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Family argument ends in Christmas stabbing

Otherwise a quiet holiday, officials say

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Not all was quiet in Sumter on Christmas after an argument that turned

physical, and a 43-year-old man was left with non-fatal stab wounds.

The argument occurred between two family members — the 43-year-old and a 36-year-old man — shortly after 3 p.m. in the 600 block of Antlers Drive, in the Wilson Hall area.

Witnesses said the two were involved in an ongoing, unspecified disagreement, according to a news release from

the Sumter Police Department.

The man who was stabbed was transported to Palmetto Health Richland, where he was treated for non-life threatening injuries.

He is in stable condition, said Tonyia McGirt, Sumter Police Department public information officer.

The investigation is ongoing, and more information will be released when

it is available.

McGirt said the majority of Sumter residents had a less eventful holiday in other areas of the city.

There were no other major incidents, she said.

McGirt provided the following advice in the hopes of making sure Sumterites

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The silent, patient wait

A Great Blue Heron waits for fish to swim by at Swan Lake-Iris Gardens on a recent Sunday evening. According to *audubon.org*, the Great Blue is the largest heron in North America. The bird can thrive near all types of waters and, because of its easily adapted diet, is able to spend winters farther north than most other herons.

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Wintry mix may fall locally on Thursday

Temperatures to drop below freezing all week

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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Though hot cocoa and eggnog may have kept families warm this holiday weekend, forecasts show Sumter should drop below freezing each night this week, with a chance of a wintry rain, snow and sleet on Thursday.

There were no weather advisories in place for Thursday as of Tuesday afternoon, but the National Weather Service was predicting a slight chance of rain and snow before noon on Dec. 28

for Sumter before a "slight chance of rain, snow and sleet between noon and 1 p.m., then a chance of rain after 1 p.m."

A high for Thursday is only expected to reach 37 degrees.

A chance of snow and sleet is again forecasted before 7 p.m. Thursday before the weather events turn just to sleet between 7 and 8 p.m.

After 8 p.m., a chance of freezing rain is predicted with a low around 26.

Before Thursday, Wednesday's forecast calls for a slight chance of rain before noon with a high near 45 before dropping to around 29

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Elderly couple helped by fund; Biblical command 'to be openhanded' followed

BY BRUCE MILLS
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In this special installment of the Fireside Fund, Sumter United Ministries' Diane Garrick shares how the money raised helps the agency to minister to those in need from a biblical perspective. Garrick is the office manager at the ministry.

During the holiday season, many people are filled with the Christmas spirit and are busy buying, wrapping and giving gifts. For most, this time of year is filled with joy and peace.

For some, however, this isn't the case. There are some who are very sad during the holidays due to the loss of a loved one or a serious family illness.

There are others who may struggle with a financial difficulty, and still others who struggle daily financially just to make ends meet. For these people, Christmas is yet "another thing" they will not have enough money for. For these people, the holiday season — and Christmas in particular — can be a season of increased stress, worry and guilt.

Here at Sumter United Ministries, we try to lessen the burden for some of our Sumter neighbors by providing assistance through our various ministries and special projects.

Fireside Fund monies that we receive from *The Sumter Item's* annual wintertime fundraiser for our Crisis Relief Ministry allows us to help more clients during the winter heating season than we would otherwise be able to help. It also gives us the freedom to provide a

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bit more than our "normal" amount of assistance in cases where there's a great need.

Last week, we interviewed and assisted many clients who came in specifically for help to heat their homes. One interview was with a pleasant, elderly couple who came in requesting food and help with buying propane. Both receive meager, fixed disability income, have no family to help them and have no "extra" money to speak of at any time. It was a very simple case, and it was easy to want to assist them.

Usually, with our clients, we're looking for "the crisis" that caused someone to seek our help, but we have some clients — like this elderly couple — who have no way to improve their situation on their own.

It's people like this that I think of when I read Deuteronomy 15:11: "There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore, I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land."

This ministry is so very blessed to have individuals, churches, clubs, families, groups, schools and businesses who donate their time, money and other resources to help others in our community. Sumter is a community full of the love of God ...

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A LOT LIKE WINTER

Cold and cloudy today with icy spots on Thursday.

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S.C. will stop installing scrutinized guardrails

COLUMBIA (AP) — South Carolina transportation officials say they will no longer install a guardrail system that is under scrutiny in other states.

But the South Carolina Department of Transportation says it won't remove the X-LITE guardrail end systems currently in place.

Tennessee and Missouri are removing their X-LITE in the midst of a campaign that says the guardrails are responsible for several deaths.

South Carolina DOT Deputy Secretary for Engineering Leland Colvin says existing X-LITE guardrails will be replaced as they wear out.

Colvin told *The Greenville News* the X-LITE system is one of three guardrails types the agency uses.

There are no officials records of deaths or injuries caused in South Carolina by the guardrails.

X-LITE says its guardrails meet federal guidelines and no system can stop every fatality or injury.

Lucky Sumterite wins new car

Freedom Honda contest started with 2,500 applicants

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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Keith McElveen won a chainsaw 40 years ago, and that was nothing like what he drove away with a few days before Christmas came.

To celebrate its first anniversary on Broad Street in Sumter, Freedom Honda gave a car away on Dec. 21 to one lucky contestant out of 2,500 applicants.

"The community has embraced us, and we've been successful the first year, and we just feel that any time you take out of the community you got to give back," said Tim Sturdivant, owner and managing partner at the dealership.

After narrowing the pool down to a final 10 out of the 2,500 who applied at the showroom at 2700 Broad St. or on Facebook, each finalist had to attend the anniversary party to receive a key.

Each contestant pulled a number out of a bowl that corresponded to a numbered envelope. Each envelope had a key in it. Only one key would open the door to a brand new Honda Fit.

"I've put keys in locks before that turned but didn't unlock," said McElveen, who lives in Sumter. "When it turned, [I didn't see the] lights come on, so I just stood there kind of dumbfounded. That's why I grabbed the handle to see if that worked."

"When that opened, I said, 'Well I guess I won.'"

McElveen said he applied this holi-



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Keith McElveen realizes the key he randomly picked out of 10 opens the door to (now his) brand new Honda Fit. Freedom Honda held a contest to give the vehicle away to celebrate its one-year anniversary and give back to the community.

day season when he pulled into the dealership to look at a car displayed on the corner but that he had forgotten he had applied until being notified he was a finalist.

"I'm still trying to come back down to Earth," he said.

Other finalists hailed from Manning, Columbia and Gadsden.

McElveen said his wife didn't think he would win.

"I don't have a clue what she's going to say," he said, "She's not going to believe me until she sees it."

Cities sue Defense Department over gun-check system failures

U.S. Air Force, Army leaders acknowledge the service has failed

BY COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Three large U.S. cities filed a federal lawsuit Tuesday against the Department of Defense, arguing that many service members who are disqualified from gun ownership weren't reported to the national background check system.

New York City, San Francisco and Philadelphia said in court papers that the military's broken system for relaying such information helped spur the massacre of 26 people inside a Texas church last month.

"This failure on behalf of the Department of Defense has led to the loss of innocent lives by putting guns in the hands of criminals and those who wish to cause immeasurable harm," New York Mayor Bill de Blasio said in a statement. "New York City is joining Philadelphia and San Francisco to stand up to the Department of Defense and demand they comply with the law and repair their drastically flawed system."

Local law enforcement of-



AP FILE PHOTO

Investigators work at the scene of a mass shooting at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, on Nov. 5.

officials rely on the FBI's database to conduct background checks on gun permit applications and to monitor purchases. It must be up-to-date in order to prevent people from wrongly getting guns, the cities' attorneys wrote.

The lawsuit filed in federal court in Alexandria, Virginia, seeks an injunction and judicial oversight to ensure ongoing compliance with the Defense Department's obligation to submit records.

Military officials previously acknowledged problems with their reporting.

A Pentagon spokesman on

Tuesday said he couldn't comment specifically on the lawsuit.

"The department continues to work with the services as they review and refine their policies and procedures to ensure qualifying criminal history information is submitted to the FBI," said Tom Crosson, a Pentagon spokesman.

The Defense Department's failure to report "significant numbers" of disqualifying records to the FBI's national background check system allowed former U.S. Air Force member Devin P. Kelley to buy a rifle and shoot 26 people to death Nov. 5 in a Sutherland Springs, Texas,

church, the lawsuit said. Kelley had been convicted of assaulting family members in a 2012 court martial and should not have been allowed to purchase a gun.

Air Force leaders already acknowledged that the service failed to alert the FBI to Kelley's criminal history and that they discovered "several dozen" other such reporting omissions. They said that while policies and procedures requiring reporting were in place, training and compliance measures were lacking.

And Army leaders have said their service also has similar gaps.

Earlier this month, the Pentagon's watchdog agency it found a "troubling" number of failures this year by the military services to alert the FBI to criminal history information. Attorney General Jeff Sessions has ordered a far-ranging review of the FBI database.

Philadelphia in particular has been plagued by gun violence and "relies on this reporting when making the crucial decision whether a license-to-carry applicant should be permitted to carry a firearm," said Mayor Jim Kenney, who is a Democrat like the mayors of New York and San Francisco. "We're joining in this suit because

reporting these records is absolutely critical to those decisions. The background check system only works if it contains the proper records."

San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera said in a statement that the Department of Defense's failure to accurately report criminal convictions puts Americans at risk.

"We cannot accept the level of gun violence in our country as 'just the way it is,'" he said.

The lawsuit names the armed forces individually, as well as the Department of Defense, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and several other officials.

According to the lawsuit, the U.S. Air Force failed to submit records in about 14 percent of cases, the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps failed to submit records in 36 percent of cases, and the U.S. Army didn't submit records in about 41 percent of cases.

The Air Force said it has already made changes designed to prevent such failures in the future. For example, it is now requiring that leaders up the chain of command verify that criminal history reporting requirements have been met in every case. Additional training on these procedures is being conducted.

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Consider yourself a sleuth? You could win \$10M

Largest art heist is still unsolved

BY WILLIAM J. KOLE
The Associated Press

BOSTON — A hot tip could still earn you a cool \$10 million from a Boston museum desperate to recover a trove of missing masterpieces. But you'd better hurry.

Midnight Dec. 31 is the deadline to collect a doubled reward being offered for information leading to the recovery of 13 works worth an estimated \$500 million — including paintings by Degas, Manet, Rembrandt and Vermeer — stolen in 1990 from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

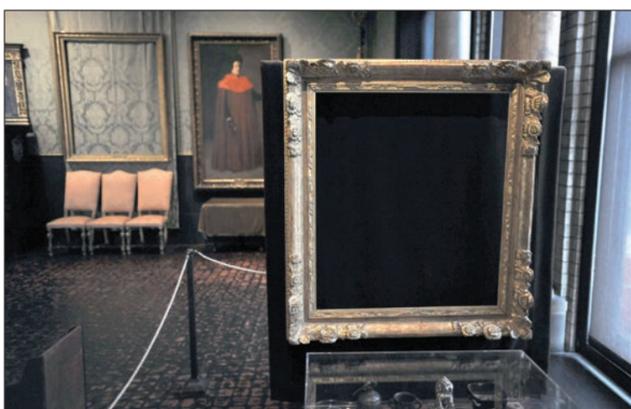
So far, no takers. That's a big disappointment to the museum and the FBI, which still hasn't managed to solve the largest art heist in U.S. history. Both had hoped the enhanced reward would spur a flurry of fresh leads. Instead, it's been like watching paint dry.

"Right now we're laser-focused on this deadline," said museum spokeswoman Kathy Sharpless. "Clearly there's a sense of urgency on our part. We want our paintings back."

A look at the case and what's likely to happen next:

THE HEIST

On March 18, 1990, two men masquerading as Boston police officers gained entrance to the museum by telling the security guard at the watch desk that they were responding to a report of a distur-



ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

In this March 11, 2010, photo, empty frames from which thieves took "Storm on the Sea of Galilee," left rear, by Rembrandt and "The Concert," right foreground, by Vermeer, remain on display at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. Midnight Dec. 31 is the deadline to collect a doubled-reward being offered for information leading to the recovery of 13 works worth an estimated \$500 million.

bance, according to authorities.

The guard didn't follow museum policy and allowed the men inside. He and another guard were handcuffed and locked in the basement while the thieves made off with the art.

The missing pieces include Rembrandt's only known seascape, "Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee," and Vermeer's "The Concert," one of fewer than 40 known paintings by the 17th-century Dutch painter.

Twenty-seven years later, there are still empty frames on the walls of the gilded museum where the great works once were displayed.

THE INVESTIGATION

The FBI told The Associated

Press in 2015 that two suspects — both Boston criminals with ties to organized crime — were deceased.

The agency has said investigators believe the paintings moved through mob circles to Connecticut and Philadelphia, where the trail went cold.

Federal prosecutors say Robert Gentile, an 81-year-old

reputed Connecticut mobster, is the last surviving person of interest. Federal agents have searched Gentile's Manchester home several times.

Prosecutors have said another gangster's widow claimed her husband gave Gentile two of the paintings. Authorities also have said Gentile talked about the stolen paintings with fellow prisoners, and once told an undercover FBI agent he had access to two of the paintings and could negotiate the sale of each for \$500,000. Gentile denies knowing anything about the theft.

Meanwhile, the five-year statute of limitations on crimes associated with the actual theft expired more than 20 years ago, so the thieves — even if captured — no longer could be prosecuted.

Although authorities haven't offered blanket immunity for whoever has the paintings now, they say they're willing to consider immunity for anyone who can help them recover the stolen works.

THE REWARD

For years, the museum has

offered a \$5 million reward. Last May, trustees upped it to \$10 million — but only through the end of 2017.

Dutch art sleuth Arthur Brand, who has helped European authorities recover other stolen works, says he has spoken to former police officers, ex-members of the Irish Republican Army and others, and remains convinced he is inching closer to solving the mystery.

"I said from the beginning if it's not solved by the first of January it will become ... less likely that it will ever be solved," Brand told the AP. "We are getting closer. There are so many people working on it that in the end the truth will come out — I'm absolutely certain about that. The only question is, do the paintings still exist?"

Sharpless, the museum spokeswoman, says the gallery will happily write that check for the right tip.

"We're really not interested in theories as much as in good credible information and facts," she said. "It only takes one good piece of information to help solve this puzzle."

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U.S. industries can start counting their benefits from tax law

BY PAUL WISEMAN
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Craft breweries are raising a glass to the Republicans' new tax overhaul: It cuts the excise tax on beer. Retailers, long saddled with heavy tax bills, will get relief. So will some high-profile names in corporate finance, led by Wells Fargo.

The tax measure that President Donald Trump signed into law Friday distributes benefits across a range of American industries, from construction to health care.

"As a general rule of thumb, everybody's doing well under this bill," said Martin Sullivan, chief economist at Tax Analysts, of U.S. companies. "When you give out a trillion in tax breaks, it's hard to create a lot of losers."

No wonder the stock market has been roaring in anticipation of fatter after-tax corporate profits. The new law slashes the corporate tax rate to 21 percent from 35 percent. It applies a low one-time tax to the profits that corporations have long kept overseas to avoid paying taxes under the current higher rate.

It also delivers a windfall to people who pay personal taxes on business earnings. It lets companies immediately write off the full cost of new equipment. And it showers goodies on some individual industries, such as craft brewers, distilleries and wineries.

The reasoning behind shrinking the tax burdens of corporations is to free up money for companies to invest in buildings, equipment and people and thereby juice the economy — and, in turn, benefit workers. Yet mainstream economists have expressed mainly doubts that workers will benefit much from corporations' lower tax burdens.

In dollars, the biggest tax savings from 2018 through 2027 go to manufacturers: \$261.5 billion, according to an analysis by the University of Pennsylvania's Penn Wharton Budget Model. Next-most-fortunate are insurance and finance companies (\$249.4 billion) and retailers (\$171.4 billion).

Supporters of the Republican tax bill point out that America's 35 percent corporate tax is one of the highest among advanced economies. But the tax code is so riddled with loopholes that few corporations have actually paid that list price. Without the new law, the effective tax rate across all industries would have been 21.2 percent next year. With it, the effective rate across industries drops all the way to 9.2 percent in 2018, according to the Penn Wharton Model.

Not all industries have gained equally from loopholes. Retailers, for example, would have paid a 27.5 percent rate in 2018; under the new law, they'll pay just 15.6 percent.

"The tax bill is a big shot in the arm for retailers, who have traditionally paid taxes at nearly the full amount," said Matthew Shay, CEO of the National Retail Federation.

Shay says he thinks the bill will help retailers accelerate investment in e-commerce and mobile technology.

Finance and insurance companies would have paid an effective corporate tax rate of 26.1 percent next year. Now, it will be 14.3 percent. Analysts at Goldman Sachs have estimated that the tax law will boost big-bank earnings per share by 13 percent next year. The top beneficiary will be Wells Fargo, which has been dogged by scandals over cheating customers. It will enjoy an 18 percent earnings surge in 2018, Goldman estimates.

Technology companies like Apple and Google's parent Alphabet Inc. can now catch a break on profits they've stored abroad. Under current law, corporations must pay the U.S. corporate tax on overseas earnings, but not until they return the money.

So tech companies have kept a

big chunk of profits overseas — \$669 billion worth at the end of last year, according to Moody's Investors Service.

The tax overhaul imposes a discounted one-time levy on those earnings — 15.5 percent for earnings held in cash or other liquid assets and 8 percent for earnings held in harder-to-sell assets. That means tech companies can return the money to the United States with less of a tax burden. But their employees may not have cause to rejoice: CFRA analyst Scott Kessler predicts that tech companies will use most of the money they repatriate to buy back their stock and pay shareholder dividends.

The tax bill let craft brewers cross something off their long-standing wish list: The federal excise tax they pay will be halved to \$3.50 a barrel on the



AP FILE PHOTO

first 60,000 barrels. Wineries and distillers also get tax breaks.

At COOP Ale Works in Oklahoma City, founder Daniel Mercer forecasts a tax windfall of about \$60,000 next year. The 8-year-old brewery, which has quadrupled its staff to 31 in the past two-and-a-half years and whose annual revenue has

reached \$5 million, was already planning to invest \$2 million in equipment. The tax savings will contribute to that project and also "helps with building tap rooms, and tap rooms are a really high-margin source of revenue," Mercer said.

The tax plan also benefits owners of "pass-through" busi-

nesses, who pay personal income tax on business earnings: It lets them deduct 20 percent of the first \$315,000 in earnings. The pass-through provision will help Esther Novis, who owns the Young Scientists Club, a company in Jamestown, Rhode Island, that sells science kits and other toys that encourage children to dabble in science.

"Margins in the toy industry are very small," Novis said.

Like many Americans, Peter Koehl of Skullduggery Inc., a toy maker in Anaheim, California, isn't yet familiar with the details of the tax changes.

"As with most government actions, we hope for the best and brace for the worst," Koehl says. "I can confidently tell you that a significant percentage of any 'windfall' will be invested in things that either increase sales or efficiencies."

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Flier had gun, bullets at airport checkpoint

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A passenger tried to bring a gun and ammunition in a carry-on bag at Orlando International Airport causing a long back-up at checkpoints during the Christmas holiday rush.

Transportation Security Administration spokeswoman Sari Koshetz told The Associated Press the passenger was carrying a Ruger with a separate magazine loaded with 10 rounds of .22-caliber ammunition. The incident caused a backup at the busy airport early Tuesday morning.

Koshetz says it was the 91st weapon intercepted by TSA officers at Orlando's airport this year.

Orlando police spokeswoman Michelle Guido tells local news outlets the passenger has a valid Florida concealed weapons license. Federal law, however, prohibits passengers from carrying weapons through airport checkpoints.

Guido says the passenger will be charged with carrying a concealed firearm in a place prohibited by law.

The passenger's name wasn't immediately released.



AP FILE PHOTO

S.C. senator wants bigger fine for slow left lane drivers

COLUMBIA (AP) — One South Carolina lawmaker wants to increase the fine for drivers who go slowly in the left lane.

State Sen. Ross Turner said his 200-mile round trip commute from Greenville to Columbia helped convince him of the need for a South Carolina law similar to one that took effect last month in Oklahoma.

"I constantly got stuck behind people in the left lane and said, 'That's a great idea,'" the Republican told *The Post and Courier*.

Turner's bill would increase the fine for driving less than the speed of normal traffic in the passing lane of a multi-lane highway by \$200.

There is currently a law on the books in South Carolina making it illegal to drive too slowly in the passing lane.

Troopers wrote 1,132 tickets under the existing law last year, but the law also includes other violations like crossing the center line.

Turner said he isn't sure how his proposal might be enforced, but he wants to send a message to slow drivers who clog the left lane.

The president of the South Carolina Trucking Association

said truckers are worried about the proposal.

Truck drivers should be able to pass slower moving 18-wheelers, but it can take a while because their rigs can be electronically limited to a certain speed, Rick Todd said.

It's ironic that "people don't want a ticket when they're speeding, but they want someone else to have a ticket for

slowing up," Todd said.

But Todd said truckers also understand why some people get frustrated.

"With car drivers, the person's either oblivious or has an attitude," Todd said. "The issue is getting worse because of congestion, and people are less patient, and cars speed a lot. Combine all that, and people get irritated."

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HOLIDAY FROM PAGE A1

enjoy the end of the year without incident.

Drivers should take more caution this time of year and watch for children enjoying their new toys, she said.

McGirt also encouraged residents to dispose of packaging in more discrete ways — such as tearing up TV boxes — to prevent unwanted attention to new goodies.

And lock your vehicles, she said.

She also urged people to not drink before getting behind the wheel and to not drive distracted, especially with New Year's Eve around the corner.

As always, officers will be looking for drivers not adhering to safety laws, she said. Residents should also report drivers who are breaking the law.

Please provide details of the vehicle such as make, model, color and the location of the vehicle, she said.

In other areas throughout the county, Sumter residents had an ordinary Christmas that shocked even deputies.

People were really good this Christmas, said Ken Bell, public information officer for Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

Most of the violations caught at checkpoints involved people not wearing seat belts, he said. The sheriff's office's Community Action Team was surprised by that, too, he said.

In an effort to the finish the year on the same note, Bell said the sheriff's office will have multiple checkpoints set up throughout the county on New Year's Eve.

Teams will be moving the checkpoints to different areas to watch for drunk drivers and other people who could be making the roads unsafe, he said.

Along those same holiday weekend lines, no major incidents were reported by Sumter Fire Department.

WINTRY FROM PAGE A1

Wednesday night.

Friday will see a high near 42, the agency predicts, and a low dropping to 27.

Saturday should see a warmer day, with the high

reaching near 51 before the low drops back to 27.

New Year's Eve is forecasted to be the same as Friday, with a high near 42 and a low around 27.

PLANTS GET COLD, TOO

Freezing weather can damage household plants, but there are precautions to take to help avoid losing leaves.

- **Pack potted plants** close together and cover them with a translucent plastic sheet that does not touch plants. Mulch of mound soil around pots and balled and burlapped plants to insulate the roots.
- **Protect plants in exposed locations** by wrapping burlap or building a lathe structure around them.
- **Do not be in a hurry to prune** or remove damaged plants. Some may appear dead but are not.
- **Injury should be visible** within a few days, but it may be several months before damage to larger limbs can be determined.
- **Wait to see if any live green foliage** reappears, or gently scrape under the outer layer of bark to see if green wood is present.
- **Remove dead wood** after determining the extent of damage.

(Source: Clemson Extension, excerpted from the South Carolina Master Gardener Training Manual)

FIRESIDE FROM PAGE A1

1st John 3:17: "If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?"

Wishing all of Sumter a very Merry Christmas, overflowing with the love of God!

...

Fireside Fund was established by *The Sumter Item* in 1969 to help needy families and individuals pay heating bills, buy firewood or heating fuels and 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 retirement in 2004.

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

Donations can be mailed to *The Sumter Item*, P.O. Box 1677,

Sumter, SC 29151, or dropped off at 36 W. Liberty St.

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

Donations ending the week of Tuesday, Dec. 26:

In memory of Ken Hendrix from Linda Hendrix, \$100; Dolores and David Redmond, \$50; In memory of D. Gene Rickenbaker from Mary Kaye Rickenbaker, \$200; Radman and Patricia Ali, \$50; In memory of Marie Crolley from Larry Crolley, \$100; Will and Crystal Fraser, \$50; In memory of Raymond and Gernell McIntosh from Benny and Lois McIntosh, \$300; In memory of dear friends Griffin Avin and Ben Raffield from Jimmy and Eunice Bradshaw, \$300; Graham Baptist Church Men's Class, \$100; In memory of Charles Jenkins, Authur-James and Willis Ardis from Bobby Singley, \$20; In memory of our parents from Dan and Lucy Owens, \$100; Church women United in the Greater Sumter Area, \$100; Discovery Sunday School Class of 1st Presbyterian Church, \$100; In honor of Wilson Hall Lower School, \$25; In memory of Alvin Burns and Mrs. J.C. Pate, \$20; Zoar Family Community Leaders (FCL) Club, \$50; Reader's Club, \$25; In honor of Jenny Jackson from Charlie Pitts, \$25

Total anonymous this week: \$230
 Total combined anonymous: \$230
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GUEST COMMENTARY

Best gifts for teachers can't be bought in stores

BY FRAN WELCH

At this time of year, we think about gifts to get for those who are important in our lives. Teachers have played a significant role in my life from the time I was a small child until now when I have the wonderful job of helping to educate future teachers. I am sure you have, or have had, teachers who have been significant in your life. During this season of gift giving, I suggest the following five gifts for teachers.

The first — and most important — gift for teachers is to receive respect and appreciation for their work. Those who go into education know they will not make a lot of money. They do the work involved in teaching because they want to help others learn and grow. They appreciate being told that their long hours of preparation, teaching, assessing, managing behavior, learning standards, taking bus and lunch duty, engaging in professional development, among many other teacher tasks, matter. Most teachers go far beyond the basic tasks of teaching. They are sponsors for school clubs, chaperones for events, attendees at athletics and other school programs, advisers when a student is sad or worried, coordinators for meaningful field trips as well as a coach, support, and providers of multiple services in the community. Whether you are a student, a parent, or a community or board member, please take time to “thank teachers.”

Second, teachers need the gift of a reasonable salary. Again, teachers do not expect to earn high salaries, but they should have sufficient funding to live comfortably. Many teachers spend a significant amount of their own money on their students. It is unfair for them not to be able to afford acceptable living spaces and vehicles and healthy food.

Third is the gift of a safe, comfortable, and organized school environment. With all that teachers have to do to educate our youths, they should feel safe, comfortable, and not need to worry about being disrespected in any way. Administrators should set a schedule so that each teacher's time is val-

ued and put to good use.

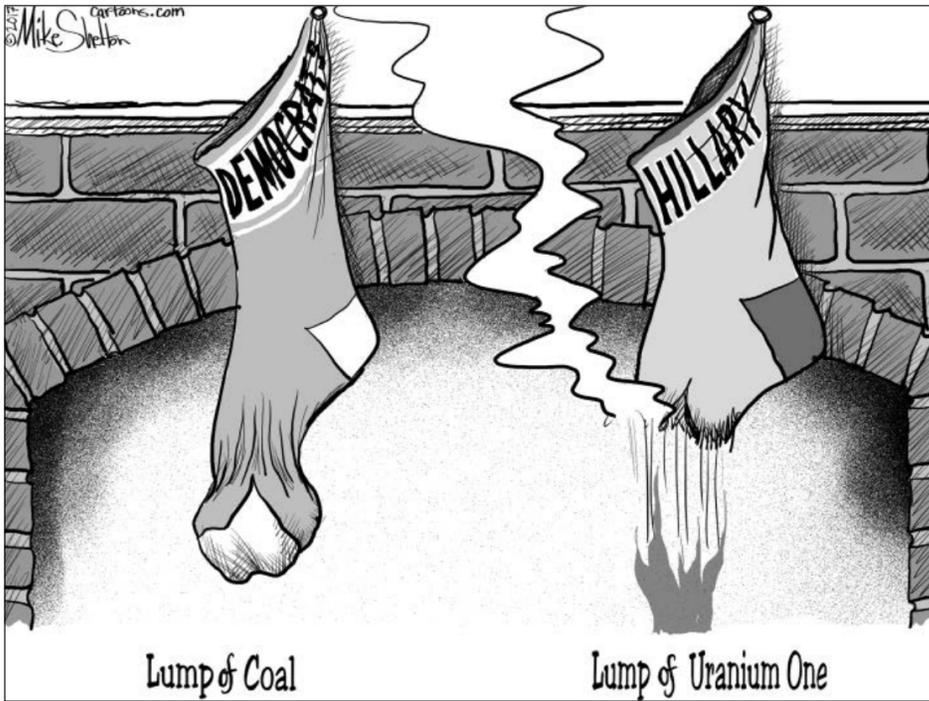
The fourth gift for teachers is a debt-free or low-debt education to become teachers. Many of our graduating teachers in South Carolina leave college with significant debt. As a community, we can help offset the low salaries for new teachers by providing scholarships and loan forgiveness programs so future teachers can graduate from their colleges and universities with either no or limited student debt. Let's make it our goal to increase the amount of funding available in order to decrease both the total amount of debt and the number of our future teachers who are in debt.

The fifth gift is for teachers to be treated as valued professionals. Teachers study and practice to become proficient educators. They must pass numerous national tests to demonstrate their knowledge and are assessed with standardized observation tools to further determine their teaching abilities. Yet, many in our communities do not respect teachers as the professionals they are. We need to encourage our teachers to advance professionally while remaining in the classroom, observe, be observed, and form professional learning support systems so they continue to grow and develop as professionals.

As you enjoy the holidays, please pause to thank our teachers, support better compensation for them, provide funding support for future teachers, visit your local school, and voice your praise if it is an environment conducive to effective teaching and learning — and take action for improvement if it is not. Teachers are the core of successful education, and we need to give them these five gifts to reach the goal of providing the best education possible for all of our tri-county students.

Oh, just in case you are wondering what would be a great gift for me, please encourage those you know to consider a career in teaching. I know firsthand that teaching can be a very rewarding career.

Fran Welch is the dean of the School of Education, Health and Human Performance at the College of Charleston.



COMMENTARY

Anti-Trump media machine going strong into New Year

The Grinches are back ... As I watched the run up to Christmas, I was not surprised when I checked news programs on the tube Friday morning and turned to MSNBC and caught some of the “Morning Joe” show featuring Joe Scarborough and his girlfriend “Eeka” ... something or other ... railing about President Trump.

Was I surprised? Hardly. It was like watching a bad episode of “The Gong Show,” even though I liked the Unknown Comic. Eeka! and Joe were, as usual, viewing with alarm under the horrors of the Trump presidency and how the rich were getting richer in America and the poor and the middle class were



Hubert D. Osteen Jr.

imperiled our nation has become under the cursed Trump regime.

I guess I missed that. I keep reading in reliable publications such as *The Wall Street Journal* that the unemployment rolls are going down, jobs are opening up, the economy is beginning to boom and Americans are increasingly optimistic about the state of the Union.

No wonder the so-called mainstream media in this

country has become like a faulty sewerage plant, discharging its poisonous waste and pungent vapors upon hapless Americans as it practices the fine art of distorted or fake news delivered by pretend journalists and agenda columnists bent on promoting a narrative that would take the nation back to the bad old days of Obama the almighty and his do-nothing presidency.

With Christmas over, it's back to the serious business of making America great again. We fully expect “the Resistance,” led by Chucky Schumer and “Bride of Frankenstein” Nancy Pelosi, to pick up where they left off in trying to derail the Trump presidency. Good luck with that.

Happy New Year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CAUTION LIGHTS SHOULDN'T BE ON WHEN SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION

I would like to just make a couple of comments concerning school zone caution lights. We all know how important it is to drive slower when in an active school zone during drop off and pick up. It is also important that these lights only operate when school is in session and students are being dropped off or picked up. After drop off and pick up and when school is not in session, it is, in my humble opinion, important that the caution lights are turned off and don't operate. There are two schools I have observed that continually violate the need to turn off these caution lights. Millwood Elementary School NEVER turns off their caution lights when school is not in session — they are running now when everyone is on Christmas vacation. The result is that when students are present, people ignore the caution lights for Millwood. Rafting Creek is the other school, although the situation is different. At Rafting Creek, the afternoon caution light operates well after the students are gone, and many times the office personnel are no longer present at the school. I just believe that all schools should insure their caution lights are operating in a timely fashion and certainly not operating when school is not in session.

DAVE LEPAGE
Sumter

DO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS PAY ATTENTION TO SMALLER PROBLEMS?

What are the duties of our law enforcement officers?

As they patrol our streets, roads and highways, why don't they report old run-down buildings? Example: Highway 15

South at Kingsbury Drive and Highway 15 South at Bethel Church Road.

Traffic lights out, speed limit signs blocked by tree limbs, tree limbs growing over the street and brush growing in the street; example — Stewart Street north of Calhoun Street.

Road and street signs down or view blocked by tree limbs that need cutting back. Example: Pinewood Road coming into Sumter. As you come over the overpass, you are not able to see the traffic light until you get almost to it.

Trash — pick a street or road. Bags of trash being dropped in the road and struck by vehicles and scattered. Old mattress, chairs and furniture along the road. Tree limbs along the highway(s); example — Highway 15 South, also Starks Ferry Road. Our roads look like trash dumps, especially after the grass has been cut.

Abandon vehicles — left on the side of the road for days, even weeks sometimes, before being moved. White Toyota four-door — NVI 678 — has been on side of road Highway 15 South for over two weeks.

Coming off of Nettles Road at Highway 15 South, there is a patch of weeds blocking the view so you cannot see oncoming traffic unless you get your vehicle almost out in the intersection. These weeds have been there for months and nothing has been done about it. Why can't the officer(s) report this kind of stuff?

Also, what is the duty of our litter control officer(s)? Don't anyone report this kind of stuff? And, if so, why is there nothing being done about it?

There are ways to stop trash from being dumped in and along the roads and finding out who is responsible. I won't say how in writing but will be glad to discuss it with our sheriff, chief and our state troopers.

RAY NICHOLAS
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Ultimately, this tax cut let's YOU decide how to spend YOUR money. Don't be fooled when some say this tax cut is not for the average middle class family.

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NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

BANKS — All area banks and credit unions will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1, 2018.

GOVERNMENT — The following will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1, 2018: federal government offices; U.S. Postal Service; state government offices; City of Sumter offices; Sumter County offices; Clarendon County offices; Lee County offices; and City of Bishopville offices.

City of Manning offices are closed today and will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1, 2018.

SCHOOLS — The following will be closed through Monday, Jan. 1, 2018, with students returning on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018: Lee County Public Schools and Thomas Sumter Academy.

The following will be closed through Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018, with students returning on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018: Sumter School District; Clarendon School District 1; Clarendon School District 2; Wilson Hall; St. Anne and St. Jude Catholic School; St. Francis Xavier High School; Laurence Manning Academy; and Clarendon Hall.

Clarendon School District 3 and Sumter Christian School will be closed through Monday, Jan. 1, 2018, and will observe a faculty in-service day on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018, with students returning on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018.

Robert E. Lee Academy will be closed through Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018, with students returning on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018.

UTILITIES — Black River Electric Coop. and FTC will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1, 2018.

OTHER — Clemson Extension Service and the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce will be closed through Monday, Jan. 1, 2018.

The Harvin Clarendon County Library and the Sumter County Library will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1, 2018.

The City of Sumter will collect household garbage and recyclables on New Year's Day. For additional information, call the sanitation department at (803) 436-2558.

The Sumter Item will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1, 2018.

AROUND TOWN

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 29, at the Arts & Letters building, banquet hall, 109 Miller Road. To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code SumterCommunity.

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/>.

FYI

The Single Parent Institute meets from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Birnie HOPE Center. Meetings are open to teenage single parents, custodial and non-custodial single

parents. You are welcome to bring your children as the Single Parent Institute is for the entire family. Contact Dr. L. Quaneck Walkes at (803) 223-9408 or lqwalkes@sctechthisout.com.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Anything related to work should be handled carefully. Take care of your responsibilities without complaint. An emotional reaction will make you look bad and lead to an impulsive move. Do your best to get along with others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be direct if you have a problem. Being honest and asking questions are the best ways to get to the bottom of any situation that leaves you feeling uncertain. Peace and love will help resolve issues, but complaining won't.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stick to what you know and steer clear of anyone who shows inconsistency or unpredictable tendencies. Stay grounded and stick to whatever commitments you have made. Use common sense and offer honest answers.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A shopping trip will lead to a bargain that will improve your domestic environment. Make romance a priority and make plans to enjoy being with the people who make you happy. Personal improvements are featured.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make a change at work or to your status and reputation. Consider what you enjoy doing most and look for ways to use your skills, experience or knowledge to help you head in a direction that excites you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Consider the adjustments you can make to the way you live. Consider how you can apply the knowledge you have gained in the past to future prospects. A change of location or updating your skills will help you move forward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Refuse to let individuals who don't share your opinion get a rise out of you. Nurture the relationships that are most important to you. The quality of your interactions with others will depend on your frame of mind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't venture too far from home. It's important to focus inward and reflect on the plans and promises you've made. Do whatever it takes to stabilize your relationships with those you care about before moving forward.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A bargain is not worth it if you have to incur debt. Changes can be made that are cost-efficient and will allow you to save rather than spend. Common sense and the ability to say "no" will be in your best interest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emotions will swell up when dealing with friends or relatives who know how to get a rise out of you. Stop and think before you take the bait and you'll come up with a much better way to handle such encounters.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't leave anything to chance. Getting your personal papers and documentation in order will be necessary before the year comes to a close. Don't let anyone take you for granted. Look for a way to reach your professional goals.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Offer suggestions, but don't take over. You'll be blamed for interfering if you are too eager to tell others what to do. Misunderstandings are apparent. Personal growth should be your focus, not trying to change others.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
A bit of rain in the morning	Cloudy and colder	A little rain; some icy spots	Sleet, freezing rain early	Mostly sunny	Chilly with some sun
48°	28°	37° / 25°	47° / 29°	53° / 27°	46° / 27°
Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 20%
NNE 6-12 mph	NE 6-12 mph	NE 8-16 mph	NE 4-8 mph	W 4-8 mph	NNW 4-8 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS

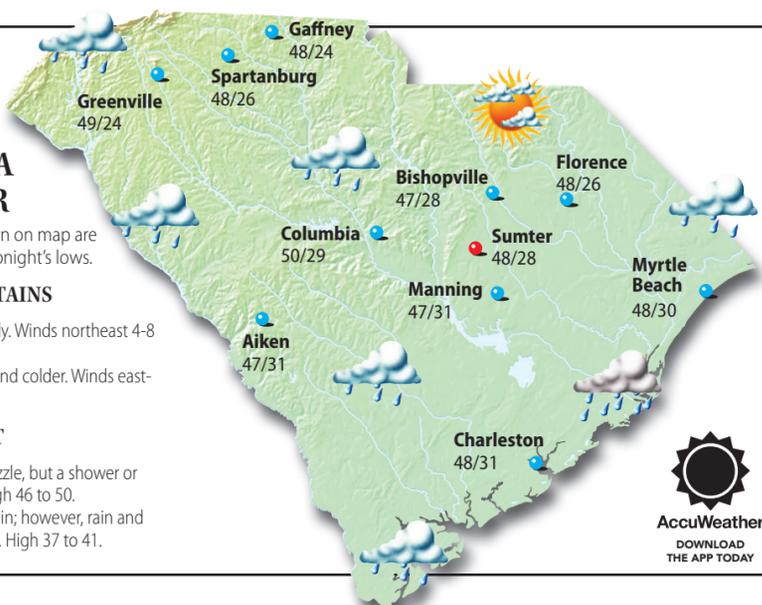
Today: Rather cloudy. Winds northeast 4-8 mph. Partly cloudy.

Thursday: Cloudy and colder. Winds east-northeast 6-12 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Rain and drizzle, but a shower or two in the south. High 46 to 50.

Thursday: A little rain; however, rain and ice in southern parts. High 37 to 41.



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SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	
High	49°	29°	
Normal high	55°	Normal low	33°
Record high	76° in 1971	Record low	9° in 1983

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date	Last year to date	Normal year to date	
24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	0.00"	Month to date	3.96"	Normal month to date	2.75"	Year to date	37.48"
Last year to date	49.13"	Normal year to date	46.35"				

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	354.85	-0.02
Marion	76.8	74.22	+0.01
Moultrie	75.5	74.11	none
Wateree	100	96.79	-0.04

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	8.78	+0.01
Congaree River	19	1.72	-2.28
Lynches River	14	7.65	+0.22
Saluda River	14	2.91	+0.06
Up. Santee River	80	76.61	none
Wateree River	24	5.59	-1.29

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:26 a.m.	Sunset	5:20 p.m.
Moonrise	1:17 p.m.	Moonset	1:10 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Jan. 1	Jan. 8	Jan. 16	Jan. 24

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	2:58 a.m.	2.8	10:02 a.m.	0.5
	3:27 p.m.	2.7	10:30 p.m.	-0.1
Thu.	4:01 a.m.	3.0	11:10 a.m.	0.3
	4:29 p.m.	2.8	11:29 p.m.	-0.3

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	46/31/r	36/27/i
Chicago	11/5/s	18/11/sn
Dallas	39/30/c	45/35/c
Detroit	15/0/pc	17/10/sn
Houston	47/39/r	51/42/c
Los Angeles	74/53/s	78/53/s
New Orleans	50/42/r	53/45/r
New York	26/13/pc	23/13/s
Orlando	77/59/pc	75/59/pc
Philadelphia	29/14/pc	26/15/pc
Phoenix	75/46/s	77/48/s
San Francisco	57/44/s	57/43/s
Wash., DC	34/18/sf	29/21/pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	42/18/c	36/20/c	Florence	48/26/r	36/25/i
Athens	48/28/r	34/23/i	Gainesville	66/48/sh	62/44/r
Augusta	49/33/r	38/24/i	Gastonia	49/24/c	33/21/c
Beaufort	49/30/c	37/30/r	Goldsboro	45/21/i	37/21/c
Cape Hatteras	49/32/r	41/34/c	Goose Creek	47/29/r	36/29/r
Charleston	48/31/sh	36/31/r	Greensboro	45/17/c	33/19/pc
Charlotte	49/22/c	35/22/c	Greenville	49/24/c	35/23/c
Clemson	50/28/c	35/24/c	Hickory	47/19/c	35/21/c
Columbia	50/29/r	36/25/i	Hilton Head	49/31/sh	38/31/r
Darlington	47/26/c	33/23/i	Jacksonville, FL	60/48/c	57/43/r
Elizabeth City	44/21/r	35/23/c	La Grange	46/37/r	40/28/r
Elizabethtown	44/26/r	33/25/i	Macon	47/35/sh	42/29/r
Fayetteville	48/22/i	38/23/c	Marietta	46/29/c	35/24/c
			Marion	45/19/c	33/18/c
			Mt. Pleasant	48/31/c	37/31/r
			Myrtle Beach	48/30/r	38/30/r
			Orangeburg	46/31/r	32/27/i
			Port Royal	48/37/c	38/31/r
			Raleigh	47/18/c	35/19/pc
			Rock Hill	49/24/c	33/20/c
			Rockingham	48/23/i	33/20/c
			Savannah	48/36/c	37/30/i
			Spartanburg	48/26/c	32/22/c
			Summerville	46/32/r	33/31/r
			Wilmington	46/25/r	40/25/r
			Winston-Salem	45/18/c	34/20/pc

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LEFT: Prancer is a young adult male who is friendly to all. He is a gentle, quiet soul. You can tell that he misses interaction with people. A loving home would make him feel secure and allow him to blossom. Prancer is a small-sized guy who will make you the most important person in the world.

BELOW: At 78 pounds, Sloan is a big boy with an amazing brindle coat. This gentle giant happily takes treats with a soft mouth. Sloan is a smart, people-oriented dog so if you are a fan of "biggies," come on down and meet him. You will not be sorry. We want this boy to go to a forever, loving home.

If you would like to meet Sloan in kennel 20 or Prancer in kennel 27, 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.

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 sumtertrays@gmail.com. One hundred percent of your donation will be used for the animals at Sumter Animal Control.

CLEMSON FOOTBALL



Fearless leaders

AP FILE PHOTO

Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant (2) has stepped into the big shoes of former Tiger quarterback Deshaun Watson and has led Clemson to the College Football Playoff for the third straight season. The Tigers, the defending national champions, will meet Alabama for the third straight year, this time in the Sugar Bowl in a national semifinal on Monday in New Orleans.

QBs Bryant and Hurts run, pass their way to Sugar Bowl

BY JOHN ZENOR
The Associated Press

Jalen Hurts never has to look far for a reminder of the national championship game loss to Clemson.

No. 4 Alabama's quarterback only needs to turn on his phone, which sports a photo of him walking off the field afterward.

"As many times as I open up my phone, I don't look at

it like, 'Dang, I lost to Clemson.' I don't do that every time," Hurts said. "But it's definitely there, it's definitely a motivating factor and it's always been."

His counterpart for the top-ranked Tigers, Kelly Bryant, was a spectator for that game when Deshaun Watson picked apart a worn-out Alabama defense on his way to a game-winning touchdown pass to Hunter

Renfrow with one second left.

Hurts and Bryant have led their teams back into the College Football Playoffs, where Alabama and Clemson meet for the third straight year Jan. 1 in the Sugar Bowl.

Hurts is actually the more experienced quarterback in the game this time, instead of last season's freshman vs. senior matchup. Both he and

Bryant are efficient passers and dangerous runners who have logged more carries than any of their respective teams' running backs.

Both also have done little but win.

Bryant has ably filled Watson's shoes, but matching his performances against Alabama would be a tall order.

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USC FOOTBALL

Hurst wants to help make final game a victory

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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After making the decision to declare for the National Football League draft, South Carolina tight end Hayden Hurst then made the decision that he would not skip the Gamecocks' contest against Michigan in the Outback Bowl on Jan. 1 to avoid the possibility of injury.

"It's just something me and my dad talked about," said Hurst, the junior tight end, who is projected as a second- or third-round pick. "I want to finish what I started, I never want to sit out a game. Don't think I have that in me."

"I just want to come in and work hard and not take anything away from the season."

Now he wants to do what he can to help USC, 8-4 on the season, to a victory in his final game.

That would be huge, a huge statement for the program and where (Carolina head) Coach (Will) Muschamp is going to take it," Hurst said. "I think it would be the seventh team in school history with nine wins."



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South Carolina tight end Hayden Hurst (81) will be playing his final game for the Gamecocks when they take on Michigan on Monday in the Outback Bowl in Tampa, Florida.

Hurst, of course, isn't your typical college junior. He had three years of professional baseball experience in

the Pittsburgh Pirates organization

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PRO FOOTBALL

Tomlin noncommittal about lineup for finale vs. Browns

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mike Tomlin isn't sure how long of a break he wants to give his star players before the postseason begins.

The Pittsburgh Steelers coach is going to wait to determine how much Ben Roethlisberger, Le'Veon Bell and company play during Sunday's regular-season finale against winless Cleveland.

The Steelers (12-3) wrapped up their third AFC North title in four years earlier this month and secured a first-round bye by dominating Houston on

Christmas night.

A shot at the top seed and home-field advantage in the playoffs remains a possibility, a scenario the relies almost exclusively on the New York Jets beating New England on the road, something the Jets have done only once in the past decade and even that came in 2008 when Tom Brady was out with a knee injury.

"We will play to win that football game," Tomlin said Tuesday. "Who we choose to

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Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger (7) scrambles away from Houston linebacker Ufomba Kamalu (94) during the first half of the Steelers 33-6 victory over the Texans on Monday in Houston.

PRO FOOTBALL

Tales from the cold: Ice Bowl still chills 50 years later

BY TIM DAHLBERG
The Associated Press

The penultimate day of 1967 was as beautiful as it gets in Green Bay in late December. Chilly, yes, but the Dallas Cowboys enjoyed the sunshine as they practiced at Lambeau Field for their New Year's Eve game against the Green Bay Packers.

"You could work up a sweat," said Dan Reeves, then a running back for Dallas. "You just



REEVES

knew the next day was going to be a great day for football."

It was sure looking that way for everyone who loved the NFL. Bart Starr was under center for

the Packers, and the Cowboys countered with Don Meredith and Bob Hayes, the 1964 Olympic 100-meter gold medalist. The Cowboys and Packers were meeting for the second straight year for the NFL championship, with the winner going to Super Bowl No. 2 (the NFL had yet to get around to Roman numerals) against the champions of the American Football League.

That night, opposing coaches Vince Lombardi and Tom Landry got together with NFL officials and other team members at the Oneida Country Club for a dinner. The mood was upbeat for a league still trying to digest the merger with the AFL and turn the Super Bowl into a must-see game.

Things were not so cheerful the next morning, when the wakeup call at the Holiday Inn sent startled players to their windows to see what it was all about.

"Good morning," the operator said. "It's 7:30 a.m. and 17 below zero."

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It's one of the defining games of the NFL, a contest played on tundra that truly was frozen by men who really weren't prepared for the conditions. The game that became known as the Ice Bowl joined the 1958 NFL championship game and the 1969 Super Bowl as one of a trio of iconic contests in the space of a decade that cemented the league into the consciousness of America's sports fans.

Cowboys executive Gil Brandt wasn't thinking of history that morning as he stood in the lobby of the Holiday Inn in Appleton. He just wanted something to keep his feet warm as the Cowboys waited for the buses to take them to Lambeau Field.

He found them on the feet of one of the bus drivers.

"I asked if somebody would rent me their boots for \$20," Brandt said. "They said they weren't boots but galoshes. But one guy rented me his."

Players were just as ill prepared. They had long underwear and heaters on the sidelines but little else. For the Cowboys, that meant no gloves for their hands.

"Our (defensive) coach, Ernie Stautner, told our defense that we weren't going to wear gloves. Said, 'Gloves are for sissies.'" Cowboys lineman Bob Lilly said. "Well, we go out to warm up and all the Packers had gloves on."

It was, as Sports Illustrated would write the next week, the coldest New Year's Eve in the cold history of Green Bay.

"It should have been canceled, but I think the commissioner was watching the West Coast game in Oakland," Dallas linebacker Lee Roy Jordan said. "He probably had a nice comfortable day out there."

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

1:30 p.m. — College Football: Independence Bowl from Shreveport, La. — Southern Mississippi vs. Florida State (ESPN).
2:40 p.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Manchester City vs. Newcastle United (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
3 p.m. — College Basketball: Limestone at South Carolina (WDXY-FM 105.9, WNKT-FM 107.5, WDXY-AM 1240).
3:30 p.m. — High School Basketball: Beach Ball Classic from Myrtle Beach — Bishop Gorman vs. Imhotep (SPECTRUM 1250).
5:15 p.m. — College Football: Pinstripe Bowl from New York — Iowa vs. Boston College (ESPN).
5:15 p.m. — High School Basketball: Beach Ball Classic from Myrtle Beach — Dematha vs. Lone Peak (SPECTRUM 1250).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
6:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Butler at Georgetown (FOX SPORTS 1).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Eastern Michigan at Syracuse (ESPN2).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Florida Gulf Coast at Rhode Island (ESPN2).
7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Boston at Charlotte (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
7 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Montreal at Carolina (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
7 p.m. — High School Basketball: Beach Ball Classic from Myrtle Beach — Spartanburg Day vs. Socaste (SPECTRUM 1250).
7:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Villanova at DePaul (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Toronto at Oklahoma City (NBA TV).
8 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Washington at New York Rangers (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: Cal State (Bakersfield) at Arkansas (SEC NETWORK).
8:30 p.m. — College Football: Foster Farms Bowl from Santa Clara, Calif. — Arizona vs. Purdue (WACH 57).
8:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Xavier at Marquette (FOX SPORTS 1).
8:45 p.m. — High School Basketball: Beach Ball Classic from Myrtle Beach — Montverde vs. Albany (SPECTRUM 1250).
9 p.m. — College Football: Texas Bowl from Houston — Missouri vs. Texas (ESPN).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Central Florida at Southern Methodist (ESPN2).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Chicago State at Wisconsin (ESPN2).
9:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Colorado State at Boise State (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
10:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Utah at Golden State (NBA TV).

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	21	13	.618	—
Oklahoma City	19	15	.559	2
Denver	18	15	.545	2½
Portland	17	16	.515	3½
Utah	15	19	.441	6

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	27	7	.794	—
L.A. Clippers	13	19	.406	13
Sacramento	11	21	.344	15
L.A. Lakers	11	21	.344	15
Phoenix	12	23	.343	15½

MONDAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia 105, New York 98
 Golden State 99, Cleveland 92
 Washington 111, Boston 103
 Oklahoma City 12, Houston 107
 Minnesota 121, L.A. Lakers 104

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Indiana at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Toronto at Dallas, 7 p.m.
 Orlando at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
 Brooklyn at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
 Memphis at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Utah at Denver, 9 p.m.
 Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Boston at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 Dallas at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Brooklyn at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 New York at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Toronto at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 Cleveland at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
 Memphis at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
 Utah at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Detroit at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 Houston at Boston, 8 p.m.
 Minnesota at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
 New York at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Houston at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Atlanta at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 Brooklyn at Miami, 8 p.m.
 Dallas at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 Indiana at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 Phoenix at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
 Charlotte at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	35	26	7	2	54	133	87
Toronto	37	22	14	1	45	122	104
Boston	34	19	10	5	43	101	89
Montreal	36	16	16	4	36	98	114
Florida	36	15	16	5	35	103	119
Detroit	35	13	15	7	33	96	113
Ottawa	34	11	15	8	30	92	114
Buffalo	36	9	20	7	25	78	120

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	35	21	9	5	47	113	103
Columbus	37	22	13	2	46	105	99
Washington	37	22	13	2	46	114	107
N.Y. Rangers	36	19	13	4	42	117	104
N.Y. Islanders	36	19	13	4	42	130	127
Carolina	35	16	12	7	39	99	109
Pittsburgh	37	18	16	3	39	104	118
Philadelphia	36	15	13	8	38	99	103

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	38	23	13	2	48	113	94
Nashville	35	21	9	5	47	116	99
Winnipeg	37	20	11	6	46	121	105
Dallas	37	20	14	3	43	110	106
Chicago	35	17	13	5	39	103	94
Minnesota	36	18	15	3	39	102	106
Colorado	35	17	15	3	37	112	113

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	34	23	9	2	48	119	100
Los Angeles	37	22	11	4	48	109	85
San Jose	34	19	11	4	42	95	84
Anaheim	37	16	13	8	40	101	108
Calgary	36	18	15	3	39	101	106
Edmonton	36	17	17	2	36	108	113
Vancouver	37	15	17	5	35	98	121
Arizona	38	8	25	5	21	85	133

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.
 Monday's Games No games scheduled
 Tuesday's Games No games scheduled

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Buffalo at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
 Montreal at Carolina, 7 p.m.
 Ottawa at Boston, 7 p.m.
 Columbus at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
 Detroit at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 Nashville at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
 Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.
 Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Edmonton at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
 Arizona at Colorado, 9 p.m.
 Vegas at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
 Boston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
 Montreal at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
 Toronto at Arizona, 9 p.m.
 Vegas at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
 Chicago at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
 Calgary at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Buffalo at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
 Columbus at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
 Nashville at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
 St. Louis at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Toronto at Colorado, 9 p.m.
 Chicago at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
 Calgary at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY
Varsity Basketball
 Sumter in C. Dan Joyner Classic Tournament (Boys Only) (in Greenville), TBA
 Crestwood in Pepsi Classic (Boys Only) (in Florence), TBA
 Lakewood in Tournament Champions (Boys Only) (at Wheeler High in Atlanta), TBA
 Manning in Orangeburg Sweet 16, TBA
 Wilson Hall in Carolinas Invitational Tournament (Girls Only) (in Charleston), TBA
Varsity and JV Basketball
 Clarendon Hall in Orangeburg Prep Christmas Tournament, TBA
Varsity Wrestling
 Sumter in Lexington Duals, TBA

FRIDAY

Varsity Basketball
 Sumter in C. Dan Joyner Classic Tournament (Boys Only) (in Greenville), TBA
 Crestwood in Pepsi Classic (Boys Only) (in Florence), TBA
 Lakewood in Tournament Champions (Boys Only) (at Wheeler High in Atlanta), TBA
 Manning in Orangeburg Sweet 16, TBA
 Wilson Hall in Carolinas Invitational Tournament (Girls Only) (in Charleston), TBA
Varsity and JV Basketball
 Clarendon Hall in Orangeburg Prep Christmas Tournament, TBA
Varsity Wrestling
 Sumter in Lexington Duals, TBA

SATURDAY

Varsity Basketball
 Sumter in C. Dan Joyner Classic Tournament (Boys Only) (in Greenville), TBA
 Lakewood in Tournament Champions (Boys Only) (at Wheeler High in Atlanta), TBA

Varsity and JV Basketball

Clarendon Hall in Orangeburg Prep Christmas Tournament, TBA

BOWL SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

SATURDAY, DEC. 16

Celebration Bowl
At Atlanta
 NC A&T 21, Grambling State 14
New Orleans Bowl
 Troy 50, North Texas 30
Cure Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
 Georgia State 27, Western Kentucky 17
Las Vegas Bowl
 Boise State 38, Oregon 28
New Mexico Bowl
Albuquerque
 Marshall 31, Colorado State 28
Camellia Bowl
Montgomery, Ala.
 Middle Tennessee 35, Arkansas State 30

TUESDAY, 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
 West Virginia (7-5) vs. Utah (6-6), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Quick Lane Bowl
Detroit
 Northern Illinois (8-4) vs. Duke (6-6), 5:15 p.m. (ESPN)
Cactus Bowl
Phoenix
 Kansas State (7-5) vs. UCLA (6-6), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27

Independence Bowl
Shreveport, La.
 Southern Mississippi (8-4) vs. Florida State (6-6), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Pinstripe Bowl
Bronx, N.Y.
 Boston College (7-5) vs. Iowa (7-5), 5:15 p.m. (ESPN)
Foster Farms Bowl
Santa Clara, Calif.
 Arizona (7-5) vs. Purdue (6-6), 8:30 p.m. (FOX)
Texas Bowl
Houston
 Texas (6-6) vs. Missouri (7-5), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

THURSDAY, DEC. 28

Military Bowl
Annapolis, Md.
 Virginia (6-6) vs. Navy (6-6), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Camping World Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
 Oklahoma State (9-3) vs. Virginia Tech (9-3), 5:15 p.m. (ESPN)
Alamo Bowl
San Antonio
 Stanford (9-4) vs. TCU (10-3), 9 p.m. (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl
San Diego
 Washington State (9-3) vs. Michigan State (9-3), 9 p.m. (FOX)

FRIDAY, DEC. 29

Belk Bowl
Charlotte, N.C.
 Wake Forest (7-5) vs. Texas A&M (7-5), 1 p.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
El Paso, Texas
 NC State (8-4) vs. Arizona State (7-5), 3 p.m. (CBS)
Music City Bowl
Nashville, Tenn.
 Kentucky (7-5) vs. Northwestern (9-3), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Arizona Bowl
Tucson, Ariz.
 New Mexico State (5-6) vs. Utah State (6-6), 5:30 p.m. (CBSSN)
Cotton Bowl Classic
Arlington, Texas
 Southern Cal (11-2) vs. Ohio State (11-2), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

SATURDAY, DEC. 30

TaxSlayer Bowl
Jacksonville, Fla.
 Louisville (8-4) vs. Mississippi State (8-4), Noon (ESPN)
Liberty Bowl
Memphis, Tenn.
 Iowa State (7-5) vs. Memphis (10-2), 12:30 p.m. (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl
Glendale, Ariz.
 Washington (10-2) vs. Penn State (10-2), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Orange Bowl
Miami Gardens, Fla.
 Wisconsin (12-1) vs. Miami (10-2), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

MONDAY, JAN. 1

Outback Bowl
Tampa, Fla.
 Michigan (8-4) vs. South Carolina (8-4), Noon (ESPN2)
Peach Bowl
Atlanta
 UCF (12-0) vs. Auburn (10-3), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Citrus Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
 Notre Dame (9-3) vs. LSU (9-3), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Rose Bowl (CFP Semifinal)
Pasadena, Calif.
 Oklahoma (12-1) vs. Georgia (12-1), 5:10 p.m. (ESPN)
Sugar Bowl (CFP Semifinal)
New Orleans
 Clemson (12-1) vs. Alabama (11-1), 8:45 p.m. (ESPN)

MONDAY, JAN. 8

College Football Championship
Atlanta
 Rose Bowl winner vs. Sugar Bowl winner, 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.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
NEW YORK YANKEES — Agreed to terms with LHP CC Sabathia on a one-year contract.
National League
CINCINNATI REDS — Agreed to terms with RHP Jared Hughes on a two-year contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Placed S Antoine Bethea on injured reserve. Signed LB Edmond Robinson from the practice squad.
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Placed WR Damiere Byrd on injured reserve.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed WR C.J. Board to the practice squad. Placed WR Kasen Williams on practice squad injured reserve.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed TE Emanuel Byrd from the practice squad. Placed OT Jason Spriggs on injured reserve. Signed WR Jake Kumerow to the practice squad.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed LS Jeff Overbaugh. Placed G Nick Easton on injured reserve.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Placed S Landon Collins on injured reserve. Signed LB Derrick Mathews from the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
AHL — Suspended Hartford F Peter Holland two games for a slashing incident in a Dec. 23 game against Bridgeport.

BOWL ROUNDUP

Jones leads Duke over N. Illinois 36-14 in Quick Lane Bowl

DETROIT (AP) — Daniel Jones threw for two touchdowns and ran for another as Duke beat Northern Illinois 36-14 in the Quick Lane Bowl on Tuesday.

Jones finished with 338 yards of offense, while Shaun Wilson and Britain Brown added touchdowns for Duke (7-6).

Marcus Childers threw for 234 yards and a score for Northern Illinois (8-5).

The Blue Devils took a 14-0 lead in the first quarter, sandwiching rushing touchdowns around a failed Northern Illinois fake punt on 4th-and-18 from their own 11.

The Huskies had two first downs and 46 yards in the quarter, but tied the game with two scores in the first 2:38 of the second. Duke, though, moved back into a 26-14 lead with two touchdowns before halftime.

Jones fumbled on the first possession of the second half, but Northern Illinois turned the ball back over after a failed fake field goal.

UTAH 30 WEST VIRGINIA 14

DALLAS — Zach Moss ran for 150 yards with a career-long 58-yard run for a touchdown, Tyler Hurdley scored twice on 2-yard keepers and Utah got its fifth consecutive bowl victory, a 30-14 win over West Virginia in the Heart of Dallas Bowl on Tuesday.

On a drizzly and chilly day in Cotton Bowl Stadium, the Utes (7-6) led for good after Moss took a third-and-1 handoff, quickly burst into the open field and went all the way to the end zone to cap their opening drive.

Utah improved to 11-1 in bowl games under Kyle Whittingham, the former defensive coordinator whose debut as head coach was a Fiesta Bowl win at the end of the 2004 season. He coached that game with Urban Meyer, who had taken the Florida job three weeks earlier but returned to be part of Utah's postseason win over Pittsburgh after Whittingham had been promoted to head coach. With the win, Whittingham tied Alabama's Nick Saban for most bowl wins by an active coach.

From wire reports

SPORTS ITEMS

District 9 Officials Tournament begins Thursday at LCHS

The District 9 Officials Christmas Basketball Tournament begins on Thursday at the Lee Central High School gymnasium in Bishopville.

Play on Thursday begins at 11 a.m. with seven games on the schedule. The final one is a boys game scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. between C.E. Murray and Lee Central. Six games are scheduled for Friday with the first one set for a noon start. The final game is set to begin at 7:30 p.m. between Lee Central and Scott's Branch.

The championship games are scheduled for Saturday with the girls starting at 6 p.m. and followed by the boys contest.

There are seven girls teams in the tournament and three boys teams. All-day tickets are \$7 for students and \$9 for adults.

PRO FOOTBALL

Eagles clinch top seed, but Foles has tough time vs. Raiders

BY ROB MAADDI

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Nick Foles has three weeks to get in sync with his receivers.

Making his second start since MVP candidate Carson Wentz tore his left ACL, Foles had a tough time in Philadelphia's 19-10 victory over Oakland on Monday night. He was 19 of 38 for 163 yards with one touchdown and one interception, one week after he had four TD passes and no picks in a 34-29 win at the Giants.

The Eagles (13-2) clinched the NFC's No. 1 seed with the victory over the Raiders (6-9), so Foles and most of the starters may not play much or at all against Dallas in Week 17. Their next meaningful game is Jan. 13 or 14 in the playoffs.

Considering the offense's poor performance Christmas night, coach Doug Pederson might want to let them work on it against the Cowboys.

"It'll probably be Wednesday before I make a final decision on who plays," Pederson said. "Right now with only two (quarterbacks), I would assume (Foles) has to play some."

The wind played a factor in the passing game for both teams. Oakland's Derek Carr also struggled.

"It was gusty at times, made it a little more difficult," Pederson said.

After Ronald Darby intercepted Carr's pass with 54 seconds left, Foles came through. He completed four straight passes for 21 yards. Follow-



Philadelphia wide receiver Zach Ertz, right, cannot hold onto a pass in the end zone against Oakland's Dexter McDonald during the Eagles' 19-10 victory on Monday in Philadelphia.

ing an incomplete pass, Jake Elliott kicked a 48-yard field goal with 22 seconds left. Derek Barnett sealed it when he returned a fumble 23 yards for a touchdown after picking up a lateral on Oakland's final play from scrimmage.

"I didn't play good enough," Foles said. "I have to play cleaner, (need) pinpoint accuracy and good decisions on third downs."

Here's some things we learned from Philadelphia's win over Oakland:

BIG-PLAY D: The Eagles forced five turnovers in the second half, making one big play after another to bail out the offense. It was a dramatic turnaround for the defense, which struggled against Eli Manning and the Giants last week. They held the Raiders to 274 total yards, 63 coming on one play — Carr's TD pass to Amari Cooper.

"Last week, our offense was carrying us and we were playing like trash and this week our offense was mak-

ing little mistakes and we had to come out there and make some plays," Darby said. "That's what football is all about, a team effort."

THIRD-DOWN WOES: The Eagles were 1 for 14 on third downs and somehow still won. They were 2 for 2 on fourth down, including a conversion on a TD drive in the first quarter.

"We just didn't get into a rhythm," tight end Zach Ertz said. "Our defense bailed us out."

MACK ATTACK: Raiders defensive end Khalil Mack didn't have any sacks for the first time in six weeks, but he caused Pro Bowl right tackle Lane Johnson to commit two holding penalties and have a false start penalty.

"You can count on Khalil," Raiders coach Jack Del Rio said. "You put it down and he's going to play well. He's a fiery football player and his attitude and effort every day is unbelievable. He's very consistent that way."

BEAST MODE: Marshawn Lynch had 95 yards rushing on a season-high 25 carries. He almost became the first running back to reach 100 yards against Philadelphia since October 2016. The Raiders finished with 134 yards on the ground against the NFL's top-ranked run defense.

INVISIBLE MEN: Philadelphia's Alshon Jeffery and Oakland's Michael Crabtree had no catches. Jeffery was targeted twice and Crabtree three times.

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before trying his hand at college football. He walked on at South Carolina in 2015, became a starter in 2016 and set school records for tight ends with 48 catches and 616 receiving yards.

Entering the contest against the 8-4 Wolverines, the 6-foot-5-inch Hurst has 41 catches for 518 yards and two touchdowns. He's also rushed seven times for 37 yards and another score.

That has led the 24-year-old Hurst to being selected as a first team All-Southeastern Conference performer by both The Associated Press and the SEC coaches. It is not lost on Hurst as to where he was to where he is now.

"I owe everything I've become to this university," Hurst said. "I came on as a walk-on and not many people knew who I was. I had a dream, had a vision and I worked every day to try and make it happen. Coach Mus-

champ and his staff came in here and gave me an opportunity and I kind of ran with it."

Hurst had little success, first as a pitcher and then a first baseman, in the minors. However, he thinks the baseball struggles have helped him develop as a football player.

As bad as it was and as much I hated it, I think it helped me," Hurst said. "I don't take anything for granted."

"Looking back on it, I'm thankful for what happened. It gave me the work ethic I have today. I mean, pretty hard times for three years, but it led me to this place, and it really changed my life."

USC NOTES

The Gamecocks arrived in Tampa, Fla., on Tuesday to begin game week preparations for the Outback Bowl. They had a walk-through on Tuesday and begin their regular prep schedule today at 11 a.m.

Muschamp said that offensive coordinator Bryan McClendon will call the plays

from the press box. McClendon was named the OC for the Outback Bowl following the dismissal of Kurt Roper.

"It's the first time (McClendon) has called a game, so obviously it will be different," Muschamp said. "It's a calmer environment (in the box). You're able to see things a lot better from an adjustment standpoint, but we've got people assigned on every snap on where their eyes need to be as far as making sure we're getting the correct information about different looks."

Muschamp said USC put its in game plan during practices last week in Columbia.

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employ or utilize or activate — we are in the process of discussing. Make no mistake about it. The expectation will be what it is. The people we put on the field will be expected to play and play winning football."

The Steelers held out Roethlisberger, Bell and Antonio Brown in their meaningless 2016 finale against the Browns when backup quarterback Landry Jones guided Pittsburgh to a comeback 27-24 victory.

Jones could again get the call or at least play extensively, though Tomlin insists he's not going to make personnel decisions based on what the scoreboard is telling him about the game in Foxborough.

One decision is already made for Tomlin. Brown will miss a second straight week while recovering from a strained left calf suffered in the first half of a loss to the Patriots on Dec. 17.

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The two-time Heisman Trophy finalist accounted for 972 total yards and eight touchdowns in two previous playoff meetings, almost unfathomable numbers against one of the nation's top defenses. Not surprisingly, a number of Tide defenders have said he's the best quarterback they have faced.

"I think the quarterback now is even a better runner, if that's possible, than the guy we played against the last two years, who was probably the best player in college football in my opinion," Tide coach Nick Saban said.

In fact, Watson once tweeted of Bryant, "He will be better than me." Not yet, but Clemson's only loss came against Syracuse, when Bryant left early with a concussion.

That social media prediction came with Bryant's performance against Louisville, his only 300-yard passing effort, while Watson had seven last season.

Bryant has completed 67.4 percent of his passes, a hair better than Watson last season. He hasn't thrown as frequently as Watson, but has run a couple more times per game while only having to play in the fourth quarter eight times.

"Kelly Bryant is a great athlete," Alabama cornerback Levi Wallace said. "He's definitely a little faster than Deshaun Watson, definitely more running talent. He can definitely throw deep balls. They have great receivers who make plays for him. He's definitely a dual threat quarterback."

Hurts definitely is, too.

He has already run for more touchdowns (21 in 27 games) than any other Tide quarterback and his 38 passing TDs ranks fifth. Hurts' 30-yard touchdown run with 2:07 left against Clemson last season gave Alabama a 31-28 lead that was quickly erased with Watson's 2-yarder to Renfrow.

He has passed for 15 touchdowns and only been intercepted once, throwing for the game-winning touchdown against Mississippi State.

Clemson defensive end Clelin Ferrell said Hurts appears to be an improved passer who's making better decisions.

"He's a lot better passer this year — another year of maturity and another year of the offense," Ferrell said. "Even when plays break down, he's able to scramble out of the pocket and throw it downfield."

But Hurts is coming off perhaps his worst game of the season in a 26-14 loss to No. 7 Auburn, when he made some questionable decisions and lost a fumble. The performance generated some criticism from fans on social media, but Hurts' teammates are "behind him 100 percent," tight end Hale Hentges said.

"What Jalen does for us, we really don't care what everyone says, the media, the fans," Hentges said. "They can say whatever they want about Jalen, but we know what he does for our program. He's a fearless leader, he's our guy and he's led us to many great wins and we're behind him 100 percent. We believe in him, he's done a great job for our offense, and he's going to continue to do a great job."

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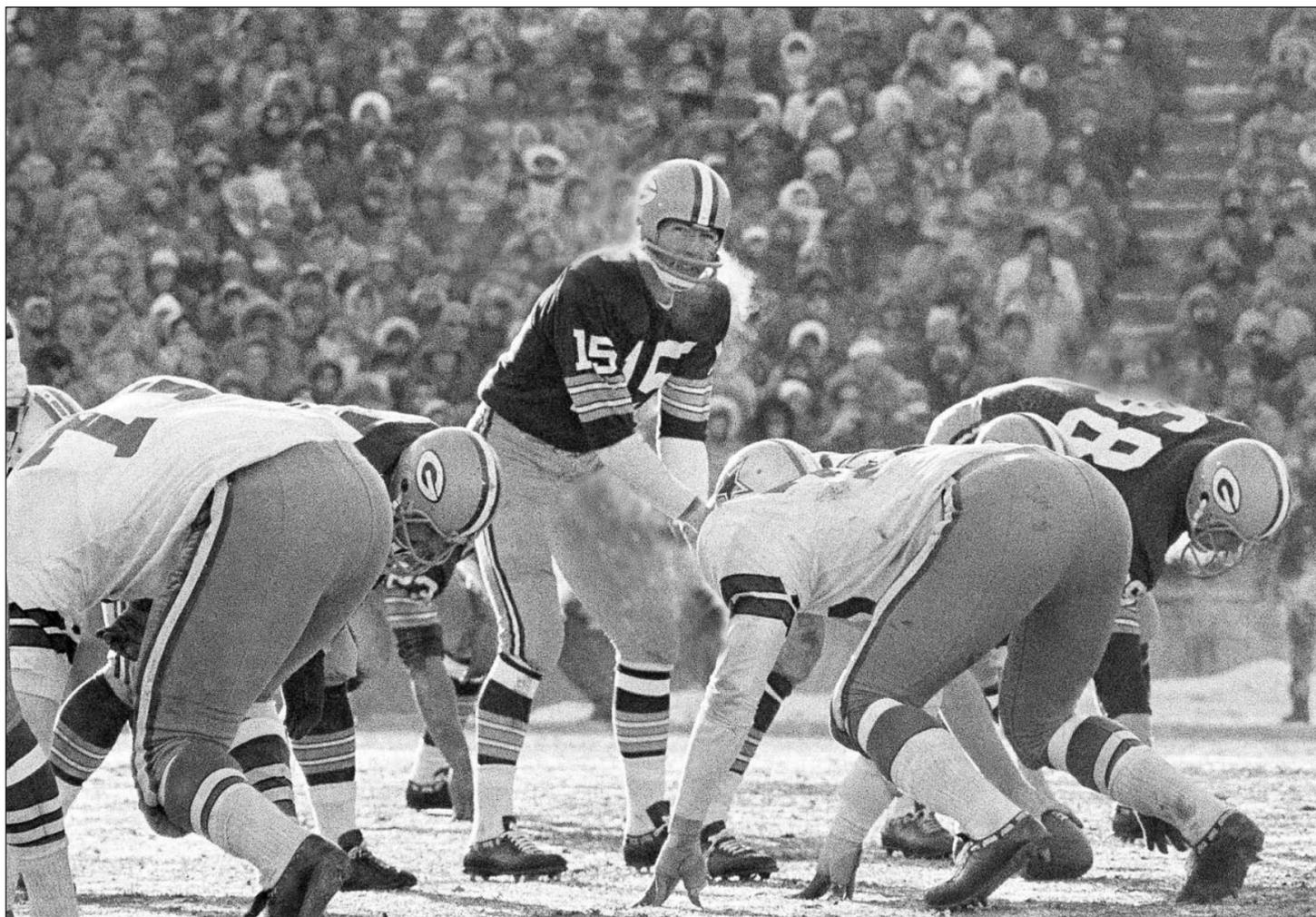
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LIC 110



Green Bay quarterback Bart Starr calls signals in the bitter cold in the Packers' win over the Dallas Cowboys in Green Bay, Wisconsin, in the 'Ice Bowl' on Dec. 31, 1967. Perhaps the most famous NFL playoff game ever, its memories still leave fans and players shivering 50 years later.

AP FILE PHOTO

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How cold was it? The reading at game time was 15 below, with wind chill in today's calculations at minus-48.

It was so cold that when referee Norm Shachter blew the metal whistle to start play, it froze to lips. When he tried to pry it off, it tore a chunk of his lip off with it.

"He bled most of the game," Jordan said. "After that, the NFL went to plastic whistles so it wouldn't freeze to lips."

Lambeau Field had heating coils underneath, but they were no match for cold this extreme. Compounding the mistake was putting a tarp over the field overnight, which kept moisture in that would later freeze when it was pulled off.

Wide receiver Carroll Dale's toenails froze and turned black. His frostbit ears are still sensitive today, 50 years later.

Every time Reeves shaves he sees the scar from a tooth that went through his upper lip when he slipped and fell on the frozen field, while Jordan still gets the shivers.

"For years, every time I got in chilly weather I thought I was going to have a relapse," Jordan said. "A lot of us had frostbite on our hands. If we had checked back then, probably a lot of us had frostbite on our lungs. But back then we didn't check much of anything."

The Packers scored the first time they got the ball, with Starr mixing the running and passing game beautifully. The lead soon became 14-0, and the Cowboys looked like a team that wanted to be anywhere on Dec. 31 than in frigid Green Bay.

Hayes, the star Cowboys receiver, was so cold he kept his hands in his pants when his number wasn't called, something Green Bay defenders quickly picked up on.

"The first mistake of the day was made by Bob Hayes when he came out of the huddle with his hands in his pants," Packers offensive lineman Jerry Kramer said. "When he was in the pattern he took his hands out."

The Cowboys managed to cut the lead to 14-10 at half-time thanks to a fumble recovery for a touchdown and a field goal. But the Packers still seemed in control until Dallas made adjustments at halftime and shut down the Packers' offense for most of the second half.

Starr would be sacked a total of eight times, and when Reeves hit Lance Rentzel for a 50-yard touchdown pass on a halfback option in the fourth quarter to take the lead, the Cowboys seemed on their way to the Super Bowl in toasty Miami Beach.

"They were playing lights-out defense in the second half and we were getting our fannies kicked," Dale said. "It

wasn't looking good."

If it was cold on the field, it seemed even colder in the stands.

There, people fiddled with their kerosene hand warmers, trying to keep them lit. Fans layered in clothing jammed together on aluminum benches, the condensation from their breaths forming an eerie cloud of fog over the stands.

"The people were too cold to complain," said John Des Jardins, who was 15 at the time and would later become a county judge. "We were all in our own little agony."

Patrick Webb, now executive director of the Green Bay/Brown County Professional Football Stadium District, was 16 and worked parking cars down the street from the stadium. He later joined his father in the top row of Section 130, where he had a view down the goal line in the final moments of the game.

"My biggest reaction to how cold it was is when Bart went over (for the go-ahead touchdown), I jumped up and down and didn't feel anything from my knees down," Webb said. "I really felt like I was jumping on my knees at the time."

Ten minutes before kickoff, Brandt looked around and saw no one in the stands. By kickoff, there were 50,861 people in the stadium.

"We didn't have any choice, but we're saying what are these people doing there?" Reeves said. "You were scratching your head and saying, good gracious what are they doing there? It shows you how tough those people are."

On the sideline late in the game there was a three-inch frozen gob of snot sticking out of the nose of Landry, who was too engrossed in the game to notice.

On the field, players were just hoping the game would get over — and soon.

"Minus-15 and minus-55 chill factor — the only time I've ever been exposed to that, and I don't care that if it's the last time," Dale said.

Late in the fourth quarter the field was a sheet of ice, looking more like an outdoor Wisconsin hockey rink than a place to play football. There seemed no way the Packers could mount a drive when they got ball back with 4:50 left in the game and 68 yards to the end zone.

"In the previous 31 plays we had a minus-9 yards," Kramer said. "We had 10 possessions in that 31-play period — 10 possessions, minus-9 yards. It's now 57-below zero (with) the wind chill. ... We're about out of energy, we're about out of time, we're about out of everything."

But this was a championship team already, and Starr was the quarterback. The Super Bowl was at stake, along with a possible \$27,500 for each player — more than

some earned in the season. "We went out for the huddle," Starr said after the game, "and decided that if we were going to do it, it had to be now."

A short pass to halfback Donny Anderson started the drive with some promise. As the clock wound down inside a minute, the Packers had made it to the 11-yard line.

A misdirection play fooled the Dallas defenders and got the ball to the 3. Two runs later it was at the 1 with 16 seconds left. The Packers took their final timeout.

Everyone in the stadium, including the players defending the goal line, thought Starr would try to throw for the winning touchdown, most likely on a rollout to get away from the fearsome Dallas defensive line, and the Packers would kick the tying field goal if the pass was incomplete. But Starr knew the Cowboys were having trouble getting their footing on the ice, so much so that Lilly said they discussed calling a timeout of their own to have someone come out with a screwdriver to punch some holes in the ice to get their footing.

The Packers rolled the dice. Starr called a "wedge" play normally designed for the halfback, and Kramer pounded his cleats into the frozen ground trying to get some traction for a block.

Starr took the snap, Kramer got underneath Jethro Pugh with one of the most celebrated blocks in NFL history, and Starr tumbled into the end zone for the winning score.

"Jethro was high consistently the three weeks before our game," Kramer said. "I watched three films of him high at the goal line. Lilly stayed down, but Jethro's first move was up. Obviously a mistake on the goal line. A wonderful football team, but a young football team. They made a couple mistakes and it cost them the ballgame."

"It was a great call," Jordan said. "I just wish Bart had slipped or something."

The old 8 millimeter footage taken in the end zone shows fans half-delirious from the cold and the dramatic finish storming the field and tearing down the metal goal posts. Green Bay would go on to beat Oakland 33-14 in the second Super Bowl, but at the time, the NFL championship seemed like a bigger win.

The Packers went off to celebrate their 21-17 win, partying at Fuzzy's, a bar near Lambeau Field owned by lineman Fuzzy Thurston.

"The celebration went on for most of the night," Kramer said. "All of Green Bay and all of Wisconsin was having a good time. But Fuzzy's heating system in the room he had reserved for us didn't work, and it was so cold inside we could see our breath in the party room."

The Cowboys wasted no time heading for the airport. On the team plane, players

scavenged for blankets and drinks to keep warm.

"They heated the plane up pretty good. We got warmed up," Lilly said. "But for years, when it would get cold, my hands would hurt so bad. And it affected our lungs, too. We had about half the team that smoked back then. As far as I can remember, about half of them quit."

Barely a word was spoken

the entire flight home.

"The happiest part of the whole deal was when we got on the airplane and took off and the red afterglow wasn't quite dark, it was still glowing red," Lilly said. "And we were alive and we were frozen, trying to thaw out."

"And we were looking out and saying — all of us, I think — we were being thankful that we got out of there alive."

Keeping Sumter Beautiful
Amanda McNulty, County Extension Agent

SC AgriBiz and Farm Expo

Two thousand eighteen is right around the corner and brings the sixth annual SC AgriBiz & Farm Expo held at the Florence Civic Center. For two full days, January 17 and 18, this event brings an amazing display of vendors whose work relates to agriculture. From those who serve as bankers, to farmers, to equipment dealers with the latest in high-tech specialized tractors, chemical representatives, and the always modernizing irrigation devices; all these adjuncts to the timber and farming community gather under one roof to showcase their work.

One of the fastest growing subsets in this industry are the local entrepreneurs who fill the wishes of many consumers to connect with their food suppliers. From specialty food producers who take family recipes and tweak them for today's tastes to small organic producers who bring the freshest and tastiest produce to consumers, these individuals deserve credit for bringing a face to agriculture. The farm to table movement which is so strongly established and represented by some of our finest restaurants is highlighted at The Taste of South Carolina reception held on January 17 from 6:15 to 8:00 pm. With food prepared by the current Chef Ambassadors, selected annually to represent the Upstate, Pee Dee, Midlands, and Coast, this is a

festive and lively part of the Expo. Tickets are limited so I would encourage you to reserve yours today.

It's a good thing the Taste ends at 8:00 pm because you'll want to be back at 8:00 am to hear Commissioner of Agriculture, Hugh Weathers speak on the local, national, and international factors that influence the markets for our agricultural products. This event raises funds for the SC Commissioner's School for Agriculture, a summer program held at Clemson to expose outstanding high school students to the multi-faceted careers associated with this industry.

For growers and people who are curious to learn about the trends and updates in crop production, the Expo offers two full days of educational presentations, on topics as varied as how to get organic certification to updates on the highest yielding varieties of corn and soybeans. To learn more about 2018 SC AgriBiz and Farm Expo, just search scagribizexpo.com.

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PRO BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Durant leads Warriors past Cavaliers 99-92

OAKLAND, Calif. — Klay Thompson hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:33 left, Kevin Durant turned in another solid all-around performance, and the Golden State Warriors beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 99-92 on Monday in a Christmas Day rematch of the past three NBA Finals.

Durant's block against a driving LeBron James with 24.5 seconds left went out of bounds off James, who said he thought he was fouled on the play. Durant finished with 25 points, seven rebounds and five blocked shots.

Kevin Love had 31 points and a season-best 18 rebounds, while James contributed 20 points, six rebounds and six assists in a rivalry missing one key piece: Warriors star Stephen Curry, who missed his eighth straight game with a sprained right ankle.

Thompson scored 24 points and Draymond Green had a triple-double with 12 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists. It was Golden State's 12th win in 13 games.

THUNDER 112
ROCKETS 107

OKLAHOMA CITY — Russell Westbrook had 31 points and 11 assists to help Oklahoma City to its fifth straight victory.

Paul George scored 24 points and Carmelo Anthony added 20 for the Thunder, who shot 54.4 percent from the field.

James Harden led the Rockets with 29 points, but he made just 7 of 18 field goals. The league's leading scorer was coming off back-to-back 51-point games.

Trevor Ariza and Eric Gordon each scored 20 points and Clint Capela added 19 points and 10 rebounds for Houston, which lost its third straight.

Houston point guard Chris Paul was sidelined by a groin strain. The Rockets are 15-1 when he plays and 10-6 when he sits out.

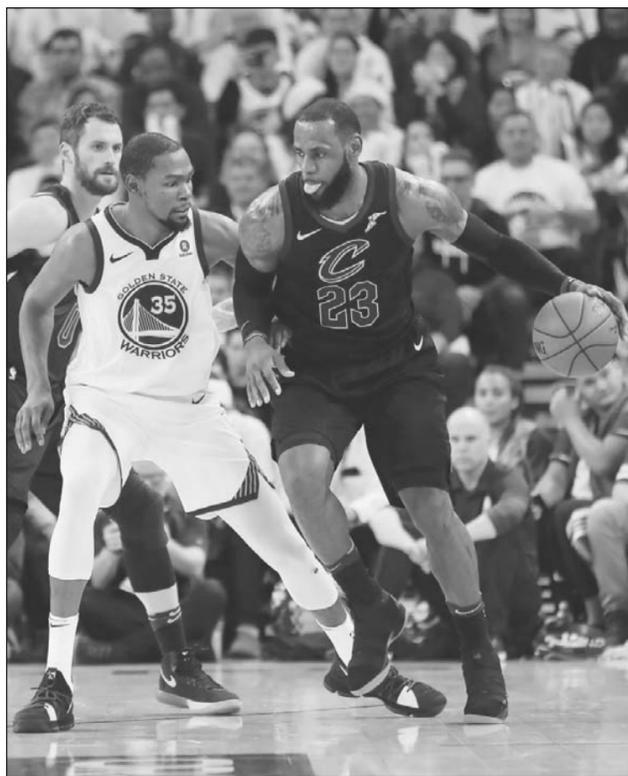
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CELTICS 103

BOSTON — Bradley Beal scored 25 points, John Wall had 21 points and 14 assists, and Washington beat Boston in the Celtics' first Christmas Day home game in franchise history.

Otto Porter Jr. added 20 points and Kelly Oubre Jr. finished with 16, helping Washington take the first meeting between the teams since Boston's Game 7 victory at home in the second round of the playoffs last spring.

Boston lost for the third time in four games. Kyrie Irving and Jayson Tatum each scored 20 points for the Celtics, and Terry Rozier had 16.

From wire reports



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Cleveland forward LeBron James (23) dribbles against Golden State forward Kevin Durant (35) during the second half of their game on Monday in Oakland, California. The Warriors won 99-92.

OBITUARIES

SHIRLEY ANN STEWART

Shirley Ann Stewart, a faithful servant of Jesus Christ, died on Aug. 12, 2017.

Born on March 19, 1935, she lived in Sumter for more than 40 years. She was a teacher in District 17 for 40 years. She was a member of Westside Baptist Church and she enjoyed serving

the Lord through teaching the Bible as well as playing the piano and organ.

She is survived by her four children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Stewart of Sumter.

A service in her memory will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018, at Westside Baptist Church.

FLOYD T. CLEMENT III

HIGH POINT, N.C. — On Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017, retired U.S. Navy Command Master Chief Floyd Thomas "Tom"

Clement III, of High Point, passed away while visiting family in Sumter. Tom was a loving and devoted husband, father, Papa, friend and sailor. He

died of natural causes at the age of 67.

Tom is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Janet Dunlop Clement; three children, Inga Clement Huff, Floyd Thomas Clement IV and wife, Chanda Clement, and Frances Clement Goins and husband, David Goins, all of North Carolina. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Benjamin Alexander Huff, Emily Grace Goins and Rose Ellen Clement.

Tom and Janet met while in Germany. Janet was a sophomore, Tom a senior and while only knowing one another for a short time they knew they were meant to spend the rest of their lives together. Tom joined the United States Navy and Janet went stateside and didn't let the separation smolder their love for one another. They raised a beautiful family together, raising three children. They enjoyed traveling in an RV cross country in retirement, experiencing new adventures in life together.

Tom was a 30-year Navy veteran command master chief who served his country with dedication, loyalty, integrity and unsurpassed wit. He joined the Navy in November of 1968 and served until December of 1998. Tom was stationed in San Diego, California, Charleston and Greensboro, North Carolina. Tom was the command master chief on land in his last billet at the Reserve Center in Greensboro. He was a sailor, a sonarman, teacher and leader. He then worked at Dana in Statesville, North Carolina, as maintenance and safety superintendent. He was the

quality control training supervisor at NCO in Greensboro for years as well, before retiring in 2014. In Tom's long career, he mastered everything he did and was a teacher, mentor and friend to all who came in his path.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Frances Ann Walsler Clement; his father, Floyd Thomas Clement II; and a sister Sonia Clement, now reunited again with G--.

Floyd Thomas Clement III born on May 8, 1951 and died Dec. 24, 2017. May you rest in peace surrounded by G-- and all loved ones passed before you and know you are missed more than words can define or time heal. You are and always will be loved and will be remembered forever and always. Until we meet again ...

Services will be announced at a later date.

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

LARUE M. MEDLIN JR.

LaRue M. Medlin Jr., U.S. Air Force retired, 62, husband of Rose Hidalgo-Medlin, died on Monday, Dec. 25, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on Dec. 11, 1955, in Conway, he was a son of the late Dr. LaRue M. Medlin Sr. and Marie Elizabeth "Betty" Hammond Medlin. He was a member of

Christ Community Church and was the owner of Carolina Lock and Key.

Survivors include his wife of 33 years; a son, LaRue Merida Medlin III (Caitlin) of Bellingham, Massachusetts; a daughter, Autumn; and two sisters, Janet and Connie.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday at the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Mark Yoder officiating.

The family will receive friends at the home.

Memorials may be made to Christ Community Church, 320 Loring Mill Road, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

WILSON GREEN

Wilson Green, 55, husband of Annie Shaw Green, died on Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on July 23, 1962, in Sumter County, he was a son of Wilson Green.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 780 Reid Roman Road.

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

LEWIS EPPS SR.

ALCOLU — Lewis Epps Sr., 76, husband of Louise Hudson Epps, died on Dec. 24, 2017, at McLeod Regional Medical Center, Florence.

He was born on April 1, 1941, in Alcolu, a son of the late Willie and Gracie Tomlin Epps.

The family is receiving friends at his residence, 1544 Pinecrest Acres, Alcolu.

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

EDWARD CANTY JR.

PINEWOOD — Edward Canty Jr., 64, died on Monday, Dec. 25, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

He was born on Dec. 8, 1953, in Sumter County, a son of Margaret McFadden Canty and the late Edward Canty Sr.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his niece and her husband, Patricia and Joseph Martino, 1636 Pinewood Road.

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

GLADYS B. ST. THOMAS

Gladys Baxter St. Thomas, 87, widow of Ivan St. Thomas, departed this life on Monday, Dec. 25, 2017, at her residence.

She was born on Nov. 12, 1930, in Sumter, a daughter of the late Nazareth and Luetisher Tyndal Baxter.

The family will be receiving friends at the home, 3705 Myrtle Beach Highway, Sumter, SC 29153.

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

ROSE AUSTON

Rose Auston, 58, departed this life on Monday, Dec. 18, 2017, at McLeod Hospice House, Florence.

She was born on Feb. 25, 1959, in Newark, New Jersey, a daughter of the late Charles Jr. and Rosalind Murray Cuffie and the late James Auston.

Public viewing will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. today at Job's Mortuary.

Ms. Auston will be placed in the church at 12:30 p.m. today for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, SC 29150 with Pastor Dale Edwards officiating.

The family will be receiving friends from noon to 6 p.m.

daily at the home of her brother, Anthony Cuffie, 2830 Frierson Road, Dalzell, SC 29040.

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.

JANIE P. EDWARDS

Janie Plowden Edwards, 72, widow of Paul Edwards, departed this life on Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017, at her residence in Mayesville.

She was born on Sept. 13, 1945, in Lee County, a daughter of the late William Thomas Plowden and Flossie Briggs Plowden.

Public viewing will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. today at Job's Mortuary.

Mrs. Edwards will be placed in the church at 10 a.m. today for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Unionville AME Church, 2036 Swimming Pen Road, Mayesville, SC 29104 with the Rev. Alvin Webb officiating.

The family will be receiving friends at the home of her sister, 132 E. Sumter St., Mayesville, SC 29104.

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

LYNNE H. BOZARD

MANNING — Lynne Hudson Bozard, 75, widow of Dr. Henry Plowden "Mutt" Bozard, died on Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017, at her home.

Services will be announced by Stephens Funeral Home & Crematory, 304 N. Church St., Manning, (803) 435-2179. www.stephensfuneralhome.org

LIONEL F. BENTON

Lionel F. Benton, 79, husband of Bobbie Horne Benton, died on Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017, at his home.

Born in Florence, he was a son of the late Lee F. and Margie Dawkins Benton. Mr. Benton was the oldest of seven children and was a Golden Glove champion. He was a retired U.S. Air Force veteran. He retired with 22 years of service. He later worked for a

number of years for Sumter County before going into business for himself. He had a love for the water, fishing and hunting.

Surviving are his wife of Sumter; two daughters, Linda Douglass of Columbia and Cheryl Benton of Orangeburg; one son, Larry F. Benton (Tammy) of Decatur, Alabama; two brothers, Weldon Benton of Florence and Ronnie Benton of Santee; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Kenny Benton; and two sisters, Bonnie Windham and Patricia Osborne.

Memorial services will be held at noon on Saturday at Plaza Church of Christ with Elder Harry Davis and the Rev. Dr. Eugene Mosier officiating.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday at Plaza Church of Christ prior to the service and other times at the home, 3605 Leonard Brown Road.

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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WILLIAM MCCANTS

William McCants departed this earthly life on Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25, 2017.

Arrangements will be announced by Palmer Memorial Chapel.

ALONZO B. KNOX

Alonzo Benjamin Knox, 101, departed this life on Saturday, Dec. 23, 2017, at Sumter Health & Rehab.

He was born on Dec. 22, 1916, in Sumter, a son of the late Mary Knox Howard.

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Proposals will be for the purpose of furnishing the County of Sumter with one (1) each new, complete fire truck and related equipment. A copy of the instructions to proposers and specifications are included in this package.

The County of Sumter reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any or all technicalities and to award the contract as it appears to be in the best interest of the County.

The right is also reserved to hold any or all proposals for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days from the opening thereof.

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The package should be marked as specified **"FIRE TRUCK PROPOSAL"**.

Summons & Notice

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; Arkel 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; Miracle L. 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.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for a general Order of Reference 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 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.
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SUMMONS AND NOTICES (Non-Jury) FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2017-CP-43-01839

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Pingora Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. Brian D. Bean, Defendant(s).

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is hereby

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served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices at 1201 Main Street, Suite 1450, Columbia, SC 29201, 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.

TO MINORS OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINORS UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR 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 within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment may be made by Attorney for Plaintiff.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference or the Court may issue a general Order of Reference of this action to a Master In Equity / Special Referee, pursuant to Rule 53 (e) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.

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

NOTICE

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

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 October 10, 2017.

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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 MINORS UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY, INCOMPETENTS 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.

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Columbia, South Carolina 29240
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SUMMONS AND NOTICES 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; Miracle L. 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, 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).

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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.

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 within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice 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.

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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, 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
Property address:
6195 Fish Rd
Dalzell, SC 29040

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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

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



Monkey selfies, eclipse, bitcoin, Lauer top Google

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Matt Lauer. Bitcoin. DACA. Monkey selfies. Jeremy Lin's hair. Do-it-yourself eclipse glasses. Tom Petty's death. National anthem protests in the NFL. And "Cash Me Outside."

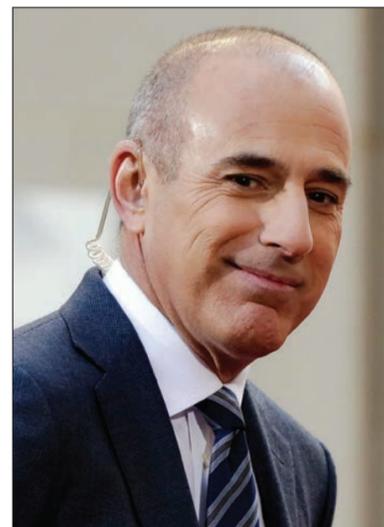
These were some of the people, topics and memes that trended to the top of Google searches in 2017. The search terms reflected the United States in upheaval over sexual misconduct allegations against powerful men, reeling from the tumultuous presidency of Donald Trump (What is "covfefe," by the way?), and people around the world searching for information about the latest iPhone and how to make slime.

Three of the top 10 TV shows in the U.S. debuted on Netflix, the same as last year.

April the Giraffe made news by giving birth live on YouTube.

And the world grooved to Luis Fonsi singing "Despacito."

Here are some of the terms Google says had the highest sustained spike in traffic compared to 2016, filtered for spam, repeat queries and adult keywords.



AP FILE PHOTO
Matt Lauer, former co-host of the NBC "Today" television program, appears on set in Rockefeller Plaza, in New York.



First Lady Melania Trump

AP PHOTO

UNITED STATES PEOPLE

1. Matt Lauer
2. Meghan Markle
3. Harvey Weinstein
4. Michael Flynn
5. Kevin Spacey
6. Bill O'Reilly
7. Melania Trump
8. Kathy Griffin
9. Milo Yiannopo
10. Gal Gadot



UNITED STATES SEARCHES

1. Hurricane Irma
2. Matt Lauer
3. Tom Petty
4. Super Bowl
5. Las Vegas Shooting
6. Mayweather vs. McGregor Fight
7. Solar Eclipse
8. Hurricane Harvey
9. Aaron Hernandez
10. Fidget Spinner

AP FILE PHOTO

People push a stalled pickup through a flooded street in Houston, Texas, after Tropical Storm Harvey dumped heavy rains on Aug. 27.



UNITED STATES WHAT IS

1. What is DACA?
2. What is Bitcoin?
3. What is a solar eclipse?
4. What is antifa?
5. What is net neutrality?
6. What is covfefe?
7. What is the antikythera mechanism?
8. What is a fidget spinner?
9. What is the Paris Climate Agreement?
10. What is a hurricane?

UNITED STATES LOSSES

1. Tom Petty
2. Aaron Hernandez
3. Chris Cornell
4. Bill Paxton
5. Hugh Hefner
6. Chester Bennington
7. Charlie Murphy
8. Lil Peep
9. Jim Nabors
10. David Cassidy



AP FILE PHOTO

This eight-picture combo shows the path of the sun during a total eclipse by the moon.

In this geocolor GOES-16 file satellite image taken Sept. 8, sunlight, from the right, illuminates Hurricane Irma as the storm approaches Cuba and Florida.



NOAA VIA AP FILE

GLOBAL LISTS MEMES

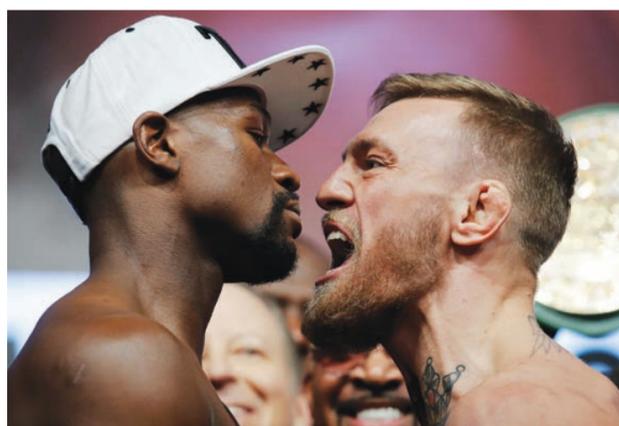
1. Cash Me Outside
2. United Airlines
3. Elf on the Shelf
4. What in Tarnation
5. Spongebob Mocking
6. Romper
7. IT
8. Joe Biden
9. Game of Thrones
10. Hot dog

GLOBAL LISTS SONGS/LYRICS

1. Despacito
2. Shape of You
3. Perfect
4. Havana
5. Look What You Made Me Do
6. HUMBLE.
7. Versace on the Floor
8. Closer
9. Bad and Boujee
10. Rockstar

UNITED STATES HOW TO

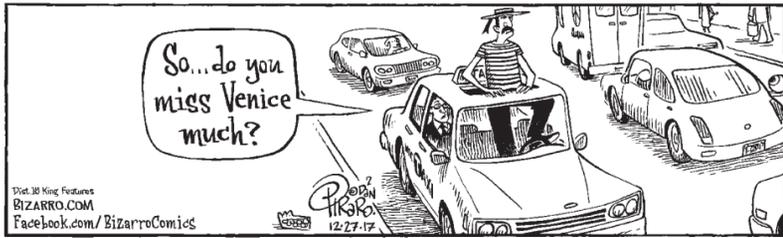
1. How to make slime
2. How to make solar eclipse glasses
3. How to watch the solar eclipse
4. How to watch Mayweather vs. McGregor
5. How to buy Bitcoin
6. How to freeze your credit
7. How to solve a Rubix Cube
8. How to make a fidget spinner
9. How to cook a turkey in the oven
10. How to screen record



AP FILE PHOTO

Floyd Mayweather Jr., left, and Conor McGregor face off during a weigh-in Aug. 25 in Las Vegas.

BIZARRO



SOUP TO NUTZ



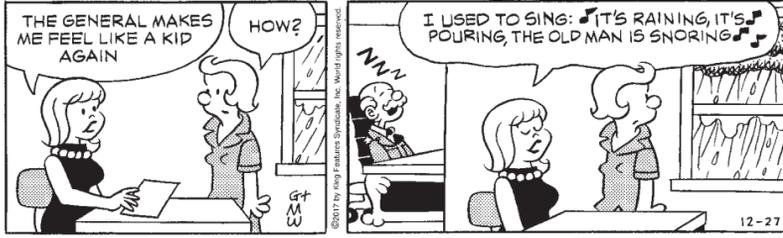
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GARFIELD



BEETLE BAILEY



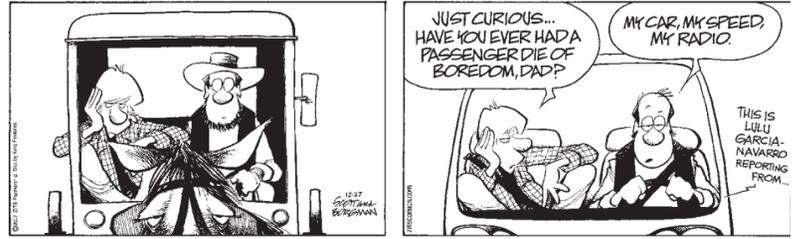
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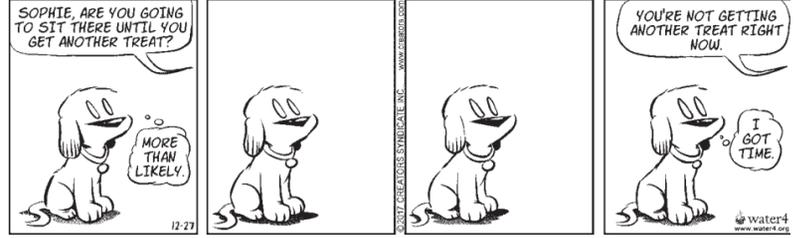
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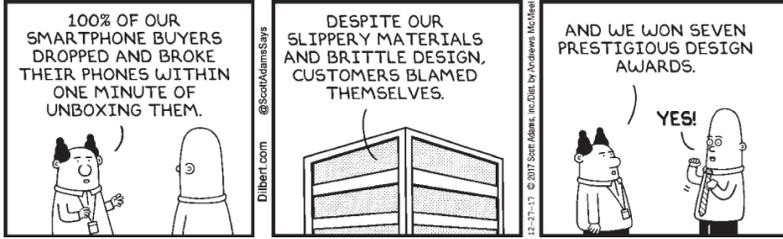
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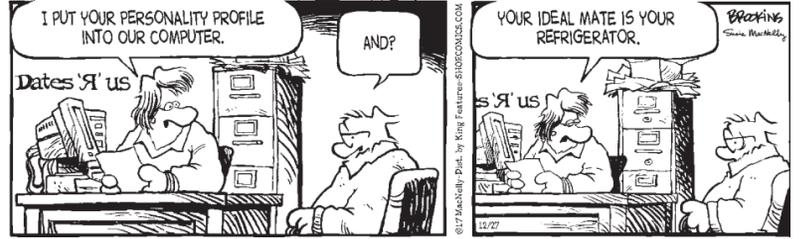
DOG EAT DOUG



DILBERT



JEFF MACNELLY'S SHOE



Wife loses weight after husband's threat of divorce



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — I have been married for 18 years and have two wonderful kids, ages 14 and 12. Ten months ago, my husband said to me, "I told you I would divorce you if you ever got fat." I was shocked! Yes, I have gained some weight over the years, but at 5 feet 5 inches tall and 150 pounds, I was not exactly obese. I was frightened by what he said, so I took off 25 pounds. He didn't appear to notice, so I asked him, "Now what do you think?" He said, "You have no muscle tone!"

Abby, nothing I do is good enough. I work part-time and take care of our kids and the house. I go out of my way to cook and bake interesting things for them. Any appreciation? His praise is, "Not bad."

Abby, what should I do?
Biggest loser in New York

DEAR "LOSER" — Before I answer your question, I should point out that the way some abusers maintain control is by withholding approval, love, money, etc. According to the National Institutes of Health, a woman who is 5 feet 5 inches tall should weigh between 114 and 144 pounds to be considered a normal weight. For your husband to threaten you with divorce if you didn't lose weight was brutal. Nothing you do is good enough because keeping you insecure and always trying to gain his approval is how he maintains the upper hand in your marriage. Losing weight is not easy. You should have been praised for your success. Since you asked what to do, I'll tell you: Take him at his word. Your husband may have said your muscle tone is flabby, but from where I sit, what's sagging is your self-esteem. Go to the gym. Get into a training program. Improve that muscle tone, and along with it your image of yourself. Then, once you have achieved your goal and feel better about yourself, decide whether you want to remain married to a man who has such poor "muscle tone" between the ears.

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.

TYTKI
VICCI
GIDNIO
NIWONM



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

(Answers tomorrow)
Yesterday's Jumbles: PANIC CLERK VASTLY THROWN
Answer: The new national book club had — LOCAL CHAPTERS

SUDOKU

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

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Jason Mueller

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bottomless gulf
 - 6 See 8-Down
 - 11 Murphy
 - 14 Lerner collaborator
 - 15 "That's my wish"
 - 16 "Fahrenheit 451" novelist
 - 17 "More than just indoctrinated"
 - 19 Ducks' home: Abbr.
 - 20 Hindu retreat
 - 21 Available to watch anytime
 - 23 Classic Fords
 - 25 Pomegranate bit
 - 26 Three-time Pulitzer-winning playwright
 - 29 Big letters in home security
 - 32 Costume items for horror villains
 - 35 ___ of paradise
 - 36 Top
 - 38 CD yield
 - 39 "Rope-a-dope" boxer
 - 40 Labeled ... or, divided into three parts, what surrounds the answers to starred clues
 - 41 Actress Ruby
 - 42 Pester
 - 43 Irritated reply to "Aren't you ready yet?"
 - 44 Toolbar button with a question mark
 - 45 Messenger service replaced by Google Hangouts
 - 47 Suffix with front component
 - 48 Area
 - 49 Lipstick holder
 - 51 High-five sound
 - 53 Homers, in baseball lingo
 - 57 Have high hopes
 - 61 At all
 - 62 *Brunette
 - 64 Frozen water
 - 65 Cry after a golfer's ace
 - 66 Human
 - 67 Journalist Koppel
 - 68 The ones here
 - 69 Newspaper copy
 - 7 "Got it"
 - 8 With 6-Across, prime minister before Tony Blair
 - 9 Newspaper essays
 - 10 Used, as credit card rewards
 - 11 "Hit at an intersection, maybe"
 - 12 Merit
 - 13 Made blue, in a way
 - 18 Iraq War concern: Abbr.
 - 22 "Do ___ favor ..."
 - 24 Sandwich meat
 - 26 Go out with
 - 27 Flowery candle scent
 - 28 "Alert and peppy"
 - 30 "No man is an island" poet
 - 31 Henry VIII et al.
 - 33 Prepared to pray
 - 34 Two-time NBA MVP
 - 36 Bikini half
 - 37 Wrap (up)
 - 40 Gradually
 - 44 Many
 - 46 Ger. neighbor
 - 48 Sushi
 - 50 Third of eight
 - 52 "Well, ___ -dih!"
 - 53 Walking pace
 - 54 Previously
 - 55 Wine choice
 - 56 Sobriety checkpoint
 - 58 Spring flower
 - 59 Bausch + Lomb product
 - 60 Brink
 - 63 Peoria-to-Green Bay dir.
- DOWN**
- 1 "Sin City" actress Jessica
 - 2 Knight of the Round Table
 - 3 "You said it!"
 - 4 Blew in circles, as the wind
 - 5 100-lawmaker group
 - 6 Actress Farrow
- 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 Wall "Prince and Chris" Two brothers compete for the prize. (N)	** "Dolly Parton's Christmas of Many Colors: Circle of Love" (2016, Docudrama) Jennifer Nettles, Ricky Schroder, Gerald McRaney. Dolly Parton's father tries to buy his wife a wedding ring.	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 Carol Burnett 50th Anniversary Special: Celebrating "The Carol Burnett Show."	SEAL Team "The Spinning Wheel" Planning a raid with a longtime rival.	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert "Hillary Clinton; Emma Stone" Hillary Clinton; Emma Stone.				
WOLO	23	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Hawaii" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Goldbergs "Goldberg on the Goldbergs"	Speechless Maya wants full-time aides for kids.	Modern Family "The Long Goodbye" (:31) American Housewife "The Uprising"	Match Game Adam Carolla; Ana Gasteyer.	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live Tracee Ellis Ross; Mary J. Blige.		
WRJA	27	11	14	Weekends With Yankee "Adventure in the Wild"	Expeditions With Patrick McMillan	Nature "The Story of Cats: Into the Americas" Cats in the Americas. (Part 2) (DVS)	NOVA "Day the Dinosaurs Died" Clues about what destroyed dinosaurs. (N)	SuperNature -- Wild Flyers "Crowded Skies" Survival in the sky.	Amanpour on PBS (N)	Third Rail With OZY	NHK Newslines		
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory Wolowitz's security clearance.	The Big Bang Theory "The Brain Bowl Incubation"	FOX College Football Pregame (N) (Live)	College Football Foster Farms Bowl -- Arizona vs Purdue. Two teams make their first appearance in the Foster Farms Bowl as 7-5 Arizona plays 6-6 Purdue. The Wildcats return to a bowl game after a one-year absence. The Boilermakers look for their first bowl victory since the 2011 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl. (N) (Live)					Sports Zone	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Mike tries to sway Mandy's vote.	Last Man Standing Mike secretly forms a dodgeball club.	EA Madden NFL 18 Challenge: Eight players vie for the title.	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Hanging Out With Penn & Teller" Patrik Kufks; Lamaske; Adam Wilber.	Dateline "Tangled" A murder exposes a long-buried mystery.	Dateline "Consumed" A body found in the aftermath of a fire.			The Game Malik reaches his breaking point.	
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130		Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars "A Fistful of Dollar"	Storage Wars "Assassin's Greed"	Storage Wars: Northern	Storage Wars: Northern	(:01) Ozzy and Jack's World Detour Competitive lumberjacks; coffee roaster.	(:03) Storage Wars	(:33) Storage Wars	(12:03) Storage Wars
AMC	48	180		(:10) Into the Badlands Sunny and Bajie get help.	Into the Badlands Sunny and Bajie meet a friend.	Into the Badlands Sunny and Bajie meet a friend.	Into the Badlands Sunny and Bajie meet a friend.	(:12) Into the Badlands "Sting of the Scorpion's Tail" Sunny plays a game.	(:14) Into the Badlands Sunny relies on an unlikely person.				(12:15) Into the Badlands
ANPL	41	100		Christmas in the Canopy	Christmas in the Canopy	Christmas in the Canopy	Christmas in the Canopy	Treehouse Masters: Out on a Limb (N)	Treehouse Masters				Treehouse Mstr
BET	61	162		** "Takers" (2010, Action) Matt Dillon, Paul Walker, Idris Elba. Skilled thieves plan the biggest heist of their careers.				Tales "All I Need" A war veteran falls in love.					Tales "Trap Queen"
BRAVO	47	181		The Real Housewives of New Jersey Melissa and Margaret plan a surprise.	The Real Housewives of New Jersey "When Chairs Fly"	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 Watch What Happens Live	The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills The ladies let loose in Sin City.				
CNBC	35	84		Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank Fitness apparel line.	The Job Interview	The Job Interview	Shark Tank				Shark Tank
CNN	3	80		Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	CNN Special Report	CNN Special Report	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)				Special Report
COM	57	136		South Park "Chick-entlover"	South Park "Butterballs"	South Park "Butters' Bottom Bitch"	South Park "AWESOM-O"	South Park "Casa Bonita"	(:35) South Park "Ginger Kids"	(:05) South Park "Le Petit Tourette"	(:35) South Park		(12:05) South Park "Goobacks"
DISN	18	200		Gravity Falls	(:35) Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Bizaardvark	Liv and Maddie				Stuck in the Middle
DSC	42	103		Homestead Rescue "Septic Bees" Owners need help cleaning up. (N)				Homestead Rescue A hungry bear presents a big challenge. (N)	(:01) Homestead Rescue "Storm Shelter Showdown"				
ESPN	26	35		College Football: New Era Pinstripe Bowl	Scoreboard	College Football Academy Sports and Outdoors Texas Bowl -- Texas vs Missouri. (N) (Live)							
ESPN2	27	39		College Basketball Eastern Michigan at Syracuse. (N) (Live)		College Basketball Central Florida at Southern Methodist. (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 Showdown	Iron Chef Showdown	Iron Chef America				Iron Chef
FOXN	37	90		The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)		The Ingraham Angle (N)					Tucker Carlson
FREE	20	131		(6:30) *** "Matilda" (1996) Mara Wilson. A child uses her amazing abilities against uncaring adults.	*** "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" (1971, Children's) Gene Wilder, Jack Albertson, Peter Ostrum. A famous confectioner offers a grand prize to five children.								The 700 Club
FSS	21	47		Hawks Pregame	NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Atlanta Hawks. From Philips Arena in Atlanta. (N) (Live)			Hawks Postgame	Kirby Smart All Ac	NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Atlanta Hawks.			
HALL	52	183		(6:00) "Marry Me at Christmas" (2017) Rachel Skarsten, Trevor Donovan.	"A Rose for Christmas" (2016, Romance) Rachel Boston, Marc Bendavid, Venus Terzo. A talented artist takes on a float-building business.	"Christmas Getaway" (2017, Romance) Bridget Regan, Travis Van Winkle. A travel writer decides to go on a Christmas trip, alone.							"The Mistletoe Inn" (2017)
HGTV	39	112		Property Brothers: Buying & Selling	Property Brothers	Property Brothers "Changing Direction"	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	Property Brothers				Property Brothers
HIST	45	110		Pawn Stars Rick heads to Los Angeles.	Vikings "The Prisoner" (DVS)	Vikings Lagertha is betrayed. (N)	(:01) Knightfall (N) (DVS)	(:02) Knightfall (DVS)	(12:03) Vikings				
ION	13	18		Law & Order "Over Here" Two homeless men die.	Law & Order "The Family Hour" A former senator's ex-wife is killed.	Law & Order "Called Home" Detective Cyrus Lupu returns.	(:02) Little Women: LA Cory discovers issues in the house. (N)	(:12) Little Women: Atlanta Monie makes a final plea to her ex.	Law & Order "Misbegotten" Explosion injures pregnant guard.	Law & Order "Bot-tomless"			Law & Order "Bot-tomless"
LIFE	50	145		Little Women: Atlanta "Rumor Has It" Monie's marriage is threatened.	Little Women: Atlanta Andrea reveals a big secret to Amanda. (N)	Little Women: Atlanta "Big Little News" Monie makes a final plea to her ex. (N)							(12:01) Little Women: Atlanta
MSNBC	36	92		Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)							The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)
NICK	16	210		The Thundermans	Full House	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	64	153		Friends	Friends	Friends	*** "Training Day" (2001, Crime Drama) Denzel Washington, Ethan Hawke, Scott Glenn.						*** "The Departed" (2006)
SYFY	58	152		"G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra" (2009)	*** "Thor" (2011, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman, Anthony Hopkins. Cast out of Asgard, the Norse god lands on Earth. (DVS)	Happy! "Year of the Horse" Sax and Happy go to Chinatown. (N)							(10:49) * "G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra" (2009, Action) Chan-ning Tatum, Dennis Quaid.
TBS	24	156		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 Andy Samberg; comic Jay Oakerson.			Full Frontal With Samantha Bee
TCM	49	186		(6:45) *** "Cat People" (1942) Simone Simon, Kent Smith. (DVS)	*** "The Producers" (1968) Zero Mostel, Gene Wilder. Fraudulent producers stage "Springtime for Hitler."	(:45) *** "The Front" (1976, Comedy-Drama) Woody Allen, Zero Mostel, Herschel Bernardi. A scheming bungler fronts for blacklisted author friends.							*** "The Angel Levine" (1970, Fantasy) Zero Mostel, Harry Belafonte.
TLC	43	157		My 600-Lb. Life Two brothers can't stand each other. (Part 1 of 2)	The Librarians Flynn teams up with one of his heroes. (N)	My 600-Lb. Life After a year, neither brother improves. (Part 2 of 2)	The Librarians "And the Grave of Time" Baird joins Nicole on a mission.	The Librarians Flynn teams up with one of his heroes.	My 600-Lb. Life Two brothers can't stand each other.				*** "Blast From the Past" (1999)
TNT	23	158		(6:00) *** "Red" (2010) Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman. (DVS)	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers
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	Mom	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens
USA	25	132		(:07) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A TV host forces himself on an author.	(:15) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Chicago PD and SVU pursue a suspect.	(:07) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A boy is kidnapped for ransom.							** "Fifty Shades of Grey" (2015, Romance) Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan, Jennifer Ehle. An inexperienced student begins a daring love affair. (DVS)
WE	68	166		Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent								Law & Order: Criminal Intent
WGNA	8	172		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

Loads of shows were great in 2017; here are the 10 best

BY FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — So-called "Peak TV" remains the blessing and the curse for viewers in 2017, with the tally of scripted series now totaling some 500. Where to begin saluting all the great shows? Here are 10 to salute, recall fondly and, for viewers who missed any of them, catch up with:

"American Gods" (Starz). A former convict is hired upon his release by a charismatic con man and finds himself in a hidden world where a battle brews between Old Gods and New Gods. The stated premise for this dazzling series makes no more sense than the series itself will for many viewers. No matter. The trippy, eye-popping visuals (along with brilliant acting) never gives the viewer time to feel confused.

"The Americans" (FX). For its fifth season, this thriller about Russian spies posing as 1980s-era all-American marrieds (Keri Russell and Matthew Rhys) took an illuminating look at the American Dream while gaining unsought relevance as the Cold War of that distant age is bestirring anew.

"Big Little Lies" (HBO). Money can't buy happiness in the cushy seaside Northern California community where this miniseries unfolds. Every wife and mother has a beef with other locals while the men mostly misbehave. Then someone dies violently. It's a gripping mystery and social dissection that puts women in the forefront, with an extraordinary cast including Nicole Kidman, Laura Dern, Reese Witherspoon and Shailene Woodley.

"Crazy Ex-Girlfriend" (CW). This romantic-musical-comedy-drama never fails to find insight and humor in the plight of a smart, attractive young woman who also happens to be a bit loony in matters of love. Co-created and starring the radiant Rachel Bloom, it is funny, poignant and supercharged with musical production numbers that would find a warm welcome on any Broadway stage (how DO they create and film



James Franco stars in the HBO drama "The Deuce."

those witty sequences week after week?).

"The Deuce" (HBO). In this ambitious drama series, the denizens of the Deuce (short-hand for Manhattan's 42nd Street wasteland) trace intertwined narratives set against an exactly re-created Big Apple of circa 1970s. The rich spectrum of characters (ranging from prostitutes and pushers to mobsters and dirty cops, and even a college-dropout-turned-bar-maid) explore the modern evolution of pornography. David Simon ("The Wire") is a writer-creator, and the spectacular cast includes Maggie Gyllenhaal and James Franco. A remarkable, eye-opening flashback.

"Feud: Bette and Joan" (FX). Starring Susan Sarandon and Jessica Lange as Bette Davis and Joan Crawford, two screen stars deemed over the hill by studio lords, "Bette and Joan" is set a half-century ago. But this sumptuous miniseries zeroes in on the ageism, sexism and misogyny afflicting Hollywood (and society overall) right now, as well as then.

"The Handmaid's Tale" (Hulu). Elisabeth Moss portrays one of the few remaining fertile women in the cruel futuristic dystopia of Gilead, a totalitarian society where human rights are trampled

and this special caste of women is forced into sexual servitude in a desperate attempt to repopulate a ravaged world. A cautionary tale when the novel was published in 1985, this TV series adaptation gained even more urgency after last year's presidential election. A stirring cautionary tale indeed!

"The Opposition with Jordan Klepper" (Comedy Central). Move over, Breitbart, Alex Jones and "Hannity." Klepper

is on the case. Adapting to the current media ethos with its ever harsher, ever more absurdist pitch, Klepper in effect hosts a supercharged version of "The Colbert Report," whose time slot he inherited in September (and not a moment too soon) when he unveiled his fake rantcast. His nightly show captures the present moment as shrewdly as Colbert did on his bygone Comedy Central show. Like the voices he mocks, TV-Klep-

per is against all ideas and movements along with the conspiracies he sees lurking behind each of them. His show is bitterly funny and right on target at a time when everything is in ugly dispute, especially reality.

"Ozark" (Netflix). When not advising clients on their 401(k) plans, humdrum Chicago financial adviser Marty Byrde launders cash by the millions. But then he gets jammed up with the Mexican drug cartel he cleans that money for. So he and his family skedaddle to the Missouri Ozarks, a safer base of operations where he hopes to set things right before he, his wife and kids all end up dead. Jason Bateman heads this marvelously twisty, sometimes scary, often funny thriller as the Byrdes scramble to stay solvent, and alive.

"The Vietnam War" (PBS). It may seem odd to describe an 18-hour Ken Burns docuseries as a crash course, but this heartbreaking, insightful masterpiece moves quickly as it tracks every step of a disastrous military misadventure that still haunts the nation, and, judging from the country's ongoing involvement in Iraq, seems to have taught the nation little. It's an essential TV event for everyone who lived through the Vietnam era, and especially for those who have come along since.

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Spanish-style crispy potatoes, a recipe by Sara Moulton, is seen in New York.

Serve Spanish-style crispy potatoes for New Year's

BY SARA MOULTON
The Associated Press

The classic New Year's libation is champagne, but what to eat is a matter of broader choice. This year why not make it a tapas party — a feast of various little bites? And, if indeed that's how you choose to roll, one of those dishes should be these crispy baked potatoes with a garlicky red pepper mayo sauce.

Spanish Style Crispy Potatoes with Garlicky Red Pepper Sauce is a streamlined take on a Spanish classic called patatas bravas — deep-fried chunks of potato with a spicy tomato sauce and/or aioli — sort of like the Spanish equivalent of french fries. But given that most folks aren't keen on firing up a big vat of boiling oil, I've engineered a baked ver-

sion. It's not quite as crispy as the fried, but it comes close.

How to make crispy potatoes without frying? Here are a few tricks: First, partially cook the potato slices in simmering water with a bit of baking soda, which makes the exteriors of the potatoes slightly mushy and releases their starch and sugar. Then toss the hot potatoes in a bowl with oil and salt, which encourages a starchy film to accumulate on the potatoes' exterior. When the potatoes are roasted, all of that starch and sugar on the outside helps to form a crispy brown crust.

As for the lip-smacking sauce — a mix of pureed red peppers, smoky paprika and garlic mayo — you can drizzle it on top of the potatoes or set it on the side as a dip. This dish of crispy potatoes and spicy dip pairs very nicely with bubbly wine or dry sherry, if you're in the mood to salute the dish's Spanish DNA. However, there's no reason to reserve this recipe for a special occasion like New Year's. It will make a very satisfying side dish whenever you serve it.

SPANISH STYLE CRISPY POTATOES WITH GARLICKY RED PEPPER SAUCE

Start to finish: 1 hour 45 minutes (35 active)

Servings: 6

For the potatoes:

- 2 pounds medium Yukon gold potatoes, sliced crosswise 1/2-inch thick
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- Kosher salt

For the sauce:

- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup chopped roasted red pepper
- 2 teaspoons sherry vinegar
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
- Pinch of cayenne

Prepare the potatoes: Preheat the oven to 450 F. Adjust an oven rack to the lowest position. In a Dutch oven or large saucepan combine the potatoes and baking soda with enough cold water to cover by 1 inch. Bring to boil, reduce to a simmer, and cook until the exterior part of the slices has softened but the centers are still slightly firm when pricked with a knife, about 5 minutes.

While the potatoes are simmering, place a rimmed sheet pan on the bottom rack of the oven to heat up. Drain the potatoes, and return

them to the saucepan. Cook over medium heat a few minutes, shaking the pan until there is no excess water on the surface of the potatoes. Transfer them to large bowl. Drizzle with 2 tablespoons of the oil and 1/2 teaspoon salt; toss well to combine. Drizzle with another 1 tablespoon oil and continue to toss until coated with a starchy paste.

Carefully remove the sheet pan from the oven, and pour the remaining tablespoon of oil onto it, tilting the pan to coat the bottom. Add the potatoes, and spread them out in one layer (the end pieces should be placed skin side up). Bake until the bottoms are golden brown, 20 to 25 minutes, rotating the pan after 10 minutes. Flip the potatoes and brown them on the second side, 15 to 20 minutes. Sprinkle with salt to taste.

Make the sauce: In a blender, puree the peppers. Add the remaining ingredients and blend, scraping down the sides several times, until smooth.

To serve: Transfer the potatoes to a bowl and drizzle with the sauce, or serve the sauce on the side.

Nutrition information per serving: 232 calories; 113 calories from fat; 13 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 3 mg cholesterol; 494 mg sodium; 27 g carbohydrates; 2 g fiber; 1 g sugar; 3 g protein.

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