



## Surveillance footage shows store break-in

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Video surveillance from a reported break-in at a Piggly Wiggly grocery store in Sumter County on late Saturday night appears to show three men using sledge hammers and crowbars to force their way inside.

The three suspects reportedly broke through the glass door of the South Sumter branch at the intersection of U.S. 15 South and Guignard Drive about 2:50 a.m. on Sunday according to Ken Bell,



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To watch the video surveillance footage of the break-in, find this story online at [www.theitem.com](http://www.theitem.com).

public information officer for the Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

While they caused about \$1,000 in damage, Bell said, the suspects did not find any money and fled without swiping anything.

"Apparently, they thought cash was kept in the office at night," he said.

Bell said the suspects were only inside for about 20 seconds and were gone when deputies arrived about three minutes after they received an alarm.

This store has not been targeted before, Bell said, though last spring or early summer a man reportedly broke into a string of businesses along Broad Street by breaking the glass door.

"He's in jail," Bell said. "We're hoping someone will recognize their shoes or mannerisms, etc."

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PHOTO PROVIDED  
One of three suspects is shown in this surveillance footage of a break-in at the Piggly Wiggly grocery store at the intersection of U.S. 15 South and Guignard Drive.

## 2017 U.S. weather disasters hit \$306 billion

S.C. among 5 states with warmest year recorded since 1895

WASHINGTON (AP) — With three strong hurricanes, wildfires, hail, flooding, tornadoes and drought, the United States tallied a record high bill last year for weather disasters: \$306 billion.

The U.S. had 16 disasters last year with damage exceeding a billion dollars, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Monday. That ties 2011 for the number of billion-dollar disasters, but the total cost blew past the previous record of \$215 billion in 2005.

Costs are adjusted for inflation, and NOAA keeps track of billion-dollar weather disasters going back to 1980.

Three of the five most expensive hurricanes in U.S. history hit last year.

Hurricane Harvey, which caused massive flooding in Texas, cost \$125 billion, second only to 2005's Katrina, while Maria's damage in Puerto Rico cost \$90 billion, ranking third, NOAA said. Irma was \$50 billion, mainly in Florida, for the fifth most expensive hurricane.



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Highways around downtown Houston are empty as floodwaters from Tropical Storm Harvey overflow from the bayous around the city on Aug. 29, 2017.

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## Coldest months bring more requests for heating help

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People are back at work after Christmas and New Year's, kids are back in school, and most people are back on their regular schedules.

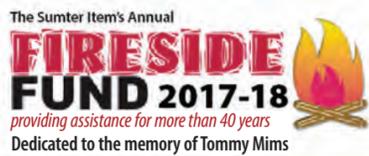
Winter, however, is just getting started in Sumter, noted Diane Garrick, office manager at Sumter United Ministries.

According to Garrick, since January and February are typically the coldest months of the year in Sumter, the Crisis Relief Ministry at Sumter United Ministries is busiest at this time with requests for heating assistance.

Families come in Monday through Thursday each week needing help to keep their homes warm.



GARRICK



Garrick said the ministry is thankful for the Fireside Fund, coordinated by *The Sumter Item*, to help families with identified needs.

"Our assistance may be given as help paying for a natural gas or propane bill, buying kerosene, paying an electric bill or purchasing electric space heaters to offset the cost of electric heat," Garrick said.

Garrick detailed how each day at the ministry begins.

Each day begins with a sign-in registration at 9 a.m., she said. Then, Crisis Relief Ministry Direc-

tor Kevin Howell welcomes clients, staff and volunteers by saying a heartfelt prayer, she said. That prayer usually includes asking God to be present that day and for a spirit of love and compassion at the center for everyone involved, according to Garrick.

Garrick said she believes that prayer sets the tone for the clients' time at the center.

"After the prayer, there are usually a few 'Amens,' shoulders relax, and you can even see the relief on some of the clients' faces," Garrick said.

At sign-in, many staff and volunteers try to make eye contact with clients and offer them a smile to put them a little more at ease, according to Garrick. She said staff and volunteers are truly happy to help those who come in for assistance.

For some clients, it's hard to ask anyone for help.

"Some say they have never had to ask for help before, or even that they are ashamed to have to ask," Garrick said. "When that happens, we always try to assure them it's OK — everyone needs a little help sometimes, and they don't have to feel that way."

At this time, Garrick said she usually explains to clients that the money used to assist people at the Crisis Relief Ministry is donated — via the Fireside Fund — by churches, businesses, families, schools, clubs, groups and individuals in Sumter who truly care about others in the community.

"I don't think many people realize the amazing, caring community we have here in Sumter County," Garrick said. "The only reason we can open our doors each day is because of the

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## S.C. House GOP focuses on nukes, retirement reform

BY MEG KINNARD

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — House Republicans will open this year's legislative session by finding ways to protect consumers after a costly nuclear power plant debacle left South Carolinians billions of dollars out of pocket, according to their leader.

House Majority Leader Gary Simrill told The Associated Press on Monday that GOP lawmakers are focusing on bills that lower utility rates and prevent consumers from paying more toward the failed V.C. Summer nuclear project.

Last year, lawmakers took testimony from executives from project co-owners SCANA Corp. and Santee Cooper, as well as ratepayers angry that they'd been stuck with billions of dollars in SCANA's debt payments on the abandoned reactors.

The House Judiciary Committee ap-

proved six bills to stop customers from being charged \$37 million a month for the scuttled reactors and refund at least some of that money.

Now, for Simrill, it's important to brief House members who weren't involved in that debate on the legislation. Simrill said his caucus will begin discussions this week, and they're hopeful that floor action could begin as early as next week.

Virginia-based Dominion Energy has proposed a \$14.6 billion takeover of SCANA, which could result in major refunds for customers. Simrill said the pending deal could be good for the state, but it doesn't affect lawmakers' responsibility to do right by those customers.

"We're beholden to the ratepayers of South Carolina," Simrill told AP on Monday. "We want businesses in South Carolina to thrive, but there has to be a good connection between the business and the community, in that it's a

win-win."

State and federal authorities are probing the \$9 billion failure, which resulted in thousands of job losses.

Simrill said that he's also prioritizing continued reforms of the state retirement system, hoping to fix shortcomings uncovered in an audit.

"One of the things you always hear is, you don't earn as much money in state government, but you have a good retirement system," Simrill said. "Then you start looking into that system and realize, (it's) subject to failure."

An entitlement reform proposal would codify a system already enforced administratively by the state Department of Social Services, requiring able-bodied adults to actively seek work in order to receive food stamp benefits.

Another proposal would use only the state portion of a child's per-pupil funding to create an optional education savings account directed by par-

ents of students meeting certain eligibility qualifications, such as students with diagnosed disabilities or who are in foster care. Under the proposal, funds may only be used by parents on an approved list of services and providers to customize their child's education.

A plan to combat the state's opioid crisis also will be a GOP legislative priority, Simrill said.

In an op-ed over the weekend, House Democratic Leader Todd Rutherford laid out his party's priorities, including reducing the state income tax and expanding gambling and medical marijuana.

Meanwhile, Gov. Henry McMaster on Monday unveiled his \$8 billion executive budget proposal, which includes cutting all income tax rates by 1 percent.

"The only good thing you can do with tax is reduce it," McMaster told reporters.

## Man arrested for giving heroin to 16-year-old

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A 38-year-old man was arrested on Friday for reportedly giving heroin to a minor in Sumter.

Frederick Brown, of Gable, is accused of administering with a syringe the opioid narcotic to a 16-year-old on Nov. 25, 2017, at a residence on Cains Mills Road, according to Ken Bell, public information officer for the Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

Bell said later that day, Brown reportedly drove the girl to officers he found on Broad Street who were checking on something unrelated and told them he needed help because someone had overdosed.

Officers reportedly found the teenager with a pulse but unresponsive, so they administered two doses of Narcan, an anti-opioid overdose drug, and transported her to Palmetto Health Tuomey.

She reportedly spoke with officers at the hospital, Bell said.

A search of the vehicle — in which Brown was a passenger — "led to the discovery of other drugs, and he was arrested on Jan. 5" after a Nov. 28 warrant was issued. Brown is charged with distribution of schedule I(b) (c) LSD, schedule II narcotic drugs and crack cocaine to a person under 18.

Bell said he has no arrest history with the sheriff's office.

He said no one else in the vehicle had drugs in their possession at the time of the search.

Brown is being held at Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center on a \$100,000 bond.

## Investigation ongoing for Sumter city truck that crashed into home, injuring 2-year-old

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Sumter is still waiting on the results of the South Carolina Highway Patrol investigation on the City of Sumter truck that drove through a residence near Sumter High School and injured three people, including a 2-year-old resident, in November.

City of Sumter Assistant Manager Al Harris said the city will determine its next steps after the investigation is complete.

On Nov. 27, a city-marked and -owned 2016 Dodge truck crashed through an addition of a house at the corner of McCrays Mill Road and Perry Boulevard. The truck went through the rear of the building and out the side — the grill of the truck was visible from McCrays Mill Road.

The 2-year-old child reportedly sustained serious but non-life-threatening in-



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

A City of Sumter truck is shown exiting the front of a house it drove through on Nov. 27.

juries, while another resident and the driver were treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

The city did not have an update on the conditions of the two residents or the truck driver.

Lance Cpl. David Jones with SChP said neither drugs nor alcohol are suspected factors in the crash.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

### Bishopville mobile home destroyed by fire on Monday

A house was destroyed in a fire early Monday morning in Bishopville, officials said.

The mobile home on River Birch Road was fully involved when Lee County Fire Department units arrived just before 1:30 a.m. on Monday, Chief Mike Bedenbaugh said.

"It was down to the frame," he said. The cause and origin of the blaze have not yet been determined, he said.

Both adults, who lived at the home and who were there when it began, escaped without injury, and American Red Cross disaster-trained volunteers

responded to the scene and are helping them with food, clothing and other essentials such as comfort kits containing personal hygiene items.

### New Turbeville councilwoman to be sworn in at meeting

Two members of Turbeville Town Council will be sworn in at the group's meeting today, including one new councilwoman.

Katheryn Turbeville finished in second place among five candidates for two open council seats in a municipal election in November and will begin her term today.

Councilman Herbert Mims, who received the most votes in November, will also be sworn in.

In November, Turbeville told *The Sumter Item* she did not campaign on

a specific platform but that she thought the council "needed some new blood."

Mayor pro tem and new committee members will also be elected at the council's monthly meeting.

Turbeville Town Council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 1400 Main St., Turbeville.

### Hydrant flow tests set for today and Wednesday

The City of Sumter will be performing fire hydrant flow tests on Broad Street Extension and South Pike West between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. today and Wednesday.

Water customers in the surrounding area may experience temporary discolored water.

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# Follow these 6 tips for better digestive health

It's no secret that Americans are in digestive distress. Approximately 70 million Americans suffer from digestive disease, including irritable bowel syndrome, gastroesophageal reflux disease and ulcerative colitis. Approximately 72 percent of men and women suffer from gastrointestinal symptoms which include diarrhea, gas, bloating or stomach pain. Instead of turning to a health care provider or dietitian, most individuals try to manage their symptoms with probiotics, laxatives and over-the-counter digestive medications. This data indicates that there is increasing difficulty with the human



Missy Corrigan

body digesting or absorbing nutrients. With optimal digestion, the body uses food for fuel which improves its ability to repair cells and tissues as well as eliminate waste products. With a digestive system that works less efficiently and effectively, the body's metabolism, natural detoxification and elimination efforts are not yielding ideal results. While we have all heard that "you are what you eat," experts suggest we need to take it one step further to say that "you are what you digest and absorb." There is a difference between eating your vegetables and your cells actually getting nutrients from the vegetables. Anyone looking to lose weight, gain lean body mass or improve performance should assess their digestive health. Do you experience reflux or bloating after eating a meal or snack? Do you

have regular bowel movements? Do you rely on supplements or medications to help your digestive system work better? Improved digestive health happens when you make better choices more often. You don't have to be perfect, just better. Give your digestive system a boost with these tips:

- **Move more** — The body's digestive tract is a series of muscles. Move more, bending and twisting in all directions from the abdomen, to promote digestive muscle movement.
- **Reduce workload** — The digestive system can handle a lot, but it can get overloaded. Eat and drink smaller portions at one time to maintain a manageable workload.
- **Reduce stress** — Nutrient-empty foods put the body under stress, which slows digestion. Consume healthy foods such as nuts, seeds, grains,

beans and greens, which turn off the body's stress response and help repair the digestive tract lining for better nutrient absorption.

- **Balance it out** — Overeating one type of food can overwhelm the digestive system. Consume a variety of foods throughout the day, and drink plenty of water.
- **Eat better** — Don't eat so fast. Chew your food more thoroughly to break it down, allowing you to absorb more nutrients and for you to enjoy more of the flavors.
- **Journal it** — Keep a list of what you eat and how you feel. Otherwise, you will not know which foods cause a good or bad reaction.

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## Recent winter storm causes blood donation shortage for Red Cross

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The American Red Cross has what it's calling an urgent need for blood and platelet donors of all blood types this month because of shortages after winter weather has caused blood drive cancellations. More than 150 blood drives had to be canceled because of inclement winter weather, causing more than 5,500 blood and platelet donations to go uncollected, according to the agency. "This is in addition to seasonal illnesses, such as the flu, and hectic holiday schedules collectively contributing to more than 28,000 fewer donations than what was needed in November and December,"

according to the agency. South Carolina saw 21 blood drives that were either canceled or forced to close early because of last week's storm, causing 625 donations to go uncollected. "Even temporary disruptions to blood and platelet donations can diminish the availability for hospital patients," said Clifford Numark, senior vice president of Red Cross Blood Services. "It's the blood on the shelves that helps save lives in an emergency, and that's why we're asking eligible individuals to make an appointment to give blood or platelets today." Serving hospitals is the priority for the Red Cross, but the agency can move blood to where they're needed most, even



Lynwood Watts gives blood during a blood drive at University of South Carolina Sumter. Last week's winter storm has caused a blood shortage.

throughout the country, which helps the national blood supply and can help patients locally in storm-affected areas. All blood types are needed, but there is a more critical need for the following blood and donation types right now:

doctors reach for in trauma situations;

- **Type B negative:** The blood type that can be transfused to type B Rh-positive and negative patients; and
- **Type AB:** The plasma type that can be transfused to almost everyone and can be donated through a platelet or plasma donation, when available, or during a regular blood donation.

### HOW TO HELP

Eligible donors can find a blood or platelet donation opportunity and schedule an appointment to donate by using the free Blood Donor App, visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or calling 1-800-RED-CROSS. Donation appointments and completing of a Rapid Pass are encouraged to help speed up the process. Rapid Pass lets donors complete the predonation reading and answer the health history questionnaire online on the day of their donation by visiting [redcrossblood.org/rapidpass](http://redcrossblood.org/rapidpass). For upcoming blood drives, visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org).

## POLICE BLOTTER

### STOLEN PROPERTY

A couch, unknown make, valued at \$1,000; an Igloo dog kennel valued at \$100; and a cooler, unknown make, valued at \$30, were reportedly stolen from a residence on McElveen Street in Dazell about 4:10 p.m. on Friday. Dishes valued at \$50 were damaged during the alleged incident, according to an incident report from Sumter County Sheriff's Office. A burgundy 2002 Oldsmobile

Bravada valued at \$2,000 was reportedly stolen during an armed robbery near Cherryvale Drive and Reading Street about 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. A blue 2009 Dodge Ram four-door truck valued at \$18,500 was reportedly stolen from the yard of a residence on Trailwood Drive between noon and 10 p.m. on Sunday. A black-and-gold Ford F350 with dual wheels on the rear axle valued at \$35,000; a 12-inch Kobalt compound miter saw valued at \$399; a 32-

inch RCA flat-screen TV valued at \$250; and \$5,000 in various power tools were reportedly stolen from a construction site on Broad Street between midnight and 11 a.m. on Sunday. Two 19-inch flat-screen TVs valued at \$300; a 54-inch Magnavox flat-screen TV valued at \$500; and a Lenovo touch-screen computer valued at \$300 were reportedly stolen from a residence on Miller Road between Thursday and Sunday. A white 2006 Ford Crown

Victoria valued at \$3,000 was reportedly stolen while it was parked on North Guignard Drive between Thursday and Friday. **DAMAGED PROPERTY** Approximately \$1,000 in damage was caused to Bobby's Place night club on Manning Avenue on Friday when a suspect allegedly

used a hammer and wrench — according to a Sumter Police Department incident report — to break open a TouchTunes Jukebox, valued at \$10,000, which contained about \$15 at the time of the alleged break-in. A responding officer located an area on the roof of the building where the suspect may have entered the club.

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# Apple investors urge action to curb child gadget addiction

NEW YORK (AP) — Two major Apple investors have urged the iPhone maker to help curb smartphone addiction among children, highlighting growing concern about the effects of gadgets and social media on youngsters.

New York-based Jana Partners LLC and the California State Teachers' Retirement System said in an open letter to Apple that the company must offer more choices and tools to help children fight addiction to its devices. The two investors collectively control \$2 billion worth of Apple shares.

"Apple can play a defining role in signaling to the industry that paying special attention to the health and development of the next generation is both good business and the right thing to do," the letter said.

Among their proposals to Apple: Establish a committee of experts, including child development specialists; offer Apple's "vast information resources" to researchers; and enhance mobile device software so that parents have more options to protect their children's health.

The letter cited various studies on the negative effects of smartphones and social media on children's mental and physical health. Examples include distractions by digital technologies in the classroom, a decreased ability of students to focus on educational tasks and higher risks of suicide and depression.

A study published in November suggested that heavy smartphone use and social media exposure among teens may contribute to depression and other traits linked with suicide. But that and similarly designed research cannot rule out that already troubled teens may be more likely than others to be frequent users of smartphones and social media.

In its most recent update on teens



A baby girl plays with a mobile phone while riding in a New York subway. Two major Apple investors have urged the iPhone maker to take action to curb growing smartphone use among children, highlighting growing concern about the effects of gadgets and social media on youngsters.

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*'God only knows what it's doing to our children's brain.'*

SEAN PARKER

Facebook's founding president

and media use, the American Academy of Pediatrics said in 2016 that social media and internet use have benefits and potential risks for teens. It urged families to create their own media use plans that include consistent time and content limits.

The American Psychiatric Association does not consider heavy internet use a true mental addiction and

says more research is needed.

Apple didn't immediately respond to a request for comment on Monday.

The investors' letter Saturday reflects growing concerns about the long-term impact of gadgets and social media, especially for those who start to use smartphones at an early age.

While tech companies have not acknowledged openly that their gadgets may be addictive, some Silicon Valley insiders have begun to speak about how gadgets, mobile applications and social media sites are designed to be addictive and to keep users' attention as long as possible.

Facebook's founding president, Sean Parker, said recently, for example, that the company exploits a "vulnerability in human psycholo-

gy" to addict its users. He called its stream of comments, "likes" and reactions a "social validation feedback loop that exploits how human brains work." And, he said, "God only knows what it's doing to our children's brains."

James Steyer, the CEO of Common Sense Media, a nonprofit that studies kids' technology use, called the letter a "big deal" in the ongoing effort to make it clear that cell-phones are a "public health concern."

"It's the beginning of a much bigger conversation about these issues, and it's great that shareholders care about it," he said.

Steyer said Apple is in a position to "do good here." Among other things, he said, Apple can finance independent research on the effects of mobile phone use and pay for public education campaigns that teach parents and kids about responsible technology use. He said Apple can also design addiction-prevention features, such as an automatic shut-off after an hour.

But Steyer said a bigger problem is with social media companies "designing platforms to grab and retain your children." He said companies such as Twitter, Facebook and Snap will change "only with major pressure from the public and from shareholders."

The Apple letter is the start of a bigger push by one of the investors, Jana, to focus on socially responsible investing, according to a report in *The Wall Street Journal*. The investor, the *Journal* said, is planning to raise billions of dollars to launch a new fund, Jana Impact Capital, to invest in companies that should be "better corporate citizens." The idea is that responsible companies can produce better long-term value not just for shareholders, but for society.

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# Democrats move to offense on health care, seek 'big ideas'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats are shifting to offense on health care, emboldened by successes in defending the Affordable Care Act. They say their ultimate goal is a government guarantee of affordable coverage for all.

With Republicans unable to agree on their vision, Democrats are debating ideas that range from single-payer, government-run care for all to new insurance options anchored in popular programs like Medicare or Medicaid. There's also widespread support for authorizing Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices, an idea once advocated by candidate Donald Trump, which has languished since he was elected president.

Democrats are hoping to winnow down options during the 2018 campaign season, providing clarity for their 2020 presidential candidate. In polls, health care remains a top priority, particularly for Democrats and independents.

"We're tired of just playing defense," said Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., the party's 2016 vice presidential candidate. "It is now time to talk about the next big idea. It is a good time for everybody to put their big ideas on the table." His offering: "Medicare-X," a new public insurance plan using the government's marquee health care brand.

Rising Democratic ambitions come as a cloud of uncertainty lingers over former President Barack Obama's health law. While major provisions have survived the GOP onslaught, some Republicans are vowing to go for

repeal again. Congress has ended the health law's requirement that most people get coverage, and that's expected to lead to higher premiums in 2019. But bipartisan legislation to stabilize insurance markets doesn't seem to be getting traction.

Obama's former health secretary, Kathleen Sebelius, says she sees Democrats reclaiming a core belief that health care should be a right guaranteed under law.

"Coverage for all is as much of an organizing principle for Democrats as eliminating Obamacare is for Republicans," Sebelius said. "But it turned out that (Republicans) didn't have any idea what that meant. I think Democrats have a much clearer vision."

Time will tell. Here's a sample of ideas under debate by Democrats and others on the political left:

- **Medicare for All:** Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders made single-payer, government-run health care the cornerstone of his campaign for the 2016 Democratic presidential nomination. It remains the most talked-about health care idea on the left. Financing would be funneled through the tax system. Individuals wouldn't have to worry about deductibles, copays or narrow provider networks. Although state-level attempts to enact single-payer care have foundered because of the large tax increases needed, about one-third of Sanders' Democratic colleagues in the Senate are co-sponsoring his latest bill.
- **Medicare-X:** The legislation from Sens. Kaine, and Michael Bennet, D-Col., would allow individuals in com-



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Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., attends a House and Senate conference after GOP leaders announced they have forged an agreement on a sweeping overhaul of the nation's tax laws, on Capitol Hill in Washington on Dec. 13, 2017. Democrats objected to the bill and asked that a final vote be delayed until Senator-elect Doug Jones of Alabama is seated.

munities lacking insurer competition to buy into a new public plan built on Medicare's provider network and reimbursement rates. Medicare would be empowered to negotiate prescription drug prices. Medicare-X would be available as an option through *HealthCare.gov* and state health insurance markets. Enrollees could receive financial assistance for premiums and copays through the Obama health law. Eventually, Medicare-X would be offered everywhere for individuals and small businesses.

- **Medicare Part E:** Yale University political scientist Jacob Hacker has proposed a new public health insurance plan based on Medicare, for people who don't have access to job-based coverage meeting certain standards. It would be financed partly with taxes on companies that don't provide insurance. Consumers would pay income-based premiums. Hospitals and doctors would be reimbursed based on Medicare rates, generally lower than

what private insurance pays. "The crucial part of this is that you have guaranteed health insurance, just like you have guaranteed Medicare or Social Security," Hacker said. He's working with Democrats in Congress to turn the concept into legislation.

- **Medicare at 55:** Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., has introduced a bill that would let older adults buy into Medicare starting at age 55. Enrollees would be eligible for subsidies under Obama's law. They'd also have the option of picking a plan through Medicare Advantage, which offers private insurance options.

- **Medicaid Buy-In:** Sen. Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii, and Rep. Ben Ray Lujan, D-N.M., have introduced legislation that would allow states to open their Medicaid programs up to people willing to pay premiums. Although Medicaid started out as insurance for the poor, it has grown to cover about 75 million people, making it the largest government health program.

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# Should police sell guns? Some chiefs say no

BY MARTHA BELLISLE  
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Kyle Juhl made one last attempt to patch things up with his fiancée, then took back his ring, put a gun to his head and pulled the trigger as she and her mother ran from the apartment. The bullet went through a wall and narrowly missed a neighbor's head as she bent to pick up her little boy.

The Smith & Wesson 9 mm that Juhl used to kill himself in Yakima in 2014 was familiar to law enforcement: The Washington State Patrol had seized it years earlier while investigating a crime and then arranged its sale back to the public. It eventually fell into Juhl's hands, illegally.

It's fears of tragedies like that, or worse, that have created a split among law enforcement officials over the reselling of confiscated guns by police departments, a longtime practice allowed in most states.

Juhl's gun was among nearly 6,000 firearms that were used in crimes and then sold by Washington law enforcement agencies since 2010, an Associated Press review found. More than a dozen of those weapons later turned up in new crime investigations inside the state, according to a yearlong AP analysis that used hundreds of public records to match up serial numbers.

The guns were used to threaten people, seized at gang hangouts, discovered in drug houses, possessed illegally by convicted felons, hidden in a stolen car and taken from a man who was committed because of erratic behavior.

While those dozen or so guns represent an extremely small percentage of the resold firearms, some police departments contend the law shouldn't be doing anything to put weapons back on the street. The AP did not look at how many of the resold guns figured in crimes committed out of state, so the actual number of misused weapons could be higher.

"We didn't want to be the agency that sold the gun to somebody who uses it in another crime," said Capt. Jeff Schneider of the Yakima Police Department, which sold guns until about a decade ago but now melts them down. He added: "While there is almost an unlimited supply of firearms out there, we don't need to make the problem worse."

Similarly, the International



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Sales clerk Tom Wallitner holds up a Norinco model 54-1 pistol during an auction at Johnny's Auction House, where the company handles gun sales for a half dozen police departments and the Lewis County Sheriff's Office, in Rochester, Washington.

Association of Chiefs of Police says confiscated guns should be destroyed because putting them back in circulation "increases the availability of firearms which could be used again to kill or injure additional police officers and citizens." Also, federal agencies must destroy seized firearms unless they are needed as evidence or being used by the agency.

On the other side of the debate, some law enforcement officials say the selling of guns raises money to purchase crime-fighting equipment, and if the practice were abandoned, people would just buy weapons somewhere else. In fact, a growing number of states from Arizona to North Carolina are passing laws prohibiting agencies from destroying guns.

"These guns are going to be out there," said Sheriff Will Reichardt of Skagit County, Washington. "If I destroy them all, I'm just helping Remington or Winchester's bottom line."

Phyllis Holcomb, a manager with the Kentucky State Police, which oversees Kentucky's gun sale program, said such transactions have helped equip officers with body armor and other gear.

The debate is playing out in Washington state, where the State Patrol is pushing back against a state law that requires the agency to auction off or trade most guns.

The State Patrol hasn't sold any weapons since 2014 and at

one point accumulated more than 400 in the hope the Legislature would change the law and let the agency destroy them. Democratic Rep. Tana Senn of Bellevue is sponsoring such a bill.

"I know many of the police chiefs in my district chose not to sell but rather to destroy, and in their own words, 'It's so we can sleep at night,'" Senn told a legislative committee.

The National Rifle Association opposes the plan.

"The police chiefs maybe could sleep better if they went out and apprehended the criminals behind the guns and didn't worry about destroying perfectly legal firearms that are no more easy to purchase than a brand-new firearm at a firearms dealer," NRA spokesman Tom Kwieciak said.

Tragedies involving police-sold guns have happened throughout the U.S.

In 2010, a mentally ill man ambushed and wounded two Pentagon police officers with a handgun sold by Memphis, Tennessee, police. Also that year, a Las Vegas court security officer was killed by a man with a shotgun sold by a Memphis-area sheriff's office. And in 2015, an unstable man walked into City Hall in New

Hope, Minnesota, and wounded two officers with a shotgun sold by the Duluth Police Department. The department has since stopped selling guns and now destroys them.

The weapons sold back to the public in Washington include Colt, Glock and Ruger pistols, 12-gauge shotguns, .22-caliber rifles and assault weapons such as AR-15 and SKS rifles. All such sales are handled through federally licensed firearms dealers, including auction houses, pawnshops and sporting goods stores. Before buyers can take their guns home, they must pass an FBI background check.

On a recent Friday night, owner John West of Johnny's Auction House in Rochester, Washington, about 80 miles south of Seattle, launched into his rapid-fire bid-calling to a packed room, selling necklaces and coins. Before he offered up the first police-confiscated gun for sale, he had a warning.

"Straight up," he told the crowd, "if you cannot possess a firearm and you can't pass a background check, just don't even bother bidding."

There is no master list of guns sold by police, so compiling one for Washington state

involved dozens of public-records requests to individual agencies. The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives keeps track of crime guns but refused to release information from its database, so the AP collected databases from individual agencies and compared them with the sold guns.

One of the guns that ended up in a new police report was a .22-caliber handgun sold by Longview police in 2016. In 2017, a drunken Jesse Brown and a friend armed themselves with the gun and two other weapons, went to a house and threatened two young men they thought were selling drugs, police said.

Longview Police Chief Jim Duscha said that while some resold guns may be used in new crimes, "if they're going to get a weapon, they're going to get a weapon." Selling guns generates money used for drug investigations, he said.

The Seattle Police Department and the sheriff's office in surrounding King County don't sell crime-scene weapons; they hand them over to a foundry to be melted down at no cost to themselves.

For years, the State Patrol traded confiscated firearms to dealers for other gear, and the dealers then would sell the guns to the public. In one exchange in 2013, the State Patrol traded in 159 weapons and got a credit of \$27,420, which it then used to buy handguns for the force.

The weapon Juhl used to kill himself was in a batch the State Patrol traded in 2012. It was purchased by a man in Yakima, who sold it to someone else, who then sold it on Craigslist. Juhl's girlfriend told police that's where he acquired it.

Juhl, 24, was not legally permitted to own or possess a gun. He received a bad-conduct discharge from the Army after serving time in prison for using the drug ecstasy and going AWOL for about two months. An Army spokesman said Juhl's criminal history was sent to the FBI's Criminal Justice Information System, but the police detective who handled Juhl's suicide said he checked the FBI's database but didn't find Juhl's convictions.

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# U.S. ends protections for Salvadoran immigrants

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration's decision to end special protections for about 200,000 Salvadoran immigrants filled many Salvadoran families with dread Monday, raising the possibility that they will be forced to abandon their roots in the U.S. and return to a violent homeland they have not known for years, even decades.

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen gave Salvadorans with temporary protected status until Sept. 9, 2019, to leave the United States or face deportation. El Salvador becomes the fourth country since President Donald Trump took office to lose protection under the program, which provides humanitarian relief for people whose countries are hit with natural disasters or other strife.

The decision, while not surprising, was a severe blow to Salvadorans in New York, Houston, San Francisco and other major cities that have welcomed them since at least the 1980s.

Guillermo Mendoza, who came to the United States in 2000 when he was 19 years old, was anguished about what to do with his wife and two children who are U.S. citizens.

"What do I do? Do I leave the country and leave them here? That is a tough decision," said Mendoza, a safety manager at Shapiro & Duncan, a mechanical contractor

company in Rockville, Maryland, near Washington.

Orlando Zepeda, who came to the U.S. in 1984 fleeing civil war in El Salvador, said the lack of surprise does not ease the sting for the 51-year-old Los Angeles-area man who works in building maintenance and has two American-born children.

"It's sad, because it's the same story of family separation from that time, and now history repeats itself with my children," Zepeda said in Spanish.

Many immigrants hope Congress can deliver a long-term reprieve by September 2019. If that fails, they face a grim choice: return to El Salvador voluntarily or live in the U.S. illegally under an administration that has dramatically increased deportation arrests.

Cristian Chavez Guevara, a 37-year-old Salvadoran immigrant in Houston who is raising two American stepchildren and a young cousin, said the decision would tear apart his family. He was unsure what to do.

"I have been building dreams for the future and raising hope for a better future not just for me but for my family," he said. "All of that came to a halt."

The action presents a serious challenge for El Salvador, a country of 6.2 million people whose economy counts on money sent by wage earners in the U.S.

# DISASTERS FROM PAGE A1

Western wildfires fanned by heat racked up \$18 billion in damage, triple the U.S. wildfire record, according to NOAA.

Besides Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico, California, Colorado, Minnesota, Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and North Carolina all had more than \$1 billion in damage from the 16 weather disasters in 2017.

"While we have to be careful about knee-jerk cause-effect discussions, (many scientific studies) show that some of today's extremes have climate change fingerprints on them," said University of Georgia meteorology professor Marshall Shepherd, a past president of the American Meteorological Society.

NOAA announced its figures at the society's annual conference in Austin, Texas.

The U.S. averages six of the billion-dollar weather disasters each year, costing a bit more than \$40 billion annually.

The increase in billion-dollar weather disasters is likely a combination of more flooding, heat and storm surge from climate change along with other non-climate changes, such as where buildings are put, where people move and how valuable their property is, said Deke Arndt, NOAA's climate monitoring chief.

"Perhaps it is time to mandate urban development in a more resilient and sustainable manner given the increasing frequency of weather extremes, especially along the nation's coasts," Susan Cutter, director of the University of South Carolina's Hazards and Vulnerability Research Institute, said in an email.

The weather agency also said that 2017 was the third hottest year in U.S. records for the Lower 48 states with an annual temperature of 54.6 degrees (12.6 degrees Celsius) — 2.6 degrees warmer than the 20th century average. Only 2012 and 2016 were warmer. The five warmest years for the Lower 48 states have all happened since 2006.

Arndt said the U.S. — which has had above-normal annual temperatures for 21 straight years — is showing the same warming effects as the rest of the world. The burning of coal, oil and gas emits heat-trapping gases that change Earth's climate.

This was the third straight year that all 50 states had above average temperatures for the year.

Five states — Arizona, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and New Mexico — had their warmest year ever.

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### 'Dreamers' should have real protections

About 6,500 South Carolina residents now depend on congressional action in order to safely and securely continue to live in the only place that many of them have ever known as home. Lawmakers should act to protect them.

The executive order that initially granted temporary legal status to those vulnerable people — Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals — was a flawed solution to a problem that still needs solving.

Lots of young people, commonly referred to as "Dreamers," are brought to the United States through no fault of their own and grow up here, feeling more at home in this country than in their native one. Many of them graduate from high school, attend college, join the military and otherwise contribute to society in valuable ways.

Dreamers' contributions to the economy are valued at several billion dollars per year, according to the Brookings Institution. Removing them would be a moral and economic catastrophe.

They deserve the chance to stay and work toward permanent legal status.

But DACA was also an egregious presidential overreach, and as an executive order rather than a piece of legislation, it was all too easy to undo. President Trump signed his own order repealing DACA in September and gave Congress until March to come up with a plan to protect roughly 800,000 Dreamers.

Mr. Trump's approach is the right one. Immigration policy should be handled by Congress. So far, however, Congress has stalled on the issue. And the clock is ticking.

While DACA might have been an abuse of executive power, its provisions are sensible. Applicants must either be in school, have graduated high school or gotten a GED or served in the military. They cannot have a criminal record.

And DACA only provided "deferred action" — a sort of *laissez faire* approach to deportation — rather than permanent legal status or citizenship. That basic framework should easily garner bipartisan support from lawmakers. An even better bill would strengthen background checks and create a legal pathway to permanent residency.

Of course, Congress also needs to work on a broader immigration overhaul. It is too easy to enter the country and

stay here illegally and too hard to gain entry and residency for those who follow the rules.

Generally, DACA beneficiaries are the type of immigrants the United States should seek out and support. They are young, educated, upstanding community members and proud of their adopted home.

Dreamers deserve real protections that will help them continue to contribute to society secure in the knowledge that they won't be deported simply for having been brought to this country illegally by their parents.

Congress owes them a solution.

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### Lawmakers should focus on transparency

It's that time when we reflect on the year that was and focus on the year that lies ahead.

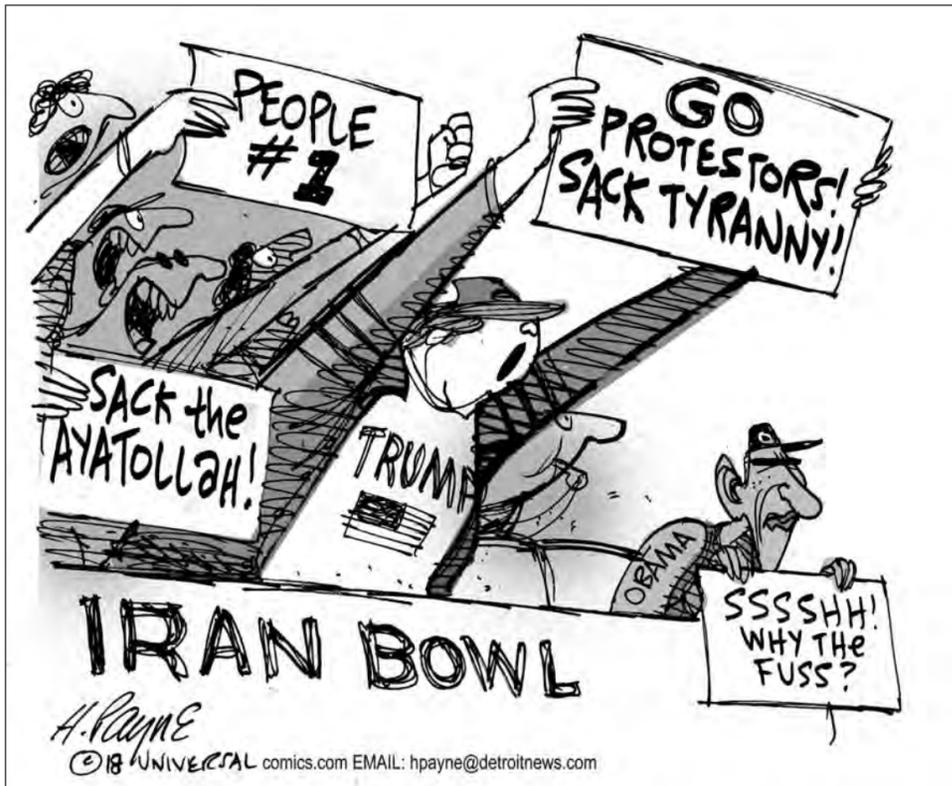
Many of us celebrated the close of 2017 as we also welcomed 2018 at the strike of midnight. As we review last year, we will jot down resolutions — promises to ourselves about how we will lose weight, eat healthier, quit smoking, exercise more, get up earlier, keep a daily journal and — well, fill in the blank with your own resolution — with a vow to do better in the year that lies ahead of us.

Certainly, there is nothing wrong with that. It's good to take stock of our lives and determine to rid ourselves of bad habits and to work toward becoming better people, for ourselves and those around us. Some of us will stumble and fall in the process; others will stumble and yet succeed. Change does not come easily.

Our state lawmakers are returning to Columbia to conduct the people's business. Some topics of discussion will be repeated from last year, and the year before that, the year before that and — well, you know how that goes. But we can hope, much as we did a year ago, that lawmakers will be serious about doing the state's work and the people's bidding, that they will dispense with all the self-absorbed posturing, bickering and excuses and simply get to work.

Closer to home, we can also hope that other elected and appointed officials will do the same — busy themselves doing what they were elected and appointed to do and with great transparency. That applies to school boards and school administrators, city and county councils, and those who serve administratively, as well as those who head our law enforcement agencies.

Let's aspire for 2018 to be a year of good government and open government. Because, really, one cannot exist without the other.



## COMMENTARY

# Disastrous offshore oil policy

*Editor's note: This editorial originally ran in the Jan. 5 edition of the Post and Courier.*

In one of the most ill-considered actions of the Trump administration, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke delivered Thursday on the president's promise to open almost all of America's coastal waters to oil exploration and production. The decision was made despite broad opposition of coastal communities and their elected representatives at every level of government. So much for Mr. Trump's populist assurances.

The only upside to Mr. Zinke's decision is that it has created more opponents to offshore drilling. To the governors of New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina can now be added Florida, whose Republican Gov. Rick Scott demanded an immediate meeting with Secretary Zinke to voice his opposition to drilling off the Florida Gulf coast. A similar protest can be expected from Maine, whose coastal waters are included for the first time in the federal drilling plan.

On the West Coast, the governors of California, Oregon and Washington are already opposed to expanded drilling. Meanwhile environmental groups are adamantly opposed to opening new Alaskan areas for drilling.

The decision followed an intense lobbying campaign by the oil industry. A spokesman for the American Petroleum Institute recently criticized Atlantic coastal communities that have opposed drilling for oil, saying they were uninformed about the compatibility of offshore oil exploration, fisheries and tourism.

"What you see along the

coast is a lot of exaggeration of what this could mean in terms of impact on tourism, fisheries and the coastline," said API spokesman Erik Milito in an interview with U.S. News. "We know from around the world this is certainly compatible with military exercises, with tourism, with fishing and with coastal economies in general."

That line is of a piece with petroleum industry efforts to sell offshore oil exploration as technologically advanced and posing little to no risk of oil spills and other environmental harm. Coastal residents aren't buying it.

Unfortunately, lobbyists for the API and other oil industry interest groups may also have persuaded the administration to undo safety rules in place since 2010 in response to the spectacular human and technological failures that led to the Deepwater Horizon oil well disaster in the Gulf of Mexico.

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, the Department of the Interior office that regulates offshore drilling is circulating a proposal to do away with most of those rules. That should not be allowed to happen.

The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement sent the new, less-stringent regulations to the White House on Dec. 8, with a report estimating they would save the petroleum industry \$900 billion. The BSEE is headed by Scott Angelle, a Trump appointee and former Louisiana state official, who says the federal government overreacted to the Deepwater explosion, in which 11 people died and 4.9 million barrels of oil fouled the coasts of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. If anything, the government's reaction was

too muted.

The blowout occurred in April 2010, and the well was still leaking two years later. The leaks had a devastating long-term effect on Gulf Coast tourism and fisheries and ongoing impacts on marine life. The damage resulted in civil suits and fines that eventually cost the well's owner, British Petroleum, roughly \$60 billion.

An Obama-administration commission concluded that cost-cutting decisions and an inadequate safety system played a role in the disaster, which also reflected "systemic" flaws in the offshore drilling industry that "might well recur" in the absence of "significant reform in both industry practices and government policies."

A principal cause of the disaster, according to a federal judge overseeing claims against BP and its partners, was a human decision to cut existing safety corners. That strongly undercuts oil industry claims of safe operation. So do the anticipated ill effects of seismic testing on marine life, including the right whale, now on the verge of extinction.

Stronger regulations or not, the Atlantic coast is simply not suitable for oil and gas development. The risk to its economies and quality of life far outweighs any purported economic benefits. Rather than being uninformed, coastal communities have shown they are well aware of the inherent risks to offshore oil and gas development. As the review and comment period goes forward, coastal interests must remain adamantly opposed to the administration's drive to expand oil and gas exploration and promote offshore oil production along their shores.

## EDITORIAL PAGE POLICIES

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### THANK YOU TO THE CITY FOR HELP DURING SNOWFALL

As the snow melts and the city gets back to normal, my hat is off to the City of Sumter for working so quickly to get many of the main roads cleared and safe. There is no way any city could get all roads cleared quickly, particularly in the South where we don't have the equipment to handle a major snow/ice storm. But our city proved to be able to do much with little. Thank you city employees! You braved the roads and the weather in order to make us safer.

Another reason Sumter weathered this storm as well as we did is our amazing first responders and law enforcement. I found myself checking the Sumter Police Department Facebook page instead of local news agencies for updates on road conditions. Staff Sgt. Robert Singleton, you are a rock star! Your road updates throughout the day and night undoubtedly saved a lot of heartache and aggravation, if not lives. To all the law enforcement and first responders (including dispatch), thank you for going out in it while all of us were coming in!

MARY BRAATEN  
Sumter

## AROUND TOWN

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

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

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

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

## FYI

**The Sumter County Recreation Department offers free after school programs** at the following locations: Catchall-Shaw Community Center, Cherryvale Community Center, DeLaine Community Center, Eastern Community Center, Ebenezer Community Center, Pinewood Community Center, Rembert-Rafting Creek Community Center and Salterstown Community Center. Call the Recreation Department at (803) 436-2248.

**The Rembert Area Community Coalition offers an after school program** for students from kindergarten to sixth grade at the youth center in Rembert. Children receive assistance with homework, school projects, etc. A nutritious snack is served daily. There is a small monthly fee. Registrations are accepted 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at 8455 Camden Highway, U.S. 521, Rembert, in front of the car wash. Call Dr. Juanita Britton at (803) 432-2001.

**The Single Parent Institute** meets from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Birnie HOPE Center. Meet-

ings are open to teenage single parents, custodial and non-custodial single parents. You are welcome to bring your children as the Single Parent Institute is for the entire family. Contact Dr. L. Quaneck Walkes at (803) 223-9408 or [lqwalkes@sctechthisout.com](mailto:lqwalkes@sctechthisout.com).

**Connected Warriors Inc. offers evidenced based trauma-conscious therapeutic yoga to service members, veterans and their families** at no cost to participants at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays on Shaw Air Force Base for those who have access to the base and at 5 p.m. on Fridays at Southern Bliss Yoga, 600 Bultman Drive, number 4. Call Melissa at (803) 468-1658, email [southernblissyoga@yahoo.com](mailto:southernblissyoga@yahoo.com) or visit [www.connectedwarriors.org](http://www.connectedwarriors.org) for details.

**The Rembert Area Community Coalition (RACC) offers a senior citizens program** 10 a.m.-noon each Monday and Wednesday at 6785 Bradley St. (behind community car wash), Rembert, SC 29128. Transportation is available. For details, call (803) 432-2001.

## PUBLIC AGENDA

**LEE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
Today, 9 a.m., council chambers

**SUMTER HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**  
Today, noon, Sunset Country Club

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

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

**SUMMERTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
Today, 6 p.m., town hall

**PINWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**  
Today, 6:30 p.m., town hall

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

**MAYESVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**  
Today, 7 p.m., town hall

**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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Look at the big picture when it

comes to dealing with your position, status and relationships with others. Take a wait-and-see approach instead of acting on assumptions. Focus on what you can do, not what you can't.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You'll be tempted to get involved in a joint venture. Consider the risks involved as well as the likelihood that you may jeopardize your relationship. A change in your beliefs should be based on solid facts and proof.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Show patience with others instead of allowing yourself to be bored. Don't burn bridges, but don't neglect your desires, either. Find a way to satisfy your needs without disrupting a group effort.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Explore new possibilities. Don't feel like you have to stick to a routine, frequent the same places or continually spend time with the same people. Variety is the spice of life, and it's time to see what's available.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Hold tight. You may feel inclined to make changes at home or work, but before you go down that path, consider the consequences. Appearing to be inconsistent or unpredictable will cause others to feel left out.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Share information and discuss plans. Get involved in the events or activities that are most interesting to you. Sign up for group endeavors, fitness classes or other health-oriented pastimes. You've got the discipline required to aim for perfection.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Consider new ways to bring in extra cash or review how you are getting along with your peers. A change of heart instigated by someone close to you can start a dispute that may be difficult to resolve.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll have an agenda to fulfill, but before you leap in, consider your motives. Use your intelligence instead of brute force to bring about changes. Peace of mind will far outweigh winning unjustly. Personal growth is encouraged.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): An unexpected turn of events looks promising. Network, get involved in organizations you believe in, or make intellectual changes that will boost your reputation. Personal improvements will enhance your popularity and open a window of opportunity.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A desire to act quickly or without preparation should be harnessed and reeled in. Mistakes will happen if you aren't positive or if you haven't done your research. A chance to get ahead is within reach. Strive to do what's right.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Observation is in your best interest. Knowing what's going on around you will make it easier to navigate your way to victory. Money, legal and health issues are best handled with less emotion and greater intelligence.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): You've got everything under control. Don't back down or shy away. Step up and take over. The help you offer and the connections you gain will encourage you to get involved in an organization you feel drawn toward.

# WEATHER

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## AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
57°	40°	58° / 48°	67° / 59°	73° / 50°	57° / 32°
Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 20%
NE 4-8 mph	ENE 4-8 mph	ENE 6-12 mph	NE 7-14 mph	S 7-14 mph	WSW 10-20 mph

## TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

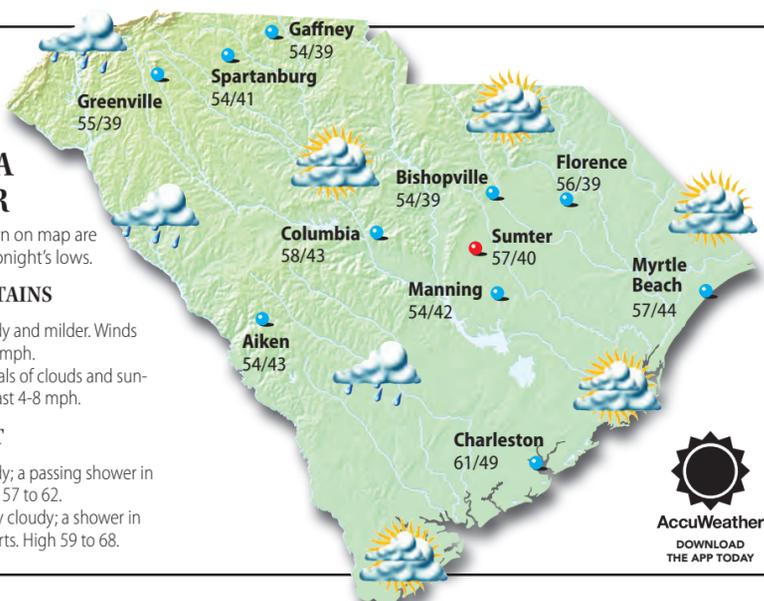
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

### IN THE MOUNTAINS

**Today:** Mostly cloudy and milder. Winds north-northeast 3-6 mph.  
**Wednesday:** Intervals of clouds and sunshine. Winds northeast 4-8 mph.

### ON THE COAST

**Today:** Mostly cloudy; a passing shower in southern parts. High 57 to 62.  
**Wednesday:** Mostly cloudy; a shower in spots in southern parts. High 59 to 68.



## LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	
High	51°
Low	18°
Normal high	54°
Normal low	32°
Record high	78° in 1967
Record low	13° in 2015

Precipitation	
24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	trace
Month to date	0.43"
Normal month to date	1.04"
Year to date	0.43"
Last year to date	3.21"
Normal year to date	1.04"

## LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	353.70	none
Marion	76.8	73.17	-0.15
Moultrie	75.5	72.71	-1.16
Wateree	100	96.43	-0.06

## RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	7.06	-0.23
Congaree River	19	5.00	+1.80
Lynches River	14	4.39	-0.08
Saluda River	14	2.62	-0.34
Up. Santee River	80	76.36	-0.51
Wateree River	24	5.38	+0.01

## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:28 a.m.	Sunset	5:30 p.m.
Moonrise	12:50 a.m.	Moonset	12:42 p.m.

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

## TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	3:01 a.m.	2.8	9:46 a.m.	0.3
	3:09 p.m.	2.7	10:08 p.m.	0.1
Wed.	3:59 a.m.	2.8	10:46 a.m.	0.4
	4:03 p.m.	2.6	11:02 p.m.	0.1

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	54/48/c	56/51/pc
Chicago	38/33/s	46/43/c
Dallas	56/46/s	61/51/pc
Detroit	34/24/pc	42/42/c
Houston	62/47/pc	67/57/pc
Los Angeles	60/50/r	64/51/pc
New Orleans	61/56/c	68/57/c
New York	40/24/pc	36/32/s
Orlando	76/62/sh	77/63/r
Philadelphia	42/21/pc	39/33/s
Phoenix	74/52/r	63/47/pc
San Francisco	58/48/sh	57/48/pc
Wash., DC	45/28/pc	44/35/pc

## REGIONAL CITIES

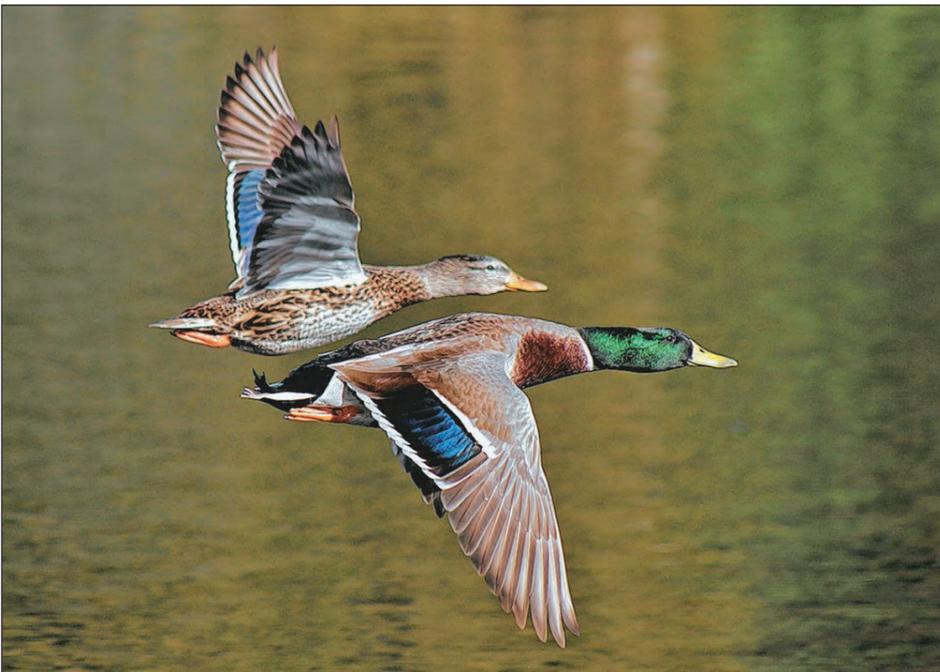
City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	54/38/c	50/42/pc	Florence	56/39/c	57/48/pc
Athens	55/44/c	55/47/pc	Gastonia	56/40/pc	50/44/pc
Augusta	59/45/c	62/50/c	Greensboro	53/32/pc	47/38/pc
Beaufort	62/51/c	68/56/c	Greenville	55/39/c	51/42/pc
Cape Hatteras	51/39/pc	58/52/pc	Hickory	52/35/pc	47/39/pc
Charleston	61/49/c	67/55/c	Hilton Head	58/51/c	63/56/c
Charlotte	56/38/pc	53/41/pc	Jacksonville, FL	70/60/sh	72/62/r
Clemson	55/45/c	51/47/pc	La Grange	60/51/c	61/56/pc
Columbia	58/43/c	59/49/pc	Macon	60/50/c	64/54/pc
Darlington	55/38/c	53/46/pc	Marietta	53/47/c	54/49/pc
Elizabeth City	51/29/pc	54/42/pc			
Elizabethtown	54/37/c	56/45/pc			
Fayetteville	56/33/c	55/43/c			
			Marion	56/39/c	46/41/c
			Mt. Pleasant	58/50/c	63/56/c
			Myrtle Beach	57/44/c	59/52/pc
			Orangeburg	55/46/c	58/52/pc
			Port Royal	58/52/c	63/57/c
			Raleigh	54/30/pc	49/38/pc
			Rock Hill	55/40/c	51/44/pc
			Rockingham	55/36/c	51/44/c
			Savannah	64/53/c	69/57/c
			Spartanburg	54/41/c	48/43/pc
			Summerville	58/47/c	63/55/c
			Wilmington	59/39/c	61/49/c
			Winston-Salem	53/34/pc	47/38/pc

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## PICTURES FROM THE PUBLIC



Jeff Byer comments on his photo submission, "I 'shot' these two ducks flying near the Wing sculpture at Swan Lake. It's a lot of fun trying to catch ducks in flight."

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## PREP FOOTBALL

# The Sumter Item announces 2017 All-Area Football Team

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

The team is selected based on nominations from the head coaches of the 10 South Carolina High School League schools that are recognized by the Sumter Touchdown Club. The team is selected by *The*



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*Sumter Item* sports department.

The team is made up of eight players from Sumter High School, six from Crestwood, four from Lee Central, two each from Lakewood, Manning and Scott's Branch and one from C.E. Murray.

Lee Central outside line-



KING

backer **Corey King** is the Area Player of the Year. King's head coach, **Justin Danner**, is the Area Coach of the Year.

King was a big play performer on a defense that allowed an average of just 13 points a contest as the Stallions went 11-2 on the season, won the Region IV-2A

title and reached the third round of the state playoffs. King was second on the team in tackles with 72, tied for the lead in tackles for loss with 19 and had 10 quarterback sacks as a linebacker. He led in interceptions with four, returning one for a touchdown. He also forced two fumbles and recovered two fumbles while breaking up two passes.

The other linebackers are **Camron Blanding** of Crest-

wood, Sumter's **Antonio Roach** and **Keilah Dupree** of Manning.

Blanding, a North-South All-Star selection, had 80 tackles and 21 tackles for loss to go along with nine sacks. Roach finished with 106 tackles, 16 ½ tackles for loss and six sacks. Dupree had 87 tackles and blocked two punts.

The defensive backs are **Melvin Lundy** of Sumter,

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## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

# Tide and true



Alabama's Henry Ruggs III is congratulated by Robert Foster (1) after a touchdown catch during the second half of the NCAA college football playoff championship game against Georgia on Monday in Atlanta.

## Freshman QB Tagovailoa comes off bench to lead 'Bama over Bulldogs for national title

ATLANTA (AP) – Trailing 13-0 at halftime of the College Football Playoff national championship game against Georgia on Monday, Alabama started true freshman Tua Tagovailoa at quarterback in the second half.

Because of that move, the Crimson Tide is again the national champion after a 1-year hiatus.

Tagovailoa threw a 42-yard touchdown pass to another true freshman, DeVonta Smith, on second down and 26 yards to go in overtime to give Alabama a 26-23 victory.

It was the fifth national title for the Tide, which finished the year with a 13-1 record, in the past nine years. It gave Alabama head coach

Nick Saban his sixth national title, tying him with Bear Bryant for most national titles.

The Bulldogs, who last won a national title in 1980, finished 13-2.

Tagovailoa threw a winning pass to a wide open Smith streaking down the left sideline after getting sacked on Alabama's opening play of the extra session.

Georgia had the ball first in overtime, and Rodrigo Blankenship kicked a 51-yard field goal.

Alabama's Andy Pappanastos missed what would have been the winning 36-yard field goal as time ran out in regulation.

Tagovailoa replaced a struggling Jalen Hurts. Hurts was just 3-of-8

passing for 21 yards in the first half while running for 47 yards.

Tagovailoa, a five-star recruit from Hawaii, played in eight games this season. He completed 35 of 53 passes for 470 yards with eight touchdowns against one interception, mostly in mop-up duty. Hurts was the Southeastern Conference offensive player of the year as a freshman last season.

After going three downs and out on his first series, Tagovailoa hit Henry Ruggs III with a 6-yard touchdown pass to finish a 7-play, 56-yard drive that cut the lead to 13-7.

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## PREP BASKETBALL

# Many local hoops teams begin region play today

BY DENNIS BRUNSON  
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After two weeks of Christmas break vacation and another week off due to the snow and cold that hit Sumter, Clarendon and Lee counties last week, the high school basketball season gets back into gear today. And pretty much everyone is jumping into region play.

Sumter will open its Region VI-5A schedule with Conway, but with the girls playing host to the Lady Tigers and the boys traveling to the Grand Strand. The junior varsity teams will play the game in front of the varsity contest at each site.

On the boys side, it will be a meeting of two ranked teams. Conway, which is 13-1 on the season, is No. 2 in the most recent South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association 5A poll, while 8-5 Sumter is No. 6. The Conway girls are ranked sixth, but are only 5-5. The Lady Gamecocks are 8-3 and winners of five straight.

Lakewood and Crestwood will be playing their Region VI-4A openers at home with the traditional varsity teams schedule. The Lakewood boys will open defense of their first ever region title against Hartsville, while the 7-time defending region champion Crestwood girls will open with Lugoff-Elgin.

Lee Central began its Region IV-2A schedule before Christmas and actually played a game last Tuesday. Both LC are undefeated in region play at 3-0 and will try to remain unbeaten with a home game against Cheraw.

Wilson Hall and Laurence Manning Academy will be playing non-region games. The Barons are playing at Hammond, while LMA will be at home against First Baptist.

Thomas Sumter Academy will play host to Palmetto Christian in a SCISA Region II-2A contest.

## PREP SCHEDULE

### TODAY

#### VARSITY BASKETBALL

Lugoff-Elgin at Crestwood, 6 p.m.  
Hartsville at Lakewood, 6 p.m.  
Cheraw at Lee Central, 6 p.m.  
Hemingway at East Clarendon, 6 p.m.  
Sumter Christian at Emmanuel Christian (Boys Only), 4 p.m.

#### VARSITY AND JV BASKETBALL

Sumter at Conway (Boys Only), 6 p.m.  
Conway at Sumter (Girls Only), 6 p.m.  
Wilson Hall at Hammond, 4 p.m.  
Laurence Manning at First Baptist, 4 p.m.  
Palmetto Christian at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.

#### B TEAM BASKETBALL

Wilson Hall at Hammond, 4 p.m.  
Thomas Sumter at The King's Academy (Boys Only), 5 p.m.

## CLEMSON BASKETBALL

Clemson's Shelton Mitchell drives against Louisville's Quentin Snider during the Tigers' 74-69 overtime victory on Saturday in Clemson. The Tigers jumped six spots from No. 25 to 19th in The Associated Press Top 25 poll released on Monday.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Clemson moves up 6 spots in Top 25 poll

## FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The Clemson men's basketball team took a giant leap of six spots in The Associated Press Top 25 poll released on Monday, and Villanova moved back to the top of the poll after a 1-week hiatus.

The Tigers, who reentered the poll last week at No. 25 after not being ranked for almost eight years, are now at No. 19. Clemson is coming off a 74-70 victory over

Boston College and a 74-69 overtime win over Louisville last week.

The Tigers, who are 14-1 on the season, moved from No. 25 to No. 17 in the *USA Today* coaches poll. Clemson plays at North Carolina State on Wednesday.

Villanova returned to the top spot in Monday's new poll after an upset-filled week that included losses by No. 1 Michigan State and No. 2 Duke. The Wildcats got 52 of 65 first-place votes

to move up from third to No. 1, where it spent three weeks in December.

West Virginia was next to capitalize on a big win, along with the chaos of a week that saw four top-5 teams lose to unranked opponents and six top-10 teams lose overall.

West Virginia — which beat then-No. 7 Oklahoma last week — earned 12 first-place votes and

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

**TODAY**  
**5:45 p.m.** – Girls and Boys High School Basketball: Fairfield Central at Camden (WPUB-FM 102.7).  
**6:05 p.m.** – Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).  
**6:30 p.m.** – College Basketball: Georgetown at St. John's (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**6:30 p.m.** – Professional Tennis: ATP ASB Classic Early-Round Matches from Auckland, New Zealand (TENNIS).  
**7 p.m.** – College Basketball: Rhode Island at St. Louis (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).  
**7 p.m.** – College Basketball: Texas A&M at Kentucky (ESPN).  
**7 p.m.** – College Basketball: Tulane at Memphis (ESPNEWS).  
**7 p.m.** – College Basketball: Baylor at West Virginia (ESPN2).  
**7 p.m.** – College Basketball: Texas Tech at Oklahoma (ESPN).  
**7 p.m.** – College Basketball: South Carolina at Alabama (SEC NETWORK, WDXY-FM 105.9, WNKT-FM 107.5, WDXY-AM 1240).  
**7:30 p.m.** – NHL Hockey: Carolina at Tampa Bay (FOX SPORTSOUTH).  
**8 p.m.** – NBA Basketball: Portland at Oklahoma City (NBA TV).  
**8 p.m.** – NHL Hockey: Edmonton at Nashville (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**8 p.m.** – College Basketball: Duquesne at Virginia Commonwealth (SPECTRUM 1250).  
**8:30 p.m.** – College Basketball: Butler at Creighton (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**9 p.m.** – College Basketball: Seton Hall at Marquette (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).  
**9 p.m.** – College Basketball: Purdue at Michigan (ESPN).  
**9 p.m.** – College Basketball: Iowa State at Kansas (ESPN2).  
**9 p.m.** – College Basketball: Mississippi at Auburn (ESPN).  
**9 p.m.** – College Basketball: Tennessee at Vanderbilt (SEC NETWORK).  
**10:30 p.m.** – NBA Basketball: San Antonio at Los Angeles Lakers (NBA TV).  
**11 p.m.** – College Basketball: San Jose State at San Diego State (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).  
**11 p.m.** – College Basketball: Boise State at Fresno State (ESPN).  
**11:30 p.m.** – Professional Tennis: ATP ASB Classic Early-Round Matches from Auckland, New Zealand (TENNIS).

PREP SCHEDULE

**TODAY**  
**Varsity Basketball**  
 Lugoff-Elgin at Crestwood, 6 p.m.  
 Hartsville at Lakewood, 6 p.m.  
 Cheraw at Lee Central, 6 p.m.  
 Hemingway at East Clarendon, 6 p.m.  
 Sumter Christian at Emmanuel Christian (Boys Only), 4 p.m.  
**Varsity and JV Basketball**  
 Sumter at Conway (Boys Only), 6 p.m.  
 Conway at Sumter (Girls Only), 6 p.m.  
 Wilson Hall at Hammond, 4 p.m.  
 Laurence Manning at First Baptist, 4 p.m.  
 Palmetto Christian at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.  
**B Team Basketball**  
 Wilson Hall at Hammond, 4 p.m.  
 Thomas Sumter at The King's Academy (Boys Only), 5 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**Varsity and JV Basketball**  
 Wilson Hall at Robert E. Lee, 4 p.m.  
 Camden Military at Thomas Sumter (Boys Only), 4:30 p.m.  
**B Team Basketball**  
 Sumter at Orangeburg-Wilkinson (Boys Only), 6 p.m.  
 Orangeburg Prep at Laurence Manning, 5 p.m.  
 Thomas Sumter at Calhoun Academy, 5 p.m.  
**Varsity Bowling**  
 Robert E. Lee, Thomas Sumter at Wilson Hall (at Gamecock Lanes), 5 p.m.  
**Varsity Wrestling**  
 Sumter at Socastee, 6 p.m.

**THURSDAY**  
**Varsity Basketball**  
 Step of Faith Christian at Sumter Christian (Boys Only), 4 p.m.  
**Varsity and JV Basketball**  
 St. John's Christian at Clarendon Hall, 4 p.m.  
**Junior Varsity Basketball**  
 Darlington at Crestwood, 6 p.m.  
 Lakewood at Lugoff-Elgin, 6 p.m.  
 Andrew Jackson High at Lee Central, 6 p.m.  
 East Clarendon at Lake View, 5:30 p.m.  
**B Team Basketball**  
 Sumter at Gray Collegiate (Boys Only), 5:30 p.m.  
 Laurence Manning at Cardinal Newman, 5 p.m.  
**Middle School Basketball**  
 Bates at Alice Drive, 5 p.m.  
 Chestnut Oaks at Hillcrest, 5 p.m.  
 Ebenezer at Mayewood, 5 p.m.  
 Furman at Manning, 5 p.m.  
 Lee Central at Spaulding, 5:30 p.m.  
 Creek Bridge at East Clarendon, 5:30 p.m.  
**Varsity Bowling**  
 Robert E. Lee, Heathwood Hall at Cardinal Newman (at Royal Z Lanes in Columbia), 4 p.m.

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

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

NFL PLAYOFFS

**WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS**  
**Saturday, 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

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	33	10	.767	—
Toronto	27	10	.730	3
Philadelphia	19	19	.500	11½
New York	19	21	.475	12½
Brooklyn	15	24	.385	16

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	29	.256	12½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	26	13	.667	—
Detroit	21	17	.553	4½
Milwaukee	21	17	.553	4½
Indiana	20	19	.513	6
Chicago	14	26	.350	12½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	27	11	.711	—
San Antonio	27	14	.659	1½
New Orleans	19	19	.500	8
Dallas	13	28	.317	15½
Memphis	12	27	.308	15½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	25	16	.610	—
Oklahoma City	22	18	.550	2½
Portland	21	18	.538	3
Denver	21	18	.538	3
Utah	16	24	.400	8½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	32	8	.800	—
L.A. Clippers	17	21	.447	14
Phoenix	16	26	.381	17
Sacramento	13	25	.342	18
L.A. Lakers	12	27	.308	19½

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Miami 103, Utah 102  
 New York 100, Dallas 96  
 Phoenix 114, Oklahoma City 100  
 Portland 111, San Antonio 110  
 L.A. Lakers 132, Atlanta 113

TODAY'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.

WEDNESDAY'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.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GFGA
Tampa Bay	42	30	9	3	63	155 103
Boston	40	23	10	7	53	131 102
Toronto	43	25	16	2	52	141 124
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	GFGA
Washington	42	26	13	3	55	132 120
New Jersey	41	22	11	8	52	130 125
Columbus	43	24	16	3	51	118 119
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 CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GFGA
Winnipeg	43	25	11	7	57	144 117
St. Louis	45	26	16	3	55	130 115
Nashville	41	24	11	6	54	129 113
Dallas	43	24	16	3	51	132 118
Colorado	41	22	16	3	47	135 124
Minnesota	42	22	17	3	47	123 123
Chicago	41	20	15	6	46	125 114

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GFGA
Vegas	41	29	10	2	60	143 113
Los Angeles	42	24	13	5	53	126 99
San Jose	40	21	13	6	48	110 106
Anaheim	43	19	15	9	47	117 120
Calgary	41	21	16	4	46	115 119
Edmonton	43	18	22	3	39	118 141
Vancouver	42	16	20	6	38	110 140
Arizona	43	10	27	6	26	98 150

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

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia 4, Buffalo 1  
 N.Y. Islanders 5, New Jersey 4, SO  
 Winnipeg 4, San Jose 1  
 Chicago 4, Edmonton 1  
 Washington 4, St. Louis 3, OT  
 Columbus 3, Florida 2, SO  
 Tampa Bay 5, Detroit 2  
 Montreal 5, Vancouver 2  
 Pittsburgh 6, Boston 5, OT  
 Vegas 2, N.Y. Rangers 1

TODAY'S GAMES

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

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Ottawa at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Chicago, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Carolina at Washington, 7 p.m.  
 Columbus at Buffalo, 7 p.m.  
 Calgary at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

PGA TOUR

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

**Sunday**  
 At Kapalua Resort (Plantation Course)  
**Kapalua, Hawaii**  
**Purse: \$6.3 million**  
**Yardage: 7,452; Par: 73**  
**Final**  
 Dustin Johnson (500), \$1,260,000  
 69-68-66-65=268 -24  
 Jon Rahm (300), \$735,000  
 71-70-66-69=276 -16  
 Brian Harman (190), \$461,000  
 68-68-69-72=277 -15  
 Rickie Fowler (115), \$296,000  
 69-71-68-70=278 -14  
 Hideki Matsuyama (115), \$296,000  
 70-70-72-66=278 -14  
 Pat Perez (115), \$296,000

72-66-71-69=278 -14  
 Marc Leishman (88), \$204,000  
 67-69-76-67=279 -13  
 Jhonattan Vegas (88), \$204,000  
 68-70-71-70=279 -13  
 Jordan Spieth (80), \$185,000  
 75-66-70-69=280 -12  
 Si Woo Kim (75), \$174,000  
 69-71-72-69=281 -11  
 Daniel Berger (63), \$148,000  
 73-70-68-71=282 -10  
 Jason Dufner (63), \$148,000  
 71-68-69-74=282 -10  
 Billy Horschel (63), \$148,000  
 70-71-70-71=282 -10  
 Chris Stroud (63), \$148,000  
 72-66-72-72=282 -10  
 Patrick Cantlay (54), \$118,000  
 70-70-72-71=283 -9  
 Patton Kizzire (54), \$118,000  
 72-72-69-70=283 -9  
 Russell Henley (49), \$99,333  
 74-69-72-69=284 -8  
 Kevin Kisner (49), \$99,333  
 70-70-72-72=284 -8  
 Cameron Smith (49), \$99,333  
 75-70-68-71=284 -8  
 Ryan Armour (45), \$89,000  
 71-73-70-71=285 -7  
 Kevin Chappell (43), \$85,000  
 74-70-70-72=286 -6  
 Austin Cook (38), \$76,750  
 74-74-70-70=288 -4  
 Grayson Murray (38), \$76,750  
 74-74-69-71=288 -4  
 Xander Schauffele (38), \$76,750  
 72-72-70-74=288 -4  
 Justin Thomas (38), \$76,750  
 71-75-75-67=288 -4  
 Bryson DeChambeau (34), \$71,000  
 73-73-71-72=289 -3  
 Wesley Bryan (32), \$68,000  
 74-70-76-70=290 -2  
 Hudson Swafford (32), \$68,000  
 72-72-76-70=290 -2  
 Brendan Steele (30), \$65,000  
 71-74-74-72=291 -1  
 Kyle Stanley (28), \$64,000  
 70-75-73-74=292 -1  
 Jonas Blixt (27), \$63,000  
 77-71-75-70=293 +1  
 Adam Hadwin (25), \$62,000  
 73-75-74-72=294 +2  
 D.A. Points (24), \$61,000  
 76-76-74-73=299 +7  
 Brooks Koepka (22), \$60,000  
 78-74-78-75=305 +13

TRANSACTIONS

MONDAY

BASEBALL

**American League**  
**BALTIMORE ORIOLES** — Named Brian Ebel trainer and Mark Shires and Pat Wesley assistant trainers, Chris Poole trainer of Norfolk (IL), Brian Guzman trainer of Bowie (EL), Marty Brinker trainer of Frederick (Carolina), Adrian Gonzalez trainer of Delmarva (SAL) and Gary Smith trainer of Aberdeen (NYP).  
**BOSTON RED SOX** — Agreed to terms with RHPs Carson Smith and Steven Wright on one-year contracts.

National League

**CHICAGO CUBS** — Named Lauren Fritts vice president of marketing.  
**LOS ANGELES DODGERS** — Named Adam Melhuse hitting coach for Oklahoma City (PCL); Dave Borkowski pitching coach for Tulsa (Texas); Seth Conner coach for Great Lakes (MWL); Dean Stiles pitching coach and Dustin Kelly hitting coach for Ogden (Pioneer); Jairo Pacheco and Chris Gutierrez coaches for the Arizona League Dodgers; and Dunior Zepa and Eduardo Calzado coaches for Campo Las Palmas.  
**MILWAUKEE BREWERS** — Agreed to terms with C Christian Bethancourt on a minor league contract.  
**NEW YORK METS** — Agreed to terms with RHP Jenry Mejia on a one-year contract.  
**SAN DIEGO PADRES** — Agreed to terms with RHP Carter Capps on a one-year contract.

Frontier League

**FLORENCE FREEDOM** — Signed LHP Dylan Badura.  
**WASHINGTON WILD THINGS** — Signed RHP Ryan Castellanos.

BASKETBALL

**National Basketball Association**  
**NBA** — Fined Golden State F Draymond Green \$25,000 for public criticism of officiating.  
**WASHINGTON WIZARDS** — Recalled F Devin Robinson from Delaware (NBAGL).

Women's NBA

**LOS ANGELES SPARKS** — Named Natalie White senior vice president.

FOOTBALL

**National Football League**  
**BUFFALO BILLS** — Signed WR Quan Bray, P Cory Carter, TE Jason Croom, RB Aaron Green, DT Marquavius Lewis, DB Dean Marlowe, C Adam Redmond and OTs Josh James and De'Ondre Wesley to reserve/future contracts.  
**CHICAGO BEARS** — Named Matt Nagy coach.  
**GREEN BAY PACKERS** — Named Brian Gutekunst general manager and Russ Ball executive vice president/director of football operations.

# ALL-AREA TEAM

FROM PAGE B1

Crestwood's **Shedrick Ervin**, **Travius Epps** of Lakewood and **Keondre Tappin** of Scott's Branch.

Lundy, who played safety, had five interceptions and broke up four passes to go along with 44 tackles. Ervin, another North-South selection, had 30 tackles, seven PBUs and one interception on defense. Offensively, he had 300 all-purpose yards and three touchdowns. Epps, had 48 tackles, five tackles for loss and three interceptions, returning two for TDs. Tappin, another North-South pick, was a standout 2-way player for the Eagles.

The defensive linemen are **Ronald McGee** of Sumter, Crestwood's **Christopher Simon** and Lee Central's **Deonte Lowery**. McGee finished with 66 tackles, 10 of them for loss, and seven sacks. Simon, who played in the Shrine Bowl, had 40 tackles, nine sacks and eight tackles for loss. Lowery finished with 64 tackles, 19 TFLs and 12 sacks.

The punter is **Javarius Bradley** of Crestwood. He averaged 40 yards a punt.

On the offensive side of the ball, the quarterback is **Zykiem Jackson** of Sumter. Jackson was the leader of the SHS offense. He completed 76 of 128 passes for 1,005 yards and 11 scores before breaking his collarbone in the ninth game of the season. He was leading the team in rushing with 816 yards when he was injured. He scored three touchdowns on 123 carries.

The running backs are **Demetrius Dubose** of Lee Central and **Jonathan Henry** of Sumter. Dubose rushed for 1,125 yards on 122 carries, while Henry ran for 987 and 10 scores on 162 carries.

The wide receivers are Crestwood's **Joshua Simon**, **David Fulton** of Manning and Sumter's **Tony Dinkins-McCall**. Simon had 39 catches for 825 yards and 10 scores. Fulton had 65 catches for 923 yards and seven touchdowns while coming up with 41 tackles and three interceptions on defense. Dinkins-McCall had 34 catches for 571 yards and five scores.

The all-purpose player is C.E. Murray's **Darius Rush**. Rush, a University of South Carolina signee, had 47 catches for 863 yards and 17 touchdowns. He ran for 175 yards and a score, returned two punts for touchdowns and one kick-off for a TD.

The offensive line includes **Tayvion Gass** of Sumter, **Zurich Scarborough** of Lee Central, Crestwood's **Zyricq Rufus**, **Josh Pringle** of Scott's Branch and Lakewood's **George Chatman**.

## 2017 ALL-AREA FOOTBALL TEAM

### OFFENSE

Quarterback – Zykiem Jackson, Sumter  
Running back – Demetrius Dubose, Lee Central  
Running back – Jonathan Henry, Sumter  
Receiver – Joshua Simon, Crestwood  
Receiver – David Fulton, Manning  
Receiver – Tony Dinkins-McCall, Sumter  
Offensive lineman – Tayvian Gass, Sumter  
Offensive lineman – Zurich Scarborough, Lee Central  
Offensive lineman – Zyricq Rufus, Crestwood  
Offensive lineman – Josh Pringle, Scott's Branch  
Offensive lineman – George Chatman, Lakewood  
Placekicker – Roman Childers, Sumter  
All-Purpose – Darius Rush, C.E. Murray

### DEFENSE

Defensive lineman – Ronald McGee, Sumter  
Defensive lineman – Christopher Simon, Crestwood  
Defensive lineman – Deonte Lowery, Lee Central  
Linebacker – Camron Blanding, Crestwood  
Linebacker – Corey King, Lee Central  
Linebacker – Antonio Roach, Sumter  
Linebacker – Keilah Dupree, Manning  
Defensive back – Melvin Lundy, Sumter  
Defensive back – Shedrick Ervin, Crestwood  
Defensive back – Keondre Tappin, Scott's Branch  
Defensive back – Travius Epps, Lakewood  
Punter – Javarius Bradley, Crestwood

**HONORABLE MENTION:** John Adams Sumter; Shileake Albert, Lee Central; Quinton Alston, Kingstree; Andre Amaker, Sumter; Elijah Bey, C.E. Murray; Leroy Blanding, Lakewood; Anthony Bradley, Crestwood; Quay Briggs, Manning; Amonte Brown, Scott's Branch; Travis Brown, C.E. Murray; TyQuarius Brown, Scott's Branch; Greg Brunson, Lakewood; Jonathan Butler, Sumter; Cam'Ron Cain, Manning; Tylik Canty, C.E. Murray; Shykeem Cooper, Lee Central; Ty'andre Cousar, Lee Central; Tre'Von Cowell, Lakewood; Allenta Davis, Crestwood; DJ Felder, Manning; Kashawn Garris, Manning; Jasper Graham, C.E. Murray; Jaisean Green, Kingstree; JeShawn Green, Scott's Branch; Jordan Gregg, Sumter; Dashawn Hampton, Lakewood; Travis Hickson, Lee Central; Quentin Hodge, Lakewood; Jamar Holiday, Crestwood; Omar Holland, Lakewood; Nicholoas Johnson, Crestwood; Derrick Joye, Lee Central; JoVonta Kirkland, Crestwood; Chris Livingston, Manning; Deandre Mack, Lakewood; Robert Matterson, Scott's Branch; Terrance McClain; Sterling McKenzie; Allen McMillian, Lee Central; Deondraye Moses, Lee Central; Cooper Mota, Sumter; Payton Nelson, Manning; Zion Nelson, Sumter; Deandre Oliver, Lee Central; Jack Owens, Manning; Jalen Owens, Crestwood; Shaun Parker, Sumter; Naquan Peoples, Lee Central; Jaron Richardson, Lakewood; Malik Richardson, Lakewood; Tyrease Riley, Scott's Branch; Tyrese Scott, Kingstree; Shamari Simon, Lee Central; Sean Swearingner, C.E. Murray; Marquise Thomas, Scott's Branch; Jackson Thorne, Crestwood; Caleb White, Manning; Montrell White, Crestwood; VaQuan Wilder, Scott's Branch; Darius Williams, Manning

Gass had 42 knockdown blocks and graded out at 70.8 percent. Scarborough had an 87 percent grade with 23 knockdown blocks, Rufus had 28 pancakes and graded out at 89 percent while allowing just one quarterback sack. Pringle had 16 sacks and graded out at 92 percent. Chatman was an all-region pick for Region VI-4A.

The placekicker is Sumter's **Roman Childers**. He was 45 for 49 on extra point attempts, 4 for 7 on field goal attempts and scored 59 points.



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Georgia head coach Kirby Smart reacts during the first half of the NCAA college football playoff championship game against Alabama on Monday in Atlanta.

## CHAMPIONS

FROM PAGE B1

Tagovailoa completed 4 of 5 passes, but he used his legs to make the biggest play.

On third down and seven yards to go, Tagovailoa ran right and, with three Georgia defenders around him, reversed field and scampered for a first down.

After that score, Georgia quarterback Jake Fromm hooked up with Mecole Hardman for an 80-yard TD pass to make it 20-7.

Alabama pulled within 20-10 of Georgia with 5:15 left in the third quarter on a 43-yard field goal by Pappanastos. He added a 30-yarder to make it 20-13 before Tagovailoa threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Calvin Ridley to tie the game at 20-20 in the fourth quarter.

Fromm led the Bulldogs on a 69-yard touchdown drive in the last two minutes of the first half to make it 13-0.

Georgia took a 3-0 lead on a 41-yard field goal by Rodrigo Blankenship on the second play of the second quarter. The Bulldogs got into position after moving from their 21 to the Alabama 24 in 14 plays.

The big play on the drive was Sony Michel's 26-yard run to the Alabama 26 on a third-and-20 after Anthony Averett crashed through from the left side to sack Jake Fromm.

Blankenship kicked his second field goal, this one from 27 yards, to give Georgia a 6-0 lead.

Georgia turned over the ball on its opening possession, but came away unscathed after Alabama missed a field goal.

Tony Brown wrestled a long pass away from Georgia's Javon Wims to set up the Crimson Tide at their 36.

But Alabama failed to come away with points. Andy Pappanastos' 35-yard field goal was nullified by a false start, and he pulled his second attempt from 40 yards wide left.



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Missouri's Lauren Aldridge, left, is fouled by South Carolina's Tyasha Harris during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Sunday in Columbia, Missouri.

# Cunningham leads No. 15 Missouri to upset of No. 4 Gamecocks Sunday

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Sophie Cunningham had every reason to believe No. 15 Missouri could knock off third-ranked and defending national champion South Carolina.

Her signature moment last season came when she hit a last-second shot in the Tigers' win over the Gamecocks. She was too much for South Carolina to handle again on Sunday, scoring 27 points to lead Missouri to an 83-74 victory.

"Our mentality going in was that we're winning this game," said Cunningham, who had seven assists and six rebounds. "Everyone from top to bottom knew we were going to."

Cunningham, who suffered a right knee sprain last week and sat out Missouri's loss to LSU on Thursday, returned with a knee brace but showed no ill effects.

The 6-foot-1 guard made 9 of 10 shots, including a scoop that she

launched from below her waist and an over-the-shoulder prayer over 6-foot-5 A'ja Wilson.

"They're going in, so I'm not going to complain," Cunningham said.

Amber Smith had 20 points and 12 rebounds and Cierra Porter added 11 points for the Tigers (14-2, 2-1 Southeastern Conference). Tyasha Harris and Bianca Jackson each scored 14 for the Gamecocks (13-2, 2-1).

South Carolina coach Dawn Staley was ejected after drawing her second technical foul with 2:55 left and Missouri leading 69-60.

Staley was particularly upset that Wilson, the SEC's leading scorer, fouled out after just 19 minutes. Wilson finished with eight points, the first time she has scored fewer than 16 this season.

Staley said a player of Wilson's caliber ought to get the benefit of the doubt from officials.

"I've never seen anybody play half a game like A'ja Wilson played today," Staley said. "Never seen it."



STALEY

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#### TOP 25 WOMEN'S RESULTS

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 7, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. UConn (32)	13-0	800	1
2. Notre Dame	15-1	747	2
3. Louisville	18-0	741	3
4. Mississippi St.	17-0	702	5
5. Baylor	14-1	661	6
6. Tennessee	15-0	641	7
7. Texas	13-1	617	8
8. Oregon	15-2	559	9
9. South Carolina	13-2	557	4
10. Ohio St.	15-2	520	10
11. Maryland	15-2	476	13
12. Missouri	14-2	426	15
13. Florida St.	14-2	373	11
14. UCLA	11-4	367	14
15. West Virginia	14-2	320	12
16. Duke	12-4	280	17
17. Texas A&M	13-4	275	19
18. Arizona St.	13-3	227	25
19. Iowa	15-2	227	18
20. Oklahoma St.	12-3	224	20
21. Rutgers	16-2	139	—
22. Oregon St.	11-4	136	16
23. Michigan	13-4	115	22
24. California	11-4	67	23
25. Green Bay	12-2	51	—

Others receiving votes: Villanova 49, Stanford 30, South Florida 24, Syracuse 22, Georgia 10, Marquette 5, LSU 4, Utah 3, Brown 2, Ball St. 1, Belmont 1, Mercer 1.

## CLEMSON

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secured the program's highest ranking since December 1959 during Jerry West's senior season. Virginia climbed five spots to No. 3 and got the remaining first-place vote, followed by Michigan State after the Spartans' loss at Ohio State.

Purdue and Wichita State tied for No. 5. Duke, the pre-season No. 1-ranked team, fell five spots to No. 7 after losing at North Carolina State. Texas Tech, Oklahoma and Xavier rounded out the top 10.

Villanova (14-1) lost at Butler on Dec. 30, then had to wait a week before beating Marquette on Saturday.

West Virginia (14-1) hasn't lost since falling to Texas A&M on opening night. That run includes a December home win against Virginia and Saturday's win against the Sooners and star freshman Trae Young.

### TOP RISERS

No. 8 Texas Tech (14-1) was the week's biggest climber. It moved up 10 spots after earning its first win at Kansas' Allen Fieldhouse in 18 tries along with a win against

Kansas State for the program's best ranking since being seventh in March 1996.

Fifth-ranked Purdue (15-2) moved up eight spots for its highest ranking since February 2010 and carries an 11-game winning streak into Tuesday's trip to Michigan. No. 13 Seton Hall (14-2) also moved up eight spots, matching the biggest one-week AP Top 25 jump in its history.

### LONGEST SLIDES

Reigning national champion North Carolina took the biggest fall of any team that remained in the poll, sliding eight spots from No. 12 to No. 20 after road losses to now-No. 23 Florida State and Virginia. Arizona State fell seven spots to No. 11 after its overtime loss to Colorado.

### NEWCOMERS

No. 22 Auburn and No. 25 Creighton were new to the poll this week, though the Bluejays have been ranked in four previous polls this season. It's a different deal for the Tigers (14-1), who are ranked for the first time since January 2003 after wins against ranked Southeastern Conference opponents Arkansas and Tennessee last week.

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	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Villanova (52)	14-1	1611	3
2. West Virginia (12)	14-1	1559	6
3. Virginia (1)	14-1	1438	8
4. Michigan St.	15-2	1390	1
5. Purdue	15-2	1225	13
6. Wichita St.	13-2	1225	9
7. Duke	13-2	1222	2
8. Texas Tech	14-1	1174	18
9. Oklahoma	12-2	1152	7
10. Xavier	15-2	1050	5
11. Arizona St.	13-2	1036	4
12. Kansas	12-3	888	10
13. Seton Hall	14-2	759	21
14. Cincinnati	14-2	739	19
15. Gonzaga	14-3	676	19
16. TCU	13-2	621	16
17. Arizona	12-4	537	14
18. Miami	13-2	502	15
19. Clemson	14-1	465	25
20. North Carolina	12-4	423	12
21. Kentucky	12-3	314	17
22. Auburn	14-1	243	—
23. Florida St.	12-3	202	24
24. Tennessee	10-4	198	23
25. Creighton	13-3	160	—

Others receiving votes: Notre Dame 121, Florida 85, Texas A&M 62, Ohio St. 29, Rhode Island 7, Michigan 5, Nevada 2, Baylor 2, New Mexico St. 1, Georgia 1, Arkansas 1.

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## GOLF

# Johnson looking back to measure his progress forward

BY DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

KAPALUA, Hawaii — Dustin Johnson won't be staying in the same house at the Masters.

One with no stairs? "I don't care if it's two floors," he said. "But we aren't staying in that house."

Johnson can smile about it now, even though his short stay at Augusta National remains one of the few memories that linger. He still recalls the spill he took down the stairs on the eve of the Masters last year, at first fearing that he had broken his back in two.

"I knew it wasn't good. You could tell," he said. "It wasn't like, 'Oh, I might be hurt.' I knew it was hurt."

The topic was timely Sunday evening at Kapalua because of his eight-shot victory in the Sentry Tournament of Champions, and the feeling that Johnson was closer than ever to the form from last spring that had some players talking about him in a tone usually reserved for Tiger Woods.

He won three straight tournaments, all of them against the strongest fields of the year to that point. He was an overwhelming favorite going into the



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Dustin Johnson hits on the fourth fairway during the final round of the Tournament of Champions on Sunday in Kapalua, Hawaii. Johnson won by eight strokes.

Masters. And after his fall, he was never really the same for the rest of the summer.

It's hard to declare Johnson is back

for two reasons: It's only one tournament into the new year, and he already is No. 1 in the world.

Even so, his performance at Kapalua was enough to serve notice that he could be headed in that direction again.

Johnson shot 66-65 on the weekend in 35 mph gusts, the best closing 36-hole score by four shots. His 65 in the final round was the best score of the tournament, even more impressive considering he was in the final group.

He drove two par 4s on the back nine, and came within 6 inches of a hole-in-one on the 434-yard 12th hole. He went from a two-shot lead to a six-shot lead on the front nine. He never let anyone closer to him than five shots over the last 11 holes.

"The game is as close as it's been to the level it was for that stretch," he said. "I've got a lot of confidence in the game. I'm hitting the shots I want to hit. It's really windy, and for the most part, all the shots I hit were the shots I wanted to hit."

What gets the most attention is his tee shot on No. 12 that sailed over the hill, bounced onto the green and was headed for the cup when it slowed to a stop just inches away. There also was the bullet of a drive into the wind on the 14th that ran onto the green about 25 feet away.

It was like that all day, and no one had a chance.

Kapalua was only the start, of course. Still to come are a pair of World Golf Championships and top-heavy fields that he will face at Pebble Beach in Riviera, all part of the three months that lead to the Masters.

And it's not like anyone is ready to concede.

"In all seriousness, I think if I had my 'A' game, I think I could take him on," Jordan Spieth said. "The most difficult part is, I guess, trying to stay within your own game, not play off his. When I'm playing well, if I'm focusing on my things and me versus the golf course, that's the best opportunity to capitalize."

Still to be determined is how Rory McIlroy returns this year, and Justin Thomas certainly has the power and game. Jon Rahm at age 23 became the fourth-youngest player to reach No. 3 in the world with his runner-up finish at Kapalua. Even in a lost cause, Rahm doesn't shy away from a fight.

The next test for Johnson is in two weeks in Abu Dhabi, where he faces another strong field that includes McIlroy, Henrik Stenson and Justin Rose, who ended last year with three victories among 10 straight top-10 finishes.

## OBITUARIES

### ELIZABETH MESSERSMITH

Elizabeth "Eliza" Lucas Edmunds Messersmith was taken from us on Dec. 29, 2017.

A Sumter native, she was a longtime resident of Edisto Island. Born on June 1, 1938, to Champion Moore Edmunds and Elizabeth Hayes Lucas Walker

Edmunds, she was 79 years old. Eliza graduated from Edmunds High School in Sumter and went on to earn a degree in interior design at the Ringling School of Art in Sarasota, Florida, in 1959. She married John David Messersmith in 1962 at All Saints Episcopal Church on Pawleys Island. They celebrated their 55th anniversary in June of 2017. Well-known for her artistic talent and love of animals, she led a life rich with family and travel, including many years living overseas in countries such as Turkey, England and Saudi Arabia.

Survived by her husband retired U.S. Air Force Col. John David Messersmith; her two sons, John David Messersmith Jr. of La Quinta, California, and Champion Edmunds Messersmith of Atlanta; as well as four brothers and one sister, Richard Champion Edmunds, Bentham Walker Edmunds, DeSaussure Davis Edmunds, Samuel Henry Edmunds and Mary Edmunds Reed and their families, all of Sumter.

A memorial service will be held in the spring. Details to be announced.

### MARY EPPS CULLEY

EASTOVER — Mary Epps Culley, 75, wife of Ronald F. Culley, died on Jan. 6, 2018, at Lexington Medical Center, surrounded by family and friends.

Born in Sumter, she was a daughter of the late Carl B. Epps Jr. and Myrtle Godley Epps. She was a native of Beaufort and leaves numerous friends and relatives there as well as in Sumter, where she lived and worked for more than a decade.

Mrs. Culley obtained a registered nursing degree from Toumeig Hospital in Sumter, where she initially worked. She later obtained a certified registered nurse anesthetist degree from the Medical University of South Carolina. She was an active nurse anesthetist for many years prior to leaving that profession to assist her husband in his business.

Mrs. Culley had an active outdoors and enjoyable life. She treasured her relationships with her husband, her family and their

friends, all of whom meant everything to her. She was a dedicated owner and caregiver to a variety of animals, but particularly loved the dogs and the many horses she and her husband had the pleasure of owning. They raised and raced racing Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds throughout the country. They took numerous horseback trips over a period of several decades, primarily in the mountains of the far west, including assisting in cattle roundups with their friends in Wyoming. She was most happy while on horseback on a long camping adventure, where she could enjoy nature in its purest form and share her experiences with her husband and their other companions. She was also an avid reader and was blessed with a gifted intellect. She was never known to have lost a friendly match of Trivial Pursuit.

She was generous to a fault, kind to all encountered, engaging, always calm when others might not be, and fun to be around, leaving her with friends far beyond her family. She was a beautiful person in all respects and will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Mrs. Culley is survived, in addition to her husband, by her stepchildren, Jean Plowden Hall and her husband, Mark, A.D. Plowden Jr. and Williams Plowden. She is also survived by her brother, Carl B. Epps III and his wife, Diana; two nephews, B. Brett Epps and his wife, Rochelle, and Keith H. Epps. She is additionally survived by her mother-in-law, Alice Culley; her sister-in-law, Carolyn Price and Dargan and Ronald Gregory, Rhett and Theresa Culley, and others.

Visitation and funeral services will be held on Thursday at Thompson Funeral Home at Greenlawn Memorial Park, 845 Leesburg Road, Columbia. Visitation will be from 2 to 3 p.m. with the funeral service beginning at 3 p.m. Services will be conducted by Pastor Charles Wilson with Pastor Michael Morales assisting.

A reception will be held at the funeral home following the services.

A private burial will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that any memorials be made to the Mount Elon Baptist Church, 718 Mount Elon Church Road, Hopkins, SC 29061.

Family and friends may sign the online guest book at [www.thompsonsfuneral.com](http://www.thompsonsfuneral.com).

### JANIE G. ADGER

Janie Green Adger, 93, widow of James Arnold Adger, died on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Naomi and Charles Bradley, 750 Pitts Road.

She was born on May 10,

1924, in the St. Paul section of Summerton, a daughter of the late Henry "Toss" and Rosa Johnson Green.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her daughter, Beverly Washington, 4831 Rev. J.W. Carter Road, Manning.

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

### CHARLES PETERSON

Charles Peterson, 58, died on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018, at Palmetto Health Baptist, Columbia.

Born on April 20, 1959, in Sumter County, he was a son of Eddie and Evelina Billy Samuels.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 3060 Queen Chapel Road.

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

### SERENA LOUARD

Serena Louard, 104, widow of Wesley Louard, died on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018, at National Healthcare Center.

Born in Sumter County, she was a daughter of the late Serena Outing.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.

### EUGENE CANTEY

MANNING — Eugene "Anthony" Cantey, 53, died on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018, at McLeod Health Clarendon, Manning.

He was born on June 19, 1964, in Manning, a son of the late Junious and Merthlene Lee Doughty Cantey.

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

### ANNETTE PRICE

Annette Price, age 80, died on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018, at her residence.

Plans will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.



### DOROTHY BAKER MOORE

LAKE CITY — Dorothy Baker Moore, age 84, widow of Robert Lewis Moore, passed away early Sunday morning, Jan. 7, 2018, after a lengthy time spent in the hospital.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Olanta.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at Floyd Funeral Home.

She is survived by her sons, Gregg Moore (Ginger), Stanly Moore (Jane) and Doug Moore (Deborah); grandchildren, Clyde Moore, Marianne Moore, Lizabeth Moore and Anna Moore Dawsey; great-grandchildren, Tristen, Carly,

Stevens, Liza and Clara; sisters, Sylvia Floyd of Sumter and Ruth Floyd of Winnsboro; a brother, Legrand Baker of Sumter. She is also survived by her caretaker and longtime friend, Annie McElveen (Charles); and dozens of nieces and nephews scattered all across the United States.

She will be missed by a host of young people in the community who referred to her as "Aunt Dot," "Mama Dot" or "Miss Dot."

As a lifetime member of the Presbyterian Church, it was Dot's wish that memorials be made to either Olanta Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 647, Olanta, SC 29114 or Lake City Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1747, Lake City, SC 29560, in lieu of flowers.

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

### PERRY SEGARS

Perry Segars, 59, son of the late Fannie Segars and Perry 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.

### JOSEPH G. WILT

Joseph George "Joe" Wilt, 72, husband of Myra E. Wilt, died on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on Aug. 30, 1945, in Altoona, Pennsylvania, he was a son of the late Clarence William and Elizabeth "Betty" Fara Wilt. He was a member of Alice Drive Baptist Church. He retired as an electrician from the City of Sumter. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War. He enjoyed restoring old cars.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years; a daughter, Donna Wilt Hill (Jason) of Eastover; two grandchildren, Cory Carpenter and Katelyn Carpenter; a brother, Clarence "Butch" Wilt (Mary Jane) of Cresson, Pennsylvania; and a sister, Mary Weaver of Havelock, North Carolina.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Wednesday at the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Dr. Clay Smith officiating. Burial with military honors will be at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to Gift of Life Donor Program, 401 N. Third St., Philadelphia, PA 19123. Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter is in charge of the arrangements.

### JASON B. BROWN

Jason Bernard Brown, son of Robert Brown, entered eternal rest on Jan. 5, 2018, at his home in Randallstown, Maryland.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his father, 261 Elliott Highway, Bishopville.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville.

### DAVID E. OLIVER

David Emmanuel Oliver, 71, widower of Carolyn Williams Oliver, died on Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence.

Born in Clarendon County, he was a son of the late Manuel and Mary Ragin Oliver.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. at 301 Rutledge St.

Funeral services are incomplete and will be announced by Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.

### KAREN WILSON

Karen Wilson, daughter of Ellaree Wilson Cook, entered eternal rest on Jan. 7, 2018, at McLeod Hospice House, Florence.

The family is receiving friends at the residence, 3149 Lynchburg Highway, Lynchburg.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville.

### ANTHONY GREEN

On Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018, Anthony "Tony" Green, departed this life at his residence.

Born on Sept. 18, 1962, in Brooklyn, New York, he was a son of Dorothy Conyers Green and the late Samuel Green.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the residence, 30 Geddings Road, Sumter.

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

### ROSA LEE OSBORNE

REMBERT — Rosa Lee Osborne, of 7995 Osborne Road in Rembert, died on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018.

Plans will be announced by Collins Funeral Home.

### WILLIAM MYERS

William Myers, 95, husband of Ida Mae Colclough Myers, died on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018, at his home.

Born on June 20, 1922, in Sumter County, he was a son of George and Mattie Williams Myers.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 4920 John Franklin Road.

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

SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	
<b>LOCAL CHANNELS</b>													
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Ellen's Game of Games "Hasta La Vista, Honey!" Blindfolded Musical Chairs. (N)	This Is Us "The Fifth Wheel" The Pearsons come together. (N)	(:01) Chicago Med "Ties That Bind" Ethan tends to a man without symptoms. (N) (DVS)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)			
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	NCIS "Dark Secrets" An apparent suicide is investigated. (N) (DVS)	Bull "Grey Areas" Bull helps a therapist. (N)	NCIS: New Orleans "Identity Crisis" A friend's business partner is killed. (N) (DVS)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert			
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Disney Sea & Shore" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Middle Axl starts to bond with Mike. (N)	Fresh Off the Boat Eddie is annoyed by Nicole's actions.	blackish Ruby discusses her inheritance. (N)	The Mayor Courtney's image gets tarnished. (N)	Kevin (Probably) Saves the World "Solo" Kevin tries to help a shy student. (N)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	
WRJA	27	11	14	Making It Grow Amanda McNulty and master gardeners answer viewers' questions. (N)	Finding Your Roots "Puritans and Pioneers" Ted Danson; Mary Steenburgen.	American Experience "Into the Amazon" (Season Premiere) Expedition into the rainforest. (N) (DVS)	LA to Vegas Dave struggles to land the plane. (N)		The Mick Alba must pretend to be a maid again. (N)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Amanpour on PBS (N)	BBC World News NHK Newline	
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Toast Derivation"	The Big Bang Theory	Lethal Weapon "Diggin' Up Dirt" Murtaugh tries to impress Capt. Avery. (N) (DVS)	LA to Vegas Dave struggles to land the plane. (N)	The Mick Alba must pretend to be a maid again. (N)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Teaching Eve to drive.	Last Man Standing "Pledging" Mandy joins a sorority.	The Flash "Crisis on Earth-X, Part 3" Villains from Earth-X attack.	DC's Legends of Tomorrow "Crisis on Earth-X, Part 4" Villains from Earth-X attack.	The X-Files "Syzygy" Agents probe bizarre deaths.	The X-Files "Pusher" Mulder battles a manipulator.	The X-Files "Pusher" Mulder battles a manipulator.	The Game "Higher Ground"		
<b>CABLE CHANNELS</b>													
A&E	46	130	Intervention "The Heroin Triangle: Chapter 1" Combating the opioid crisis.	Intervention Zac's intervention could be undermined.	Intervention The Heroin Triangle's reach expands. (N)	Undercover High (Series Premiere) Seven adults portray high schoolers. (N)	Undercover High: After School: Exploring topics from the experiment.	Intervention					
AMC	48	180	(5:00) *** "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl"	*** "X-Men 2" (2003, Action) Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman, Ian McKellen. A power-mad militarist pursues the mutants.	*** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991, Science Fiction) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Linda Hamilton.								
ANPL	41	100	River Monsters "Terror in Paradise"	River Monsters "Death Down Under"	River Monsters "Legend of Loch Ness" Jeremy hunts the Loch Ness Monster.	River Monsters "Killer Snakehead"	River Monsters						
BET	61	162	(6:57) *** "Waiting to Exhale" (1995, Comedy-Drama) Whitney Houston, Angela Bassett, Lela Rochon. Four Phoenix women bond while pursuing romance.	*** "X-Men 2" (2003, Action) Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman, Ian McKellen. A power-mad militarist pursues the mutants.	*** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991, Science Fiction) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Linda Hamilton.								
BRAVO	47	181	The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills Lisa Vanderpump takes Erika to task.	The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills "Bad Guys" Erika revisits her past.	The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills The power goes out at Kyle's party. (N)	Stripped (N)	Watch What Happens Live	The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills The power goes out at Kyle's party.					
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank Beer-infused ice cream.	Shark Tank	Shark Tank (DVS)	The Profit "Rayjus" (N)	Shark Tank All-natural dog treats.	Shark Tank					
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (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	South Park	South Park "I'm a Little Bit Country"	South Park "Eat, Pray, Queef"	Drunk History "Food"	Drunk History "New Orleans"	Drunk History "Atlanta"	Drunk History "Detroit"	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	The Opposition w/ Jordan Klepper (N)	(12:01) That '70s Show
DISN	18	200	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Andi Mack	Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark	Bunk'd	Jessie	Andi Mack	Stuck in the Middle	K.C. Undercover
DSC	42	103	Moonshiners: Outlaw Cuts (N)	Moonshiners "Shiners on Shine: Fails"	Moonshiners "Arrested Development"	Tesla's Death Ray: A Murder	(:02) Moonshiners	Tesla's					
ESPN	26	35	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	Hoop Scoop	NFL Live					
ESPN2	27	39	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	Chopped New England sandwich.	Chopped					
FOOD	40	109	Chopped Risotto in the first round.	Chopped "Worst Cooks Challenge"	Chopped "Comfort Zone"	Chopped "Gold Medal Games: Grilling"	Chopped at Night (N)	Tucker Carlson					
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News at Night (N)	Tucker Carlson					
FREE	20	131	(5:30) *** "The DUFF" (2015) Mae Whitman, Robbie Amell.	The Fosters "Sanctuary" Ximena and Callie seek sanctuary. (N)	(:01) *** "A Walk to Remember" (2002, Romance) Shane West, Mandy Moore, Peter Coyote. A high-school delinquent courts a minister's daughter.	The 700 Club	*** "The Waterboy" (1998)						
FSS	21	47	Xterra World Championship	Women's College Basketball Texas Tech at TCU.	Women's College Basketball Oklahoma at Oklahoma State.	XTERRA Advent.							
HALL	52	183	Full House "A Little Romance"	Full House "Fogged Inn"	Full House "Working Mothers"	Full House "Little Shop of Sweaters"	The Middle "The Break-Up"	The Middle "The Fun House"	The Middle "The TV or Not TV"	The Middle "All Bets Are Off"	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls
HGTV	39	112	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper (N)	Restored Fords	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Fixer Upper			
HIST	45	110	The Curse of Oak Island	Oak Island: Digging Deeper	The Curse of Oak Island (N)	(:12) Hunting Hitler (N) (DVS)	(:11) The Curse of Oak Island	Digging Deeper					
ION	13	18	Criminal Minds "It Takes a Village" A Senate committee questions the team.	Criminal Minds "Proof" A series of murders in Oklahoma. (DVS)	Criminal Minds "Dorado Falls" Investigating a mass murder. (DVS)	Criminal Minds "Painless" A killer targets survivors of an attack.	Criminal Minds Rossi's first wife shares shocking news. (DVS)	Criminal Minds "Epilogue"					
LIFE	50	145	Married at First Sight Six Boston-area singles are selected.	Married at First Sight	Married at First Sight (N)	Married at First Sight "Weddings" Wedding time for the strangers. (N)	(:02) Married at First Sight (N)	(:32) Married at First Sight (N)	(:04) Married at First Sight	(:33) Married at First Sight	(12:01) Married at First Sight		
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow					
NICK	16	210	Paradise Run (N)	The Thundermans	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends	Friends		
SPIKE	64	153	Ink Master "Casting the First Stone"	Ink Master "Marathon to the Finale"	Ink Master "Shop Wars Finale"	Ink Master "Return of the Masters"	(:02) *** "The Book of Eli" (2010) Denzel Washington.	(12:02) *** "Paul" (2011)					
SYFY	58	152	(6:33) *** "Pan" (2015, Children's) Hugh Jackman, Garrett Hedlund, Rooney Mara. Young Peter must save Neverland from the pirate Blackbeard.	*** "Marvel's the Avengers" (2012, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Mark Ruffalo. Superheroes join forces to save the world from an unexpected enemy. (DVS)	Drop the Mic (N)	Snoop Dogg: Joker's Wild	Conan Actor Mila Kunis; actor Maria Bamford.	Drop the Mic					
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	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	
TCM	49	186	(5:30) **** "The Lion in Winter" (1968) Peter O'Toole.	** "Brewster's Millions" (1945) Dennis O'Keefe. An ex-GI must spend \$1 million to inherit a larger fortune.	** "Once a Thief" (1950) Cesar Romero, June Havoc. A desperate girl, down on her luck, starts shoplifting.	(:15) *** "Sing Your Worries Away" (1942) Bert Lahr, June Havoc. Gangsters seek to swindle a group of entertainers.	(:05) My Big Fat Fabulous Life "Ghosted"	Law & Order "Mammon"					
TLC	43	157	(:06) My Big Fat Fabulous Life (N)	My Big Fat Fabulous Life "Ghosted" Whitney uncovers a dark truth. (N)	Major Crimes "By Any Means: Part 4" Stuck in a room with a potential bomb.	(:03) I Am Jazz "Weighty Issues" (N)	(:05) My Big Fat Fabulous Life "Ghosted"	Law & Order "Mammon"					
TNT	23	158	Bones "The Next in the Last" A case with possible ties to Pelant.	Major Crimes "By Any Means: Part 3" Rusty unearths an important clue.	Major Crimes "By Any Means: Part 4" Stuck in a room with a potential bomb.	Major Crimes "By Any Means: Part 4" Stuck in a room with a potential bomb.	Major Crimes "By Any Means: Part 4" Stuck in a room with a potential bomb.	Major Crimes "By Any Means: Part 4" Stuck in a room with a potential bomb.	Major Crimes "By Any Means: Part 4" Stuck in a room with a potential bomb.	Major Crimes "By Any Means: Part 4" Stuck in a room with a potential bomb.	Major Crimes "By Any Means: Part 4" Stuck in a room with a potential bomb.	Major Crimes "By Any Means: Part 4" Stuck in a room with a potential bomb.	
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	
USA	25	132	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Benson becomes SVU's new commander.	WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live)	Law & Order "Punk"	Law & Order "True North"	Law & Order "Hate"	Law & Order "Hate"	Law & Order "Hate"	Law & Order "Hate"	Law & Order "Hate"	Law & Order "Hate"	
WE	68	166	Law & Order "Venom"	Law & Order "Punk"	Law & Order "True North"	Law & Order "Hate"	Law & Order "Hate"	Law & Order "Hate"	Law & Order "Hate"	Law & Order "Hate"	Law & Order "Hate"	Law & Order "Hate"	
WGNA	8	172	*** "The Drop" (2014, Crime Drama) Tom Hardy, Noomi Rapace.	*** "The Drop" (2014, Crime Drama) Tom Hardy, Noomi Rapace.	*** "The Drop" (2014, Crime Drama) Tom Hardy, Noomi Rapace.	Rules/Engagement	Rules/Engagement	Rules/Engagement	Rules/Engagement	Rules/Engagement	Rules/Engagement	Rules/Engagement	

# Trouble sleeping? Watching 'Into the Amazon' might work just as well as medication

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Welcome to the jungle. "American Experience" (9 p.m., PBS, TV-14, check local listings) embarks on its 30th anniversary season with "Into the Amazon." The two-hour film documents the remarkable 1914 expedition led by former President Theodore Roosevelt into an uncharted area of Brazilian wilderness, accompanied by legendary Brazilian explorer Candido Mariano Da Silva Rondon and six Americans, including Roosevelt's son Kermit.

The journey began as Roosevelt was still recovering from his defeat in the 1912 presidential election, when the former president challenged his own Republican party and anointed successor, William Howard Taft. During the campaign, Roosevelt was shot by a would-be assassin and went on to deliver a long speech, still bleeding from the bullet.

Despite his reputation for determination and vigor, the Amazon expedition would prove too much for Roosevelt and his entourage. At one point, it seemed the former president and Rough Rider would die on the river.

The long, harrowing trip up the ominously named "River of Doubt" also highlighted the differences in attitudes between Roosevelt and Rondon. Roosevelt believed in Anglo-Saxon superiority and the need to civilize "savage" peoples. Rondon was a pacifist and defender of native culture and traditions. Once, when beset with hostile tribesmen, he serenaded them with recordings of Enrico Caruso, played on his portable Victrola. The idea of subduing naked would-be foes with opera in the middle of unexplored rainforest is one of the more exotic and cinematic images to emerge from this film.

That said, the documentary has problems. As there is scant moving-picture record of the Roosevelt-Rondon expedition, almost all of "Into the Amazon" unfolds as reenactments, presented in a lush black and white. That, combined with nothing but

voice overs and talking-head interviews, gives this film a dreamlike quality that some may find enchanting, others, more than slightly soporific.

Oliver Platt narrates. Alec Baldwin provides the voice of Theodore Roosevelt.

- "Ink Master" (10 p.m., Spike, TV-14) enters its 10th season doing what all long-running reality shows do. It's recycling "all-stars" from past seasons.

Note: Spike will change its name to the Paramount Network later this month.

- While we're discussing long-running reality shows, Tyra Banks returns to host the 24th season of "America's Next Top Model" (8 p.m., VH1, TV-PG).

- "The Fosters" (8 p.m., Freeform, TV-14) enters the second half of its fifth and final season with Ximena and Callie seeking asylum.

**TV ON DVD**

TV-themed DVDs available today include "American Masters: This Is Bob Hope."

**TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

- A therapist needs a good defense on "Bull" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- An unscheduled family gathering on "This Is Us" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- Gaming culture can be murder on "NCIS: New Orleans" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- Sarah must subdue a patient on "Chicago Med" (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- A shy student needs a prod on "Kevin (Probably) Saves the World" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-14).



RON TOM / FREEFORM

Teri Polo, left, stars as Stef Adams Foster and Danny Nucci as Mike Foster on "The Fosters," returning for the second half of its final season at 8 p.m. today on Freeform.

**CULT CHOICE**

The 1984 romantic comedy "Splash" (7 p.m., TCM) made a star of Tom Hanks and was the first film released under Disney's Touchstone banner, aimed at an adult audience. It marked a change of fortunes for Disney, a studio that had been floundering for some time.

**SERIES NOTES**

A woman's apparent suicide seems out of character on "NCIS" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-14) \* "Ellen's Game of Games" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-14) \* Riggs reminisces on "Lethal Weapon" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14) \* Having a job makes Axl appreciate Mike on "The Middle" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) \* DC characters cross over on "The Flash" (8 p.m., CW, r, TV-14) and "DC's Legends of Tomorrow" (9 p.m., CW, r, TV-14) \* Nicole changes her stripes on "Fresh Off the Boat" (8:30 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) \* Stiff competition on "LA to Vegas" (9 p.m.,

Fox, TV-14) \* Ruby shows will on "blackish" (9 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) \* Sabrina sabotages her college interview on "The Mick" (9:30 p.m., Fox, TV-14) \* Courtney faces the rumor mill on "The Mayor" (9:30 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).

**LATE NIGHT**

Mila Kunis, Maria Bamford and King Krule appear on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS, r) \* Jordan Peele, Patrick Wilson, Lewis Black and Allison Miller visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) \* Gillian Anderson, Sally Hawkins and Daya appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Justin Bieber performs at the 2016 Jingle Ball at Staples Center in Los Angeles.

## Bieber museum exhibit to open in hometown

STRATFORD, Ontario (AP) — Mementos from Justin Bieber's formative years as an aspiring singer will go on display next month at a museum in his Canadian hometown of Stratford, Ontario.

"Steps to Stardom" opens at the Stratford Perth Museum on Feb. 18. The title is a reference to the young singer's busking shows on the steps outside the local Avon Theatre.

The exhibit was put together by the museum's curators in cooperation with Bieber's grandparents, Diane and Bruce Dale, who gave them access to an extensive trove of items from the 23-year-old's childhood and career.

Among the pieces set for display are Bieber's Grammy Award, microphones, a hockey bag and personal letters including one from Michelle Obama.

Seeing Bieber's childhood stumping grounds has been a highlight for many visitors to the small city for years.

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Questions concerning this Proposal will be accepted in writing via mail or email to the office through January 19, 2018 at 4:00pm. Deadline for proposals is 2/01/2018 at 2:00pm.

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

FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER Plaintiff, Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC,

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

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices at 3800 Fernandina Road, Suite 110, Columbia, SC 29210, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the

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relief demanded in the Complaint.

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

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

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

LIS PENDENS

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

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

THE LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS POLICY IS SITUATED IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF SUMTER, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR LOT OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, IF ANY, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SUMTER, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, BEING SHOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT # 14, AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT PREPARED BY JOSEPH R. EDWARDS, RLS, DATED MARCH 14, 1986, AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR SUMTER COUNTY IN

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PLAT BOOK 86 AT PAGE 320, AND HAVING SUCH METES AND BOUNDS AS ARE SHOWN ON SAID PLAT, THIS DESCRIPTION BEING IN LIEU OF METES AND BOUNDS AS PERMITTED UNDER SECTION 30-5-250 OF THE 1976 CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

TMS No. 2490102024

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

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT

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

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY

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

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

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

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Kelley Woody, Esquire, P.O. Box 6432, Columbia, SC 29260 phone (803)

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787-9678, be and hereby is appointed Attorney for any unknown Defendants who are or may be, in the Military Service of the United States of America and as such are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act aka Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, and any amendments thereto, to represent and protect the interest of said Defendants,

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

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

Estate Notice Sumter County

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

Persons having claim against the following estates are required to deliver or mail their claims to the indicated Personal Representatives, appointed to administer these estates, and to file their claims on Form #371PC with the Probate Court of Sumter County Courthouse, N. Main Street, Sumter, SC, 29150, on or before the date that is eight months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors, (unless previously barred by operation of Section 62-3-803), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements, indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the amount claimed and the date when due, and a description of any security as to the claim.

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Estate:/Waddell Williams #2017ES4300725 Personal Representative Colette W. Terrell 1057 Crown Landing Pkwy McDonough, GA 30252

Estate:/David L. Lee, Jr. #2017ES4300720 Personal Representative James T. Lee C/O A. Paul Weissenstein, Jr. Attorney at Law PO Box 2446 Sumter, SC 29151

Estate:/Vinia Gamble Williams #2017ES4300726 Personal Representative Colette Terrell 1057 Crown Landing Pkwy McDonough, GA 30252

Estate:/Raymond Eldrid McIntosh #2017ES4300721 Personal Representative Leslie B. McIntosh 1685 Reynolds Road Pinewood, SC 29125

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