

Snow is possible today in Sumter

Tri-county could see up to 1 inch through evening

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Dig out your snow pants and get a snowman carrot nose ready because the tri-county area could see the first snowfall of the year this afternoon through this evening.

"You're going to be on the edge of this system, so I do think you're going to get some light snow midday Wednesday, and it should taper off Wednesday evening," said Brian Edwards, an AccuWeather meteorologist in State College, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday afternoon.

The snow is associated with a winter storm system that will move across coastal South Carolina today. An AccuWeather news release said the storm will spread from northern Florida up the East Coast toward Virginia.

Edwards said Sumter and Lee counties should be in the zone that could get anywhere from a light coating to an inch of snow. According to Weather Underground forecasts, Clarendon County could also see snow flurries.

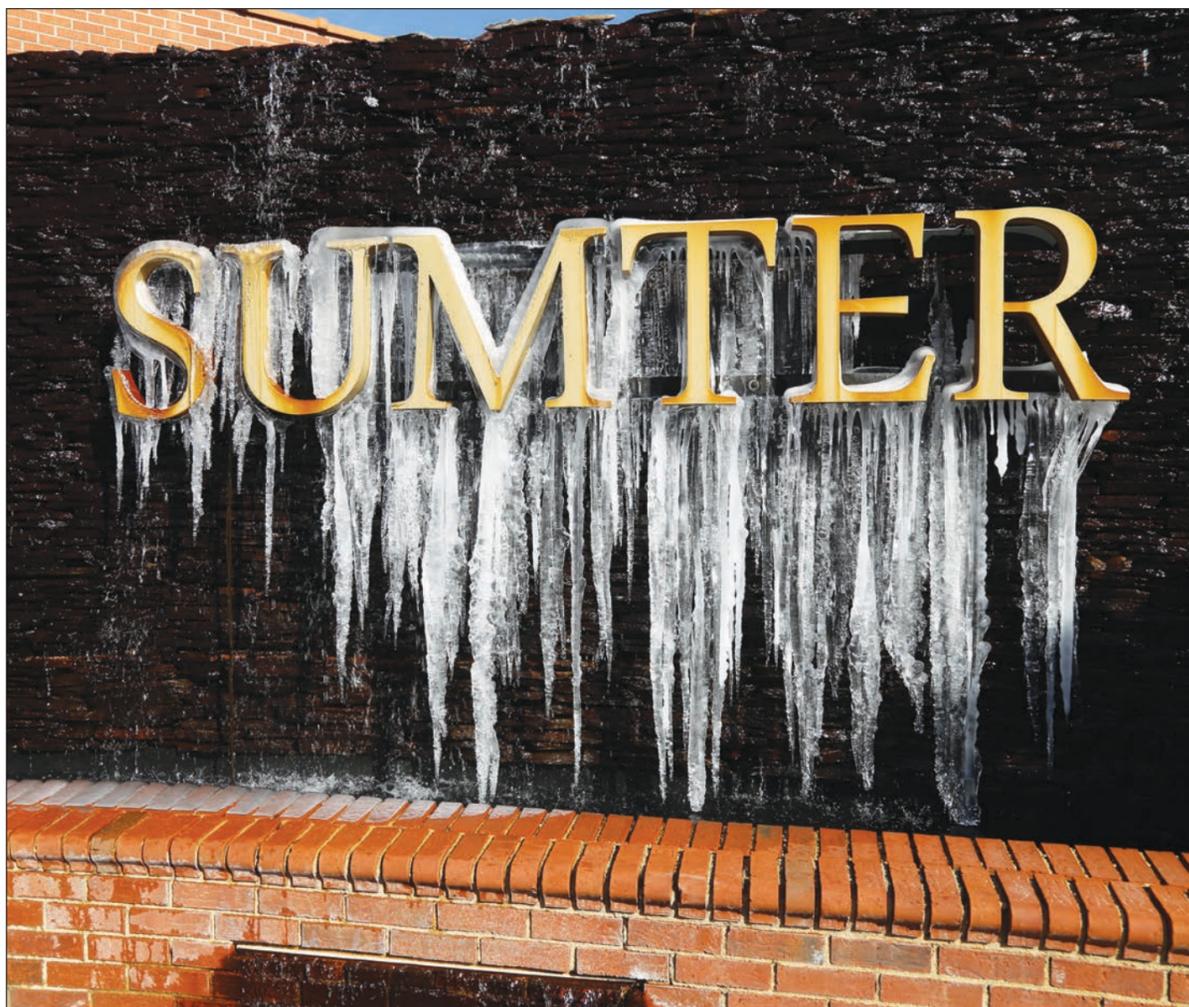
He predicted any snow the tri-county sees today will stick and not melt immediately because recent frigid temperatures have made the ground cold enough for this to be possible.

Crews across the state are preparing for possible winter weather into tonight and warn of potentially dangerous travel conditions during the next few days.

Department of Transportation workers were pretreating roads and bridges across the South Carolina coast on Tuesday morning and afternoon ahead of the storm, according to a DOT news release. Salt in Columbia was being loaded into trucks bound for the coast.

Crews in the Upstate were preparing to help their Lowcountry counterparts and also preparing "to clear roads and bridges in the Upstate should the winter weather take an unexpected turn in that direction."

Edwards said the best way for tri-county residents to stay safe during the potential winter weather is to stay



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The fountain at Beau Graham Square downtown on the corner of North Main and East Liberty streets is seen frozen over at midday Tuesday. Temperatures are expected to remain in the 30s and 40s through Sunday in Sumter, with snow possible today.



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South Carolina Department of Transportation crews pre-treat S.C. 170 over the Broad River in Beaufort County on Tuesday.

home if possible.

"Avoid traveling (this) afternoon and evening especially, when travel conditions are worst," he said. "If you have to go out, morning is your best bet. If you have to go out during it, allow for some extra travel time. Avoid traveling east if possible."

Anywhere east, toward Myrtle Beach, could have the heaviest accumulation of

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Pipes could freeze, burst

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With below-freezing temperatures staying throughout the night, locals should take care to protect their homes from unwanted water damage caused by frozen pipes.

Homeowners should leave pipes dripping if the temperature will be below freezing for a substantial amount of time, especially when the wind is blowing, said Trey Hill, vice president and service manager at Hill Plumbing & Electric Co.

Leave the faucets dripping — mainly the hot water faucet because those pipes will freeze faster than the cold water pipes — to keep pipes from freezing, he said. Turning on both sides would also be good, he said.

You really only need to let one faucet in the house drip to keep water flowing through the pipes, he said.

Any exposed pipe needs to be insulated, or covered, and outside spigots

need to be covered with frost-proof hose bib covers, Hill said. And the wind will make pipes freeze much faster, he said.

Hill Plumbing & Electric received about 20 calls about burst pipes on Tuesday morning after temperatures reached below 20 degrees Fahrenheit the night before.

Depending on where the pipes are located, damage can be caused to the flooring, walls and ceiling.

Busted pipes can result in thousands of dollars in damage because the moisture can ruin flooring, especially hardwood, and dry wall will soak up the water, Hill said.

Don't forget your outside spigots; disconnect garden hoses. David Rourk, owner of Rourk Plumbing Co., suggests that homeowners leave outside water spigots dripping (if there are no bib covers), and replace LED lights inside pump houses with incandescent bulbs. Another tip, he said, is to open cabinet doors under the sinks to let the warm air in.

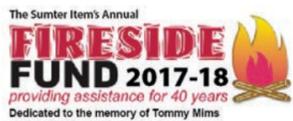
Fund helps temporarily out of work Sumterite

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Imagine not having heat until you can save up to \$400 for a propane delivery, and you will identify a common plight for some low-income residents in our area, according to Kevin Howell, Crisis Relief Ministry director at Sumter United Ministries.

As temperatures dip with lows in the 20s recently, the burden of being able to afford adequate heat is felt among some Sumter residents. Howell said Fireside Fund donations allow the Crisis Relief Ministry to provide assistance to the ministries' clients who are unable to fully afford their heating needs.

Howell recently shared the



story of a female client in her late 50s who initially interviewed for help with her electric bill after she lost her job.

"The lady works in the home health field and cares for patients who can't properly care for themselves," Howell said. "For her, it's hard but fulfilling work. Recently, after a patient no longer needed her, she was without work. When she discovered that she could also receive assistance with her propane delivery, she was delighted."

According to Howell, propane is a common heating ele-

ment in the Sumter area, and many of the ministry's clients with older homes still have large, submarine-style tanks in their yards.

The difficulty for many low-income families using propane is the large expense for a fill-up, which can range from \$300 to \$400, Howell said.

"Instead of a regular and consistent monthly bill, a tank needs to be filled as needed," Howell said. "Typically, this expense can account for up to 40 percent of the monthly income for some of our clients."

The ministry was able to pay a significant portion of the lady's propane delivery, and it should last her for

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Greg Jenkins, center, shares a light moment with personal friends and customers Julia Holley, right, and Genesis Burbridge recently at Scott Will Toyota at 2540 Broad St.

Salesman says personal approach can pay off

BY BRUCE MILLS
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He's not your stereotypical car salesman and has a unique meet-and-greet technique that helps him build a personal relationship with customers and remember

most people's names.

He's not flashy, but instead many consider him down to earth and genuine.

It all seems to work well for him as he's quite possibly one of Sumter's most

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Keep on giving with the Grinding of the Greens

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Though the season of giving is over, there is still another way to give back to the community and help thy neighbor by donating real Christmas trees for the annual Grinding of the Greens at Dillon Park.

The event that provides free mulch for the community will take place on Saturday, Jan. 20.

In past years, as many as 1,500 trees have been donated to Grinding of the Greens, Karen Hyatt, Sumter County assistant public works director, said.

Landscape refuse such as leaves, grass clippings, limbs, and even Christmas trees, accounts for approximately 20 percent of the waste dumped in local

landfills, states a release from public works.

Mulch, a multi-purpose product of ground trees, can be placed in gardens to conserve moisture, reduce weed competition, reduce plant stress and serve as a unifying element in landscaping. It can also be used in plant containers, under bushes or fruit trees and placed along garden paths and fences.

Real Christmas trees — without decorations, lights, garlands and tree stands — can be dropped off at Dillon Park today through Jan. 18 — there is a sign marking the designated drop-off area.

City residents can place live trees at the curb for yard debris pick-up starting on Monday.

Because yard debris pick-up is only available in the city, county residents will have to deliver the trees at the recycling centers on Rainaire Boulevard, Stamey Livestock Road, Cane Savannah Road, Pinewood Road, Queen Chapel Road, Bethel Church Road, Alligator Branch Road, Pleasant Grove and Spencer Road, or at Dillon Park.

Grinding of the Greens is for live trees only; no wreaths, garlands nor other holiday greenery are accepted.

Real trees dropped off at the recycling centers will be transported to Dillon Park to be ground, Hyatt said, and stores can also donate real trees.

Old artificial trees can also be taken to the recycling centers and placed in the brown goods container for disposal, she said.

Residents can pick up mulch on a first-come, first-served basis from 7 to 10 a.m. on Jan. 20 at Dillon Park. Residents should bring containers, tools to pick up the mulch and a method to transport the material.

Hyatt said public works employees will be available to help people load mulch into containers and into vehicles, Hyatt said. People can take as much as they want.

Any left over mulch will be used by the city and county.

Grinding of the Greens is sponsored by Clemson Extension Service, Sumter County Public Works and City of Sumter Public Services.

For more information about recycling Christmas trees, contact Sumter County Public Works at (803) 436-2241.

Suspect fleeing deputies rescued after creek crash

CAMDEN (AP) — Deputies had to rescue a man who ran from officers after he crashed his car into a river, a South Carolina sheriff said.

Officers were looking for Cody Gene Jackson, 26, of Lugoff, when he refused to stop on Dec. 29, Kershaw County Sheriff Jim Matthews said in a news release Monday.

“Cody Jackson is a one-man crime spree,” Matthews said. “He always runs when we try to arrest him.”

Jackson ran off an embankment and into Wateree River.

He yelled to officers that he could not swim and officers managed to pull him safely to shore.

Jackson has been charged with failure to stop for police, being a habitual traffic offender, driving under suspension and larceny.

“Hopefully, after this episode he will find himself behind bars for the maximum his charges will allow,” the sheriff said.

Fishing date



A great snowy egret fishes at Swan Lake-Iris Gardens in December as a nearby turtle basks in the late afternoon sunshine.

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Take it slowly for lasting change this new year

It's that time of year when we are all gung-ho about making positive changes. Whether it is to be more organized, start exercising, save money, lose weight or adopt healthier habits, we all want to make it a permanent change for the better. Yet, within just a couple of weeks, most people

tend to give up.

One of the most important aspects of change is knowing why you are making the change and knowing that you are ready for change. Is the desire to change being driven by you or by someone else? Is this something you are ready for? Have you

thought about the challenges you will face and ways to overcome them? Do you have a strong support system in place? Does your environment at home and work provide you with what

you need to be successful? What are the benefits of making this change, and how will it affect your relationships?

One reason many people give up on their goals after a few weeks is because they have the wrong approach. Many people focus on the negative reasons for change, wanting to change something they don't like. For example, an overweight individual may choose to start exercising to help lose weight. While it may seem like a great way to assist weight loss, this type of approach won't last. What happens when you stop losing weight? The effort no longer yields the desired result, so most people will stop exercising. Instead, expert psychologists recommend finding the positive reasons to exercise: relieve stress, get stronger, improve heart health or have more energy. This change in one's thinking can bring about lasting change.

Another reason people give up too soon is they are perfectionists, so they

have an all-or-nothing approach. If I can't do it right, then I won't do it at all. Do you give up on your diet for the day if you unintentionally ate something that wasn't on the plan? If you only have half the time you had set aside to exercise, do you not exercise at all? Over time, this approach sets you back and makes reaching your goals seem impossible.

These little setbacks should be built-in expectations. We can't be perfect; we just need to be better. Take these setbacks, and learn from them. Use them to collect information as to why something happened or how you can handle it better in the future. If it is meant to be a permanent, lasting change, you can't expect perfection.

Making sustainable change is possible. Take the time to slow down and recognize your habits and patterns. Pay attention, and be more mindful and aware of your actions and your reason for making them. Slowing

down helps you become more effective, which actually helps you reach your goals faster. We all want to see immediate results and get to our end goal as quickly as possible, but creating automatic habits doesn't happen quickly.

Consider this. You don't currently exercise, but you have decided to run a 5K. Sure, you could go out and run it, but it doesn't mean that it is the best thing for your body or for creating lasting change. Take your time, and train your body right to eliminate possible injury so that running becomes second nature. The slower you go in reaching your goal, the more your actions come from a pattern of habit that creates lasting change for the better. By going fast, behaviors are erratic and less likely to stick.

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Memoir describes how former segregationist was changed by experiences

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Like many Southerners of a certain age, William E. “Bill” Dufford, 91, grew up in the Jim Crow era realizing only gradually that there was something not fair or just about segregation.

His journey “from segregationist to integrationist” is at the heart of his memoir titled “My Tour through the Asylum: A Southern Integrationist’s Memoir.”

The title, Dufford explains, is taken from James L. Petrigru’s statement to Benjamin F. Perry in 1860: “South Carolina is too small for a republic and too large for an insane asylum.”

The memoir covers the years 1926 through 2016 and is divided into three parts, the first and last written by Dufford.

In the first section, essentially an early biography, Dufford writes about his progression from an unexamined acceptance of the separation of the races to a realization of the wrongness of the institution of segregation. He saw images on TV of peaceful civil rights demonstrators attacked by police dogs and police with fire hoses, witnessed Ku Klux Klan rallies and was appalled when his own Lutheran Church refused to accept black members. He was changed by his life experiences.

The second section, written by Aida Rogers, covers 1969 to 1976 and includes Dufford’s year as principal of Sumter High School, 1969-70, when he was recruited by Sumter School District 17 Superintendent L.C. “Currie” McArthur to help the schools integrate.

After having served as teacher, coach and principal at several Low-country schools with great success, Dufford served at Sumter High for the academic year 1969-70. With the late Dr. Earl Vaughn, he oversaw the bringing together of the formerly black Lincoln High School and the formerly white Sumter High.

Along the way, Dufford found the students generally more receptive to integration than their parents, government officials and even the school board.

Working closely with the student councils of the two high schools, Dufford and Vaughn charged the students to make decisions vital to their successful union — school colors, official name, mascot. Rogers writes “Decisions that might have taken months for (the school) board of elected officials to make were handled easily by a group of teens.”

Many of the events and people of the so-called Dufford year will be familiar to Sumterites.

While other circumstances outlined in the second section led Dufford to resign, Rogers also presents his many accomplishments and lifelong friendships. She quotes Dufford’s assessment of his greatest achievement at Sumter High: “the advance in human understandings among students. ... There was developed the beginning of a healthy respect for one another as a person and understanding for those who are different. Admittedly, this was only the beginning stage, but progress was evident.”

Through his lifelong work, Dufford formed lasting relationships across generations, including many whose names will be recognized — Pat Conroy, Steve Satterfield, Hayes Mizell, John Spratt, Rep. Jim Clyburn, Allen Johnson, Leighton Cubbage, Walter McRackan and more.

Dufford, Rogers and Salley McInerney write movingly about Dufford’s work and accomplishments, pulling no punches.

Interspersed throughout the book are comments from Dufford’s friends and former students, offering insight into the man and his philosophy.

Rogers and McInerney sum up many of Dufford’s achievements, as

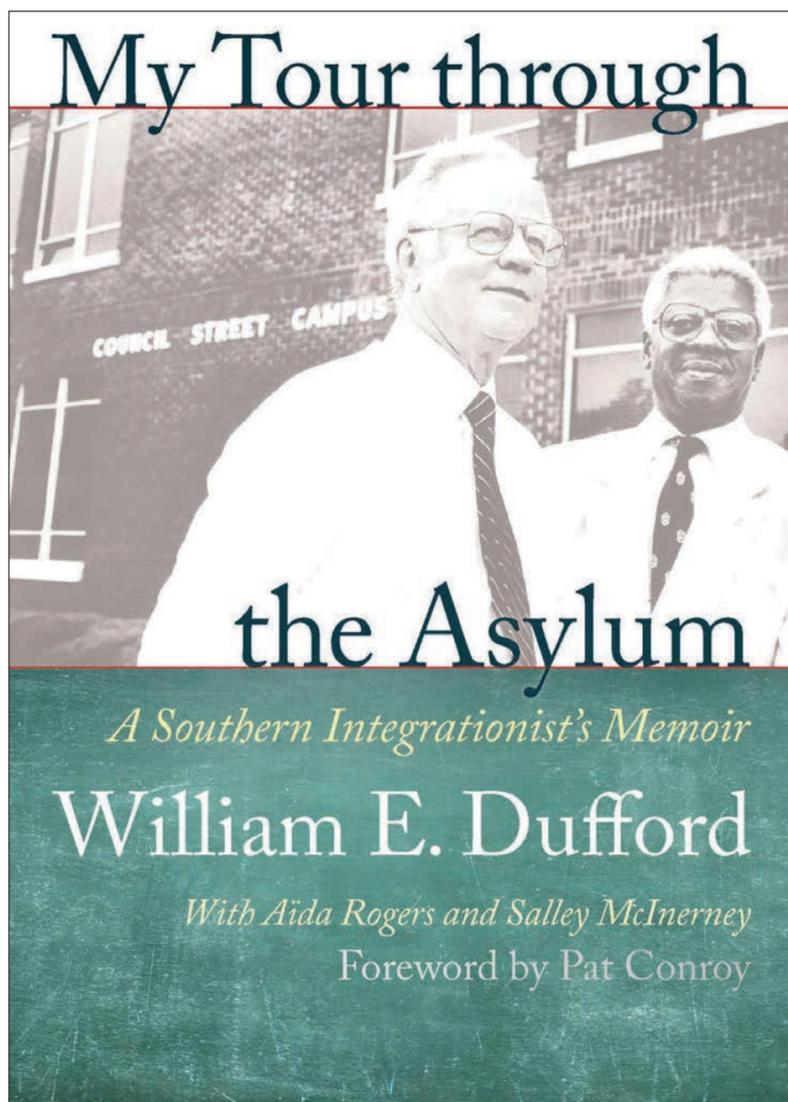


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William E. “Bill” Dufford, left, is seen with Dr. Earl Vaughn, then principal of Lincoln High School, in 1969. Dufford, principal of Sumter (Edmunds) High School, and Vaughn worked to bring together the two schools as South Carolina was establishing the “unitary school system.” More than a third of Dufford’s memoir recounts his experiences in Sumter during what became known by many as the “Dufford year.”

well as those of his former students.

“During his 40 years in public education and into retirement, colleagues and students learned from him before launching or continuing their own remarkable careers,” they write.

Rogers, a writer for the University of South Carolina Honors College, and McInerney, a columnist for *The State* newspaper, also report a conversation with Dufford as he considered his legacy.

“What I want people to ... remember,” he said, “is we need to continue to help out those who are left out or left behind.”

Dufford also quoted philosopher Bertrand Russell: “One must care about a world one will never see.”

“My Life through the Asylum: A Southern Integrationist’s Memoir” is an interesting, well-written book that offers much food for thought as it illuminates an important period in South Carolina’s history.

Published by the University of South Carolina Press, Dufford’s memoir is filled with photographs and rich memories of his big life.

The memoir is available in bookstores, on www.amazon.com and at www/sc.edu/uscpres, where more information can be found.

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S.C.'s top cop wants new \$54 million crime lab

BY SEANNA ADCOX
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COLUMBIA — Law enforcement officials and lawmakers agree that South Carolina needs a new crime lab to keep the wheels of justice moving, but how to fund it remains the \$54 million question.

The State Law Enforcement Division's three-decade-old forensics lab — which pre-dates prosecutors' use of DNA evidence — has reached capacity, while its caseload continues to rise, said SLED Chief Mark Keel.

Last fiscal year, the agency processed more than 24,000 pieces of evidence for law enforcement agencies across the state — 22 percent more than in 2011-12. SLED already must bump cases to the backburner as other crimes take priority, creating backlogs in every division, Keel said.

"There's not a day that goes by I don't get a call from an agency or solicitor's office saying 'We need this done right away, ASAP.' We take people off the cases they're currently working and reassign," he told *The Post and Courier*.

Keel insists the quality of the lab work won't change regardless of funding, but "if we don't expand, the real impact is going to be a slower turnaround on cases. We'll have to prioritize cases more."

The main problems are space and cooling. Even with 64,000 square feet, the existing lab has no room for new technology, and the building's air conditioning system couldn't handle more equipment anyway. Already some computers must be temporarily shut down during the summer to prevent overheating. When it was built in 1990, the lab contained no space for DNA testing. Now that occupies 2 1/2 floors of the building, Keel said.

"We've been through a number of renovations. We've taken every closet, every canten, every spot we can use," Keel said. "We've remodeled and tried to reuse space, but we're at our limits now. There's nowhere to spread out."

SLED's \$54 million request for a new crime lab, which would be built on existing state property near its headquarters in Columbia, represents the largest chunk of about \$100 million collectively sought by state law enforcement agencies for capital expenses. It's not a new request. SLED began asking lawmakers for a new lab several years ago.

The \$50,000 allocated so far has funded site and architectural studies, which determined a crime lab viable for the next three decades should be 117,000 square feet, Keel said.

Rep. Mike Pitts, chairman of the Ways and Means panel that writes law enforcement agencies' budgets, said the Legislature must consider borrowing money to take care of what he calls the core function of government — public safety.

"SLED's lab is one of the most important and vital pieces of the puzzle, and I don't see a way to fund it other than a bond bill," said Pitts, R-Laurens, a retired law enforcement officer.

Other law enforcement agencies' capital requests for the 2018-19 budget include \$16 million for a new Department of Natural Resources headquarters and \$23 million for construction at the Department of Juvenile Justice to comply with a 2016 law expected to put 6,000 additional young offenders under its oversight annually. The state law raises the age limit for prosecuting suspects as juveniles from 17 to 18 and keeps convicted juveniles incarcerated at DJJ longer. It's supposed to take effect in 2019, though the exact date depends on funding.

A bond bill that would borrow nearly \$500 million for overdue maintenance at colleges and other state-owned buildings is up for debate on the House floor when the Legislature returns Jan. 9. But the proposal includes no money for SLED's lab or other new construction.

The prospect of any borrowing proposal is uncertain. The Legislature hasn't approved a

bond bill for statewide maintenance since 2001.

Pitts' counterpart in the Senate, Sen. Shane Martin, said law enforcement will be a top priority in the budget, but he won't support borrowing to fund their requests. Taxpayers are already on the hook for too much state debt, Martin said.

In 2015, then-Gov. Nikki

Haley helped kill a \$500 million bond bill, which did include money for SLED's lab, through social media and email blasts as the House debated it. Similarly, Gov. Henry McMaster's threat to veto the revamped \$500 million borrowing proposal is partly what delayed debate earlier this year.

McMaster agrees with Pitts

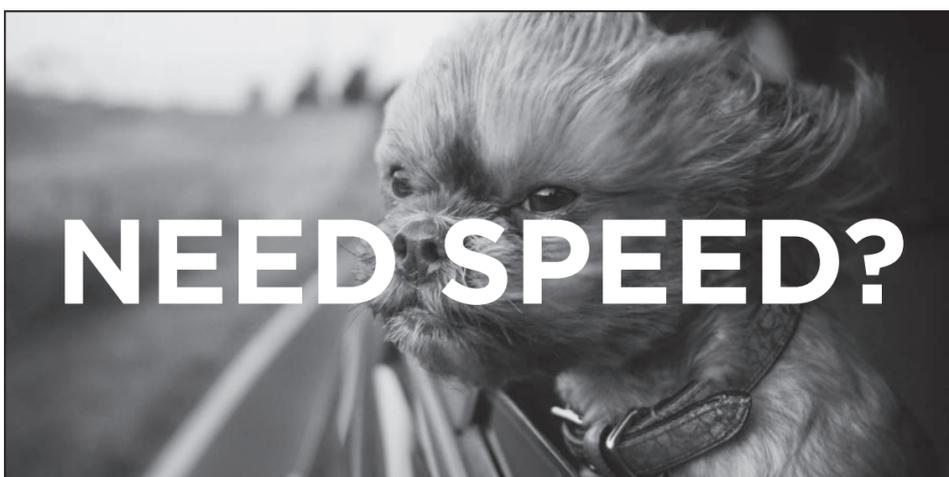
about the importance of law enforcement and will make public safety a top priority in his first budget proposal next month, said his spokesman, Brian Symmes.

But "he remains unconvinced that a bond bill for state government buildings is needed at this time," Symmes told *The Post and Courier*.

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'There's nowhere to spread out.'

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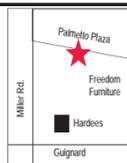
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snow and ice. Edwards was concerned about evening travel across the coast and tri-county because temperatures will likely be below freezing, meaning the precipitation will continue to stick around and create slick conditions.

DOT also warned in its release against traveling if possible and to be careful around work crews.

“For motorists who need to travel, SCDOT advises extreme caution when approaching SCDOT crews and vehicles clearing roads,” according to the release.

He said Thursday in Sumter the temperature should get to the lower 40s with sunshine, likely melting any snow, but that it could refreeze Thursday night. That could make travel treacherous for days.

Anyone who needs shelter from the freezing weather can find a warm bed and meal at Sumter United Ministries’ shelter at 320 W. Oakland Ave. The shelter operates from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. but will stay open until noon to allow temperatures to rise above freezing. Dinner is served each day at 7 p.m. Guests must be checked in by 8 p.m. unless they come to the shelter with an officer.

Edwards did offer a bit of good news for the tri-county. Monday’s high temperature should get into the 60s, he said.

JENKINS FROM PAGE A1

known and top car sales representatives.

He’s Greg Jenkins of Scott Will Toyota.

Born and raised in the Dalzell/Cotton Acres community of Sumter County, Jenkins got his start in the car business in his early teens in the mid-1990s through a former popular job training program that helped kids prepare for the workplace with summer jobs.

Jenkins said he worked on the service/detail side for Boyle Toyota — the former family Toyota dealership in town.

But he said he wasn’t drying off the cars after they came out of an electric car wash machine.

“I was the detailer and did it by hand,” Jenkins said. “There were no push buttons.”

It was a 40-hour-a-week job in the summers. He said each week he washed both the delivery (just sold) vehicles and all the automobiles still on the lot. He didn’t count the number of cars he washed by hand weekly but said it easily totaled at least 100.

After doing the summer gig at Boyle Toyota through his high school years, Jenkins decided to stay in the business after graduating from Crestwood High School in 2000 and moved into sales.

A true “people person” with a passion for helping others, Jenkins — in-

terestingly — doesn’t consider anyone in the car business to be his role model or his biggest influencer in life.

That credit, he says, goes to God and his great-grandmother.

“The things that I have achieved in the business, I owe it all to God,” Jenkins said recently. “He has been my sustainer to allow me to be the person that I am today.”

His late great-grandmother, Ronea Jenkins, raised him from when he was a baby until he finished high school, and he credits her as his biggest personal influence on the man he’s become.

She was also a “people person” and encouraged others with her wisdom, advice, love and Christian character, Jenkins said.

She took care of people in the community and outside the community, he said, through her vegetable gardening and cooking.

His great-grandmother touched lives by passing out tomatoes, watermelons, peas and okra and cooking food that she took to neighbors in need, Jenkins said.

“She never knew a stranger and was loved by many,” Jenkins said.

Growing up, Jenkins said he initially wanted to become a school counselor, but “my plans got switched.”

“I had another calling to serve people through the auto industry,” Jenkins said.

He describes his work today with

servicing customers as very similar to counseling in many respects. Many of his customers face challenges as far as credit and other financial burdens, he said.

“I try to find a way to help people get back on the right track,” Jenkins said.

He left the Toyota dealership for a few years but came back in 2009 under its new owner — Scott Will Automotive.

He said he appreciates the dealer’s ownership for allowing him to serve his customers in the manner that he does.

Jenkins, 38, said he’s able to remember his customers’ names from his meet and greets.

“I initially ask people questions like: ‘Where are you from?’ and ‘What church do you attend?’,” Jenkins said. “That helps me to get to know people in a personal way and build a personal relationship.”

Most of his clients are repeat customers, he said, and he sells to them, their children, grandchildren and other friends.

Despite coming from a humble upbringing, most consider that Jenkins has done well in the business.

His advice to others is to pursue their dreams and follow God.

“Never give up on any dreams that you may have, and keep the faith,” Jenkins said. “God will do exceedingly and abundantly above anything you can ask for, when you follow Him.”

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several months and through the winter, according to Howell.

“It was a well-deserved offer to a hard-working lady nearing retirement age, who suffered an understandable job-loss crisis,” Howell said.

Howell expressed gratitude to the community for supporting the ministry’s work.

“This wouldn’t be possible without the public’s donations to the Fireside Fund,” Howell said.

Fireside Fund was established by *The Sumter Item* in 1969 to help needy families and individuals pay heating bills or buy firewood or heating fuels to stay warm during the winter months. Since its founding, Fireside Fund has brought in more than \$1.5 million in donations from generous readers.

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

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

ment in 2004.

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

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

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

Donations ending the week of Tuesday, Jan. 2:

In memory of Richard M. Ellis from Berthella Ellis, \$50; in memory of Keith Gedamke and Gail Mathis, \$100; Curry and Mary Dukes, \$50; in memory of Raymond McIntosh from Joann McIntosh, \$100; in memory of Scott Rumph from Hugh and Hamilton Stoddard, \$100; Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, \$50; in memory of Helen Bultman from Horace Curtis, \$100; in memory of Gus Green from Horace Curtis, \$100; in memory of Paul Jennings from Horace Curtis, \$100; in memory of Scott Rumph from Horace Curtis, \$100; in memory of Ramon Schwartz from Horace Curtis, \$100; in honor of Bill C. Wheat, from Emily and Carl Beck, \$50; Mary E. Blanchard,

M.D., \$100; in honor of firefighters active and retired from Bethel Volunteer Fire Department, \$250; St. Mark’s United Methodist Church Euzelian Class, \$100; in memory of our parents from Lee and Marian Denny, \$300; in memory of Tommy Mims from Bob Gibbs, \$250; in memory of Ingrid Newman from Judy and Walter Newman, \$100; in honor of Mary and Ray Barker from Charles Pitts, \$25; in memory of Sandra Robinson

from Doug Robinson, \$100; in memory of Jim McIntosh from Frances McIntosh, \$200; in memory of our mothers Annie Cutter and Thelma Waynick from Eddie and Terry Frieron, \$100; in memory of Dr. Wendell M. Levi Jr. and Patricia Levi Barnett from Kathryn W. Levi, \$300; Summit Development Services, \$500; Beuclaire Chapter No. 20, Order of the Eastern Star, \$140. Total anonymous this week: \$750

Total this week: \$4,215
Total last week: \$1,945
Total this year to date: \$27,191.23
Total last year: \$48,601.18
Total since 1969: \$1,567,779.47
(Editor’s Note: Our weekly Fireside Fund update runs each Tuesday, but this week’s story was held until today to wait for giving receipts to come in that were delayed because of the New Year’s Day holiday on Monday.)

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Colorado gunman's mental state was disclosed a month ago

College students were warned about suspect

DENVER (AP) — Colorado authorities were contacted with concerns about the mental health of Matthew Riehl more than a month before he shot and killed a deputy and wounded four others. But the 37-year-old man was never held for a mental health evaluation.

Authorities have said Riehl fired more than 100 rounds in his suburban Denver apartment before he was killed by a SWAT team on Sunday.

Wyoming College of Law students had been warned about Riehl, a former student, because of social media posts critical of professors at the school in Laramie, reported KTWO-AM in Casper, Wyoming.

A Nov. 6 email from Assistant College of Law Dean Lindsay Hoyt told students to notify campus police if they spotted Riehl or his car near campus. In addition, security on campus was increased for several days.

Campus officers called police in Lone Tree, Colorado, in mid-November to warn them about Riehl, suggesting his rants were indicative of mental illness, UW Police Chief Mike Samp told *The Denver Post*.

Samp said it's possible that Colorado authorities faced the same issue as Wyoming officials when an apparently mentally ill, dangerous person makes indirect threats.

"Wyoming statutes are pretty clear: If someone is

not making an immediate threat, they cannot be held for a mental evaluation. They are very tough cases," Samp said.

Riehl, an attorney and an Iraq war veteran, had also posted videos criticizing Colorado law enforcement officers in profane, highly personal terms.

Early Sunday, authorities responded to a complaint of a verbal disturbance involv-

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TONY SPURLOCK

Douglas County Sheriff

ing two men at an apartment building in Highlands Ranch, 16 miles south of Denver. A caller said Riehl was acting bizarrely and might be having a mental breakdown. But responding deputies found no evidence of a crime and left.

When deputies were called back to the scene, a man who had left gave them a key and granted permission to enter the apartment.

Douglas County Sheriff Tony Spurlock said deputies came under fire almost immediately after trying to talk with the suspect, who was holed up inside a bedroom.

"They all went down almost within seconds of each other, so it was more of an ambush type of attack on our officers," Spurlock said.

The wounded deputies

tried to pull the fallen officer, Zackari Parrish, out of the line of further gunfire but were unable to because of their own injuries and only managed to "crawl to safety," Spurlock said. Two civilians also were injured.

All of the wounded except Deputy Jeff Pelle, 32, have been treated at hospitals

and released. The son of Boulder County Sheriff Joe Pelle was hospitalized in fair condition.

Hundreds gathered Monday night for a candlelight vigil for Parrish inside Mission Hills Church in Littleton, Colorado — the church he attended with his wife and two young daughters.

"I've heard from so many different people that he just loved his community and being a police officer," Mission Hills Pastor Craig Smith told KDVR-TV.

"Zack didn't see law enforcement as a job. He saw it as a calling, as a way to serve his community and a blessing."

THE LETTERMEN

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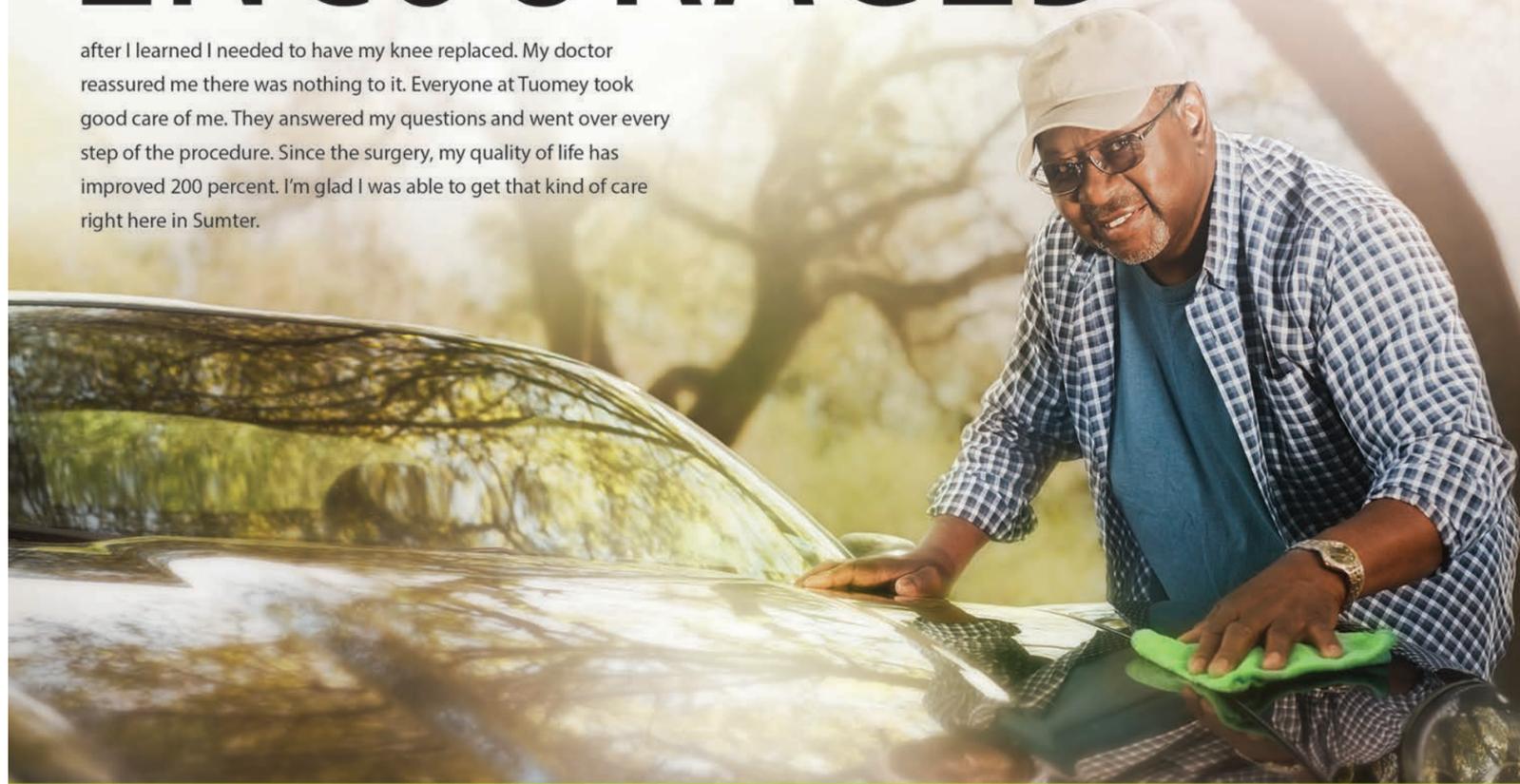
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COMMENTARY

Trying to take Trump seriously as policy maker

2016 turned out to be a year in which it was wise to take Donald Trump as a political candidate seriously but not literally, in the inspired words of syndicated columnist Salena Zito. As 2017 vanishes, it's worth asking whether it's time to take Trump seriously, if not literally, as a maker of public policy.

At least that's the approach of two heterodox policy analysts, one a persistent skeptic and the other an early Trump fan.

The skeptic is George Mason University economist Tyler Cowen, who co-hosts the blog Marginal Revolution. Like most economists, he tends to favor free trade and has not been converted by Trump's rants and tweets.

But he sees a pattern where others see only mayhem. "The real significance of the Trump economic revolution," he wrote in a Bloomberg column, "is a focus on investment." The goal of Trump and the Republicans who fashioned the tax cut package, he argues, is to "make the U.S. a new and dominant center for investment, including at the expense of other nations."

Their deep reduction in the corporate tax rate, from the highest in the developed world to below average, obviously will incentivize both U.S.- and foreign-based firms to invest here. Trump's rejection of the Trans-Pacific Partnership and renegotiation of NAFTA, in Cowen's view, will make less-developed Asian nations and Mexico less attractive alternatives to the U.S. for investors.

Trump critics are right to say that this upends — the regnant cliché — the thrust of American policy since the years just after World War II. Then there was bipartisan agreement on encouraging free trade and foreign investment, as economist Douglas Irwin writes in "Clashing Over Commerce." Europe was in ruins, and voters thought its revival was in our interest.

But that was 70 years ago, and economic situations seldom remain static for so long. A revived Europe has turned sluggish, while low-wage nations in Asia, Latin America and even Africa are open for investment. First Japan and then China, and now others will be moving up as competitors.

America has proved competitive at the top levels. But a country whose labor force is always going to include many low-skilled workers may have some continuing interest in incentivizing low-skilled employment. That's not Cowen's view or mine, but it's apparently Trump's. Maybe it's not just dismissible as crazy ranting.

Something similar may be said for Trump's foreign policy, considered as a perhaps unstable amalgam of his soberly drafted National Security

Strategy and his sometimes impulsive tweets. This view was recently explicated by David P. Goldman in the Asia Times.

Trump's view, Goldman argues, is of an America that is more competitive than cooperative, not necessarily hostile to others but not willing to rely on assertions of abstract common interests. The National Security Strategy says, "Competition does not always mean hostility, nor does it inevitably lead to conflict — although none should doubt our commitment to defend our interests."

The National Security Strategy has a tough enough approach to Russia to disabuse all but the most dogmatic believers of the notion that Trump is Vladimir Putin's Manchurian candidate. It is sharply critical of some actions by Xi Jinping's China. It drops George W. Bush's earnest promotion of democracy in the Middle East and Barack Obama's gauzy faith that Iran will abandon its nuclear weapons program and become a normal constructive power in the region.

On the contrary, Trump sees Iran as a clear enemy and Israel as a strong friend and looks with favor on the de facto, publicly unacknowledged alliance of Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and other Arab states. Left on the back burner are the long-moribund Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, once considered the key to solving every regional problem.

The National Security Strategy is even more explicit in promising to "increase quadrilateral cooperation with Japan, Australia and India." This is another informal alliance, advanced intermittently by Trump's predecessors, with the potential to cabin in China.

On Europe, the NSS reaffirms Trump's support of NATO but also suggests that Europeans aren't doing enough themselves to repel threats from Russia, China and, especially, Islamic extremists. But Europe seems almost a footnote — in contrast with the postwar years, when it was the central focus of the emerging bipartisan foreign policy.

Then policymakers believed it was in America's interest to revive and subsidize Europe. Trump believes that time is over.

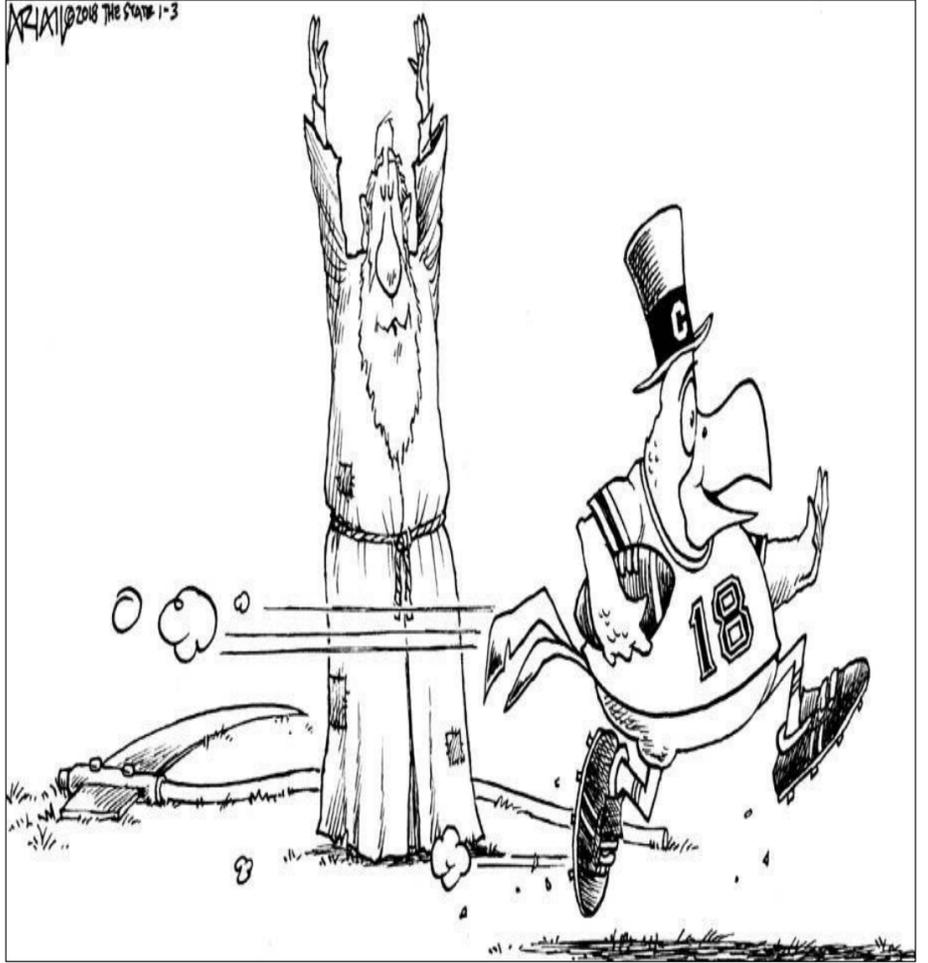
That's one rational response, though you and I may not agree, to how things have changed over 70 years.

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COMMENTARY

Dangers of government control

We are a nation of 325 million people. We have a bit of control over the behavior of our 535 elected representatives in Congress, the president and the vice president.

But there are seven unelected people who have life-and-death control

over our economy and hence our lives — the seven governors of the Federal Reserve Board.

The Federal Reserve Board controls our money supply. Its governors are appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate and serve 14-year staggered terms.

They have the power to cripple an economy, as they did during the late 1920s and early 1930s. Their inept monetary policy threw the economy into the Great Depression, during which real output in the United States fell nearly 30 percent and the unemployment rate soared as high as nearly 25 percent.

The most often stated cause of the Great Depression is the October 1929 stock market crash. Little is further from the truth. The Great Depression was caused by a massive government failure led by the Federal Reserve's rapid 25 percent contraction of the money supply.

The next government failure was the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act, which increased U.S. tariffs by more than 50 percent. Those failures were compounded by President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal legislation.

Leftists love to praise New Deal interventionist legislation.

But FDR's very own treasury secretary, Henry Morgenthau, saw the folly of the New Deal, writing: "We have tried spending money. We are spending more than we have ever spent before, and it does not work. ... We have never made good on our promises. ... I say after eight years of this Administration we have just as much unemployment as when we started ... and an enormous debt to boot!" The bottom line is that the Federal Reserve Board, the Smoot-Hawley tariffs and Roosevelt's New Deal policies turned what would have been a two-, three- or four-year sharp downturn into a 16-year affair.

Here's my question never asked about the Federal Reserve Act of 1913: How much sense does it make for us to give seven unelected people life-and-death control over our economy and hence our lives?

While you're pondering that question, consider another: Should we give the government, through the Federal Communications Commission, control over the internet?

During the Clinton administration, along with the help of a Republican-dominated Congress, the visionary 1996 Telecommunications Act declared it "the policy of the United States" that internet service providers and websites be "unfettered by Federal or State regulation."

The act sought "to promote competition and reduce regulation in order to secure lower prices and higher-quality services for American telecommunications consumers and encourage the rapid de-

ployment of new telecommunications technologies."

In 2015, the Obama White House pressured the FCC to create the Open Internet Order, which has been branded by its advocates as net neutrality.

This move overthrew the spirit of the Telecommunications Act. It represents creeping FCC jurisdiction, as its traditional areas of regulation — such as broadcast media and telecommunications — have been transformed by the internet, or at least diminished in importance.

Fortunately, it's being challenged by the new FCC chairman, Ajit Pai, who has announced he will repeal the FCC's heavy-handed 2015 internet regulations.

The United States has been the world leader in the development of internet technology precisely because it has been relatively unfettered by federal and state regulation.

The best thing that the U.S. Congress can do for internet entrepreneurs and internet consumers is to send the FCC out to pasture as it did with the Civil Aeronautics Board, which regulated the airline industry, and the Interstate Commerce Commission, which regulated the trucking industry.

When we got rid of those regulatory agencies, we saw a greater number of competitors, and consumers paid lower prices. Giving the FCC the same medicine would allow our high-tech industry to maintain its world leadership position.

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

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AROUND TOWN

The Sumter Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, at Shiloh-Randolph Manor, 125 W. Bartlette St. State membership dues are due on Jan. 9 without a penalty. The spotlight will shine on Frances Strong and the associate members are Earl and Carolyn Klaege. If you know a blind person, contact Debra Canty, chapter president, at (803) 775-5792 or debra.canty@frontier.com. Donations are welcome and can be mailed to NFB Sumter Chapter, P.O. Box 641, Sumter, SC 29151.

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dream Walk will be held on Monday, Jan. 15. The walk

will start and end at the Nettles Building at USC Sumter, 200 Miller Road. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the walk beginning at 9:30 a.m. There will be a program at 11 a.m. The theme is "This situation CAN and WILL be changed." Francis Hill will serve as grand marshal and speaker. T-shirts will be available on the morning of the walk. Visit the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/136517243775779/>.

The Sumter Branch NAACP's Martin Luther King Jr. Program will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 15, at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, 155 Wall St. The Rev. George Windley Jr. will speak.

FYI

Palmetto Health Tuomey Hospice is in need of volunteers. A volunteer application can be found at www.palmettohealth.org/giving/volunteer-programs/homecare-and-hospicevolunteers. Volunteers are needed for both direct patient care and administrative duties. If you can provide support, respite, companionship, friendship, acts of kindness, file, answer the phone, do data entry, or mailings to families, please consider caring for one patient by giving your time, talents, or gifts of kindness. Call Karen Johnson at (803) 773-4663.

Make-A-Wish South Carolina is seeking volunteers to help make wishes come true for children across the state. Bilingual volunteers are especially needed. Interest webinars are offered at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Preregistration is required. Contact Brennan Brown at bbrown@sc.wish.org or (864) 250-0702 extension 112.

Hospice Care of Sumter LLC is in need of volunteers in Sumter and surrounding counties. Opportunities available for you to use your time and talents include reading, musical talents, companionship, light housekeeping, etc. Call (803) 883-5606 or hospicecareofsumter@yahoo.com.

Agape Hospice is in need of volunteers. Whether your passion is baking, knitting, reading, singing, etc., Agape Hospice can find a place for you. Contact Thandi Blanding at

(803) 774-1075, (803) 260-3876 or tblanding@agapsenior.com.

Hospice Care of South Carolina is in need of volunteers in Sumter County. Do you have one extra hour a week? Opportunities are available for patient/family companionship, administrative support, meal preparation, light household projects, student education and various other tasks. Contact Whitney Rogers, regional volunteer coordinator, at (843) 409-7991 or whitney.rogers@hospicecare.net.

Amedisys Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteer opportunities include: 1) special projects of baking, sewing, knitting, crafts, carpentry and yard work; 2) administrative/office duties of copying, light filing and answering phones; and 3) patient companionship — develop one-on-one relationships with hospice patients. Contact Rhoda Keefe, volunteer coordinator, at (803) 469-3047 or rhonda.keefe@amedisys.com.

Hospice Care of Tri-County is in need of volunteers. Volunteers offer support, companionship and care to the caregiver by running errands, reading to patients, listening and just being there for patients who need companionship. All you need is a willing heart and some time to give to others. No medical background is required. Hospice Care of Tri-County will provide you with the tools you need to become a hospice volunteer. Call Carol Tindal at (803) 905-7720.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
35°	23°	42° / 19°	39° / 18°	40° / 19°	46° / 31°
Chance of rain: 30%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 10%
N 6-12 mph	WNW 4-8 mph	NW 10-20 mph	WNW 4-8 mph	N 3-6 mph	ESE 3-6 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS

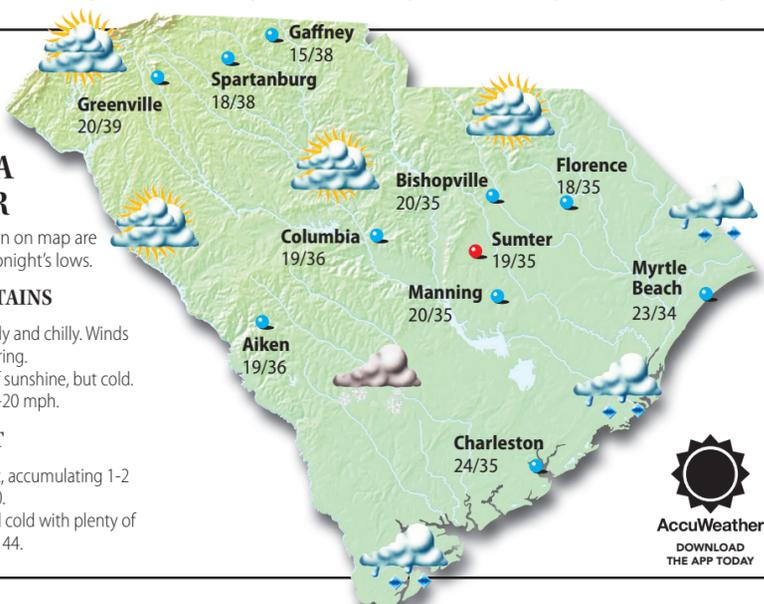
Today: Mainly cloudy and chilly. Winds south 4-8 mph. Clearing.

Thursday: Plenty of sunshine, but cold. Winds northwest 10-20 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: A wintry mix, accumulating 1-2 inches. High 34 to 40.

Thursday: Brisk and cold with plenty of sunshine. High 40 to 44.



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SUMTER YESTERDAY

Temperature	
High	33°
Low	20°
Normal high	54°
Normal low	32°
Record high	80° in 1997
Record low	15° in 1984

Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Normal month to date	0.12"
Year to date	0.00"
Last year to date	1.34"
Normal year to date	0.12"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	354.80	-0.02
Marion	76.8	73.88	-0.07
Moultrie	75.5	74.01	none
Wateree	100	96.50	-0.12

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	8.47	-0.13
Congaree River	19	1.15	-0.13
Lynchies River	14	5.31	-0.37
Saluda River	14	2.50	-1.17
Up. Santee River	80	75.28	-0.28
Wateree River	24	4.70	-0.04

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:28 a.m.	Sunset	5:25 p.m.
Moonrise	7:33 p.m.	Moonset	8:44 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Jan. 8	Jan. 16	Jan. 24	Jan. 31

TIDES

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	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	9:51 p.m.	3.8	4:07 p.m.	-1.1
	10:17 a.m.	3.1	4:52 a.m.	-0.7
Thu.	10:44 a.m.	3.7	5:00 p.m.	-1.0
	11:12 a.m.	3.1	5:44 a.m.	-0.6

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	40/20/pc	33/19/s
Chicago	15/0/pc	11/-3/s
Dallas	47/25/s	45/28/pc
Detroit	16/3/sn	11/-2/pc
Houston	46/26/s	48/30/pc
Los Angeles	74/55/c	72/56/pc
New Orleans	44/29/s	45/30/pc
New York	28/22/pc	28/10/sn
Orlando	52/30/sh	51/30/s
Philadelphia	31/23/pc	29/11/sn
Phoenix	76/52/pc	76/49/s
San Francisco	60/53/r	62/53/sh
Wash., DC	35/25/pc	29/12/pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	36/13/c	24/11/s	Florence	35/23/sn	40/19/s
Athens	42/21/c	37/19/s	Gainesville	43/23/r	46/23/s
Augusta	38/23/c	42/19/s	Gastonia	39/22/c	35/15/s
Beaufort	38/27/sn	43/23/s	Goldboro	35/21/sn	37/17/s
Cape Hatteras	45/34/r	37/20/sn	Goose Creek	35/25/sn	42/20/s
Charleston	35/25/sn	43/22/s	Greensboro	35/17/c	31/14/s
Charlotte	38/20/c	35/18/s	Greenville	39/20/c	35/18/s
Clemson	39/21/c	37/17/s	Hickory	36/17/c	31/14/s
Columbia	36/24/c	42/20/s	Hilton Head	37/27/sn	43/23/s
Darlington	35/21/sn	38/18/s	Jacksonville, FL	43/28/i	46/25/s
Elizabeth City	40/27/sn	36/12/pc	La Grange	43/20/pc	37/17/s
Elizabethtown	31/21/sn	36/17/s	Macon	44/23/c	42/22/s
Fayetteville	35/23/sn	38/19/s	Marietta	40/17/pc	31/15/s
			Marion	38/14/c	29/11/s
			Mt. Pleasant	35/27/sn	42/22/s
			Myrtle Beach	34/25/sn	39/21/s
			Orangeburg	35/21/sn	40/18/s
			Port Royal	38/28/sn	42/24/s
			Raleigh	37/20/c	35/15/s
			Rock Hill	38/21/c	35/14/s
			Rockingham	33/19/c	36/16/s
			Savannah	38/25/i	43/21/s
			Spartanburg	38/20/c	34/15/s
			Summerville	36/23/sn	42/19/s
			Wilmington	36/22/c	40/19/s
			Winston-Salem	36/17/c	30/14/s

PUBLIC AGENDA

TOWN OF LYNCHBURG PLANNING COMMISSION
Today, 4 p.m., town hall

SUMTER FAIR PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING HORSE AND CATTLE
Thursday, Jan. 4, 6 p.m., Fair Memorial Building, 30 S. Artillery Drive

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Personal improvements should be your

goal. Fitness, proper nutrition and personal growth should be your focus. Don't take your anger out on others. Look inward before you put the blame elsewhere. Reevaluate and begin again.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll face some opposition if you aren't accommodating or you don't consider what others want or need. It's not always easy to please everyone, but finding common ground will help you get one step closer to your goals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Learn as you go. Listen carefully and observe the way others handle situations similar to your own. A change in a relationship you have with someone will be beneficial and prompt you to move forward. Speak from the heart.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Rethink your financial situation and where your money comes from. Look for alternate ways to use your qualifications in order to raise your standard of living. Moderation and reducing your overhead should also be considered. Avoid indulgent individuals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Look for ways to expand your interests, knowledge and connections. Attending networking functions and interacting with people who have a broader view of some of the trials you face will give you insight into future trends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emotional spending and overreacting to situations that are inevitable will be detrimental to achieving your personal goals. Moderate tactics may take longer, but in the end you will get what

you want. Overindulgence will only mask your problems.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let the changes happening around you cloud your vision. Look past what everyone else is doing and you'll find a way to protect your interests without getting caught in someone else's dilemmas. Stay focused and do what's best for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't give in to emotional spending. You can help by offering sound advice, not by putting your financial security in jeopardy. Older relatives will be a cause for worry. Do what you can, but not at your own expense.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make alterations at home that will cut your overhead and ease your stress. Having a system in place will give you a sense of accomplishment. Look over a settlement, contract or medical plan carefully before you apply your signature.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Listen and learn. Collaborating with someone who means a lot to you will ensure that you both get something out of your relationship. Strive for equality and stability, and be on the lookout for romance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Consider how well you get along with the people you are dealing with daily. You may need to make adjustments to the parity of some of your relationships if you feel you are being taken for granted.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotional spending will leave you low on cash. Think twice before you sign up for something you don't need. Discussing your plans with someone you trust will help discourage you from making a mistake. Don't burn bridges.

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SUMTER ANIMAL CONTROL PETS OF THE WEEK



CAN'T ADOPT BUT WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN SOME WAY? Sumter Animal Control will gladly accept donations of the following: Capstar flea control pills (at Petco or Tractor Supply), bleach (gallons or spray bottle), metal food and water bowls in all sizes, towels, waterless pet shampoo, dog cologne, kibble, puppy food, newspapers and leashes and collars. You can also make a tax-deductible donation via Paypal at sumterstrays@gmail.com. One hundred percent of your donation will be used for the animals at Sumter Animal Control.

TOP: Anita, a small to medium size young girl, has stunning honey colored eyes. Volunteers agree that her manners are perfect. She walks gently on a leash, never rushing ahead or pulling. She seems to be housebroken and does her business efficiently when let out of the kennel. Anita is a gentle, loving little lady, who will make someone very happy.

BELOW: Ace is an energetic young lad who is on the small to medium size, weighing in at 43 pounds. He seems to know the commands "sit" and "lay down." He likely had an owner who worked with him and gave him regular exercise. He would do well with a couple of kids to play with or a hiking buddy. Ace is friendly and really likes people and other dogs.

If you would like to meet Anita in kennel 28 or Ace in kennel 31, call the volunteer coordinator at (803) 774-3232 or stop by Sumter Animal Control, 1240 Winkles Road. We have many other adoptable dogs as well as animals who were found and are waiting for their owners to claim them. Check Sumter Animal Control on Facebook.

CLEMSON FOOTBALL



'The run is not over'

An Alabama defender wraps up Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant during the Tigers' 24-6 loss to the Crimson Tide on Monday in the Sugar Bowl playoff game in New Orleans.

BY MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Swinney promises disappointed Clemson will be back in CFP

BY PETE IACOBELLI
The Associated Press

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney had a strong message to deliver soon after his top-ranked Tigers were eliminated from the College Football Playoff — the run is not over.

Clemson, without NFL first-rounders in quarterback Deshaun Watson and receiver Mike Williams, were picked second in the ACC Atlantic this past summer. But the revamped Tigers rolled to a third consecutive Atlantic Coast Conference title and berth in Col-

lege Football Playoff.

Clemson fell to No. 4 Alabama 24-6, its new faces on offense finally looking over-matched with something to learn against the Crimson Tides' suffocating defense.

It was a disappointment for sure, Swinney said. But one the team will learn from,

grow from and return from.

"My expectation is to be right back here next year, right back in the middle of it, right back in the thick of it," Swinney said. "We have got a heck of a team coming back."

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CLEMSON FOOTBALL

Clemson QB Bryant harried by 'Bama defense

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — For Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant, replacing Deshaun Watson was never going to be easy.

Watson went down as one of the best college quarterbacks ever; his successor isn't there yet.

Bryant played well enough to get Clemson to a third straight College Football Playoff meeting with Alabama — and then it all went wrong.

He was intercepted twice — with both turnovers leading to Alabama touchdowns — and was sacked a season-high five times in a 24-6 loss in the Sugar Bowl on Monday night.

"We knew it would be a physical matchup. You have to give credit to those guys," Bryant said. "They played their butts off and we made critical errors."

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Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant (2) is sacked by Alabama defensive lineman Da'Shawn Hand (9) in the Crimson Tide's 24-6 victory in the Sugar Bowl on Monday in New Orleans.

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USC FOOTBALL

Year 3 questions for South Carolina's Muschamp



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South Carolina wide receiver Bryan Edwards (89) pulls in a pass in front of Michigan defensive back Lavert Hill (24) during the Gamecocks' 26-19 victory in the Outback Bowl on Monday in Tampa, Florida.

BY PETE IACOBELLI
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Now comes the hard part for South Carolina's Will Muschamp.

The Gamecocks second-year coach has proven — at Florida and South Carolina — that he can quickly turn a struggling team into a winning one. He led the Gamecocks from three victories in 2015 to a 9-4 mark after their 26-19 comeback win over Michigan in the Outback Bowl.

The unknown is whether Muschamp can build off the good vibes and keep the Gamecocks rising in the Southeastern Conference. Two years after leading the Gators to an 11-win season and a Sugar Bowl berth, Muschamp after Florida went a combined 11-13 in 2013 and 2014.

That's why shortly after South Carolina's bowl win, a Gatorade-drenched, happy Muschamp thanked the seniors and those underclassmen not returning. Then he told the rest of the players the job was nowhere near complete.

"When you come back in in January, all gas, no brakes," he said. "Let's get

ready to roll, and that's what we need. You've got to keep pressing forward. You've got to stay hungry in everything you do, and that's what we're going to do in our program."

South Carolina went 5-3 in SEC play, also its best mark since Spurrier's time when it was 6-2 in 2013. The Gamecocks return most key contributors from this year's success, particularly quarterback Jake Bentley.

Bentley was a freshman inserted into the starting lineup midway through the 2016 season with the Gamecocks floundering. He led the team to a 4-2 finish and the postseason, an overtime loss to USF in the Birmingham Bowl. This time, Bentley threw for 239 yards and two touchdowns as South Carolina rallied from a 19-3 deficit.

The bowl win will keep the team fired up about what they can accomplish next year in the SEC, said Bentley, the game's MVP.

"Now, they know what it feels like to win a big bowl game and they want more," Bentley said.

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COMMENTARY

What is right move for USC with OC hire?

What to do, what to do, what to do. Will Muschamp has quite a decision to make in the next few days. The South Carolina football head coach has to decide whether Bryan McClendon will become his permanent offensive coordinator or if he will bring in someone



Dennis Brunson

else to run the offense since the Gamecocks' season is now over.

Now, it's not a career-altering decision for Muschamp, as some have made it out to

be. His career as a head coach doesn't hinge on Muschamp nailing this hire, but if he were to put someone in place to finally give him an offense that comes close to matching the defenses he has had, Muschamp would likely be locked in for a long career as a head coach.

Based on the view of someone on the outside looking in, McClendon didn't help Muschamp one iota in the decision-making process in his "dress rehearsal" debut in USC's 26-19 victory over Michigan on Monday in the Outback Bowl.

McClendon called his first game as an OC after the man he shared the co-offensive coordinator title with and called players, Kurt Roper, was relieved of his duties following the end of the regular season. Frankly, Carolina's offense, production and the way it unfolded looked pretty much the same under McClendon on Monday as it had in the previous 25 games under Roper, whom Muschamp brought in when he was hired as head coach prior to the 2016 season.

For the first 40 or so minutes of the game, South Carolina's offense looked totally inept against the Wolverines' nationally-ranked defense. However, it did look as though McClendon made some adjustments at half-time, and it began to show up late in the third quarter. The inability to adjust was one of the many criticisms leveled against Roper.

After Michigan kicked a field goal to go up 19-3 with 5:42 left in the third quarter, the Gamecocks looked dead in the water. They had three first downs and 93 yards of total offense to that point. When USC absolutely had to have a touchdown though, it did just that, going 77 yards in six plays.

The drive included two short passes by quarterback Jake Bentley to running back Rico Dowdle in the flat that went for 19 and 11 yards, respectively. Those plays took advantage of the Wolverines' ultra-aggressive defense. The drive ended with Carolina running an option to the short side of the field with Bentley pitching to Dowdle for a 17-yard TD run. That was a play for which Michigan was likely unprepared.

The Wolverines began their run of five turnovers in six possessions on the next possession with South Carolina recovering a fumble at the Michigan 21-yard line. The Gamecocks wasted no time as Bentley connected with wide receiver Bryan Edwards for a touchdown on first down to cut the lead to 19-16.

USC followed up with another long drive, going 81 yards in six plays. Facing third down and 17 yards to go from the USC 12, Bentley hooked up with tight end Hayden Hurst for a 23-yard

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
7:30 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Qatar ExxonMobil Open Early-Round Matches from Doha, Qatar (TENNIS).
11:30 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Qatar ExxonMobil Open Early-Round Matches from Doha, Qatar (TENNIS).
2:40 p.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Chelsea vs. Arsenal (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
3:30 p.m. — International Tennis: Hopman Cup Session 7 and 8 from Perth, Australia — Canada vs. Germany and Australia vs. Belgium (TENNIS).
6 p.m. — International Athletics: U.S. Olympic Trials from Milwaukee — Men's and Women's 1,000 Finals (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
6:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Marquette at Providence (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
6:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Mississippi at Georgia (SEC NETWORK).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Connecticut at Tulsa (ESPN2).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: North Carolina at Florida State (ESPN2).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Syracuse at Wake Forest (ESPN).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Clemson at Boston College (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWBD-FM 94.7, WPUB-FM 102.7).
8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Cleveland at Boston (ESPN).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: St. John's at Creighton (ESPN).
8 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Iowa State at Baylor (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
8 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Chicago at New York Rangers (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8:30 p.m. — College Basketball: St. Bonaventure at Dayton (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
8:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Kentucky at Louisiana State (SEC NETWORK).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Missouri at South Carolina (ESPN2, WDXY-FM 105.9, WKNT-FM 107.5, WDXY-AM 1240).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Oklahoma State at Oklahoma (ESPN).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Miami at Georgia Tech (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
9 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Brisbane International Early-Round Matches from Brisbane, Australia (TENNIS).
10:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Wyoming at Nevada (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
10:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Oklahoma City at Los Angeles Lakers (ESPN).
11 p.m. — Figure Skating: U.S. Championships from San Jose, Calif. — Ladies' Short Program (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
1 a.m. — High School Football: Under Armour All-America Game Practice from St. Petersburg, Fla. (ESPN).

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY
VARSITY AND JV BASKETBALL
 Hammond at Laurence Manning, 4 p.m.
B TEAM BASKETBALL
 Trinity-Byrnes at Thomas Sumter, 5 p.m.
 Middle School Basketball
 Lee Central at Cooper, 5:30 p.m.
VARSITY BOWLING
 Wilson Hall, Laurence Manning, Orangeburg Prep at Thomas Sumter (at Gamecock Lanes), 5 p.m.
VARSITY WRESTLING
 Fairfield Central at Sumter, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY
JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL
 Darlington at Lakewood, 6 p.m.
B TEAM BASKETBALL
 Cardinal Newman at Laurence Manning, 5 p.m.
 Clarendon Hall at Patrick Henry, 4 p.m.
MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL
 Alice Drive at Chestnut Oaks, 5 p.m.
 Bates at Furman, 5 p.m.
 Manning at Ebenezer, 5 p.m.
 Hillcrest at Mayewood, 5 p.m.
 Scott's Branch at Lee Central, 5:30 p.m.
VARSITY WRESTLING
 Carolina Forest, Spring Valley at Sumter, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY
VARSITY BASKETBALL
 Crestwood at Camden, 6 p.m.
 Lakewood at Darlington, 6 p.m.
VARSITY AND JV BASKETBALL
 Sumter at West Florence (Boys Only), 6 p.m.
 West Florence at Sumter (Girls Only), 6 p.m.
 Hanahan at Manning, 4 p.m.
 Lee Central at Central (No JV Girls), 5 p.m.
 Lamar at East Clarendon, 4:30 p.m.
 Timmonsville at Scott's Branch, 4 p.m.
 Wilson Hall at Northside Christian (No JV Girls), 5 p.m.
 Laurence Manning at Porter-Gaud, 4 p.m.
 Thomas Sumter at Carolina, 4 p.m.
 Calhoun at Robert E. Lee, 4 p.m.
 Holly Hill at Clarendon Hall, 4 p.m.
 Sumter Christian at South Pointe Christian (Boys Only), 4 p.m.

SATURDAY
VARSITY AND JV BASKETBALL
 Manning at Scott's Branch, 2 p.m.
B TEAM BASKETBALL
 Laurence Manning at Heathwood Hall, 10 a.m.
 Dillon Christian at Thomas Sumter, 11 a.m.
MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL
 Furman at Chestnut Oaks, noon
 Hillcrest at Manning, noon

SUNDAY
VARSITY AND JV BASKETBALL
 Sumter at West Florence (Boys Only), 6 p.m.
 West Florence at Sumter (Girls Only), 6 p.m.
 Hanahan at Manning, 4 p.m.
 Lee Central at Central (No JV Girls), 5 p.m.
 Lamar at East Clarendon, 4:30 p.m.
 Timmonsville at Scott's Branch, 4 p.m.
 Wilson Hall at Northside Christian (No JV Girls), 5 p.m.
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 Columbus at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
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 Los Angeles at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
 Nashville at Vegas, 10 p.m.
 Anaheim at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

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 New Jersey at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Calgary, 9 p.m.
 Anaheim at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
 Columbus at Colorado, 9 p.m.
 Nashville at Arizona, 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 22
Bahamas Bowl
 Nassau
 Ohio 41, UAB 6
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
 Boise
 Wyoming 37, Central Michigan 14
SATURDAY, DEC. 23
Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl

SUNDAY, JAN. 13
 New Orleans/Carolina/Atlanta at Philadelphia, 4:35 p.m. (NBC)
 Kansas City/Tennessee/Bufalo 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	30	10	.750	—
Toronto	25	10	.714	2½
New York	18	18	.500	10
Philadelphia	17	19	.472	11
Brooklyn	14	23	.378	14½

Southeast Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Washington	21	16	.568	—
Miami	19	17	.528	1½
Charlotte	13	23	.361	7½
Orlando	12	26	.316	9½
Atlanta	10	26	.278	10½

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	24	12	.667	—
Detroit	20	15	.571	3½
Milwaukee	19	16	.543	4½
Indiana	19	18	.514	5½
Chicago	13	24	.351	11½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	26	9	.743	—
San Antonio	25	12	.676	2
New Orleans	18	18	.500	8½
Dallas	13	25	.342	14½
Memphis	12	25	.324	15

Northwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	24	14	.632	—
Oklahoma City	20	17	.541	3½
Portland	19	17	.528	4
Denver	19	17	.528	4
Utah	16	21	.432	7½

Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Golden State	29	8	.784	—
L.A. Clippers	16	19	.457	12
Phoenix	14	24	.368	15½
Sacramento	12	24	.333	16½
L.A. Lakers	11	25	.306	17½

MONDAY'S GAMES
 Brooklyn 98, Orlando 95
 Toronto 131, Milwaukee 127, OT
 Minnesota 114, L.A. Lakers 96
 Portland 124, Chicago 120, OT
TUESDAY'S GAMES
 Portland at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Atlanta at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Charlotte at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
 Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES
 Houston at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 New York at Washington, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Detroit at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
 Cleveland at Boston, 8 p.m.
 Indiana at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
 Toronto at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Golden State at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 New Orleans at Utah, 9 p.m.
 Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Golden State at Houston, 8 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
Atlantic Division										
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA				
Tampa Bay	38	28	8	2	58	144	93			
Boston	37	21	10	6	48	114	94			
Toronto	40	23	15	2	48	135	118			
Florida	38	17	16	5	39	108	121			
Detroit	38	15	16	7	37	104	119			
Montreal	39	16	19	4	36	100	122			
Ottawa	37	12	17	8	32	98	128			
Buffalo	39	10	20	9	29	86	129			

Metropolitan Division										
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA				
Washington	40	24	13	3	51	123	113			
New Jersey	38	22	10	6	50	121	113			
N.Y. Rangers	39	21	13	5	47	123	109			
Columbus	40	22	15	3	47	113	114			
N.Y. Islanders	39	20	15	4	44	136	139			
Carolina	38	18	13	7	43	106	114			
Pittsburgh	40	19	18	3	41	111	128			
Philadelphia	38	16	14	8	40	106	109			

WESTERN CONFERENCE										
Central Division										
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA				
Winnipeg	40	23	11	6	52	134	110			
Nashville	38	23	10	5	51	123	104			
St. Louis	41	24	15	2	50	119	102			
Dallas	40	22	15	3	47	122	112			
Minnesota	39	20	16	3	43	110	113			
Chicago	38	18	14	6	42	112	106			
Colorado	38	19	16	3	41	123	120			

Pacific Division										
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA				
Vegas	37	26	9	2	54	132	106			
Los Angeles	39	23	11	5	51	115	91			
San Jose	36	20	12	4	44	98	92			
Anaheim	40	18	14	8	44	109	115			
Calgary	39	19	16	4	42	108	114			
Edmonton	39	17	19	3	37	114	126			
Vancouver	39	16	18	5	37	106	127			
Arizona	41	9	27	5	23	94	146			

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

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FRIDAY, DEC. 19
Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl
 FAU 50, Akron 3
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20
Frisco (Texas) Bowl
 Louisiana Tech 51, SMU 10
THURSDAY, DEC. 21
Gasparilla Bowl
 At St. Petersburg, Fla.
 Temple 28, FIU 3
FRIDAY, DEC. 22
Bahamas Bowl
 Nassau
 Ohio 41, UAB 6
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
 Boise
 Wyoming 37, Central Michigan 14
SATURDAY, DEC. 23
Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl

South Florida 38, Texas Tech 34
Armed Forces Bowl
 Fort Worth, Texas
 Army 42, San Diego State 35
Dollar General Bowl
 Mobile, Ala.
 Appalachian State 34, Toledo 0

SUNDAY, DEC. 24
Hawaii Bowl
 Honolulu
 Fresno State 33, Houston 27

TUESDAY, DEC. 26
Heart of Dallas Bowl
 Utah 30, West Virginia 14
Quick Lane Bowl
 Detroit
 Duke 36, Northern Illinois 14
Cactus Bowl
 Phoenix
 Kansas State 35, UCLA 17

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27
Independence Bowl
 Shreveport, La.
 Florida State 42, Southern Mississippi 13
Flintstone Bowl
 Bronx, N.Y.
 Iowa 27, Boston College 20
Foster Farms Bowl
 Santa Clara, Calif.
 Purdue 38, Arizona 35
Texas Bowl
 Houston
 Texas 33, Missouri 16

THURSDAY, DEC. 28
Military Bowl
 Annapolis, Md.
 Navy 49, Virginia 7
Camping World Bowl
 Orlando, Fla.
 Oklahoma State 30, Virginia Tech 21
Alamo Bowl
 San Antonio
 TCU 39, Stanford 37
Holiday Bowl
 San Diego
 Michigan State 42, Washington State 17

FRIDAY, DEC. 29
Belk Bowl
 Charlotte, N.C.
 Wake Forest 55, Texas A&M 52
Sun Bowl
 El Paso, Texas
 North Carolina State 52, Arizona State 31
Musica City Bowl
 Nashville, Tenn.
 Northwestern 24, Kentucky 23
Arizona Bowl
 Tucson, Ariz.
 New Mexico State 26, Utah State 20, OT
Cotton Bowl Classic
 Arlington, Texas
 Ohio State 24, Southern Cal 7

SATURDAY, DEC. 30
TaxSlayer Bowl
 Jacksonville, Fla.
 Mississippi State 31, Louisville 27
Liberty Bowl
 Memphis, Tenn.
 Iowa State 21, Memphis 20
Fiesta Bowl
 Glendale, Ariz.
 Penn State 35, Washington 28
Orange Bowl
 Miami Gardens, Fla.
 Wisconsin 34, Miami 24

MONDAY, JAN. 1
Outback Bowl
 Tampa, Fla.
 South Carolina 26, Michigan 19
Peach Bowl
 Atlanta
 UCF 34, Auburn 27
Citrus Bowl
 Orlando, Fla.
 Notre Dame 21, LSU 17
Rose Bowl (CFP Semifinal)
 Pasadena, Calif.
 Georgia 54, Oklahoma 48, 2OT
Sugar Bowl (CFP Semifinal)
 New Orleans
 Alabama 24, Clemson 6

MONDAY, JAN. 8
College Football Championship
 Atlanta
 Georgia (13-1) vs. Alabama (12-1), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

SATURDAY, JAN. 20
East-West Shrine Classic
 At St. Petersburg, Fla.
 East vs. West, 3 p.m. (NFLN)
NFLPA Collegiate Bowl
 At Carson, Calif.
 American vs. National, 4 p.m. (FS1)

SATURDAY, JAN. 27
Senior Bowl
 At Mobile, Ala.
 North vs. South, 2:30 p.m. (NFLN)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

USA TODAY MEN'S BASKETBALL POLL
 The top 25 teams in the USA Today men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 1, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Michigan State (25)	14-1	745	2
2. Duke (4)	13-1	720	3
3. Villanova (1)	13-1	658	1
4. Xavier	14-1	643	5

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Particularly on offense where quarterback Kelly Bryant, tailback Travis Etienne and receivers Ray-Ray McCloud, Tee Higgins and Amari Rodgers will have another year of experience. Bryant filled in capably for Watson, leading a changed attack that saw more emphasis on the ground instead of the air as Watson did in Clemson's national title season of 2016. Guard Taylor Hearn has said he'll go pro instead of playing a final season with the Tigers.

Defense could be a bit trickier, depending on how many of Clemson's defensive line opts for the NFL. Defensive end Clelin Ferrell, the team's sacks leader this fall, and tackle Christian Wilkins are consensus first-round draft picks. Defensive end Austin Bryant, another underclassmen, is also weighing his options. The only certain to return is disruptive tackle Dexter Lawrence, a junior.

Players have until January 15 to declare for the NFL draft.

Bryant, who was second on the Tigers with 11 rushing touchdowns, was upset about the defeat. He had little doubt, though, about his team's resolve heading into next year.

"The mindset over there," he said of the Tigers. "We stick together."

SOME THINGS TO WATCH AT CLEMSON THIS OFFSEASON:

NFL DECISIONS: Wilkins, Ferrell and Bryant are not the only underclassmen considering whether to stay or go. All ACC tackle Mitch Hyatt, receiver Deon Cain, safety Van Smith and linebacker Kendall Joseph are all weighing their options. Most all in the postgame interviews said they were heading home for a few days to talk over their futures with their families before choosing. Wilkins, who has graduated, is a junior who asked to be honored with seniors on Clemson's senior day against Citadel on Nov. 18.

QB BATTLE? Expect a healthy debate — at least among fans — about the starting quarterback job this offseason. While Bryant has excelled this year, many supporters are looking to incoming freshman Trevor Lawrence to supplant the senior next fall. Lawrence was rated the No. 1 overall prospect coming out of Cartersville High in Georgia. Swinney is loyal to upperclassmen,



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Clemson linebacker Kendall Joseph (34) and defensive tackle Christian Wilkins celebrate a fumble recovery in the second half of the Tigers' 24-6 loss to Alabama in the Sugar Bowl on Monday in New Orleans.

ALABAMA 24, CLEMSON 6					
Alabama	10	0	14	0	-24
Clemson	0	3	3	0	-6
First Quarter					
BAMA	FG	Pappanastos	24	5:23	
BAMA	Ridley	12	pass from Hurts (Pappanastos kick)	:12	
Second Quarter					
CLE	FG	Al.Spence	44	10:00	
Third Quarter					
CLE	FG	Al.Spence	42	12:45	
BAMA	Payne	1	pass from Hurts (Pappanastos kick)	5:40	
BAMA	M.Wilson	18	interception return (Pappanastos kick)	5:27	
A				72:36.0	
First downs	16	BAMA	14	CLE	
Rushes-yards	42-141		33-64		
Passing	120		124		
Comp-Att-Int	16-24-0		18-37-2		
Return Yards	78		65		
Punts-Avg.	6-32.16		7-35.0		
Fumbles-Lost	1-1		0-0		
Penalties-Yards	2-10		4-29		
Time of Possession	32:11		27:49		

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING Alabama, D.Harris 19-77, Hurts 11-40, Scarborough 12-24, Clemson, Etienne 4-22, K.Bryant 19-19, Choice 5-14, Feaster 4-10, (Team) 1-(minus 1).
PASSING Alabama, Hurts 16-24-0-120, Clemson, Feaster 0-1-0-0, K.Bryant 18-36-2-124.
RECEIVING Alabama, Ridley 4-39, Ruggs 2-25, Scarborough 2-16, D.Harris 2-4, Jacobs 2-3, N.Harris 1-22, I.Smith 1-6, D.Smith 1-4, Payne 1-1, Clemson, Cain 6-75, H.Renfrow 5-31, McCloud 3-1, Feaster 2-(minus 3), Rodgers 1-16, Richard 1-4.
MISSED FIELD GOALS Alabama, Pappanastos 38.

but may have regretted not starting then-freshman Deshaun Watson from game one in 2014 instead of senior Cole Stout in early losses at Georgia and Florida State. Watson took over after that.

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Clemson's previous two meetings with Alabama were thrilling, high-scoring national title tilts that came down to the wire. Watson threw for more than 400 yards in each of those games — a 45-40 loss two seasons ago and a 35-31 victory last season.

This season, they met in a CFP semifinal with Bryant hoping to lead the ACC champs past an Alabama squad that made it this far despite finishing second to Auburn in the Southeastern Conference's West Division.

Coming in, Bryant had accounted for 3,504 yards and 24 touchdowns from scrimmage this season: 2,678 yards and 13 TDs through the air, and 826 yards and 11 TDs on the ground.

But Alabama coach Nick Saban had a month to prepare for Clemson's 2017 offense, as opposed to one week before each of the previous two championship games.

"Kelly Bryant, I think he is actually a little more athletic than Deshaun Watson. He's definitely faster and he likes to run," Alabama defensive back Anthony Averett said. "We disguised very well and confused him a little bit and I think that made a difference."

So did Alabama's relentless pass rush.

"Coach put emphasis on just being destructive in our pass rushing and just keeping in our pass-rushing lanes," said Alabama defensive lineman Da'Ron Payne, who had an interception of a pass altered by teammate Anfernee Jen-

nings' near sack. "We did a good job of locking in during the practice and just getting after them as a whole defense."

Bryant finished with 18 completions on 36 passes for 124 yards. He also was held to 19 yards rushing against Alabama, whose swarming defense unsettled him much of the night.

"It was just us making critical errors and shooting ourselves in the foot," Bryant said. "We had great play calls but everybody wasn't on the same page. We'll learn from it."

Clemson's offense finished with 188 total yards after averaging 448.1 yards and 35.4 points per game.

"We didn't protect our quarterback well at all," Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said.

Both of Bryant's interceptions occurred on altered or tipped passes.

The first came when Jennings hit Bryant's arm as he released the ball. The errant pass fluttered to Payne, who returned his interception 21 yards — 2 yards more than Bryant's longest completion of the game.

"We will be sick when we watch it on tape. Kelly is getting ready to pull the trigger and throw it. And we get sacked. The ball comes out. They get it," Swinney said. "So, again, it's a game of a few inches. And they made the plays and we didn't. So, just really that simple. That's what it comes down to, missed opportunities. But they forced those missed opportunities."

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THINGS TO WATCH DURING THE OFFSEASON AT USC:

NEW OC: One of Muschamp's biggest tasks will be finding a new play caller to replace fired offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Kurt Roper. Roper was with Muschamp for his final season at Florida and both years at South Carolina, where the offense underachieved. The Gamecocks were 12th in SEC scoring, up from 13th in Muschamp's first season. Wide receivers coach Bryan McClendon called plays in the Outback Bowl and is a candidate for the job. Muschamp, though, might want to look elsewhere for a

coordinator who can jazz up an offense that scored just 24 points a game.

NO MOORE: The Gamecocks will need to find a replacement for one of the program's all-time greats in linebacker Skai Moore. The senior returned from a neck injury to lead the team in tackles for a fourth season, something only 15 NCAA Division I players have done. Moore also tied the team's career mark with 14 interceptions. Sophomore T.J. Brunson should be the spotlight linebacker next season.

HURST GONE: Tight end Hayden Hurst, the 24-year-old who played pro baseball before joining South Carolina, is off to the NFL draft, meaning the Gamecocks will lose one

of their most reliable pass catchers and best blocker at the position. Hurst was second on the Gamecocks with 44 catches this season.

REINFORCEMENTS: South Carolina will be bolstered by the return of a couple of injured players who seemed tagged for the NFL draft earlier this season. Receiver Deebo Samuel had six touchdowns, including two kickoff return scores, before fracturing a bone in his leg in a loss to Kentucky on Sept. 16. The junior said earlier this season he'd be back for his senior year. Starting linebacker Bryson Allen-Williams hurt his shoulder and week later and did not play again. Like Samuel, Allen-Williams said he'd come back in 2018.

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gain. After getting another first down at the Carolina 47, Bentley went up top to wide receiver Shi Smith, hitting him in stride for a 53-yard scoring pass to put South Carolina in the lead.

So, yes on McClendon or no? It depends on how you view Monday's performance and exactly what he means to the coaching staff. Even if the Gamecocks had been either stupendous or awful on offense, it is hard to make such a judgment based on one game, especially for someone calling his first game. The strong finish likely muddied the waters a bit.

One thing that is certain with McClendon though is that he can recruit, and it is amazing how top-of-the-line athletes can improve an OC's prowess at calling a game. With reports out that Tennessee may be willing to take McClendon on as an offensive coordinator, if he doesn't get the USC job it could easily leave the door open for him to bolt.

Taking a chance on a play caller and holding on to a recruiting firepower makes sense.

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According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Americans put 169 million tons of waste into landfills every year. About 28.2% of that waste is yard trimming and food, which could be used for compost and mulch. Turning your Christmas tree into mulch is simple in Sumter! You can take your live Christmas tree to Dillon Park by January 20th and it will be ground up. You can even take some free mulch home with you if you pick it up between 7am and 9am on January 20th.

Mulch may not seem that important but it provides a whole host of benefits in your yard. Here's a list of ways mulch can benefit your yard and garden:

- Reduce evaporation of water

from the soil

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- Reduce erosion
- Add nutrients to the soil as it decays
- And much more!

If you'd like to learn more about mulch, check out HGIC fact sheet 1604 at www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic.

And if you'd like to participate in this year's Grinding of the Greens, drop off your live Christmas trees (no wreaths, garland, ornaments, or tree stands please) at Dillon Park by Jan 20. The grinding of the trees will take place on that date. Bring your own bag to Dillon Park to pick up your free mulch January 20 from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. Mulch is given out on a first come, first serve basis. For more information contact Sumter County Public Works at 803-436-2241.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

S-E-C! S-E-C! Alabama vs. Georgia for national championship

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
The Associated Press

S-E-C! S-E-C!
Alabama and Georgia won their College Football Playoff semifinals on Monday and will meet in the national championship next week in Atlanta, the home of the Southeastern Conference title game.
“Couldn’t have scripted it better in some ways,” SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey said. “It will be one of the sweetest drives from Birmingham (Alabama, where the SEC offices are located) to Atlanta that we’ve ever experienced.”
The fourth-ranked Clemson Tide smothered No. 1 Clemson 24-6 in their Sugar Bowl rubber match after the third-ranked Bulldogs won the first overtime in Rose Bowl history, a wild 54-48 victory that eliminated No. 2 Oklahoma and Heisman Trophy winner Baker Mayfield.

It will be the second time in seven seasons that the national title will come down to two SEC teams. Alabama beat LSU in New Orleans to win the 2011 championship.

At least this all-SEC affair next Monday night won’t be a rematch: Georgia and Alabama did not play in 2017.

Both will be making a return trip to Mercedes-Benz Stadium. Alabama started its season in the shiny new home of the Atlanta Falcons by beating Florida State. The Tide hoped it would be the first of three trips to Atlanta, but it let the second one slip away. Alabama’s regular-season finale loss at Auburn cost the Tide the SEC West and spot in the conference title game against Georgia.

It did not, however, cost the Crimson Tide a playoff spot. The College Football Playoff selection committee gave Alabama the final spot even though the Tide failed to win its conference. Did Alabama deserve the benefit of the doubt after a season in which it was low on marquee victories? Ohio State fans didn’t think so, and the Buckeyes finished fifth in the final CFP rankings.

Fueled by the doubters, Alabama smashed the defending national champions from Clemson. The Crimson Tide will be playing in the title game for the third straight season and looking for its fifth national championship under Nick Saban since 2009.

The Bulldogs made the playoff by avenging a late-season loss to Auburn, beating the Tigers in the SEC title game on Dec. 2 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, about 70 miles from its campus in Athens.

“Going back home to Atlanta,” Georgia star tailback Nick Chubb said. “We’ve been there before and hopefully we can get the same outcome, but we’ve got a lot of preparation to do before that.”

The SEC title was Georgia’s first since 2005. The Bulldogs have not won a national championship since 1980 and they have also not beaten Alabama since 2007, Saban’s first season in Tuscaloosa. They have only played three times since then with the Crimson Tide winning each, including a classic SEC championship game at the old Georgia Dome in 2012.

The Bulldogs’ failure to win championships, conference and national, was the main reason Georgia pushed out longtime coach Mark Richt and replaced him with former Alabama assistant and Georgia alum Kirby Smart in 2016.

The Bulldogs were hoping replicate Saban’s process and now they’ll get to see how they measure up against the master.

“I’m proud of the job he’s done,” Saban said of Smart. “I’m sure it will be a great football game.”

Smart’s first season in Athens was a so-so 8-5 campaign, but the Bulldogs have taken off in year two, led by stellar group of seniors that includes 1,000-yard rushers Sony Michel and Chubb.

“It’s crazy. This is what we all came back for,” said Georgia linebacker Lorenzo Carter, who blocked a field goal in the second overtime of the Bulldogs’ victory against Oklahoma. “We all have been work-

ing hard and this is what we were working toward.”

The Alabama-LSU BCS championship game in New Orleans in 2012 turned out to be one of the final blows for the failing postseason system. Plenty of fans outside SEC country won’t be thrilled to see one-conference affair for the title again — and it might not be great for television ratings outside of the Deep South — but it won’t kill the four-year-old playoff. Sankey said he did not want to speak for the other conference commissioners, but “there’s recognition we have put in place a good process and a good system.”

The irony of the SEC monopolizing this national championship game is that the

league is not regarded as the clear-cut best in college football this season. Unlike in 2011, when the conference was in the middle of a run of seven straight national titles, the SEC seemed top heavy with Alabama and the rest.

“The messaging in the pre-season was down year, one-team league,” Sankey said after attending the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California.

The two playoff victories give the SEC a 4-5 record in this year’s bowl games. As Sankey pointed out, that included a one-point loss by Kentucky after its best tailback was ejected, a three-point loss by Texas A&M with an interim coach and competitive losses by Auburn and LSU.



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Georgia tailback Sony Michel (1) celebrates with teammates after scoring the game-winning touchdown in the second overtime to give the Bulldogs a 54-48 win over Oklahoma in the Rose Bowl on Monday in Pasadena, California.

Kid Scoop

Owen and Mzee: A Most Unusual Friendship (A True Story!)

Hi there! My name is Mzee. I’m about 130 years old (I don’t bother to keep track of my birthdays anymore). Here’s the story of how I met my best friend named Owen.



World News Tribune Herald
TSUNAMI’S MASSIVE DESTRUCTION
Back in 2004, there was a terrible tsunami that caused unbelievable damage and loss of life in Southeast Asia and Africa. Your parents probably read about it.

In Kenya, a baby hippo was left stranded on a coral reef. He was too tired and frightened to get back to shore by himself. Hundreds of villagers and visitors worked together to rescue the young hippo.

A man named Owen Sobien was able to tackle the slippery hippo long enough for others to drape a net over him. The hippo was named Owen in his honor.

Owen was moved to Haller Park, Kenya, where I live.

Now, I’ve always preferred to be by myself. But Owen just kept following me around.

If I walked away, he’d follow me. At first, I felt a little embarrassed and annoyed when he would crouch beside me like a baby hippo does with its mom.

But Owen was a nice enough kid. And without a mother, he needed someone to show him how to find food, so I did.



People wonder why we became such close friends. Some think it’s maybe because my round shell looked a little like another hippo to Owen. What do YOU think?



Standards Link: Life Science: Animal patterns of behavior are related to the nature of their environment.

Hippo or Tortoise?

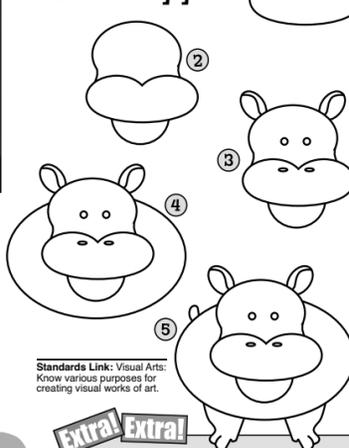
Do the math to find out which facts describe a hippo and which describe a tortoise. If the answer is less than 10, it describes a hippo. If the answer is more than 15, it describes a tortoise. If the answer is between 10 and 15, it is true for both hippos and tortoises.

- Lives to be 200 years old. $9 + 7 =$
- Lived with the dinosaurs. $19 - 4 =$
- Is an herbivore. $6 + 5 =$
- Likes to swim. $7 + 5 =$
- Its closest living relative is a whale. $3 + 6 =$
- Can run faster than a human. $4 + 3 =$



Standards Link: Number Sense: Add and subtract whole numbers.

Draw a hippo!



Standards Link: Visual Arts: Know various purposes for creating visual works of art.

Extra! Extra!

Friendship Search

Look through the newspaper and find:

- a friendly face
- a person acting like a friend
- a nice thing to do for a friend
- a word that describes you as a friend

Standards Link: Health: Know behaviors that communicate care, consideration and respect of self and others.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Unscramble the letters to find out what the word *hippopotamus* means in Latin.

ETWAR SHORE

Unscramble the letters to find out what Mzee means in Swahili.

SWIE DLO NMA

Standards Link: Reading: Read and follow directions appropriate to grades 1-5.

Kid Scoop Word Search

FRIENDSHIP Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

TSUNAMI

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C	N	R	C	L	N	F	O	R	O
U	R	Y	B	A	B	I	R	T	R
E	E	Z	M	H	F	E	E	R	C
F	R	I	E	N	D	S	H	I	P
E	N	E	N	E	I	B	O	S	D

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Rhyme Time

Look through the newspaper for pairs of words that rhyme. Use these words to write a little poem and give your poem to a friend.

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MILDRED CONNELLY

MANNING — Mildred Lucille Bowen "Millie" Connelly, 91, widow of John Ralph Connelly, died on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.



CONNELLY

Born on Dec. 3, 1926, in Evergreen, North Carolina, she was a daughter of the late Dewey Havana Bowen

and Anna Estelle Johnson Bowen. Millie was an avid golfer. She had a zest for life and a sense of humor to match. The highlight of her day was sitting on the front porch and socializing. No one was a stranger and always welcome to visit.

She is survived by two daughters, Susan N. Staszak of Fairfax, Virginia, and Jan M. Collinson of Austin, Texas; three grandchildren, Michael Staszak, Cassandra Kreiselmeyer and Cory Collinson; five great-grandchildren; four sisters, Beverly Paoloni, Sue Ackerman, Irma Naples and Brenda Masouras; and her special nephew, Dewey Griggs.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by an infant son, Gary N. Rosner.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday in the chapel of Stephens Funeral Home with the Rev. Kenneth Phelps officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 2 to 3 p.m. at Stephens Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

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

SPHINKS T. BRYANT JR.

MANNING — Sphinks Thomas Bryant Jr., 73, husband of Martha Faye Dewitt Culick Bryant, died on Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017, at the Dorn VA Medical Center.



BRYANT

Born on Jan. 17, 1944, in Manning, he was a son of the late Sphinks Thomas Bryant Sr. and

Pearl Hodge Bryant. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam War and retired from Crescent Tool Co. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was a member of Home Branch Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of Manning; three sons, Sphinks Bryant III and Robert Hankins, both of Manning, and David Hankins of Florida; three daughters, Desiree Bryant Lucas (Roger) of Manning, Lynn Daulton (Jeff) of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and Sue Charles of Pinewood; three brothers, Joe Bryant (Ann) of Sumter, Gerald Bryant of Manning and Dean Bryant (Lynda) of Florida; a sister, Rosa Geddings Southerly (Ted) of Sumter; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Patricia Hankins Bryant; a brother, Bobby Bryant; and his daughter-in-law, April Hall Bryant.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Home Branch Baptist Church with the Rev. Bennie Barwick and the Rev. John Hall officiating.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Stephens Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 128 Stonemark Lane, Columbia, SC 29210 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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

MILDRED JOHNS

DALZELL — Mildred Ione Hendricks Johns, age 97, died on Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.



JOHNS

Born and raised in Ball Club, Minnesota, she was a daughter of the late Frank and Vivian SchAAF Hendricks. Millie married and moved to Detroit,

where she raised her four children. She loved being around the water and many adventures. She even attempted kayaking at the age of 94. Although she faced lots of adversity in life, her determination and strong spirit always brought her through it. She was always proud of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and even her great-great-grandchildren. She loved watching all of them grow and celebrated with them in all of their accomplishments. She loved her family and will be dearly missed by all who knew her. She attended Getaway Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters-in-law, Patti Graham and her husband, Steve, of Greer and Reva Johns of Michigan; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her four children, Vivian Holmes, Williams Johns, Nancy Johns and Ed Johns; one granddaughter, Pat Holmes; and one son-in-law, Tom Holmes.

A funeral service will be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday at the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Charles Ahtonen officiating.

The family will receive friends on Thursday one hour prior to the service from 4 to 5 p.m. at Bullock Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Gateway Baptist Church, 536 Mimosa Road, Sumter, SC 29150 or The Salvation Army of Sumter, 16 Kendrick St., 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.

**NETTIE MAE COAKLEY**

Nettie Mae Coakley departed this life on Dec. 31, 2017, at Palmetto Health Heart Hospital in Columbia.

Born on Feb. 4, 1955, in Lee County, she was the youngest daughter of the late Joe and Nettie Bacote Coakley. She graduated from Mayewood High

School in 1973 and attended both Claflin College and the University of South Carolina. She was employed at Job's Mortuary until illness forced her to retire. She was a member of Irmo Church of God, where she made God her priority. She loved family time with her grandchildren. The three of them were her world.

She leaves to honor and cherish her memory: a loving and devoted daughter, Kenyatta Brown Washington (Derick) of Frederick, Maryland; her grandsons, Keaton and Karter, both of Frederick; granddaughter, Kennedy of Frederick; one sister, Edna Coakley of Charlotte, North Carolina; three brothers, Isaac Bacote (Christine) and Joseph Coakley of Jersey City, New Jersey, and Willie Coakley (Earline) of Sumter; godson, Juan McCoy of Columbia; and a host of nieces, nephews and many friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Bacote and George Bacote.

The family will be having visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today

at Job's Mortuary and before the service from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday at the church.

Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Irmo Church of God, 10215 Broad River Road, Irmo, SC 29063 with Pastor Randy Couder officiating.

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

Online memorials may be sent to the family at jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com or visit us on the web at www.jobsmortuary.net.

WALTER R. STRAW

Walter Ronald Straw, 76, died on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017, at his home.

Born on May 7, 1941, in Cherry Corners, Pennsylvania, he was a son of the late Gerald and Pearl Knepp Straw. He was a member of Westside Baptist Church and retired from Warren General Hospital after 34 years of service.

Survivors include a brother, Roy T. Straw (Emma) of East Jordan, Michigan; five sisters, Rose A. Kothera (Gary) of Sumter, M. Louise Atwood (Morrell) of Lake City, Florida, M. Joan Sly of Eustis, Florida, Patti A. Beam of Sumter and B. Terri Pitt (Damon) of Sumter; and a number of nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery with the Rev. Aaron Reed officiating.

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

SARA O. GEDDINGS

Sara Osteen Geddings, 92, widow of Horace Geddings, died on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018, at her home.

Born on Aug. 26, 1925, in Sumter, she was a daughter of the late John William and Bertha Johnson Osteen. She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church.

Survivors include five children, Linda Christianson of California, JoAnn Huneycut, Gail Geddings, Mike Geddings (Debbie) and Levy Geddings (Kim), all of Sumter; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a brother, John William Osteen Jr. of Aiken; a sister, Lucy Clark of Sumter; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, William Horace Geddings.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday at Bethel Baptist Church with the Rev. Larry Fraser officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery.

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

Memorials may be made to Bethel Baptist Church, 2401 Bethel Church Road, Sumter, SC 29154.

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

EVA M. LYTCH

Eva M. Lytch, affectionately known to her close family and friends as "Mae," entered eternal rest on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017, at McLeod Hospice House, Florence.

She was born on Aug. 17, 1934, to the late Eva and Lawton James. Eva was the second oldest daughter of five children, the Rev. Lawton James (deceased), Dorothy McFadden, Carlisle James (deceased) and Carrie Joe (deceased). Eva grew up in Wisacky and Elliott. She attended Dennis High School and graduated as salutatorian of her class in 1954. She went on to attend Allen University in Columbia, where she was active on campus, traveling with the concert choir, pledging Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and graduating with a bachelor's degree in chemistry with a minor in mathematics. After finishing Allen University, she completed some graduate studies at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg while work-

ing full time as a teacher and basketball coach at Dennis High School and Mount Pleasant High School in Lee County.

Upon a chance meeting at a football game at Morris College, Eva met the love of her life, Jack Lytch. Jack was drafted into the military in 1963 but he never forgot the beautiful teacher sitting in the stands at that football game. He fortuitously sent Eva a set of engagement rings in the mail with a letter asking her to marry him and she said yes. That single gesture began the story of a lifetime. Eva and Jack married on Oct. 15, 1964.

Eva and Jack traveled the world during Jack's early military career. After returning to the United States, they were stationed at several military bases across the country. In 1966, the couple welcomed their first child, Jackie, born in Sumter, and then soon after in 1969, Carroll, born in Tacoma, Washington. Samantha was born in 1975 at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. Eva taught math and science in each community the military stationed the family. She proudly spoke of being the first African-American teacher to integrate a school district in Tacoma. After the family moved to Elliott in 1979, Eva taught at Hartsville High School for close to 20 years.

She retired in 1998 after 38 years of teaching. After retiring, Eva remained active in her community, serving two terms on the Lee County School Board and as an appointee to the Lee County Mental Health Board. Eva was a devoted member of New Zion AME Church, where she gave tirelessly of her time and charity to the Women's Missionary Board, the youth department, senior choir and church trustee board. Jack and Eva were blessed with their first granddaughter, Kiyah Lytch-Davidson, in 2004.

Our mother believed in excellence and held others and herself to a high standard. She was a complex and intelligent woman, who was strict but fair, loyal, devoted to her family and friends and could run a Bid Whiz table or "cut a rug" when the mood hit her. She loved life and lived it on her terms.

Eva waged a courageous fight with many physical ailments and was a survivor of two occurrences of breast cancer. She lost her battle with a neuro-cognitive disorder that at times took her memories but not her spirit or her dignity.

She leaves behind many who love her including her beloved daughters, Samantha Lytch (Ricky) Shaw of Elliott, Dr. Carroll Lytch, Jackie Lytch and granddaughter, Kiyah Lytch-Davidson, all of Charlotte; her adopted son, Kenneth Wilson (Junior); sister, Dorothy McFadden of Elliott; sisters-in-law, Kathryn Wilson of Charlotte, Patricia (Tillman) Bailey, Sarah Louise (Charles) Bass and Helen (Wilson) Hyman of Laurinburg, North Carolina; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and lifelong friends that she treasured.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 1640 Elliott Highway 527, Elliott.

Wake service will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. today at John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel, Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at New Zion AME Church, 78 Elliott Highway, Bishopville, with the Rev. Archie S. Temoney, pastor, eulogist.

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

The procession will leave the home at 10:30 a.m.

Burial will be at the Florence National Cemetery, 803 E. National Cemetery Road, Florence.

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

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at

williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com. Visit us on the web at www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com.

RUBY MAE CHAMPAGNE

Ruby Mae Champagne, 74, transitioned to her heavenly home on Thursday, Dec. 28, 2017, at Palmetto Health Richland hospital, Columbia.

Born on July 13, 1943, in Sumter, she was a daughter of the late Clyde and Margaret Anthony Oliver. She received her schooling in the public schools of Sumter County. In her youth, she joined Antioch United Methodist Church. She was united in marriage to the late Johnnie Mickens and later united with Willie Champagne.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Willie Champagne of Sumter; four sons, John (Deborah) Mickens, Micheal Champagne and Willie J. Oliver, all of Sumter, and James (Faye) Mickens of Columbia; two daughters, Johnnie Mae Mickens of Maryland and Cheryl Mickens Tomlin of Sumter; one brother, James Oliver of Sumter; two sisters, Mary Oliver of Sumter and Margie (John Henry) Jenkins of New Jersey; 13 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 205 Armstrong Blvd., Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday at Antioch United Methodist Church, 4040 Dubose Siding Road, Sumter, with the Rev. Raymond Cook, pastor, eulogist.

The remains will be placed in the church at noon.

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

Burial will be at White's Cemetery.

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

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com.

Visit us on the web at www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com.

EVELYN R. MOORE

Evelyn Murdaugh Rahn Moore, 86, widow of the Rev. Thomas Edward Moore Jr., died on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018, at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center in Hartsville.

Born in Islandton, she was a daughter of the late O.H. Rahn and Marion Murdaugh Rahn. Mrs. Moore was a member of Sumter Baptist Temple. She was a retired owner and operator of Moore's Enterprises.

Surviving are three sons, Michael Edward Moore (Cathy) of Sumter, Richard Oliver Moore (Elaine) of Hartsville and Terry Jonathan Moore of Redwood City, California; a daughter, Theresa Moore Beach (Jeff) of Lexington; a sister, Joan Rohrbach (Jerome) of Hiram, Georgia; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday in the chapel of Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home with the Rev. Eddie Richardson officiating. Burial will be at Sumter Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Friday prior to the service at Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home and other times at the home of her son, 1104 Sterling St.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 107 Westpark Blvd., No. 220, Columbia, SC 29210 or WSSC Radio Ministry, 201 Oswego Hwy., Sumter, SC 29153.

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.



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SUMMONS (CLAIM AND DELIVERY) (NON-JURY)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. Plaintiff, vs. Edna Sanarita Yost and Suzette Yost Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT NAMED ABOVE: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer on the subscribers at their offices, 1640 St. Julian Place, Columbia, South Carolina 29202, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof; exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof; exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for a judgment by default granting the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint in the above-captioned were filed on October 31, 2017, in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina.

CRAWFORD & VON KELLER, LLC Post Office Box 4216 1640 St. Julian Place (29204) Columbia, South Carolina 29240 Telephone: (803) 790-2626 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CASE NO. 2017-CP-43-02252

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Specialized Loan Servicing LLC, PLAINTIFF,

VS. Tisha S. Johnson, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Evangeline Johnson a/k/a Evangeline Davis Johnson a/k/a Evangeline D. Johnson, Deceased; Aerial J., a minor, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Evangeline Johnson a/k/a Evangeline Davis Johnson a/k/a Evangeline D. Johnson, Deceased; Arkell J., a minor, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Evangeline Johnson a/k/a Evangeline Davis Johnson a/k/a Evangeline D. Johnson, Deceased; Any Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of the Estate of Evangeline Johnson a/k/a Evangeline Davis Johnson a/k/a Evangeline D. Johnson, Deceased; their heirs or devisees, successors and assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe; SC Housing Corp.; South Carolina Department of Revenue; and The United States of America, acting by and through its agency, The Internal Revenue Service, DEFENDANT(S).

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) AERIAL J., A MINOR, INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS LEGAL HEIR OR DEVISEE OF THE ESTATE OF EVANGELINE JOHNSON A/K/A EVANGELINE DAVIS JOHNSON A/K/A EVANGELINE D. JOHNSON, DECEASED AND ARKELL J., A MINOR, INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS LEGAL HEIR OR DEVISEE OF THE ESTATE OF EVANGELINE JOHNSON A/K/A EVANGELINE DAVIS JOHNSON A/K/A EVANGELINE D. JOHNSON, DECEASED ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action, copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve copy of your answer upon the undersigned at their offices, 2712 Middleburg Drive, Suite 200, P.O. Box 2065, Columbia, South Carolina 29202, within thirty (30) days after service hereof upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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

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

YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem to represent said minor(s) within thirty (30) days after the service of

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this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff(s) herein.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the original Complaint in the above entitled action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on November 21, 2017.

SCOTT AND CORLEY, P.A. Ronald C. Scott (rons@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #4996 Reginald P. Corley (reggiec@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #69453 Angelia J. Grant (angij@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #78334 Jessica S. Corley (jessicac@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #80470 Allison E. Heffernan (allisonh@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #68530 Matthew E. Rupert (matthewr@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #100740 William P. Stork (williams@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #100242 Louise M. Johnson (ceasej@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #16586 Tasha B. Thompson (tashat@scottandcorley.com), SC Bar #76415 ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF 2712 Middleburg Drive, Suite 200 Columbia, SC 29204 803-252-3340

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

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

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YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice

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upon you. If you fail to do so, Plaintiff will apply to have the appointment of the Guardian ad Litem Nisi, Anne Bell Fant, made absolute.

NOTICE

TO THE DEFENDANTS: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina on November 21, 2017.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the order appointing Anne Bell Fant, whose address is PO Box 796, Simpsonville, SC 29681, as Guardian Ad Litem Nisi for all persons whomsoever herein collectively designated as Richard Roe, defendants herein whose names and addresses are unknown, including any thereof who may be minors, incapacitated, or under other legal disability, whether residents or non-residents of South Carolina; for all named Defendants, addresses unknown, who may be infants, incapacitated, or under a legal disability; for any unknown heirs-at-law of Evangeline Johnson a/k/a Evangeline Davis Johnson a/k/a Evangeline D. Johnson, including their heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; and for all other unknown persons with any right, title, or interest in and to the real estate that is the subject of this foreclosure action, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on the 19th day of December, 2017.

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

LIS PENDENS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an action has been commenced by the Plaintiff above named against the Defendants above named for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage given by Evangeline Johnson to Bank of America, N.A., dated August 30, 2007, recorded September 4, 2007, in the office of the Clerk of Court/Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Book 1091, at Page 579; thereafter, said Mortgage was assigned to Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment instrument dated June 19, 2017 and recorded June 21, 2017 in Book 1234 at Page 846.

The description of the premises is as follows: All that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land, together with improvements thereon, if any, lying and being situate in the Township of Stateburg, County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, designated as Lot 8 of Fish Road Subdivision, containing 1.01 acres, more or less, and being shown and delineated on that plat prepared for Tripp Davis and Stephen Dinkins, by David A. Nesitt, RLS, dated December 2, 1999 and recorded July 25, 2000 in Plat Book 2000 at Page 510 in the records of the Register of Deeds Office for Sumter County. Reference to said plat is hereby craved for a more complete and accurate description.

This being the same property conveyed to Evangeline Johnson by deed of Central Carolina Homes, Inc., dated August 30, 2007 and recorded September 4, 2007 in Book 1091 at Page 576 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County.

TMS No. 0930002026

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Summons & Notice

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT (Non-Jury) Foreclosure

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT C/A #: 2017-CP-43-02107

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

TRUSTMARK NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff,

vs. REGINA H. GILES and SC HOUSING CORP. ACTING THROUGH SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S SOUTH CAROLINA HOMEOWNERSHIP AND EMPLOYMENT LENDING PROGRAM, Defendants.

TO THE DEFENDANT REGINA H. GILES ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Complaint upon the subscribers, at their office, 1703 Laurel Street (29201), Post Office Box 11682, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint in the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the original Complaint in the above entitled action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on November 6, 2017.

Benjamin E. Grimsley S.C. Bar No. 70335 Attorney for the Plaintiff P.O. Box 11682 Columbia, S.C. 29211 (803) 233-1177 bgrimsley@grimsleylaw.com

IN THE FAMILY COURT 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CASE NO. 2017-DR-21-817

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF FLORENCE

APRIL LAKEISHA GRANT, PLAINTIFF

vs. DEMETRICE JACOBY WILLIAMS, IN THE INTEREST OF FAITH ABELLA WILLIAMS, A MINOR WITH THE DATE OF BIRTH: MAY 25, 2010, DEFENDANT

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action, copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve copy of your answer upon the undersigned at his office 2301 S. Irby Street, Florence, SC 29505 within thirty (30) days of the service hereof upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer as aforesaid the Plaintiff herein will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in the Complaint and judgement by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED:

NOTICE is hereby given that the Complaint in the foregoing action, together with the Summons, of which the foregoing is copy, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Florence County, on the 23rd day of May 2017.

The Law Office Of Linward Edwards II Linward C. Edwards, Attorney for Plaintiff 2301 S. Irby Street Florence, SC 29505 (843)410-9605



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Don't miss your chance to see The Lettermen

1 show only at Sumter Opera House

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Lettermen, whose musical careers span more than five decades, will perform one night only at Sumter's Opera House.

The trio made famous by classic hits "The Way You Look Tonight," "Turn Around, Look at Me," "Hang on Sloopy," "Blue on Blue" and numerous others, will make a rare South Carolina appearance at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 14.

"We are excited to have them coming and apparently, we're not alone," Sumter Opera House Cultural Manager Seth Reimer stated in a news release. "Ticket sales have been steady since the announcement was first made. We still have some pretty good seats left, but I wouldn't procrastinate too long!"

"We have a finite number of seats," he said. "We're not like some of the large, outside venues that can bring in extra bleachers. Once the tickets are all gone, that's it. We won't have any more."

In the 1950s, The Lettermen began with Mike Barnett, Dick Stewart and Tony Butala, who is the only original member still with the trio.

Between 1962 and 1969, the group released 23 albums that included hits such as "You'll Never Walk Alone," "Put Your Head on My Shoulder," "Up, Up and Away" and "Going Out of My Head." They sang to

sold-out crowds in venues across the U.S. and abroad including Thailand, Singapore, Japan, the Philippines, Hong Kong, France, Mexico and Saudi Arabia.

With more than 10,000 sold-out shows, The Lettermen appeal to audiences of all ages, and their music stands the test of time.

Sumter Opera House Operations Manager Ellen Jansen echoed Reimer's comments and praised local support in the release. "We've got a lot of people coming from out of town who will be staying in our motels, eating at our restaurants and taking in everything Sumter has to offer while they are here," she said. "But it all starts with local community and business support. Without that, we couldn't bring these names to our stage."

The Lettermen have had two Top 10 singles, 16 Top 10 singles on the adult contemporary chart, 32 consecutive Billboard Magazine chart albums, 11 gold records and five Grammy nominations.

The group was inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 2001 and the Hit Parade Hall of Fame in 2012.

Tickets for The Lettermen are \$29 to \$35. Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St., has ample free parking.

For more information, visit www.SumterOperaHouse.com online or call (803) 436-2616.



40 years later, Debby Boone is still lighting up our lives

BY NICK THOMAS

Special to The Sumter Item

Her recording of "You Light Up My Life" not only became a monster hit of 1977, but it also went on to become one of the most popular songs of the decade.

"I have a hard time believing it's been 40 years," said Debby Boone recently from a hotel in Colorado as she prepared for a Christmas holiday concert. The album of the same title released that year became certified platinum (1 million in sales in the U.S.), yet it was never released on CD when the new music format became popular in the '80s.

"To celebrate its 40th anniversary, we have just released the original album on CD for the first time, along with additional tracks," explained Boone. Distributed by Real Gone Music in early December (see www.realgonemusic.com), more than a dozen bonus songs are featured on the disc including several vintage recordings of '60s pop classics such as "He's a Rebel" and "Popsicles and Icicles."

"It's been such a long time since these were recorded — some with my sisters — I didn't even realize some had never been released before."

Boone grew up in a musical family with three sisters, two parents and a grandfather (Red Foley) who were all singers. And while she may have been destined for a career in entertainment, it wasn't her original goal. "I've been an animal lover since I was a little girl and thought I might become a veterinarian. Then as I grew up and became more 'girly,' and considered being a hairstylist."

That all changed when she was 14 and accompanied her father, Pat Boone, on a working trip to Japan so the family could remain together.

"He made a mistake and put me in his show!" she said, laughing. "I got a taste of the work and loved it, so that's when I knew for the first time I had the ability to be an entertainer."

Just 21 when "You Light Up My Life" became a hit, Boone had to adapt to fame quickly (see www.debbyboone.com) and still recalls hearing the song for the first time.

"I came home to my parents' house and my mother said Mike Curb (Executive at Curb Records) had brought a cassette of this song they wanted me to record. At that point, I had only performed with the family, so I was shocked because we hadn't talked about me doing anything on my own. But I was pleased when I heard this lovely song and my parents were supportive when I flew to New York to record it."



Debby Boone is shown at a recent concert. She plans to tour and record CDs, a format not available 40 years ago.

PHOTOS PROVIDED

Boone first heard her version while driving. "It's a memory seared permanently in my mind. I was in the car with my best friend when the song came on the radio. We had to pull over because we were just screaming, and there were tears in my eyes."

Since that day Boone, now 61, says she's probably performed the song thousands of times with her renditions evolving over the years. "When I was younger I had a more powerful voice, but now I have a lot more maturity in my voice which I love. I think I command the lyrics better today than I did in my early 20s."

With a new year ahead, Boone says there are plans to release more albums as well as plenty of live performances. "So I'm looking forward to all that 2018 will bring."

And looking back, she says she's forever grateful for the success of her big hit four decades ago.

"Some people still consider me to be a one-hit wonder with 'You Light Up My Life' even though I've had No. 1 country records and won three Grammys. But I've had a strong public persona over the years and am still performing and recording after 40 years. People remember that song, but they also remember who sang it!"

Nick Thomas teaches at Auburn University at Montgomery, Alabama, and has written features, columns, and interviews for more than 650 newspapers and magazines. See www.tinseltown-talks.com.

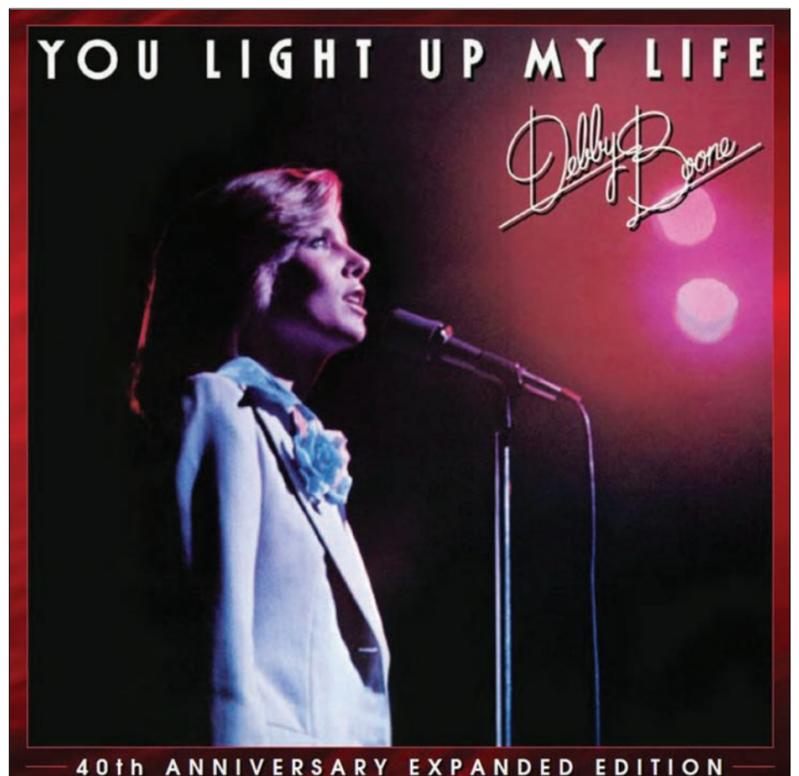


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Debby Boone is celebrating the 40th anniversary of her big hit, "You Light Up My Life," recorded when she was 21, with an updated release. Boone remembers hearing her version of the song for the first time while driving with her best friend: "We had to pull over because we were just screaming, and there were tears in my eyes."

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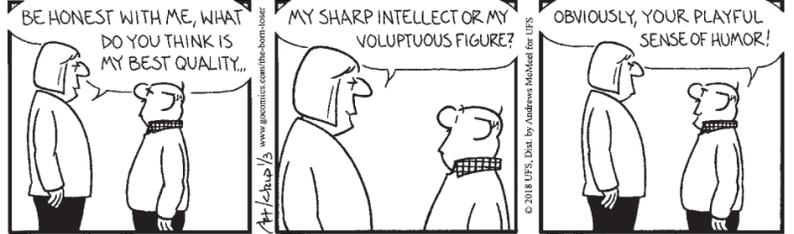
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Crush on mother-in-law's new husband stirs tension



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — My son and his wife have been together 10 years. They met and fell in love young. They are only 25 and have two beautiful children.

it because she would wait to hug him last and then hold him extra long.) My husband confided that he's flattered a 25-year-old gives him that much attention. Three years of this can be very wearing. Anything I can do and NOT lose my son?

ing that she does not remember her first sexual experience. I would be curious to understand why in the world, unless someone was inebriated, the person would not recall this huge milestone.

DEAR AWKWARD — Tell your son that it appears his wife has a crush on your husband and that while he is flattered that someone so young would find him attractive, her behavior makes both of you uncomfortable. Then let him explain to her that it is time to cool her engines.

DEAR BEWILDERED — Not every question needs an answer. If your wife's first experience was unpleasant or traumatic, she may have repressed the memory. Or she may simply prefer not to discuss it with you. My intuition tells me that you will have nothing to gain by continuing to push her. If you do, it not only won't bring you closer; it may do the opposite.

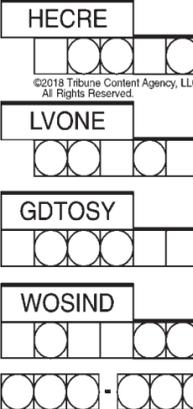
DEAR ABBY — My wife and I are in our 60s. We have been married for some time and are very open-minded. She keeps insist-

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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



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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GIVEN GLAND WINDOW HARDLY
Answer: The arm wrestler was about to win and had the match — WELL IN HAND

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

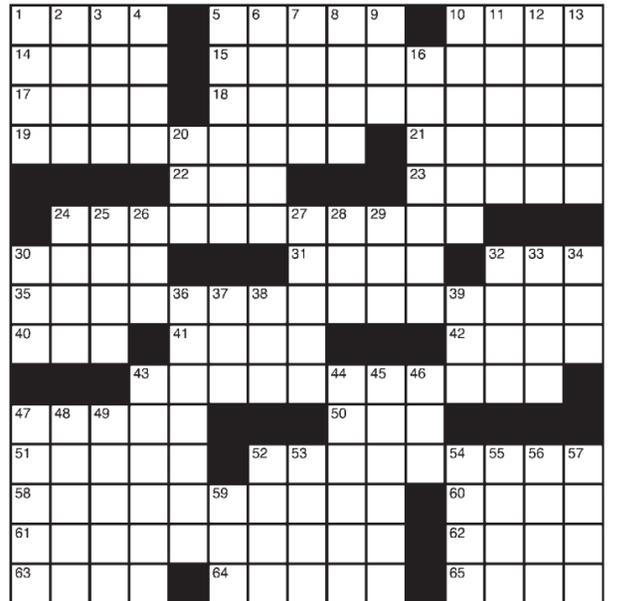
PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Ed Sessa

- ACROSS**
- 1 Lighthouse emission
 - 5 Routine material
 - 10 Mystery novelist Paretzsky
 - 14 "Sesame Street" giggler
 - 15 How cut-up raw veggies are often served
 - 17 "Bridge of Spies" spy Rudolf
 - 18 "Casablanca" actor
 - 19 Deliberately damage
 - 21 Some running shoes
 - 22 Made oneself scarce
 - 23 Bingo-like game
 - 24 Smoke from Cuba
 - 30 Euro pop?
 - 31 Go from pillar to post
 - 32 Gaza Strip gp.
 - 35 Milk
 - 40 Classified postings
 - 41 Word with hall or house
 - 42 pricing
 - 43 Some Downton Abbey staff
 - 47 38th-parallel land
- DOWN**
- 1 Young Cleaver, for short
 - 2 Idris of "Luther"
 - 3 Service call?
 - 4 Penicillin source
 - 5 She sang about McGee
 - 6 Iroquois tribe
 - 7 Willy or Lenny of Manhattan deli fame
 - 8 Pentathlon sword
 - 9 35mm camera type
- 10 Russell Candies
- 11 Heart chambers
- 12 Played over
- 13 "You cool!"
- 16 Selma's state
- 20 "So that's the puzzle theme!"
- 24 Torso topper
- 25 Torah chests
- 26 One of a vivacious pair?
- 27 Origami bird
- 28 Discontinued Saturn model
- 29 Noir weapon
- 30 School support org.
- 32 Cooped (up)
- 33 Co-worker of Clark
- 34 "The good is interred with their bones": Antony
- 36 Stuffed one's face
- 37 Throw on
- 38 Jettas, e.g.
- 39 Rev
- 43 Protégé
- 44 Midnight rider
- 45 Like a ripped-up check
- 46 Taylor of fashion
- 47 On the blink
- 48 Maureen of "The Quiet Man"
- 49 Wedding bands
- 52 Layered mineral
- 53 Arabian Sea sultanate
- 54 Loads
- 55 Vaccine holder
- 56 "Not only that ..."
- 57 Politburo no
- 59 "Newhart" production co.

1/3/18

Previous Puzzle Solved

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SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM
LOCAL CHANNELS												
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	The Blacklist "Ruin" Liz abandons her old life. (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Gone Baby Gone" A search for Benson's missing son. (N) (DVS)	Chicago P.D. "Rabbit Hole" Halstead puts his career on the line. (N) (DVS)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	The Amazing Race "You're a Champion, Prove It" Teams travel to their first destination.	SEAL Team "Pattern of Life" The team interrogates a Yemeni family. (N)	Criminal Minds "Submerged" A series of backyard pool homicides. (N) (DVS)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert "David Harbour, Julien Baker" Actor David Harbour, Julien Baker. (N)		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "America's Game" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Goldbergs "The Goldberg Girls" (N)	Speechless Jimmy convinces Maya to enjoy a night out.	Modern Family Claire's "She Shed" is denied. (N)	(-31) American Housewife "Blonde-tourage" (N)	Match Game (Season Premiere) Joel McHale, Niecy Nash, Mark Duplass. (N)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live
WRJA	27	11	14	Weekends With Yankee "Buried Treasure"	Expeditions With Patrick McMillan	Nature "Snow Monkeys" Snow monkeys in Japan. (DVS)	NOVA "Invisible Universe Revealed" Hubble Space Telescope's discoveries.	Aurora - Fire in the Sky: Origins and meaning of the aurora.	Amanpour on PBS (N)	BBC World News	NHK Newsline	
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Love Car Displacement"	The Big Bang Theory "The Allowance Evaporation"	The X-Files "My Struggle III" (Season Premiere) Mulder and Scully search for their son. (N)	9-1-1 "Pilot" (Series Premiere) An emergency response team helps people. (N)	(-01) WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Mandy's boyfriend impresses Mike.	Last Man Standing A Valentine's Day music video.	Riverdale "Chapter Fourteen: A Kiss Before Dying" Veronica learns her father has arrived.	Dynasty "I Hardly Recognized You" Fallon's job is lost to someone else.	Dateline "The Hometown Hero & the Homecoming Queen" A man is killed in his backyard.	Dateline "Smoke and Mirrors" A Chicago woman goes missing.	The Game Melanie and Tasha prepare for a show.		
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	46	130	Storage Wars	Storage Wars "Buys and Dolls"	Storage Wars	Storage Wars "A Fistful of Dollar"	Ozzy and Jack's World Detour Ozzy and Jack arrive in Alaska. (N)	(-01) Ozzy and Jack's World Detour Ozzy and Jack thank their wives.	(-05) Storage Wars	(-33) Storage Wars	(12:03) Storage Wars	
AMC	48	180	(4:30) *** "Armageddon" (1998) Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton.	*** "Enemy of the State" (1998, Suspense) Will Smith, Gene Hackman, Jon Voight. Incriminating tape.	*** "Enemy of the State" (1998, Suspense) Will Smith, Gene Hackman, Jon Voight. Incriminating tape.	*** "Enemy of the State" (1998, Suspense) Will Smith, Gene Hackman, Jon Voight. Incriminating tape.	*** "Enemy of the State" (1998, Suspense) Will Smith, Gene Hackman, Jon Voight. Incriminating tape.	*** "Enemy of the State" (1998, Suspense) Will Smith, Gene Hackman, Jon Voight. Incriminating tape.	*** "Black Hawk Down" (2001, War) Josh Hartnett, Ewan McGregor, Tom Sizemore.	*** "Black Hawk Down" (2001, War) Josh Hartnett, Ewan McGregor, Tom Sizemore.	*** "Black Hawk Down" (2001, War) Josh Hartnett, Ewan McGregor, Tom Sizemore.	*** "Black Hawk Down" (2001, War) Josh Hartnett, Ewan McGregor, Tom Sizemore.
ANPL	41	100	Tanked "Ty Dolla's Fresh Tank"	Tanked Samtec wants a shark tank.	Tanked "Shark Buffet"	Tanked "Shark Buffet"	Tanked "Shark Buffet"	Tanked "Shark Buffet"				
BET	61	162	(5:00) "The Single Moms Club" (2014)	(:35) *** "Are We There Yet?" (2005, Children's) Ice Cube, Nia Long, Jay Mohr. A divorcee's two children torment a man on a road trip.	(:35) *** "Are We There Yet?" (2005, Children's) Ice Cube, Nia Long, Jay Mohr. A divorcee's two children torment a man on a road trip.	(:35) *** "Are We There Yet?" (2005, Children's) Ice Cube, Nia Long, Jay Mohr. A divorcee's two children torment a man on a road trip.	(:35) *** "Are We There Yet?" (2005, Children's) Ice Cube, Nia Long, Jay Mohr. A divorcee's two children torment a man on a road trip.	(:35) *** "Are We There Yet?" (2005, Children's) Ice Cube, Nia Long, Jay Mohr. A divorcee's two children torment a man on a road trip.	(:35) *** "Are We There Yet?" (2005, Children's) Ice Cube, Nia Long, Jay Mohr. A divorcee's two children torment a man on a road trip.	(:35) *** "Are We There Yet?" (2005, Children's) Ice Cube, Nia Long, Jay Mohr. A divorcee's two children torment a man on a road trip.	(:35) *** "Are We There Yet?" (2005, Children's) Ice Cube, Nia Long, Jay Mohr. A divorcee's two children torment a man on a road trip.	(:35) *** "Are We There Yet?" (2005, Children's) Ice Cube, Nia Long, Jay Mohr. A divorcee's two children torment a man on a road trip.
BRAVO	47	181	The Real Housewives of New Jersey The women take a trip to Milan.	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Margaret and Danielle go to a factory.	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Margaret and Danielle go to a factory.	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Margaret and Danielle go to a factory.	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Margaret and Danielle go to a factory.	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Margaret and Danielle go to a factory.	Watch What Happens Live	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Teresa models in a photo shoot.	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Teresa models in a photo shoot.	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Teresa models in a photo shoot.
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank A high-tech shoe insole.	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	CNN Special Report	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper
COM	57	136	South Park "The Entity"	South Park	South Park	South Park "Free Willyzyc"	South Park "The Jeffersons"	South Park "TSST!"	South Park "Fish-sticks"	South Park "The Hobbit"	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	The Opposition w/ Jordan Klepper (N)
DISN	18	200	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Andi Mack	Stuck in the Middle	Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark	Bunk'd	Jessie	Andi Mack	Stuck in the Middle
DSC	42	103	(6:30) Street Outlaws: Full Throttle "Bristol: Race to 100K" (N)	Street Outlaws "It's Bristol, Baby!" (N)	Street Outlaws "It's Bristol, Baby!" (N)	Street Outlaws "It's Bristol, Baby!" (N)	Street Outlaws "It's Bristol, Baby!" (N)	Street Outlaws "It's Bristol, Baby!" (N)	Fast N' Loud: Demolition Theater	(-06) Street Outlaws	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud
ESPN	26	35	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Boston Celtics. From TD Garden in Boston. (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Boston Celtics. From TD Garden in Boston. (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Boston Celtics. From TD Garden in Boston. (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Boston Celtics. From TD Garden in Boston. (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Boston Celtics. From TD Garden in Boston. (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at Los Angeles Lakers. (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at Los Angeles Lakers. (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at Los Angeles Lakers. (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at Los Angeles Lakers. (N) (Live)
ESPN2	27	39	College Basketball North Carolina at Florida State. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Missouri at South Carolina. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Missouri at South Carolina. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Missouri at South Carolina. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Missouri at South Carolina. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Missouri at South Carolina. (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)
FOOD	40	109	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef: Behind the Battle (N)	Iron Chef Showdown "Battle Bar Food"	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef	Iron Chef				
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News at Night (N)	Tucker Carlson	Tucker Carlson
FREE	20	131	(6:00) **** "Beauty and the Beast" (1991) Voices of Paige O'Hara.	grown-ish "Late Registration"	(-31) grown-ish (N)	(-02) **** "Beauty and the Beast" (1991) Voices of Paige O'Hara. Robby Benson. Animated. A maiden trades places with her captive father.	(-02) **** "Beauty and the Beast" (1991) Voices of Paige O'Hara. Robby Benson. Animated. A maiden trades places with her captive father.	(-02) **** "Beauty and the Beast" (1991) Voices of Paige O'Hara. Robby Benson. Animated. A maiden trades places with her captive father.	(-02) **** "Beauty and the Beast" (1991) Voices of Paige O'Hara. Robby Benson. Animated. A maiden trades places with her captive father.	(-02) **** "Beauty and the Beast" (1991) Voices of Paige O'Hara. Robby Benson. Animated. A maiden trades places with her captive father.	(-02) **** "Beauty and the Beast" (1991) Voices of Paige O'Hara. Robby Benson. Animated. A maiden trades places with her captive father.	(-02) **** "Beauty and the Beast" (1991) Voices of Paige O'Hara. Robby Benson. Animated. A maiden trades places with her captive father.
FSS	21	47	Boxing 30	Future Phenoms	Women's College Basketball Iowa State at Baylor. (N) (Live)	Women's College Basketball Iowa State at Baylor. (N) (Live)	Women's College Basketball Iowa State at Baylor. (N) (Live)	Women's College Basketball Iowa State at Baylor. (N) (Live)	Power of Sports	Power of Sports	Women's College Basketball Iowa State at Baylor.	Women's College Basketball Iowa State at Baylor.
HALL	52	183	Full House	Full House Joey plans to leave.	Full House "The Big Three-O"	The Middle "Pilot"	The Middle "The Cheerleader"	The Golden Girls "That Old Feeling"	The Golden Girls "All That Jazz"			
HGTV	39	112	Property Brothers	Property Brothers "Lakeside Dreaming"	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	Property Brothers	Property Brothers				
HIST	45	110	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Vikings Lagertha is betrayed.	(-01) Knightfall (N) (DVS)	(-02) Knightfall (DVS)	(-02) Knightfall (DVS)	(-02) Knightfall (DVS)			
ION	13	18	Law & Order "Chattel" Two divorce lawyers are murdered.	Law & Order "Perjury" Plaintiff in lawsuit is killed.	Law & Order "Perjury" Plaintiff in lawsuit is killed.	Law & Order "Pledge" Biologists' son is killed.	Law & Order "Pledge" Biologists' son is killed.	Law & Order "Pledge" Biologists' son is killed.	Law & Order "Lucky Stiff" Owner of a trucking company is murdered.	(-02) Little Women: LA Problems with plans for the new kitchen. (N)	(-02) Married at First Sight "Wedding Prep" Wedding preparations begin.	(-02) Married at First Sight "Wedding Prep" Wedding preparations begin.
LIFE	50	145	Little Women: Atlanta Andrea reveals a big secret to Amanda.	Little Women: Atlanta Monie makes a final plea to her ex. (N)	Little Women: Atlanta Monie makes a final plea to her ex. (N)	Little Women: Atlanta "You're Fired" Minnie trains for her first 5K run. (N)	Little Women: Atlanta "You're Fired" Minnie trains for her first 5K run. (N)	Little Women: Atlanta "You're Fired" Minnie trains for her first 5K run. (N)	(-02) Little Women: LA Problems with plans for the new kitchen. (N)	(-02) Married at First Sight "Wedding Prep" Wedding preparations begin.	(-02) Married at First Sight "Wedding Prep" Wedding preparations begin.	(-02) Married at First Sight "Wedding Prep" Wedding preparations begin.
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow
NICK	16	210	Paradise Run (N)	The Thundermans	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	64	153	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SYFY	58	152	(6:00) *** "Men in Black" (1997) Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith.	Happy! "Saint Nick" A hit man meets an imaginary horse.	Happy! "What Smiles Are For" Sax crashes a poker game to win guns.	Happy! "What Smiles Are For" Sax crashes a poker game to win guns.	Happy! "What Smiles Are For" Sax crashes a poker game to win guns.	Happy! "What Smiles Are For" Sax crashes a poker game to win guns.	Happy! "When Christmas Was Christmas" Sax journeys through a dark past.	Happy! "Year of the Horse" Sax and Happy go to Chinatown.	*** "I, Frankenstein" (2014)	*** "I, Frankenstein" (2014)
TBS	24	156	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee	Conan Actor Anna Farris; actor Nathan Fieldler.	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee
TCM	49	186	(6:15) **** "Forbidden Planet" (1956) Walter Pidgeon. (DVS)	*** "The Boy With Green Hair" (1948) Pat O'Brien. A young war orphan's hair changes color overnight.	*** "The Boy With Green Hair" (1948) Pat O'Brien. A young war orphan's hair changes color overnight.	*** "The Boy With Green Hair" (1948) Pat O'Brien. A young war orphan's hair changes color overnight.	*** "The Boy With Green Hair" (1948) Pat O'Brien. A young war orphan's hair changes color overnight.	*** "The Boy With Green Hair" (1948) Pat O'Brien. A young war orphan's hair changes color overnight.	*** "A Fistful of Dollars" (1964, Western) Clint Eastwood, Marianne Koch. An amoral gunman works both sides of a divided Western town.	(-03) Dr. Pimple Popper (N)	(-04) My 600-Lb. Life Steven Assanti's dysfunction escalates.	(-04) My 600-Lb. Life Steven Assanti's dysfunction escalates.
TLC	43	157	(6:00) My 600-Lb. Life	My 600-Lb. Life Steven Assanti's dysfunction escalates. (N)	My 600-Lb. Life Steven Assanti's dysfunction escalates. (N)	My 600-Lb. Life Steven Assanti's dysfunction escalates. (N)	My 600-Lb. Life Steven Assanti's dysfunction escalates. (N)	My 600-Lb. Life Steven Assanti's dysfunction escalates. (N)	(-03) Dr. Pimple Popper (N)	(-04) My 600-Lb. Life Steven Assanti's dysfunction escalates.	(-04) My 600-Lb. Life Steven Assanti's dysfunction escalates.	(-04) My 600-Lb. Life Steven Assanti's dysfunction escalates.
TNT	23	158	(6:00) *** "Shrek 2" (2004) Voices of Mike Myers. (DVS)	*** "Shrek the Third" (2007) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy. Animated. Shrek and friends look for the true heir of Far, Far Away. (DVS)	*** "Shrek the Third" (2007) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy. Animated. Shrek and friends look for the true heir of Far, Far Away. (DVS)	*** "Shrek the Third" (2007) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy. Animated. Shrek and friends look for the true heir of Far, Far Away. (DVS)	*** "Shrek the Third" (2007) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy. Animated. Shrek and friends look for the true heir of Far, Far Away. (DVS)	*** "Shrek the Third" (2007) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy. Animated. Shrek and friends look for the true heir of Far, Far Away. (DVS)	*** "Shrek the Third" (2007) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy. Animated. Shrek and friends look for the true heir of Far, Far Away. (DVS)	*** "Shrek the Third" (2007) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy. Animated. Shrek and friends look for the true heir of Far, Far Away. (DVS)	*** "Shrek the Third" (2007) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy. Animated. Shrek and friends look for the true heir of Far, Far Away. (DVS)	*** "Shrek the Third" (2007) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy. Animated. Shrek and friends look for the true heir of Far, Far Away. (DVS)
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	(:36) M*A*S*H	(:12) Everybody Loves Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Mom	Mom	King of Queens	King of Queens
USA	25	132	NCIS "Being Bad" A murder probe uncovers a theft ring. (DVS)	*** "Remember the Titans" (2000, Drama) Denzel Washington, Will Patton, Donald Adeosun Faison. Premiere. A black man coaches high-school football after integration. (DVS)	*** "Remember the Titans" (2000, Drama) Denzel Washington, Will Patton, Donald Adeosun Faison. Premiere. A black man coaches high-school football after integration. (DVS)	*** "Remember the Titans" (2000, Drama) Denzel Washington, Will Patton, Donald Adeosun Faison. Premiere. A black man coaches high-school football after integration. (DVS)	*** "Remember the Titans" (2000, Drama) Denzel Washington, Will Patton, Donald Adeosun Faison. Premiere. A black man coaches high-school football after integration. (DVS)	*** "Remember the Titans" (2000, Drama) Denzel Washington, Will Patton, Donald Adeosun Faison. Premiere. A black man coaches high-school football after integration. (DVS)	*** "Remember the Titans" (2000, Drama) Denzel Washington, Will Patton, Donald Adeosun Faison. Premiere. A black man coaches high-school football after integration. (DVS)	*** "Remember the Titans" (2000, Drama) Denzel Washington, Will Patton, Donald Adeosun Faison. Premiere. A black man coaches high-school football after integration. (DVS)	*** "Remember the Titans" (2000, Drama) Denzel Washington, Will Patton, Donald Adeosun Faison. Premiere. A black man coaches high-school football after integration. (DVS)	*** "Remember the Titans" (2000, Drama) Denzel Washington, Will Patton, Donald Adeosun Faison. Premiere. A black man coaches high-school football after integration. (DVS)
WE	68	166	Law & Order Divorce leads to stabbing.	Law & Order "Carrier"	Law & Order "Disappeared"	Law & Order Quadruplegic boy is killed.	Law & Order	Law & Order				
WGNA	8	172	Cops	Cops	Cops "Atlanta"	Cops "Atlanta"	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

A recap of some of 2017's most memorable TV moments

BY FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — It's been a wild and wearying year in the world of TV, with memorable moments by the dozens. Here are nine signal moments (though a few of them are perhaps best forgotten):

HE'S FIRED?

Before ascending to the presidency early last January, Donald Trump played TV critic by berating his successor as host of "The New Celebrity Apprentice." Mocking Arnold Schwarzenegger for his puny ratings, Trump tweeted, "So much for being a movie star," which sparked a Twitter sparring session as Schwarzenegger fired back expressing hope that Trump would work as aggressively as president as he had as a ratings-hungry TV celebrity. In February, Trump tweeted that Schwarzenegger was an even worse TV host than California governor. By March, Schwarzenegger said he had had enough, declaring that Trump's "baggage" was what killed his ratings and that, even if invited, he wouldn't be available for a new season.

FAKE MEDIA BRIEFING

Melissa McCarthy lampooned then-White House press secretary Sean Spicer in a Jan. edition of a "Saturday Night Live" sketch where the actress taunted reporters as "losers," fired a water gun at the press corps and used the lectern to ram a (fake) *Wall Street Journal* reporter. "I want to begin tonight by apologizing on behalf of YOU to ME for how you have treated me these last two weeks," McCarthy said in opening the mock press briefing. "And that apology is NOT accepted."



In this Feb. 26, 2017 file photo, host Jimmy Kimmel, left, and presenter Warren Beatty discuss the results of best picture on stage at the Oscars in Los Angeles. The winner had been incorrectly announced.

BATTER UP

Jeffrey Dean Morgan maintained his hitting streak as "The Walking Dead" returned in February with him back as arch-villain Negan, a grinning, swaggering brute whose non-regulation barbed-wire-wrapped baseball bat named Lucille scored one hit after another against Rick Grimes (series star Andrew Lincoln) and the good guys he led. The first half of Season 7 in fall 2016, however, proved too brutal even for some fans, and viewership of the perennially popular AMC show waned when the series came last winter, maybe as a result.

OSCARS UPSET

Host Jimmy Kimmel voiced the question of the night at the 2017 Academy Awards — "Warren, what did you DO?" — when, in February, a confused Warren Beatty and co-presenter Faye Dunaway shared the night's booby prize by announcing "La La Land" as best picture. The acceptance speech was interrupted

midway when audience members and viewers learned the winner was actually "Moonlight." This was the sort of envelope mix-up even the post office could never equal.

A DRIVE FOR ACCEPTANCE

Folks on Sesame Street have a way of making everyone feel accepted. That certainly goes for Julia, a Muppet youngster with blazing red hair, bright green eyes — and autism. Rather than being treated like an outsider, Julia was welcomed as one of the gang on a "Sesame Street" episode in April. "She does things just a little differently, in a Julia

sort of way," her new Muppet chum Abby explained to the show's young viewers.

ILLNESS ISN'T PARTISAN

The video of a 13-minute monologue by Jimmy Kimmel was viewed by tens of millions after its May airing on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" as this father of a newborn son emotionally told how the infant had successfully had surgery for a life-threatening birth defect. He did so to illustrate that this was the sort of medical treatment that could become unavailable to many parents as politicians battle over health care. "If your baby is going to die and it doesn't have to, it shouldn't matter how much money you make," Kimmel declared. "Whether you're a Republican or a Democrat or something else, we all agree on that, right?"

HEAD OF STATE

A video by comedian Kathy Griffin created a storm within hours of its posting on social media in June, sparking outcry from the White House, energizing Republican fundraisers, fueling harsh coverage over several news cycles, and losing her TV and standup gigs and even an endorsement deal for the Squatty Potty. Griffin's video, which depicted her holding a likeness of the president's severed, bloody head, was meant as a

joke, she insisted. But few observers were laughing. At a televised press conference, Griffin tearfully predicted her career was over and said the Trumps were "trying to ruin my life forever."

CNN TAKES A HIT

Trump tweeted his own provocative video in July, depicting himself beating up a humanoid CNN figure. The video showed Trump running toward a wrestling ring and tackling a man with a CNN logo for a head, punching him repeatedly in the face. Predictably, reaction to the video varied according to each viewer's attitude toward Trump.

DISAPPEARING ACT

Actors and other public figures began vanishing from the TV screen (and elsewhere) in October as scores of allegations of sexual misconduct targeted one prominent man after another. Fox News Channel's fired Bill O'Reilly had led the way in April, but in the wake of Harvey Weinstein's disgrace, Kevin Spacey was removed from the final season of Netflix's "House of Cards." Louis C.K. lost a Netflix comedy special and other TV projects. Charlie Rose was removed from "CBS This Morning" and his own public television interview show was cancelled. Then, a week later, it was "Today" show host Matt Lauer who was fired.

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Smoky soup has depth, flavor without meat

BY MELISSA D'ARABIAN
Associated Press

Rich bean soups are classic winter comfort food. They are filling, healthy and inexpensive, making them a worthy addition to the menu rotation. The downside to dried bean cookery is the time it takes to soak and then cook beans.

Canned beans are a reasonable substitute, although they cost more than three times the price of their dried, bagged counterparts.

An easy, money-saving solution is lentils, which you can find easily at any grocery store, next to the dried beans. Brown lentils — the type you'll most likely find in inexpensive bags next to the rice — don't require any soaking (although a good rinse is recommended) and are cooked to tender perfection in about a half hour. Green lentils are a little thicker and firmer than brown lentils (and often a little

pricier), so they take a few minutes more to cook. Red lentils are softer, holding their shape less, so are best used for sauces or stews where you are seeking a thicker, creamier texture.

Don't let the cheap price fool you: The everyday brown lentil is a nutrition powerhouse. One serving has more than 8 grams of filling fiber, 9 grams of protein and a nice array of vitamins and minerals, including over half the daily requirement of folate and nearly 20 percent of our daily iron.

Lentils themselves have an earthy, mild flavor, so they easily take on the flavors of other ingredients. Today's recipe for Smoky Lentil Soup is all plant-based, which means it's truly jam-packed with health-boosting foods, but it's also full of flavor. It gets its smokiness from smoked paprika instead of the traditional ham bone and a little bit of cumin.

Finely chopped mushrooms add meaty depth of flavor, and I use small cubes of butternut squash instead of classic carrots for just a touch of sweetness. A bonus: The entire dish cost about \$10 to make, and you'll probably have leftovers. Meatless Monday fans, this may be your new favorite dish.

SMOKY (VEGAN) LENTIL SOUP

Servings: 8
Start to finish: 45 minutes, including cook time

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped (about 2 cups chopped)
- 1 stalk celery, chopped (about 1/2 cup chopped)
- 4 ounces white mushrooms, finely chopped (about 1 cup chopped)
- 1 1/4 cup cubed butternut squash (1/2-inch cube) (or substitute chopped carrot)
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 2 teaspoons dried Italian herb seasoning (or dried oregano)
- 3 cups vegetable stock
- 2-3 cups water
- 1/2 pound dried brown lentils, rinsed and picked through (about 1 1/4 cup)
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 teaspoons apple cider vinegar (or wine vinegar)
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, if needed

In a large heavy-bottomed soup pot or Dutch oven, soften the onion, celery and

mushrooms in the olive oil over medium heat, and cook for 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Add the squash, garlic, cumin, smoked paprika, chili powder and Italian herbs, and cook for another five minutes, stirring frequently. Onion should be quite soft now.

Add the stock, 2 cups of the water, the lentils and bay leaf, and bring to a simmer over medium high heat. Reduce heat, cover partially with a lid, and let simmer until lentils and squash are tender, about 25-30 minutes. If the mixture gets too thick, add up to another cup of water.

Once soup is cooked, remove 1-2 cups of the soup to a blender, and very carefully blend on low until somewhat smooth. Pour the thickened, blended soup back into the pot and stir. Stir in vinegar, and taste for salt. Add the salt only if needed.

Chef's Note: green lentils may also be used, but add about 10 minutes of cooking time.

Nutrition information per serving: 155 calories; 22 calories from fat; 3 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 328 mg sodium; 27 g carbohydrate; 7 g fiber; 4 g sugar; 8 g protein.

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