison or Emerson
29 Shoe support
32 Atolls, essen-

WEATHER

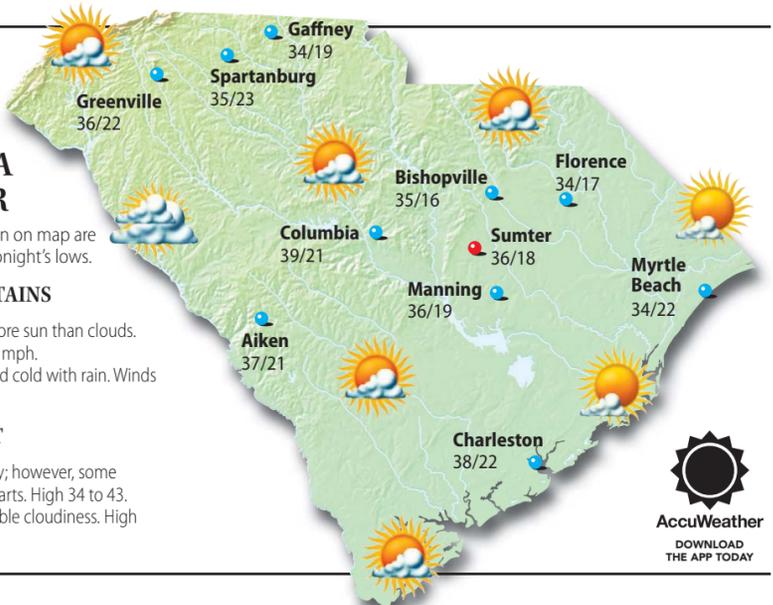
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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

Table with 6 columns: TODAY, TONIGHT, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY. Includes icons, temperatures, and wind speeds.

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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



IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Cold with more sun than clouds. Winds southeast 4-8 mph. Monday: Cloudy and cold with rain. Winds southwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Mostly sunny; however, some clouds in southern parts. High 34 to 43. Monday: Considerable cloudiness. High 52 to 59.

LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Table with 2 columns: Temperature (High, Low, Normal high, Normal low, Record high, Record low) and Precipitation (24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest., Month to date, Normal month to date, Year to date, Last year to date, Normal year to date).

LAKE LEVELS

Table with 4 columns: Lake, Full pool, 7 a.m. yest., 24-hr chg.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise 7:28 a.m. Sunset 5:29 p.m. Moonrise 11:51 p.m. Moonset 11:34 a.m.

Table with 4 columns: Last, New, First, Full. Includes moon phase icons.

RIVER STAGES

Table with 4 columns: River, Flood stage, 7 a.m. yest., 24-hr chg.

TIDES

Table with 4 columns: High, Lt., Low, Ht. for AT MYRTLE BEACH.

NATIONAL CITIES

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Mon., Hi/Lo/W.

REGIONAL CITIES

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Mon., Hi/Lo/W.

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

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SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

CROSSWORD

Crossword grid with answers filled in.

SUDOKU

Sudoku grid with numbers.

JUMBLE

VOCAL RURAL FONDLY HAGGLE When the farmer criticized his neighbor's corn crop, he got — AN EARFUL

- 33 Symbol of growth potential
34 Later on
35 Lasso loop
36 His The Planets premiered in 1918
37 Mystic's deck
39 Red Sox great born in 1918
40 Totally unfamiliar
41 Book in Bordeaux
43 Some day-care arrangers
44 Madam Secretary star
45 Submit a return
48 Daily ritual
50 Data holders, for instance
52 Big name in blush
53 Shining exam-

PREP FOOTBALL

The Sumter Item announces 2017 All-Independent football team

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Twenty-five players have been selected to the 2017 The Sumter Item All-Independent Football Team.

The team is selected based on nominations from the head coaches of the seven South Carolina Independent School Association schools that are recognized by the Sumter Touchdown Club. The team is selected by The Sumter Item sports department.

The team is made up of seven players from Laurence Manning Academy, five each from Wilson Hall and Robert E. Lee Academy and four apiece from Thomas Sumter Academy and Clarendon Hall.

The team will be honored at the Sumter Touchdown Club banquet on Thursday, Jan. 18, at Central Carolina Technical College beginning at 6 p.m. Former University of South Carolina quarterback Connor Shaw will be the guest speaker.



LEE

LMA's **Taylor Lee** is the Independent Player of the Year. Lee's head coach, **Robbie Briggs**, is the Independent Coach of the Year.

Lee was a tremendous all-around performer for the Swampcats, who were 10-3 and played for the 3A state title. As a wide receiver, he had 73 catches for 1,353 yards and 22 touchdowns. He returned two kickoffs for touchdowns, two punts for touchdowns and two

interceptions for scores. He finished with 174 points.

As a cornerback on defense, Lee had 51 tackles, four interceptions and broke up 12 passes.

The other receivers are **Dante Linder** of TSA and **Zyan Gilmore** of Clarendon Hall. Linder had 43 catches for 901 yards and nine touchdowns and also returned three kickoffs for scores.

Gilmore had 30 catches for 722 yards and eight touchdowns as a tight end. He also caught four passes for 2-point conversions. As an outside linebacker, Gilmore had 79 tackles, 69 of them solo, to go with three quarterback sacks, two interceptions and three fumble recoveries. He returned one of the fumbles for a touchdown.

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CLEMSON BASKETBALL



Still rolling

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clemson's Marcquise Reed goes up for a dunk during the first half of the Tigers' 74-69 overtime victory over Louisville on Saturday in Clemson.

Reed's 24 leads No. 25 Clemson past Louisville 74-69 in OT

CLEMSON (AP) — A tough defense, an offense that makes key shots and an experienced starting five coach Brad Brownell trusts.

Clemson is playing some of its best basketball in many years.

Marcquise Reed scored 24 points and had a career-high five steals —

two in overtime — to lead No. 25 Clemson to a 74-69 win over Louisville on Saturday.

The Tigers (14-1, 3-0 Atlantic Coast), picked to finish 13th in the ACC, have won 10 in a row. Their 3-0 league start is the best since 1997, when they rose to No. 4 with

a 5-0 start that ended against a Wake Forest team led by Tim Duncan.

This was the first time under Brownell that Clemson was playing at home as a ranked team.

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USC BASKETBALL

Silva leads South Carolina to 71-60 win over Vanderbilt

BY WILLIE T. SMITH III
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Chris Silva scored a career-high 27 points and had eight rebounds and South Carolina beat Vanderbilt 71-60 on Saturday for its first Southeastern Conference win of the season.

The Gamecocks (10-5, 1-2) entered with back-to-back losses to Mississippi and Missouri. Vanderbilt, which fell to 6-9 overall, is 1-2 in SEC play.

South Carolina outscored the Commodores by 13 after halftime, thanks mostly to Silva and guard Wesley Myers, who scored all of his 17 points in the second half.

Vanderbilt, which led 28-26 at halftime, closed to 48-45 on Jeff Roberson's free throws with 8:21 to play, but Silva made five straight free throws and the Gamecocks began to pull away, finishing with 10 free throws in the final 58 seconds.

It was a cold-shooting affair from the get-go. The Commodores made just 8 of 23 first-half field goals to South Carolina's 10 of 28. The teams

S. CAROLINA 71, VANDERBILT 60

VANDERBILT (6-9)
Brown 0-3 0-1 0, Roberson 2-6 4-6 9, Lee 6-11 2-4 17, LaChance 1-5 0-0 3, Evans 1-4 2-2 5, Baptiste 3-7 4-5 10, Austin 0-0 0-0 0, Willis 2-6 0-0 4, Fisher-Davis 4-11 2-2 12, Towe 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 19-54 14-20 60.

SOUTH CAROLINA (10-5)
Kotsar 1-2 0-0 2, Minaya 2-7 1-3 6, Silva 9-15 9-12 27, Myers 4-5 8-12 17, Hinson 2-4 2-2 6, Haase 1-8 0-0 3, Cudd 1-2 1-2 3, Booker 0-4 4-7 4, Beatty 1-7 0-1 3. Totals 21-54 25-39 71.

Halftime_Vanderbilt 28-26. 3-Point Goals_Vanderbilt 8-29 (Lee 3-5, Fisher-Davis 2-6, Evans 1-3, LaChance 1-5, Roberson 1-5, Brown 0-2, Willis 0-3), South Carolina 4-14 (Myers 1-1, Beatty 1-2, Minaya 1-3, Haase 1-6, Hinson 0-2). Fouled Out_Lee, Baptiste, LaChance. Rebounds_Vanderbilt 33 (Roberson 9), South Carolina 36 (Silva 8). Assists_Vanderbilt 10 (Roberson 3), South Carolina 8 (Haase 2). Total Fouls_Vanderbilt 32, South Carolina 17. Technicals_Vanderbilt coach Bryce Drew.

combined for more fouls (20) than made field goals (18) in the opening 20 minutes.

Saben Lee scored 17 points, Matthew Fisher-Davis added 12 and blocked four shots, and Djery Baptiste scored 10 points with three steals for Vanderbilt.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saban way produces tenacious defenses for Tide — and 'Dawgs

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — As Alabama All-America defensive back Minkah Fitzpatrick watched a YouTube video of last week's thrilling Rose Bowl between Georgia and Oklahoma, there was a sense of familiarity with the Bulldogs.

"We basically run the same defense. They added a couple of things just like we add some things," Fitzpatrick said. "Even the hand signals and stuff are pretty similar. It's pretty interesting."

Not surprising, though. Georgia coach Kirby Smart spent eight years as defensive coordinator for Alabama coach Nick Saban. Alabama's defenses have ranked in the top-20 nationally in yards per play every season since '08. The Tide has been ranked in the top-10 in six of those seasons. Defense has been the backbone of four national championship teams, and both the third-ranked Bulldogs



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Georgia running back Sony Michel (1) scores the game-winning touchdown in the Bulldogs' 54-48, double-overtime victory over Oklahoma in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1. The win moved UGA into the national title game against Alabama on Monday in Atlanta. Georgia has one of college football's top tailback duos in Michel and Nick Chubb, while the Crimson Tide counters with the nation's No. 1 run defense and an offense with Damien Harris leading another deep backfield.

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
9 a.m. — International Soccer: FA Cup Third-Round Match — West Ham vs. Shrewsbury Town (FOX SPORTS 1).
11 a.m. — International Soccer: FA Cup Third-Round Match — Arsenal vs. Nottingham Forest (FOX SPORTS 1).
Noon — College Basketball: Temple at Central Florida (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
Noon — Women's College Basketball: Ohio State at Michigan (ESPN2).
Noon — Women's College Basketball: Southern Methodist at Temple (ESPNU).
Noon — College Basketball: Davidson at George Mason (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
Noon — Women's College Basketball: Vanderbilt at Tennessee (SEC NETWORK).
1 p.m. — NFL Football: American Football Conference Playoffs Wild-Card Game — Buffalo at Jacksonville (WOLO 25).
1 p.m. — Professional Basketball: NBA G-League Game — Raptors 905 at Maine (NBA TV).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Missouri State at Illinois State (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
2 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: South Carolina at Missouri (ESPN2, WNKT-FM 107.5).
2 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Texas at Kansas State (ESPNU).
2 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Marquette at Creighton (FOX SPORTS 2).
2 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Mississippi State at Louisiana State (SEC NETWORK).
3 p.m. — Figure Skating: U.S. Championships from San Jose, Calif. — Free Dance (WIS 10).
3 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Texas Tech at Texas Christian (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
3 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: North Carolina State at Duke (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
3 p.m. — Professional Basketball: Euroleague Game — CSKA Moscow vs. Barcelona (NBA TV).
3 p.m. — College Hockey: Michigan at Notre Dame (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: South Florida at Wichita State (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
4 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Stanford at Arizona State (ESPN2).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: Loyola (Chicago) at Northern Iowa (ESPNU).
4 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Alabama at Arkansas (SEC NETWORK).
4:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Michigan State at Ohio State (WLTX 19).
4:30 p.m. — NFL Football: National Football Conference Playoffs Wild-Card Game — Carolina at New Orleans (WACH 57, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
5 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Oklahoma at Oklahoma State (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
6 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: George Mason at George Washington (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: Southern Methodist at Cincinnati (ESPN2).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: Florida State at Miami (ESPNU).
6 p.m. — PGA Golf: Tournament of Champions Final Round from Maui, Hawaii (GOLF).
6:30 p.m. — Professional Tennis: ATP ASB Classic Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).
7:30 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Boston at Pittsburgh (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: Arizona State at Utah (ESPNU).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: Iowa at Maryland (FOX SPORTS 1).
9 p.m. — NBA Basketball: San Antonio at Portland (NBA TV).
10 p.m. — College Basketball: Southern California at Stanford (FOX SPORTS 1).
Midnight — Professional Tennis: ATP Auckland Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).

MONDAY
2:30 p.m. — International Soccer: FA Cup Third-Round Match — Crystal Palace vs. Brighton (FOX SPORTS 2).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
6:30 p.m. — Professional Tennis: ATP ASB Classic Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).
7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Milwaukee at Indiana (NBA TV).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Lehigh at Boston University (SPECTRUM 1250).
8:15 p.m. — College Football: College Football Playoff National Championship Game from Atlanta — Georgia vs. Alabama (ESPN, ESPNEWS, ESPN2, ESPNU).
11:30 p.m. — Professional Tennis: ATP ASB Classic Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).

PREP SCHEDULE
MONDAY
Varsity Basketball
 Maranatha Christian at Sumter Christian (Boys Only), 4 p.m.
Junior Varsity Basketball
 Crestwood at Lugoff-Elgin, 6 p.m.
 Lakewood at Hartsville, 6 p.m.
 Lee Central at Cheraw, 6 p.m.
 East Clarendon at Hemingway, 5:30 p.m.
B Team Basketball
 Eau Claire at Sumter (Boys Only), 6 p.m.
 Wilson Hall at Laurence Manning, 5 p.m.
Middle School Basketball
 Manning at Alice Drive, 5 p.m.
 Hillcrest at Bates, 5 p.m.
 Chestnut Oaks at Ebenezer, 5 p.m.
 Mayewood at Furman, 5 p.m.
 East Clarendon at Hannah-Pamplico, 5:30 p.m.
Varsity Bowling
 Robert E. Lee at Wilson Hall (at Gamecock Lanes), 5 p.m.
 Cardinal Newman at Thomas Sumter (at Gamecock Lanes), 5 p.m.

TUESDAY
Varsity Basketball
 Lugoff-Elgin at Crestwood, 6 p.m.
 Hartsville at Lakewood, 6 p.m.
 Cheraw at Lee Central, 6 p.m.
 Hemingway at East Clarendon, 6 p.m.
 Sumter Christian at Emmanuel Christian (Boys Only), 4 p.m.
Varsity and JV Basketball
 Sumter at Conway (Boys Only), 6 p.m.
 Conway at Sumter (Girls Only), 6 p.m.
 Wilson Hall at Hammond, 4 p.m.
 Laurence Manning at First Baptist, 4 p.m.
 Palmetto Christian at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.
B Team Basketball
 Wilson Hall at Hammond, 4 p.m.
 Thomas Sumter at The King's Academy (Boys Only), 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Varsity and JV Basketball
 Wilson Hall at Robert E. Lee, 4 p.m.
 Camden Military at Thomas Sumter (Boys Only), 4:30 p.m.
B Team Basketball
 Sumter at Orangeburg-Wilkinson (Boys Only), 6 p.m.
 Orangeburg Prep at Laurence Manning, 5 p.m.
 Thomas Sumter at Calhoun Academy, 5 p.m.
Varsity Bowling
 Robert E. Lee, Thomas Sumter at Wilson Hall (at Gamecock Lanes), 5 p.m.
Varsity Wrestling
 Sumter at Socastee, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY
Varsity Basketball
 Step of Faith Christian at Sumter Christian (Boys Only), 4 p.m.
Varsity and JV Basketball
 St. John's Christian at Clarendon Hall, 4 p.m.
Junior Varsity Basketball
 Darlington at Crestwood, 6 p.m.
 Lakewood at Lugoff-Elgin, 6 p.m.
 Andrew Jackson High at Lee Central, 6 p.m.
 East Clarendon at Lake View, 5:30 p.m.
B Team Basketball
 Sumter at Gray Collegiate (Boys Only), 5:30 p.m.
 Laurence Manning at Cardinal Newman, 5 p.m.
Middle School Basketball
 Bates at Alice Drive, 5 p.m.
 Chestnut Oaks at Hillcrest, 5 p.m.

Ebenezer at Mayewood, 5 p.m.
 Furman at Manning, 5 p.m.
 Lee Central at Spaulding, 5:30 p.m.
 Creek Bridge at East Clarendon, 5:30 p.m.
Varsity Bowling
 Robert E. Lee, Heathwood Hall at Cardinal Newman (at Royal Z Lanes in Columbia), 4 p.m.

FRIDAY
Varsity Basketball
 Socastee at Sumter, 6 p.m.
 Crestwood at Darlington, 6 p.m.
 Lugoff-Elgin at Lakewood, 6 p.m.
 Lee Central at Andrew Jackson High, 6 p.m.
 Lake View at East Clarendon, 6 p.m.
Varsity and JV Basketball
 Lake Marion at Manning, 4:30 p.m.
 Orangeburg Prep at Wilson Hall, 4 p.m.
 Laurence Manning at Florence Christian, 4 p.m.
 Calhoun at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.
 Robert E. Lee at Palmetto Christian, 4 p.m.
B Team Basketball
 Orangeburg Prep at Wilson Hall, 4 p.m.
Varsity Wrestling
 Sumter in Coach Trappe Duals (at Battery Creek), TBA

SATURDAY
JV and B Team Basketball
 Sumter, Crestwood in Sumter JV-B Team Invitational (Boys Only), TBA
B Team Basketball
 Dorchester at Clarendon Hall, 11 a.m.
Varsity Wrestling
 Sumter in Coach Trappe Duals (at Battery Creek), TBA

NFL PLAYOFFS
WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS
Saturday
 Tennessee at Kansas City, 4:35 p.m. (ESPN/ABC)
 Atlanta at Los Angeles Rams, 8:15 p.m. (NBC)
Today, Jan. 7
 Buffalo at Jacksonville, 1:05 p.m. (CBS)
 Carolina at New Orleans, 4:40 p.m. (FOX)

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS
Saturday, Jan. 13
 New Orleans/Carolina/Atlanta at Philadelphia, 4:35 p.m. (NBC)
 Kansas City/Tennessee/Buffalo at New England, 8:15 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jan. 14
 Jacksonville/Kansas City/Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 1:05 p.m. (CBS)
 Los Angeles Rams/New Orleans/Carolina at Minnesota, 4:40 p.m. (FOX)

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sunday, Jan. 21
 AFC
 TBD, 3:05 p.m. (CBS)
 NFC
 TBD, 6:40 p.m. (FOX)

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

SUPER BOWL
Sunday, Feb. 4
 At Minneapolis, Minn.
 AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (NBC)

NBA STANDINGS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	32	10	.762	—
Toronto	27	10	.730	2½
Philadelphia	19	19	.500	11
New York	18	21	.462	12½
Brooklyn	15	23	.395	15

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	23	16	.590	—
Miami	21	17	.553	1½
Charlotte	15	23	.395	7½
Orlando	12	27	.308	11
Atlanta	10	28	.263	12½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	25	13	.658	—
Detroit	20	17	.541	4½
Milwaukee	20	17	.541	4½
Indiana	19	19	.500	6
Chicago	14	25	.359	11½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	27	10	.730	—
San Antonio	27	13	.675	1½
New Orleans	19	18	.514	8
Dallas	13	27	.325	15½
Memphis	12	27	.308	16

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	24	16	.600	—
Oklahoma City	22	17	.564	1½
Denver	21	17	.553	2
Portland	20	18	.526	3
Utah	16	23	.410	7½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	31	8	.795	—
L.A. Clippers	17	20	.459	13
Phoenix	15	26	.366	17
Sacramento	12	25	.324	18
L.A. Lakers	11	27	.289	19½

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 Boston 91, Minnesota 84
 Philadelphia 114, Detroit 78
 Miami 107, New York 103, OT
 Toronto 129, Milwaukee 110
 Chicago 127, Dallas 124
 San Antonio 103, Phoenix 89
 Denver 99, Utah 91
 Washington 102, Memphis 100
 Portland 110, Atlanta 89
 Charlotte 108, L.A. Lakers 94

SATURDAY'S GAMES
 Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
 Boston at Brooklyn, 6 p.m.
 Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 Cleveland at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 Houston at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Washington, 8 p.m.
 New Orleans at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
 Denver at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES
 Utah at Miami, 3:30 p.m.
 New York at Dallas, 7 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
 San Antonio at Portland, 9 p.m.
 Atlanta at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
 Milwaukee at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 Toronto at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
 Cleveland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Detroit at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 Houston at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 San Antonio at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
 Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
 Denver at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
 Miami at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 Portland at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 Orlando at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GFGA
Tampa Bay	40	29	8	3	61	147 95
Boston	38	22	10	6	50	119 95
Toronto	42	24	16	2	50	138 122
Detroit	40	17	16	7	41	110 122
Florida	40	17	18	5	39	111 130
Montreal	41	17	20	4	38	103 127
Ottawa	39	13	17	9	35	105 135
Buffalo	41	10	22	9	29	91 139

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GFGA
Washington	41	25	13	3	53	128 117
New Jersey	40	22	11	7	51	126 120
Columbus	42	23	16	3	49	115 117
N.Y. Rangers	40	21	14	5	47	125 114
Carolina	40	19	13	8	46	114 119
Pittsburgh	43	21	19	3	45	120 133
Philadelphia	41	18	15	8	44	119 121
N.Y. Islanders	42	20	18	4	44	141 154

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GFGA
Winnipeg	42	24	11	7	55	140 116
St. Louis	44	26	16	2	54	127 111
Nashville	40	23	11	6	52	125 110
Dallas	42	23	16	3	49	127 117
Minnesota	41	22	16	3	47	121 116
Colorado	40	21	16	3	45	128 122
Chicago	40	19	15	6	44	121 113

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GFGA
Vegas	40	28	10	2	58	141 112
Los Angeles	41	24	12	5	53	123 95
San Jose	39	21	12	6	48	109 102
Anaheim	42	19	14	9	47	115 117
Calgary	40	20	16	4	44	112 117
Edmonton	41	18	20	3	39	116 132
Vancouver	40	16	19	5	37	106 132
Arizona	42	10	27	5	25	97 148

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Islanders 0
 Detroit 4, Florida 2
 Ottawa 6, San Jose 5, OT
 Winnipeg 4, Buffalo 3
 Vegas 5, Chicago 4

SATURDAY'S GAMES
 Philadelphia 6, St. Louis 3
 Edmonton at Dallas, 3 p.m.
 Carolina at Boston, 7 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
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 N.Y. Rangers at Arizona, 8 p.m.
 Minnesota at Colorado, 9 p.m.
 Anaheim at Calgary, 10 p.m.
 Nashville at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES
 Buffalo at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
 New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.
 San Jose at Winnipeg, 3 p.m.
 Edmonton at Chicago, 3 p.m.
 St. Louis at Washington, 3 p.m.
 Florida at Columbus, 5 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Vancouver at Montreal, 7 p.m.
 Boston at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Vegas, 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
 Columbus at Toronto, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
 Winnipeg at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
 Vancouver at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Chicago at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
 Carolina at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
 Edmonton at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 Calgary at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Florida at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

PRO FOOTBALL



Quarterbacks Cam Newton (1) of Carolina and Drew Brees of New Orleans will lead their teams into their third meeting this season today, this time in an NFC Wild-Card game in New Orleans.

Saints-Panthers rivalry a trilogy in the playoffs

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Saints coach Sean Payton takes a small measure of comfort in New Orleans' regular-season sweep of Carolina.

It means the Saints (11-5) play the Panthers (11-5) in the Superdome, where New Orleans hasn't lost a playoff game since 1992 and is 4-0 in the postseason under Payton.

Beyond that, however, the Saints coach asserts that teams evolve over the course of a season as they develop chemistry and adjust to roster or positional changes brought on by injuries.

And on Sunday, there will be a different psychology to performing in the postseason, when losing brings the season to a sudden end.

"Each game's different," said Payton, whose team took its first NFC South crown since 2011 by virtue of a head-to-head tiebreaker over Carolina.

"From the midpoint of the season, when (Carolina) got on a roll, you can see the confidence grow with that team. And you're also talking about a team that (two years ago) was in the Super Bowl," Payton said. "The prior two games don't matter."

Payton pointed out that the Panthers not only defeated two of the top teams in the NFL this season — New England and Minnesota — but beat the Patriots on the road.

Carolina coach Ron Rivera doesn't downplay the significance of those victories.

"I don't think that is overplayed. I think that is a reality. But at the same time, we are playing against a team that has beat us twice," Rivera said. "We have to figure out what went well and improve on that and what went wrong and correct that."

When the Saints pounded the Panthers by 21 in Carolina in Week 3, it began an eight-game winning streak that vaulted New Orleans atop of the division for good.

When New Orleans topped Carolina by 10 in the dome in Week 13, it ended a Panthers four-game winning streak and was one of only two losses in Carolina's past nine games.

Their third meeting — also the first playoff clash between them — is loaded with story lines. Here are some of the main ones:

USC FOOTBALL

Muschamp makes Bryan McClendon permanent OC

BY PETE IACOBELLI

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — South Carolina has promoted Bryan McClendon to offensive coordinator, filling one of the Gamecocks' biggest items on the offseason to-do list.

Coach Will Muschamp announced the move on Friday, saying he talked with McClendon soon after the interim OC had helped the Gamecocks to a 26-19 victory in the Outback Bowl on New Year's Day.

"In his two years here at South Carolina, he's been outstanding," Muschamp said of the 34-year-old McClendon. "You see the rapport he has with our staff, with our players, how he positively affects everybody in our entire organization."

McClendon will remain in charge of wide receivers going forward.

Muschamp also hired Dan Werner as quarterbacks coach. Werner was co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Ole Miss for five seasons before moving on as an offensive analyst at Alabama this past season and will finish his duties with the Crimson Tide at the national title game Monday night before coming over to the Gamecocks.

McClendon and Werner fill the role of fired offensive coordinator Kurt Roper, who was let go after two seasons of dis-

appointing offensive performances.

The Gamecocks ranked 13th in total offense and last in points in the 14-team Southeastern Conference in Muschamp's first season in 2016.

Those numbers improved slightly this past fall as the Gamecocks were 12th in both SEC categories. That was not enough, however, to keep Muschamp from making a change.

Bobby Bentley, who took over as Gamecocks quarterbacks coach for the bowl game, will return to his regular spot coaching Gamecock runners.

Muschamp does not expect any more staff shuffling as South Carolina heads into the offseason.

McClendon hopes to keep South Carolina's offense advancing to next year, building off the team's 9-4 season which marked just the sixth time in school history the team won nine games or more.

"It's not like we're going to reinvent the wheel offensively," McClendon said. "One thing that we do have to is giving our players the best chance to be successful. That's all any coach can be asked to do."

McClendon showed his adaptability in the Outback Bowl when South Carolina fell behind 19-3 and had little success against Michigan's defense, which ranks third in the country.

PRO FOOTBALL

Titans rally from 18 down, beat Chiefs 22-21

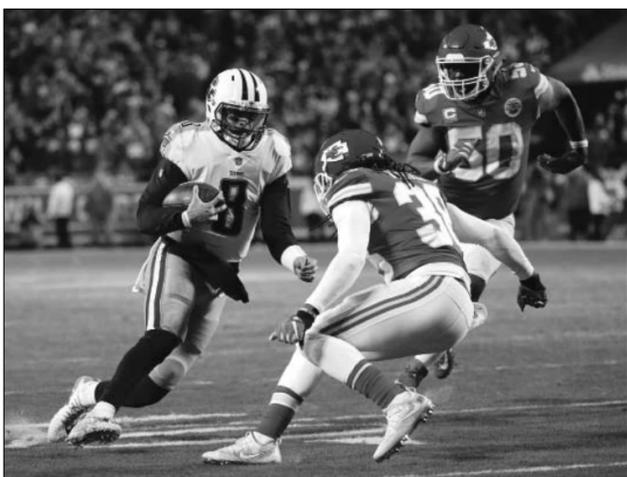
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Marcus Mariota led Tennessee to three second-half touchdowns, incredibly throwing one of his TD passes to himself, and the Titans rallied from a 21-3 deficit to beat the Kansas City Chiefs 22-21 on Saturday for their first playoff win in 14 years.

Mariota threw for 205 yards and two scores, including the 22-yard go-ahead strike to Eric Decker with just over six minutes left that ushered the Titans into the divisional round of the playoffs.

“Special, special,” Mariota said. “I’m a part of a great team. I’m a part of a group of guys that really just believe in each other. And, it’s something special and I’m look forward to playing next week.”

They’ll head to New England or Pittsburgh next week.

Derrick Henry had a career-high 156 yards rushing and another score for Tennessee (10-7), while a defense that was felled by Alex Smith and the Chiefs



Tennessee quarterback Marcus Mariota (8) carries the ball against Kansas City defensive back Ron Parker (38) and linebacker Justin Houston (50) during the Titans' 22-21 victory on Saturday in an AFC Wild-Card game in Kansas City, Missouri.

(10-7) during the first half pitched a shutout in the second half — dooming the Kansas

City franchise to another humiliating postseason defeat.

The Chiefs haven't won a home playoff game since January 1994.

Smith threw for 264 yards and two touchdowns, but most of that came before half-time. He couldn't get on track in the second half and mis-fired on fourth-and-9 at the Titans 44 with just over two minutes to go, denying the Chiefs a chance for Harrison Butker to kick a go-ahead field goal.

The letdown was made even more depressing when Henry appeared to fumble as Tennessee tried to run out the clock.

The Chiefs' Derrick Johnson picked up the ball and returned it for a touchdown with 1:47 to go, but a video replay showed that Henry was down and the call was overturned.

Tennessee succeeded in running out the clock from there. In the first half, the Chiefs

looked every bit the team that had won four straight in convincing fashion, and the Titans looked every bit the team that backed into the playoffs.

Kareem Hunt, the league's top rusher this season, plunged in from 1 yard for a 7-0 lead, and Smith hit Travis Kelce with a 13-yard touchdown pass a few minutes later. Smith added another touchdown toss to Demarcus Robinson on the final offensive play for a 21-3 lead at the break.

Smith was 19 of 23 for 231 yards in the half. Mariota was 7 of 13 for 81 yards and a pick.

The Titans' young quarterback got on track in the second half, though, converting a couple of key third downs — one of them with his legs — in marching his team 91 yards. He capped it by throwing the first TD pass to himself, the first player to accomplish the feat in playoff history.

DEFENSE FROM PAGE B1

and fourth-ranked Tide bring top-10 defenses into the College Football Playoff national championship game on Monday.

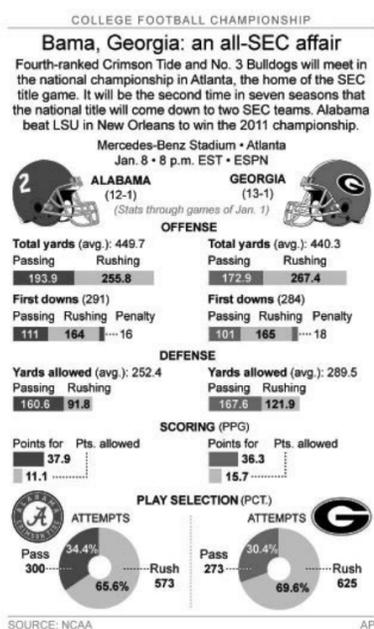
Saban's defenses — and now Smart's, too — are detail-oriented, fundamentally sound and diverse. Saban's defensive playbook is expansive, and formations can be confounding for opposing quarterbacks to decipher before the ball is snapped. Playing defense for Saban requires not just talent — and there is so much talent — but smarts and discipline.

“He's going to run every defense known to man or at least have the ability to do so” said Chris Brown, author of “The Essential Smart Football” and “The Art of Smart Football.”

Saban was defensive coordinator with the Cleveland Browns for Bill Belichick from 1991-94, and the two share similar philosophies.

The basics are this: 3-4 alignments that start with stout defensive linemen, who occupy blockers and can clog multiple gaps up front. This year's Alabama team has 308-pound Da'Ron Payne at nose guard. Georgia has 305-pound nose John Atkins.

“I think you have to be good up the middle,” Alabama defensive coordinator Jeremy Pruitt said. “Big guys up front.”



As college offenses have become more spread out, Saban and Smart and Georgia defensive coordinator Mel Tucker, who worked for Saban at LSU and Alabama, have adjusted. When facing offenses that line up with three or more wide receivers, the defense shifts to four-man fronts and usually five defensive backs. And with so many teams

playing offense up-tempo these days, a key is having versatile players who can be cross-trained at multiple positions. The personnel does not have to change if the defense changes.

Tight, press coverage is typical on the outside and a concept called pattern matching is often used. Think of it as football's version of basketball's matchup zone.

“They're playing zone until someone comes into their space and then they play man,” SEC Network analyst and former Auburn offensive lineman Cole Cubelic said. Defenders determine which receiver they are taking by reading the routes.

“They're going to challenge receivers and not give up easy stuff, and that comes from (Saban's) time with Belichick, where he learned a lot of sophisticated defensive coverage and concepts,” Brown said. “It's not what Saban calls country zones, where you just drop to a spot and watch the quarterback's eyes.”

Add in those hard to move defensive linemen allowing agile linebackers to fill holes and the basic offense schemes — short throws and between the tackle runs — rarely are productive against Saban's defenses.

“They do a great job of denying easy offense,” said Miami's Manny Diaz, regarded as one of the top defensive coordinators in the country.

Brown said Saban's defensive playbook when Saban coached the Miami Dolphins was famously 1,400 pages.

“The menu is huge. All the checks and adjustments are huge,” said Temple coach Geoff Collins, who spent a season working for Saban at Alabama before becoming a defensive coordinator at Mississippi State and Florida. “But what they'll apply to each game they won't pull from the entire playbook.”

And the defenses are not always what they seem.

“They just do a good job of knowing what look they're giving (an offense) and having a compliment off of that look,” Collins said. “Everything is built off of having a coverage and having a pressure off of the exact same look, and a change-up. They always have a complimentary package off of every disguise.”

All those Xs and Os are important, but really there is no secret sauce to stopping offenses.

Plenty of teams are using similar schemes and not getting the same results because they don't get the same level of players. All-Americans such as Fitzpatrick and Georgia linebacker Roquan Smith can make most coaches look good. Where the coaching shows up most is not necessarily in the schemes, but in technique and effort.

TIGERS FROM PAGE B1

Four of its five starters played at least 39 minutes. The fifth, Elijah Thomas, had 12 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks and three steals despite playing only 24 minutes because of foul trouble.

“I just have a lot of faith right now in those five,” Brownell said. They've been with me a long time. We've been through a lot together.”

Like last season, when the Tigers lost 12 of their 16 games decided by six points or less. On Saturday, Louisville (11-4, 1-1) got the final shot of regulation after a Clemson turnover following another miss with 29 seconds left. Last year, a Louisville win would have seemed a sure thing. But the Tigers clamped down, forcing an off-balance 3 by Quentin Snider that missed badly just before the buzzer.

“Over the years, it has been frustrating in those games,” Clemson senior Gabe DeVoe said. “Finally, we won one.”

The Tigers found their 3-point shot when it mattered, making five of their final seven shots behind the arc after starting the game 2 of 17

on 3s. Clemson stayed in the game by forcing a season-worst 21 turnovers by the Cardinals.

Ray Spaulding led Louisville with 16 points and 14 rebounds while limited to 29 minutes because of fouls. Deng Adel added 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Shelton Mitchell had 13 points, going 8 of 9 from the foul line and 2 of 13 on 3-pointers for the Tigers. Donte Grantham had 11 rebounds to offset a 2-of-11 night from the field.

BIG PICTURE

Louisville: The Cardinals played good defense, holding Clemson to just 37 percent (25 of 68) shooting, but the turnovers hurt. It was Louisville's second loss in seven games against Clemson.

Clemson: The Tigers did all the things right they have struggled with over many years. Clemson made 11 of 14 free throws in overtime. Its defense made key stops after Louisville erased a seven-point lead with six minutes to go, holding the Cardinals to just a basket in the final 2:29 of regulation. And the Tigers handled the extra attention brought by that new ranking.

TURNING IT OVER AND OVER

Louisville coach David Padgett said other than those 21 turnovers, the Cardinals did everything to win.

“We shot a good percentage, we outrebounded them by 11,” Padgett said. “You just can't turn the ball over 21 times. It is impossible to overcome.”

The 15 steals by Clemson were more turnovers than Louisville has had in all but three games this season.

“They were more physical. We initiate a lot of stuff off a lot of dribble handoffs and they did a lot to get right in there,” Padgett said.

POLL WATCH (AND BEYOND)

Clemson is staying in the Associated Press Top 25 after a 2-0 week. This was its first week in the poll since 2010.

If the Tigers match the 5-0 ACC start from the 1997 team, they would go for 6-0 at North Carolina on Jan. 16. Clemson is 0-58 all time in Chapel Hill.

Clemson hasn't been to the NCAA Tournament since 2011.

FLAT BUT FAST

A fan won \$10,000 during a timeout by making a 94-foot putt across the wood floor at Littlejohn Coliseum into a mouse-sized hole. The only bigger cheer Saturday came when

Clemson forced overtime.

UP NEXT

Louisville: The Cardinals play at No. 24 Florida State on Wednesday.

Clemson: The Tigers try to finish an early-season sweep at North Carolina State on Thursday. Clemson beat the Wolfpack at home 78-62 on Dec. 30.

(25) CLEMSON 74, LOUISVILLE 69

LOUISVILLE (11-4)
Adel 5-11 4-4 14, King 3-8 3-4 9, Spaulding 8-16 0-0 16, Williams 0-2 0-0 0, Snider 5-9 2-2 13, Mahmoud 3-6 0-2 6, Sutton 2-4 0-0 5, Perry 0-1 0-0 0, McMahon 2-5 0-0 6. Totals 28-62 9-12 69.

CLEMSON (14-1)
E.Thomas 6-11 0-0 12, Grantham 2-11 2-3 6, Mitchell 2-13 8-9 13, Reed 8-17 5-6 24, DeVoe 4-11 2-2 13, Simms 2-2 0-0 4, Skara 0-1 0-0 0, Donnal 1-2 0-0 2, Spencer 0-0 0-0 0, Trapp 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-68 17-20 74.

Halftime 23-23. End Of Regulation Tied 55. 3-Point Goals_Louisville 4-14 (McMahon 2-5, Sutton 1-1, Snider 1-3, Williams 0-1, King 0-1, Spaulding 0-1, Adel 0-2), Clemson 7-24 (Reed 3-6, DeVoe 3-8, Mitchell 1-5, Donnal 0-1, Skara 0-1, Grantham 0-3). Fouled Out_Spaulding, Rebounds_Louisville 42 (Spaulding 14), Clemson 34 (Grantham 11). Assists_Louisville 12 (Snider 5), Clemson 10 (Reed, DeVoe 3). Total Fouls_Louisville 17, Clemson 14. A_7,594 (10,000).

USC FROM PAGE B1

BIG PICTURE

South Carolina: The Gamecocks badly needed a win after dropping its initial two SEC games. With back-to-back road games against Alabama and Georgia up next, the team was in danger of dropping out of the league race early.

Vanderbilt: The loss was disappointing for a Vanderbilt squad that has struggled throughout the season but hoped to build on a win against

Alabama in its last game.

UP NEXT

Vanderbilt hosts nationally

ranked Tennessee on Tuesday.

South Carolina travels to Alabama on Tuesday.

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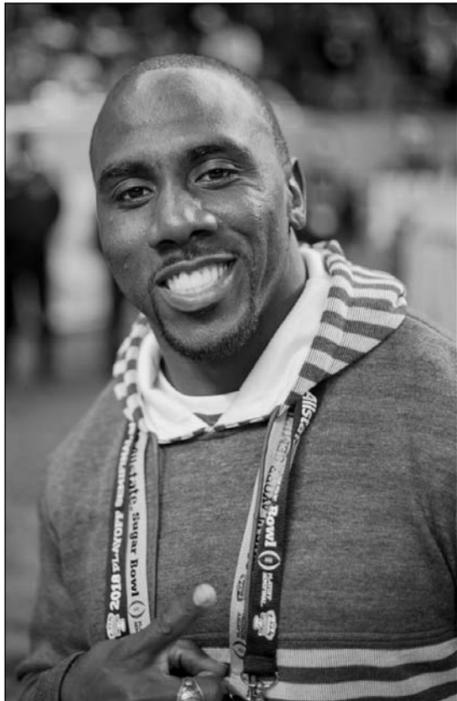
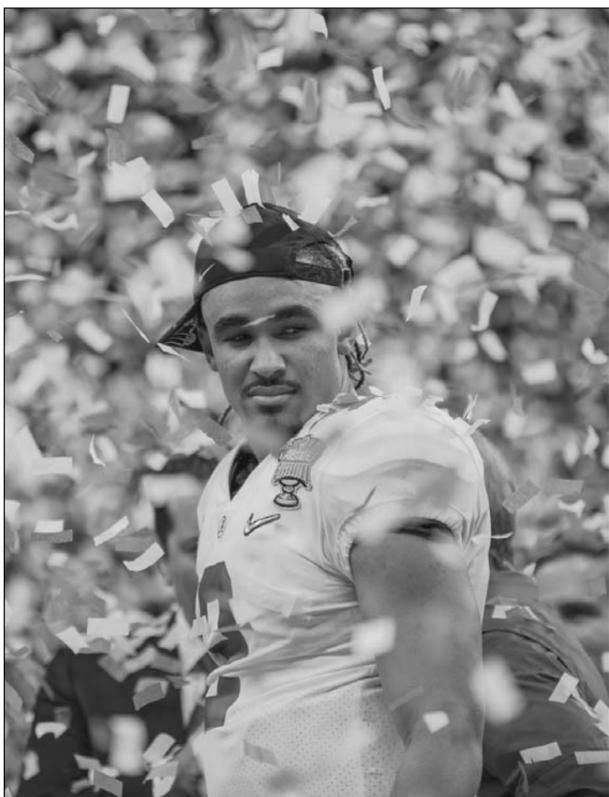
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

More scenes from the Sugar Bowl



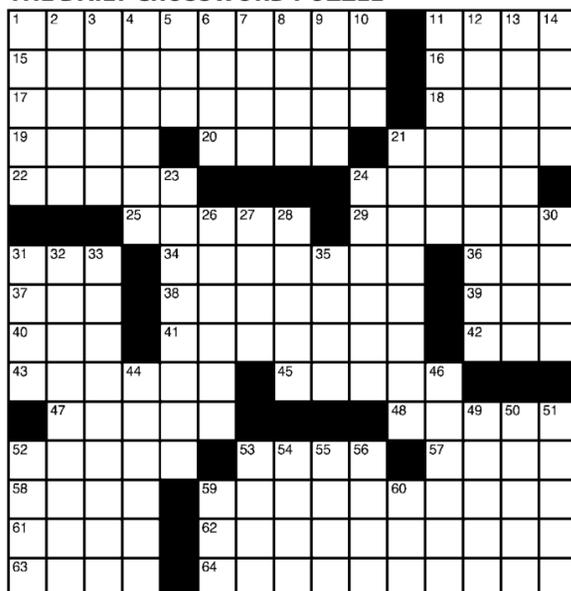
PHOTOS BY MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM
The Sumter Item photographer Micah Green was in New Orleans on Jan. 1 and captured scenes at the Sugar Bowl where Clemson fell to Alabama 24-6 in the teams' third straight meeting in the College Football Playoff.



ABOVE: Former Tiger C.J. Spiller is all smiles despite the game's outcome.

SATURDAY PUZZLES

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Daniel Nierenberg 1/6/18

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- 1 Vaudeville show, e.g.
 - 11 Cuban pronoun
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 - 21 Great canines?
 - 22 Tart fruits
 - 24 Is bothered
 - 25 More or less, informally
 - 29 Brightly plumed songbird
 - 31 Banned chem. contaminant
 - 34 Most lascivious
 - 36 Mess with
 - 37 Super Bowl MVP after Peyton
 - 38 Final hour?
 - 39 Galoot
 - 40 Big automotive initials
 - 41 Like some observant Jews
 - 42 Designing initials
 - 43 Place for porcelain, possibly
 - 45 Stuffed fare
 - 47 Zero, to Nero
 - 48 Opposite
 - 52 Come to pass
 - 53 Cryotherapy offerers
 - 57 Give significance to, in a way
 - 58 Travel in no particular direction
 - 59 Trial records
 - 61 Niggle
 - 62 Collectible, maybe
 - 63 Charity
 - 64 Double helix pair
 - 13 Plot devices for sci-fi travelers
 - 14 Liturgical dress
 - 21 Surprise bad guy
 - 23 One who gets it all
 - 24 Assembled artwork
 - 26 Longtime pharmacy chain
 - 27 Christmas poem opener
 - 28 Let in
 - 30 Pulitzer-winning biographer
 - 31 Wave generator?
 - 32 Controversial technology involving carbon capture and storage
 - 33 Part of a fictional six-million-dollar repair
 - 35 Ancient Icelandic text
 - 44 Hits hard
 - 46 Chihuahua neighbor
 - 49 Ipso facto, e.g.
 - 50 Fix
 - 51 Breaks in scores
 - 52 Killer whale
 - 53 Surprise big-time
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 - 55 Years in Granada
 - 56 light
 - 59 Land development aid
 - 60 "On Point" syndicator
- DOWN**
- 1 Improvises
 - 2 King Triton's daughter
 - 3 2011 title cowboy chameleon
 - 4 Sacred birds
 - 5 Stately street adornment
 - 6 spirit
 - 7 School named for a Welsh merchant
 - 8 Ingredient in the Japanese jellied dessert yokan
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By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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RECRUITING CORNER

Wonnnum still weighing options, taking official visits

Offensive lineman **Dylan Wonnnum** of Tucker, Ga., will take four official visits leading up to the Feb. 7 signing day. Wonnnum said the only date he has down is Auburn on Friday. The other officials will be to South Carolina, Louisiana State and Tennessee.

His brother is USC defensive end **DJ Wonnnum**. He said that doesn't necessarily help or hurt USC.

"At the end of the day it's going to be my decision so I'm not going there for him," Wonnnum said. "I don't want anybody to make the decision for me or anything like that. I'm not going there for him, I'm going there for me, for me to get to the pros and stuff like that."

Wonnnum is no stranger to USC since his brother arrived on the scene. He's made several unofficial visits, including three for games this season. That's allowed him to build a solid relationship with the coaching staff.

"(Head coach Will) Muschamp, (OL coach Eric) Wolford, (BMac (new offensive coordinator) Bryan McClendon), all of them, it's a good relationship," Wonnnum said. "They need me, they need an O-tackle, and I can come in and start early and do what I need to do."

"I just want to go somewhere where I can be developed. Coach Muschamp and Coach Wolford, they are cool guys to talk to, they talk to me a lot. They hit me up every day. I have the best relationship with South Carolina coaches."

In particular, Wonnnum said he likes how Wolford works with his OLs.

"He's a very hands-on person, so when he's explaining something, he's got to show me," Wonnnum said. "No O-line coach really did that but him so he's going to actually show you and everything."

Wonnnum has not indicated a favorite among his final four schools.

Three USC commitments played in the Under Armour All-American game — defensive back **Jaycee Horn**, OL **Hank Manos** and linebacker **Rosendo Louis**. The one USC target in the game was Wonnnum.

USC wide receiver commitment **Josh Vann** was scheduled to play in the U.S. Army All-American Game on Saturday. USC defensive lineman target **Rick Sandidge** also is in the game as are LB **Channing Tindall** of Spring Valley High School in Columbia, a Georgia signee,



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DE **Dorian Gerald** of Florence and College of the Canyons Junior College in California was offered by Nebraska. He has taken official visits to Texas Tech and Louisville and has visits in January set with Mississippi and Florida. USC was heavily involved with him for months, but in recent weeks he has not indicated much, if any, interest in USC.

Quarterback **Ty Evans** (6-feet-2-inches, 185 pounds), a 2019 recruit from Monument, Colo., earned player of the year honors in his state after passing for 3,627 yards and 41 touchdowns and winning a state championship.

He committed to Arkansas in July but decommitted in November and is now looking around. USC is one of his schools of interest, and he's planning a visit to see USC up close this month.

"I am absolutely looking at South Carolina seriously," Evans said. "I was talking to (former OC) Coach (Kurt) Roper every week."

With Roper gone, Evans said he's been in touch with Logan Hall, USC's assistant director of player personnel. Along with USC, Evans said he also plans to visit North Carolina State and North Carolina this month. He has offers from USC, Arkansas, NCSU, Colorado, Colorado State, Kansas State and Northwestern.

Tra Wilkins, a '19 LB from Stone Mountain, Ga., has an early offer list that includes USC, Georgia, Ohio State, Alabama, Louisville, Auburn, UF, Tennessee and others. It's early in the process, but USC is in a good spot with him at this point. Wilkins said he will visit USC once he gets a date scheduled with LB coach Coleman Hutzler. He's looking at February, but it could come earlier, and he said USC will be on his short list when he gets around to making one.

and placekicker **Skylar DeLong** of Nation Ford High in Fort Mill, a Tennessee signee.

USC is in the final four with defensive end **Devin Briggs** of Kissimmee, Fla. The others are Louisville, Miami and Florida State. He plans to take an official visit with USC this month.

Jalyn Phillips, a '19 DB from Atlanta, has nearly 40 offers. USC was one of his first and some of the others include Oregon, Minnesota, Alabama, Oklahoma, Duke, Michigan, Tennessee, Nebraska and Michigan State. Clemson also is showing strong interest but has not yet offered.

Of the schools that have offered, Phillips said the top ones with him right now are USC, Alabama, Oklahoma and Oregon, and of the non-offering schools the top ones are Clemson, UGA and Ohio State.

Phillips said he's developing a good relationship with USC. Phillips said he wants to take all of his official visits next fall and winter and will not sign until February of '19. Last season, Phillips had 58 tackles and one interception.

CLEMSON

WR **Justyn Ross** of Phenix City, Ala., in a Rivals interview at the Under Armour media day, said he would not call Clemson his leader. He said he'll take officials to UF on Jan. 12, Alabama on Jan. 19 and Auburn on Jan. 25. He has taken his official to Clemson and said he has no plans to return.

Clemson commitment **KJ Henry** was in the Under Armour game. Clemson targets in the game were DB **Matthew Hill** and Ross. The Tigers also have interest in OL **Richard Gouraige** and OL **Nicholas Petit-Frere**.

Clemson had eight commitments set to play in the U.S. Army Game — DL **Josh Belk**, OL **Jackson Carman**, WR **Derrion Kendrick**, QB **Trevor Lawrence**, DE **Justin Mascoll**, DB **Kyler McMichael**, PK **BT Potter** and DE **Xavier Thomas**.

Clemson targets in the Army game are LB **Dax Hollifield**, DB **Leon O'Neal**, DB **Brendan Radley-Hiles**, DB **Pat Surtain** and the Tigers have had interest in OL **William Barnes**. Hollifield, who is from Shelby, N.C., told Rivals Clemson is now back in the picture with him, and he'll probably take an official visit there in January. He will visit Stanford this month and also has UNC and Virginia Tech on his short list.

BASKETBALL

A strong showing in a recent holiday showcase has earned more looks for 6-4 **Jermaine Couisnard**, a native of East Chicago, Ind., who attends Montverde Academy in Florida. One of

those looking harder is USC, which has not offered but liked him enough to arrange an official visit last Tuesday.

"They came and watched me play and they liked what they saw," Couisnard said. "(USC assistant) Coach Chuck Martin was in to see me and he liked how I was playing defense and scoring the ball. He was saying they need somebody to replace the guards next year and I would be the guy to do that."

Couisnard said he's averaging around 20 points per game this season and is a true pick-and-pop shooting guard. He has an offer from Bradley and is also getting interest from Kansas, Seton Hall, Baylor, Massachusetts, Xavier and Wichita State. He was scheduled for an unofficial visit to Illinois last week.

USC remains involved with 6-10 **Kaosi Ezeagu** of GTA Prep in Canada. According to his head coach, USC continues to talk with Ezeagu and they are working on coming down for an official visit in '18.

In his blog for USA Today, 6-6 **Zion Williamson** of Spartanburg Day wrote he should be able to return to action this month. He's been in a walking boot with a deep bruise in his foot.

Williamson also addressed his recruiting with this coming out before he announced he would make a decision on Jan. 20.

"I honestly feel like I'll be making a decision soon. I've been really thinking here lately about the pros and cons and I just feel like the time is coming. I've been watching all of the schools recruiting me on TV a lot and I watch the players in my position and how the schools use those guys; just doing my homework on everybody."

He took official visits to Kentucky, Kansas, Duke and UNC. He's also been unofficially to Clemson and USC.

Trey McGowens, a 6-3 player, was at Clemson last Saturday for the NCSU game, according to Corey Evans of Rivals.

Wendell Moore, a 6-5 '19 recruit from Concord, N.C., has listed his top 10 schools as USC, Wake Forest, Duke, UNC, NCSU, Maryland, Florida State, Ohio State, Kansas and Washington.

Clemson offered 6-6 '20 6-6 shooting guard **Brandon Boston** of Norcross, Ga., according to OnTheRadarHoops.

TEAM FROM PAGE B1

The quarterback is TSA's **Eli Kessinger**. He completed 148 of 311 passes for 2,786 yards and 29 scoring passes against 16 interceptions.

The running backs are **Justin Timmons** of Wilson Hall and **Tyrese Mitchum** of Clarendon Hall. Timmons rushed for 695 yards and 12 touchdowns in nine games for the Barons. He also had three catches for 87 yards.

Mitchum rushed for 1,191 yards and 19 touchdowns on 134 carries. He also ran for five 2-point conversions.

The all-purpose player is TSA's **Richard Huntley**. He had 42 catches for 771 yards and 11 touchdowns and rushed for 384 yards and six more scores on 70 carries. Huntley also returned two kickoffs for TDs.

The offensive linemen are **JD Burroughs**, **Kodi Reaves** and **Shayne Stephens** of Laurence Manning, **Greyson Sonntag** of Wilson Hall and **Billy Jackson** of Robert E. Lee.

Burroughs, a tackle, graded out at 81 percent with 23 knockdown blocks. Stephens, also a tackle, had 18 knockdown blocks with an 83 percent grade. Reaves, a guard, had an 80 percent grade and 18 knockdowns. Jackson graded out at 84 percent and Sonntag had the highest grade for WH linemen. On defense, he had 47 tackles, 11 of them for loss and two sacks.

The placekicker is Wilson Hall's **Mills Herlong**. He connected on 31 of 33 extra points and was 2-for-4 on field goals with a long of 31 yards. As a punter, Herlong averaged 33 yards on 44 punts.

The defensive backs are **Bryce Barrett** and **Nick Laney** of Robert E. Lee, **Zach Fugate** of TSA and Wilson Hall's **Harrison Hudson**.

Barrett and Laney were tremendous all-around performers for the Cavaliers. Defensively, Barrett had four interceptions, broke up four passes and had 68 tackles. He was a standout quarterback, completed 135 of 210 passes for 2,369 yards and 29 TDs against just five interceptions. He also rushed for 1,056 yards and 15 scores on 130 carries.

Defensively Laney had five interceptions, returning two for touchdowns, and 63 tackles. On offense, he caught 58 passes for 942 yards and 10 touchdowns and rushed for 722 yards and seven more TDs on 103 attempts. Laney returned 18 punts for 282 yards and one score and returned 20 kickoffs for 345 yards and one touchdown.

Fugate had 76 tackles and two picks on defense for TSA. He also caught 36 passes for 770 yards and eight TDs and was 17 of 19 on PATs. Hudson finished with five interceptions to go with 50 tackles.

The linebackers are **Hunter McGee** of REL, LMA's **Dalton Holcomb**, **Jake Myers** of Wilson Hall and **Dylan Way** of Clarendon Hall.

2017 ALL-INDEPENDENT FOOTBALL TEAM

OFFENSE

Quarterback — Eli Kessinger, Thomas Sumter
Running back — Justin Timmons, Wilson Hall
Running back — Tyrese Mitchum, Clarendon Hall
Receiver — Taylor Lee, Laurence Manning
Receiver — Dante Linder, Thomas Sumter
Receiver — Zyan Gilmore, Clarendon Hall
Offensive lineman — JD Burroughs, Laurence Manning
Offensive lineman — Greyson Sonntag, Wilson Hall
Offensive lineman — Kodi Reaves, Laurence Manning
Offensive lineman — Billy Jackson, Robert E. Lee
Offensive lineman — Shayne Stephens, Laurence Manning
Placekicker — Mills Herlong, Wilson Hall
All-Purpose — Richard Huntley, Thomas Sumter

DEFENSE

Defensive lineman — Brad Goodson, Laurence Manning
Defensive lineman — Ben Corbett, Clarendon Hall
Defensive lineman — Gavin Melton, Robert E. Lee
Linebacker — Hunter McGee, Robert E. Lee
Linebacker — Dalton Holcomb, Laurence Manning
Linebacker — Jake Myers, Wilson Hall
Linebacker — Dylan Way, Clarendon Hall
Defensive back — Bryce Barrett, Robert E. Lee
Defensive back — Harrison Hudson, Wilson Hall
Defensive back — Zach Fugate, Thomas Sumter
Defensive back — Nick Laney, Robert E. Lee
Punter — Braydon Osteen, Laurence Manning

HONORABLE MENTION: Mack Ard, Williamsburg; John Bracewell, Thomas Sumter; Brewer Brunson, Laurence Manning; Brandon Carraway, Wilson Hall; Trey Holliday, Thomas Sumter; Brent Jordan, Laurence Manning; Burgess Jordan, Laurence Manning; Jake Jordan, Laurence Manning; Jackson LeMay, Wilson Hall; Mitchell Matthews, Wilson Hall; Landen Rose, Thomas Sumter; Wyatt Rowland, Laurence Manning; Mason Studer, Thomas Sumter; Gray Thompson, Thomas Sumter; Landon VanPatten, Wilson Hall; Mason Warren, Thomas Sumter; David Wilder, Laurence Manning.

McGee led Robert E. Lee in tackles with 93 and had two interceptions, returning one for a score. Holcomb led LMA with 103 tackles, including 18 tackles for loss. Myers led the Barons with 109 tackles to go with eight TFLs and two sacks.

Way was a 2-way standout for the Saints. Defensively, he had 80 tackles, 62 of them solo, to go with four interceptions and three fumble recoveries. As a quarterback, Way rushed for 865 yards and 12 touchdowns on 98 carries while completing 72 of 135 passes for 1,343 yards and 10 TDs. He ran for three conversions, passed for six more and also caught a scoring pass.

The defensive line includes Laurence Manning's **Brad Goodson**, **Ben Corbett** of Clarendon Hall and REL's **Gavin Melton**. Goodson had 78 tackles, including 25 for loss and recovered four fumbles, one for a touchdown. Corbett had a whopping 171 tackles, 124 of them solo, to go with six sacks, one interception, four fumble recoveries and three fumbles caused. Melton had 53 tackles and five sacks.

The punter is Laurence Manning's **Braydon Osteen**, who was also a standout quarterback for the Swampcats. LMA only punted 16 times on the season, and Osteen averaged 41 yards a punt. As a QB, Osteen completed 100 of 204 passes for 1,469 yards and 22 touchdowns while rushing for 269 yards and five more scores on 83 attempts.

SPORTS ITEMS

Dustin Johnson takes control at Kapalua

KAPALUA, Hawaii — Dustin Johnson has a long game and a short memory.

Johnson holed a 65-yard wedge shot down the hill and up the green for an eagle, and he powered his way to birdies on the par 5s at Kapalua for a 7-under 66 to build a two-shot lead over Brian Harman going into the final round at the Sentry Tournament of Champions.

Johnson seized control quickly Saturday at Kapalua. Johnson was at 16-under 203.

Harman couldn't keep pace, dropping two shots early on the back nine until a late rally for a 69 to stay within two shots. Harman began the day tied with Marc Leishman, who didn't make a birdie until the 16th hole and wound up with a 76 to fall nine shots behind.

PANTHERS GIVE RIVERA CONTRACT EXTENSION

CHARLOTTE — Seeking stability amid an uncertain future, the Carolina Panthers signed coach Ron Rivera to a two-year contract extension on Saturday.

A person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press the extension is worth \$15.5 million over two seasons. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the team didn't release financial details of the contract.

Rivera is 64-47-1 in seven seasons with the Panthers. He has guided Carolina to a Super Bowl appearance, three NFC South titles and four playoff appearances. He has twice been named The Associated Press NFL Coach of the Year.

The Panthers (11-5) visit

the New Orleans Saints (11-5) today in an NFC wild-card game.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE 17 JAMES MADISON 13

FRISCO, Texas — Fargo to Frisco is a thing again at North Dakota State.

Easton Stick threw a 50-yard touchdown pass to Darrius Shepherd and the Bison took back the Football Championship Subdivision title, beating James Madison 17-13 on Saturday. The victory came a year after their five-year run atop the FCS ended against the Dukes in the semifinals.

NDSU (14-1) also preserved its division-record 33-game winning streak from three years ago, ending James Madison's run at 26 straight, denying the Dukes a second straight title and spoiling what would have been their first undefeated, untied season.

WARRIORS 120 CLIPPERS 105

LOS ANGELES — Steph Curry scored a season-high 45 points without playing the fourth quarter and the Golden State Warriors ran away from the Los Angeles Clippers 121-105 on Saturday for their fourth straight victory.

OMISSION

In the Year in Review story that ran in Thursday's edition of The Sumter Item, the fact that Wilson Hall golfer Easton Ward won the 3A individual state title was omitted.

Ward shot a 69 to win the award. The Barons finished third as their streak of state titles was snapped at two.

From wire reports

RALPH S. JACKSON

GABLE — Ralph Singleton Jackson, 88, widower of Olivia McFaddin Jackson, died on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018, at NHC Healthcare in Sumter.

Born on March 17, 1929, in Manning, he was a son of the late Moultrie Reid Jackson and Anna Singleton Jackson. He was a 1950 graduate of Clemson University, where he was a company commander for his senior platoon. He was a sharp shooter instructor for the U.S. Army and a veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of American Legion Post 149 for 66 years and farmed in the Clarendon County community. He was a former high school and Sunday school teacher. He served the Sardinia Presbyterian Church as an Elder Emeritus.

He is survived by three daughters, Anna Jackson Floyd (Ronnie) of New Zion, Lisa Jackson Mayes (Jim) of Mayesville and Olivia Jackson Ortmann (Jody) of Sumter; eight grandchildren, Amanda F. McConnell (Joe), Elizabeth M. Hyatt (John), Abbie F. Kirby (Allen), Katie Mayes, Sallie Ortmann, Anna Ortmann, Catherine Ortmann and James E. Mayes III; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by eight brothers and two sisters, Moultrie Richard Jackson, Thomas Jehu Jackson, William Joseph Jackson, Eunice Miriam Epperson, Willford Stuckey Jackson, Edna Earl Hinson, Rudolph Jackson, Scott Harmon Jackson, Carl Frank Jackson and Robert Edward Jackson.

A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. today at Sardinia Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Robert Jolly, the Rev. Dr. Gordon K. Reed and the Rev. John Dodd officiating. Burial will follow at Sardinia-Gable Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Scott Jackson, Bill Jackson, Tommy Jackson, Jimmy Jackson, Bobby Jackson, Mike Epperson, Robert Jackson, Danny Hall, Dessie O'Bryan and Mack Miles.

Honorary pallbearers will be elders and deacons of Sardinia Presbyterian Church.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 2 to 3 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

Memorials may be made to Sardinia Presbyterian Church, 1386 Garland Road, New Zion, SC 29111.

Stephens Funeral Home & Crematory, 304 N. Church St., Manning, is in charge of arrangements, (803) 435-2179. www.stephensfuneralhome.org

BARBARA B. MCINNIS

Barbara Bruce McInnis, 81, wife of the Honorable David F. McInnis Sr., died on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born in Camden, she was a daughter of the late Basil and Bertie Lee Beck Bruce. Mrs. McInnis was a member of First Presbyterian Church and a former member of the Sumter Junior Welfare League. She attended Lander College, where she was voted Miss Lander College by her peers. She spent the majority of her life serving her family, her friends and her God.

Surviving are her husband of Sumter; one son, David F. McInnis Jr. (Catherine) of Sumter; two daughters, Shawn McInnis Perkins (Stephen) of Tega Cay and Lee McInnis (partner Tammy) of Columbia; one sister, Beverly Abney of Phoenix; six grandchildren, Rikki Williams (Kevin), Steve Perkins, David McInnis, Sarah Louise McInnis, Meagan Miles (McDuffie) and Emily Gainous (Chris); and four great-grandchildren, Alex Williams, Nathan Williams, Jacob Williams and Tate Miles.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at First Presbyterian Church

with the Rev. Nick Cheek officiating.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the home of her son, 50 Paisley Park, and also following the memorial service in the fellowship hall of First Presbyterian Church.

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

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

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



Elmore Hill McCreight
FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY

JAMES A. JONES

James Arnold Jones, age 71, beloved husband of Mary Taylor Jones, died on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2017, at his residence.

Born in Hampton, he was a son of the late Remer Jones and Eva Mae Baker Barnes. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Marines and later worked as a painter. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. He was a member of Newstart Community Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving in addition to his wife are one son, George Avans of Salisbury, North Carolina; four daughters, Vivian Quick, Melody Jones, Melissa Pyke and her husband, Robert, of Villa Rica, Georgia, and Donna Mitchum and her husband, Robert, of Sumter; 13 grandchildren, Courtney Quick, Angela Quick, Gregory Johnson, Christian Johnson, Katelyn B. Jones, Brittany Rogers and her husband, James, Brandon Mitchum, Katelyn Jones, Jeremy Jones, Lacie Jones, Tarver Pyke and Tatum Pyke; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Greg Jones; and a sister, Doris Barnes.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Fort Jackson National Cemetery with military honors. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday at Bullock Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to the family in care of Bullock Funeral Home, 1190 Wilson Hall Road, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

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LENA S. POWELL

Lena Mae Sullivan Powell, 83, widow of Alfonso Powell, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018, at McElveen Manor.

Born Sept. 16, 1935, in Laurens, she was a daughter of the late Hiriam Sullivan and the late Rosa Putman Sullivan. She was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

She was employed by U.S. Civil Service for 22 years, having worked at the Chef's House, Shaw AFB Communication Switchboard, and the Base Commissary.

Survivors include three children, Barbara R. Powell of Columbia, John Allen Powell (Gloria) of Hope Mills, North Carolina, and Colleen P. Stevens (Wayne) of Sumter; three grandchildren, Alexis Powell, Ashley Campbell and Joseph Powell; five great-grandchildren, Abigail Powell, Molly Jones, Zoe Jones, Isaiah Powell and Elijah Powell.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Brenda Powell; and a son, Marvin S. Powell.

A graveside service with military honors will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Center Rabun Baptist Church in Gray Court.

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

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Palmetto Chapter, 4124 Clemson Blvd., Suite L, Anderson, SC 29621.

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

RONALD W. CLEMMONS

On Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018, Ronald Wayne Clemmons, husband of Edith Cochran Clemmons, departed this life at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on Sept. 17, 1950, in Florence, Alabama, he was a son of the late Jeffie James and Annie Louise Thompson Clemmons.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the residence, 107 Morgan Drive, Hampton Estates, Manning.

Funeral services are incomplete and will be announced by Fleming & DeLaine Funeral Home and Chapel.

BERTHA EDWARDS

LYNCHBURG — Bertha Edwards, of 290 Tolson Road in Lynchburg, died on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018.

Visitation and funeral arrangements will be announced by Kenneth L. Boatwright Sr. and the staff of Jefferson Funeral Home Service Inc. of Lynchburg.

SARAH L. WHITE

Sarah Lou Sinkler White, the daughter of the late Edward James and Phyllis Pringle Sinkler, was born on March 13, 1927, in Sumter County. She earned her crown on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018, at home with family at her side.

Sarah Lou was married to the late Conyers "Jim" White on Feb. 13, 1949. To this union was born eight children. Together, they raised 11 children and one grandchild.

She attended the public schools of Sumter County. She retired from Sumter School District 2 as a cafeteria worker.

Sarah Lou accepted Christ at an early age and was a life-long member of Orangehill Independent Methodist Church -- formerly Orangehill Reformed Methodist Union Episcopal Church -- where she served faithfully as a member of the choir, Missionary Board, Auxiliary Board, and Stewardess Board until her health failed. She was founder and coordinator of the Prayer Band and Annual

Prayer Breakfast. She leaves to cherish her memories: children, Albertu (Carolyn) White of Sumter; Sarah (Willie) Jones of Sumter; Julia (Steve) Muldrow of Irmo; Janie (Dr. Lawrence) Rouse of Kenansville, North Carolina; Wallace (Audrey) White of Sumter; Brenda Cheathon of Anchorage, Alaska; Patricia Isaac of Sumter; Kelvin (Latrease) White of Ladson; a daughter-in-law, Louise White of Wedgefield; a grandchild raised in the home, Quentel (Leon) Williams; one brother, Roy (Dorothy) Sinkler, and one sister, Phyllis (Ashmore) Lee, both of Sumter; 41 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; 15 great-great-grandchildren; a special family friend, Marie Davis of Sumter; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 1757 N. St. Paul Church Road, Sumter.

Prayer Breakfast.

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The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 1757 N. St. Paul Church Road, Sumter.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. from the Orangehill Independent Methodist Church, 3005 S. Kings Highway, Wedgefield, with the Rev. Constance Walker, officiating.

The remains will be placed in the church at 10 a.m.

The funeral procession will leave the home at 10:20 a.m.

Burial will be in the Orangehill Independent Methodist Churchyard Cemetery.

These services have been entrusted to the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter. On-line memorial messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com. Visit us on the web — www.williamsfuneralhome.com.

CLEASZELL WHITE

MANNING — Cleaszell White, 73, husband of Freddie Lee Dingle White, died on Friday, Dec. 29, 2017.

He was a son of the late Abe and Lou Jane Montgomery White.

Funeral services for Mr. White will be held at 2 p.m. today at Elizabeth Baptist Church, 4829 Alex Harvin Highway, Manning, with Pastor Terry R. Johnson officiating and Minister Melinda Ham and Pastor Ramsey McFadden assisting.

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

JOSEY D. COPELAND

ASHWOOD — Josey Dwight "Jose" Copeland, 71, loving husband of Joyce Bartlette Copeland, died on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018, at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

Born on Aug. 6, 1946, in Sumter, he was a son of the late John Marion Copeland and Susan Josey Copeland. He was a member of Ashwood Church of the Nazarene. He retired from the Sumter Fire Department as an engineer after 25 years of service. He was a fire department cook and had cooked for the U.S. Secret Service and President George Bush. He assisted with recovery efforts after Hurricane Andrew by cooking for the relief workers. He was a combat engineer in the U.S. Army and served in the Vietnam War. He was a member of the White Horse Hunting Club.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years; a brother, Gerald Copeland of Florence; two sisters, Rebecca "Becky"

McDuffie and Janie Copeland, both of Sumter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by siblings, Inez Daniels, Thurmond Copeland, Donald Copeland, Agnes Holland, James Copeland and Leila Belken.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. today in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Al Sims and the Rev. Robert Morris officiating. Burial will be at Sumter Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Bill Christmas, John Copeland, Patrick Buckner, Doug Connelly, Roger Jowers and Ray Mills.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Sumter Fire Department and Buck Wells.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m. today at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 950 48th Ave. North, Suite 101, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

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

DELOURIS A. STEPHENS

Delouris Ann Stephens, 53, wife of Ronald P. Stephens, daughter of Francenia Singleton Campbell and the late Brinell Manning, was born on Nov. 8, 1964, in Sumter. She departed this life on Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, at Blue Ridge Nursing Home, Sumter.

Family will be receiving friends at the home, 342 Green Swamp Road, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

JOSEPH A. MAYE JR.

TABOR CITY, N.C. — Joseph A. "Bud" Maye Jr., 69, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018, at UNC Medical Center.

Born Aug. 11, 1948, in Sumter, he was a son of the late Joseph A. Maye Sr. and the late Jean Mosier Maye Lane. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War and a U.S. Air Force veteran of Operation Desert Storm. He retired from McEntire Air National Guard Base. He was a master carpenter.

Survivors include two children, Jadé "Buffie" Maye McLeod (Mac) of Sumter and Jeanne Maye Catoe (Matt) of Kershaw; four grandchildren, Tori McLeod Johnson (Aaron), Trey McLeod, Codie Lane Catoe, and Madelyn McKenzie Catoe; a great-grandchild, Leighton Cade Johnson; and a brother, Anthony "Tony" Maye (Beth) of Moneta, Virginia.

A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Dr. Eugene Mosier officiating. Burial with military honors will be in the Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home of Mac and Buffie McLeod, 2985 Bruce Circle.

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.

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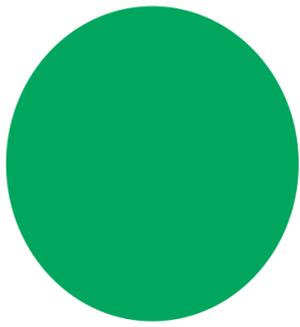
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THIS WEEK

- Almost half (**48%**) of 1,000 adults surveyed want to save more.
- **30%** want to pay off a credit card entirely.
- **26%** want to create a personal budget.
- But only **7%** want to sign up for credit monitoring or identity theft protection.

SOURCE Experian

ON THE MOVE

Stock stories of the week

ORACLE

The technology company's shares were lower on Monday as its two biggest customers, Amazon.com and Salesforce.com, were working to replace its software with lower cost open-source database software.



INTEL

The technology company's chips are reportedly vulnerable to hackers and a bug lets some software gain access to parts of a computer's memory that are set aside to protect things like passwords.



APPLE

After iPhone maker stressed it hadn't intentionally slowed the iPhones with older batteries to encourage users to buy newer models, it offered to replace batteries cheaply and the offer might affect sales.

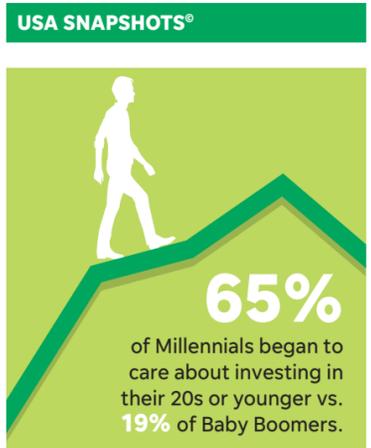


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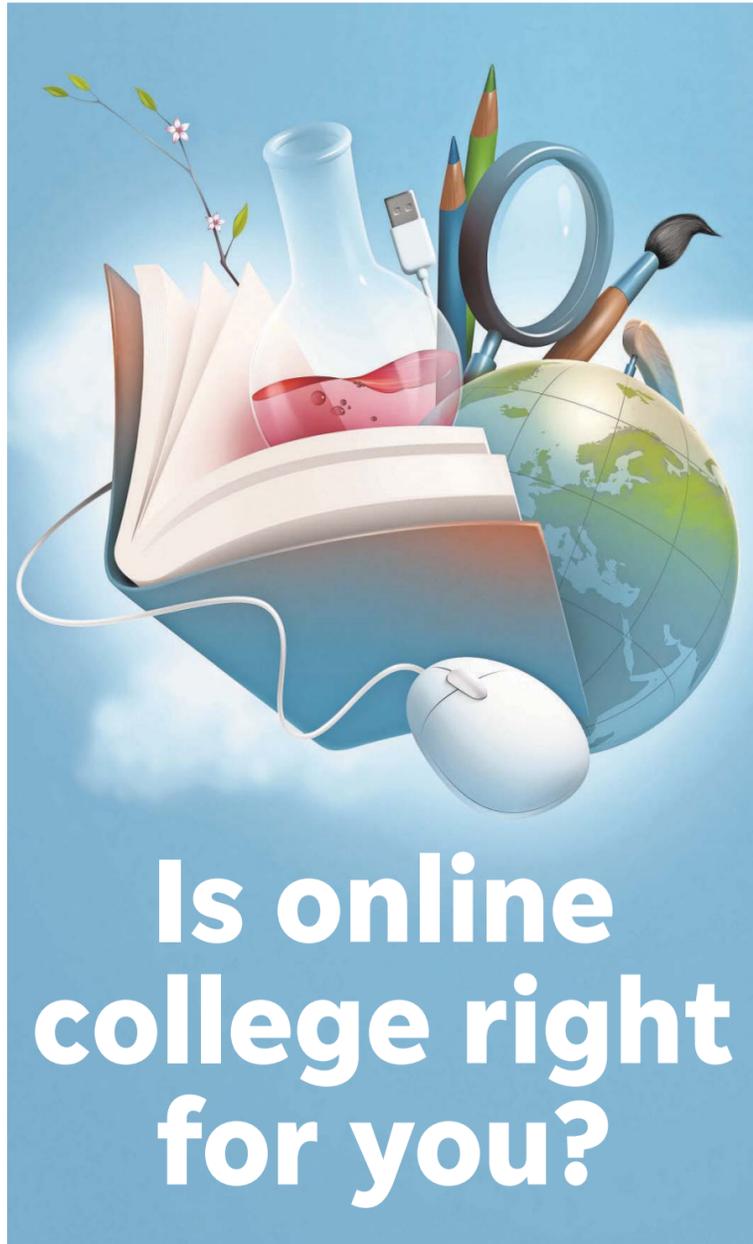
The telecommunications company aims to be the first to provide 5G mobile service to its phone customers. It says it will introduce the service in more than a dozen U.S. cities later this year.



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Anna Helhoski NerdWallet.com

Amelia Roberts, a nurse in Washington, D.C., knew she needed to return to college for a bachelor's degree if she wanted to win a care coordinator position at her hospital. But attending college on a campus wasn't a practical option for her. ■ "I was in the workforce, so traveling to a class in the evening wasn't going to work. Everything pointed to online university," Roberts says.

She enrolled in a bachelor of science program in nursing online through Thomas Edison State University in New Jersey. Soon after, Roberts got the promotion.

Millions of college students enroll in online courses every year. Nearly a third of all college students take at least one online course, and one in seven students take online courses exclusively, according to Babson Survey Research Group, which conducts national surveys annually on online learning in the U.S.

But it's not for everyone. ■ **Are you self-motivated?** Online degree seekers are often older than typical freshmen, and classes aren't always the top priority.

"The majority of our students are working adults with full-time jobs, children and other commitments outside of the classroom," says Joe Chapman, director of student services for Arizona State University Online. "It can be daunting and scary."

■ **Do you have the right equipment?** You can take a course online at any time and place — that's its primary appeal. Yet that doesn't mean you should be using your smartphone to do it, experts say.

You'll need a desktop or laptop and regular access to Wi-Fi to complete coursework online. You may need to download software your school requires as well.

■ **Can you adapt to learning on-**

line? If you're not a reader, then you probably won't enjoy online courses. You're unlikely to interact much with your professor or peers in an online course. A solo learning style may not be a fit if you rely on communicating with others.

"Everyone learns differently, so the people who can learn better by reading or hearing have an advantage," says Megan Pederson, teaching specialist and online academic adviser for University of Minnesota-Crookston.

■ **Is the school you're interested in legitimate?** An online degree program's quality will vary by institution. Programs offered by established, non-profit public or private schools are usually safe bets. You should research the credentials of schools without a brick-and-mortar counterpart.

■ **How will you pay?** The financial aid process is the same as if you were attending a traditional campus. You'll need to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. Then you'll receive a Student Aid Report detailing aid you qualify for.

The amount of aid you can get will depend on your enrollment status, dependency status and income. The rule of thumb is to accept any grants and scholarships, followed by work-study, before taking on a loan.

Schools that are accredited will offer financial aid. Be wary if your school does not offer federal financial aid or pushes its own loan programs.

TAMING YOUR BUDGET-BUSTING BILLS

Don't let Internet bill slow you down

Do some homework and save some cash

Eli Blumenthal
USA TODAY

In this week's installment, we look at how to lower your Internet bill.

When it comes to monthly bills, one that seems to be ever increasing is the one for your Internet.

Not all hope is lost, though. Here are tips on how you might be able to get your bill under control:

■ **Determine what speed you need:** A growing number of cable companies now offer download speeds of 100Mbps (megabits per second) or faster, with some offering blazing fast 1Gbps connections.

Netflix recommends a speed of 5Mbps for streaming HD video or 25Mbps if you plan to stream sharper, 4K content. Play video games online? Microsoft recommends a minimum of 3Mbps for downloads and a 0.05 Mbps upload speed for Xbox Live.

If you don't stream a lot of 4K videos, play video games online or live in a household where a number of devices are on at once, you could find yourself more than pleased with a 25-50Mbps connection.

■ **Know options and negotiate:** According to a recent report from Institute for Local Self-Reliance, a community development organization, more than 129 million people are limited to a single Internet provider when using the FCC's broadband definition of 25Mbps download speeds and 3Mbps upload speeds.



Renting your router or modem? You'll save more by buying instead.

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Some consumers, however, have multiple options. Not sure if you are one of them? Sites such as Broadband-Now.com allow you to type in your ZIP code to see what choices you have.

■ **Buy your own modem and router:** Your provider charges you a monthly fee for them. But unlike the cable box, you can easily replace your modem and router.

If you plan to stay in your current home or apartment for a year, paying the fee for a modem/router is a decent option as you'd be hard-pressed to find good replacements for the \$60 to \$120 the cable company will charge you over the course of a year.

If you are in it for the long haul, however, buying your own modem could save money. When buying make sure to confirm with your operator that it works for your provider and is certified for the speeds you want.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow Jones industrial average ▲2.3% week ▲4.8% month ▲11.1% 3 months	S&P 500 ▲2.6% week ▲4.3% month ▲7.6% 3 months	Nasdaq composite index ▲3.4% week ▲5.3% month ▲8.3% 3 months	Wilshire 5000 ▲2.3% week ▲4.3% month ▲7.1% 3 months	Gold Ounce, Comex ▲0.8% week ▲4.6% month ▲3.8% 3 months	Oil Light sweet crude ▲1.7% week ▲9.8% month ▲24.7% 3 months	Euro Dollars per euro ▲0.0038 week ▲0.0257 month ▲0.0315 3 months	Yen Yen per dollar ▲0.50 week ▲0.86 month ▲0.43 3 months
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PERSONAL FINANCE



Celebrate financial victories

Understand the relationship between financial health and both pleasure and satisfaction



Peter Dunn
Columnist
USA TODAY

A late-night Instagram perusal session helped me understand the power and possibilities of celebration. A friend of mine was celebrating the defeat of her biggest nemesis of the last decade — her student loans. She gathered her friends, popped the champagne and acknowledged a true moment of achievement. The pictures of the moment had everything — looks of relief and excitement, exuberant support from friends and a modestly priced bottle of champagne.

Maybe my head is still filled with the excitement of the recent holiday, but I think you need to celebrate financial progress more. If you don't choose to acknowledge and celebrate accomplishments, you will find yourself jaded and grumpy about money and the demands it puts on you.

Your financial life will be a tedious trudge unless you establish meaningful milestones. I shudder thinking about people who see their financial life as one long odyssey. It's very difficult to live the financial life you want to live if you never recharge your battery with the sweet taste of victory.

There is celebration in our financial lives, but people tend to celebrate the wrong financial moments.

Getting approved for a mortgage is nice, but the financial accomplishment is owning the home outright. Graduating from college is undoubtedly a huge accomplishment, but the real financial accomplishment is paying off the student loan. Buying your first car is a nice experience, but the final payment is the moment worth celebrating. Putting \$500 into your savings account is great, but putting the final \$500 to reach a full emergency fund is the real accomplishment that begs for a celebration.

It's the theoretical difference between layaway and a credit card. With layaway, you make periodic store visits to make payments and say hello to the item you will eventually take home once you've paid in full. When the sweater, skirt or ascot makes its way home with you, a mental party is warranted. If you buy a pair of boots on your store credit card and resolve to figure out how to pay them off later, then the pleasure already

happened. With layaway, pleasure and satisfaction are aligned.

At the most basic level, seeking pleasure is seeking *what feels good*, while seeking satisfaction is seeking *what is right*. Ideally, your financial decisions and actions will bring you both pleasure and satisfaction. This is why you need to manipulate the situation.

The unfortunate truth is seeking pleasure, without experiencing satisfaction, can create a vicious cycle of financial failings. If you're only doing what feels good, you won't make any financial progress. And while satisfaction is a wonderful feeling, it could be much more with a little pleasure added in.

Let's assume you don't have a healthy emergency fund to cover three months of expenses. That's a fair assumption given the abysmal savings and liquidity statistics of the average American worker. You know hitting your target savings goal will be satisfying, but there really isn't much pleasure in it. In fact, you will have to deny yourself pleasure via decreased consumption.

If the draw of pleasure is what keeps you from experiencing satisfaction, then inject pleasure into your satisfaction. Celebrating your financial accomplishments will align pleasure and satisfaction.

Clearly gaining financial advantage via discipline and discernment only to celebrate yourself back into debt is a really bad idea. The reward can't invalidate the task at hand. Popping a bottle of sparkling wine after more than 100 student loan payments seems appropriate. Purchasing a car in celebration seems a bit much.

Let's say you've paid \$350 per month for 120 months to finally pay off your student loans. Take what would have been the payments for months 121 and 122 and purchase a new bicycle as a reward. Only celebrate the completion of financial events, not the genesis.

Identify significant accomplishments, motivate yourself with visions of pleasure and satisfaction aligning beautifully and get to work. When the moment is right and when you've reached the point of victory, drink in the pleasure. Celebrate. It will be the fuel you need to do it again.

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DIGITAL DOLLARS

Make privacy a priority by doing these 4 things

Rob Pegoraro
Special for USA TODAY

It can seem a lot easier to complain about your lack of privacy online than to do something about it. But your alternative to griping isn't a monastic, offline existence.

Here are four steps to understand who has your data, limit their use of it and leave less "data exhaust" that can be used to trail you.

■ **See how Facebook and Google see you:** In online advertising — that is, online interest tracking — there's Facebook and Google, and then everyone else. Both companies can know more about you than other firms online. Fortunately, both also let you see and edit their profiles of your tastes.

To check the social network's sense of you, visit facebook.com/ads/preferences. There, you'll see interests Facebook thinks you have, advertisers using customer lists to market to you and, most important, settings governing whether Facebook can target you with ads on other sites.

Google's comparable settings, at adsettings.google.com, allow the same look at your perceived interests and let you decline to have it focus ads based on your search history or your use of Google services. You can also see Google's guess of your gender and age.

Since Amazon is now considering launching its own ad network, you should check your ad settings there — and stop it from "retargeting" you across the Web with ads for your latest Amazon searches. Visit amazon.com/adprefs in each browser you use and select "Do Not Personalize Ads from Amazon for this Internet Browser."

■ **Use a privacy-protecting browser:** Most of the eyes watching you sit on other sites, in the form of ads and widgets that let Facebook, Google and other ad networks monitor your activity outside their own realms. Two browsers can easily curtail that tracking.

The current version of Apple's Safari, included in macOS High Sierra and

available for the two prior releases, includes "Intelligent Tracking Protection" that constrains this cross-site tracking to the last 24 hours of your browsing. It works sufficiently well to have enraged ad-industry groups. Mozilla's Firefox browser offers a similar tracking-prevention feature, based on privacy service Disconnect, but you have to enable it in Firefox's settings.

■ **Don't use the same search engine in every browser:** Setting at least one browser on one device to use a search site besides Google can obscure Google's gaze.

Microsoft's Bing comes closest to matching Google's features — its mapping site includes some bus services Google skips over, although it still lacks cycling directions Google added in 2010. As one of the included search options in Google's Chrome, it's a preference change away in that browser.

For tracking-free searches, try DuckDuckGo. Its complete lack of personalization can make queries there less accurate than Google's, but in my experience its bigger flaw is not letting you limit a search to particular dates (a failing Google recently inflicted on the desktop version of its news search). In a Twitter direct message, DuckDuckGo CEO Gabriel Weinberg said search-by-date is coming: "Yes, we are actively working on that feature."

■ **Spread your business around:** The best thing you can do over time to defend your privacy online is not to give all your business to one company. Yes, Google has a great mapping site, but that doesn't mean you need to use its note-taking or messaging apps. Facebook works wonderfully for keeping up with friends, but there are better places for news or reviews.

Diversifying your online habits may require more mobile apps and browser bookmarks, but a little complexity is a cheap price for more privacy and less dependence on any one tech giant.

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THE WEEK AHEAD



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December's sales report could be gift to retail sector

Paul Davidson
USA TODAY

The holiday sales season was expected to be the best since 2014, according to some top economists' forecasts, and data this week will reveal whether it lived up to its billing. Besides December retail sales, economic reports this week will feature the latest readings on inflation and employee movements in the labor market.

In October, there was nearly one job opening for each unemployed worker, the most on records dating to 2000, according to Nomura and the Labor Department. That means employers are struggling to find job candidates and workers are sitting in the driver's seat. It also offers a stark contrast to 2009, when there were 6.7 unemployed workers for each opening. While job openings totaled about 6 million in October, close to an all-time high, the number of hires lagged at 5.6 million as many businesses hunted in vain for new staffers. Still, hires was up from 5.2 million in September. The Labor Department's Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey for November, out **Tuesday**, will show whether hiring surged further or retreated as employers continued to scrap for workers.

On **Friday**, the Commerce Department announces retail sales for December, providing a final reading on the holiday sales season, which includes November as well. Retail sales have been on a tear in recent months as consumers benefit from strong job and income growth and a highflying stock market that's making many feel wealthier. Holiday sales are counted slightly differently than the overall sales growth figure because they exclude items such as autos, gasoline and restaurants. Still, economists expect a healthy 0.4% increase in retail sales overall and a 0.5% rise in a core measure that also strips out things like vehicles and gas. And IHS Markit estimates holiday sales increased 4.7% from 2016, which would mark its best showing in three years.

The consumer price index rose sharply in November as gas prices leapt 7.3%. But a core measure that excludes volatile food and energy items ticked up modestly. Inflation generally has been sluggish for several years and the Federal Reserve is looking for faster price gains, which would reflect a more vibrant economy. But Nomura economist Lewis Alexander figures gas prices fell substantially in December. And, he says, meager rent increases likely offset price gains for apparel and used cars.

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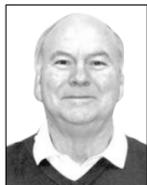
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Dr. John S. Hughson ran a drugstore at 11 S. Main St. When he died in 1903, all Sumter drugstores closed during the hours of his funeral service.

Sumter's Dr. Hughson was skilled, beloved

Editor's note: This is the second part of a Reflections series covering the accomplishments of two of Sumter's well-known doctors born in the 1800s. Part one, which ran Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017, focused on Dr. John J. Bossard. Information and photos used to produce these articles were taken from The Item archives and from the writings of Cassie Nicholes, whose recollections of Sumter are found in Historical Sketches of Sumter County: Volumes I and II.

Hampton Legion and "later became a part of the Second South Carolina Regiment, commanded by Gen. M. C. Butler. For four years he was in northern Virginia, taking part in some of the most strategic battles as well as in a number of lesser engagements." Upon his return to Sumter, he studied medicine under the tutelage



Sammy Way
REFLECTIONS

of Dr. E. C. Salmond in preparation for his entering the South Carolina Medical College in Charleston; he graduated with honors in March of 1867.

He began his practice in the Privateer section of the county, where his father was then pastor. He later moved to Sumter, where he began a successful medical career which lasted 35 years.



Hughson was born in Camden in 1841 and had a 35-year medical career in Sumter. He began his practice in Privateer.

Dr. Hughson married Eliza Randolph Turner of Charleston, who was a descendant of the Carters and Turners, prominent residents of Virginia. Three children were born from this union, including Shirley Carter, who became a re-



Hughson was a member of First Baptist Church of Sumter and was a Sunday school superintendent, deacon and treasurer.

nowned Episcopal minister. Eliza died in 1876, and Hughson married Celeste E. Quattlebaum of Fairfield County in 1879, and five children came from this marriage.

Dr. Hughson was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Sumter, assuming a leadership role there and acting as Sunday school superintendent, deacon and treasurer.

He later helped found Bartlette Street Baptist Church, which later became Grace Baptist.

Dr. Hughson would enter the political arena of Sumter, serving as an alderman and mayor. He would also

serve as director of the Bank of Sumter for several years. "With all his other activities, he always remained the beloved 'Doctor Hughson' to his many patients as he ministered to them with skill, patience and kindness."

In addition to his medical practice, he also ran a drugstore at 11 S. Main St., "where he dispensed his prescription drugs and made available to the public many other items always in demand. One of his advertisements showed not only something of his stock, but also a humorous twist to his personality. "Why try to 'taffy' your girl so much

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Hughson's drugstore sold a variety of items on South Main Street.

with sweet talk, boys, when you can save so much by sending her a nice box of Lowney's candy?"

Dr. Hughson died on Dec. 29, 1903; his funeral filled Bartlette Baptist Church, and all drugstores closed during the hours of his service.

The city rang the bell at City Hall as was the custom for former mayors.

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'Bachelorettes' hold watermelon slicing; swamp fire contained

75 YEARS AGO — 1943

Aug. 1 — Aug. 7

• Gene Moses, recent winner of the Carolina Coca-Cola Handicap tournament, and Fred Heath will meet Wednesday at the Sunset Country Club in the finals of the Leland Moore Handicap tournament. Moses advanced in the finals by defeating Frank Thorne Jr., and Heath disposed of James H. Hope Jr. The public is invited to Wednesday's finals.

• Tokyo raider Capt. Dean Davenport, of Portland, Oregon, a co-pilot in the Doolittle



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air raid on Tokyo, and bride, Miss Mary Lowry of Columbia, were married at the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church on Saturday night. Capt. Davenport, who is stationed at the

Columbia Air Base, doubled for Irene Dunne in flying a plane during the filming of "A Guy Named Joe" filmed in Sumter several months ago. After the ceremony the captain said, "I was more nervous getting married than when we were flying over Tokyo."

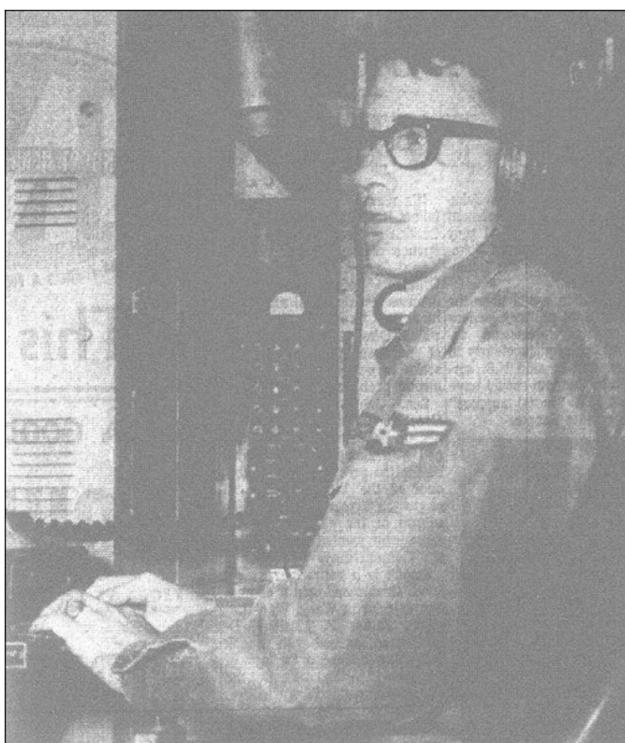
• The Shaw Field Military Band, CWO Simpson directing, will present an outdoor benefit concert at Memorial Park. There will be no admission charge, but a collection will be taken with all the proceeds going to the Army Emergency Relief. This concert will mark the first concert appearance of the band in Sumter in some time, and it is hoped that a large crowd will be on hand to enjoy the music.

• Raymond P. Skinner, boat-swains mate, second class, who survived the sinking of the aircraft carrier Wasp and has been stationed on a Pacific Island, has arrived at home to visit his mother and other members of his family. The youthful veteran of Pacific action wears five stars, indicating participation in five major battles. Seaman Skinner is now 20. He entered the Navy a little more than two years ago before he was 18. For the past year, he has been on duty with the Pacific fleet. In the Wasp sinking, he received shrapnel wounds of the hand and arms, but none were of a serious nature. He is scheduled to be in Sumter for about two weeks.

• Second Lt. John L. Hranica, Shaw Field instructor, and Aviation Cadet Robert L. White, were killed in a crash of a basic trainer near the Rembert Auxiliary air field about 10:30 o'clock, the post Public Relations office said. The accident occurred, it was stated, while the plane was on a routine training flight.

• The City National Bank building has been purchased by the City Holding Corp. of Sumter for \$50,750, D.G.F. Bultman agent for building's share-holders, said today. Final negotiations on the deal were made yesterday, Mr. Bultman said. The purchase figure was released by W.E. Bynum, treasurer of the newly incorporated holding company. F.B. Creech and other officers heading the company are A.B. Boyle, vice president; and S.F. Stoudenmire, secretary. The seven-story structure, familiarly known as "the skyscraper," was built in 1912 and was used for a bank until 1929; since that time it has served as the office for Riley and Co. Mr. Bynum said that the building would be operated as it has been and that the new owners had designated Riley and Co. to handle it. Shareholders will be paid a dividend from the purchase money, Mr. Bultman declared.

• The members of the "Bachelorettes" Club were entertained last Monday night with a watermelon slicing and



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A1C Billy L. Feig operates the teletype in a high-frequency communications van. A ground radio operator with the 728th Tactical Control Squadron, Airman Feig has been chosen "Base Airman of the Month" in April 1968.

a peanut boiling by Miss Helen Ulmer at her home on Oswego Road. Several guests and friends from Shaw Field were present. After games and dancing, ice cold watermelons and boiled peanuts were served. The next meeting of the club will be held on Aug. 10 at 7:30.

• Diplomas have been awarded to nine employees of the service department of Courtright Chevrolet Co., signifying that they have successfully passed the 1943 annual national Chevrolet approved mechanics examinations. The examinations were held recently in Florence.

• A group of P-47 Thunderbolts, largest single-engine fighter planes in the war, will be at Shaw Field on Friday afternoon for ground inspection and flying demonstrations and all South Carolinians between the ages of 17 and 27 are invited to see this spectacular new war plane. The exhibition of the P-47's at Shaw Field is part of the routine training of aviation cadets who are getting acquainted with the several types of battle planes by seeing them at first hand.

• Shaw Field scored a 1-0 victory over the Congaree Air Base at Municipal Park. The game was one of the best of the season. Lindsay, former hurler for Chattanooga in the Southern Association, struck out 17 Shaw Field batters while Najjar hurled shut-out ball and whiffed 11. The winning run was scored in the eighth by Farrell on a freak play. With Farrell on third and another runner on second Lindsay started to pitch to the batter, but his cap came off and he stopped his motion long enough for a balk to be called, advancing both runners.

50 YEARS AGO — 1968

March 31 — April 6

• Sumter residents had an opportunity to view a historical collection of currency dating back to the Colonial Revolutionary period. Six panels of various issues and series of U. S. currency were displayed at the Citizens and Southern National Bank of South Carolina at 670 W. Liberty St. through Friday according to D. A. Bramlett, vice president. The exhibit, obtained from the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, includes on the first panel currency issued by the Continental Congress and the Colonial Revolutionary States.

• Fire turned a quiet Sunday afternoon along Second Mill into an inferno of blazing trees and grass with fearful homeowners and apprehensive firemen. The blaze, reported at 2:50 p.m., destroyed some 30 acres of grass and woodlands in the Second Mill Swamp, but left untouched some of Sumter's loveliest

homes. Three tractor units from the Sumter County division of the South Carolina Commission of Forestry, two trucks from Shaw Air Force Base and three pumpers from the Sumter Fire Department confined the blaze in the swamp.

• Sumter's Stonehill Pre-Primary School was one of three early childhood educational programs featured in 90-minute-long five television broadcasts, to be aired during April from Boston to Washington, D.C. Robert S. Jones, project director, will narrate the Sumter portion and participate in the concluding question-and-answer session as a member of a distinguished panel of educators, including Prof. Edgar Zigler of Yale University and Prof. John Blessington of the Whitby School in Greenwich, Connecticut.

• The South Carolina State Board of Health has allocated \$140,000 to Sumter County for construction of an addition to the health center. Notification of the approval was received by W. M. Hodge, chairman of the Sumter County Board of commissioners, along with an outline of steps to be taken now to secure approval of the physical facility from the U.S. Public Health Service. The Sumter County Delegation and Commissioners had agreed earlier to provide \$70,000 in matching funds to be used in conjunction with the \$140,000 in Hill-Burton federal monies for the addition.

• W. S. Jimmy Jackson, 46, principal of Edmunds High School for eight years, died at South Carolina Baptist Hospital in Columbia following a heart attack three hours earlier at a Columbia motel. The popular educator was in Columbia to take an oral examination for the doctor's degree. He was a native of Manning; he graduated from Manning High School in 1939 and from Clemson in 1943 with a B.S. degree. In 1950, he received a master's degree at the University of South Carolina. During World War II, he served with the Third Armored Division in the European Theatre. He was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart with two oak leaf clusters, the Combat Infantryman Badge and the ETO ribbon with five campaign stars.

• Sumter Speedway admission prices will remain the same this season according to track promoter Clinnie Hyatt, dispelling rumors to the contrary. Tickets to the regular weekly show will be the same \$2 with children ages 6-12 being admitted for 50 cents.

• William M. Spinelli, a senior at Edmunds High School, has been named recipient of a \$4,400 King Teen Scholarship to Wofford College. Spinelli was selected from among 200 outstanding high school seniors in South Carolina. Four King Teen Scholarships are awarded annually by Wofford College to students who show qualities of character, scholarship and leadership. Each of the four winners receives a \$1,000 scholarship for his four years at Wofford.

• Down 3-1, Hillcrest exploded for 14 runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to grab its first win of the season by mauling Kingstree 15-3 on Tuesday afternoon. Third baseman Mike Cox led the way for the Wildcats as he belted two doubles and knocked in four runs. Gene Rowell relieved in the second inning and went the distance to record his initial triumph of the spring.

• A1C Billy L. Feig of the 728th type Tactical Control Squadron has been named "Base Airman of the Month." He is a ground radio operator with the 728th's communications operations section. Airman Feig's job is to help provide high-frequency voice and teletype communications for elements of the Tactical Air Control System. Airman Feig is a native of Collinsville High School in 1964 and attended Southern Illinois University and McKrendee College. Entering the Air Force in March 1966, Airman Feig completed Basic Training at Amarillo Air Force Base, Texas, and the Apprentice Ground Radio Operator Course at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. He came to Shaw in July 1966.

• Providing sewer service to the highly populated portion of South Sumter would cost over \$1 million, according to a preliminary report submitted to city council by Palmer & Mallard and Associates, engineers. For an estimated \$1,216,015, sewage could be collected and treated from the area bounded by the Seaboard Coastline Railroad on the east, East Red Bay Road on the south, Guignard Drive on the west and the existing city limits on the north.

• Both districts struggled

with tight budgets in 1992 after the state Budget and Control Board made mid-year funding cuts at the state education department. District 2 also unexpectedly enrolled about 89 additional students when children moved to Sumter with their Air Force families after Florida's Homestead Air Force Base was devastated by Hurricane Andrew.

• Happy New Year! We have a change in the calendar but no change in the problems, opportunities and challenges facing agriculture. The problems facing the agro-industry are not unique. Increased competition in a world market, high costs of production and rapidly changing technology could easily describe any industry. However, the basic differences between agriculture and other industries is the weather and our lack of ability to set prices.

• Just how bad did Bishopville High School shoot from the field in its 66-55 loss to Cheraw in the third-place game of the Lee County Invitational Christmas Tournament? Well, the Dragons only trailed Cheraw, 21-20, at the end of the first period. But they hit a dry spell at the start of the second quarter and did manage to pull within four points at 34-30 at the end of the first half. They hit another dry spell in the third quarter and were not able to recover.

• Gregory's playground was once a place where shadowy drug dealers made sales in darkened corners and where angry young men controlled an indigent empire by intimidating women and children. The sound of gunfire would roll like thunder through the long nights. The Gamecock Apartments at one time were considered one of the worst areas, but with the help of the police, management and tenants, the complex is now a better place to live.

• The Sumter area is making a comeback, even as the nation's economy struggles to escape the clutches of a global recession. After two years of plant closings and layoffs, industries began hiring again in 1992, and the results can be seen everywhere from unemployment offices to retail outlets. Local manufacturing employment is back up to its 1990 level.

• They are child care attendants, auto mechanics, nurses' aides, clerical workers, construction workers and warehouse supervisors. They are electricians, computer technicians and welders. Some are students. They are all former Campbell Soup Co. employees. When the Campbell Soup Co. — at one time the county's largest employer with 1,200 workers — closed its Sumter plant, many observers feared an economic disaster was awaiting Sumter County. Fortunately, Carolina Golden Products Inc. soon purchased the plant. Some workers were hired, and others were transferred to other plants, and others found that other doors of opportunity have opened for them.

• The Sumter Gallery of Art foyer exhibit will feature a retrospective of photographs from Sumter High School's Signature magazine. The award-winning magazine has been presenting excellent photographic examples for 25 years. In recognition of its presentation of Sumter and its surrounding communities, the gallery and the students of Sumter High School are presenting this "Signature Retrospect."

• Bishopville City Council gave first reading approval to a change in its zoning law that could lead to the location of a used car lot in the downtown core commercial area. Also, council gave first reading approval to another zoning measure that might lead to the reclassification of a 2.5-acre tract from a developmental district to general residential.

Sumter ITEM OUTDOORS

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A cold ending to deer season this year

Last Saturday was not so bad. It was cold but sunny and pleasant. I like the colder weather much better than hot weather. I can dress for the cold. I have an insulated set of camouflaged coveralls, a camouflaged scarf that my wife, Ginger, knitted, gloves and several pull-over wool-toggan hats.



Dan Geddings

If I need more — I have several heavy coats. An Eskimo would be impressed with my wardrobe.

The woods were beautiful last Saturday. The hardwoods have dropped all their leaves and are open and airy. I have a stand on the upper end of my property in a grove of big hardwoods. We call the stand “the spillway stand” as it is near the flash-board riser that I use to control the water levels, when the land floods.

Recent rains have flooded a portion of the woods but not enough yet for the ducks. They will come when the water levels rise and put water out under the oaks that ring the wooded pocosin. I had not sat in the spillway stand all year, and I had not signed it out this day, but I would pass nearby on my way to the pines.

No one else was at the land, and I couldn't resist the temptation to walk in there and take a look at the view from the spillway stand.

From the elevated seat, I could see the water shimmering out in the timber. The glow of the afternoon sun streaked through the gray branches of the hardwoods and bathed the carpet of brown leaves on the forest floor. I lingered, unable to turn away so soon, but the pines were calling.

The “pine stand” could be re-named “the buck stand” as we have seen more bucks there than does. The bucks that we saw were all yearlings

and safe from us. They ignored our scent if the wind swirled and never looked up at the stand. If any survive the gauntlet of local poachers we will be in good shape to collect one next year.

The grove of pines is beautiful in its own right. These big loblollies are scattered along the western side of the low ground. There is an understory of sassafras, holly and dogwoods. A big cut-over lies just to the west. Game trails wind through the pines toward the hardwoods and beyond.

When I climbed into the stand there was probably an hour and a half of daylight left. I have a corn pile and a mineral rock in an open shooting lane, straight out in front of the stand, at about 70 yards. But most of the deer approach the area from the left, so my attention was focused more toward that direction.

Off in the distance I could hear traffic and dogs barking, but those sounds were faint and not bothersome. Out to

my front the squirrels were putting on a show at the corn pile. I had to divide my time and attention between the frolicking squirrels and the open piney woods to my left.

Movement off in the distance caught my attention. A deer was walking out of the cut-over into the pines. Even with the binoculars I couldn't see it good enough, and it vanished into the timber. I knew from past hunts that this deer would probably make an arc through the pines and move into the hardwoods behind me, so I kept an eye out in that direction.

Sure enough, I had a premonition and turned to see a deer walking into the timber behind me. The binoculars showed me that it was a small buck. Then more movement caught my attention. Another deer was trailing along behind the little buck. It was a big doe, and right behind her was a smaller doe. I was delighted to see these deer and had no intention to shoot any of them. Just see-

ing them out here in the wild was enough. They lingered at the edge of the hardwoods, and I twisted around in the stand a little so that I could see them better.

They never knew that I was in their world, and eventually they wandered on into the woods that swallowed up their silent forms. I turned back in the stand and turned up my collar. It was getting cold. This would be my last hunt of the season, and I was more than satisfied.

I will probably move this stand before next year to get it on that arc that the deer are walking to get to the hardwoods. I think it will be a good enough trail that I won't need a corn pile, and maybe I'll put some out for the squirrels.

I got down and walked back to the truck in the fading light. The huge lopsided moon was just peeping over the eastern treetops at the frosty air settling in over the land.

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First kill



PHOTO PROVIDED

Kristen Hartley shot this pig during the holidays. It was her first kill.

Did you kill a big buck? Kill your first deer? Catch a big fish? Catch your first fish?

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6th-annual expo is Jan. 17

FROM STAFF REPORTS

FLORENCE — The 6th-annual S.C. AgriBiz and Farm Expo will be held Jan. 17 and Jan. 18 at the newly remodeled Florence Center. The event brings together the best in agriculture — education, connecting and innovation — all rooted in tradition and thriving through innovation.

The Expo begins at 8 a.m. Jan. 17 with a breakfast, followed by keynote speaker Boone Peeler, newly appointed USDA, FSA executive director. The day is filled with educational programming, visiting exhibitors and connecting with leading agriculturalists. Programming is available for field crop farmers, fruit and vegetable producers and women in agriculture. Dr. Nate Smith, a national renowned Clemson economist, and his team will feature the “Ag Outlook and Marketing Session.” The day concludes with the “Taste of South Carolina” which begins at 6:15 p.m., an outstanding Southern culture experience to tasting the finest foods produced in S.C.

The S.C. Commissioner of Ag Breakfast

kicks off at 8 a.m. on Jan. 17, with another opportunity to learn more about S.C. agriculture and the 2018 ag outlook. Keynote speaker Mary Kay Thatcher with the American Farm Bureau will bring an update from Washington, D.C., on the forthcoming Farm Bill. The day continues with outstanding educational sessions presented by two nationally renowned speakers, Dr. Ron Heininger, with N.C. State University, and Kevin Matthews discussing field crops and how to generate increased yields.

Thursday's Expo schedule also includes the highly endorsed vegetable production classes led by Extension Specialist Tony Melton and a women in agriculture session. The Expo will provide many opportunities to connect with exhibitors and ag leaders.

Daily admission and parking to the AgriBiz and Farm Expo are free. The Taste of South Carolina tickets are available for \$25 and Commissioner's Breakfast tickets may be purchased for \$35 each. For more information about the expo or to purchase tickets, visit www.SCAgriBizExpo.com.

Do you know your soil by its name?

BY LEE REICH
The Associated Press

“Soil don't get no respect,” Rodney Dangerfield might have said (but didn't). Perhaps you know your state bird or flower, but do you know your state soil?

Well, in recent years soil has begun to get more respect. Since the celebration of the Soil Survey Centennial back in 1999, each state has been given its own official state soil. It was in 1899 that the U.S. Department of Agriculture started its survey of all the soils in the country.

SOILS COME IN MANY 'FLAVORS'

You might wonder what a “soil survey” really is. Isn't it all just dirt — some perhaps stickier, or redder or deeper — that lies beneath forest, meadow, farm, home and garden?

There you go again. Not enough respect.

In fact, soils are distinctive, as different from each other as robins are from blue jays. These differences are hard to appreciate, of course, because soil is mostly underground, hidden from view. But if you were to dig some holes a few feet deep and then look carefully at their inside surfaces, you would find that soils are made up of layers of varying thickness, called horizons. One soil might differ from the next not only in the thickness of its horizons, but also in its appearance and feel.

Horizons might be as white as chalk, as red as rust or as dark brown as chocolate. A horizon might be cement-hard, gritty with sand or stuff for sculpture. And if you were to tease the dirt along one edge of the hole so it falls away naturally — wow! — each horizon would reveal its particles clumped together in arrangements like plates, blocks or prisms. Such information, and more, has allowed soils to be classified, much as birds, flowers and other living things are.

CLASSIFYING SOILS

Modern soil classification goes back only a few decades, when all the world's soils were grouped taxonomically into a dozen “orders.” Differences among

orders reflect the formative influence of a particular combination of climate, plants and animals, topography, time and original rock material.

Just as all vertebrate animals are huddled together by biologists into smaller groupings (mammals, say) and those groupings into still smaller ones, so each soil order is divided and subdivided to include more distinctly different soils. At the end of the dividing and subdividing, you end up with a “soil series” identified with a proper name — like the Haven series in my vegetable garden, for example.

YOUR STATE'S AND BACKYARD'S SOIL

A particular soil becomes an official state soil by being widespread within the state; being distinctive chemically or physically; having some degree of name recognition; and, of course, getting a legislative stamp of approval. Examples include soils like West Virginia's Monongahela soil, Texas' Houston Black soil, California's San Joaquin soil and New York's Honeoye soil.

The job, now, of these “ambassadors” of the benevolent underworld is to rekindle awareness of soil's value as a natural resource that can only be renewed very slowly. Soil provides food, shelter, clothing and more, yet it is being lost at alarming rates to everything from blacktop to erosion.

Out in the garden this spring, dig a hole deep and wide enough that you can see and appreciate at least some of the various and distinctive horizons.

Then, if you want the name and a detailed description of that soil — or any soil — look at the maps and descriptions in the Soil Survey Reports issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service. Search online for “soil survey nracs,” and you'll find links to soil maps for counties throughout the U.S. Or go to the link to “web soil survey.” At this site, you can type in a street address around which you “draw” your area of interest. The site will delineate the names and descriptions of soils within that AOI.

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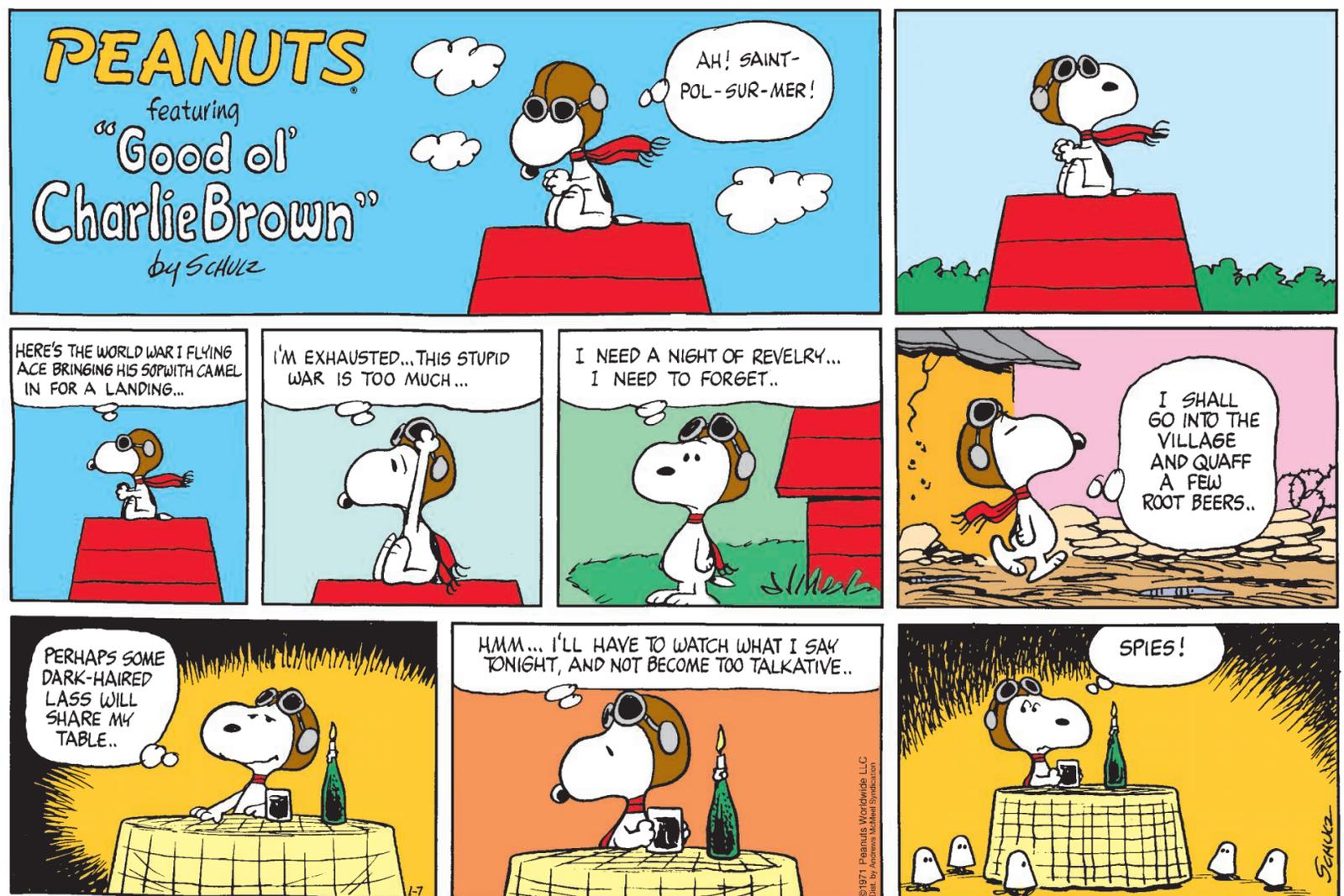
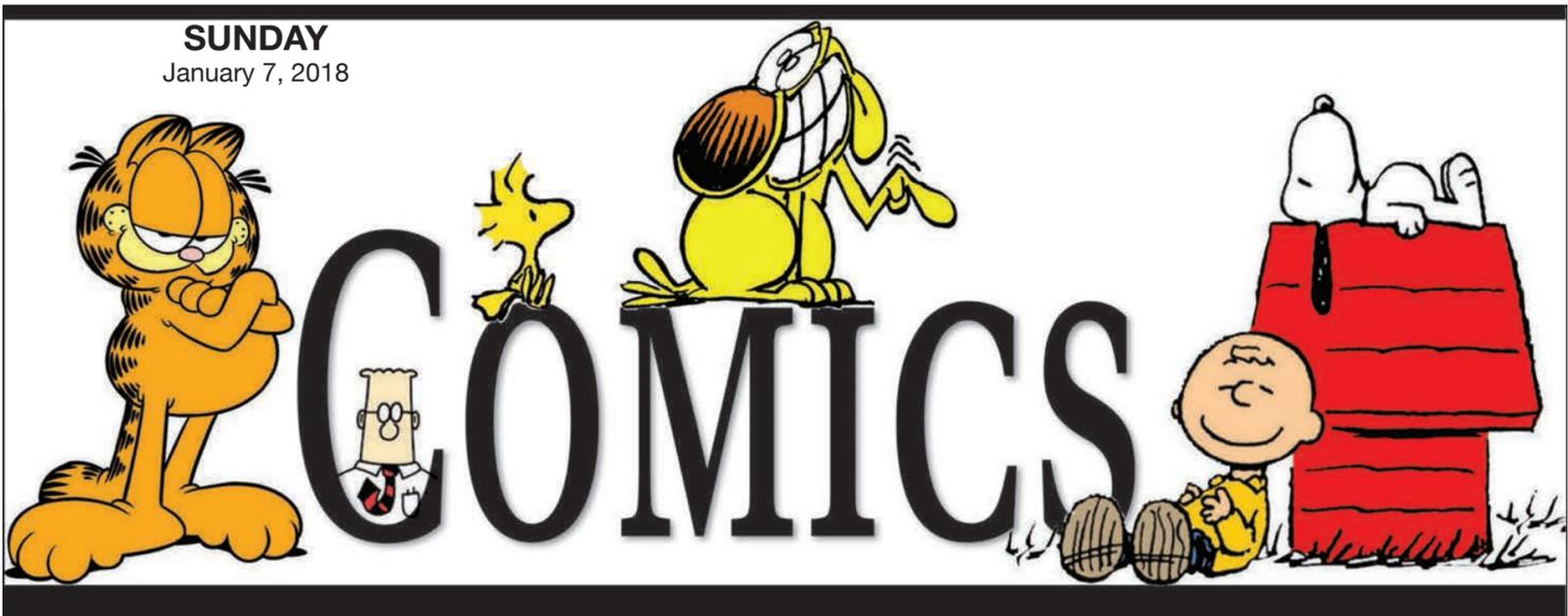


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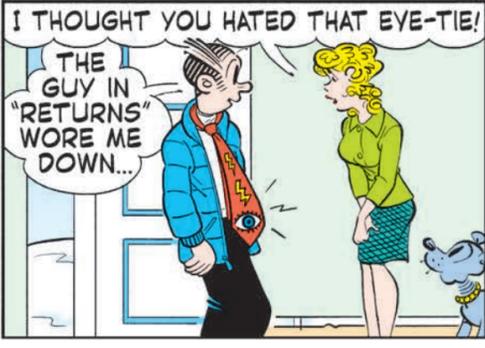
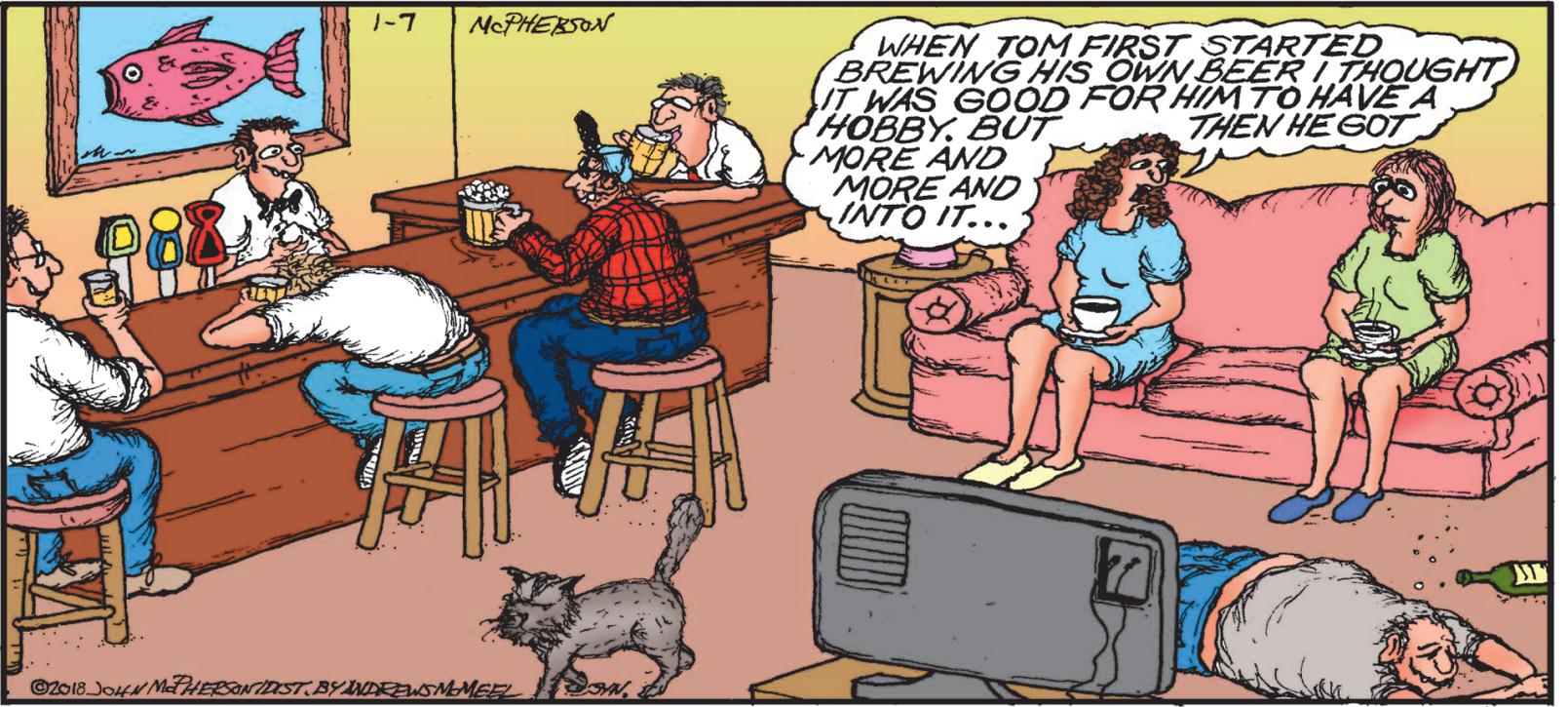
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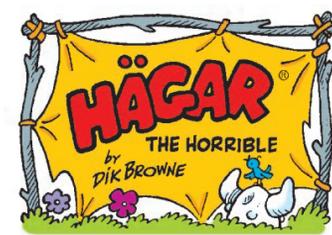
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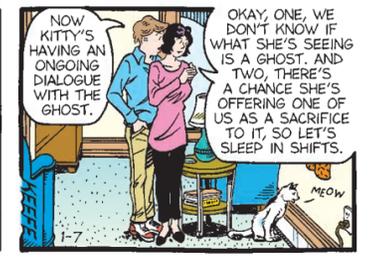
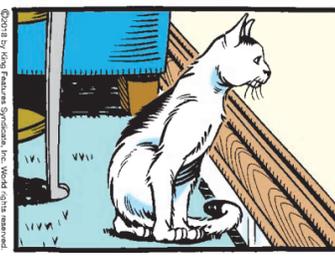
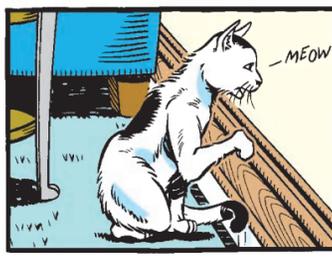
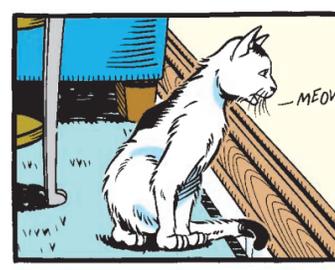
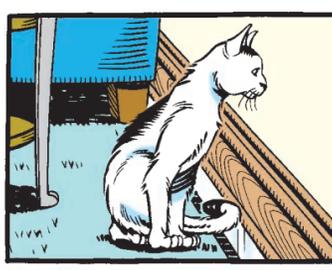
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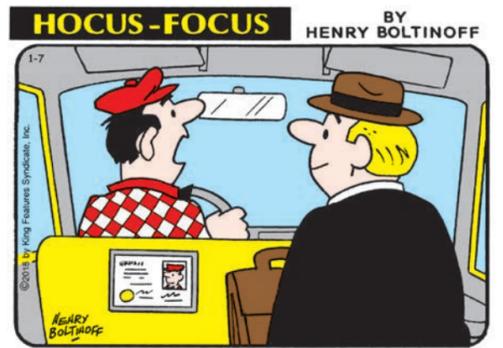
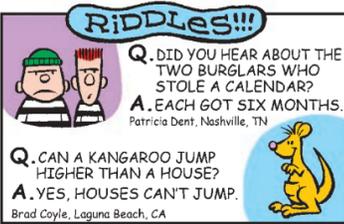
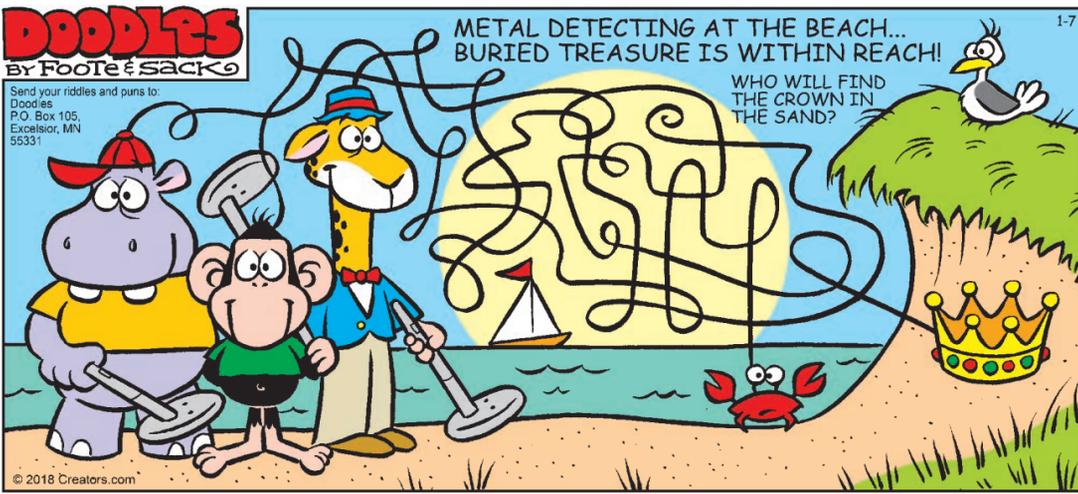
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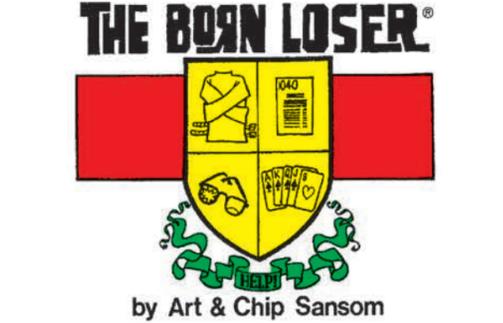
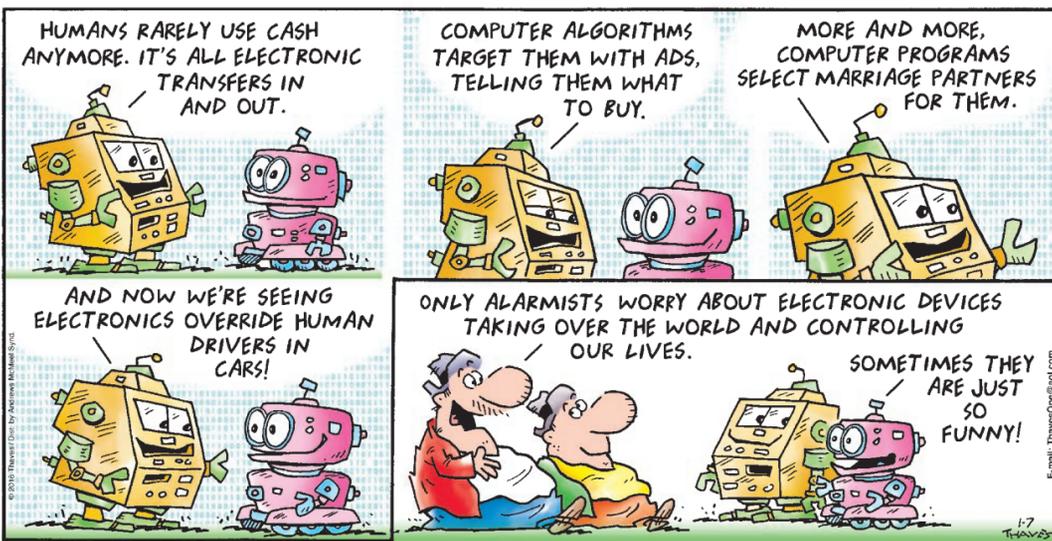
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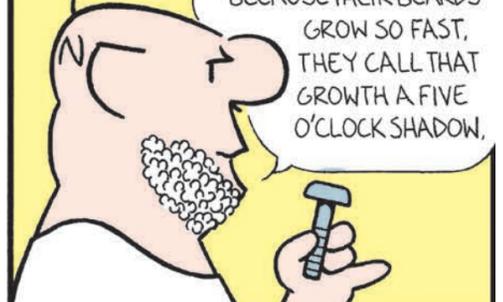
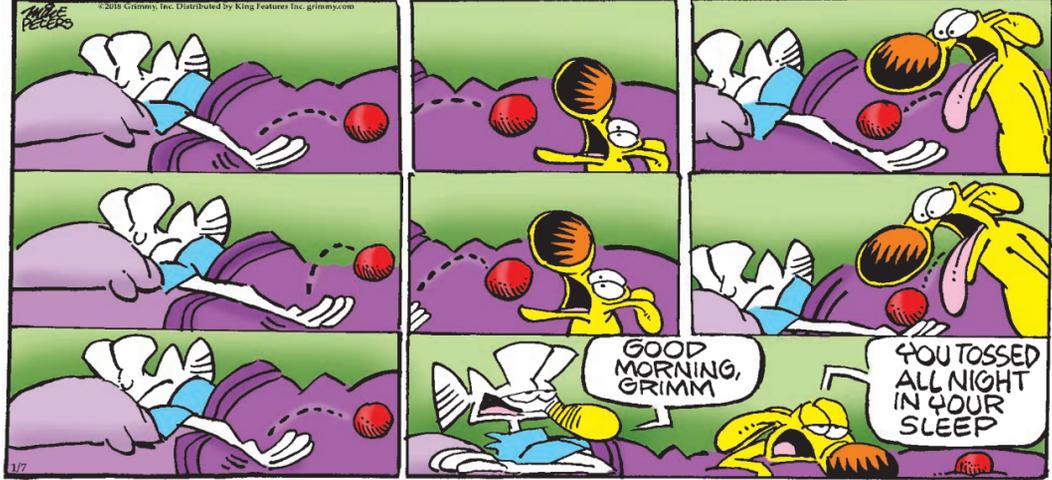


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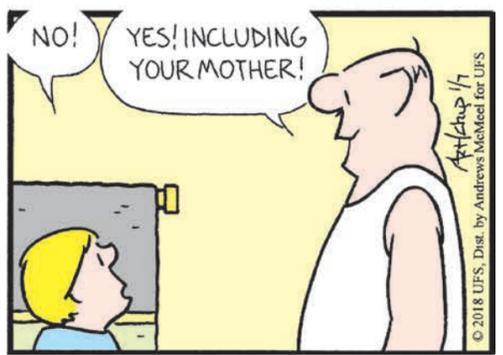
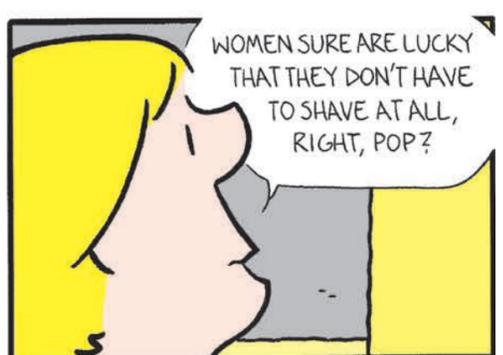
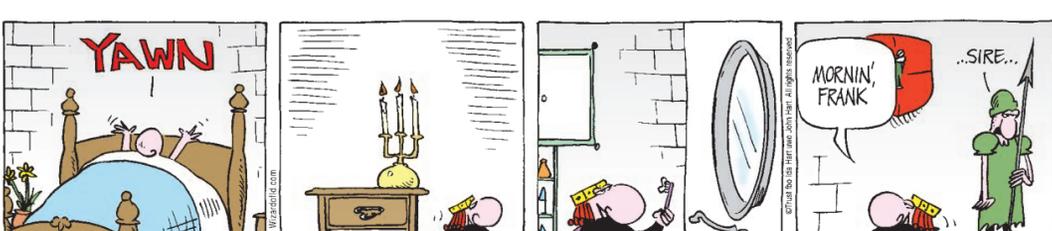
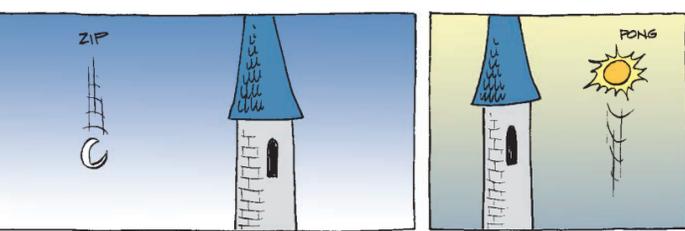
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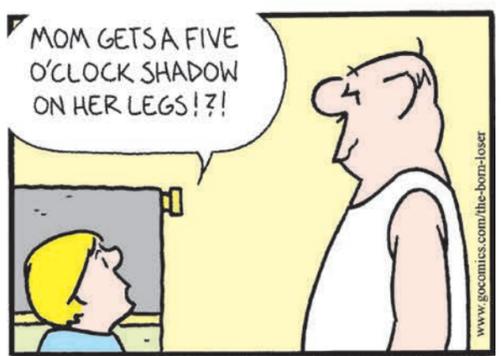
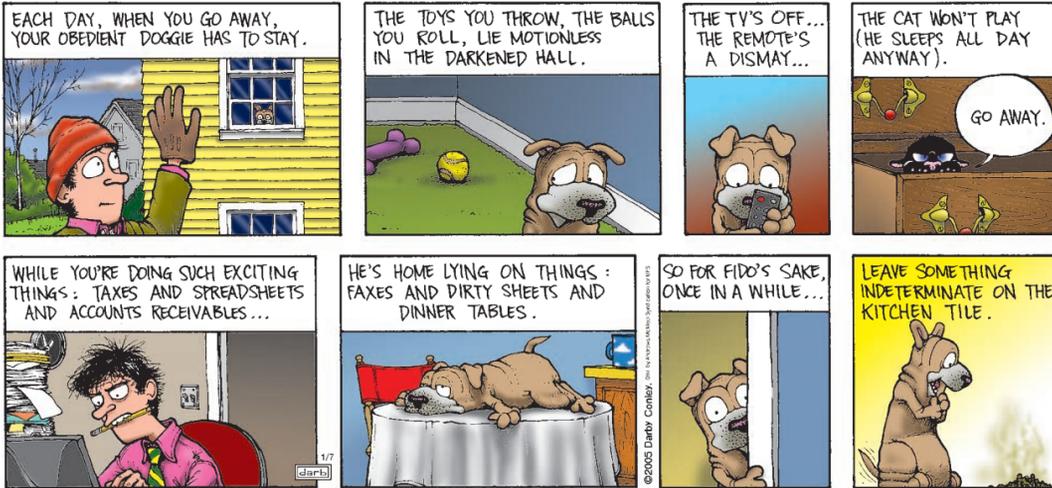
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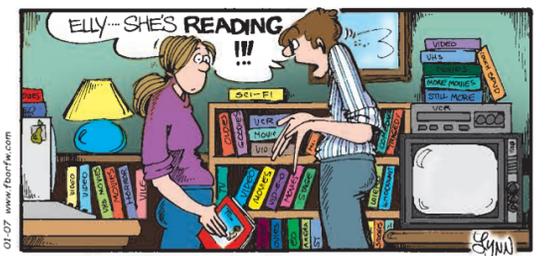
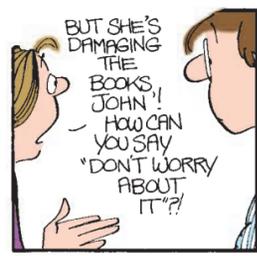
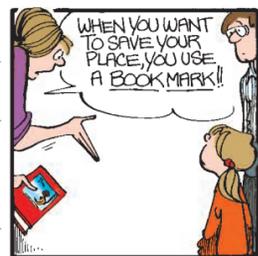
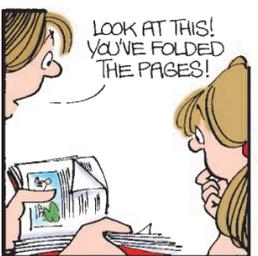
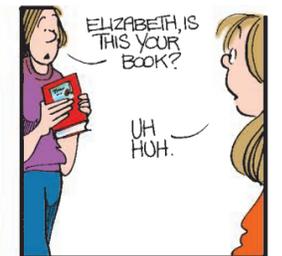
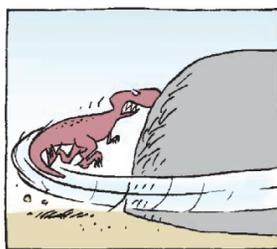
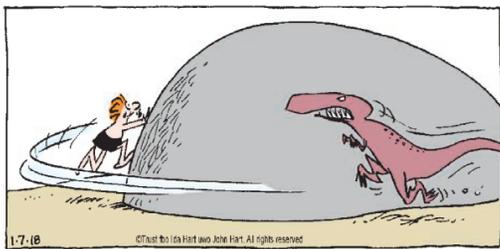
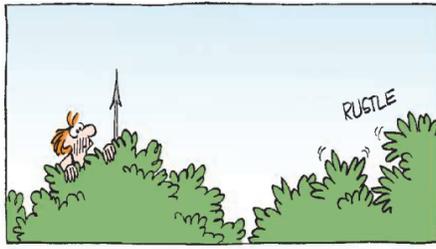
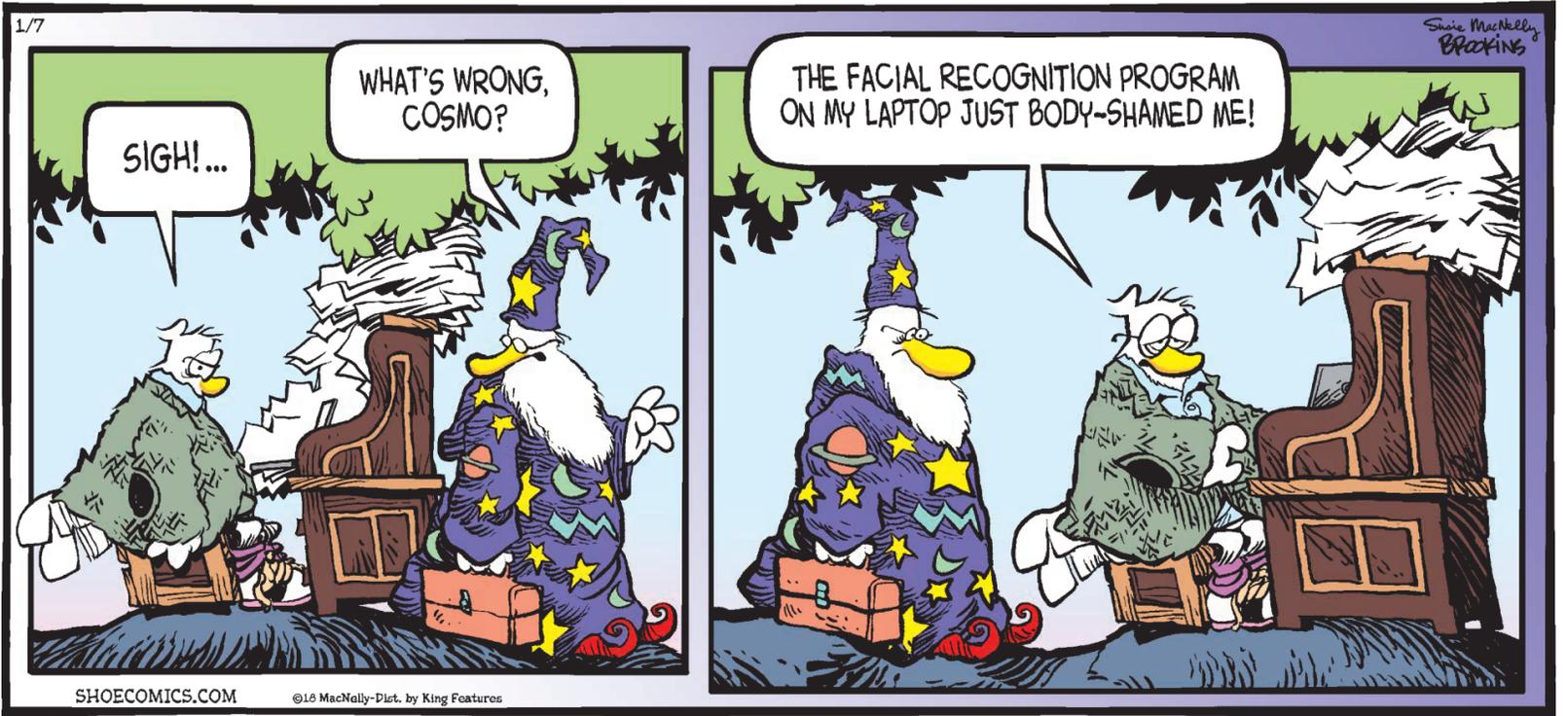
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