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2 jurors on Roof's trial talk about his hate, find closure

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Shown is a screen shot from the phone of Sumter native Valerie Barnes. It was followed with this text to her mother, Karen Cave: "Not a test don't call. I love y'all I don't know what happening."

## Sumter native recounts Hawaii missile alert error

### Valerie Barnes witnesses panic, anger on military base

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Valerie Barnes and her husband, who is stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on the Hawaiian island of O'ahu, were getting ready to go to the gym with their four kids, just like they do every Saturday. Then his phone buzzed. The next 38 minutes were unlike every other Saturday.



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The emergency alert mistakenly sent to more than a million people's cellphones across the islands on Saturday caused panic and confusion across Hawaii. People reacted in different ways, from sheltering where they were to getting in the car to trying to find a nearby store.

"BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT INBOUND TO HAWAII. SEEK IMMEDIATE SHELTER. THIS IS NOT A DRILL."

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

Valerie Barnes is the daughter of Karen Cave, an advertising sales representative for *The Sumter Item*.

Barnes walked outside. "I was like, what do I do?" she said. "I knew a newer Air Force wife who had just moved here on Sunday. All week, I had been telling her we're completely safe, nothing's going to happen. If they were going to hit us, they'd hit the mainland first, why hit Hawaii? It's just Hawaii."

Barnes knew they had about 15 minutes. They had no time to get anywhere off base.

She was outside trying to calm the new military wife who was new to Hawaii down. Her kids, who are 11, 9, 6 years old and 16 months old, started playing video games.

"Krista [the oldest] saw it on her phone, and they heard the warnings,"

Barnes said.

Barnes took a screen shot of the emergency text and sent it to her mother and mother-in-law.

Under it, she typed, "Do not call." She knew they needed to keep their phone lines open, which stopped working in the almost 40-minute chaos anyway.

"We were getting ready to go eat lunch," said her mother, Karen Cave. "We're driving down the road, and I'm driving, so my husband's reading it to me. There was hardly any messages going back and forth. I knew it wouldn't be her joking, but I wasn't next to the TV to see what was going on."

The mistake was supposedly made during a shift change at the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency when someone "doing a routine test hit the live alert button," The Associated Press reported.

The error triggered panic.

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## Love is the dream

### Community puts heart, feet together for annual Dream Walk honoring MLK Jr.

BY BRUCE MILLS  
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This year's Dream Walk in Sumter would have made Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. proud.

Monday marked the federal holiday celebrating King's life, and Sumter held its 18th annual Dream Walk in honor of the influential American civil rights leader with a 3-mile walk that started and ended at University of South Carolina Sumter's Nettles Auditorium.

More than 400 people braved the cold morning temperatures to participate in the walk, according to college officials. USC Sumter sponsored the event in partnership with Morris College and Central Carolina Technical College.

Attendees included people of all ages and races. Youth, college students and staff, alumni representing black fraternities and sororities, churches' congregations and community members all participated in the walk.

Sumter resident Felicia Scott brought her four children and a friend's child to



PHOTO PROVIDED BY SUMTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Attendees lead the 18th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dream Walk at University of South Carolina Sumter on Monday morning. More than 400 people participated in the event, according to college officials.

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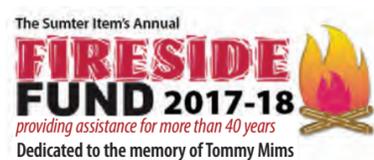
## Fund helps disabled couple keep power after pipes burst

BY BRUCE MILLS  
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Early January's plunge in temperatures during an extended-day period, along with snow and ice, impacted Sumter residents in numerous ways, according to the Crisis Relief Ministry at Sumter United Ministries.

Donations to the Fireside Fund allow the ministry to help families in need with heating assistance.

Recently, the ministry assisted a dis-



abled, married couple with limited income with an electric bill, said Kevin Howell, Crisis Relief Ministry director. Earlier in the month, the couple had to pay hundreds of dollars for repairs to water pipes that burst during the

snow storm. Both the husband and wife are disabled, and their combined income is barely livable, Howell said.

"They are blessed to own their home, which keeps their bills modest and within their ability to maintain," Howell said. "The problem can be upkeep and repair expenses, which can exceed what they can afford."

Howell said the couple's home damage because of frozen water lines came after two years of repairing damage from the historic 1,000-year flood in

2015. The repair expense to pay for the burst water pipes was a major decision for the couple, Howell said.

"It literally became a choice between paying an electric bill or repairing the pipes in order to have water," Howell said. "There weren't any unnecessary expenses in their budget."

Since the couple depends on an electric heat pump and heats their home with electricity alone, the Crisis Relief

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### Council to consider final vote for water meter fee

Sumter City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. today in City Council Chambers, third floor of Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St., to consider:

- Second and final reading of an ordinance to amend the city's Community Development Block Grant for 2018;
- Final reading of an ordinance to amend the city's water and sewer rates to include fees for damaged water meters;
- Final reading of an ordinance to declare the closure of two alleyways on Dingle Street between South Sumter and South Main streets and to transfer the property to the adjoining property owner;
- First reading of a request to rezone .24 acres at 1947 McCrays Mill Road from general residential to general commercial. A public hearing will be held at 6 p.m. before council's vote; and
- First reading of a request to rezone .28 acres at 301 S. Main St. from light industrial wholesale to central business district, following a public hearing.

### Lee parent council will hold meeting Jan. 24

Lee County School District will hold its Parent Advisory Council Organization meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 310 Roland St., Bishopville.

The organization will allow parents, school board members, students and local community members to focus on one common goal — the education of Lee County students.

For additional information, contact La'Toya Bennett-Thomas at (803) 484-5327, extension 7003.

### Lee district will hold annual rummage sale

Lee County School District will hold its annual Rummage Sale at 9 a.m. Saturday at 123 E. College St., Bishopville.

All proceeds will go toward purchasing more uniforms for the Uniform Exchange Center.

### Coroner IDs man killed in accidental shooting

ROCK HILL — A South Carolina coroner confirms that a man killed at a private gun range died from a gunshot wound.

York County Coroner Sabrina Gast on Monday identified the victim as 59-year-old Robert Paris of Rock Hill. Gast said Paris was declared dead when rescuers arrived at the Sportsman gun range in Rock Hill.

The company's website says it operates an indoor shooting range for pistols only because its maximum shooting distance is just 25 yards.

The coroner said autopsy and toxicology results are pending.

## Dillon Park hosting 2 events Saturday

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

The new year has begun, and Sumter County invites residents to take part in two activities Saturday at Dillon Park.

Between 7 and 10 a.m., free mulch made from discarded Christmas trees will be distributed to residents by volunteers on a first-come, first-served basis at Grinding of the Greens. Enter Dillon Park from Frontage Road, and bring containers or bags, tools to pick up mulch and a way to haul it.

After getting mulch to refresh your yard and help limit landfill expansions, try doing something good for your body. Join Sumter County Active Lifestyles in a walk with members of Sumter County Council around the 1-mile refurbished paved walking track at the park. Participants may also choose to continue their walk on the natural surface Cypress Trail, which originates close to the track.

This walk offers community members a good way to get started, contin-

ue their efforts or improve individual health. It is a great time to visit informally with Sumter County Council members, strengthen relationships within the community and make new friends.

The walk around the track starts at 10 a.m. with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes, and bring water for hydration. The sun will be shining, so consider wearing sunscreen.

For more information about walking, call (803) 469-6509.



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN ASHLEY MALDONADO / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

Riley, 20th Fighter Wing Sexual Assault Prevention and Response comfort dog in training, "shakes hands" with Master Sgt. Amanda Cranmore, 20th FW Law Office superintendent, at Shaw Air Force Base on Jan. 9. Once out of the pilot stage, the comfort dog program is projected to be incorporated into other units and agencies, such as the Special Victim's Council office, Inspector General's office and the Office of Special Investigations.

## Dogs comfort Team Shaw members in pilot program

BY SENIOR AIRMAN ASHLEY MALDONADO

20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs  
Special to The Sumter Item

The 20th Fighter Wing Sexual Assault Prevention and Response office at Shaw Air Force Base began a comfort dog program on Nov. 29.

The program is in a trial stage to observe and document any benefits Team Shaw members may receive from being with the dogs during appointments with the sexual assault and response coordinator or the violence prevention integrator.

The dogs are meant to provide comfort for sexual assault or violence victims who may not feel comfortable speaking about their experiences during an SARC appointment or during a court case.

The selection process began with interviewing potential comfort dog candidates.

"We offered a volunteer opportunity to



PHOTO PROVIDED BY LATONYA FRANKLIN / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

Suzzy, 20th Fighter Wing Sexual Assault Prevention and Response comfort dog, holds a toy at Shaw Air Force Base on Dec. 7. Suzzy will be in the office on Thursday mornings from 8 a.m. until noon and is available to come in on request.

the wing and had airmen bring in their dogs for us to visit with, so the interview process was actually pretty fun," said Latonya Franklin, 20th FW sexual assault response coordinator. "What we were looking for was temperament of the dog and basic obedience. Obviously, this program is geared toward comfort for sexual assault victims, so we wanted a dog that would be really relaxed in temperament."

The SAPR office currently has Suzzy, a 12-year-old golden retriever, who works in the office, and the violence prevention office has Riley, a 6-month-old golden re-

triever, who is still in training.

Suzzy can be found in the office on Thursday mornings from 8 a.m. until noon. However, both dogs are available to come in on request.

Because this is a pilot program, the SAPR and Violence Prevention offices will evaluate the program's progress to see if the dogs increase the usage of the SAPR office in addition to assessing feedback from the victims, Franklin said. If the feedback is positive and victims indicate they have really benefited from the experience, the program will continue for as long as needed.

"We've actually structured the program so it can be applied to Family Advocacy and Airman and Family Readiness as well," said Patricia Breen, 20th FW violence prevention integrator. "It's an animal-assisted activities program that is not specific to SAPR."

"These dogs are comfort dogs," Franklin said. "We don't require extensive training or certifications like you would see with service dogs or therapy dogs. We just want a dog for a victim to connect and spend time with while they're doing their routine visits to the SAPR office."

Franklin went on to say how busy Suzzy has been since the start of the program and how the comfort dog has already brought in visitors who normally would not have stopped in.

For more information about the comfort dog program or to set up an appointment, contact the SAPR office at (803) 895-1928.

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# 2 jurors on Dylann Roof trial share emotions

BY JENNIFER HAWES  
Post and Courier

When he went to court that day, summoned to jury duty, he hadn't expected to step into a dark chapter of Charleston's history. His job had kept him on two continents in the months prior, so he wasn't up on the local news.

When he arrived in the federal courtroom as juror No. 102, he glanced at the defendant in a striped jail jumpsuit — a slim young white man with a bowl haircut.

Dylann Roof.  
Along with the final herd of 67 potential jurors, the last of those winnowed from a pool of 3,000, Gerald Truesdale crammed onto a crowded bench. He listened to 17 of the 18 numbers called out for those who would serve on the jury or as alternates.

Each rose and walked to the jury box, then took a seat.

One more to go. He prepared to leave.

"Juror No. 102."

Given his job as a corporate executive, Truesdale was used to moving in front of large groups. Yet now he felt shaky as he rose from the third row. All eyes watched him step through a waist-high swinging door, across the courtroom and toward the last empty seat in the jury box.

The foreman's chair.

## SEARCH FOR MEANING

Jan. 7 marked one year since Truesdale and his fellow jurors agreed that Roof should die for killing nine black worshippers at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church. Over that time, none of the jurors or alternates has spoken publicly to journalists about their journey through the trial or how it has changed them.

Truesdale has decided to share his story. It is, he realizes, part of his hometown's history. So has Emily Barrett, one of six alternates, a 47-year-old mother and dietitian at Bishop Gadsden Retirement Community.

For both, the odyssey began during that first long walk to the jury's box. Barrett sat in the top middle seat, Truesdale the bottom right.

## 'THE PIT OF HELL'

In the jury box, Truesdale sat closest to the witness stand, mere feet away.

The first to sit there, Felicia Sanders, described 12 Bible study members bowing their heads for closing prayer when Roof began shooting. Sanders and her young granddaughter had played dead beneath a table as he methodically gunned down nine people, including her 26-year-old son, her elderly aunt and a cousin.

As she spoke, her tears flowed. Sobs burst from the gallery.

Truesdale, a white man with a fatherly countenance, turned his body to face her, to meet her eyes, so she would feel his undivided attention to her pain. Yet he struggled to maintain his own composure as she described how her wounded son begged Roof, "We mean you no harm." And how Roof shot him again anyway.

All around him people wept — his fellow jurors, Sanders, court personnel. For grounding, he pressed his pencil to a yellow legal notebook the court had provided and wrote, "we need to end this for closure."

Sanders described swishing her bare legs through blood so Roof would think she and the girl had been hit.

"There's no place on Earth for him except the pit of hell!" she declared.

With those words, Truesdale noticed Roof smirk. It was the only expression the killer displayed throughout the grueling trial. Angered, Truesdale wrote on his yellow notebook: "zero remorse — incapable of respect — mentally challenged."

## SHOULDERING GRIEF

After court each day, Truesdale went home to answer

work email until 2 a.m. Barrett struggled to return to normal life as a mother. She dreamed about the trial.

After hearing a pathologist describe every bullet fired into every body, she woke one night with stabbing pains like a gunshot to her torso.

"Get it out of me," she screamed. "Get it out of me!"

As exhaustion and sorrow threatened to overwhelm them all, Truesdale made a suggestion: Don't look at the grieving families. Find a focal point — a chair, a person, a flag — and master a blank stare.

He chose to focus on a deputy U.S. Marshal named Jimmy Dyches, a stocky man who wore crazy ties and often escorted the jury. Ten degrees to the left of Jimmy's tie, Truesdale could see Roof without moving his eyes. To the right, the witness stand.

It worked. He kept his composure even as certain people's testimony seared into his memory.

## 'HE JUST HATED EVERYONE'

Soon, Roof's vitriol mixed in cruel juxtaposition with the families' sorrow. Barrett, who is white, sat near a black woman on the jury as Roof's words from a hate-filled manifesto were read out loud to the courtroom.

"I could feel her pain," Barrett recalled.

Roof's writings didn't faze Truesdale as much.

"It's what I would have expected that idiot to write," he said.

What surprised him and Barrett, however, was that Roof demeaned just about everyone — black people, Jewish people, Asians, Muslims, gays, Hispanics, psychiatrists, you name it, even other white supremacists who didn't embrace his violent extremes.

"He just hated everyone," she said.

Truesdale saw a young man who willingly embraced racist ideology he found online. The realization made the decision

ahead simple. So did seeing the crime scene photographs.

"The end result was nine bodies on the floor. That's what we were judging him for," Truesdale said. "That was closure for me."

## 'SEEMS SO LOST'

Roof chose to represent himself during the sentencing phase to keep his lawyers from introducing evidence that he struggled with mental illnesses and autism. He didn't want his reputation tarnished.

So, he delivered his own opening statement.

Roof glanced first at the witness seat, then at Truesdale, who watched the killer's expression glaze over, no longer focused on the people before him. It struck Truesdale as the moment beneath the spotlight that Roof had sought, the ultimate platform to state his views and rally his troops.

Yet, with all eyes on him, Roof stumbled through a short and incoherent statement.

"There is nothing wrong with me psychologically," he insisted.

Truesdale watched him shuffle back to the defense table.

"This is going to be really easy," he recalled thinking. The sentencing part at least. Not the rest.

Hour after hour, he filled his notebook as the victims' loved ones poured out sorrow and described beautiful people now gone.

Barrett also held a yellow legal pad in her lap. As an officer read Roof's jail journal aloud, she recorded just one line:

"I do not regret what I did."

She had watched Roof show no emotion for days, smiling only briefly at the mention of his cat. Now this?

"He sealed his own fate with that," she said.

## IN SEARCH OF CLOSURE

About a month later, as they'd promised, the jurors and alternates met at Emanuel. They wanted to see the church as a house of worship, not a tomb.

They arrived on a Sunday and sat up front in a space the church's pastor had reserved. The Rev. Eric S.C. Manning introduced them simply as "public servants." In his sermon, he mentioned forgiveness and prayed for the nine who died.

Barrett absorbed the joyful essence of the church, grateful that Emanuel still felt alive.

When it ended, the jurors filed down a creaky narrow staircase that ended near the door where Roof had entered the church that night. They walked down a short hallway to the fellowship hall. Barrett's eyes locked onto a bullet hole in the floor where retired Rev. Daniel Simmons Sr. had fallen.

Truesdale eyed the ceiling, not wanting to gaze upon the white linoleum floor he'd seen in the crime scene photos. He didn't want to remember the Rev. Clementa Pinckney sprawled there or the women dead beneath white tables. But on the ceiling, he saw a bullet hole and new security cameras.

The space felt smaller, more intimate than Barrett had envisioned. She realized how close Roof had stood to the people he shot.

She also watched children run around the space, carefree in their church.

"It felt like closure," she said.

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Ministry was able to provide enough financial assistance to avoid a disconnection and provide relief, Howell said.

Howell said he expects high numbers of clients to come to the ministry in the coming weeks due to the impact of the early-January snow storm and unusually cold temperatures. He said he expects the combination of missed work due to weather closures and high energy bills because of the unusually low temperatures will be beyond many families' abilities to pay.

He expressed gratitude to local residents for their generosity and donations to the Fireside Fund.

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

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

Mims joined the sheriff's office as a deputy in 1965, and after 23 years of service, he was elected sheriff in 1988. Mims served as sheriff for 16 years until his retirement in 2004.

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

Donations can be mailed to *The Sumter Item*, P.O. Box 1677, Sumter, SC 29151, or dropped

off at 36 W. Liberty St.

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

Donations for Tuesday, Jan. 9, through Friday, Jan. 12:

*In memory of Rusty Weinberg from Mary Weinberg, \$100; in memory of Frank Newkirk from Ann Newkirk, \$25; in memory of Gloria Wendel from Paul and Joy Garifalon, \$100; in memory of George R. Spangler Jr. from Nancy Spangler, \$100; Air Force Lt. Col. Roger I. Williams (retired), \$100; in memory of Doug Hooks and Marvin Berg from The Golden Age Sunday School Class of Hickory Road Baptist Church, \$60; Fellowship Sunday School of Northside Baptist Church, \$100; in memory of James Maclin from Maureen Maclin, \$100; in memory of Tommy Mims from Edna Bell, \$100; in memory of our deceased members from the Thursday Afternoon Canasta Group, \$75; in honor of Francis "Sinky" Garrison from the Lee Altman Bible Class of Bethel United Methodist Church, Oswego, \$200; Westside Neighborhood Association at Birnie Hope Center, \$150.*

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## Researchers study how to make soul food healthier

CHARLESTON (AP) — University researchers are investigating whether soul food featuring fat and salt can be made healthy and delicious by using plants-only recipes.

A two-year study based at the University of South Carolina is trying to learn what happens when ingredients are changed in ways that cut calories and can prevent heart disease, *The Post and Courier* of Charleston reports.

Scientists are recruiting people to test vegan versions of the food that sprang from Sunday gatherings at African-American churches after slavery was abolished in the South. The aim is, in part, revisiting the traditional African diet that is mostly plant-based, said Anthony Crimmarco, a doctoral student on the research.

"We're hoping it resonates with them in some way, so they feel a better connection when they try to change their diet," he said.

Studies rank South Carolina residents as suffering some of the country's highest levels of obesity, diabetes and hypertension. Black adults fared worse than any group in the state, with nearly 42 percent obese in 2016.

The idea behind the project is to see if soul-food fans can accept recipes that are rejiggered to more plants and away from pork or deep-fat frying. The aim is also encouraging participants to move away from salt in favor of healthier and mineral-rich spices such as allspice, cardamom and garlic.

Participants will be encouraged to bring in their own recipes for discussion about simple ways to make the dishes healthier, said Brie Turner-McGrievy, lead researcher on the project.

Research subjects will be assigned into two groups. One will eat a healthy take on soul food that includes animal products like meat and dairy. Another group will be assigned a plant-based diet. Participants must be willing to try either diet.

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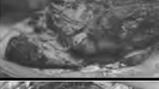
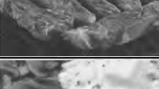
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# My guns or ganja? Firearm-owning pot fans face a choice

BY MARK SCOLFORO  
The Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The federal government says grass and guns don't mix, and that is putting gun owners who use marijuana — and the strongly pro-gun-rights administration of President Donald Trump — in a potentially uncomfortable position.

As gun-loving Pennsylvania becomes the latest state to operate a medical marijuana program, with the first dispensary on track to begin sales next month, authorities are warning patients that federal law bars marijuana users from having guns or ammunition.

"They're going to have to make a choice," said John T. Adams, president of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association. "They can have their guns or their marijuana but not both."

That's the official line, but the reality of how the policy might be enforced in Pennsylvania and other states is a little muddier. That includes the question of whether people who already own guns might have to surrender them, instead of just being prohibited from making new purchases.

The political sensitivity was underscored Friday when Pennsylvania regulators reversed themselves and announced its registry of medi-

cal-pot patients will not be available, as was previously planned, through the state's law enforcement computer network.

Phil Gruver, a professional auto detailer from Emmaus who received a state medical marijuana card in mid-December, is weighing what to do with his .22-caliber rifle and a handgun he keeps for home defense.

"It's a violation of my Second Amendment rights," Gruver said. "I don't know of any time anyone's been using marijuana and going out and committing acts of violence with a gun. Most of the time they just sit on their couch and eat pizza."

State laws allowing medical or, more recently, recreational use of pot have long been at odds with the federal prohibition on gun ownership by those using marijuana. But the government has traditionally taken a hands-off approach. Since 2014, Congress has forbidden the Department of Justice from spending money to prosecute people who grow, sell and use medical pot.

The picture has become murkier under Trump, a Re-



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Phil Gruver is seen with his medical marijuana card in Emmaus, Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania is the latest state to operate a medical marijuana program, and authorities are warning patients that federal law bars marijuana users from having guns or ammunition. Gruver is weighing what to do with his .22-caliber rifle and a handgun he keeps for home defense.

publican whose attorney general, Jeff Sessions, has long denounced the drug. Sessions recently rescinded a Barack Obama-era policy that was differential to states' permissive marijuana laws. Now, federal prosecutors in states that allow drug sales must decide whether to crack down on the marijuana trade.

It's not clear what impact the new policy will have on gun owners who use cannabis as medicine or even how many

people fit the bill. Nor is it clear whether any people who use legally obtained medical marijuana have been prosecuted for owning a gun, although the existence of medical marijuana registries in some states, including Pennsylvania, has some patients concerned.

More than 800,000 guns are sold or transferred in Pennsylvania annually, and more than 10,000 people in the state have signed up for medical marijuana. The registry change on Fri-

day makes it much less likely the state's medical marijuana users will be flagged when going through a federal gun sales background check.

A spokeswoman for Dave Freed, the new U.S. attorney in Harrisburg, said only that criminal investigations and prosecutions "will be based on a fair and transparent fact-intensive inquiry of individual cases." State police said it's up to prosecutors to decide when to bring a case.

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# Some cities end role on 'Live PD'

BY DAVE COLLINS  
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Connecticut — For some of the law enforcement agencies that agreed to be on A&E Network's real-time police show "Live PD," the goal of being more transparent with their profession under increasing scrutiny clashed with concerns over public image.

Police departments in Bridgeport, Connecticut; Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Streetsboro, Ohio, ended agreements to be on the program since it premiered in October 2016 as some local government leaders concluded the national spotlight on criminal activity overshadowed the positive things happening in their hometowns.

Another department, the Greenville County Sheriff's Office, ended its run on the show in August, saying deputies needed a break from the cameras.

The show, which airs Friday and Saturday nights, has live camera crews following officers in several police departments as they patrol. There is a delay of five to 20 minutes to prevent the airing of disturbing content or the release of information that could compromise investigations, the show's producers say.

"As the debate over the policing of America continues to be a part of the daily conversation across the nation, Live PD viewers get unfettered and unfiltered live access inside a variety of the country's busiest police forces, both urban and rural, and the communities they patrol on a typical night," the show's website states.

In Bridgeport, officials were pleased the program showed the hard work and bravery of city police officers, but complaints started rolling in from businesses, the University of Bridgeport and others interested in attracting people and investments to Connecticut's largest city, Av Harris, a spokesman for Mayor Joe Ganim, said.

"If that's the only thing that's being publicized nationally about our city, it can have a negative impact," he said. "We don't have the Travel Channel doing anything on how wonderful all our economic development projects are."

Bridgeport, a city with pockets of deep poverty that saw homicides double to 23 last year, left the show in December 2016, less than two months after the series began.

During the city's short run on the program, a police sergeant was arrested on a domestic violence charge, which was later dismissed, shortly after she appeared on an episode warning viewers about the dangers of domestic violence. Two people shown on the show later filed lawsuits accusing police of brutality.

Another sergeant responding to a call involving a dead baby was shown breaking down in his cruiser as he talked about it afterward, which drew media coverage and praise on social media for showing officers' sensitive sides.

Feedback from most of the two dozen police departments that have appeared on the show has been positive, Dan Cesareo, creator and executive producer of "Live PD," said.

"Our only goal is to document policing across America," Cesareo, president of Big Fish Entertainment, said. "We very much are very neutral in terms of what we're showing."

Concerns about the show appear to be mostly political and not coming from police officials, Dan Abrams, the program's host, said.

"Putting a lens on the day-to-day work that police officers do is important. And some of it isn't pretty," Abrams said. "I think the notion that it is a bad thing is actually the wrong way to look at it. ... You can say that the crimes that occurred are bad."

In Ohio, Streetsboro police left "Live PD" in November after appearing in six episodes.

Chief Darin Powers said that while it was good for the public to see what his officers do, there were manpower and overtime issues because officers with "Live PD" crews with them didn't have room in their cruisers to transport suspects.

And local officials became worried about the city's image.

"I personally thought it portrayed our city in a negative light," said John Ruediger, city council president. "I think every city has its share of prob-



CHRISTIAN ABRAHAM/HEARST CONNECTICUT MEDIA VIA AP

In this Nov. 3, 2016, photo, a crew from the television program "Live PD" records an officer from the Bridgeport Police Department while on patrol in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Some law enforcement agencies, including the Bridgeport Police, have ended their agreements to be on the show.

lems, and I don't think it's always best to highlight those issues. I was personally concerned that any kid featured on the show could end up bullied ... especially if their parent is on the show doing something bad."

But in Jeffersonville, Indiana, where police have been doing "Live PD" since April, the public response has been overwhelmingly positive, said Assis-

tant Chief Michael McVoy.

"For us, it's humanizing the badge, No. 1," he said. "For every 1,000 positive comments or likes or social media hits or fuzzy, warm feelings we get from across the country, there are always five or 10 that say, 'Hey. Why are you arresting this guy for marijuana possession?' Stuff like that. Some people don't see eye to eye with what we do."

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participate. She said the event was a learning experience for the kids, who range in age from 5 to 13. "Today is about coming together and showing them how to serve the community," Scott said. "Dr. King stood for unity, racial integration and helping others by serving." The local Sumter graduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (Eta Zeta) invited graduates of other chapters from nearby cities. About 50 women from the sorority were on hand, according to member Michelle Davis Parker, who lives in Sumter. "Martin Luther King Jr. stands for peace and justice," Parker said. "He did everything out of peace and love." Westminster Presbyterian Church Pastor Stuart Mizelle participated in the Dream Walk with about 25 members of his congregation. He said the Dream Walk was a good way for his church to love across racial lines and try to build bridges where racial concerns exist. "It's important because as the church we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves — that's what God says we're supposed to do," Mizelle said. "Because Christ has loved us, we want to love our neighbors as ourselves. And that's why we want to love our community well, and this

is just one small way we can do that." Willana Robinson Green, another Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority local graduate chapter member, said that's what the day was all about. "It's really good to see people still come together in unity, hope and love, no matter the division occurring in our country," Green said. "We did that today by walking, singing and holding hands." Parker said it was a day that everyone honored God. "Today, I think God got the glory because we were all on one accord," Parker said. "When we all get to Heaven, we all are going to be in the same place." After the walk, a celebration program with musical performances was held in Nettles Auditorium. Sumter resident Frances Hill was the program's keynote speaker. Hill worked 31 years as a community service coordinator at Water-ee Community Actions Inc., helping low-income families in need. Hill said King's legacy is that he was able to change some of the more overt forms of discrimination. She said now, everyone needs to pick up where he left off and change some of the less visible areas. "It's in our hands now," she said, "and we have to continue to bring change that Dr. King started decades ago."



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ANTHONY QUINTANO / CIVIL BEAT VIA AP

**ALERT** FROM PAGE A1

"Then the alarms went off on the base 15 minutes after we got the alarm on our phones," Barnes said. "Then police cars were going everywhere, firetrucks. There were cars getting in accidents. We saw a Jeep get t-boned because she's a [military] wife's husband, he was deployed, and she's new and she didn't know anything about what to do and literally got t-boned because she was running from something we couldn't run from." Barnes said she knows the preparation is to have food and water for 14 days and to hide in a concrete structure. They initially thought they would get in the car and go somewhere, she said, but they just stood there. "They've been drilling us

now for about three to four months. But this was the same tone and this says 'not a drill.' They were very loud about it not being a drill, and we live in the middle of the base so we heard everything," Barnes said. "The gates went on lockdown really fast, and then all of a sudden it just got quiet. You heard nothing but the birds. You didn't hear the highway, the cars." "We just stood outside, and I was like, OK. When is this magical firework going to come down?" she said. "I just kept my cool. It didn't hit me until last night."

It wouldn't have mattered if they had raced somewhere in their car, she said, because some stores, like the Target across the island and a nearby gym and a Walmart, kicked customers out but let employees hide in the back. She said people are more prepared now. Costco was packed the rest of the weekend with people buying and making emergency kits. But that's only a small silver lining. "Hawaii people are very upset," she said. "It's just a lot to take in because somebody's little mistake, what they're calling it, literally made everyone's anxiety go up."

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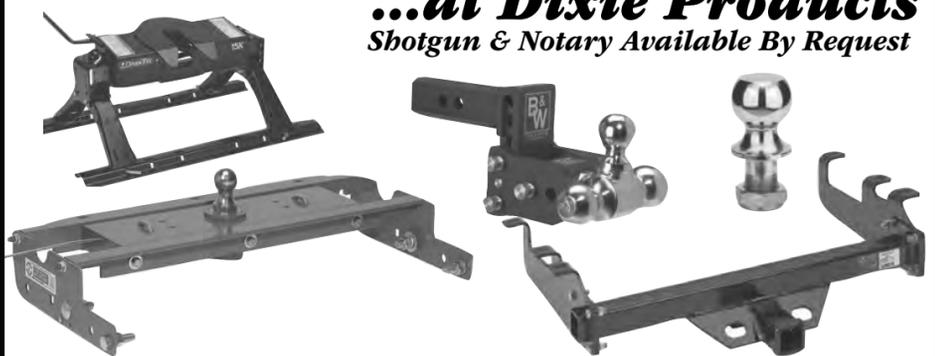
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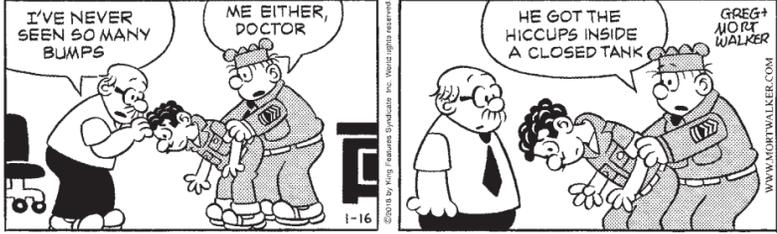
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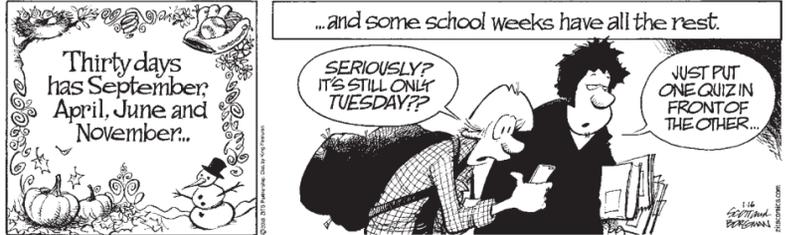
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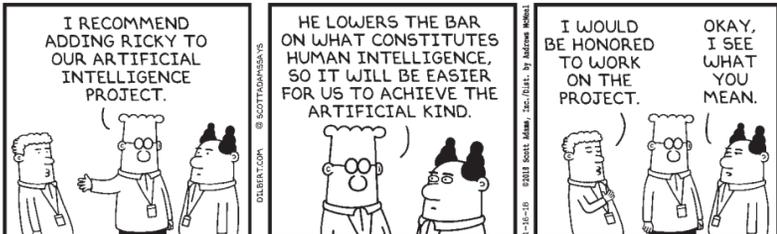
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Readers, if you have suggestions, I'd love to see them.

**DEAR ABBY** — My mother is a smart, independent woman — until she gets a boyfriend. She's been dating ever since Dad died in 1994.

abled and require some help from Mom. So do my grandparents and a family friend Mom takes care of to supplement her income. The boyfriend is pushing Mom to spend three to four months with him in Arizona, leaving those of us who need her without help.

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Every relationship starts out well; the guy seems nice. Then he moves into her house and things change. Mom stops thinking for herself and turns into a brainless, spineless puppet. It causes conflict between us because she thinks I'm selfish and trying to sabotage her relationship.

She's had her current boyfriend for two years. I'm 37, dis-

**DEAR JUST** — What happens to the ADULTS who depend on your mother is they arrange for outside assistance during the time she's in Arizona. And if this is the first time in years that she will have taken a break, you should all wish her well.

his beard gets into his plate and in the food, which I find nauseating.

*Too much hair in Texas*

**DEAR TOO MUCH HAIR** — If your husband's beard is so long it drags food off his plate, the first thing you should do is suggest that he sit up straighter when eating. However, if he's unwilling or unable to do that,

**JUMBLE**

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

TINAG

KREOB

KNIYNS

POTTIE

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TWINE FOGGY JOVIAL RAFFLE

Answer: The farmer took a photo of his wheat field with an old camera, but the photo was — GRAINY



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

**SUDOKU**

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

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| 5 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 8 |
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| 1 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 6 |
| 7 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| 2 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 3 |
| 9 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| 3 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 2 |

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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**THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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| 65 |    |    |   |    |    | 66 |    |    |    |    | 67 |    |    |    |

**Roger and Kathy Wienberg**

- 1/16/18
- ACROSS**
- 1 Soaking spots
  - 6 Wile E. Coyote's supplier of iron bird seed
  - 10 Car ad no.
  - 14 Cry during a winning streak
  - 15 Stick in one's \_\_\_ cause resentment
  - 16 Home furnishings giant
  - 17 Delayed show of surprise
  - 19 River sediment
  - 20 "Happy Motoring" company
  - 21 Philosopher Descartes
  - 22 "Hamlet" courtier
  - 23 "Frumious" beast in "Jabberwocky"
  - 26 Suave
  - 29 Long, wriggly swimmers
  - 30 "Rock-a-bye Baby" tree limb
  - 31 "From the \_\_\_ of Montezuma ..."
  - 34 Q's neighbor, on most keyboards
  - 37 Tolkien creature
  - 38 Cosmetic surgery that removes bags
  - 40 Program file ending
  - 41 NFL official
  - 42 Graphic showing 50 sts.
  - 43 Central Florida city
  - 45 To be, to Caesar
  - 47 Wound like S-curves
  - 48 Eight-ball call
  - 53 Stubble remover
  - 54 Big name in skin care
  - 55 Playbill listings
  - 59 "Am \_\_\_ early?"
  - 60 Indicate willingness to date someone, on Tinder ... and an apt hint to the last part of 17-, 23-, 38- and 48-Across
  - 62 Transmitted
  - 63 Actress Campbell
  - 64 Word before and after "de la"
  - 65 Quarry
  - 66 Tram loads
  - 67 Madison Ave. pro
  - 6 performed on stage
  - 7 "Whooping" marsh bird
  - 8 Manufacturer
  - 9 Flock female
  - 10 Mass book
  - 11 Beef often used in stir-fry
  - 12 Thing of the past
  - 13 Pothole repair
  - 18 Fish-eating bird
  - 22 Brit's 14-pound equivalent
  - 24 Busch partner in beer
  - 25 Starter starter
  - 26 Lyft competitor
  - 27 Playbill listing
  - 28 Minimal-conflict area
  - 31 Garment border
  - 32 First state, alpha-
  - 33 Impudence
  - 35 Rod between wheels
  - 36 Necklace sphere
  - 39 River of Flanders
  - 44 \_\_\_ seat: advantageous spot
  - 46 High-and-mighty
  - 47 Breed of terrier
  - 48 Fruity dessert
  - 49 Wild West film
  - 50 Remote button
  - 51 Fruit that's black when fully ripe
  - 52 Lighthouse locales
  - 56 Disney CEO Robert
  - 57 "Good heavens!"
  - 58 Part of a recovery program
  - 60 \_\_\_ Caps: candy
  - 61 Color TV pioneer
- DOWN**
- 1 \_\_\_ one's time: wait
  - 2 "Famous" cookie man
  - 3 Therefore
  - 4 Large, bindle-shaped purse
  - 5 Abbr. on a Cardinal's cap
- Previous Puzzle Solved**
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# OPINION

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## COMMENTARY

# Timely financial reporting vital for public institutions

*Editor's note: This column originally ran in the South Strand News on Jan. 11.*

Each October, many state agencies — including public colleges and universities — are required to submit to me their financial statements for the previous fiscal year. I use those statements to produce South Carolina's financial report, which is used by lawmakers, credit rating agencies and others to assess the state's financial condition.

An agency's failure to turn in its statements on time can have ramifications beyond just that one agency. If it holds up completion of the state's financial report, it potentially hinders policymakers' ability to make decisions about spending and taxes. It may also send a troubling signal to investors interested in buying state bonds, or otherwise reflect poorly on the state.

Untimely financial statements sometimes raise red flags about an agency's accounting and record keeping. In the recent past, they've led to discovery of serious deficiencies — such as failure to reconcile bank statements regularly or a lack of CPAs in crucial accounting positions. Even worse, they can indicate indifference toward the importance of financial reporting.

When an agency misses the deadline, it's up to me to light a fire under them. But my options for doing so are limited. Hopefully, with repeated phone calls and a little nudging, I'll have the statements in enough time to complete the state's financial report without much delay.

But what happens when an agency is evasive or uncooperative — for example, won't return calls? With no legal authority to force them to do anything, my only recourse is to raise the issue publicly and hope the unflattering attention will motivate the tardy officials to get with the program.

Which brings me to the subject of S.C. State University ...

SCSU boasts a loyal student body and faithful alumni, yet its governance — particularly its financial leadership — has often fallen short. In 2014, its troubles came into the open: out-of-control spending, large budget deficits, about \$10 million in unpaid vendor bills, mismanaged funds and improperly recorded transactions — all of which resulted in a two-year probation by the regional accreditation agency. Losing its accreditation would have been disastrous, as it would have meant its students were no longer eligible for federal aid and may well have

caused SCSU to close its doors.

Since then, much money and effort have gone into putting SCSU on sound financial footing. Lawmakers purged the entire board of trustees. The Legislature gave the school around \$20 million in state loans which later were forgiven, meaning taxpayers foot the bill to clean up the mess.

Given the resources invested in righting the ship, there was no joy in notifying other state leaders last month that SCSU was late again this year submitting its financial statements. After missing the Oct. 1 deadline, university officials assured me I'd have the statements by Nov. 22. That date came and went. It wasn't until Dec. 12 — more than two months late — that the statements were turned in.

All who care about SCSU's future should be concerned. Timely financial disclosures are crucial for keeping the university healthy and solvent. And again,

late financial statements can portend broader issues.

While its fiscal woes only became known to the public in 2014, I actually had begun sounding the alarm years earlier — after growing concerned by the school's chronic problems turning in its financial statements. Out of an abundance of caution, I'm sounding the alarm again.

Certainly, SCSU finances have stabilized over the past few years, and the quality of its board and administration are much improved. Nonetheless, we mustn't tempt fate. Given its track record and the magnitude of its recent troubles, complacency isn't an option.

S.C. State's crisis was rooted in a lax attitude toward the notions of oversight and accountability — a mindset partially cultivated by state leaders' hands-off approach to the university; the storied, historically black university was treated as a special case, allowing its administrators to operate nearly oversight-free. What was actually needed, then as now, was "tough love."

Three years later, the high stakes dictate keeping an attentive eye on SCSU administrators. We must remind them we're watching and what's expected of them. Failure to meet minimum standards isn't acceptable.

And there's a cautionary tale here for governmental bodies at all levels. While not a sensational topic, oversight measures such as financial reporting requirements are fundamental to an institution's well-being.

*Richard Eckstrom is a CPA and the state Comptroller.*



**Richard Eckstrom**



## COMMENTARY

# Little Rocket Man wins the round

After a year in which he tested a hydrogen bomb and an ICBM, threatened to destroy the United States and called President Trump "a dotard," Kim Jong Un, at the gracious invitation of the president of South Korea,



**Pat Buchanan**

will be sending a skating team to the "Peace Olympics." An impressive year for Little Rocket Man.

Thus the most serious nuclear crisis since Nikita Khrushchev put missiles in Cuba appears to have abated. Welcome news, even if the confrontation with Pyongyang has probably only been postponed.

Still, we have been given an opportunity to reassess the 65-year-old Cold War treaty that obligates us to go to war if the North attacks Seoul and drove us to the brink of war today.

2017 demonstrated that we need a reassessment. For the potential cost of carrying out our commitment is rising exponentially.

Two decades ago, a war on the Korean Peninsula, given the massed Northern artillery on the DMZ, meant thousands of U.S. dead.

Today, with Pyongyang's growing arsenal of nuclear weapons, American cities could face Hiroshima-sized strikes if war breaks out.

What vital U.S. interest is there on the Korean Peninsula that justifies accepting in perpetuity such a risk to our homeland?

We are told that Kim's diplomacy is designed to split South Korea off from the Americans. And this is undeniably true.

For South Korean President Moon Jae-in is first and foremost responsible for his own people, half of whom are in artillery range of the

DMZ. In any new Korean war, his country would suffer most.

And while he surely welcomes the U.S. commitment to fight the North on his country's behalf as an insurance policy, Moon does not want a second Korean war, and he does not want President Trump making the decision as to whether there shall be one.

Understandably so. He is looking out for South Korea first.

Yet Moon rightly credits Trump with bringing the North Koreans to the table: "I give President Trump huge credit for bringing about the inter-Korean talks, and I'd like to thank him for that."

But again, what are the U.S. interests there that we should be willing to put at risk of nuclear attack tens of thousands of U.S. troops in Korea and our bases in Asia, and even our great cities, in a war that would otherwise be confined to the Korean Peninsula?

China shares a border with the North but is not treaty-bound to fight on the North's behalf. Russia, too, has a border with North Korea, and, with China, was indispensable to saving the North in the 1950-53 war. But Russia is not committed by any treaty to fight for the North.

Why, then, are Americans obligated to be among the first to die in a second Korean War? Why is the defense of the South, with 40 times the economy and twice the population of the North, our eternal duty?

Kim's drive for a nuclear deterrent is propelled by both fear and calculation. The fear is that the Americans who detest him will do to him and his regime and country what they did to Saddam Hussein.

The calculation is that what Americans fear most, and the one thing that deters them, is nuclear weapons. Once Soviet Russia and Communist China acquired

nukes, the Americans never attacked them.

If he can put nuclear weapons on U.S. troops in Korea, U.S. bases in Japan and U.S. cities, Kim reasons, the Americans will not launch a war on him. Have not recent events proven him right?

Iran has no nuclear weapons, and some Americans clamor daily for "regime change" in Tehran. But because Kim has nukes, the Americans appear more anxious to talk. His policy is succeeding.

What he is saying with his nuclear arsenal is: As you Americans have put my regime and country at risk of annihilation, I am going to put your cities at risk. If you go down in your nuclear "fire and fury," so, too, will millions of Americans.

The whole world is watching how this plays out.

For the American Imperium, our system of alliances, is held together by a credible commitment: If you attack any of our scores of allies, you are at war with the United States.

From the Baltic to the Black Sea to the Persian Gulf, from the South China Sea to Korea and Japan today, the costs and the risks of maintaining the imperium are growing.

With all these promissory notes out there — guarantees to go to war for other nations — one is inevitably going to be called.

And this generation of Americans, unaware of what their grandfathers obligated them to do, will demand to know, as they did in Iraq and Afghanistan: What are we doing over there, on the other side of the world?

America First is more than a slogan.

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

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### POLITICIANS HAVING A FIELD DAY WITH MEANINGLESS ISSUES

Our political system is in complete upheaval and doesn't appear to be repaired at any time in our future. We have an opportunity to get a tax cut which will help our economy thrive and our lives made a "bit" better by getting a few dollars in our pocket to spend the way we want, and our politicians are having

a field day with other meaningless issues. The news is not what we want to hear, the Russian issue is completely out of touch, the elections are over for most people (unfortunately for not all). Put this nonsense to bed, and get on with what's good for America and not just the politicians.

Our forefathers worked hard to preserve our freedoms, our veterans sacrificed so much for us, and our politi-

cians don't seem to understand this. Our politicians reward those that fill their "coffers" and only know us at election time and when soliciting contributions. Term limits would be a solution, but unfortunately that won't happen.

I'm not necessarily in "lock step" with everything POTUS does and says, however he's helping us maintain our status in the world and proving he can and will "BUTT" heads with those

countries and leaders that challenge us and have "pushed" us around through too many administrations. I firmly believe he ought to "forego" some of these battles he has with fake news and "assaults" upon him and do for us Americans what he promised. There are far more important things to focus on.

God bless America.

PAUL KORZEC  
Manning

# AROUND TOWN

**The Carolina Coin Club** will meet at 7 p.m. today at the Parks and Recreation Department building, 155 Haynsworth St. Visitors are always welcome. Call (803) 775-8840 for information.

**The Sumter AARP Tax-Aide Foundation** will offer free tax assistance and preparation on a first come, first served basis on Mondays and Wednesdays from Feb. 5 through April 17 at the Lincoln Historical Center (former home of the Shepherd's Center), 26 Council St. On Saturday, Feb. 17, assistance will be available on an appointment basis only. Call Lula King at (803) 316-0772 for information.

**The General George L. Mabry Jr. Chapter 817 Military Order of the Purple Heart** will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Sumter Combat Veterans Group building, 529 N. Wise Drive. All Purple Heart recipients and those interested in association membership are invited. Life membership is available for only \$25. For more information, call (803) 773-0658.

**Sumter County Active Lifestyles (SCAL)** is sponsoring a walk around the exercise track at Dillon Park on Saturday, Jan. 20. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the walk starting at 10 a.m. Sumter County Council members will be joining SCAL in this informal walk. This is a good opportunity for community members to enjoy walking and being active on the recently resurfaced track as well as a time to visit with County Council members, strengthen relationships within the community and make new friends. Call (803) 469-6509 or (803) 464-8292 for information.

**Hillcrest High School Class of 1978** will hold a 40th class reunion meeting at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20, at High Hill Baptist Church, Meetinghouse Road, Dalzell. All classmates welcome to attend. For information, call Mable Butler at (803) 565-1225 or Mary Roach at (803)

464-7664.

**The Lincoln High School Alumni Association** will meet at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 21, at the historical Lincoln Center cafeteria, Council Street. Call James L. Green at (803) 968-4173.

**The Westside Neighborhood Association** will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 22, at the Birnie HOPE Center, 210 S. Purdy St. Contact Jim McCain at (678) 429-8150 or [jtmccain@bellsouth.net](mailto:jtmccain@bellsouth.net) for information.

**SCEAR (South Carolina Education Association of Retired Teachers)** will meet at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 24, at the North HOPE Center.

**The Sumter County Democrats** will host its 2018 Precinct Reorganization at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Sumter County Judicial Center, 215 N. Harvin St., in the jury meeting room on the first floor. All local Democrats are encouraged to attend to elect precinct leaders to serve the county party. Contact Allen Bailey at (803) 316-1976 or [sumterdemocratssc@gmail.com](mailto:sumterdemocratssc@gmail.com).

**The Lee County Branch of the NAACP** will sponsor its annual Freedom Fund Banquet at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Lee Central High School cafeteria, 1800 Wisacky Highway, Bishopville. Retired Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department Detective Garry McFadden, of Investigation Discovery's "I Am Homicide," will speak. Tickets for the event are \$25 and must be purchased in advance from a committee member. For additional information, email [nasia500@yahoo.com](mailto:nasia500@yahoo.com).

**The Sumter Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind** of South Carolina will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at Shiloh-Randolph Manor, 125 W. Bartlette St. Rebecca Sears, director, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Sumter Senior Services, will speak. Contact Debra Canty, chapter president, at (803) 775-5792 or [debra.canty@frontier.com](mailto:debra.canty@frontier.com).

# PUBLIC AGENDA

**TAX ACCOMMODATIONS ADVISORY BOARD**  
Today, 3 p.m., Swan Lake Visitors Center

**SUMTER CITY COUNCIL**  
Today, 5:30 p.m., Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St.

**CLARENDON COUNTY PLANNING & PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
Today, 6 p.m., planning commission office, Manning

**CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2**  
Today, 6:30 p.m., district office

**CENTRAL CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION**  
Thursday, 11 a.m., Economic Development Conference Room, K205, Kershaw County Campus, 80 Campus Drive, Camden

**CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 3**  
Thursday, 7:30 p.m., district office, Turbeville

## The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Stay calm and keep your work and

personal life separate. Your performance will be key to your advancement as well as to maintaining a sense of structure in your life. Don't make changes based on hearsay or a senseless argument.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Partnerships are favored. Business meetings, travel and using past experience to ensure you get what you want will help you establish your strengths. Knowing what you have to offer will give you the upper hand when negotiations take place.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Don't travel to unfamiliar places or try to make changes that go against the rules. Don't promise anything you cannot readily supply. Protect against injury and emotional battles. Discipline and control will be required regarding money matters.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): You'll be tempted to spend money on something you don't need or make a donation without knowing enough about the organization asking for help. Use your imagination and you'll find cheaper ways to make physical improvements or to assist others.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be emotionally charged and eager to bring about changes. Consider the consequences of your actions if other people are involved. It is best to take baby steps instead of catapulting into the unknown. Minimize your dreams to fit your budget.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Friends, relatives, children and parents will all have something to contribute that will encourage you to follow through with your dreams. The possibilities are endless if you use

your imagination and skills to help you reach your goals.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Relationship changes will take you by surprise if you have lost touch or haven't been paying attention to what's going on right in front of you. Don't take anyone or anything for granted or you may suffer a loss.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll excel if you present what you have to offer. Your skills and intellect will help you gain respect as well as the go-ahead to follow through with your plans. A partnership that will allow you to expand your interests looks promising.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't divulge information that may be used against you. Someone from your past will disrupt your life if you are too generous or forthcoming regarding your life goals, beliefs and personal passwords. An offer will not live up to your expectations.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a different approach to the way you do your job or handle your responsibilities. Your ability to foster new ideas and turn them into something spectacular will give you the momentum you need to reach your goals.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The best way to move forward and make positive changes is to recognize what isn't working for you anymore and make revisions. Study the results you've been getting and make a point to start with small but effective adjustments.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Look at investments that show promise and dedicate your time and effort to being part of something that has the potential to grow. Offer suggestions as well as a commitment to see matters through to the end.

# WEATHER

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## AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

| TODAY               | TONIGHT             | WEDNESDAY                    | THURSDAY                       | FRIDAY             | SATURDAY            |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
|                     |                     |                              |                                |                    |                     |
| Partly sunny        | Increasing clouds   | A snow shower in the morning | Chilly with plenty of sunshine | Plenty of sunshine | Abundant sunshine   |
| 55°                 | 33°                 | 44° / 20°                    | 46° / 24°                      | 54° / 30°          | 61° / 37°           |
| Chance of rain: 10% | Chance of rain: 25% | Chance of rain: 70%          | Chance of rain: 0%             | Chance of rain: 0% | Chance of rain: 10% |
| S3-6 mph            | S3-6 mph            | WNW 7-14 mph                 | W 6-12 mph                     | WSW 6-12 mph       | WSW 4-8 mph         |

## TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

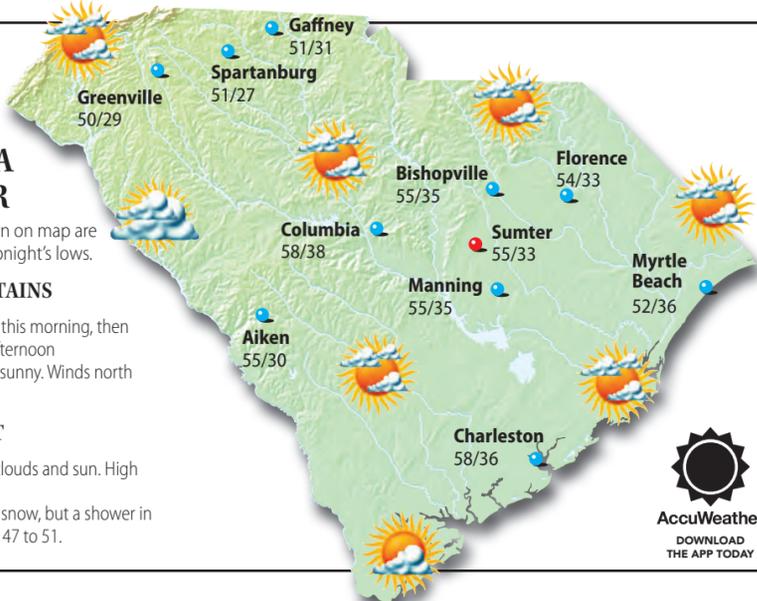
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

### IN THE MOUNTAINS

**Today:** Partly sunny this morning, then mostly cloudy this afternoon  
**Wednesday:** Partly sunny. Winds north 6-12 mph.

### ON THE COAST

**Today:** Intervals of clouds and sun. High 52 to 56.  
**Wednesday:** Some snow, but a shower in southern parts. High 47 to 51.



## LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

| Temperature | High | Low | Normal high | Normal low | Record high | Record low  |
|-------------|------|-----|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 40°         | 40°  | 21° | 54°         | 32°        | 78° in 2013 | 16° in 1964 |

| Precipitation | 24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest. | Month to date | Normal month to date | Year to date | Last year to date | Normal year to date |
|---------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 0.00"         | 0.75"                      | 1.96"         | 0.75"                | 3.21"        | 1.96"             |                     |

## LAKE LEVELS

| Lake     | Full pool | 7 a.m. yest. | 24-hr chg |
|----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| Murray   | 360       | 353.72       | +0.06     |
| Marion   | 76.8      | 73.06        | +0.02     |
| Moultrie | 75.5      | 73.28        | none      |
| Wateree  | 100       | 96.48        | -0.11     |

## RIVER STAGES

| River            | Flood stage | 7 a.m. yest. | 24-hr chg |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| Black River      | 12          | 7.19         | +0.10     |
| Congaree River   | 19          | 4.10         | +0.10     |
| Lynches River    | 14          | 5.62         | +0.32     |
| Saluda River     | 14          | 5.43         | +0.11     |
| Up. Santee River | 80          | 75.90        | +0.86     |
| Wateree River    | 24          | 10.12        | +0.75     |

## SUN AND MOON

|          |           |          |           |
|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Sunrise  | 7:27 a.m. | Sunset   | 5:37 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 6:59 a.m. | Moonsset | 5:28 p.m. |

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

## TIDES

| AT MYRTLE BEACH |           |     |           |      |
|-----------------|-----------|-----|-----------|------|
|                 | High      | Ht. | Low       | Ht.  |
| Today           | 8:40 a.m. | 3.1 | 2:48 a.m. | -0.1 |
|                 | 8:42 p.m. | 2.6 | 3:30 p.m. | 0.0  |
| Wed.            | 9:18 a.m. | 3.1 | 3:26 a.m. | -0.1 |
|                 | 9:20 p.m. | 2.6 | 4:07 p.m. | 0.0  |

## NATIONAL CITIES

| City          | Today    | Wed.     |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| Atlanta       | 51/17/c  | 32/19/s  |
| Chicago       | 24/7/sn  | 21/14/s  |
| Dallas        | 32/15/pc | 35/22/pc |
| Detroit       | 20/9/sf  | 26/18/pc |
| Houston       | 39/23/i  | 41/25/pc |
| Los Angeles   | 71/54/c  | 75/55/pc |
| New Orleans   | 49/24/c  | 39/27/s  |
| New York      | 36/30/sn | 36/22/sf |
| Oriando       | 69/46/s  | 66/31/pc |
| Philadelphia  | 40/29/sn | 35/19/sf |
| Phoenix       | 72/49/c  | 71/48/pc |
| San Francisco | 60/50/c  | 59/50/pc |
| Wash., DC     | 42/26/c  | 31/22/sf |

## REGIONAL CITIES

| City           | Today    | Wed.     | City             | Today    | Wed.     |
|----------------|----------|----------|------------------|----------|----------|
| Asheville      | 46/17/c  | 23/15/pc | Florence         | 54/33/pc | 44/21/sf |
| Athens         | 54/23/c  | 39/19/s  | Gainesville      | 66/39/pc | 55/23/pc |
| Augusta        | 59/35/pc | 45/19/s  | Gastonia         | 53/34/pc | 39/18/sn |
| Beaufort       | 56/38/pc | 47/24/pc | Goldsboro        | 50/29/pc | 44/19/sn |
| Cape Hatteras  | 43/36/r  | 42/24/sn | Goose Creek      | 57/36/pc | 49/23/c  |
| Charleston     | 58/36/pc | 49/24/c  | Greensboro       | 46/29/pc | 32/18/sn |
| Charlotte      | 52/31/pc | 37/19/sn | Greenville       | 50/29/c  | 35/19/pc |
| Clemson        | 51/27/c  | 39/20/pc | Hickory          | 47/29/c  | 31/18/pc |
| Columbia       | 58/38/pc | 46/21/pc | Hilton Head      | 56/39/pc | 49/26/pc |
| Darlington     | 54/34/pc | 43/21/sf | Jacksonville, FL | 62/37/pc | 54/26/pc |
| Elizabeth City | 46/28/pc | 41/18/sn | La Grange        | 54/18/c  | 36/19/s  |
| Elizabethtown  | 51/31/pc | 43/20/sn | Macon            | 58/28/pc | 40/21/pc |
| Fayetteville   | 52/31/pc | 41/20/sn | Marietta         | 49/13/c  | 31/17/s  |
|                |          |          | Marion           | 47/21/c  | 30/15/pc |
|                |          |          | Mt. Pleasant     | 56/38/pc | 50/25/c  |
|                |          |          | Myrtle Beach     | 52/36/c  | 49/23/sn |
|                |          |          | Orangeburg       | 57/37/pc | 47/23/sn |
|                |          |          | Port Royal       | 55/39/pc | 47/26/pc |
|                |          |          | Raleigh          | 51/29/pc | 38/19/sn |
|                |          |          | Rock Hill        | 52/32/pc | 38/16/sn |
|                |          |          | Rockingham       | 52/32/pc | 39/17/sn |
|                |          |          | Savannah         | 59/37/pc | 47/23/pc |
|                |          |          | Spartanburg      | 51/27/c  | 36/19/pc |
|                |          |          | Summerville      | 57/35/pc | 48/22/c  |
|                |          |          | Wilmington       | 54/33/pc | 50/21/sn |
|                |          |          | Winston-Salem    | 46/29/pc | 32/19/sn |

## PICTURES FROM THE PUBLIC



Sterling Boyd took this photo of St Basil's Cathedral at night in Red Square, Moscow. Boyd comments on the cathedral, "Built in 1552 by Tsar Ivan the Terrible, Stalin ordered it destroyed in the 1930s. The architect Baranovsky defied Stalin's order and saved the cathedral from destruction. His reward for this effort was five years at hard labor in a Siberian gulag."

**HAVE YOU TAKEN PICTURES OF INTERESTING, EXCITING, BEAUTIFUL OR HISTORICAL PLACES?** Would you like to share those images with your fellow *Sumter Item* readers? E-mail your hi-resolution jpegs to [sandra@theitem.com](mailto:sandra@theitem.com), or mail to Sandra Holbert c/o *The Sumter Item*, P.O. Box 1677, Sumter, SC 29150. Include clearly printed or typed name of photographer and photo details. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of your photo. Amateur photographers only please. Photos of poor reproduction quality may not publish. With the exception of pictures that are of a timely nature, submitted photos will publish in the order in which they are received.

PRO FOOTBALL

## Vikings pivot to Eagles, after big break to beat Saints

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Their minds still racing with childlike exuberance over the stunning last-snap victory that sent them to the NFC championship game, many of the Minnesota Vikings remained awake several hours past midnight.

Cornerback Xavier Rhodes replayed the video clip of the winning touchdown “about a thousand times” at

home, searing the image of Stefon Diggs leaping to catch the pass from Case Keenum and sprinting for the end zone into his memory forever so the details of the sequence that beat New Orleans were no longer foggy.

Ten seconds left.

Trailing by one point.

Sixty-one yards to go.

The outcome that produced the 29-24

victory was so improbable that the Vikings were predictably continuing to process their status as the first team in NFL history to score a touchdown on the final play of regulation in a postseason game.

“The Minneapolis Miracle”, as it was dubbed in trending on social media, was as unfathomable as the name sounds.

“We still can’t believe it in the locker room,” wide receiver Adam Thielen said. “I woke up this morning and made sure it wasn’t a dream.”

The Vikings were about a field-goal favorite on the early betting lines to beat the Eagles on Sunday and become the first team to play a Super Bowl on

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# Time to move on



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Connor Shaw (14), the winningest quarterback in school history at South Carolina and now an assistant at Furman, will be the guest speaker at the Sumter Touchdown Club banquet on Thursday at Central Carolina Technical College.

## Former USC standout QB Shaw to speak at the Touchdown Club banquet as Furman assistant

BY DENNIS BRUNSON

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In terms of victories, Connor Shaw is the greatest quarterback to ever have played at the University of South Carolina. Shaw was 27-5 as a starter for the Gamecocks from 2011-13, leading them to three consecutive 11-2 seasons. He was 17-0 at Williams-Brice Stadium.

Things didn’t work out quite the same for Shaw at the professional level. Though he has been with both the Cleveland Browns and Chicago Bears the last four years, most of that time has seen Shaw injured.

So when he was offered a job as the tight ends coach on Furman University’s staff, it was an opportunity Shaw just couldn’t pass up.



SHAW

### SUMTER TOUCHDOWN CLUB BANQUET

When: Thursday, 6 p.m.

Where: Central Carolina Technical College

Guest Speaker: Connor Shaw, former USC and NFL quarterback and assistant coach at Furman

Awards: The Sumter Touchdown Club will announce its Offensive Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, Special Teams Player of the Year and Offensive Lineman of the Year, its Assistant Coach of the Year, its Scholar Athletes and its Merit Scholarships winners. It will also recognize *The Sumter Item* All-Area and All-Independent teams.

He joined the staff last week “As a player it was tough for me to step away, but it was time to move on,” said Shaw, who will be the guest speaker at the Sumter

Touchdown Club Banquet on Thursday beginning at 6 p.m. at Central Carolina Technical College. “(It (making the decision not to play anymore) was something that didn’t happen overnight. Three years on injured reserve made it tough both physically and mentally (as a player).”

“It was the right move for me and my family,” said Shaw, who was already living in Travelers Rest, which is just outside of Greenville. “I’m not having to move my family. It is literally 15 minutes just from my house to work.”

It’s not like eventually stepping into the coaching realm of football was out of the realm of possibility. Shaw’s high school coach was his own father.

“Growing up in a coaching family it was inevitable,” Shaw said. “It

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clemson’s Donte Grantham slams in a dunk in the Tigers’ 72-63 victory over Miami on Saturday in Clemson. Clemson will take on North Carolina today in Chapel Hill, where a Clemson men’s basketball team has never won a game.

## Clemson tries to break streak against UNC in Chapel Hill

USC plays host to No. 21 Kentucky today at 9 p.m.

BY DENNIS BRUNSON

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A trip to Chapel Hill, N.C., is the gift that keeps on giving — heartache, nothing but heartache — to the Clemson men’s basketball program.

The Tigers are 0-58 all time taking on the University of North Carolina in its home arena. Clemson, ranked 20th in the latest Associated Press men’s Top 25 poll, hopes to bring an end to that streak today as it meets the Tar Heels in the Smith Center beginning at 7 p.m. on Fox Sportsouth.

UNC, which is ranked 15th, has won the last nine games in the series. The Heels are 27-0 in the Dean Dome and own a victory margin of 20.4 points in their 58 wins in Chapel Hill.

The Tigers are 15-2 overall and 4-1 in the Atlantic Coast Conference. They fell one spot in the AP poll after losing to North Carolina State by a point on the road before taking down Miami 72-63 on Saturday in Clemson.

North Carolina, which is 14-4 and 2-2, was actually ranked behind the Tigers last week at No. 20. However, the defending national champion bounced up five spots after shellacking Boston College and edging Notre Dame 69-68 on the road on Saturday.

This is the first time since the 2009-10 season that both Clemson and the Tar Heels are ranked when meeting each other.

South Carolina will also be facing a

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Clemson DT Wilkins returning for senior year

BY PETE IACOBELLI

AP Sports Writer

COLUMBIA — Clemson’s heart, soul and power on defense is intact next season with defensive tackle Christian Wilkins’ choice to hold off on the NFL and return to the Tigers.

Wilkins was the last holdout among three draft-eligible underclassmen along the defen-



WILKINS

ends Clelin Ferrell and Austin Bryant announced their intentions to play at Clemson next year.

sive front — all who were projected first-round picks in some mock NFL drafts — to decide to come back to school. On Saturday, defensive

Wilkins drew things out a bit longer, waiting until a few hours before the NFL deadline at midnight Monday to tell coaches he’d be back, too.

It sets up another year of lockdown defense up front for the Tigers, who tied with Southern Cal for most sacks in the country with 46. Along with Wilkins, Ferrell and Bryant, the fourth line starter in mammoth defensive tackle

Dexter Lawrence will be a junior

Wilkins, at 6-foot-4, 300-pounds, has long been considered the defensive leader at Clemson. Two Halloweens ago, Wilkins persuaded Ferrell and Lawrence to join him as part of a Power Rangers group, complete with masks and different-colored costumes.

“Every day before practice

that’s one of our handshakes,” Wilkins said. “We all morph and power up. When that helmet comes on, it’s morphing time.”

The Tigers will have one more season of watching their defensive front change into quarterback crusher.

Ferrell was team leader with 9.5 sacks while Bryant

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

**1:30 p.m.** - Professional Golf: Web.com Tour Bahamas Great Exhuma Classic Final Round from Great Exhuma, Bahamas (GOLF).  
**2:30 p.m.** - International Soccer: FA Cup Third-Round Replay Match - Fleetwood Town vs. Leicester City (FOX SPORTS 2).  
**6:05 p.m.** - Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).  
**7 p.m.** - College Basketball: Cincinnati at Central Florida (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).  
**7 p.m.** - College Basketball: Wisconsin at Purdue (ESPN).  
**7 p.m.** - College Basketball: Louisville at Notre Dame (ESPN2).  
**7 p.m.** - College Basketball: Georgia at Louisiana State (ESPN).  
**7 p.m.** - College Basketball: Clemson at North Carolina (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWBD-FM 94.7, WPUB-FM 102.7).  
**7 p.m.** - NHL Hockey: Philadelphia at New York Rangers (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**7 p.m.** - College Basketball: Vanderbilt at Mississippi State (SEC NETWORK).  
**7 p.m.** - Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Second-Round Matches from Melbourne, Australia (TENNIS).  
**7:30 p.m.** - NBA Basketball: New Orleans at Boston (NBA TV).  
**9 p.m.** - College Basketball: Kentucky at South Carolina (ESPN, WDXY-FM 105.9, WNKT-FM 107.5, WDXY-AM 1240).  
**9 p.m.** - College Basketball: Connecticut at Memphis (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).  
**9 p.m.** - Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Second-Round Matches from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN2).  
**9 p.m.** - College Basketball: Oklahoma at Kansas State (ESPN).  
**9 p.m.** - College Basketball: Pittsburgh at Syracuse (FOX SPORTSOUTH).  
**9 p.m.** - College Basketball: Mississippi at Texas A&M (SEC NETWORK).  
**10 p.m.** - NBA Basketball: Phoenix at Portland (NBA TV).  
**3 a.m.** - Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Second-Round Matches from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN2).

|            |    |    |      |     |
|------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Miami      | 25 | 17 | .595 | —   |
| Washington | 25 | 19 | .568 | 1   |
| Charlotte  | 17 | 25 | .405 | 8   |
| Orlando    | 12 | 31 | .279 | 13½ |
| Atlanta    | 11 | 31 | .262 | 14  |

Central Division

|           | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
|-----------|----|----|------|-----|
| Cleveland | 26 | 16 | .619 | —   |
| Indiana   | 23 | 20 | .535 | 3½  |
| Milwaukee | 23 | 20 | .535 | 3½  |
| Detroit   | 22 | 20 | .524 | 4   |
| Chicago   | 16 | 27 | .372 | 10½ |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

|             | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
|-------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Houston     | 30 | 11 | .732 | —   |
| San Antonio | 29 | 15 | .659 | 2½  |
| New Orleans | 22 | 20 | .524 | 8½  |
| Dallas      | 15 | 29 | .341 | 16½ |
| Memphis     | 13 | 28 | .317 | 17  |

Northwest Division

|               | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Minnesota     | 29 | 16 | .644 | —   |
| Oklahoma City | 23 | 20 | .535 | 5   |
| Portland      | 22 | 21 | .512 | 6   |
| Denver        | 22 | 21 | .512 | 6   |
| Utah          | 17 | 25 | .405 | 10½ |

Pacific Division

|               | W  | L  | Pct  | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|----|
| Golden State  | 35 | 9  | .795 | —  |
| L.A. Clippers | 21 | 21 | .500 | 13 |
| Phoenix       | 16 | 28 | .364 | 19 |
| L.A. Lakers   | 15 | 27 | .357 | 19 |
| Sacramento    | 13 | 29 | .310 | 21 |

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Miami 97, Milwaukee 79  
 New Orleans 123, New York 118, OT  
 Indiana 120, Phoenix 97  
 Minnesota 120, Portland 103

MONDAY'S GAMES

Charlotte 118, Detroit 107  
 Philadelphia 117, Toronto 111  
 Milwaukee 104, Washington 95

TODAY'S GAMES

Minnesota at Orlando, 7 p.m.  
 New Orleans at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
 Dallas at Denver, 9 p.m.  
 Phoenix at Portland, 10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Washington at Charlotte, 7 p.m.  
 Detroit at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.  
 New Orleans at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
 San Antonio at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.  
 Golden State at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
 L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.  
 Miami at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
 New York at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
 Utah at Sacramento, 10 p.m.  
 Denver at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Orlando at Cleveland, 7 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Boston, 7 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Houston, 9:30 p.m.  
 Indiana at Portland, 10 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

|           | GP | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF  | GA  |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Tampa Bay | 44 | 31 | 10 | 3  | 65  | 161 | 112 |
| Boston    | 42 | 24 | 10 | 8  | 56  | 137 | 108 |
| Toronto   | 45 | 25 | 17 | 3  | 53  | 146 | 131 |
| Detroit   | 43 | 18 | 18 | 7  | 43  | 117 | 131 |
| Florida   | 43 | 18 | 19 | 6  | 42  | 122 | 141 |
| Montreal  | 43 | 18 | 20 | 5  | 41  | 111 | 133 |
| Ottawa    | 42 | 15 | 18 | 9  | 39  | 117 | 149 |
| Buffalo   | 44 | 11 | 24 | 9  | 31  | 99  | 151 |

Metropolitan Division

|                | GP | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF  | GA  |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Washington     | 45 | 28 | 14 | 3  | 59  | 140 | 127 |
| Columbus       | 46 | 25 | 18 | 3  | 53  | 124 | 129 |
| New Jersey     | 42 | 22 | 12 | 8  | 52  | 133 | 130 |
| Pittsburgh     | 46 | 24 | 19 | 3  | 51  | 135 | 141 |
| N.Y. Rangers   | 44 | 22 | 17 | 5  | 49  | 132 | 129 |
| Philadelphia   | 43 | 20 | 15 | 8  | 48  | 128 | 125 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 44 | 22 | 18 | 4  | 48  | 153 | 160 |
| Carolina       | 45 | 20 | 17 | 8  | 48  | 126 | 140 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

|           | GP | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF  | GA  |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Winnipeg  | 46 | 26 | 13 | 7  | 59  | 153 | 127 |
| Nashville | 42 | 25 | 11 | 6  | 56  | 131 | 114 |
| St. Louis | 46 | 26 | 17 | 3  | 55  | 134 | 122 |
| Dallas    | 45 | 25 | 17 | 3  | 53  | 136 | 124 |
| Minnesota | 46 | 24 | 17 | 5  | 53  | 133 | 131 |
| Chicago   | 45 | 22 | 17 | 6  | 50  | 136 | 123 |
| Colorado  | 42 | 23 | 16 | 3  | 49  | 139 | 125 |

Pacific Division

|             | GP | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF  | GA  |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Vegas       | 42 | 29 | 10 | 3  | 61  | 145 | 116 |
| Calgary     | 45 | 25 | 16 | 4  | 54  | 131 | 125 |
| Los Angeles | 43 | 24 | 14 | 5  | 53  | 128 | 103 |
| San Jose    | 41 | 22 | 13 | 6  | 50  | 116 | 111 |
| Anaheim     | 44 | 20 | 15 | 9  | 49  | 121 | 122 |
| Edmonton    | 46 | 20 | 23 | 3  | 43  | 126 | 147 |
| Vancouver   | 45 | 18 | 21 | 6  | 42  | 119 | 147 |
| Arizona     | 45 | 10 | 28 | 7  | 27  | 105 | 160 |

**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

Detroit 4, Chicago 0  
 Calgary 4, Carolina 1  
 Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Rangers 2  
 Vancouver 3, Minnesota 2, OT

MONDAY'S GAMES

Dallas 3, Boston 2, OT

TODAY'S GAMES

St. Louis at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
 New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.  
 Dallas at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
 Vegas at Nashville, 8 p.m.  
 San Jose at Arizona, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Montreal at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Washington at New Jersey, 7 p.m.  
 Dallas at Columbus, 7 p.m.  
 Toronto at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
 Boston at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.  
 Buffalo at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.  
 Vegas at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.  
 Arizona at Nashville, 8 p.m.  
 San Jose at Colorado, 9 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

PGA SCORES

**Sunday**  
**At Waialae cc**  
**Honolulu**  
**Purse: \$6.2 million**  
**Yardage: 7,044; Par: 70**  
**(x-won on sixth playoff hole)**  
**Final**  
 x-Patton Kizzire (500), \$1,116,000  
 67-64-64-68—263 -17  
 James Hahn (300), \$669,600  
 67-69-65-62—263 -17  
 Tom Hoge (190), \$421,600  
 65-65-64-70—264 -16  
 Webb Simpson (115), \$256,267  
 67-70-63-65—265 -15  
 Brian Stuard (115), \$256,267  
 67-66-67-65—265 -15  
 Brian Harman (115), \$256,267  
 64-63-68-70—265 -15  
 Gary Woodland (85), \$193,233  
 67-67-68-64—266 -14  
 Ben Martin (85), \$193,233  
 69-66-66-65—266 -14  
 Ollie Schniederjans (85), \$193,233  
 66-65-67-68—266 -14  
 Ryan Blaum (68), \$148,800  
 66-68-68-65—267 -13  
 Chris Kirk (68), \$148,800  
 63-67-67-70—267 -13  
 Russell Knox (68), \$148,800  
 69-64-65-69—267 -13  
 Kyle Stanley (68), \$148,800  
 64-67-65-71—267 -13  
 Daniel Berger (54), \$108,500  
 67-68-69-64—268 -12  
 Zach Johnson (54), \$108,500  
 63-67-71-67—268 -12  
 Jerry Kelly (54), \$108,500  
 66-67-69-66—268 -12  
 Justin Thomas (54), \$108,500  
 67-67-66-68—268 -12

Austin Cook (43), \$75,463  
 67-71-65-66—269 -11  
 Jason Dufner (43), \$75,463  
 69-65-69-66—269 -11  
 Daisuke Kataoka, \$75,463  
 65-68-69-67—269 -11  
 Chez Reavie (43), \$75,463  
 68-69-65-67—269 -11  
 Jordan Spieth (43), \$75,463  
 69-68-66-66—269 -11  
 Talor Gooch (43), \$75,463  
 64-66-70-69—269 -11  
 Cameron Smith (43), \$75,463  
 66-67-66-70—269 -11  
 Jonathan Byrd (31), \$46,323  
 68-68-67-67—270 -10  
 Brandon Harkins (31), \$46,323  
 67-68-69-66—270 -10  
 Kevin Kisner (31), \$46,323  
 68-64-71-67—270 -10  
 Keith Mitchell (31), \$46,323  
 70-66-67-67—270 -10  
 Xinjun Zhang (31), \$46,323  
 72-65-66-67—270 -10  
 Scott Piercy (31), \$46,323  
 69-67-65-69—270 -10  
 Sam Saunders (31), \$46,323  
 67-67-66-70—270 -10  
 Charles Howell III (21), \$33,569  
 67-68-69-67—271 -9  
 Wesley Bryan (21), \$33,569  
 68-66-70-67—271 -9  
 Stewart Cink (21), \$33,569  
 70-64-69-68—271 -9  
 Tony Finau (21), \$33,569  
 70-67-67-67—271 -9  
 Nicholas Lindheim (21), \$33,569  
 66-70-67-68—271 -9  
 Rory Sabbatini (21), \$33,569  
 71-65-65-70—271 -9  
 Xander Schauffele (21), \$33,569  
 68-64-72-67—271 -9  
 Ryan Armour (14), \$23,560  
 67-67-67-71—272 -8  
 Dominic Bozzelli (14), \$23,560  
 70-67-67-68—272 -8  
 Keegan Bradley (14), \$23,560  
 70-68-67-67—272 -8  
 Corey Conners (14), \$23,560  
 70-66-67-69—272 -8  
 Matt Jones (14), \$23,560  
 67-68-68-69—272 -8  
 Nate Lashley (14), \$23,560  
 68-67-66-71—272 -8  
 Jonathan Randolph (14), \$23,560  
 69-68-69-66—272 -8  
 Adam Schenk (14), \$23,560  
 70-65-69-68—272 -8  
 Marc Leishman (9), \$15,925  
 68-66-71-68—273 -7  
 John Peterson (9), \$15,925  
 66-64-74-69—273 -7  
 Roberto Diaz (9), \$15,925  
 70-67-70-66—273 -7  
 Emiliano Grillo (9), \$15,925  
 68-67-67-67—273 -7  
 Jason Kokrak (9), \$15,925  
 67-70-68-68—273 -7  
 Conrad Shindler (9), \$15,925  
 66-72-67-68—273 -7  
 J.J. Spaun (9), \$15,925  
 67-70-70-66—273 -7  
 Shugo Imahira, \$14,198  
 67-71-70-66—274 -6  
 Stephan Jaeger (6), \$14,198  
 68-70-70-66—274 -6  
 Seamus Power (6), \$14,198  
 68-68-71-67—274 -6  
 Hudson Swafford (6), \$14,198  
 68-66-73-67—274 -6  
 Brian Gay (5), \$13,578  
 70-68-67-70—275 -5  
 Lanto Griffin (5), \$13,578  
 67-70-66-72—275 -5  
 Si Woo Kim (5), \$13,578  
 67-71-70-67—275 -5  
 Ryan Palmer (5), \$13,578  
 71-64-71-69—275 -5  
 Sam Ryder (5), \$13,578  
 68-70-68-69—275 -5  
 Tyrone Van Aswegen (5), \$13,578  
 68-68-69-70—275 -5  
 Harris English (4), \$13,144  
 69-65-70-72—276 -4  
 Scott Brown (4), \$12,958  
 69-67-66-75—277 -3  
 William McGirt (4), \$12,958  
 66-72-72-67—277 -3  
 Blayne Barber (4), \$12,710  
 68-69-72-69—278 -2  
 John Oda, \$12,710  
 68-70-69-71—278 -2  
 Steve Allan, \$12,338  
 68-70-72-69—279 -1  
 Colt Knost (3), \$12,338  
 68-70-73-68—279 -1  
 Andrew Putnam (3), \$12,338  
 71-66-71-71—279 -1  
 Kevin Tway (3), \$12,338  
 71-66-71-71—279 -1  
 Joel Dahmen (3), \$11,966  
 68-70-74-68—280 E  
 D.A. Points (3), \$11,966  
 68-70-72-70—280 E  
 Matt Every (3), \$11,780  
 65-71-71-74—281 +1  
 Vaughn Taylor (2), \$11,656  
 64-73-72-73—282 +2

TRANSACTIONS

**BASEBALL**  
**National League**  
**PITTSBURGH PIRATES** — Designated INF Engelb Vielma and RHP Shane Carle for assignment.  
**WASHINGTON NATIONALS** — Agreed to terms with OF Howie Kendrick on a two-year contract.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION**  
**KANSAS CITY T-BONES** — Signed RHP Luis Paula.  
**LINCOLN SALTDOGS** — Signed RHP Dimitri Kouritis.  
**SIoux CITY EXPLORERS** — Released INF Joe Bennie.  
**SIoux FALLS CANARIES** — Signed OF Dan Motl.  
**WINNIPEG GOLDFEYES** — Signed RHPs Jordan Wellander and Zach Hartman and LHP Josh Tols.

**Can-Am League**  
**OTTAWA CHAMPIONS** — Signed RHPs Noah Gapp and Bobby St. Pierre.  
**SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS** — Signed C Luis Alen.

**Frontier League**  
**GATEWAY GRIZZLIES** — Signed INF Culver Plant.  
**LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS** — Signed OF Sean Hurley to a contract extension.  
**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS** — Signed OF Chris Scura.

**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
**ATLANTA HAWKS** — Signed F Andrew White III to a two-way contract.  
**LOS ANGELES LAKERS** — Signed G Gary Payton II to a two-way contract.

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
**CLEVELAND BROWNS** — Signed TE Gavin Escobar to a reserve/futures contract.  
**TENNESSEE TITANS** — Mutually agreed to part ways with coach Mike Mularkey. Signed CB Jeremy Boykins, WR Darius Jennings, S Denzel Johnson, OL Tyler Marz, DE Johnny Maxey, WR Zach Pascal, TE Tim Semisch, DE Julius Warmsley, OL Cody Wichmann and DL Antwaun Woods to reserve/futures contracts.

**Canadian Football League**  
**EDMONTON ESKIMOS** — Signed QB Kevin Glenn.

**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
**CALGARY FLAMES** — Reassigned LWS Ryan Lomberg and Marek Hrivik and Andrew Mangiapane to Stockton (AHL).  
**DETROIT RED WINGS** — Reassigned F Zach Nastasiuk to Grand Rapids (AHL) from the Toledo (ECHL).  
**LAS VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS** — Signed D Deryk Engelland to a one-year contract extension through the 2018-19 season.  
**NASHVILLE PREDATORS** — Recalled G Juse Saros from Milwaukee (AHL). Reassigned G Anders Lindback to Milwaukee.  
**ST. LOUIS BLUES** — Recalled F Tague Thompson from San Antonio (NBAHL).

**American Hockey League**  
**GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS** — Recalled F Luke Esposito from Toledo (ECHL).

**COLLEGE**  
**BIG 12 CONFERENCE** — Fined Texas Tech \$25,000 and reprimanded West Virginia forward Wes Harris for hitting a fan who joined thousands of others in storming the court during a postgame celebration on Jan. 13.

USC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Nared leads No. 6 Tennessee to 86-70 win over No. 10 USC

BY PETE IACOBELLI

AP Sports Writer

COLUMBIA — The first loss of the season, a fogged-in airport at home on the return from Texas A&M and a long bus ride back to campus — all of the adversity from Thursday night weighed on Tennessee coach Holly Warlick.

"How are we going to handle it?" she thought.

The Lady Vols handled it very well.

Jaime Nared had 19 points, Evina Westbrook scored all her 16 points in the second half and Mercedes Russell added 16 points and 12 rebounds to lift No. 6 Tennessee to an 86-70 win Sunday over No. 10 South Carolina, which played without injured All-American A'ja Wilson.

Tennessee (16-1, 4-1 Southeastern Conference) rallied from a late deficit to lead Texas A&M on Thursday night before a series of mistakes by Westbrook in overtime — two turnovers and fouling a three-point shooter — led to the 79-76 defeat. The journey home became even longer when the Knoxville airport was fogged in and the team's flight was rerouted to Nashville.

But Warlick saw two solid practices in preparation for the defending national champs and was confident her team would bounce back. She didn't have to worry about talented freshman Westbrook, either, who went 6 for 8 in the third and fourth quarters as Tennessee built an 18-point lead, then held on after the Gamecocks cut it to four midway through the final period.

"All my teammates, every single one, had my back," Westbrook said. "I had to learn from it, move on and on to the next one."

Russell, the 6-foot-6 senior starter, said she and Nared let their young teammate know that everyone makes mistakes and that Westbrook needed to shake it off and get ready for South Carolina. "You can't get it back so forget about it," Russell said. "Do the best that you can moving forward."

South Carolina (14-3, 3-2) might apply the same lesson. It has lost two of its past three games and had not been beaten so badly at home in the SEC since Tennessee did it (73-53) on Jan. 3, 2013, in Warlick's first league contest as head coach.

SPORTS ITEMS

SHS boys B team still undefeated

The Sumter High School boys B basketball team remained undefeated on the season with a pair of victories in the Sumter JV/B Tournament on Saturday at the SHS gymnasium.

The Gamecocks, who are 7-0 on the season, defeated Westwood 32-29 in their first game. Myles Capers had 10 points, Deshawn McKnight had six and Cameron Dinkins had five. Sumter defeated Oceanside Collegiate 42-3

# SHAW

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was something that I knew I was eventually going to want to do.

I'm looking forward to it. The effect coaches can have on young men, especially at the college level. They are away from home, away from their parents, for the first time. You have a chance to teach them great life lessons. It's something I'm looking forward to."

The door on playing in the National Football League had not completely shut on Shaw either. An assistant coach with whom Shaw had worked in both Cleveland and Chicago had just been hired by the Miami Dolphins and there was speculation that perhaps Shaw would get another opportunity.

"He knew I was interviewing for a coaching job," Shaw said. "I did have a chance to be on a roster with a West Coast team, but it was just the right time for me to move."

So Shaw is left to remember what was an outstanding career in Columbia. Shaw made his first start in the 2011 season opener against East Carolina, needing to be bailed out by previous starter Stephen Garcia. However, Garcia lost

the job by the middle of the season and was eventually kicked off the team.

Shaw completed 480 of 733 passes — a 65.5 completion percentage — for his career for 6,074 yards and 56 touchdowns against just 16 interceptions. As a senior, Shaw threw 24 TD passes with just one interception.

Shaw rushed for 1,683 yards and 17 touchdowns. He had 567 yards and six scores as a senior.

"I don't know if I envisioned what happened, but I definitely had high expectations," Shaw said. "I had an opportunity to do a lot of things first."

Shaw said the opportunity work with then USC head coach Steve Spurrier made him into the quarterback he was when he graduated.

"That was one of the reasons I wanted to go play for Coach Spurrier, to learn how to play quarterback," he said. "(Quarterbacks coach) GA Mangus was a great coach and helped me grow as a quarterback in things like how to recognize defenses.

"The memories I made at South Carolina, Cleveland and Chicago, being able to work with Coach Spurrier, the lessons I learned on the field and off the field, will always be with me."



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Connor Shaw (14), the winningest quarterback in school history at South Carolina and now an assistant at Furman, will be the guest speaker at the Sumter Touchdown Club banquet on Thursday at Central Carolina Technical College.

# WILKINS

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was next at 8.5. Wilkins had five sacks while Lawrence had two.

Also back for the Tigers is linebacker Kendall Joseph, a junior considered a mid-round selection. He led Clemson with 90 tackles this fall.

After Wilkins' announcement, Bryant posted on Twitter, "We backkkkkkk."

Clemson lone defensive early entrant is starting safety Van Smith. The defense also loses two starting seniors in linebacker Dorian O'Daniel and cornerback Ryan Carter.

The Tigers did lose a few offensive players to the draft, most notably junior receivers Deon Cain and Ray-Ray McCloud. Offensive lineman Taylor Hearn, a fourth-year junior, also declared for the NFL draft.

Wilkins seemed the most likely defensive lineman to leave early. He graduated this past December and took part in senior day ceremonies against the Citadel on Nov. 18.

The trend at Clemson was vastly different than two years ago when five players on defense, including first-round selection in defensive end Shaq Lawson, left early for the NFL.

Clemson did not stand still in recruiting lineman either, adding highly re-



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The Clemson football program is celebrating since All-American defensive tackle Christian Wilkins (42) announced on Monday he will return for his senior season.

garded defensive ends in Xavier Thomas of Bradenton, Florida, and K.J. Henry of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

The Tigers also return defensive coordinator Brent Venables, whose

name came up in several coaching searches but ultimately remained at Clemson where he's led the defense for the last six years.

Clemson finished 12-2 this season, winning its

third straight Atlantic Coast Conference championship. It reached the College Football Playoff for a third consecutive season, but fell to ultimate national champion Alabama, 24-6, in the Sugar Bowl.

# STREAK

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college basketball powerhouse today when it plays host to No. 21 Kentucky at Colonial Life Arena. The game begins at 9 p.m. and will be televised on ESPN.

The Gamecocks kept alive their hopes of staying in the mix for the Southeastern Conference title with a 64-57 road victory over Georgia on Saturday. USC snapped a 3-game road losing streak, improving to 11-6 overall and 2-3 in conference action.

The Wildcats are 14-3 overall and 4-1 in the SEC. They are coming off a 74-67 triumph over Vanderbilt on Saturday.

UK has five players aver-

aging in double figures. Kevin Knox's 14.2 points-per-game average leads Kentucky. Hamidou Diallo is at 13.8, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander at 12.4, PJ Washington at

11.0 and Quade Green at 10.7. Chris Silva leads USC in both scoring and rebounding at 15.3 points and 7.6 rebounds, respectively. Frank Booker is averaging 12 points and Hassani Gravett is at 10.6.

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# VIKINGS

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home turf.

"I believe anything is possible at any moment, as you can see what happened yesterday," Rhodes said.

Such an emotional ending carries the potential to distract from preparation for and focus on the next game at Philadelphia, when the winner's high will be worn off and the Vikings will be in an unfriendly stadium without the advantages and comforts of their own place.

They wouldn't have advanced this far without an unassuming attitude, though, so they were quick on Monday to dismiss the danger of savoring the moment too long.

"I think it took a little bit longer yesterday to probably get over it, but, no, today I think guys are ready," Thielen said. "We know how tough this game's going to be for us, and we know that we still have a long ways to go."

For those anxiously and impatiently long-waiting fans of one of the NFL's most agonized franchises, the victory on Sunday was evidence that whatever curse existed in their minds might no longer be relevant.

Sure, most of these players endured the missed 27-yard field-goal try by Blair Walsh in the closing seconds of the wild-card round defeat two years ago against Seattle.

Defensive end Brian Robinson, at least, was on the 2009 team that lost in overtime at New Orleans in the NFC championship game.

Except for Thielen and the handful of Minnesota natives on the roster, though, those crushing losses of the past that helped shape Vikings lore have not been a part of this team's experience, let alone the lives of most of the players.

"We're not playing to make up for anything," Thielen said. "We're just playing to win football games."

To beat the Eagles, the Vikings have some more work to do. They won't have the crowd noise or the fast surface, for one.

They'll have to face a defense just as strong if not stronger than the Saints. That's why coach Mike Zimmer, who let his guard down during an uncharacteristically playful post-game news conference, was all business at the podium inside the team's practice facility on Monday.

"We can't make these mistakes in playoff games or we'll be going home," Zimmer said. "There's always good and always bad in some of the games, but we made some critical errors in that game that could have gotten us beat."

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## TENNIS

## Venus, Stephens out in Melbourne

BY JOHN PYE  
AP Sports Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — U.S. Open champion Sloane Stephens was first to go, followed quickly by last year's Australian Open runner-up, Venus Williams.

CoCo Vandeweghe went out next as things really started to go crazy for the U.S. women, who eventually lost nine out of 10 first-round matches on a bleak opening day of the Australian Open.

Four months after American women filled all four semifinal spots at the U.S. Open — for the

first time in 36 years — three of them are out of contention at the next Grand Slam.

Monday's major let-down was compounded when eighth-seeded Jack Sock and No. 16 John Isner joined the procession of U.S. first-round losers.

In her first match at Rod Laver Arena since a vintage run in 2017 ended in a championship loss to sister Serena, Venus Williams lost her opener to Belinda Bencic 6-3, 7-5 to ensure the title won't stay in the family.

Serena Williams hasn't played a Grand Slam

tournament since winning her 23rd major in Australia last year because of her pregnancy and the birth of her first child.

Fifth-seeded Venus was considered a serious contender in her 77th major to break a Grand Slam title drought dating back to 2008.

Bencic, who had never taken a set off Venus in four previous matches and had lost to Serena in the first round last year, had other ideas.

"I think I had a little bit too much respect, played a little bit careful and safe," Bencic said of her

four previous losses to Venus. "This time I really tried to come out and hit it big."

Bencic saved five break points in the eighth game before a rain delay caused an almost half-hour suspension of play as the roof was closed on Rod Laver Arena. She returned on a roll, winning the next six points to clinch the first set, and then dominated the second.

Venus had 26 unforced errors and 22 winners, and said she didn't get the luck of the draw by having to play somebody who has been ranked as high as No. 7.



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Belinda Bencic celebrates winning a point over Venus Williams during their first-round match in the Australian Open on Monday, tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia, on Monday. Bencic won 6-3, 7-5.

## OBITUARIES

## DR. ISAAC C. JOE SR.

BISHOPVILLE — Former educator, state representative and funeral director Dr. Isaac C. Joe Sr., 102, peacefully passed on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, at his home in Bishopville.

Born in Lee County, he was a son of the late Wiley and Minnie Hannibal Joe. He was further raised by his father's second wife, the late Annie Brown Cain Joe.



JOE

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife of 70 years, Blanche V. Joe; three grandchildren, Veronica Joe of Charlotte, North Carolina, Sommer Joe of Columbia, Maryland, and Christopher Joe of Hyattsville, Maryland; one great-grandchild, Autumn Myers; one sister, Inez Joe of Bishopville; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Public viewing will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. today at Square Deal Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Wednesday at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, 510 Manville Wisacky Road, Bishopville, with the Rev. Yancy Martin, pastor, and the Rev. Darren P. Dixon, eulogist. Interment will follow at St. Mark Memorial Garden.

Online condolences can be sent to the family at [esquaredealfun@sc.rr.com](mailto:esquaredealfun@sc.rr.com).

These services have been entrusted to Square Deal Funeral Home, 106 McIntosh St., Bishopville.

## JOSEPH R. MORRIS

Joseph Ralph Morris, 91, widower of Earline Owens Morris, died on Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, at a local nursing facility.

Born on June 28, 1926, in Turbeville, he was a son of the late Sidney Richard Morris Sr. and Josephine Holladay Morris. Mr. Morris attended Olive Grove Freewill Baptist Church. He retired from Korn Industries after more than 40 years of service.

Survivors include one daughter, Rose Morris of Sumter; one son-in-law, James Lyles of Sumter; two grandsons, Jim Lyles (Susie) and Joey Lyles (Laura), both of Sumter; three great-grandchildren, Courtney, Madison and Wesley Lyles; and one brother, Richard Morris Jr. of Sumter.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Lyles; and five siblings, David, Margie, Ada Belle, Faye and Ray.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Monday at Freedom Worship Pentecostal Holiness Church. The Rev. Carl Lavender and the Rev. Brandon Chan officiated. Burial was at Pine Grove United Methodist Church Cemetery in Turbeville.

Pallbearers were Joey Lyles, Carroll Cole, Jimmy Cole, Steve Morris, Jimmy Rogers Jr. and David Springs.

The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and will receive friends other times at the home of his son-in-law.

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

the arrangements.

## DEBRA ANN ARDIS

Debra Ann Ardis, 62, died on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence.

Born on July 17, 1955, in Sumter County, she was a daughter of the late Norman E. Ardis Sr. and Elizabeth Davis Ardis. Ms. Ardis was a member of Grace Baptist Church. She retired from the City of Sumter Police Department after more than 21 years of dedicated service to the community.

Survivors include a brother, Norman Ardis (Margaret) of Sumter; two sisters, Jean Ardis Logan (Michael) of Lynchburg and Betty Ardis Dannhardt of Lake Wells, Florida; and two nieces, Jodie Richardson (Joey) of Land O' Lakes, Florida, and Mandy M. Logan-Hicks of Lynchburg.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, James A. "Jimmy" Ardis and W. Richard "Ricky" Ardis.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Steve Williams officiating. Burial will be at Sumter Cemetery.

The Sumter Police Department Honor Guard will serve as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Grace Baptist Church, 219 W. Calhoun St., Sumter, SC 29150.

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

## DEAN L. COLLINS JR.

Dean Lamar Collins Jr., 50, died on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, at Palmetto Health Richland in Columbia.

Born in Sumter, he was a son of Patricia Wilkes Shipman and Herb Shipman and the late Bobby Collins. Mr. Collins attended Midway Baptist Church. He was an avid outdoorsman. He especially enjoyed hunting and fishing, never missing an opportunity to spend a day with his brother doing those things.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather of Sumter; one brother, Shawn Collins of Sumter; and one sister, Shenay Galloway of Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday at the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Tony Griffin and the Rev. Raymond Tobias officiating.

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

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

## MARY BROWN

Mary "Dump" Brown was born on May 9, 1928, in Sumter, a daughter of the late George Murray Sr. and Martha "Mac" Patterson Murray. Her mother passed away when she was very young and she was affectionately raised by her father and stepmother, the late Daisy Smith Murray.

Mary received her educa-

tion in the public schools of Sumter. At an early age, she joined Wayman Chapel AME Church, where she faithfully served as a member of the Senior Usher Board, Stewardess Board 3 and the Sweet Heart Burgess Missionary Society. Mary was united in holy matrimony to the late Thomas Brown Sr. and within this union they reared five children. For more than 20 years, Mary worked for Sumter School District 2, serving as a cook at Shaw Heights Elementary and Oakland Primary Schools and later as a custodian at Furman High School, until her retirement.

Mary's favorite pastimes were cooking and gardening. Due to her ability to revive sickly flowers that were brought to her by many in the community, she acquired the name "Flower Doctor." Preparing meals for family and friends was her greatest pleasure. The highlight of her week was attending the DeLaine Community Center Senior Program, where she attended Bible study, served on the kitchen committee, played her favorite game of bingo and participated in the annual senior games in which she won numerous awards to include winning first place in the basketball competition for numerous years.

Mary's life's purpose was to be of service to others. She gave unselfishly and loved wholeheartedly. Her living was not in vain because she helped many people along the way. Through her dedication, honor, compassion and generosity, Mary made a difference and impacted many lives.

Mary transitioned peacefully into eternal rest on Jan. 10, 2018, at her residence in Sumter.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories: two sons, Herman (Frances) Brown and Thomas Brown Jr., both of Sumter; acknowledged son, the Rev. Charlie S. Howard of Sumter; a granddaughter, whom she raised, SaRoni Brown (Perry) Loyd; a daughter-in-law, Janie Brown of Sumter; a brother, Sammie Anderson of Wedgefield; a sister-in-law, Wilhemenia Anderson; four grandchildren; three grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and close friends.

In addition to her parents and spouse, Mary was preceded in death by two sons, Lewis Brown and Henry Brown; two grandsons, Orlando Brown and Farion Brown; five brothers and five sisters.

Public viewing will held from 1 to 6 p.m. today at Job's Mortuary

Ms. Brown will be placed in the church at noon on Wednesday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at Wayman AME Church, 160 N. Kings Highway, Sumter, with Pastor Dennis Broughton Jr. officiating. Interment will follow at Wayman Chapel AME Church Cemetery.

The family will be receiving friends at the home, 6060 Lost Creek Drive, Sumter.

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

Online memorials may be sent to the family at [jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com](mailto:jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com) or visit us on

the web at [www.jobsmortuary.net](http://www.jobsmortuary.net).

## LAWRENCE B. WILSON

GABLE — Lawrence Bishop Wilson, 65, died on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018.

He was a son of the late Bishop Wilson and Ella Peterson Wilson.

Memorial services for Mr. Wilson will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Melina Presbyterian Church, 3539 Black River Road, Gable, with the Rev. Samuel Sparks, pastor, officiating, the Rev. Carnell Hampton presiding and Elder Dr. Willie Witherspoon, the Rev. Albertus Smiling and the Rev. Friendly Gadson assisting.

The family is receiving friends at the family home, 2758 Ceil McFadden Road, Gable.

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

## DAVID BRIGGS

David Briggs, 91, departed this life on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018, at his residence.

He was born in Mayesville, a son of the late Frank and Lizzie Belser Briggs.

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

## EVENLYINA PRINGLE-COLE

Evenlyina Pringle-Cole, 80, widow of Arthur Cole, departed this life on Monday, Jan. 15, 2018, at her residence.

She was born on May 23, 1937, a daughter of the late Rule and Flossie Anderson Pringle.

The family will be receiving friends at her home, 380 Wilson St., Mayesville, SC 29104.

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

## JARVIS O. RUSH

Jarvis O. Rush, 34, departed this life on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018.

He was born on Aug. 22, 1983, a son of James and Naomi W. White.

The family will be receiving friends at his home, 130 W. Patricia Drive, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

## JAMES C. PETERS

James C. "Jim" Peters, 97, widower of Elsie M. "Ellie" Peters, died on Monday, Jan. 15, 2018, at Covenant Place.

Services will be announced by Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter.

## FRANCES W. LONEY

REMBERT — Frances W. Loney, age 65, departed this life on Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, in Rembert.

She was born on April 3, 1952, in Sumter County, to the late Marion T. and Leola Miller Sanders.

The family is receiving friends at 4256 Furman Field Road, Rembert.

Services will be announced later by Whites Mortuary LLC.

## VINCENT A. PHILLIPS JR.

Vincent A. Phillips Jr., 73, husband of Ruby Cabbage-stalk Phillips, died on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on Dec. 31, 1944, in New York, he was a son of the late Earl and Louise Fleming.

The family is receiving family and friends at the home, 7245 Harvest Road, Rembert.

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

## JEAN LEE ANGLE

Jean Lee Angle, age 57, beloved wife of 35 years to John Edward Angle, died on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Mrs. Angle was born in South Korea. She will be remembered as a beloved wife and mother of her two sons.

Surviving in addition to her husband are her two sons, Brian Angle and his wife, Keiko, of Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, and James Angle of South Korea; a sister, Yi Ok Gum of South Korea; and one grandchild, Lilan Angle.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Hansam Korean Church, 5843 Arthur Road, Sumter, SC 29154 with Pastor Lee officiating. Interment will be held at 1 p.m. at Fort Jackson National Cemetery.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



## JAMES A. NELSON

On Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, at the Loretto Nursing Home, Syracuse, New York, our merciful Father saw that his son, James Arthur "Rambo" Nelson, was tired and he dispatched his angels to bring him home. Born on Aug. 24, 1952, in Sumter, he was a son of James and Lillie Nelson. In 1957, the family relocated to Brooklyn, New York, where James completed his education in the New York City School System. He gained employment with the New York City Housing Authority, where he worked for many years until he relocated to Syracuse after failing health.

As a boy, James' parents brought him and his siblings to First Baptist Church of Brownsville, where he was baptized in the early 1960s. He leaves to cherish his memory: his parents, James and Lillie Nelson; sister, Arleen N. Clark (Edward); eight children; 10 grandchildren; three aunts, Castelia Wilson, Lucille Rogers and Wilhelminda Sanders; one niece, Melissa; one nephew, Brian (Ashley); a host of cousins, family members and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel, Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter. Interment will be at Mount Moriah Memorial Gardens, 1379 Swimming Pen Road, Mayesville. Services directed by the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at [williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com](mailto:williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com). Visit us on the web at [www.WilliamsFuneralHomeInc.com](http://www.WilliamsFuneralHomeInc.com).

| SP                    | FT | 7 PM | 7:30 | 8 PM   | 8:30  | 9 PM  | 9:30  | 10 PM   | 10:30   | 11 PM  | 11:30                                | 12 AM                             |
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| <b>LOCAL CHANNELS</b> |    |      |      |  |   |   |   |   |   |  |                                      |                                   |
| WIS                   | 10 | 3    | 10   | WIS News 10 at 7 (N)   | Entertainment Tonight (N)   | Ellen's Game of Games "Just Keep Spinning" You Bet Your Wife; Dizzy Dash. (N)   | This Is Us "Cloonery" Kate shops for a wedding dress. (N)                                 | (:01) Chicago Med "Over Troubled Water" A baby is born with an addiction. (N) (DVS) | WIS News 10 at 11 (N)   | (:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon "Chris Hemsworth; Carrie Brownstein; Caitlyn Smith" (N) |                                      |                                   |
| WLTX                  | 19 | 9    | 9    | News 19 at 7pm (N)   | Inside Edition (N)  | NCIS "Pandora's Box, Part I" Abby is found to possess a real bomb. (DVS)  | NCIS: New Orleans "Pandora's Box, Part II" A search for the terror playbook ensues. (DVS) | Bull "A Business of Favors" A fraternity pledge dies during hazing. (DVS)           | News 19 at 11pm (N)   | (:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Jon Bon Jovi; Daniel Kaluuya. (N)                           |                                      |                                   |
| WOLO                  | 25 | 5    | 12   | Wheel of Fortune "Wheel Around the World" (N)  | Jeopardy! (N)   | The Middle Frankie searches for a new passion. (N)  | Fresh Off the Boat Louis asks Marvin for guidance. (N)                                    | blackish A campaign focusing on "the talk." (N)                                     | Modern Family Jay's friend Shorty visits. (N)                     | Kevin (Probably) Saves the World "Caught White-Handed" Kevin's plan backfires. (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 "Black Like Me" Bryant Gumbel; Tonya Lewis-Lee.  | American Experience "The Secret of Tuxedo Park" Alfred Lee Loomis. (N) (DVS)  | Frontline "Rape on the Night Shift" Allegations of abuse of women.                        | Amanpour on PBS (N)   | BBC World News  | NHK Newsline   |                                      |                                   |
| WACH                  | 57 | 6    | 6    | The Big Bang Theory "The Fuzzy Boots Corollary"  | Lethal Weapon "Better Living Through Chemistry" A patient of Dr. Cahill's is murdered. (N) (DVS)  | LA to Vegas While absent, a rival covers for Dave. (N)  | The Mick The gang spends a weekend in Manhattan. (N)                                      | WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)  | Sports Zone   | DailyMailTV (N)  | TMZ (N)                              |                                   |
| WKTC                  | 63 | 4    | 22   | Last Man Standing "Renaming Boyd's School"   | The Flash "The Trial of The Flash" Barry's murder trial begins. (N)   | Black Lightning "The Resurrection" (Series Premiere) Jefferson Pierce must fight crime again. (N)   | The X-Files "Piper Maru" Bizarre illness strikes divers. (Part 1 of 2)                    | The X-Files "Apocrypha" Agents study radiation disease. (Part 2 of 2)               | The Game Derwin and Melanie's relationship.                       |  |                                      |                                   |
| <b>CABLE CHANNELS</b> |    |      |      |  |   |   |   |   |   |  |                                      |                                   |
| A&E                   | 46 | 130  | 130  | Intervention Zac's intervention could be undermined.   | Intervention: Inside the Heroin Triangle The Heroin Triangle's reach expands.   | Intervention New strategy for a triple intervention. (N)  | Undercover High "Race to the Finish" First big event of the spring semester.              | (:08) Undercover High Seven adults portray high schoolers.                          | Intervention: Inside the Heroin Triangle                          |  |                                      |                                   |
| AMC                   | 48 | 180  | 180  | (5:30) ** "Demolition Man" (1993) Sylvester Stallone.  | ** "Above the Law" (1988, Action) Steven Seagal, Pam Grier, Henry Silva. A CIA-sponsored drug cartel is uncovered by a Chicago cop.                 | ** "Under Siege" (1992, Action) Steven Seagal, Tommy Lee Jones, Gary Busey. A Navy cook thwarts a plot to hijack a battleship.                  |   |   |   |  |                                      |                                   |
| ANPL                  | 41 | 100  | 100  | River Monsters "Deep Sea Demon"  | River Monsters "South Pacific Terrors"  | River Monsters "Face Ripper" Deadly predator in a Bolivian river.   | River Monsters "Alaskan Horror"   | River Monsters  |   |  |                                      |                                   |
| BET                   | 61 | 162  | 162  | (:05) ** "Tyler Perry's Good Deeds" in love with a struggling single mother.   | (2012, Drama) Tyler Perry, Thandie Newton, Gabrielle Union. A wealthy businessman falls in love with a struggling single mother.                    | ** "This Christmas" (2007, Comedy-Drama) Delroy Lindo, Idris Elba, Loretta Devine. A reunion at the holidays tests family ties.                 |   |   |   |  |                                      |                                   |
| BRAVO                 | 47 | 181  | 181  | The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills "Bad Guys" Erika revisits her past.   | The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills Lisa Rinna and Erika fly to Tokyo. (N)   | The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills Erika is shaken by news. (N)   | Stripped (N)  | Watch What Happens Live   | The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills Erika is shaken by news.     |  |                                      |                                   |
| CNBC                  | 35 | 84   | 84   | Shark Tank   | Shark Tank  | Shark Tank (DVS)  | The Profit "JD Custom Designs" (N)  | Shark Tank A unique dating service.   | Shark Tank  |  |                                      |                                   |
| CNN                   | 3  | 80   | 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  | 136  | (6:50) South Park "Handicar"   | (:25) South Park "South Park Animat-ed. Idol."  | Drunk History "Miami"   | Drunk History "New Orleans"   | Drunk History "Siblings"  | Drunk History "Inventors"   | The Daily Show With Trevor Noah  | The Opposition w/ Jordan Klepper (N) | (12:01) The Office "The Alliance" |
| DISN                  | 18 | 200  | 200  | Bunk'd   | Raven's Home  | K.C. Undercover (N) (DVS)   | Bizaardvark   | Bizaardvark   | Jessie  | The Daily Show With Trevor Noah  | Stuck in the Middle                  | K.C. Undercover                   |
| DSC                   | 42 | 103  | 103  | Moonshiners: Outlaw Cuts (N)   | Moonshiners (N)   | Moonshiners "Skins in the Game" (N)   | Tesla's Death Ray: A Murder   | (:02) Moonshiners "Skins in the Game"   | Street  |  |                                      |                                   |
| ESPN                  | 26 | 35   | 35   | College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)   | College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)  | 2018 Australian Open Tennis Second Round. From Melbourne, Australia. (N) (Live)   |   |   |   |  |                                      |                                   |
| ESPN2                 | 27 | 39   | 39   | College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)   | College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)  |   |   |   |   |  |                                      |                                   |
| FOOD                  | 40 | 109  | 109  | Chopped "Amateurs Redemption"  | Chopped "Gimme Gator"   | Chopped "The Beets Go On"   | Chopped "Gold Medal Games: Fast!"   | Chopped "Snap Pea to It!"   | Chopped   |  |                                      |                                   |
| FOXN                  | 37 | 90   | 90   | The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)  | Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)  | Hannity (N)   | The Ingraham Angle (N)  | Tucker Carlson  |   |  |                                      |                                   |
| FREE                  | 20 | 131  | 131  | (5:30) **** "Finding Nemo" (2003) Voices of Albert Brooks.   | The Fosters "Invisible" Multiple suitors court Mariana. (N)   | (:01) *** "The Lion King" (1994) Voices of Matthew Broderick, Jeremy Irons. Animated. The son of a king battles treachery to claim his destiny. | The 700 Club People experience God's blessings.   | "Another Cinderella Story" (2008)   |   |  |                                      |                                   |
| FSS                   | 21 | 47   | 47   | Triathlon From October, 2016.  | Running   | Cycling   | Xterra World Championship   | MLK Jr. Sports Legacy   | RMG's Hydro Zone  | Future Phenoms   | Power of Sports                      |                                   |
| HALL                  | 52 | 183  | 183  | Full House   | Full House  | Full House "Lust in the Dust"   | Full House "Bye, Bye, Birdie"   | The Middle  | The Middle "The Big Chill"  | The Golden Girls "Older and Wiser"   | The Golden Girls "Melodrama"         | The Golden Girls                  |
| HGTV                  | 39 | 112  | 112  | Fixer Upper  | Fixer Upper   | Fixer Upper (N)   | Restored Fords  | House Hunters (N)   | House Hunters   | Hunters Int'l  | Fixer Upper                          |                                   |
| HIST                  | 45 | 110  | 110  | The Curse of Oak Island  | Oak Island: Digging Deeper  | The Curse of Oak Island (N)   | (:03) Hunting Hitler (N) (DVS)  | (:03) The Curse of Oak Island   | Digging Deeper  |  |                                      |                                   |
| ION                   | 13 | 18   | 18   | Criminal Minds "Surface Tension" A hieroglyph is found on a deceased man.  | Criminal Minds "A Good Husband" Un-identifiable male bodies are found.  | Criminal Minds "Spencer" A BAU member gets in trouble in Mexico.  | Criminal Minds "Alpha Male" An attacker disfigures people with acid.                      | Criminal Minds "In the Dark" Two unsub may be working the same city.                | Criminal Minds "Unforgettable"                                    |  |                                      |                                   |
| LIFE                  | 50 | 145  | 145  | Married at First Sight "Wedding Prep" Wedding preparations begin.  | Married at First Sight "Weddings"   | Married at First Sight (N)  | Married at First Sight Wedding night for the newlyweds. (N)                               | (:02) This Time Next Year An accident victim wants to walk again.                   | (:02) This Time Next Year An accident victim wants to walk again. | (12:01) Married at First Sight   |                                      |                                   |
| MSNBC                 | 36 | 92   | 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  | 210  | Paradise Run (N)   | Paradise Run (N)  | *** "Megamind" (2010, Children's) Voices of Will Ferrell, Brad Pitt.  | Fresh Prince  | Fresh Prince  | Friends   | Friends  | Friends                              |                                   |
| SPIKE                 | 64 | 153  | 153  | Friends  | Friends   | Ink Master "Pick Your Side"   | Ink Master "Fill'er Up" (N)   | ** "National Treasure" (2004) Nicolas Cage.   |   |  |                                      |                                   |
| SYFY                  | 58 | 152  | 152  | (6:00) ** "Spider-Man 3" (2007, Action) Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, James Franco. Peter Parker falls under the influence of his dark side. | *** "Twister" (1996, Action) Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton, Cary Elwes. Storm chasers race to test a new tornado-monitoring device.                       | *** "The Heiress" (1949, Drama) Olivia de Havilland, Montgomery Clift. A fortune hunter pursues an unattractive but wealthy woman.              | Conan Actor Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson. (N)   | Brooklyn Nine-Nine  |   |  |                                      |                                   |
| TBS                   | 24 | 156  | 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   |  |                                      |                                   |
| TCM                   | 49 | 186  | 186  | (5:45) *** "Silk Stockings" (1957) Fred Astaire, Cyd Charisse.   | *** "The Age of Innocence" (1993, Drama) Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer, Winona Ryder. A lawyer falls under the spell of his fiancée's cousin. | (:03) I Am Jazz "Resisting Temptation"  | (:05) My Big Fat Fabulous Life "Big Fat Ambush"   |   |   |  |                                      |                                   |
| TLC                   | 43 | 157  | 157  | (:02) My Big Fat Fabulous Life (N)   | My Big Fat Fabulous Life Whitney joins up with Avi's other ex. (N)  | *** "A Few Good Men" (1992, Drama) Tom Cruise. A Navy lawyer defends two Marines in a comrade's death.  |   |   |   |  |                                      |                                   |
| TNT                   | 23 | 158  | 158  | Bones "The Movie in the Making" A documentary crew follows the team.   | *** "Transformers" (2007, Action) Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth.                                 |   |   |   |   |  |                                      |                                   |
| TRUTV                 | 38 | 129  | 129  | Impractical Jokers   | Impractical Jokers  | Impractical Jokers  | Impractical Jokers  | Impractical Jokers  | Impractical Jokers  | Impractical Jokers   | Impractical Jokers                   | Hack My Life                      |
| TV LAND               | 55 | 161  | 161  | M*A*S*H  | M*A*S*H   | Love-Raymond  | Love-Raymond  | Love-Raymond  | Love-Raymond  | Teachers   | Mom "Pilot"                          | King of Queens                    |
| USA                   | 25 | 132  | 132  | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Sick" The sexual abuse of a child.  | WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live)   | Law & Order "Blood Money"   | Law & Order "Sun-down"  | Law & Order   |   |  |                                      |                                   |
| WE                    | 68 | 166  | 166  | Law & Order "Justice"  | Law & Order Briscoe and Green feud.   | Law & Order "Patsy"   |   |   |   |  |                                      |                                   |
| WGNA                  | 8  | 172  | 172  | *** "The Departed" (2006) Leonardo DiCaprio. An undercover cop and a criminal lead double lives.   | *** "The Departed" (2006, Crime Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon.   |   |   |   |   |  |                                      |                                   |

# CW's 'Black Lightning' is entertaining, irresistible

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

"Black Lightning" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14) is insane. And I mean that in all the best and most entertaining ways.

Like too much television programming, "Lightning" is based on a comic book. It stars Cress Williams as Jefferson Pierce, the inspiring principal of a charter school and divorced father to two beautiful young daughters, Anissa (Nafessa Williams) and Jennifer (China Anne McClain). A med student, part-time teacher and overall overachiever, Anissa is a little impatient with high-schooler Jennifer, who seems too ready to rebel with liquor, weed and bad boys.

One of those bad boys invites the gang life into Pierce's home and high school, sparking some old feelings in the buttoned-down, Dr. King-quot-ing school administrator.

You see he used to be Black Lightning, a crime-fighting superhero with the ability to channel electricity and exert superhuman strength. But crime fighting took a terrible toll on his body and mind, leading to his divorce from Lynn (Christine Adams), the neurosurgeon mother to his girls, who still holds a torch for her former caped crusader.

"Black Lightning" follows Pierce and family as he falls back into his crime-fighting ways in a fictional all-black city. Along the way, the lurid melodrama begins to integrate

the CW's comic book shelf.

In addition to its comic book pedigree, "Lightning" pays homage to blaxploitation movies of the early 1970s, sporting a soundtrack (not to mention vintage cars) that would not seem out of place in "Super Fly." The somber, reverent use of such songs as Isaac Hayes' extended 1969 take on "Walk on By" propel this ultra-violent confection straight over the top. If "Riverdale" is comic book baroque, then "Black Lightning" is rococo, so filled with extreme flourishes that it frequently threatens to capsize into camp. And that's what makes it so crazy, and, at times, irresistible.

A case of life imitating fiction, the "American Experience" (9 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings) presentation "The Secret of Tuxedo Park" features a brilliant tycoon with a double life, a secret laboratory and a quest for invention that helped turn the tide of war.

With Hitler at his zenith in 1940, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill sent a team of scientists to America to work on the rudiments of radar technology with American scientists, privately funded by Wall Street trader Alfred Lee Loomis. He had already established a private laboratory in Tuxedo Park, a community north of New York City.

Loomis would use his industry connections to combine the resources of industry, the mili-



MARK HILL / THE CW  
Skye P. Marshall, left, stars as Ms. Fowdy and Cress Williams as Jefferson Pierce in "The Resurrection" series premiere episode of "Black Lightning," airing at 9 p.m. today on The CW.

tary and academia. The radar technology developed at the Loomis facility and its offshoot, MIT's "Rad Lab," would prove crucial in the eventual victory over Germany and Japan.

**CULT CHOICE**

Montgomery Clift, Ralph Richardson and Olivia de Havilland star in the 1949 drama "The Heiress" (10:30 p.m., TCM), an adaptation of Henry James' novel "Washington Square."

**TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

• McGee and Torres visit the Crescent City on a cross-

over episode on "NCIS: New Orleans" (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

• Kate goes gown shopping on "This Is Us" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14).

• Fraternity hazing results in death on "Bull" (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

• An addicted newborn

sparks an ethical debate on "Chicago Med" (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14).

• Kevin helps a fellow philanthropist on "Kevin (Probably) Saves the World" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-14).

**LATE NIGHT**

Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson, Rebecca Romijn and Dashboard Confessional appear on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS) \* Jon Bon Jovi, Daniel Kaluuya and Ben Sinclair are booked on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) \* Jimmy Fallon welcomes Chris Hemsworth, Carrie Brownstein and Caitlyn Smith on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) \* Tracy Letts, Esther Povitsky and John Stanier visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) \* Annette Bening appears on "The Late Late Show With James Cordan" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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The project Bishopville Edgefield Wastewater Pump Station Upgrade and Force Main Extension will be located at Lee County's I-20 Industrial Park. The project will be located on existing right-of-way owned by the City of Bishopville along US-15 between I-20 and the City of Bishopville and St. Charles Rd, South Lee St, Marion St, Cousar St, Perkins St, and Fountain Hills Drive.

Project information is available for review at Bishopville City Hall, 135 E. Church Street, P. O. Box 388, Bishopville, SC 29010, 803-484-5948.

If you have any information regarding potential impacts to historic properties or environmental resources including wetlands or floodplains associated with this proposed project please provide it in writing to:

**Regional Environmental Officer**  
 Department of Commerce  
 Economic Development  
 Administration  
 401 West Peachtree Street, NW  
 Suite 1820  
 Atlanta, GA 30308-3510

Comments received in the EDA Regional Office by 5:00 pm eastern on Monday, February 19, 2018. A copy of the NEPA/NHPA decisional document will be available upon request at the above EDA Regional Office.

#### Summons & Notice

#### 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

**Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC,** Plaintiff,

v.  
**Any heirs-at-law or devisees of Robert A. England a/k/a Robert England, deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, 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 3900 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 relief demanded in the Complaint.

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

**YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED** to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the

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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.

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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 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, by deed dated October 27, 1998 and recorded November 2, 1998 in book 722 at page 149 in the records for Sumter County, South Carolina.

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