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**School district to make up only 3 weather days**

**Board waives adding fourth**

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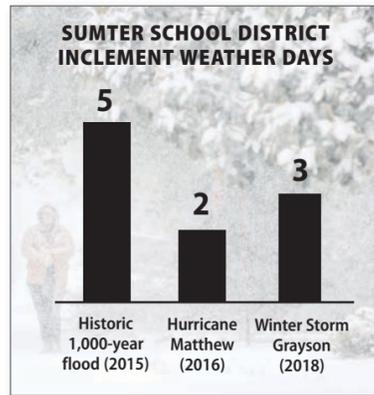
Sumter School District will move forward with three weather makeup days already built into its calendar for this school year and not add a fourth makeup day, the district's Board of Trustees ruled Monday.

After missing one day in September for Hurricane Irma and three last week from snow and

extended, unusually cold temperatures associated with Winter Storm Grayson, the board faced the option Monday at its meeting of whether to add a fourth makeup day.

The three designated inclement weather days for this school year are Friday, Jan. 19; Monday, Feb. 19; and Thursday, March 29. All were previously designated

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**Home repairs looking up for families**



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Robert Robinson carries a bundle of shingles while helping to repair a roof on Belmont Drive on Tuesday.

**Ministry's semi-annual volunteer project puts new roofs over heads of those in need**

**BY ADRIENNE SARVIS**  
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As the spirit of giving continues, volunteers with Sumter United Ministries Construction Ministry began repairing the roofs of two houses during the organization's annual Winter Restore project on Tuesday.

The construction ministry conducts two restore projects each year — during the winter and summer — where volunteers repair roofs and build

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Find this story at [www.theitem.com](http://www.theitem.com) to watch a video of the Winter Restore project.

ramps for Sumter families, said Aaron Koenig, construction ministry director.

This winter, the ministry is repairing the roofs of houses on Belmont Drive and North Magnolia Street.

Each family is chosen after undergoing an interview with SUM a few months before the repairs, Koenig said.

The ministry chooses a family based on what repairs are

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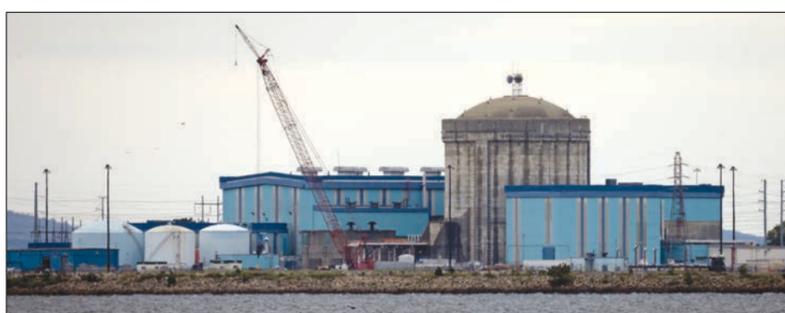
Aaron Koenig, Sumter United Ministries construction ministry director, nails shingles to the roof of a house on Belmont Drive during the organization's annual Winter Restore project.

**Legislature opens with warning against acting rashly**

**BY MEG KINNARD**  
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — South Carolina lawmakers launched into their new session on Tuesday with debate on how to deal with ramifications from a multibillion-dollar nuclear construction debacle and warnings to members not to be swayed by an intense lobbying effort by a company poised to buy one of the failed project's co-owners.

"This is gearing up to be a huge lobbying effort," Senate Majority Leader Shane Massey said. "My request is that you not make a decision on anything until you've had the opportunity



to hear a lot more." Last year, Massey presided over a panel looking into the V.C. Summer

Nuclear Station failure. SCANA Corp. pulled out of the construction of two new reactors on July 31 following the

Unit one of the V.C. Summer Nuclear Station near Jenkinsville is seen in 2016. Last year, SCANA Corp. announced it wouldn't be a part of construction of two new reactors for the V.C. Summer Nuclear Station. The \$9 billion project site now is idle.

AP FILE PHOTO

bankruptcy of lead contractor Westinghouse.

SCANA and Santee Cooper, South Carolina's state-owned utility, had spent about \$9 billion on the project, which now sits idle. Thousands lost

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# SECOND FRONT

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## Men plead guilty to selling cocaine as heroin

### Face up to 40 years for firearm, drug charges

BY KAYLA ROBINS  
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Two Sumter men face up to 40 years in prison for firearm and drug charges that include selling crack cocaine veiled as heroin.

Brandon Leroid Cummings, 27, is guilty of possession with intent to distribute, distribution of heroin and crack cocaine and conspiracy to use/carry/possess a firearm during a drug trafficking crime, and Brandon Christopher Craft, 30, is guilty of being a felon in possession of a firearm and conspiracy to use/carry/possess a firearm during a drug trafficking crime, according to United States Attorney Beth Drake.



CRAFT



CUMMINGS

Chief U.S. District Judge Terry L. Wooten, of Columbia, accepted the guilty pleas and will im-

pose the men's sentences after he has reviewed the presentence reports, which will be prepared by the U.S. Probation Office.

Cummings was charged after he distributed crack cocaine and "four baggies of heroin to a confidential informant and undercover officer in exchange for \$400" on May 17, 2017, according to evidence presented in court during the guilty plea hearing.

The transaction, which occurred in Sumter, was recorded on audio and video.

On May 25, 2017, Cummings made ar-

rangements to sell a firearm and heroin to the confidential informant in exchange for \$800.

When Cummings arrived to meet the person and an undercover officer, he was accompanied by Craft, U.S. Attorney's documents show. Cummings sold the informant what he said was heroin. Craft produced a Taurus .38-caliber revolver from a bag hidden in his waistband and gave it to the informant.

An investigation revealed the firearm had been stolen, and the drugs, while packaged like the previously sold heroin, was found to be cocaine during a laboratory analysis.

Cummings faces enhanced penalty on the drug charge in light of prior state convictions for possession with intent to distribute marijuana, two counts of possession of crack cocaine and second offense of possession of a schedule I/schedule II controlled substance.

Each man faces a maximum of 20 years of imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000 and a term of supervised release of not more than three years on the conspiracy to use/carry/possess a firearm during a drug trafficking crime charge.

Cummings also faces a maximum of 30 years, a fine of \$2 million and a term of supervised release of at least six years for the drug charge.

Craft faces a maximum of 10 years, a fine of \$250,000 and not more than three years of supervised release for the felon in possession charge.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms and Explosives and Sumter County Sheriff's Office and was prosecuted as part of the joint federal, state and local Project CeaseFire initiative.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Stacey S. Haynes of the Columbia office handled the case.

## Poinsett State Park to hold painting event Monday for MLK Day of Service

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A state park in Sumter County is among those throughout the state to participate in the National Day of Service on Monday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

Volunteers at Poinsett State Park in western Sumter County can paint historic Civil Conservation Corps cabins Nos. 3 and 4 beginning at 9 a.m., according to Dawn Dawson-House with South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

The federal holiday commemorating Martin Luther King Jr. was designated a national day of service in 1994 by Congress. It is the only federal holiday observed as a day of service.

Participants to Poinsett's volunteer event

should bring a picnic lunch and, because work will take place outside, dress for the weather.

"Also, wear protective eyewear, closed-toe shoes, hats or hair ties and clothes that can get paint on them," she said.

All painting material will be provided by the park.

Other service events hosted by state parks include a cleanup of Sam Hill Cemetery at Hampton Plantation State Historic Site in McClellanville, building tent pads at Huntington Beach in Murrells Inlet and restoring the area around the historic Hemlock Shelter at Table Rock for public use.

To register, call Poinsett State Park at (803) 494-8177.

For more information on the park, visit [southcarolinaparks.com/poinsett](http://southcarolinaparks.com/poinsett).

## THIS MONTH IN S.C. HISTORY

### S.C. attempts to annex Georgia in January 1777

FROM THE S.C. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Jan. 23, 1777, William Henry Drayton addressed the Georgia Convention in Savannah proposing that South Carolina annex the state of Georgia. In the midst of the American Revolution, the offer was spurred by economic interests as well as concerns that Georgia's citizens did not support the Patriot cause. Drayton spoke to the convention for over an hour. He echoed the South Carolina General Assembly's belief that the union would promote Georgia's "strength, wealth and dignity, and secure their liberty." Afterward, Drayton handed out copies of his speech, and the delegates announced that they would consider his proposal the following day.

A lawyer, planter and politician, Drayton published a pamphlet titled the American Claim of Rights in 1774, which supported home rule. He became a member of the Committee of Safety in 1775 and along with Arthur Middleton designed South Carolina's state seal in 1776. That same year, he became Chief Justice of the state Supreme Court. In November 1776, Drayton rallied support for the American cause in North Carolina where he raised two battalions. Encouraged by this success, the South Carolina Assembly decided that he should try his luck in Georgia, going so far as to suggest that, because Georgia had a smaller population, it would benefit from being annexed to its eastern neighbor.

When the Georgia Convention met on Jan. 24 to consider Drayton's proposal, he was not allowed to participate in the discussion. His biographer, Keith Krawczynski, notes that "Drayton must



FROM THE COLLECTIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

William Henry Drayton

have writhed as he could only sit by and take notes on what he considered were 'gross misrepresentations' of his proposal." The Georgians politely rejected the offer, and Drayton left for home. The following spring, he renewed his campaign and went directly to the people of Georgia with petitions and appeals.

In the summer of 1777, Drayton returned to Georgia but avoided Savannah where locals threatened to tar and feather him. In July, Georgia's Gov. John Treutlan issued a proclamation offering a reward of 100 pounds for the capture of Drayton and any person "unlawfully endeavoring to poison the minds of the good People of this State against the government." Drayton responded with a treatise stating that the governor's petition consisted of "nonsense and falsehoods." However, Treutlan's proclamation was enough to cause Drayton's prompt return home and put an end to South Carolina's effort to annex Georgia.

## Red Cross holding volunteer training

BY KAYLA ROBINS  
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The American Red Cross is looking for members of the Sumter County community who want to be trained to help their neighbors when disaster strikes.

During a two-day Disaster Responder Boot Camp on Friday and Saturday, volunteers will learn the essentials of responding to a disaster by receiving classroom instruction and participating in interactive case studies to learn how to help individuals, families and communities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters.

"As a Red Cross volunteer, you can help your own community during a disaster," said Louise Welch Williams, CEO for the Palmetto Region of the Red Cross. "We never know when or where the next disaster will strike, but we do know that the Red Cross will be there with care, comfort and hope."

The bootcamp will be evening and day sessions at 200 Miller Road.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering with the Red Cross but cannot attend the camp, should visit [redcross.org/volunteer](http://redcross.org/volunteer) to learn more about volunteer opportunities and how to submit an application.

For more information on the camp, email [gerald.jennings@redcross.org](mailto:gerald.jennings@redcross.org) or call (803) 775-2363.

## LOCAL & STATE BRIEFS

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

### Zoning meeting canceled

Sumter City-County Planning Department's Board of Zoning Appeals meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a lack of requests in the Planning Office that require board review.

### Teen hits parked car, dies

COLUMBIA — Officials say a teenager who was injured playing in winter weather has died. Dorchester told *The State* that 14-year-old Brandon Peacock was pronounced dead Saturday. The incident happened on Jan. 3.

Brouthers says Peacock was being pulled on an upside-down automobile hood behind a four-wheeler ATV when he hit a parked car.

Peacock was a student at Woodland High School.

## CORRECTION

The Fireside Fund collected \$2,467.78 for the week ending Monday, Jan. 8, not \$12,567.78, which was listed in Tuesday's edition. Also, annual fund collections year to date are \$29,659.01, not \$29,759.01.

Individual names and donations from last week will run in next week's installment of the Fireside Fund.

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# Salvadorans fear their country not prepared for returnees

BY MARCOS ALEMAN  
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SANTA TECLA, El Salvador — Being deported to an El Salvador he hadn't seen in more than three decades was a trauma Hugo Castro recalls clearly.

The 51-year-old said Monday that his country must begin preparing now to receive the nearly 200,000 Salvadorans who may have to return following the Trump administration's decision to lift their temporary protected status next year.

"The main problem for deportees is that they're made invisible. They're rejected; there's no work. They don't help us," said Castro, who was deported from the U.S. in 2015.

The U.S. announcement brought fears that a major source of income for this poor Central American nation will be cut off and that families could be separated. But there was also a hint of optimism that Salvadorans with many years of experience in the U.S. could bring expertise and investment to spur the economy.

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said Salvadorans who have stayed in the U.S. with temporary protected status — only a fraction of the estimated 2 million Salvadorans living there — would have to leave by Sept. 9, 2019, unless Congress came up with a solution allowing them to stay.

The temporary protected status program has been offered to citizens from a number of countries fleeing natural disasters or other instability. The affected Salvadorans received the status after earthquakes in 2001 killed more than 1,000 people. Thousands more who arrived in the United States in recent years fleeing gang violence were not eligible.

Castro went to the United States as a teenager to study at a college in Atlanta. During his junior year, his family back home lost nearly everything when the bank seized their coffee operation. Dropping out, he worked at a country club and a book store and became manager of a Mexican restaurant. Then a run-in with police led to more than two years in immigration detention as he unsuccessfully fought deportation after living in the U.S. for three decades.

His first three months back in El Salvador were the worst, he said. He suffered from depression and didn't want to leave his mother's home. People told him a 49-year-old man should not depend on his mother to support him, so he started looking for work.

"I went everywhere, to restaurants. I told them I had a lot of experience and that I spoke English, but they rejected me," he said.

Eight months after arriving, Castro finally found work at the Salvadoran Immigrant Institute. The nonprofit group recognized the value of Castro's bilingualism and the experience he had gained through

the deportation process, and it put him to work helping other deportees reintegrate into society.

Castro said programs like his are very limited, and more needs to be done for returnees.

"The government has to get ready, partner with businesses, with all of society, the nonprofits and create assistance programs," he said.

As an example, he noted that in 2016, the country received 52,000 deportees from the United States and Mexico. Meanwhile, a government program to give small cash grants to allow deportees to open their own businesses has only graduated 140 people, he said.

The biggest worry among many Salvadorans is that their nation of 6.2 million people will see a big drop in the amount of cash sent home by countrymen working in the United States. Salvadorans transferred more than \$4.5 billion from the U.S. in 2016, accounting for 17 percent of El Salvador's economy, according to government figures.

Luis Membreno, an economic analyst in El Salvador, said that fear may be overblown. He said Salvadorans who have protected status in the U.S. tend to be more long-standing migrants who have their families there and send less money home. Many more Salvadorans are not in the program, with growing numbers entering the U.S. illegally over the past decade fleeing violence and poverty.

"I don't think that family remittances are going to fall in the short term," Membreno said.

He also thinks some Salvadoran families in the U.S. could start sending more money back — something that started when Donald Trump was elected president — so remittance figures could rise.

In addition, he said, many of those eventually returning could be skilled and have money to invest. "All of this could generate a certain dynamism in the economy," he said.

Cesar Rios, director of the nonprofit group where Castro works, is less optimistic. "Our country is not prepared to receive thousands of Salvadorans," he said.

Deportees are often targeted by gangs because they think they have money. Police also target them because of the stigma that they are criminals.

"There's no work," Rios said. "Between 200 and 300 Salvadorans continue leaving every day for the United States."

Ernesto Godoy, standing outside a Western Union money transfer office in San Salvador, said he receives money from relatives with protected status in the United States. He worried the decision could lead to bigger problems in El Salvador.

"It's going to affect us, not only me, but on a national level, because here in El Salvador we make ends meet with remittances from the United States," Godoy said.



Mateo Barrera, 4, originally from El Salvador and whose family members benefit from Temporary Protected Status, attends a news conference in Los Angeles on Monday.

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# Chilly offices plague workers

BY PHILIP MARCEL  
Associated Press

Two long-sleeved shirts, a sweater, a fleece jacket, two scarves and two pairs of socks. That has been Karen Ericson's go-to outfit in her office in Des Moines, Iowa, in recent weeks.

"I am still shivering," the 39-year-old graphic designer said last week, estimating the temperature in the office was in the mid-60s while outside, the city hit 19 below zero at one point. "Living in the Midwest, I'm well-trained to dress warmly and in layers, but this deep freeze has been difficult to endure, especially when I expect to be comfortable — or at least not shivering — inside."

As much of the nation muddled through bitter weather in recent weeks, office dwellers found they still had to brave the cold even when indoors. Many relied on winter parkas, gloves, blankets and space heaters just to keep working.

"Today I've got two sweaters, a scarf, ear coverings, gloves and a blanket over my lap," Rebecca Miller, a 27-year-old academic adviser at Tennessee State University in Nashville, said last week as temperatures barely ticked above 50 degrees in her office while outside it was 20 degrees or lower in the daytime. "But I'm still having a hard time working. I'm shaking cold, and it's hard to focus. The gloves make it hard to type, and the bulky layers make it difficult to move around."

Like thousands of other chilly Americans, she snapped selfies at her desk in attire usually reserved for the ski slopes and shared them on social media.

Office developments are built with centralized heating systems that make the buildings suitable for a range of uses over many years. The down side is that they provide little climate control to individual tenants — sometimes purposely, said Khee Poh Lam, architecture professor at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

Thermostats are often tucked into hard-to-reach spaces like false ceilings and air ducts so office tenants can't mess with them, Lam said. Other buildings have dummy units out in the open that don't actually do anything except give desperate workers the illusion of control.



REBECCA MILLER VIA AP  
Rebecca Miller, an academic adviser at Tennessee State University, wears sweaters, a scarf, ear coverings, gloves and a blanket over her lap while she works at her desk on campus in Nashville.

Finding the right temperature to please everyone has been an elusive goal for office designers and builders, said Stefano Schiavon, architecture professor at the University of California, Berkeley, who co-wrote a 2012 study that found roughly 40 percent of U.S. workers were satisfied with their office's temperature. Design standards call for an acceptability rate closer to 80 percent, he said.

The challenge isn't just confined to the winter, of course. Chilly offices have long been the bane of women who complain air conditioning is cranked up in the summer to appease their male, suit-wearing counterparts. And there are certainly many offices with overzealous furnaces that prompt workers to crack open windows even on the coldest days.

Optimal temperature for office work is 72 to 79 degrees — or nearly 10 degrees more than what many buildings typically set their thermostats, said Alan Hedge, a design professor at Cornell University in New York who has researched how temperature affects productivity.

Schiavon suggested that companies, even those based in the draftiest old offices, can invest in safe, relatively inexpensive technology to keep workers warm and productive, like heated chairs, electric blankets and heated floor mats.

# Federal judge urges action on '100 percent manmade' crisis

U.S. government tallies 63,600 overdose drug deaths in '16, most involving prescription opioids

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A federal judge on Tuesday likened the nation's opioid epidemic to the deadly 1918 flu pandemic while noting the drug crisis is "100 percent manmade."

Judge Dan Polster urged participants on all sides of lawsuits against drugmakers and distributors to work toward a common goal of reducing overdose deaths. He said the issue has come to courts because "other branches of government have punted" it.

The judge is overseeing more than 180 lawsuits against drug companies brought by local communities across the country, including those in California, Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. Municipalities include San Joaquin County in California; Portsmouth, Ohio; and Huntington, West Virginia.

Polster said the goal must be reining in the amount of painkillers available.

"What we've got to do is dramatically reduce the number of pills that are out there and make sure that the pills that are out there are being used properly," Polster said during a hearing in his Cleveland courtroom. "Because we all know that a whole lot of them have gone walking, with devastating results."

The judge said he thinks everyone from drugmakers to doctors to individuals bear some responsibility for the crisis and haven't

done enough to stop it.

The government tallied 63,600 overdose drug deaths in 2016, another record. Most of the deaths involved prescription opioids such as OxyContin or Vicodin or related illicit drugs such as heroin and fentanyl. The epidemic is the most widespread and deadly drug crisis in the nation's history.

Hundreds of lawsuits filed by municipal and county governments could end up as part of the consolidated federal case overseen by Polster, but others are not likely to.

Some government bodies, including Ohio and at least nine other states, are suing the industry in state courts. Additionally, most states have joined a multistate investigation of the industry that could end up sparking a settlement or yet more litigation against the industry.

Targets of the lawsuits include drugmakers such as Allergan, Johnson & Johnson, and Purdue Pharma, and the three large drug distribution companies, Amerisource Bergen, Ohio-based Cardinal Health and McKesson. Drug distributors and manufacturers named in these and other lawsuits have said they don't believe litigation is the answer but have pledged to help solve the crisis.

Polster said the nation is running the risk of seeing average U.S. life expectancy diminish three years consecutively thanks to the epidemic, something that hasn't happened since the 1918 flu killed thousands.

"This is 100 percent manmade," Polster said. "I'm pretty ashamed that this has occurred while I've been around."

# Biologist says whale protected her from shark

BRUNSWICK, Maine (AP)

— A marine biologist thinks a humpback whale shielded her from a 15-foot tiger shark in the South Pacific.

Nan Hauser said she didn't understand the actions of the 25-ton whale that she met face to face in the Cook Islands. Then she saw the shark.

She's heard on a video telling the massive mammal, "I love you!"

The encounter took place in October, but Hauser didn't upload the video until Monday. It quickly spread via so-

cial media.

Hauser, president of the Center for Cetacean Research and Conservation, tells the *Portland Press Herald* that whales are "altruistic" and often hide seals from predators, but she has never experienced or read about anything about a whale protecting a human. "If someone told me the story, I wouldn't believe it," she said.

The Brunswick resident said she was oblivious to the shark during the tense, 10-minute encounter. The whale started to nudge her

and appeared to push her with its head. The animal also appeared to shield her with its pectoral fin.

Her research companions turned off an underwater video drone, fearing she was going to be mauled to death.

But Hauser kept her video rolling.

She suffered some bruises and scratches from the encounter but was otherwise unscathed. She said that after she swam back to her boat, the whale surfaced nearby as if to check on her.

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## DAYS FROM PAGE A1

as teacher workdays but now will be regular school days to include students.

Acting Superintendent Debbie Hamm and district staff determined before the board meeting the only realistic options for another weather makeup day were two holidays — Friday, March 30, which is Good Friday before Easter, and Monday, May 28, which is Memorial Day.

Hamm told the board during her report in open session that she didn't think either would be well-attended school days for students and staff because they are holidays.

The board has the option to waive up to two makeup days if necessary by state law.

Vice Chairwoman Karen Michalik made the motion to approve Hamm's recommendation to waive the makeup day, which was unanimously approved after returning from executive session.

In other matters Monday, board members Johnny Hilton and Bonnie Disney announced upcoming meeting dates for their committees. Hilton is chairman of the board's Advisory Finance Committee, and Disney leads the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee.

Both committee meetings will be Tuesday, Jan. 16, at the district office, 1345 Wilson Hall Road. The Finance Committee's meeting will be at 7:30 a.m., and the curriculum committee will follow at 10 a.m.

Also, board Chairman the Rev. Daryl McGhaney and fellow board member the Rev. Ralph Canty were recognized for 10 years of school board service by the South Carolina School Boards Association. The board and Hamm presented both with a 10-year pin from the association and a certificate for the distinction.

### MORE FROM THE MEETING

Also during Monday's Sumter School District meeting, the Board of Trustees:

- Unanimously approved the district's proposed calendar for next school year (2018-19);
- Unanimously approved the district's proposed board of trustees' meeting calendar for the 2018-19 school year;
- And agreed to defer action on a recommendation from Finance Committee Chairman Johnny Hilton until its next meeting, Jan. 22.

## PROJECT

FROM PAGE A1

needed and if the family can afford the repairs on their own.

"We are the hands and feet of Jesus Christ," said Koenig, who began volunteering with SUM in 2015 after the 1,000-year-flood. "It's our calling to help our brother."

SUM purchases its roofing materials with a grant provided by the City of Sumter. Some of the tools are donated or provided by volunteers.

This week, the ministry has a total of about 15 volunteers to work on the two homes — four of the volunteers were assigned to the Belmont house.

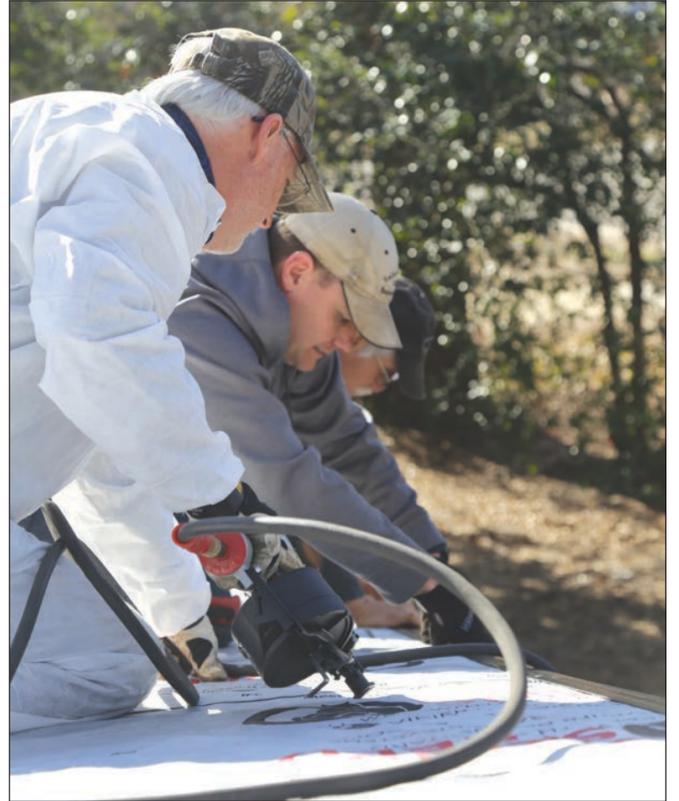
About seven volunteers from Shaw Air Force Base came out on Monday and plan to come back on Friday to assist with repairing the house, Koenig said.

The ministry has more volunteers in the summer when schools are closed, he said.

Volunteers do not need to have experience before getting to work, but younger volunteers must take safety training before climbing on the roof, Koenig said.

Though the Belmont team is only made up of four people for the majority of the week, the team had a good system going. One man used a homemade pulley system to lift shingles to the roof, while one man unloaded the shingles, and two others placed down shingles and nailed them to the roof.

Robert Robinson began volunteering with similar organizations in 2005 after his son volunteered on a few projects when he was in high school



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Robert Robinson, far left, prepares to nail metal drip edge to the roof as Marcus Johnston and John Lindenlauf hold the edge in place.

about that same time.

His son hasn't volunteered since graduating from high school, but Robinson has participated in multiple home repair projects across the state for more than a decade.

Robinson said he usually does repair work inside or under a house doing plumbing work but that he also enjoys volunteering.

Koenig said the construction ministry could use more volun-

teers this week and in the future.

The summer and winter restore are two of the ministry's annual projects, but there are more opportunities to volunteer throughout the year, he said.

And everyone does not need to be on the roof. Volunteers are also needed on the ground.

To get involved with Sumter United Ministries, go to [sumter-unityministries.org](http://sumter-unityministries.org) or call (803) 775-0757.

## NEW SESSION

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their jobs in the failure, and state and federal authorities are investigating.

Dominion Energy has proposed a \$14.6 billion takeover of SCANA, a deal that also includes \$1.3 billion in refunds for taxpayers.

It's been expected that lawmakers would focus on legislation related to the failure, including proposed fixes to pay ratepayers back for the \$2 bil-

lion in SCANA's debt interest they've been charged so far. In the House, floor debate on half a dozen bills could begin as early as next week.

Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman urged members not to act rashly on their bills in any way that might hamper the state's ability to attract new business.

"We simply must not act quickly to satisfy the whims of the moment," Leatherman warned. "Correct action is more important than quick action."

Nikki Setzler, the most senior Democrat in the Senate, reminded the chamber that state-owned utility Santee Cooper, the project's minority owner, was also partly to blame for the project failure and could have brought its concerns to lawmakers possibly as early as 2011 but didn't.

"There's enough blame to go around," Setzler said.

Also Tuesday, a group representing black business leaders in South Carolina released its list of priority issues for the session. South Carolina Afri-

can American Chamber of Commerce Chairman Stephen Gilchrist told The Associated Press that the group supports the expansion of offshore drilling, a move that could offer an economic boon for some of the state's impoverished areas, including many occupied by minorities.

Last week, the Trump administration announced a five-year drilling plan that could open new areas of oil and gas exploration in areas off the East Coast from Florida to Maine, where drilling has been blocked for decades.



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# Intel CEO: Fixes on the way for serious chip security flaws

BY MATT O'BRIEN  
AP Technology Writer

LAS VEGAS — Intel has big plans to steer toward new business in self-driving cars, virtual reality and other cutting-edge technologies. But first it has to pull out of a skid caused by a serious security flaw in its processor chips, which undergird many of the world's smartphones and personal computers.

Intel CEO Brian Krzanich opened his keynote talk Monday night at the annual CES gadget show in Las Vegas by addressing the hard-to-fix flaws disclosed by security researchers last week. At an event known for its technological optimism, it was an unusually sober and high-profile reminder of the information security and privacy dangers lurking beneath many of the tech industry's gee-whiz wonders.

Some researchers have argued that the flaws reflect a fundamental hardware defect that can't be fixed short of a recall. But Intel has pushed back against that idea, arguing that the problems can be "mitigated" by software or firmware upgrades. Companies from Microsoft to Apple have announced efforts to patch the vulnerabilities.

And Krzanich promised fixes in the coming week to 90 percent of the processors Intel has made in the past five years, consistent with an earlier statement from the company. He added that updates for the remainder of those recent processors should follow by the end of January. Krzanich did not address the company's plans for older chips.

To date, he said, Intel has seen no sign that anyone has stolen data by exploiting the two vulnerabilities, known as Meltdown and Spectre. The problems were disclosed last week by Google's Project Zero security team and other researchers. Krzanich commended the "remarkable" collaboration among tech companies to address what he called an "industry-wide" problem.

While Meltdown is thought to primarily affect processors built by Intel, Spectre also affects many of the company's rivals. Flaws affecting the processor chips also endanger the PCs, internet browsers, cloud computing services and other technology that rely on them. Both bugs could be exploited through what's known as a side-channel attack that could extract passwords and other sensitive data from the chip's memory.

Krzanich himself has been in the spotlight over the security issue after it was revealed that he had sold about \$39 million in his own Intel stocks and options in late November, before the vulnerability was publicly known. Intel says it was notified about the bugs in June.

The company didn't respond to inquiries about the timing of Krzanich's divestments, but a spokeswoman said it was unrelated to the security flaws.

During his presentation Monday, Krzanich also launched into a flashy and wide-ranging celebration of the way Intel and its partners are harnessing data for futuristic innovations, from 3-D entertainment partnerships with Paramount Pictures to virtual-reality collaborations with the 2018 Winter Olympics and a new breakthrough in so-called quantum computing.

A self-driving Ford Fusion rolled onto the stage of the casino theater where Krzanich gave his talk. It's the first of a 100-vehicle test fleet run by Mobileye, the Israel-based software company that Intel bought for \$15 billion last year. Mobileye processes the information cars "see" from cameras and sensors.

A flying taxi — the German-built Volocopter — later lifted from the stage. Then came the drones, in a musical performance that Krzanich said would mark a Guinness record for the "world's first 100-drone indoor lightshow without GPS."



Intel CEO Brian Krzanich delivers a keynote speech at CES International on Monday in Las Vegas.

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## COMMENTARY

# Bizarre stories and antics from campuses in 2017

A frequent point I have made in past columns has been about the educational travesty happening on many college campuses. Some people have labeled my observations and concerns as trivial, unimportant and cherry-picking. While the spring semester awaits us, let's ask ourselves whether we'd like to see repeats of last year's antics.

An excellent source for college news is Campus Reform, a conservative website operated by the Leadership Institute (<https://www.campusreform.org>). Its reporters are college students. Here is a tiny sample of last year's bizarre stories.

Donna Riley, a professor at Purdue University's School of Engineering Education, published an article in the most recent issue of the peer-reviewed Journal of Engineering Education, positing

that academic rigor is a "dirty deed" that upholds "white male heterosexual privilege." Riley added that "scientific knowledge itself is gendered, raced, and colonizing." Would you hire an engineering education graduate who has little mastery of the rigor of engineering? What does Riley's vision, if actually practiced by her colleagues, do to the worth of degrees in engineering education from Purdue held by female and black students?

Sympathizing with Riley's vision is Rochelle Gutierrez, a math education professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In her recent book, she says the ability to solve algebra and geometry problems perpetuates "unearned privilege" among whites. Educators must be aware of the "politics that mathematics brings" in society. She thinks that "on many levels, mathematics itself operates as Whiteness." After all, she adds, "who gets credit for doing and developing mathematics, who is capable in mathematics, and who is seen as part of the mathematical community is generally viewed as White." What's worse is that the university's interim provost, John Wilkin, sanctioned her vision, telling Fox News that Gutierrez is an established and admired scholar who has been published in many peer-reviewed publications. I hope that the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's black students don't have the same admiration and stay away from her classes.

Last February, a California State University, Fullerton pro-

fessor assaulted a CSUF Republicans member during a demonstration against President Donald Trump's executive order on immigration. The students identified the assailant as Eric Canin, an anthropology professor. Fortunately, the school had the good sense to later suspend Canin after confirming the allegations through an internal investigation.

Last month, the presidents of 13 San Antonio colleges declared in an op-ed written by Ric Baser, president of the Higher Education Council of San Antonio, and signed by San

Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg and 12 other members of the HECSA that "hate speech" and "inappropriate messages" should not be treated as free speech on college campuses. Their vision should be seen as tyranny. The true test of one's commitment to free speech doesn't

come when he permits people to be free to make statements that he does not find offensive. The true test of one's commitment to free speech comes when he permits people to make statements he does deem offensive.

Last year, University of Georgia professor Rick Watson adopted a policy allowing students to select their own grade if they "feel unduly stressed" by their actual grade in the class. Benjamin Ayers, dean of the school's Terry College of Business, released a statement condemning Watson's pick-your-own-grade policy, calling it "inappropriate." He added: "Rest assured that this ill-advised proposal will not be implemented in any Terry classroom. The University of Georgia upholds strict guidelines and academic policies to promote a culture of academic rigor, integrity, and honesty." Ayers' response gives us hope that not all is lost in terms of academic honesty.

Other campus good news is a report on the resignation of George Ciccariello-Maher, a white Drexel University professor who tweeted last winter, "All I Want For Christmas is White Genocide." He said that he resigned from his tenured position because threats against him and his family had become "unsustainable." If conservative students made such threats, they, too, could benefit from learning the principles of free speech.

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

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## COMMENTARY

# What is America's mission now?

Informing Iran, "The U.S. is watching what you do," Amb. Nikki Haley called an emergency meeting Friday of the Security Council regarding the riots in Iran. The session left her and us looking ridiculous.

France's ambassador tutored Haley that how nations deal with internal disorders is not the council's concern. Russia's ambassador suggested the United Nations should have looked into our



**Pat Buchanan**

Occupy Wall Street clashes and how the Missouri cops handled Ferguson. Conservatives have demanded that the U.N. keep its nose out of our sovereign affairs since its birth in 1946. Do we now accept that the U.N. has authority to oversee internal disturbances inside member countries?

Friday's session fizzled out after Iran's ambassador suggested the Security Council might take up the Israeli-Palestinian question or the humanitarian crisis produced by the U.S.-backed Saudi war on Yemen.

The episode exposes a malady of American foreign policy. It lacks consistency, coherence and moral clarity, treats friends and adversaries by separate standards and is reflexively interventionist.

Thus has America lost much of the near-universal admiration and respect she enjoyed at the close of the Cold War.

This hubristic generation has kicked it all away.

Consider. Is Iran's handling of these disorders more damnable than the thousands of extrajudicial killings of drug dealers attributed to our Filipino ally Rodrigo Duterte, whom the president says is doing an "unbelievable job"?

And how does it compare

with Gen. Abdel el-Sissi's 2012 violent overthrow of the elected president of Egypt, Mohammed Morsi, and Sissi's imprisonment of scores of thousands of followers of the Muslim Brotherhood?

Is Iran really the worst situation in the Middle East today?

Hassan Rouhani is president after winning an election with 57 percent of the vote. Who elected Mohammed bin Salman crown prince and future king of Saudi Arabia?

Vladimir Putin, too, is denounced for crimes against democracy for which our allies get a pass.

In Russia, Christianity is flourishing, and candidates are declaring against Putin. Some in the Russian press regularly criticize him.

How is Christianity faring in Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan?

It is alleged that Putin's regime is responsible for the death of several journalists. But there are more journalists behind bars in the jails of our NATO ally Turkey than in any other country in the world.

When does the Magnitsky Act get applied to Turkey?

What the world too often sees is an America that berates its adversaries for sins against our "values," while giving allies a general absolution if they follow our lead.

A day has not gone by in 18 months that we have not read or heard of elite outrage over the Kremlin attack on "our democracy," with the hacking of the DNC and John Podesta emails.

How many even recall the revelation in 2015 that China hacked the personnel files of millions of U.S. government employees, past, present and prospective?

While China persecutes Christians, Russia supports a restoration of Christianity after 70 years of Leninist rule. In Putin's Russia, the Communist Party is running a candidate against him. In China, the Communist Party exercises an absolute monop-

oly of political power, and nobody runs against Xi Jinping.

China's annexation of the Paracel and Spratly Islands and the entire South China Sea is meekly protested, while Russia is endlessly castigated for its bloodless retrieval of a Crimean peninsula that was recognized as Russian territory under the Romanovs.

China, with several times Russia's economy and 10 times her population, is far the greater challenger to America's standing as lone superpower. Why, then, this tilt toward China?

Among the reasons U.S. foreign policy lacks consistency and moral clarity is that we Americans no longer agree on what our vital interests are, who our real adversaries are, what our values are or what a good and Godly country looks like.

Was JFK's America a better country than Obama's America?

World War II and the Cold War gave us moral clarity. If you stood against Hitler, even if you were a moral monster like Joseph Stalin, we partnered with you.

From Winston Churchill's "Iron Curtain" speech in 1946 to the end of the Cold War, if you stood with us against the "Evil Empire" of Reagan's depiction, even if you were a dictator like Gen. Pinochet or the Shah, you were welcome in the camp of the saints.

But now that a worldwide conversion to democracy is no longer America's mission in the world, what exactly is our mission?

"Great Britain has lost an empire," said Dean Acheson in 1962, "but not yet found a role."

Something of the same may fairly be said of us today.

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

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### GOVERNMENT DENIED SERVICES UNDER GUISE OF SAFETY

There are at least two kinds of people in the world; 1.) people who can confidently and safely operate motor vehicles and their own two legs two days after a three-inch snowfall, and b.) those who cannot. That's fine, and I have no real quarrel with those local governments who kept schools, for example, closed so as not to force those in group b. to venture out when they did not feel it safe.

However, it seems to me that folks in group 1. could have been accommodated a lot better on Friday, at least, if

local government had decided to give them as much as possible of the services we pay for with taxes. I'll burden you with only one example, but there are many: Swan Lake. It seems to me that having Swan Lake closed on Friday was municipal halfwittedness at its most egregious. We love Swan Lake; we're proud of Swan Lake; we brag about Swan Lake, and we might get the chance to explore it cloaked in serious winter finery only once every decade or two. Except that we missed that chance this week, because it was closed and locked up tight.

That we were locked out of Swan Lake on Friday makes me think that

our local decision makers lack any sense of commitment to giving us as much as possible of the benefits for which we pay. I have asked myself, "Self, do you think that our local elected officials and their minions ever think about maximizing access to services during unusual circumstances?" And, I have answered: "Are you kidding? They gonna avoid stress and accountability by closing everything, and if challenged, they'll drag out that old chestnut about just wantin' to keep us all safe." We deserve better.

I know we have planners here; I've encountered some, and I tried to volunteer to be part of their process, but that

got a deaf ear. But, I don't think we have a "Planner in Charge of Maximizing Services Under Unusual Conditions," and we deserve one. Local administrations may well not believe in global warming, but science doesn't give a rat's back if you believe in it; it's just gonna keep on giving you more and more things that you've never seen before, and an old-fashioned reliance on reactive administration (business as usual) will reap the whirlwind. Yeah, there will be a whirlwind. Count on that. Count on everything. Prepare for everything. You owe it to us.

DENNIS KERN  
Sumter

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**AA Spanish Speaking** — Sundays, 4:30 p.m., 1 Warren St. (803) 775-1852.

**AA "How it Works" Group** — Mondays and Fridays, 8 p.m., 1154 Ronda St. Call (803) 494-5180.

**441 AA Support Group** — Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, 8 p.m., Hair Force, 2090-D S.C. 441.

**AA Summerton Group** — Wednesday, 8 p.m., town hall.

**Manning Al-Anon Family Group** — Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Behavioral Health Building, 14 Church St., Manning. Call (803) 435-8085.

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**Sumter Vitiligo Support Group** — Second Monday, 5:45-6:45 p.m., North HOPE Center, 904 N. Main St. Call (803) 316-6763. The group is also on Facebook.

### TUESDAY MEETINGS:

**Heroin Anonymous** — Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 p.m., 4742 Broad St. Call (803) 494-5180.

**Sumter Connective Tissue Support Group** — First Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November, 7 p.m., 180 Tiller Circle. Call (803) 773-0869.

**Mothers of Angels (for mothers who have lost a child)** — First Tuesday at noon and third Tuesday at 6 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church. Call (803) 469-6059, (803) 979-4498, (803) 469-4506 or (803) 938-8544.

**Sumter Combat Veterans Group Peer to Peer** — Tuesdays, 11 a.m., South HOPE Center, 1125 S. Lafayette Drive. Veterans helping veterans with PTSD, coping skills, claims and benefits.

**"The Gathering"** — Second Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., North HOPE Center, 904 N. Main St. Support group for teens and adults with special needs. Call (803) 972-0051 or (803) 468-5745 or email [thegathering23@aol.com](mailto:thegathering23@aol.com).

**Parkinson's Support Group** — Second Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Carolinas Rehabilitation Hospital, 121 E. Cedar St., Florence. Call (843) 661-3746.

**Sumter Amputee Support Group** — Second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Sumter Prosthetics & Orthotics, 259 Broad St. Call (803) 883-4356.

**Sumter Chapter Parents of Murdered Children (POMC)** — Third Tuesday, 5:30-7 p.m., Birnie

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**EFMP Parent Exchange Group** — Last Tuesday, 11 a.m.-noon, Airman and Family Readiness Center. Support to service members who have a dependent with a disability or illness. Call (803) 895-1252/1253 or (803) 847-2377.

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**Sickle Cell Support Group** — Last Wednesday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., South Sumter Resource Center, 337 Manning Ave. Call Bertha Willis at (803) 774-6181.

**Divorce Care** — Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Baptist Church, 2401 Bethel Church Road. Call (803) 481-2160.

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### THURSDAY MEETINGS:

**TOPS S.C. No. 236 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** — Thursdays, 9 a.m., Spectrum Senior Center, 1989 Durant Lane. Call (803) 775-3926 or (803) 469-4789.

**Alzheimer's Support Group through S.C. Alzheimer's Association** — First Thursday, 6-8 p.m., National Health Care, 1018 N. Guignard Drive. Call (803) 905-7720 or the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 636-3346.

**Journey of Hope (for family members of the mentally ill), Journey to Recovery (for the mentally ill) and Survivors of Suicide Support Group** — Each group meets every first Thursday, 7 p.m., St. John United Methodist Church, 136 Pinsett Drive. Call (803) 905-5620.

### FRIDAY MEETINGS:

**Celebrate Recovery** — Fridays, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. program, Salt & Light Church, Miller Road (across from Food Lion). For help with struggles of alcohol, drugs, family problems, smoking, etc.

**Wateree AIDS Task Force Support Group** — Third Friday, 11:30 a.m., 508 W. Liberty St. Call (803) 778-0303.

### SATURDAY MEETINGS:

**Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy/Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Support Group** — Third Saturday, 1:30 p.m., 3785 Blackberry Lane, Lot 7. Call (803) 481-7521.

### SUNDAY MEETINGS:

**Sumter MS Support Group** — First Sunday, 3 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church fellowship hall, 2751 S. Wise Drive. Call (803) 481-5344 or (803) 464-6440. Email [l.am.me.not.ms@gmail.com](mailto:l.am.me.not.ms@gmail.com) or [ms-miles013@gmail.com](mailto:ms-miles013@gmail.com).

# WEATHER

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60°	47°	67° / 57°	70° / 49°	56° / 30°	45° / 25°
Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 20%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 15%	Chance of rain: 15%
ENE 6-12 mph	ENE 6-12 mph	ENE 6-12 mph	SSE 7-14 mph	WSW 8-16 mph	NW 6-12 mph

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

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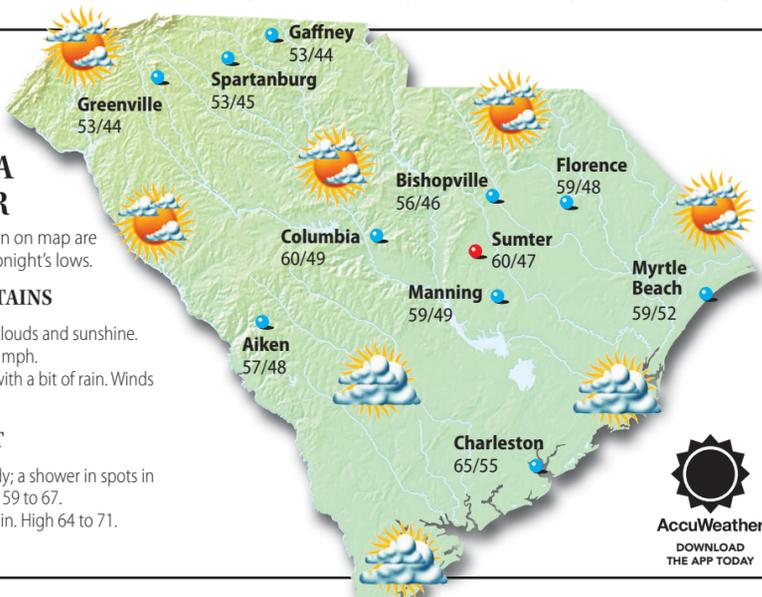
**Today:** Intervals of clouds and sunshine. Winds northeast 4-8 mph.

**Thursday:** Cloudy with a bit of rain. Winds northeast 4-8 mph.

### ON THE COAST

**Today:** Mostly cloudy; a shower in spots in southern parts. High 59 to 67.

**Thursday:** A little rain. High 64 to 71.



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Temperature	High	Low
68°	68°	33°
Normal high	54°	
Normal low	32°	
Record high	77° in 1949	
Record low	8° in 1970	

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
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Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	353.60	-0.10
Marion	76.8	72.97	-0.20
Moultrie	75.5	72.77	+0.06
Wateree	100	96.50	+0.07

## RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	6.96	-0.10
Congaree River	19	3.10	-1.90
Lynches River	14	4.35	-0.04
Saluda River	14	2.31	-0.31
Up. Santee River	80	75.44	-0.92
Wateree River	24	4.95	-0.43

## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:28 a.m.	Sunset	5:31 p.m.
Moonrise	1:46 a.m.	Moonsset	1:15 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Jan. 16	Jan. 24	Jan. 31	Feb. 7

## TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	3:59 a.m.	2.8	10:46 a.m.	0.4
	4:03 p.m.	2.6	11:02 p.m.	0.1
Thu.	4:53 a.m.	2.9	11:43 a.m.	0.4
	4:55 p.m.	2.5	11:53 p.m.	0.1

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	56/51/c	59/55/c
Chicago	46/46/c	55/23/r
Dallas	62/53/c	54/27/pc
Detroit	40/40/c	49/33/r
Houston	66/57/c	67/34/t
Los Angeles	65/51/pc	72/53/s
New Orleans	71/60/c	71/44/pc
New York	36/34/s	47/44/pc
Orlando	76/61/sh	79/63/pc
Philadelphia	39/33/s	48/44/c
Phoenix	64/46/pc	68/46/s
San Francisco	56/48/pc	58/49/pc
Wash., DC	41/34/pc	52/48/c

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Asheville	51/42/c	53/47/r	Florence	59/48/pc	67/59/r
Athens	56/47/pc	57/50/r	Gainesville	71/60/c	75/59/r
Augusta	63/50/c	66/54/r	Gastonia	55/45/pc	57/54/r
Beaufort	67/55/c	71/58/r	Goldsboro	55/40/c	67/62/r
Cape Hatteras	50/48/pc	55/55/c	Goose Creek	65/55/c	70/60/r
Charleston	65/55/c	70/59/r	Greensboro	49/38/pc	54/51/r
Charlotte	55/43/pc	57/54/r	Greenville	53/44/pc	53/49/r
Clemson	55/48/pc	56/53/r	Hickory	48/39/pc	50/44/r
Columbia	60/49/pc	65/57/r	Hilton Head	62/55/c	68/59/sh
Darlington	57/46/pc	65/59/r	Jacksonville, FL	69/62/c	74/61/pc
Elizabeth City	49/37/pc	60/54/c	La Grange	61/56/c	66/59/c
Elizabethtown	57/46/pc	68/62/r	Macon	63/56/c	66/57/r
Fayetteville	56/43/c	65/61/r	Marietta	55/50/c	58/53/c
			Marion	49/41/c	52/48/r
			Mt. Pleasant	63/55/c	69/59/r
			Myrtle Beach	59/52/pc	64/57/r
			Orangeburg	60/51/pc	68/59/r
			Port Royal	63/56/c	67/59/r
			Raleigh	52/37/pc	60/57/r
			Rock Hill	56/45/pc	59/54/r
			Rockingham	56/43/c	62/59/r
			Savannah	66/56/c	71/58/r
			Spartanburg	53/45/pc	53/51/r
			Summerville	64/54/c	70/60/r
			Wilmington	59/49/c	67/60/r
			Winston-Salem	48/39/pc	52/50/r

## PUBLIC AGENDA

**SUMTER COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION / ELECTION COMMISSION**  
Thursday, 5:30 p.m., registration / election office, 141 N. Main St.

### The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

peace and to accomplish what you set out to do. Know your boundaries and do your best to improve your relationships with peers and personal partners. Revisit your beliefs and goals.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Partnerships are highlighted. Whether of a personal or business nature, expand your communication to include the nitty-gritty details about any plan you want to pursue. Romance will improve your personal life.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You'll have some great ideas to share, but do the legwork and make sure they are feasible before you get others on board. A serious contributor will cause a disruption if you don't deliver what you promised.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Partnerships are favored. Attending meetings or traveling will be a great source of information. Don't be afraid to strike up a conversation if you encounter someone who interests you. A romantic gesture will enhance your day.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Problems at home will mount if you are careless emotionally or financially. Think before making questionable lifestyle changes. Avoid bad habits and people who are a poor influence. Put your health first and be moderate in all you do.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Getting together with friends, relatives or business associates will lead to valuable information that can help you make a vocational choice. Personal relationships can be

addressed and plans can be made. Love and romance are on the rise.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): To avoid letting your home be disrupted, rely on what you know, not what you hear. Accept last-minute changes without making a fuss. The less you complain, the easier it will be to move forward.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your emotions will surface and your passion will intensify. Use your persistent powers of persuasion to help you get what you want. Be willing to give and take to make sure everyone comes out a winner. Love is highlighted.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Rely on your intelligence, curiosity and desire to get ahead. Common sense doesn't always come into play when you get excited about something, but beware of anyone who makes an offer that sounds too good to be true.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take hold of whatever situation you face and do what's right. Your determination and ability to get things done will put you in a position capable of bringing about positive changes. Romance is highlighted.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Helping others can be invigorating, unlike being taken advantage of. Pick your causes and battles with care. Information pertinent to your decision is likely to be withheld. Take your time and do your own research.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): When making a deal, consider what you have to offer and what you want in return. Offer sage advice and your contributions will be well-received and boost your reputation. Romance is in the stars.

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## SUMTER ANIMAL CONTROL PETS OF THE WEEK



**TOP:** Trina is a volunteer favorite. This little love bug has been overlooked and we can't understand why. Trina is young, petite, well mannered and people oriented. She likes other dogs also. This is the kind of dog who will dote on you. She shows how grateful she is for your attention and just wants to lay at your feet and soak up your love.

**BELOW:** Tully is another volunteer favorite. This small young boy is just an all around nice guy. He likes his walks, and he is good with other dogs. Tully enjoys spending time with the volunteers. He would be perfect for an active family or a single person. If you like to jog, Tully is your man. Chilling on the couch after a workout? He can get down with that, too.

If you would like to meet Trina in kennel 26 or Tully in the far right kennel, 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 [sumterstrays@gmail.com](mailto:sumterstrays@gmail.com). One hundred percent of your donation will be used for the animals at Sumter Animal Control.

## PREP BASKETBALL

# Shaking off the cobwebs



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ABOVE: Sumter's Tamerah Brown (10) looks to pass during the Lady Gamecocks' 69-59 victory over Conway in the Region VI-5A opener for both teams on Tuesday at the Sumter High gymnasium. RIGHT: Sumter's Carnasia Wells tries to get to the basket through the Conway defense.

## Lady Gamecocks overcome long layoff with 69-59 victory over Conway

BY EDDIE LITAKER  
Special to The Sumter Item

Sumter High School's varsity girls basketball team shook off the effects of a long layoff on Tuesday to stretch its winning streak to six games with a 69-59 victory over Conway in the Region VI-5A opener for both teams at the SHS gymnasium.

The Lady Gamecocks, now 9-3 overall, had not played since Dec. 21 and had an abbreviated practice schedule during the past week after snow blanketed the Sumter area last Wednesday. Still, Sumter led by 22, 54-32, after a Dania Conyers low-post bucket to open the fourth quarter before surrendering

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## COMMENTARY

# Greatest game ever? No, but likely most memorable

Following the completion of Alabama's 26-23 overtime victory over Georgia in the College Football Playoff national championship game on Monday, I was stunned. Not that a true freshman quarterback with next to no prior experience led the Crimson Tide to 26 second-half points or that he connected with another true freshman for a 41-yard, game-winning bomb one play after taking



Dennis Brunson

loss on a sack. No, what caught me off guard was the television folks saying immediately after it was one of the greatest games ever played, and that sentiment was prevalent on sports talk radio throughout Tuesday as well.

Uh, no, it wasn't. One of the most memorable ever? Without a doubt with that finish. One of the greatest ever though?

Last year's back-and-forth battle won by Clemson over Alabama was easily a greater game and who can forget Vince Young leading Texas over Southern California in the 2006 title game or Ohio State taking down seemingly invincible Miami in the '02 championship game.

Putting all of that in proper perspective though, the story line of true freshman quarterback Tua Tagovailoa being told by 'Bama head coach Nick Saban at halftime that he would start the second half in place of Jalen Hurts can easily be argued as the most unforgettable. Really, who saw that coming? Hurts had led Alabama to consecutive national title games and Tagovailoa had nothing but mop-up experience.

It's not fair to say the move by Saban smacked of desperation, but he knew Georgia had the Tide's number with Hurts behind center. Even though he made a few mistakes of inexperience — the long sack and the poor decision on the interception he threw — Tagovailoa was not even close to being overwhelmed by the situation and the moment at hand.

He never looked flustered, even after the mistakes. And what a call it was to go with the deep ball after taking the horrendous sack on the first play of 'Bama's possession in overtime.

While most people would have likely been thinking let's get half of it back with such an inexperienced QB, Alabama went for the whole enchilada and it paid off with a fifth national title in nine years. The fact that Tagovailoa even looked off the Georgia safety to allow wide receiver Devonta Smith — another true freshman by the way — added to the magic of the moment.

There are many people already suggesting that Tagovailoa is now the Tide's quarterback and Hurts should look to transfer or look to play another position. Whoa! Please apply the brakes. There is no doubt the 5-star recruit from Hawaii is special, but Hurts is "only" 26-2 as a starter and was the Southeastern Conference Offensive Player of the Year as a freshman.

Tagovailoa has yet to do anything but play perhaps the most memorable half in college football history. That's it, but it will be more than enough for people to remember his name, even though they may not be able to say it.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Alabama beats Georgia in OT for national title

BY RALPH D. RUSSO  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — To add another championship to the greatest dynasty college football has ever seen, Alabama turned to its quarterback of the future, and Tua Tagovailoa proved that his time is now.

The freshman quarterback, who had played mostly mop-up duty this season, came off the bench to spark a comeback and threw a 41-yard touchdown to DeVonta Smith that gave No. 4 Alabama a 26-23 overtime victory against No. 3 Georgia on Monday night for the College Football Playoff national championship.

Tagovailoa entered the game at halftime, replacing a struggling Jalen Hurts, and threw three touchdown passes to give the Crimson Tide its fifth national championship since 2009 under coach Nick Saban.



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Alabama wide receiver Devonta Smith scores the game-winning touchdown on a 41-yard reception after running past Georgia defensive back Malkom Parrish during the Crimson Tide's 26-23 overtime victory on Monday in Atlanta.

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## USC BASKETBALL

# Crimson Tide jumps out early to beat Carolina 76-62

BY DREW HILL  
The Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — John Petty scored 12 of his 15 points in the first half and Alabama beat South Carolina 76-62 on Tuesday night.

It was Petty, a usual starter for the Crimson Tide, who provided an immediate spark. The freshman knocked down back-to-back 3-point shots a minute after checking into the game around the 13-minute mark of the first half as Alabama (10-6, 2-2 Southeastern Conference) built a 40-33 halftime advantage.

Donta Hall scored 13 points and Daniel Giddens added 11 for Alabama. Avery Johnson Jr. scored 10 points, knocking down two 3-point baskets. Dazon Ingram, who missed the Crim-

son Tide's last game due to illness, finished with four points, three rebounds and two assists.

Collin Sexton, the SEC's leading scorer averaging 20.5 points per game, picked up his second foul with 14 minutes remaining in the first half, and finished with a season-low five points.

Wesley Myers scored 15 points to lead South Carolina (10-6, 1-3), which was held to 36 percent shooting from the field, and scored just three second-chance points. Maik Kotsar added 10 points.

### BIG PICTURE

Alabama: Won both conference home games in dominant fashion, beating both Texas A&M and South Carolina by at least 14 points. The Crimson Tide's two conference losses have been on the road.

### ALABAMA 76, SOUTH CAROLINA 62

**SOUTH CAROLINA (10-6)**  
Minaya 3-7 0-0 7, Kotsar 4-9 2-4 10, Silva 2-8 5-7 9, Myers 4-9 5-6 15, Hinson 2-3 1-1 5, Haase 0-4 0-0 0, Cudd 0-2 1-2 1, Dombia 0-0 0-0 0, Gueye 0-1 0-0 0, Booker 1-3 3-3 6, Gravett 3-5 0-0 7, Beatty 0-3 2-2 2. Totals 19-54 19-25 62.

**ALABAMA (10-6)**  
Hall 6-7 1-3 13, Key 2-4 3-5 7, Giddens 5-5 1-1 11, Jones 2-3 0-0 5, Sexton 2-8 0-1 5, Reese 0-3 0-0 0, Smith 3-3 0-0 6, Johnson 4-6 0-0 10, Petty 5-8 2-2 15, Ingram 1-4 2-2 4. Totals 30-51 9-14 76.

Halftime Alabama 40-33, 3-Point Goals, South Carolina 5-15 (Myers 2-3, Gravett 1-2, Minaya 1-2, Booker 1-3, Beatty 0-1, Haase 0-2, Kotsar 0-2), Alabama 7-17 (Petty 3-6, Johnson 2-4, Jones 1-1, Sexton 1-3, Reese 0-1, Ingram 0-1, Key 0-1), Fouled Out, Silva, Rebounds, South Carolina 26 (Minaya, Kotsar 5), Alabama 35 (Hall 7), Assists, South Carolina 8 (Myers, Minaya 2), Alabama 18 (Key 5). Total Fouls, South Carolina 16, Alabama 19.

South Carolina: Falls to 1-3 in the conference and is also winless on the road in the SEC.

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“He just stepped in and did his thing,” Hurts said. “He’s built for stuff like this. I’m so happy for him.” The Tide might have a quarterback controversy ahead, but first Alabama will celebrate another title.

For the third straight season, Alabama played a classic CFP final. The Tide split two with Clemson, losing last season on a touchdown with a second left.

What was Saban thinking as the winning pass soared this time?

“I could not believe it,” he said. “There’s lots of highs and lows. Last year we lost on the last play of the game and this year we won on the last play of the game. These kids really responded the right way. We said last year, ‘Don’t waste the feeling.’ They sure didn’t, the way they played to-night.”

Smith streaked into the end zone and moments later confetti rained and even Saban seemed almost giddy after watching maybe the most improbable victory of his unmatched career. A few hours later, Alabama was voted No. 1 in the final AP college football poll for the 11th time, three more than any other program.

After Alabama kicker Andy Pappanastos missed a 36-yard field goal that would have won it for the Tide (13-1) in the final seconds of regulation, Georgia (13-2) took the lead with a 51-yard field goal from Rodrigo Blankenship in overtime.

Tagovailoa took a terrible sack on Alabama’s first play, losing 16 yards. On the next he found Smith, another freshman, and hit him in stride for the national championship.

Tagovailoa was brilliant at times, though he had a few

freshman moments. He threw an interception when he tried to pass on a running play and all his receivers were blocking. He also darted away from pass rushers and made some impeccable throws, showing poise of a veteran. Facing fourth-and-goal from the 7, down seven, the left-hander moved to his left and zipped a pass through traffic that hit Calvin Ridley in the numbers for the tying score with 3:49 left in the fourth quarter.

He finished 14 for 24 for 166 yards. The winning play was, basically, four receivers going deep.

“After the sack, we just got up and took it to the next play,” Tagovailoa said. “I looked back out, and he was wide open. Smitty was wide open.” Freshmen were everywhere for the Alabama offense in the second half: Najee Harris at running back; Henry Ruggs III at receiver; Alex Leatherwood at left tackle after All-American Jonah Williams was hurt. It’s a testament to the relentless machine Saban has built.

But this game will be remembered most for his decision to change quarterbacks trailing 13-0.

“I just thought we had to throw the ball, and I felt he could do it better, and he did,” Saban said Tagovailoa. “He did a good job, made some plays in the passing game. Just a great win. I’m so happy for Alabama fans. Great for our players. Unbelievable.”

Saban now has six major poll national championships, including one at LSU, matching the record set by the man who led Alabama’s last dynasty, coach Paul Bear Bryant.

This was nothing like the others.

With President Trump in attendance, the all-Southeastern Conference matchup was all Georgia in the first half before Saban pulled Hurts and



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Alabama wide receiver DeVonta Smith (6) celebrates his game-winning, 41-yard touchdown reception in the Crimson Tide’s 26-23 overtime victory over Georgia on Monday in Atlanta in the College Football Playoff national championship game.

the five-star recruit from Hawaii entered. The president watched the second half from Air Force One.

“I don’t know how Coach Saban found me all the way in Hawaii from Alabama,” Tagovailoa said. “Thank God he found me and we’re here right now.”

The Tide trailed 20-7 in the third quarter after Georgia’s freshman quarterback, Jake Fromm, hit Mecole Hardman for an 80-yard touchdown pass that had the Georgia fans feeling good about ending a national title drought that dates back to 1980.

Fromm threw for 232 yards and for a while it looked as if he was going to be the freshman star of the game, the first to true freshman to lead his team to a national title season since Jamelle Holieway for Oklahoma in 1985.

“I mean, if you want to find out about Jake Fromm, go ask those guys on the other side of the ball, and they’ll tell you because that’s a really good

defense he just went against,” Georgia coach Smart said.

A little less than a year after the Atlanta Falcons blew a 25-point lead and lost in overtime to the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl, there was more pain for many of the local fans. Two years ago, Georgia brought in Smart, Saban’s top lieutenant, to bring to his alma mater a dose of Alabama’s Process.

Smart, who spent 11 seasons with Saban — eight as defensive coordinator in Tuscaloosa — quickly built ‘Bama East. It was Georgia that won the SEC this season. Alabama had to slip into the playoff without even winning its division.

With the title game being played 70 miles from Georgia’s campus in Athens, Dawgs fans packed Mercedes-Benz Stadium, but it turned out to be sweet home for Alabama. Now Saban is 12-0 against his former assistants. But not without angst.

ALABAMA 26, GEORGIA 23		
Alabama	0	10 10 6 —26
Georgia	0	13 7 0 3 —23
Second Quarter		
UGA_FG Blankenship	41,	14:14
UGA_FG Blankenship	27,	7:33
UGA_Hardman	1 run (Blankenship kick),	:07
Third Quarter		
BAMA_Ruggs	6 pass from Tagovailoa (Pappanastos kick),	8:52
UGA_Hardman	80 pass from Fromm (Blankenship kick),	6:52
BAMA_FG Pappanastos	43,	5:15
Fourth Quarter		
BAMA_FG Pappanastos	30,	9:24
BAMA_C.Ridley	7 pass from Tagovailoa (Pappanastos kick),	3:49
First Overtime		
UGA_FG Blankenship	51,	:00
BAMA_D.Smith	41 pass from Tagovailoa,	:00
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	BAMA	UGA
First downs	20	22
Rushes-yards	39-184	45-133
Passing	187	232
Comp-Att-Int	17-32-1	16-32-2
Return Yards	80	74
Punts-Avg.	6-41.83	7-36.71
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-41	6-65
Time of Possession	26:17	33:43
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS		
RUSHING_Alabama, N.Harris 6-64, Hurts 6-47, Tagovailoa 12-27, Scarbrough 4-23, D.Harris 6-17, Jacobs 3-8, (Team) 2-(minus 2), Georgia, Michel 14-98, Chubb 18-25, Swift 4-15, Hardman 2-10, Fromm 7-(minus 15).		
PASSING_Alabama, Hurts 3-8-0-21, Tagovailoa 14-24-1-166. Georgia, Fromm 16-32-2-232.		
RECEIVING_Alabama, C.Ridley 4-32, Ruggs 3-29, Foster 3-28, D.Harris 2-21, D. Smith 1-41, Jeudy 1-20, C.Sims 1-13, Hentges 1-2, Scarbrough 1-1, Georgia, R.Ridley 6-82, Godwin 4-48, Hardman 2-80, Swift 2-7, Wims 1-16, Chubb 1-(minus 1).		
MISSED FIELD GOALS_Alabama, Pappanastos 40, Pappanastos 36.		

## FINAL AP TOP 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press final college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Alabama (57)	13-1	1521	4
2. Georgia	13-2	1454	3
3. Oklahoma	12-2	1374	2
4. Clemson	12-2	1292	1
5. Ohio St.	12-2	1286	5
6. UCF (4)	13-0	1248	10
7. Wisconsin	13-1	1194	6
8. Penn St.	11-2	1120	9
9. TCU	11-3	974	13
10. Auburn	10-4	917	7
11. Notre Dame	10-3	857	14
12. Southern Cal	11-3	839	8
13. Miami	10-3	769	11
14. Oklahoma St.	10-3	758	17
15. Michigan St.	10-3	705	18
16. Washington	10-3	668	12
17. Northwestern	10-3	528	20
18. LSU	9-4	368	16
19. Mississippi St.	9-4	359	24
20. Stanford	9-5	336	15
21. South Florida	10-2	267	23
22. Boise St.	11-3	251	25
23. NC State	9-4	232	NR
24. Virginia Tech	9-4	126	22
25. Memphis	10-3	119	19

Others receiving votes: Washington St. 84, South Carolina 46, Iowa St. 36, Army 33, FAU 32, Troy 14, Fresno St. 13, San Diego St. 3, Iowa 2.

## SCOREBOARD

### TV, RADIO

**TODAY**  
**Noon** — Professional Basketball: NBA G-League Game from Mississauga, Ontario -- Santa Cruz vs. Grand Rapids (NBA TV).  
**Noon** — Women’s College Basketball: Richmond at St. Joseph’s (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**2 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: Sydney International Round-of-16 Matches from Sydney (TENNIS).  
**2:30 p.m.** — Professional Basketball: NBA G-League Game from Mississauga, Ontario -- Austin vs. Windy City (NBA TV).  
**2:55 p.m.** — International Soccer:EFL Carabao Cup Semifinal First Leg Match from London — Arsenal vs. Chelsea (ESPN2).  
**6:05 p.m.** — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).  
**6:30 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: ASB Classic Quarterfinal Matches from Auckland, New Zealand (TENNIS).  
**7 p.m.** — College Basketball: Central Florida at Connecticut (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).  
**7 p.m.** — College Basketball: Duke at Pittsburgh (ESPN2).  
**7 p.m.** — College Basketball: Notre Dame at Georgia Tech (ESPN).  
**7 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Dallas at Charlotte (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).  
**7 p.m.** — Women’s College Basketball: St. John’s at Butler (FOX SPORTS 2).  
**7 p.m.** — College Basketball: Virginia Tech at Wake Forest (FOX SPORTSOUTH).  
**7 p.m.** — College Basketball: Mississippi State at Florida (ESPN).  
**8 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Oklahoma City at Minnesota (ESPN).  
**8 p.m.** — College Basketball: Oklahoma State at Kansas State (ESPN2).  
**8 p.m.** — College Basketball: Xavier at Villanova (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**8 p.m.** — NHL Hockey: Minnesota at Chicago (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**8:30 p.m.** — College Basketball: Wyoming at New Mexico (SPECTRUM 1250).  
**9 p.m.** — College Basketball: Temple at Southern Methodist (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).  
**9 p.m.** — College Basketball: Georgia at Missouri (ESPN2).  
**9 p.m.** — College Basketball: Texas Christian at Texas (ESPN).  
**9 p.m.** — College Basketball: Louisville at Florida State (FOX SPORTSOUTH).  
**9 p.m.** — College Basketball: Louisiana State at Arkansas (SEC NETWORK).  
**10 p.m.** — College Basketball: Colorado at Southern California (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**10:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Golden State (ESPN).  
**11 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: ASB Classic Quarterfinal Matches from Auckland, New Zealand (TENNIS).  
**3 a.m.** — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour South African Open First Round from Ekurhuleni, South Africa (GOLF).

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	26	16	.619	—
Oklahoma City	22	18	.550	3
Portland	21	18	.538	3½
Denver	21	19	.525	4
Utah	16	24	.400	9

**Pacific Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	33	8	.805	—
L.A. Clippers	18	21	.462	14
Phoenix	16	26	.381	17½
Sacramento	13	26	.333	19
L.A. Lakers	12	27	.308	20

**MONDAY’S GAMES**  
 Indiana 109, Milwaukee 96  
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 Houston 116, Chicago 107  
 Minnesota 127, Cleveland 99  
 New Orleans 112, Detroit 109  
 San Antonio 107, Sacramento 100  
 Golden State 124, Denver 114  
 L.A. Clippers 108, Atlanta 107

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

## NFL PLAYOFFS

**WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS**  
**Saturday, Jan. 6**  
 Tennessee 22, Kansas City 21  
 Atlanta 26, Los Angeles Rams 13  
**Sunday, Jan. 7**  
 Jacksonville 10, Buffalo 3  
 New Orleans 31, Carolina 26

**DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS**  
**Saturday, Jan. 13**  
 Atlanta at Philadelphia, 4:35 p.m. (NBC)  
 Tennessee at New England, 8:15 p.m. (CBS)  
**Sunday, Jan. 14**  
 Jacksonville at Pittsburgh, 1:05 p.m. (CBS)  
 New Orleans at Minnesota, 4:40 p.m. (FOX)

**CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**Sunday, Jan. 21**  
 AFC TBD, 3:05 p.m. (CBS)  
 NFC TBD, 6:40 p.m. (FOX)  
**PRO BOWL**  
**Sunday, Jan. 28**  
 At Orlando, Fla.  
 AFC vs. NFC, 3 p.m. (ESPN/ABC)

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

## NBA STANDINGS

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**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	33	10	.767	—
Toronto	28	10	.737	2½
Philadelphia	19	19	.500	11½
New York	19	21	.475	12½
Brooklyn	15	25	.375	16½

**Southeast Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	23	17	.575	—
Miami	22	17	.564	½
Charlotte	15	23	.395	7
Orlando	12	28	.300	11
Atlanta	10	30	.250	13

**Central Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	26	14	.650	—
Detroit	21	18	.538	4½
Milwaukee	21	18	.538	4½
Indiana	21	19	.525	5
Chicago	14	27	.341	12½

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Southwest Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	28	11	.718	—
San Antonio	28	14	.667	1½
New Orleans	20	19	.513	8
Dallas	13	28	.317	16
Memphis	12	27	.308	16

**Northwest Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	26	16	.619	—
Oklahoma City	22	18	.550	3
Portland	21	18	.538	3½
Denver	21	19	.525	4
Utah	16	24	.400	9

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

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	26	16	.619	—
Oklahoma City	22	18	.550	3
Portland	21	18	.538	3½
Denver	21	19	.525	4
Utah	16	24	.400	9

**Pacific Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	33	8	.805	—
L.A. Clippers	18	21	.462	14
Phoenix	16	26	.381	17½
Sacramento	13	26	.333	19
L.A. Lakers	12	27	.308	20

**MONDAY’S GAMES**  
 Indiana 109, Milwaukee 96  
 Toronto 114, Brooklyn 113, OT  
 Houston 116, Chicago 107  
 Minnesota 127, Cleveland 99  
 New Orleans 112, Detroit 109  
 San Antonio 107, Sacramento 100  
 Golden State 124, Denver 114  
 L.A. Clippers 108, Atlanta 107

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

**TODAY’S GAMES**  
 Dallas at Charlotte, 7 p.m.  
 Miami at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
 Utah at Washington, 7 p.m.  
 Chicago at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
 Detroit at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.  
 New Orleans at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
 Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
 Orlando at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
 Portland at Houston, 8 p.m.  
 Atlanta at Denver, 9 p.m.  
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY’S GAMES**  
 Boston vs. Philadelphia at London, 3 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Toronto, 8 p.m.  
 L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 10 p.m.  
 San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY’S GAMES**  
 Cleveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
 Orlando at Washington, 7 p.m.  
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.  
 Brooklyn at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
 Golden State at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
 New York at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
 Portland at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
 Memphis at Denver, 9 p.m.  
 Houston at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

**NHL STANDINGS**  
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**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	42	30	9	3	63	155	103
Boston	40	23	10	7	53	131	102
Toronto	44	25	16	3	53	143	127
Detroit	41	17	17	7	41	112	127
Florida	41	17	18	6	40	113	133
Montreal	42	18	20	4	40	108	129
Ottawa	40	14	17	9	37	111	138
Buffalo	42	10	23	9	29	92	143

**Metropolitan Division**

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	42	26	13	3	55	132	120
Columbus	44	25	16	3	53	121	121
New Jersey	41	22	11	8	52	130	125
N.Y. Rangers	42	22	15	5	49	128	117
Pittsburgh	44	22	19	3	47	126	138
Carolina	41	19	14	8	46	115	126
Philadelphia	42	19	15	8	46	123	122
N.Y. Islanders	43	21	18	4	46	146	158

**WESTERN CONF**

AREA ROUNDUP

# Crestwood opens region schedule with 72-17 rout of Lugoff-Elgin

Crestwood High School's varsity girls basketball team opened its Region VI-4A schedule with a 72-17 victory over Lugoff-Elgin on Tuesday at The Castle.

Jah'Che Whitfield had a double-double of 13 points and 12 rebounds for the Lady Knights, who are 11-2 on the season. She also had six steals and four assists.

Destinee Jamison added 15 points, eight rebounds, four steals and four assists. Ashanti Washington had 15 points and four steals, Sedajah Rembert had eight points and six steals and Brittany Epps added seven points.

**CHERAW 52  
LEE CENTRAL 47**

BISHOPVILLE — Lee Central suffered its first Region IV-2A loss on Tuesday, falling to Cheraw 52-47 in overtime at the LC gymnasium.

The game was tied 43-43 at the end of regulation.

Kendra Lesane led the Lady Stallions, 3-9 overall and 3-1 in region play, with 14 points. Robionne Myers had 12 points, Tashanna Harris 11 and Keoniyah Dennis eight.

**HAMMOND 45  
WILSON HALL 19**

COLUMBIA — Wilson Hall dropped to 9-4 with a 45-19 loss to Hammond on Tuesday at the Hammond gymnasium.

Courtney Clark led the Lady Barons with 10 points. Trinity Johnson led

Hammond with 15 points.

**JV BASKETBALL**

**WILSON HALL 29  
HAMMOND 28**

COLUMBIA — Becca Cromer hit the game-winning basket with 0.8 seconds remaining to lift Wilson Hall to a 29-28 victory over Hammond on Tuesday at the Hammond gymnasium.

The Lady Barons, who improved to 9-0, trailed by three points with 11 seconds remaining. Andi Grae Wingate led WH with 10 points. Lucy Matthews and Owings Holler each had five.

**CRESTWOOD 43  
LUGOFF-ELGIN 17**

LUGOFF — Crestwood High School defeated Lugoff-Elgin 43-17 on Monday at the L-E gymnasium.

Shanyiah Davis led the Lady Knights with nine points.

**MS BASKETBALL**

**BATES 25  
HILLCREST 19**

Bates Middle School defeated Hillcrest 25-19 on Monday at the BMS gymnasium.

Alicia Spann led the Lady Bantams with nine points and seven rebounds. Alyssa Johnson added eight points.

**BOYS**

**VARSITY BASKETBALL**

**LAKEWOOD 77  
HARTSVILLE 48**

Lakewood opened its Region VI-4A schedule with a 77-48 victory over Hartsville on Tuesday at The Swamp.

Ahkeem Lawson led the 9-8 Gators with 16 points. Grant Singleton had 13, Juwan Perdue 12 and Malik Rhodes 10. Quentin Hodge and Terrell Houston both had nine.

**FIRST BAPTIST 56  
LAURENCE MANNING 49**

CHARLESTON — Laurence Manning Academy fell to 8-5 with a 56-49 loss to First Baptist on Tuesday at the FB gymnasium.

Jerrel Kelly had a double-double of 17 points and 12 rebounds to lead LMA. Taylor Lee had 11 points and Grayson Dennis had eight points and 12 rebounds.

**LEE CENTRAL 86  
CHERAW 68**

BISHOPVILLE — Lee Central improved to 4-0 in Region IV-2A with an 86-68 victory over Cheraw on Tuesday at the LC gymnasium.

Amadric Mixon and DeMarcus Smith both had 12 points to lead the Stallions. Treson Pringle had 11 and DaVeon Thomas had 10.

**JV BASKETBALL**

**HAMMOND 40**

**WILSON HALL 17**

COLUMBIA — Wilson Hall fell to 5-4 with a 40-17 loss to Hammond on Tuesday at the Hammond gymnasium.

Evan Hoffman led the Barons with seven points.

**SUMTER 59  
CONWAY 26**

CONWAY — Sumter High School defeated Conway 59-26 on Tuesday at the CHS gymnasium.

Marcus Lane led the Gamecocks with 10 points.

**LAURENCE MANNING 33  
FIRST BAPTIST 16**

CHARLESTON — Laurence Manning improved to 4-2 with a 33-16 victory over First Baptist on Tuesday at the FB gymnasium.

Gabe Harris led LMA with 12 points. Denzell Sigler had nine and AJ Nelson added six.

**B TEAM BASKETBALL**

**WILSON HALL 36  
HAMMOND 28**

COLUMBIA — Wilson Hall improved to 6-2 with a 36-28 victory over Hammond on Tuesday at the Hammond gymnasium.

Doc Walker led the Barons with 15 points, nine rebounds, four steals and two blocked shots. Jackson Duvall had eight points and four assists and Dylan had six points and four assists.

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27 points in a final-quarter rally that saw Conway pull within nine on two occasions before the Lady Gamecocks closed out the win.

"It's growing pains," Sumter interim head coach Jeff Schaffer said of the Tigers' big fourth quarter. "With a young team you're going to have that. We had a long lay-off and fell behind getting game practices in with the snow, but I was pretty proud of the way they responded in the first three quarters of the basketball game without a lot of practice. We've just got to learn to protect the basket-

ball. When teams pressure you a little bit, you've got to have guards step up and be able to handle the ball without turning it over. Again, it's because they're a young group of girls. As soon as they get a few games under their belts and they get that pressure, they're going to get used to it and they'll start playing through some of those things that they had issues with tonight."

The game was tight after one quarter as Lenaejha Evans sank a 3-point basket from the right side as time expired to pull the Tigers within

four, 15-11. Dynasia Jackson scored the Lady Gamecocks' first four points before Layken Cox hit the next two Sumter buckets. Shortly after, Cox picked up her second foul and was in and out with foul trouble the rest of the way, finishing with six.

Sumter closed the first half with a flourish as Tamerah Brown and Carnasia Wells both hit treys and Nina Edlow closed with an inside bucket to push the lead to 16, 34-18.

Wells, Edlow, Brown and Jackson all finished in double figures for Sumter. Wells closed with 18, Edlow ended with 16, Brown added 14 and Jackson chipped in with 10.



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter's Nina Edlow shoots over a Conway defender during the Lady Gamecocks' 69-59 victory on Tuesday at the SHS gymnasium.

Evans and Aishera Williams did most of the damage for Conway, scoring 25 and 18 points, respectively.

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SPORTS ITEMS

# TD Club speaker Shaw joins Furman coaching staff

GREENVILLE — Former University of South Carolina standout quarterback Connor Shaw has been hired by Furman University as its tight ends coach.

Shaw, who spent the last four years on rosters with two National Football League teams, the Cleveland Browns and Chicago Bears, fills the vacancy created by George Quarles' recent move from tight ends coach to offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach.

"We could not be more pleased to welcome Connor and his family to the Furman family," said Paladins head coach Clay Hendrix. "I think the fact that they had already chosen to make Greenville their home makes this an even more perfect fit. He embodies all the qualities we look for in our coaches and players. It is exciting to have a man with his experience joining our team."

"It's an honor to join a staff of not only talented coaches, but men of quality character," said Shaw, who will be the guest speaker at the Sumter Touchdown Club's banquet on Thursday, Jan. 18.

Shaw is the winningest quarterback in USC, having posted a 27-5 career record as a starter, including a 17-0 record at home.

**CLEMSON FOURTH IN BOTH FINAL POLLS**

CLEMSON — Clemson finished fourth in the final Associated Press and Amway/USA Today Coaches college football Polls released on Tuesday.

It marked the seventh consecutive year Clemson had a top 25 finish, now the longest streak in Clemson history. The previous best streak of six years in a row in the final top 25 took place between 1986-91.

Alabama, 26-23 overtime winners against Georgia on Monday night, finished No. 1 in both polls, while Georgia was second. Oklahoma, with the same final record of 12-2 as the Tigers, finished third. Ohio State was fifth in both polls.

This marked the third consecutive top four final ranking for Dabo Swinney and the Tigers. Clemson finished second in 2015 and No. 1 in 2016. Only Alabama has a longer streak of consecutive years in the final top 25 with 10. After the Tigers with seven straight years are Ohio State (6) and Wisconsin (5).

This is just the fourth top five finish for the Clemson program. The only year other than the last three took place in 1981 when Clemson won its first National Championship.

**GIANTS INTERVIEW CAROLINA DC STEVE WILKS**

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Giants have interviewed Carolina Panthers defensive coordinator Steve Wilks for their vacant head coaching job.

The 48-year-old Wilks met with co-owners John Mara and Steve Tisch, new general manager Dave Gettleman and assistant general manager Kevin Abrams at the team's headquarters on Tuesday, two days after the Panthers were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs by New Orleans.

Wilks has close ties to Gettleman, who was Carolina's general manager until being fired before the start of this past season. This was his sixth year with the Panthers and first as defensive coordinator.

The Giants are nearing the end of their first round of coaching interviews. They plan to speak with recently fired Broncos running backs coach Eric Studesville on Wednesday.

**RAIDERS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCE HIRING OF GRUDEN AS COACH**

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders have officially hired Jon Gruden as their coach.

The team announced the move Saturday as soon as Gruden finished his final broadcast as an announcer for ESPN. Gruden will be formally introduced at a news conference Tuesday.

Gruden is returning for a second stint as coach of the Raiders after being traded to Tampa Bay following the 2001 season. He led the Buccaneers to the Super Bowl title over Oakland the following season. He has been out of coaching since being fired by Tampa Bay after the 2008 season.

The Raiders fired Jack Del Rio following the end of a disappointing six-win season.

**NEW BEARS COACH NAGY FACES BIG TASK TO LIFT TEAM**

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — New Chicago Bears coach Matt Nagy says he is looking forward to working with quarterback Mitchell Trubisky and leading a team that he insists is poised to make a jump.

He sees "a 'want' there to be great" by the organization.

The Bears introduced Nagy on Tuesday, a day after he was hired as the team's 16th head coach to replace the fired John Fox.

General manager Ryan Pace says this is "about more than a quarterback," though developing Trubisky is crucial.

Nagy says he will call plays and that he was the one doing

that — not Andy Reid — in the second half of Kansas City's playoff loss to Tennessee. He is not sure if defensive coordinator Vic Fangio will stay.

**'BAMA-GEORGIA DRAWS 2ND-LARGEST CHAMPIONSHIP RATINGS**

ATLANTA — The national championship showdown between Alabama and Georgia drew 28.443 million viewers, making it the second-most watched title game in the four-year-old format of the College Football Playoff.

Alabama beat Georgia in overtime, rallying from 13 points down in the second half before winning with a game-ending touchdown pass. Viewership for the all-Southeastern

Conference matchup was up 13 percent from last season's Clemson-Alabama rematch from the season before.

The first CFP championship game between Oregon and Ohio State after the 2014 season drew nearly 34 million viewers, a record for ESPN. This season's CFP semifinals on Jan. 1 and Monday night's championship game averaged more than 26.2 million viewers, up 21 percent from last year.

The New Year's Six bowls and championship game drew an average of 17 million viewers, the most in four years of the format.

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R	L	A	P	X	C	E	D	S	P					
A	A	X	L	V	T	I	H	N	P					
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# Panthers fire offensive coordinator Shula, QBs coach Dorsey

BY STEVE REED  
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — Mike Shula is out in Carolina.

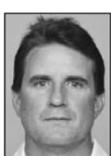
The Panthers fired their longtime offensive coordinator and also cut ties with quarterbacks coach Ken Dorsey on Tuesday, two days after a playoff loss to the New Orleans Saints.

Shula spent seven seasons with Carolina, working as the quarterbacks coach before being promoted to offensive coordinator in 2013.

Carolina finished 19th in total offense and fourth in rushing this past season, but again struggled moving the ball through the air and finished 28th in passing.

## PRO FOOTBALL

The Panthers were 12th in points scored. Carolina went 11-5 during the regular season, but lost 31-26 to the Saints on Sunday in the wild-card round.



SHULA

The news comes one day after coach Ron Rivera had seemed to give his entire coaching staff an endorsement.

However, Rivera made the decision to fire Shula, the son of legendary Miami Dolphins coach

Don Shula, after a meeting with general manager Marty Hurney.

Shula has coached 30 years, 26 of

those in the NFL.

Dorsey served as quarterbacks coach from 2013-17 following two seasons as a pro scout.

One potential replacement is Panthers offensive assistant Ron Turner, but it's possible Rivera could look outside the organization to make a change. The Panthers have called a Tuesday afternoon news conference with Rivera to discuss the decisions.

Carolina has been one of the league's top running teams — in large part because of quarterback Cam Newton's ability to run the ball — over the past four seasons, averaging the league's fourth-highest total at 128.3 yards per game.

However, its passing game has never

taken off.

Over that same span the Panthers averaged 229.5 passing yards per game, which is the third-fewest in the league.

Also, Newton's passing numbers have taken a nosedive since he was selected as the league's MVP in 2015 when he combined for 45 touchdowns — 35 passing and 10 rushing — and led the Panthers to the Super Bowl.

Newton has posted the worst two quarterback passer ratings of his seven-year NFL career in the past two seasons.

This past season, he posted a QB rating of 80.7, which ranked 18th in the league. He completed just 59.1 percent of his passes for 3,301 yards with 22 touchdowns and 16 interceptions.

## OBITUARIES

### TOMMY R. WALLACE

MANNING — Tommy Randy Wallace, 77, went to be with his Heavenly Father on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018, at McLeod Regional Center.



WALLACE

Born Nov. 17, 1940, in Hartsville, he was a son of the late Hanford McIver Wallace and the late Hattie Mae Hodge King. He was the two-time S.C. Junior State

Champion Amateur Golfer in 1954 and 1955. He was a PGA Golf Professional and former president of the PGA of the Carolinas. He worked for many golf courses including head golf pro and general manager of The Dunes Golf and Beach Club in Myrtle Beach, golf pro at Tanglewood Golf Club in Taylorsville, Kentucky, PGA Golf Professional at Royal Oaks Golf Club, Wyboo Golf Club and PGA Golf Professional, and owner and operator of The Player's Course at Wyboo, all in Manning. He was a member of Second Baptist Church of Manning.

He is survived by two sons, Thomas R. Wallace (Ann) of Hartsville and Randal Wallace of Myrtle Beach; two granddaughters, Madison and Meredith Wallace; a stepbrother, Richard King (Heiki) of Hartsville; and his former wife and mother of his late son, Keith Wallace, Cyndy Godwin Wallace of Olanta.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Keith Wallace; a stepfather, Joseph Keith King; and three brothers, Hanford Wallace Jr., Ernest Wallace and Skeet Wallace.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday in the chapel of Stephens Funeral Home with the Rev. Tom Vassar officiating. Burial will follow in Clarendon Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the residence, 1054 Country Club

Circle, Manning.

Memorials may be made to Donate Life of South Carolina, [www.donatelifesc.org](http://www.donatelifesc.org).

Stephens Funeral Home and Crematory, 304 N. Church St., Manning, is in charge of arrangements, (803) 435-2179. [www.stephensfuneralhome.org](http://www.stephensfuneralhome.org)

### LUTHER M. RILEY JR.

Luther M. Riley, Jr. passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018. He was born in Sumter on Sept. 13, 1927. He was the son of the Luther Riley Sr. and Hattie White Funchess. He has five children, Hattie Riley Fields, Luther Riley III, Rosalind Riley Morton, Lois Jackie Riley Wilson and Ronald R. Riley.



RILEY

He has three siblings, Willie Mae Waklaski, Sammy Funchess and Stella Manley. He also had 16 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Riley served in the military for 13 years. He was graduate of Mercy College, New York City. He was married three times and in a long-term relationship. He retired from Montefiore Hospital as a hospital administrator. He moved back to Sumter and worked tirelessly in community activities. He was the best father, grandfather and friend we could have wanted.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday at Lincoln High School, 22 Council St., Sumter, from noon to 3 p.m. Riley passed away on the last day of Kwanzaa, and we are asking if you have it, wear African attire to the memorial service. Arrangements has been entrusted to the Trezevant Funeral and Crematorium, Columbia, S.C. ([www.trezevantfuneralhome.com](http://www.trezevantfuneralhome.com)).

### ROSA LEE OSBORNE

The funeral service for Mrs. Rosa Lee Osborne, 88, of 7995 Osborne Road in Rembert, will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Rafting Creek Bap-

tist Church, 3860 N. Kings Highway (S.C. 261) in Rembert with burial in the church cemetery. Viewing will be Friday from noon to 7 p.m. at Collins Funeral Home and one hour prior to service at the church on Saturday. She died Monday, Jan. 8, 2018. Collins Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

### DERRY SEGARS

Derry Segars, 59, son of the late Fannie Segars and Derry Pack, departed his earthly life on Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, in Hempstead, New York. He was the brother of Eloise Pack Harvin. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Courtesy death announcement from Job's Mortuary.

### ROBERT HARRELL

Robert Harrell, 70, died on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey in Sumter.

Plans will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.



### DONALD T. SPITZER

Donald T. Spitzer, age 85, beloved husband of the late Margaret Lucille Steen Spitzer, died on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018, in Sumter.

Plans will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.



### JAMES C. ABRAM

James "PeeWee" Cooks Abram, 67, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, at Piedmont Henry Hospital, Stockbridge, Georgia. Born Oct. 18, 1950, in Sumter County, he was the son of the late Johnnie and Rosa Lee Cooks Abram.

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

### ANNETTE PRICE

Annette Price, 79, died on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018, at her residence in Sumter.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday at 3 p.m. in the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service from 2 to 3 p.m. at Bullock Funeral Home.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



### W. TODD MAYBERRY

William Todd Mayberry, 59, died Monday, Jan. 8, 2018, at his home in Sumter.

Born March 26, 1958, in Alexandria, Louisiana, he was a son of the late James O. Mayberry and the late Louise Lumpkins Mayberry. He was employed as a corrections officer at Wateree Correctional Institution.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Sheila B. Mayberry of Wedgefield, and a niece, Suzette Yost.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Aaron Reed officiating. Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery.

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

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

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

## Keeping Sumter Beautiful

Amanda McNulty, County Extension Agent

### New Topics for the Dinner Table

I recently found myself sitting at a supper party where every topic seemed to cause someone to roll his eyes; even such seemingly innocuous subjects as where to go to the mountains to get away from the heat or which beach has the best waves for body surfing.

So my resolution is to have a new topic we can all agree is important -- the new trends in agriculture in South Carolina. After all, agriculture, including forestry, and all its support and related components is the largest part of SC's economy, with a value of three billion dollars.

If you visit this website: [scagrizzexpo.com](http://scagrizzexpo.com), you will no doubt change any lunch plans you have so you can head over to Florence next Wed for two days devoted to all the aspects that involve the many facets of agriculture in our state.

As someone who is challenged to run the lawnmower, I must admit that the exposition hall with massive equipment displays gives me some pause (I wonder if those enormous machines require that you can find your car key, an almost daily challenge for me). Nonetheless, it is fascinating to see the new equipment that allows farmers to be more efficient and to plant, spray and harvest crops, be they corn, cotton, or sweet potatoes, or the vegetables and fruits our farmers excel in growing.

Since I've admitted to technological deficits, it should come as no surprise that I am happiest in the education and lecture sessions. On Wednesday, the lineup begins with a discussion of the future of agriculture lead by Boone Peele, newly appointed US Department of Agriculture Farm Service

Agency Executive Director, focusing on what current issues could affect the health of our number one industry.

The next session is about a part of agriculture that is mysterious to many of us; hearing the intricacies our growers must navigate in deciding how to market the crops they have worked so hard to produce. Three members of Clemson Agricultural Business team talk about the outlook for agriculture for the coming year and how to maximize profits by making savvy marketing decisions.

Next on my agenda is a discussion from farmers about how they have used new technological tools to measurably increase profitability on their farms. Listen to presentations on such topics as variable rate technology, which allows growers to tweak fertilizer applications to minimize costs while maximizing yields, using drones to spot trouble spots in parts of fields too large to view traditionally, and a presentation on the new research into soil health.

However, my favorite day will be Thursday when the Clemson vegetable team will spend all afternoon sharing the latest news on how to best address the challenges of growing fruits and vegetables in the challenging conditions we experience in the Palmetto State.

All of this is free and occurs at the Florence Convention Center. Again, visit the website [scagrizzexpo.com](http://scagrizzexpo.com).

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Summons & Notice

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 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 D. Johnson, Deceased; Arckell J., a minor, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Evangeline 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 D. Johnson, Deceased; Any Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of the Estate of Evangeline 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; and 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) 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; 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.

NOTICE

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

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

YOU WILL FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that unless the said Defendant, 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, R.L.S., 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 Datzell, SC 29040

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

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TO THE DEFENDANT NAMED ABOVE: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve copy of your answer upon you, 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.

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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 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 a judgment by default granting the relief demanded in the Complaint.

TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES AND/OR TO 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 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.

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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.

Summons & Notice

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

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

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

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

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

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

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

TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES AND/OR TO 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.

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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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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 Davis Johnson a/k/a Evangeline Davis Johnson a/k/a

Evangelina D. Johnson, Deceased; Aerial J., a minor, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Evangeline Johnson a/k/a Evangeline D. Johnson, Deceased; Arckell J., a minor, individually, and as Legal Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Evangeline 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 D. Johnson,

## U.S. sees surge in women interested in running for office

BY CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Inside a classroom at a community college in Dallas, about two dozen women took turns sharing their names, hometowns and what they hoped would be their future titles.

Congresswoman. State representative. County judge.

It was part of a training held by EMILY's List, an organization dedicated to electing women at all levels of government who support abortion rights. One of the presentation's PowerPoint slides flashed a mock advertisement on the projector screen: "Help Wanted: Progressive Women Candidates."

A record number of women appear to be answering that call, fueled largely by frustration on the Democratic side over the election of President Donald Trump and energized by Democratic women winning races in Virginia in November. Experts say 2018 is on track to be a historic year, with more women saying they are running at this point than ever before.

"I've never seen anything like this," said Stephanie Schriock, president of EMILY's List. "Every day, dozens more women come to our website, come to our Facebook page and say, 'I am mad as hell. I want to do something about it. What should I do now?'"

In the four weeks after the 2016 election, 1,000 women came to the group's website to learn about running for office. That number has now surpassed 26,000. By comparison, the group was in contact with 960 women for the previous election cycle.

Whether all that enthusiasm will result in full-fledged campaigns and translate to gains in the number of women elected to office remains to be seen.

Although women are more than half the American population, they account for just a fifth of all U.S. representatives and senators, and one in four state lawmakers. They serve as governors of only six states and mayors in roughly 20 percent of the nation's most populous cities.

For Sarah Riggs Amico, the executive chairwoman of a major auto hauling company, last year's Women's March in Atlanta ignited her interest in running for office.

"It was something that really lifted me up and made me want to demand better from my government," said Amico, who recently announced plans to run for lieutenant governor in Georgia.

Sol Flores has been walking in marches with her mother in Chicago since she was a little girl, but never thought she would run for office. Now 44, Flores said she was enraged by policies put forward by the Trump administration and decided to jump into a crowded Democratic primary for Illinois' 4th Congressional District.

Flores said her network of friends has been crucial to helping her navigate the realities of being a first-time candidate and the challenges of gathering signatures for qualifying and fundraising.

"Women are really good at this, saying, 'Let's sit down and figure this out. You raised your hand, and let's win. Let's go to Washington, D.C.,'" said Flores, the executive director of a nonprofit helping homeless families and at-risk youth.

The last time the U.S. saw a surge in women running for office was 1992, in the wake of Anita Hill's testimony before an all-male U.S. Senate committee weighing the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court. It was called the "Year of the Woman" because women were elected to the U.S. House and Senate in record numbers.

The number of women in office has held steady in recent years, but experts say conditions are ripe for an increase in 2018 — especially if more politicians are forced to step down or retire amid the growing #MeToo movement that began with accusations of sexual misconduct against Hollywood mega-producer Harvey Weinstein.

One U.S. senator and four congressmen have so far announced plans to retire or not seek re-election following allegations against them, presenting a



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Letitia Plummer, a Houston dentist and candidate for Congress to represent Texas District 22, smiles during a women's candidate training workshop at El Centro College in Dallas. EMILY'S List is conducting a national recruitment effort looking to train candidates and potential candidates in more than 20 states.

prime opportunity for women to compete for their open seats. For example, seven women have expressed interest in an April special election for an Arizona congressional seat.

The increase in women candidates is largely being seen in U.S. House and governor's races next year and driven primarily by Democrats, said Debbie Walsh, who leads the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University. In addition to the 50 Democratic and 10 Republican congresswomen expected to run for re-election, there are 183 Democratic women and 14 Republican women running in primaries to challenge their current U.S. representative.

These can be uphill races, but many of the women running say they were encouraged by what happened in Virginia in November, when 30 percent of the women who challenged their state representative won.

Katie Hill is among those seeking to oust her local congressman, Republican Rep. Steve Knight in California's 25th Congressional District, a key Democratic target this year.

As an advocate for the homeless, Hill recalled the joy she felt on the night of the 2016 election when voters in Los An-

geles passed a \$1.2 billion bond measure for housing and services for homeless people and those at risk of becoming homeless. But that was quickly tempered by the outcome of the presidential election.

"November made us all realize that our country is not where we need to be," Hill said. "And that's the point when people start to stand up and say, 'If no one else is going to fix, I'm going to.'"

It's not just Democrats. First-time Republican and Libertarian women candidates are also jumping into the mix.

Republicans launched an effort in 2012 that is focused on electing women. Under the "Right Women, Right Now" program, 390 new GOP women have been elected since then.

"Twenty-five percent of state legislators are women, and that's clearly insufficient," said Matt Walter, head of the Republican State Leadership Committee. "That's a Democratic and Republican number, and something we really felt strongly was something we needed to change."

Tiffany Shedd, a lawyer for small businesses who lives on a farm in Eloy, Arizona, said she was talking with her husband one evening earlier this year about the importance of having someone representing them in Congress who will fight for rural communities. She said he challenged her to run.

"I said, 'I can't run. What's a person from a little town in Arizona doing running for Congress?'" Shedd said. "And then I thought, 'Wow — that is exactly what we need.'"

She will be running in the Republican primary in the hopes of challenging Democratic Rep. Tom O'Halleran in November.

On the state level, 36 governor's races will be contested in 2018. The Center for American Women and Politics says 49 Democratic women, including two incumbents, and 28 Republican women have indicated they will run for those seats. There has never been more than nine women serving as governor at the same time.

Even if all the women who have reached out to groups such as EMILY's List do not end up running next year, they are expected to play key roles in supporting those who do.

"This is the next decade of candidates," Schriock said.

Associated Press photographer Matthew Otero in Dallas contributed to this report.



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EMILY's List president Stephanie Schriock speaks during a women's candidate training workshop at El Centro College in Dallas. EMILY'S List is an organization dedicated to electing candidates at all levels of government.

## Ancient DNA gives glimpse of ancestors of Native Americans

NEW YORK (AP) — DNA from an infant who died in Alaska some 11,500 years ago is giving scientists the best look yet at the genetics of the ancestors of today's native peoples of the Americas.

Decoding the infant's complete set of DNA let researchers estimate the timing of key events in the ancestral history of today's Native Americans and indigenous peoples of Canada and Central and South America.

Experts said that while the new work doesn't radically change the outlines of what scientists have thought, it provides more detail and better evidence than what was available before.

The infant girl was buried about 50 miles southeast of Fairbanks, and her

remains are the earliest known in the far north of North America, said anthropologist Ben Potter of the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He reports the analysis along with others in a paper released last week by the journal Nature.

The first Americans were descended from Asians, and they reached the New World by way of Beringia, a now-submerged land bridge that used to connect Asia to Alaska. Recent research suggests they followed the shorelines of Beringia and the Pacific Coast as they spread into the Americas by at least 15,000 years ago.

The new paper supports a theory that the migrants from Asia spent thousands of years in isolation, either

in Beringia or Asia, before entering the Americas. During that time they developed unique genetic signatures that are now found in natives of the Americas.

The DNA analyzed by Potter and his colleagues came from a skull bone. The infant's remains, along with remains of a fetus, had been uncovered in 2013 in a circular pit that showed signs of ritual burial. The fetus was related to the infant, perhaps a cousin, but contained too little DNA for a full analysis of it.

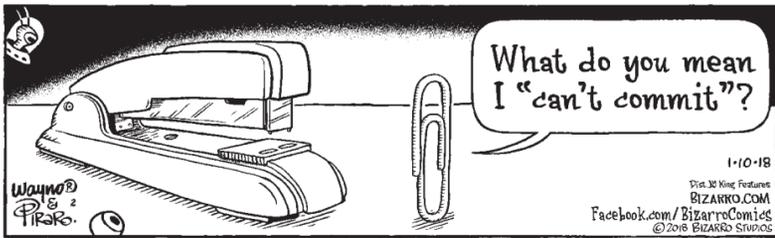
By comparing the genetic details of the infant to those of genomes from other populations, the researchers were able to estimate the times of key events in the ancestral story of to-

day's indigenous Americans. For example, they calculated that the ancestors completed their split from Asians by about 25,000 years ago.

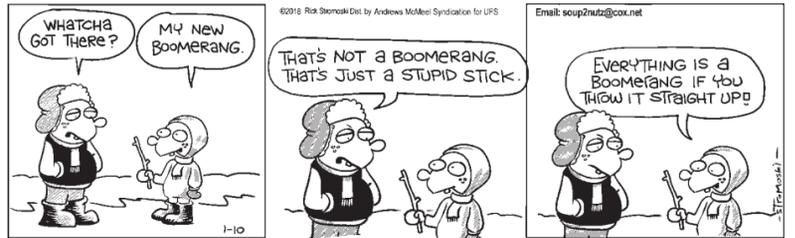
Ancestors of the Alaskan girl split away from this group about 20,000 years ago. So her DNA allows a direct glimpse of the ancient population that led to today's native peoples, said Jennifer Raff of the University of Kansas, who didn't participate in the study.

Much of the research in this area has been based on DNA that tells only about a person's maternal ancestors, she said. A complete genome is more informative and allows scientists to have more confidence in their time estimates, she said.

**BIZARRO**



**SOUP TO NUTZ**



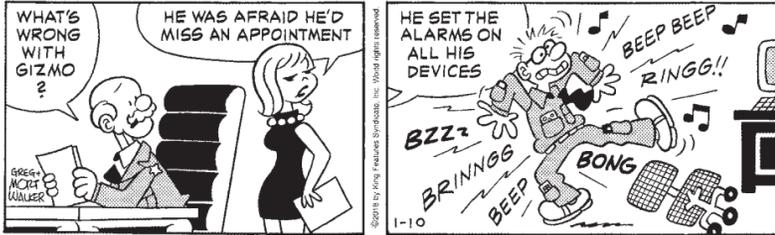
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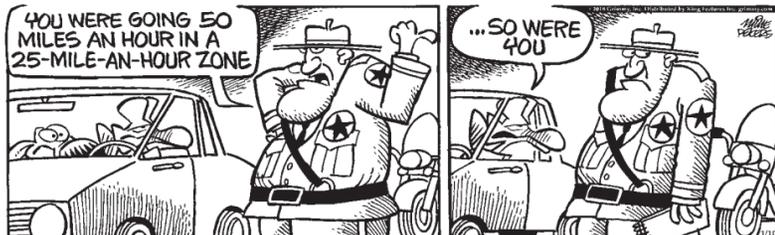
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**JEFF MACNELLY'S SHOE**



*Wife doesn't want to participate in swinging lifestyle*



**Dear Abby**  
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

**DEAR ABBY** — My husband, to whom I've been married since July of 2016, has recently caved in to pressure from friends to participate in "swinger" behavior. He

wants me to be included, but I don't want to. The other female has lesbian tendencies that make me uncomfortable. Her boyfriend is juggling two partners at once, alternating nights for each one. My husband has told him he can do whatever he wants in front of us, which I find awkward and embarrassing. I don't want to be a sport, but I feel he is being unfair to me. How do I put the genie back in the bottle without ruining my marriage and friendships? We've lived together since 2005, and the pressure is getting worse now that we're married.

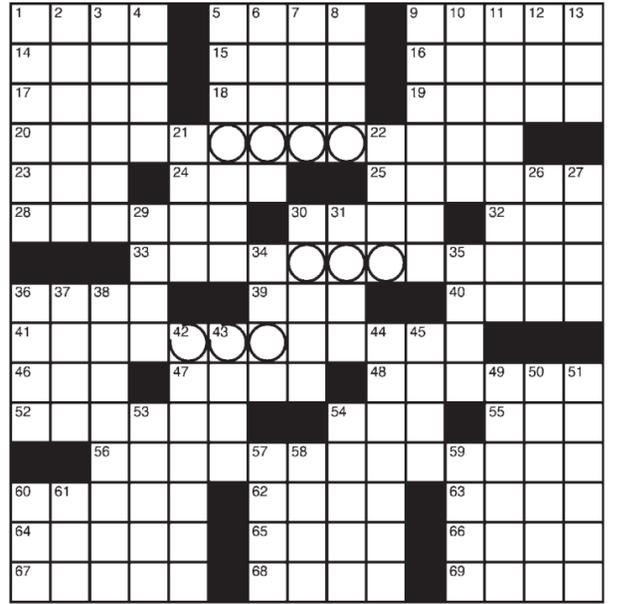
**DEAR NOT TO SWING** — If your vision of marriage is a union between two people only, then the man you married is not someone with whom you should spend a lifetime. Do not allow yourself to be coerced into anything you are not comfortable with, and that includes threesomes. Much as you might wish it, you are not going to change your husband, which is why it may be time for you to revisit this subject with him and the help of a licensed marriage and family therapist.

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**THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



**Paul Coulter** 1/10/18

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  - 14 Pope VI (1963-78)
  - 15 Copied
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  - 17 "The Simpsons" bus driver
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  - 8 Scandinavian literary work
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  - 10 Deck out
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  - 31 Lab gel
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  - 60 Cow or sow
  - 61 Unilever soap brand
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**JUMBLE**

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: NAVAL GUESS DEVOUR KETTLE  
Answer: The lemonade seller wanted her business to — STAND OUT



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

**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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WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Disney Sea & Shore" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Goldbergs "Dinner With the Goldbergs" (N)	Speechless Maya and Jimmy go to a fundraiser. (N)	(:01) Modern Family Gloria rushes Phil to the hospital. (N)	(:31) American Housewife "Selling Out" (N)	Match Game Jack McBrayer; NeNe Leakes; Kenny G. (N)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		
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WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Eve's sniper/hunter training.	Last Man Standing Campaign signs go missing.	The 3rd Annual Howie Mandel Stand-Up Gala: Stand-up performances; Howie Mandel.	Animal Crackers: Professional mascots play pranks.	Dateline "The Deed" South Carolina murders reveal a feud.	Dateline "In the Shadow of Justice: The Interrogation" A convicted murderer says he's innocent.	The Game Derwin suffers consequences.				
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AMC	48	180	(5:30) *** "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004, Action) Dennis Quaid.	*** "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" (2003, Science Fiction) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Nick Stahl, Claire Danes. A cyborg protects John Connor from a superior model.			** "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004, Action) Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm. Global warming leads to worldwide natural disasters.							
ANPL	41	100	Tanked "Sweet Tank O' Mine"	Tanked "Tank of Jericho"	Tanked "Tank of Jericho"	Tanked: Sea-Lebrity Edition San Francisco Giant's AT&T Park. (N)	** "Death at a Funeral" (2010, Comedy) Keith David, Loretta Devine, Peter Onorati. Rival siblings learn a shocking secret about their late patriarch.			Tanked: Sea				
BET	61	162	*** "What's Love Got to Do With It" (1993, Biography) Angela Bassett, Laurence Fishburne, Vanessa Bell Calloway. The life of singer-actress Tina Turner.	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Margaret and Danielle go to a factory.			The Real Housewives of New Jersey Teresa models in a photo shoot.	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Teresa visits her husband in prison.	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Teresa visits her husband in prison.	Watch What Happens Live	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Teresa visits her husband in prison.			
BRAVO	47	181	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Margaret and Danielle go to a factory.	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Teresa models in a photo shoot.			The Real Housewives of New Jersey Teresa visits her husband in prison.	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Teresa visits her husband in prison.	Watch What Happens Live	The Real Housewives of New Jersey Teresa visits her husband in prison.				
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank (DVS)	Billion Dollar Buyer (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	Shark Tank An unprecedented deal.	Shark Tank				
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	Anderson Cooper					
COM	57	136	South Park "Pine-wood Derby"	South Park "Aspen"	South Park "Major Boobage"	South Park "The Ungroundable"	South Park "Gluten Free Ebola"	South Park "Bizaardvark"	South Park "The List"	South Park "Lil' Crime Stoppers"	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	The Opposition w/ Jordan Klepper (N)	(12:01) South Park	
DISN	18	200	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Andi Mack	Stuck in the Middle	Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark	Bunk'd An abandoned treehouse.	Jessie	Stuck in the Middle	K.C. Undercover		
DSC	42	103	Street Outlaws "Bad Beets"	Street Outlaws: Memphis Mayhem			Street Outlaws: Memphis (N)	Fast N' Loud: Demolition Theater	(:06) Street Outlaws: Memphis	Fast N' Loud				
ESPN	26	35	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at Minnesota Timberwolves. (N) (Live)			NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Golden State Warriors. (N) (Live)							
ESPN2	27	39	College Basketball Duke at Pittsburgh. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Georgia at Missouri. From Mizou Arena in Columbia, Mo.			SportsCenter (N) (Live)			SportsCenter (N)				
FOOD	40	109	Iron Chef America "Symon vs. IZard"	Iron Chef: Behind the Battle (N)			Iron Chef Showdown			Iron Chef				
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)			Hannity (N)			Tucker Carlson				
FREE	20	131	(5:30) *** "Bridesmaids" (2011) Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph.	grown-ish (N)	(:31) Alone Together "Pilot"	(:02) * "The Waterboy" (1998, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates, Henry Winkler. A simpleton's angry outbursts lead to gridiron glory.	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Denver Nuggets. From the Pepsi Center in Denver. (N) (Live)			Hawks Postgame	NBA Basketball			
FSS	21	47	Power of Sports	Cycling	Running (N)	Hawks Pregame	The Middle "Worry Duty"			The Middle "Mother's Day"	The Middle "Signals"	The Middle "Average Rules"	The Golden Girls "Once, in St. Olaf"	The Golden Girls "Snap Out of It"
HALL	52	183	Full House	Full House "Goodbye, Mr. Bear"	Full House A past love beckons Joey.	Full House	The Middle "Worry Duty"	The Middle "Mother's Day"	The Middle "Signals"	The Middle "Average Rules"	The Golden Girls "Once, in St. Olaf"	The Golden Girls "Snap Out of It"	The Golden Girls "Snap Out of It"	
HGTV	39	112	Property Brothers: Buying & Selling	Property Brothers "Changing Direction"			Property Brothers (N)			Property Brothers				
HIST	45	110	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Vikings Bjorn returns to Kattegat.	Vikings The battle for Kattegat begins.	(:01) Knightfall (N) (DVS)	(:02) Knightfall (DVS)	Law & Order "Dignity" Detectives investigate a protester.	Law & Order "Human Flesh Search Engine" Suspicious web site.	Law & Order "Boy Gone Astray"	Law & Order "Boy Gone Astray"		
ION	13	18	Law & Order "Just a Girl in the World" Murder and attack appear to be linked.	Law & Order "Great Satan" An aspiring musician is found dead.			Law & Order "Reality Bites" Mother of 10 children is found dead.			(:02) Little Women: LA Bourn is fed up with guest-house living. (N)				
LIFE	50	145	Little Women: Atlanta "Big Little News" Mookie makes a final plea to her ex.	Little Women: Atlanta Minnie trains for her first 5K run. (N)			Little Women: Atlanta "Skinny Minnie" Amanda works at a local nail salon. (N)			(:13) Little Women: Atlanta Amanda works at a local nail salon. (N)				
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)			The Rachel Maddow Show (N)			The Last Word				
NICK	16	210	Paradise Run (N)	The Thundermans	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends		
SPKIE	64	153	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	** "Green Lantern" (2011) Ryan Reynolds. A test pilot joins a band of intergalactic warriors.	** "Clash of the Titans" (2010)						
SYFY	58	152	(6:20) *** "Marvel's the Avengers" (2012, Action) Robert Downey Jr. Superheroes join forces to save the world from an unexpected enemy. (DVS)	The Magicians Quentin attempts to bring magic back.			Happy! "White Sauce? Hot Sauce?" Sax and Happy go their separate ways.			(10:46) ** "Fantastic Four" (2005) Ioan Gruffudd, Jessica Alba. Cosmic radiation grants four people unusual powers.				
TBS	24	156	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee (N)	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee (N)	Conan MLB pitcher Justin Verlander.	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee		
TCM	49	186	(6:15) ** "The Ultimate Warrior" (1975) Yul Brynner, Joanna Miles.	*** "Gandhi" (1982, Biography) Ben Kingsley, Candice Bergen, Edward Fox. A portrait of the man who led India to independence.			*** "Sunrise at Campobello" (1960, Biography) Ralph Bellamy.							
TLC	43	157	My 600-Lb. Life: Countdown to the New	My 600-Lb. Life "Rena & Lee's Story" Lee and Rena battle anger issues.			(:10) Family by the Ton			(:07) My 600-Lb. Life Lee and Rena battle anger issues.				
TNT	23	158	(6:00) ** "Red" (2010) Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman. (DVS)	* "Red Dawn" (2012, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Josh Peck, Josh Hutcherson. Young guerrillas fight back when foreign troops invade U.S. soil. (DVS)			Hawaii Five-0 "Kalele"							
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Laff Mobb Laff	Laff Mobb Laff	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	Mom	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens		
USA	25	132	(5:00) *** "Superbad" (2007)	(:27) *** "Mean Girls" (2004, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan, Rachel McAdams, Tina Fey. A teen becomes friends with three cruel schoolmates.			*** "Easy A" (2010, Comedy) Emma Stone, Penn Badgley, Amanda Bynes. A high-school student uses the rumor mill to her advantage.			Chrisley Knows Best				
WE	68	166	Growing Up Hip Hop Atlanta	** "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" (2005, Comedy-Drama) Kimberly Elise, Steve Harris.			** "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" (2005) Kimberly Elise, Steve Harris.							
WGNA	8	172	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops "Fight Night"	Cops	Cops In Atlanta.	Cops "Atlanta"	Cops "Atlanta"	Cops	Cops		

# Freeform launches quirky sitcom 'Alone Together'

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

How can you be the voice of your generation when you've got nothing to say?

The new single camera comedy "Alone Together" (8:30 p.m., Freeform, TV-14) stars Esther Povitsky ("Crazy Ex-Girlfriend") and Benji Aflalo as platonic best friends Esther and Benji. They get each other's references and support each other's dislike for just about everything. They spend their downtime (which is just about all the time) binge-watching "Daria." If the Olympics had a synchronized eye-rolling event, they'd win gold medals.

Average-looking and adverse to style, this dyspeptic tandem stands out in beauty-obsessed Hollywood. Their plight is made worse by the fact that Benji's handsome brother (Chris D'Elia) appears to be in "the business," while his sister (Ginger Gonzaga) runs a hot fashion line. Benji shares their posh home and pool with Esther, who's considered all but homeless by Benji's family.

"Alone Together" does a credible job of showing the plight of coping in the so-called "gig" economy. Esther is forced to couch surf because she lists her apartment as an Airbnb in order to pay the rent. She also falls carelessly into the escort business.

But for all their snark, they don't resent the gorgeous and empty materialism around them. They aspire to it. Just as long as it arrives without any work or effort on their part.

If this confused disapproval makes me sound like an old man, that's because it's precisely the reaction that "Alone Together" hopes to provoke.

Stories that aspire to generational touchstone status aren't really working if they don't tick off older viewers and present the "young people" in a manner that baffles their elders. (I hated "Girls" too.)

A half-century ago, "The Graduate" presented Benjamin Braddock (Dustin Hoffman) not as a radical, but as a thoroughly confused and alienated man/boy, floating aimlessly for hours in his family's backyard pool. The parallels between Ben and Benji are obvious.

At the time, older viewers



BYRON COHEN / FREEFORM

Esther Povitsky, left, and Benji Aflalo star as two overlooked millennial misfits from different backgrounds trying to make their way in the vain and status-obsessed culture of Los Angeles on "Alone Together," premiering at 8:30 p.m. today on Freeform.

and reviewers were left baffled by "The Graduate" and its antihero's appeal. It's not hard to be similarly flummoxed by Esther and Benji. What do they want? I'd like them better if they made fun of Hollywood or tried to subvert it, but instead they can't wait for an invitation.

What would "Daria" do?

Seriously, it's as if Benjamin Braddock spent the "Graduate" angling to get his foot in the door of the plastics industry.

## TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- An old colleague returns on "The X-Files" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14).
- Cedric the Entertainer, Cristela Alonzo and other comics perform at "The 3rd Annual Howie Mandel Stand-Up Gala" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14).
- Amusement park mayhem on "9-1-1" (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14).
- "Nova" (9 p.m., PBS, TV-G, check local listings) examines black holes.
- The battle for Kattegat begins on "Vikings" (9 p.m., History, TV-14).
- Quentin and Julia try to conjure again as "The Magicians" (9 p.m., Syfy, TV-MA) enters its third season.
- Burgess targets a pimp on

"Chicago P.D." (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14).

- Folksy self-made tycoons seek to share seed money with worthy entrepreneurs on the new series "Rooster & Butch" (10 p.m., A&E, TV-14).

## CULT CHOICE

Yul Brynner, Richard Benjamin and James Brolin star in the 1973 robot theme park fan-

tasy "Westworld" (4:30 p.m., TCM), the inspiration for the HBO series.

## SERIES NOTES

Red turns the tables on a blackmailer on "The Blacklist" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-14) \* Dinner discomfort on "The Goldbergs" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) \* School fundraising on "Speechless" (8:30 p.m., ABC) \* Loose nukes

on "SEAL Team" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14) \* Special needs students become targets on "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14) \* Phil's medical emergency rallies the troops on "Modern Family" (9 p.m., ABC) \* Greg's book launch on "American Housewife" (9:30 p.m., ABC) \* Mascots pull pranks on "Animal Crackers" (9:30 p.m., CW, TV-PG) \* Sickos target a police captain's wife on "Criminal Minds" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).

## LATE NIGHT

"The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central) welcomes Dee Rees \* Justin Verlander, Jay Pharoah and Langhorne Slim are booked on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS, r) \* Sarah Jessica Parker, Pete Holmes and Jack Black appear on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) \* Jimmy Fallon welcomes Saoirse Ronan, Timothy Chalamet and Camila Cabello on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) \* James Franco, Lawrence O'Donnell, and the Roots featuring Bilal and Allison Miller visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) \* Judd Apatow, Aaron Sorkin and Rachel Platten appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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## Coconut milk, curry paste take chicken to new heights

BY MELISSA D'ARABIAN  
The Associated Press

**B**oneless skinless chicken breasts save the day for so many busy folks who want to get a lean, protein-filled, affordable dinner on the table in a hurry.

I always have a package or two in my freezer — I buy them when they are on super-sale (which they are once every 4-6 weeks in my experience) and freeze them, a strategy even more helpful if you seek out the pricier organic or free-range versions.

Even if I forget to pop the frozen chicken in the fridge to thaw the night before I need it, I can always do a quick-thaw in a big bowl of cold water and still get dinner on the table quickly.

This ubiquitous cut of meat is chock-full of lean protein — a 4-ounce serving is only 125 calories and has about 26 grams of protein, plus a smattering of minerals and B vitamins and only a gram or two of fat.

The downside to the boneless skinless chicken breast is that the flavor is a little lackluster. But what some call bland, I call a blank slate. And with so little fat in the meat, you have a little wiggle room to indulge a bit with other ingredients.

In my Weeknight Thai Curry Chicken recipe, for instance, I use full-fat coconut milk — a mere half cup for six servings of chicken is enough to create a luxurious mouth-feel without adding more than a few grams of fat per serving.

In this quick weeknight-friendly recipe, I use fragrant Thai curry paste as a rub right on thin chicken cutlets, infusing them with a ton of flavor, and I serve the sauce as an accompaniment, rather than having the chicken swim in it.

A quick saute gives the chicken just the right amount of char (don't overcook), and the coconut sauce is made flavorful with fresh basil, green onion and garlic and quick — just a few pulses in a blender and a few minutes stovetop. Dinner in about 20 minutes will prove that weeknight cooking need never be boring.

### WEEKNIGHT THAI CHICKEN CURRY

**Servings:** 6  
**Start to finish:** 20 minutes  
6 chicken breast cutlets, about 4 ounces each  
2 tablespoons red Thai curry paste  
1 teaspoon neutral oil

**Sauce:**  
1/2 cup coconut milk (canned)  
1/2 cup chicken broth  
2/3 cup fresh basil leaves, loosely packed (about 10 large or 20 small leaves)  
3 cloves garlic, chopped or passed through a garlic press  
3 green onions, chopped  
1/2 teaspoon salt

3 cups of cooked brown rice, for serving  
Lightly pound or press the chicken breasts so that they are no thicker than 3/4 of an inch. Coat each cutlet with a teaspoon of the curry paste. Heat the oil in a large nonstick pan over medium-high heat; brush the oil to coat the whole pan.

Place the chicken cutlets in the pan, smooth side of the cutlet down. Turn the heat slightly down to medium, and cover the pan. Cook for 5 minutes, uncover, and flip the chicken using a spatula. (If the chicken is stuck to the pan, let it cook for another minute or two and then flip.)

Let the chicken cook on the second side, uncovered, for another 5 minutes, or until the internal temperature is 160 F. Remove from heat and set on cooked brown rice on plate or platter to serve. Meanwhile, place all the sauce ingredients in a blender and pulse just enough to mix, leaving some of the basil in flecks. Pour the sauce into a small saucepan and bring to a gentle simmer over medium heat. Spoon a few tablespoons of sauce over the chicken and rice.

**Chef's Note:** I used full-fat coconut milk for unctuous texture since the quantity is relatively low, but you may substitute low-fat version.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 310 calories; 79 calories from fat; 9 g fat (4 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 86 mg cholesterol; 602 mg sodium; 26 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 1 g sugar; 30 g protein.

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