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Police seek info after man hurt in home fire caused by fireworks

Roman candle ignited disabled man's house

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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Investigators are seeking information on a New Year's Day fireworks celebration in Sumter that turned tragic when someone shot a Roman candle from a car that ignited

a home and severely injured a disabled man.

A group of people reportedly in a small black or dark sedan drove down Curtis Drive about noon on Jan. 1 shooting fireworks out of the windows of their moving vehicle, resulting in a house fire

near the intersection of Jordan Street, said Ken Bell, public information officer for Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

A Roman candle landed next to the home, causing flames to climb up the side of the structure and spread into



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A 47-year-old man suffered smoke inhalation and burns when a Roman candle was shot into his home from a car driving down Curtis Drive on Jan. 1.

the attic, Bell said.

"There was a person inside who, because of a disability, was on oxygen and was un-

able to get out of the home," he said.

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Clarendon senator wants option to start school earlier

Bill would let boards choose as early as 2nd Monday in August

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If one Sumter County lawmaker has his way, public schools may start earlier next year.

District 36 State Sen. Kevin Johnson introduced legislation to this year's South Carolina General Assembly that would allow school boards to choose an opening date for students to be as "early as the second Monday in August."



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The provision in Senate Bill 823, also sponsored by state Sen. Mike Fanning, D-Great Falls, would take

effect next year.

"I was on the school board for 12 years, and I just really feel that those types of decisions are best to be made by the school board," Johnson said.

The Manning Democrat said starting earlier or later may be better suited for certain areas of the state. Myrtle Beach, for example, may like to start later still so high school students can continue summer jobs and "help finish out the tourism season, so starting earlier may not work for them like it may work for my district in Clarendon County."

Districts may like the appeal of an earlier start date so the entire first semester can be completed, including testing, so students can go on winter break and not have to study for final exams.

Johnson and Fanning also proposed changes to the South Carolina 1976 law that made a "uniform start date for public schools" to allow for what would be next year's possible early starts.

Senate Bill 826 would delete language requiring the start date for public schools to be "not before the third Monday in August, except for schools operating on a year-round modified school calendar."

The code would still require 190 days of school a year and three professional development days for teachers, which may be make-up inclement weather days.

The bills are being examined by the Senate Committee on Education.

Lady of silver, man of pearl



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The Charleston Silver Lady, also known as Dawn Corley, is seen at The Silver Pearl in Bishopville on Tuesday afternoon.



The Charleston Silver Lady poses for a portrait at the shop Tuesday.

Bishopville shop features items from the Charleston Silver Lady, Pearl Fryar

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Bishopville's newest Main Street shop is shining silver, pearl and porcelain.

The Silver Pearl has been open for business since December, but Tuesday marked a special occasion when both namesakes of the collectibles and antiques gift shop were on hand to talk about their work with shop-

pers. Dawn Corley visited the store

where patrons can admire and buy an array of pieces in her collection, from silver candelabras to knives with porcelain handles to fabric with her own painted flowers.

"I love watching these things pass from generation to generation, but I don't want it to pass without the information about it," Corley said. "It's so much more personal than people realize. It's like your necklace, your ring, your purse, those

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Sumter County gets positive audit

Report also shows \$4M increase by staying under budget during fiscal year

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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An unmodified opinion is not the only positive result in Sumter

County's 2017 audit report, which also showed a \$4 million increase in the municipality's net position, or value.

Webster Roger LLP, the auditing agency, reported the county ended the fiscal year with a net position — a combined value of the county's assets and deductions — of \$80.4 million, \$3.9 million more than the

previous year.

Sumter County ended the fiscal year with a positive difference of \$800,000 in general funds after collecting \$51.8 million in revenue and spending approximately \$51 million.

Nearly \$24 million of the county's

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Fire takes life of 65-year-old Gable man

4 engines, 20 firefighters from Clarendon respond to blaze; additional help from Sumter, Olanta

BY SHARRON HALEY

Special to The Sumter Item

GABLE — An early morning fire Wednesday claimed the life of a 65-year-old Gable man.

Clarendon County Deputy Coroner Bucky Mock identified the deceased as Lawrence Wilson, who lived in the doublewide mobile home alone.

Mock said an autopsy was held at the Medical University of South Carolina on Thursday to determine the exact cause of Wilson's death. Prelimi-

nary results of the autopsy could be released as early as next week, Mock added.

Clarendon County Fire Chief Frances Richbourg said Wilson's body was found inside the home near the home's rear entrance.

Richbourg said she called in the forensic team from the State Law Enforcement Division to assist in the investigation.

"I asked for SLED's help due to the degree of damage to the evidence and since there was a fatality," Richbourg

added. "The Clarendon County Sheriff's Office also had deputies on scene to assist."

Richbourg said her department was dispatched to the call around 8:40 a.m. after a passerby called in the fire.

"I believe the person saw heavy smoke and was traveling that way when they saw the fire and called it in," she said. "The caller said they could see a lot of fire inside the structure."

Firefighters reported that the structure was "well-involved" on

their arrival.

Four fire engines and 20 firefighters responded from Clarendon County, Richbourg said.

"We also received mutual aid from Sumter County and the Olanta Fire Station," she added. "They brought water to us, and we appreciate their help."

Richbourg said that Wednesday's fire fatality was the first of the new year for Clarendon County, which matched the number of fire deaths the county had for the entire 2017 year.

Pedestrian, 7, seriously injured in hit-and-run on U.S. 15 South

BY KAYLA ROBINS

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A 7-year-old boy was seriously injured in a hit-and-run Wednesday evening, officials said.

South Carolina Highway Patrol Lance Cpl. David Jones said the boy was struck in the roadway and that the vehicle drove away from the incident, which occurred at U.S. 15 South near Cockerill Road about 6:35 p.m. on Wednesday.

The child was airlifted to Palmetto Health Richland in Columbia with serious injuries.

It is not yet known what led up to and caused the collision, Jones said.

Troopers have since located the vehicle involved in the incident and are processing identifying information, Jones said, but anyone with information is still asked to contact SCHP. Persons can also call 1-800-768-1506 or Crime Stoppers at 1-888-CRIMESC (274-6372). Callers can remain anonymous and may receive a cash reward.

S.C. considers using electric chair for executions

COLUMBIA (AP) — South Carolina lawmakers are considering allowing inmates to be electrocuted when they face execution.

Lawmakers discussed two proposals Wednesday to allow the state to resume executions after its supply of lethal injection drugs expired in 2013.

Senators discussed one proposal to keep secret the names of companies that provide drugs for executions. Companies that make the drugs have refused to sell them because of fears of legal challengers, protests and bad publicity.

Senators did not vote Wednesday.

Flood victim has mixed emotions about new home she qualified for

BY BRUCE MILLS

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In November and December, Sumter resident Barbara Harris was upset. Earlier this week, she was beyond upset.

A flood-damage victim from the historic 1,000-year flood in October 2015, Harris had finally signed a contract with a nonprofit agency for a new home to be built for her 20 months later on June 7 of last year.

Officials with the St. Bernard Project, a nonprofit disaster relief organization that repairs and builds homes for qualified residents, had determined Harris' original home couldn't be repaired to proper standards. As a senior with limited income, Harris qualified for a free newly constructed home, according to Mark Smith, the agency's program manager for South Carolina.

The agency told Harris at the time she signed her contract that her newly built 890-square-foot, two-bedroom home would be completed in an estimated 90 days.

Fast-forward seven months to today, and after numerous delays Harris is still living with her two dogs — Blaze and Buttons — at the Travelers Inn & Suites, at the intersection of Broad Street and U.S. 521. However, her weekly hotel room costs have been covered by various agencies since her stay began.

After meeting with *The Sumter Item* on Nov. 1 to express her frustrations, she was told by Smith her home would be completed by Nov. 22.

However, Harris and her two dogs were still in their hotel room for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's.

Earlier this week, Harris, 74, contacted the newspaper again saying she was fed up with the process and hadn't been out to see the new home's construction, at 7 Charles St., since early December. At that time, the house was still just a framed structure, she said.

After taking the 3-mile drive from the hotel to Charles Street on Wednesday, Harris said she was somewhat pleasantly surprised that her new home is just about finished. The white exterior siding is up, walls are up, flooring is in place, and even three ceiling fans were installed just this week. Two construction workers were on site at the time, working on the new kitchen's cabinets. She said Smith told her this week the home should be ready by



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Barbara Harris stands outside the front door of her soon-to-be-completed new home on Charles Street on Wednesday.

the end of the month.

Harris said she's still upset the house hasn't been completed yet, and her new home will be a downsize of about 150 square feet.

"But, my mother always told me, 'If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all,'" Harris said. "I really will be glad to get into the house though, where I can be comfortable."

The new home is valued at \$87,665.

When contacted Thursday, Smith said new home construction isn't an easy process and construction crews ran into numerous hitches along the way with Harris' home. Those delays included damaged water lines, where the home extends to Charles Street, which the City of Sumter had to repair.

He said he understands Harris' frustration but feels good about the quality of home she's getting.

"We understand being out of your home for an extended period of time is difficult," Smith said. "However, we feel really good about the house. It's been built with additional strapping to make it more resilient in case of a future disaster. The foundation is a concrete slab. We feel good that while this home may have taken a little longer to build, it's something that will last a long time for Ms. Barbara."

A former travel nurse by trade, Harris said she'll be thankful to cook in her own home and for other things.

"Hey, it's a new house; so I will work up some enthusiasm," Harris said. "I'm happy the dogs get to go home."

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GOP struggles to woo candidates in the states where Trump won

BISMARCK, North Dakota (AP) — Republican Rep. Kevin Cramer of North Dakota got a hard sell last week from President Donald Trump, who gave Cramer and his wife a personal tour of the West Wing and used the gilded luster of the newly renovated Oval Office to entreat Cramer to challenge popular Democratic Sen. Heidi Heitkamp.

It didn't work: Cramer turned down Trump, who had also called him about the race last fall.

It's the latest in a string of complications for Senate Republicans, who are clinging to a paper-thin majority and entering a midterm election year saddled with Trump's low approval ratings and a history of losses for the party in power.

"The president made a very patriotic case for me to run for the Senate seat and told me he would be behind me 100 percent and campaign for me and with me," Cramer told The Associated Press.

But Cramer couldn't resist the pull of his family and of his position in Congress. "I don't want to be away every weekend, around the country and raising money when I have a 10-year-old at home and four grandchildren."

His decision came as Republicans in Ohio scrambled to find a replacement on the bal-

lot for Josh Mandel, the favorite in the GOP Senate race who left the race Friday out of concern for his wife's health. Now the possibility looms of a primary race between four-term Rep. Jim Renacci and investor and author J. D. Vance, a contest that could leave the nominee hobbled.

Ohio and North Dakota are among the 10 states that Trump won in 2016 that have Democrats running for re-election. Republicans hold a 51-to-49 edge in the Senate, a margin narrowed last month by Alabama Democrat Doug Jones' surprise win over Republican Roy Moore in a special election.

Cramer's decision was the second time in recent weeks when Trump had been rebuffed in trying to woo a candidate to run for Senate.

The president urged Orrin Hatch of Utah to run for re-election, and the White House even scheduled a trip to Utah last year largely intended to woo the veteran senator, making sure that the 83-year-old had time alone with the president. Yet Hatch recently announced plans to retire, paving the way for frequent Trump critic Mitt Romney, the 2012 GOP presidential nominee, to run for the seat.

In the meantime, Republicans, handed an opportunity

to pick up a seat in Minnesota, were waiting for word from former Gov. Tim Pawlenty. The former governor, the most recent Republican to be elected statewide in Minnesota, is considered a top candidate for the seat Democrat Al Franken said he would give up last month amid allegations of sexual harassment.

Former Lt. Gov. Tina Smith, appointed to fill the seat until a special election in November, was sworn in last week.

In North Dakota, Cramer had been viewed as the lone Republican capable of mounting a strong challenge to Heitkamp, a former state attorney general and gas company executive seeking a second term.



North Dakota state Rep. Kevin Cramer, R-ND, speaks in Bismarck, North Dakota, in 2016. Cramer said Thursday he won't run for U.S. Senate, depriving Republicans of the candidate many saw as the party's best chance to unseat vulnerable Democratic Sen. Heidi Heitkamp.

Yet Cramer, 56, had put off a decision while the House pursued the tax overhaul, even as

Heitkamp had more than \$4 million for her re-election campaign.

Puerto Rico fears surge of killings post-Maria

CAROLINA, Puerto Rico (AP) — Before the sun rose on the first day of 2018, someone called 911 to report the charred, bullet-riddled body of a man with a snake-like tattoo on his left hand, lying beside a road in the Puerto Rican town of Vega Baja.

The next day, two men were found dead with their feet and hands bound in Bayamon, a working-class city southwest of the capital. Another man was shot to death before dawn in nearby Vega Baja while trying to stop thieves from stealing his generator.

Thirty-two people have been slain in Puerto Rico in the first 11 days of the year, double the number killed over the same period in 2017. If the surge proves to be more than just a temporary blip, January could be the most homicidal month on the island in at least two years, adding a dangerous new element to the island's recovery from Hurricane Maria, its worst disaster in decades.

While the number of homicides did not immediately spike in the weeks after the hurricane struck on Sept. 20, police and independent experts say many killings appear at least partly related to its after-effects.

The storm has plunged much of the island into darkness, increased economic hardship and contributed to a sick-out by police, all fueling lawlessness. What's more, officials say a turf war has broken out among drug gangs looking to grab territory after the storm's disruption.

"Hurricanes affect everyone, including criminals," said criminologist Jose Raul Cepeda.

Already bankrupt, the island's overwhelmed government has fallen behind with millions of dollars in overtime payments owed to police officers, who have begun calling in sick in big numbers to protest. The sickout has taken about 2,000 police off the street each day in a territory that has 13,600 officers. It has forced more than a dozen police stations to close for several hours to a couple of days during the holiday period because of a lack of officers. No arrests have been made in the 32 killings this year.

Maria, which hit as a Category 4 storm, destroyed much of the island's electrical grid. For those police on duty, the streets are darker and more dangerous because power has been restored to only 60 per-

cent of customers in the U.S. territory. Drug gangs are fighting to re-establish territory they lost in the disruption from Maria, which pushed thousands from their homes and left entire neighborhoods uninhabitable for weeks.

Police Chief Michelle Hernandez resigned Monday after only a year on the job, and local and federal authorities are rushing from meeting to meeting to debate how to best protect 3.3 million Puerto Ricans, especially those still living in the dark.

"This has been devastating," said Ramon Santiago, a retiree who lives less than a block from where three bodies were discovered Sunday near a basketball court. "You can't sleep peacefully in so much darkness."

Puerto Rico's homicide rate is roughly 20 killings per 100,000 residents, compared with 3.7 per 100,000 residents on the U.S. mainland. In the last two years, Puerto Rico has seen an average of 56 homicides a month, a rate that held through December. Then after New Year's, the killings started accelerating.

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Chinese authorities demolish well-known evangelical church

BY GERRY SHIH

Associated Press

BEIJING — Authorities in northern China's coal country this week demolished a well-known Christian mega-church, underscoring long-standing tensions between religious groups and the officially atheistic Communist Party.

Witnesses and overseas activists say paramilitary People's Armed Police forces used excavators and dynamite on Tuesday to destroy the Golden Lampstand Church in the city of Linfen in Shanxi province.

ChinaAid, a U.S.-based Christian advocacy group, said local authorities planted explosives in an underground worship hall to demolish the building, which was built with nearly \$3 million in contributions from local worshippers in one of China's poorest regions.

The church, with a congregation of more than 50,000, has long clashed with the government. Hundreds of police and hired thugs smashed the church and seized Bibles in an earlier crackdown in 2009 that ended with church leaders receiving long prison sentences.

At the time, church leaders were charged with illegally occupying farmland and disturbing traffic order by getting together, according to state media.

There are an estimated 60 million Christians in China, many of whom worship in in-

dependent congregations like the Golden Lampstand. Millions of Christians, Buddhists and Muslims also worship in state-sanctioned assemblies.

But the surging popularity of non-state-approved churches has raised the ire of local authorities, wary of any threats to the party's rigid political and social control.

Freedom of religion is technically guaranteed under China's constitution, so local authorities are often seen as using technicalities to attack unregistered churches. Charges of land or building violations and disturbing the peace are among the most common.

The state-run *Global Times* newspaper, citing an unidentified local official, reported Wednesday the official reason for the demolition was that it did not hold the necessary permits.

Religious groups must register with local religious affairs authorities under Chinese law, the report said. The church was illegally constructed nearly a decade ago in violation of building codes, it said.

Pictures distributed by ChinaAid showed the church's steeple and cross toppled in a large pile of rubble.

A local pastor at a nearby church, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he saw large numbers of paramilitary police on Tuesday blanketing the area around the church, which was being taken apart



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Golden Lampstand Church is seen in Linfen in northern China's Shanxi Province. Witnesses and overseas activists say paramilitary troops known as the People's Armed Police used excavators and dynamite on Tuesday to destroy the Golden Lampstand Church, a Christian mega-church that clashed with the government.

by heavy machinery.

He later heard, but did not witness, a loud explosion, the pastor said.

The Golden Lampstand Church was built by husband and wife evangelists Wang Xiaoguang and Yang Rongli as a permanent home for their followers.

The couple had been preaching around Linfen since 1992, establishing congregations in improvised spaces such as factory dormitories and greenhouses.

While authorities did not block the church's construction, they later cracked down. The couple and other church leaders were sentenced to prison on charges including illegally occupying agricultural land and assembling a crowd to disrupt traffic.



In this image taken from video, people stand amid the remains of the Golden Lampstand Church.

CHINA AID VIA AP

It's toxic to base your human value on what you own

As best I remember, it began the day Mark brought his new football to Zolfo Springs Elementary. Suddenly, he was the most popular boy in first grade. I had previously held the title (at least, in my memory), but Mark usurped my position. All the kids gathered around Mark at recess. He was the new king of the playground.

I went home that afternoon and demanded my mother buy me a new football. I wanted to reclaim my position, and I was sure a new football would do it. My mother was old school. You could threaten to hold your breath until she gave into your demands, and she would briskly say "Go right ahead. I'm cooking fried chicken tonight, and your brother will get both legs." Manipulating a kid with threats of fried



Clay Smith

baseball season. Mama in a spurt of generosity bought me a baseball. I'm not sure why. We lived a mile from the nearest neighbors, so there was no one to throw it to. My dog Moe just ran off with it when I threw it to him.

Lying in bed that night, it hit me: I could bring my baseball to school!

chicken is cruel and unusual punishment, and I caved every time.

The agony of recess continued. Mark was the king of the playground, and I was a has been. It was a long fall and winter.

Spring came, the orange trees were in bloom, and it was

Maybe my baseball was my chance to regain the recess throne.

It worked like a charm. Mark's football was forgotten, and we played baseball (or a first-grade version of it) all through recess. Once again, I was the king.

Aren't you glad we grow out of such childish thinking? Aren't you glad no adult is ever envious? Aren't you glad adults don't compete with each other? Aren't you glad no one measures self-worth based on possession comparison?

Reality is we compare the size of our houses, the newness of our cars and achievements of our children. Adults haven't come that far from recess.

Salvation, among many other things, means you no longer have to play the comparison game. Jesus comes to

teach us a different way to live. It's not wrong to want nice things or have nice things. It is toxic to base your human value on what you own.

That's why the Apostle Paul said to us, "I know both how to make do with little, and I know how make do with a lot. In any and all circumstances, I have learned the secret of contentment — whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

Your worth is not based on what you have, but who you have. If you have Jesus, you have everything you need.

Is it time for you to get off the comparison treadmill and be content with Jesus?

Clay Smith is the lead pastor of Alice Drive Baptist Church in Sumter.

CHURCH NEWS

Church Women United of the Greater Sumter area announces:

* Thursday, Jan. 18 — Annual business meeting and worship service at 4:30 p.m. at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 325 W. Fulton St. The Rev. Jody Foster, of Wedgefield Presbyterian Church (New Harmony Presbyterian) will speak.

First Baptist Missionary Church, 219 S. Washington St., announces:

* Sunday, Jan. 21 — The ninth pastoral anniversary of Pastor George P. Windley Jr. will be held at 12:45 p.m. The Rev. Telley Gadson, pastor of St. Mark UME Church of Taylors, will speak.

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 182 S. Pike East, announces:

* Friday-Saturday, Jan. 19-20 — Ministers class of Christian Ethics, sponsored by the Sumter Baptist M&E Association Congress of Christian Education will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Green Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 1260 Green Hill Church Road, Alcolu, announces:

* Sunday, Jan. 28 — Tag team worship service at 3 p.m. Prophetess Rhonda W. Goins and Evangelist Lakisha Whitaker will speak.

Knitting Hearts Ministry, meets at Bethesda Church of God,

2730 Broad St., announces:

* Saturday — Knitting Hearts will meet from 10 a.m. until noon. International Bible teacher Dr. Peter Wyns will speak. All ladies of all ages are invited. A love offering will be received. Knitting Hearts is a community-wide, multi-cultural women's ministry. Visit knittingheartsministry.wordpress.com.

Mount Olive AME Church, 2738 Woodrow Road, announces:

* Sunday, Jan. 21 — The 148th anniversary of the church will be celebrated during the 10:30 a.m. worship.

Mount Sinai AME Church, 5895 Mt. Sinai Church Road, Lynchburg, announces:

* Sunday — Gospel Fest 2018 gospel singing featuring the Singing Cousins and other guests.

Mount Zion Enrichment Center, 315 W. Fulton St., announces:

* Friday, Jan. 26 — Morris College National Alumni Association Hall of Fame Gala at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100 each and proceeds support scholarships for deserving students at Morris College. Call Altoya Felder-Deas, director of alumni affairs, at (803) 934-3167 for more details.

Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 325 Fulton St., announces:

* Sunday — Pastor appreciation at 10:45 a.m.

New Testament Lighthouse Church, 1114 Boulevard Road, announces:

* Saturday, Jan. 20 — Gospel singing at 6 p.m. featuring Journey 4 Jesus and others.

Pine Grove AME Church, 41 Pine Grove Road, Rembert, announces:

* Saturday, Jan. 20 — Layman's annual gospel singing program at 6:30 p.m. featuring all of the choirs of the church as well as a surprise group.

Reid Chapel AME Church, 1008 Dibert St., announces:

* Monday — MLK Celebration at 9 a.m. Elder Lee McElveen, of Calvary Christian Outreach

Center, will speak.

St. James AME Church, 180 W. Fulton Manning Road, Pine-wood, announces:

* Sunday, Jan. 21 — The 132nd anniversary of the church will be celebrated at 2 p.m. The Rev. Jose Lazona, of New Hope AME Church, will speak.

St. James United Methodist Church, 720 Broad St., announces:

* Monday — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. day of celebration "Standing on the Promises" at 2 p.m. Ernest A. Finney III, solicitor for the Third Judicial Circuit, will speak.

* Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018 —

Male chorus anniversary celebration at 4 p.m.

Triumph Ministries, 3632 Broad St. Ext., announces:

* Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 17-19 — Prophetic Encounter 2018 will be held at 7 nightly. Speakers as follow: Wednesday, Infuser Bishop L. McKenney; Thursday, Prophetess Stephanie Genwright; and Friday, Bishop Alvin Stewart.

Walker's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, 99 Walter Ave., announces:

* Saturday — Gospel singing at 6 p.m. featuring the Heritage Quartet, Burning Bridges ministry and Pastor Nat and Carleen Brown.

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Poverty, segregation persist in U.S. schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — Too often, low-income, black and Latino students end up in schools with crumbling walls, old textbooks and unqualified teachers, according to a report released Thursday by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

The commission said inequities are caused by the fact that schools are most funded with state and local tax dollars. More than 92 percent of funding comes from nonfederal sources, according to the Education Department.

The resulting imbalance renders "the education available to millions of American public school students profoundly unequal," the commission said.

For instance, the authors said, 33 percent of high schools with high black and Latino enrollment offer calculus, compared with 56 percent of high schools with low black and Latino student populations. Nationwide, 48 percent of schools offer the rigorous math course.

On average, school districts spend around \$11,000 per student each year, but the highest-poverty districts receive an average of \$1,200 less per child than the least-poor districts, while districts serving the largest numbers of minority students get about \$2,000 less than those serving the fewest students of color, according to the study.

The authors called on Congress to

create incentives for states to adopt equitable funding systems, to ensure adequate funding for students with disabilities and to increase federal funding to supplement local dollars for school districts that are underfunded.

"The reality is that the United States does not offer the educational opportunity that is consistent with our ideals," commission chairwoman Catherine Lhamon told the AP. "That's appalling, and it's dangerous, and all of us need for it to change."

Education Department spokeswoman Liz Hill said the commission's findings underscore the need for reform. Promoting charter schools, voucher programs and other forms of school choice are key goals of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos.

"This is further proof that too many children, simply because of where they live, are forced to attend schools that do not provide an equitable education," Hill said in a statement. "Secretary DeVos has made clear her mission is to ensure every child has the opportunity to attend a school that offers an excellent education that meets their individual needs."

Whether channeling more money to schools in underserved communities will help improve the quality of education is a subject of academic debate.

"Money matters. If you don't have it, you cannot spend it," said Bruce Baker, a professor of education at Rut-



U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos speaks during a dinner hosted by the Washington Policy Center in Bellevue, Washington. The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is calling for a boost in federal education spending, changing school funding models and investing in housing.

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gers University. Baker said that states should do a better job in raising education funding and in equalizing spending among school districts. He also called for a greater federal role in making sure that less-affluent states that need additional education funding get it.

"Having federal money can help states that cannot help themselves, and federal pressure can encourage states to do the right thing, to raise enough resources and put them where

they are needed."

But Eric Hanushek, a fellow at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University, disagrees.

"Money is not the secret recipe," Hanushek said. "How much is spent on schools is not as important as how the money is spent." For instance, he said, simply increasing the salaries of all teachers in a high-need school district won't have as much of an impact as identifying high-performing teachers and increasing their salaries.

Church Directory

Adventist

Sumter Seventh-Day Adventist
103 N Pike West 775-4455
Pastor Harry Robinson
Sat. Sch: 9:15 am, Worship: 11:00 am
Tues. Bible Study 7 pm
www.sumter22.adventistchurchconnect.org

Wayman Chapel AME Church

160 N Kings Hwy • 803-494-3686
www.waymanchapelame.com
Reverend Dr. Dennis W. Broughton, Jr.
Church School 9:00 am
Worship 10:15 am
Wed. Bible Study 12:00 pm & 6:30 pm

Baptist - Missionary

Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church
803 S Harvin St. • 775-4032
Marion H Newton, Pastor
Sunday Worship: 7:45 & 10:45 am
Sunday Youth Service: 10:45 am
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm

Catholic - Roman

The Catholic Community of Sumter, St. Anne Site
216 E Liberty St • 803-773-3524
Parochial Pastor Rev. Frank Palmieri, CRM
Vicar Rev. Noly Berjuega, CRM
Weekend Masses: Sat. 4:30 pm
Sun. 8:00 and 12:00 Noon
Confession: Sat. 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Lutheran - ELCA

St James Lutheran Church
1137 Alice Dr, Sumter
773-2260 / www.sjamessumter.org
Pastor Keith Getz
Sunday School: 9:00 am
Sunday Worship: 10:00 am
Thur. Bible Study 10:30 am
Wednesday Holy Communion: 12:00 pm

First Church of God

1835 Camden Rd • 803-5234
www.sumterfcg.org
Ron Bower, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:30 am
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

Presbyterian - ARP

Lemira Presbyterian Church
514 Boulevard Rd • 473-5024
Pastor Dan Rowton
Sunday School 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am

African Methodist Episcopal

Union Station AME Church
945 South Main Street, Sumter
unionstationame@gmail.com
(803) 775 8200
Rev. Dr. Phil Flowers announces:
Sun. Church School 9:00 am
Sun. Church Service 10:00 am
Tues. Bible Study 11:00 am
Wed. Bible Study 6:00 pm

Assembly of God

First Assembly of God
1151 Alice Drive • 773-3817
www.sumterfirstag.org
Jason Banar, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

Salem Missionary Baptist Church

320 West Fulton Street
803-775-8054
Reverend Dr. Cartrell Woods, Jr. Pastor
Sun. School 9:00 am
Praise Worship 9:55 am
Worship 10:00 am

The Catholic Community of Sumter, St. Jude Site

611 W. Oakland Ave • 773-9244
www.stjudesumtersc.org
Pastor Rev. Frank Palmieri, CRM
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Saturday: 6:00 pm
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Methodist - United

Bethel United Methodist Church
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Presbyterian PCA

Westminster Presbyterian Church
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Pastor Stuart Mizelle
Sunday School 9:15 am
Worship Service 10:30 am

Presbyterian USA

First Presbyterian Church of Sumter
9 W Calhoun St (at Main St.)
(803) 773-3814 • info@fpcsumter.org
Rev. Nick Cheek
"Classes for all ages" 9:30 am
Hospitality & Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 10:10 a.m.
Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 a.m.

Baptist - Southern

Grace Baptist Church
219 W Calhoun St • 778-6417
Dr. Stephen Williams
dsteve@fbc-1.net
S.S. 9:45 am; Worship 11:00 am
Evening Worship/Bible Study 6:30 pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm
Wed. Bible Study: 6:30 pm

Church of Christ

Plaza Church of Christ
1402 Camden Hwy. • 905-3163
Sunday School: 10 am
Sunday Worship: 11 am & 6 pm
Wed. Bible Class: 7 pm

Trinity United Methodist Church

226 W Liberty St • 773-9393
Rev. Joseph James, Jr.
Blended Worship 8:45 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Traditional Service 11:00 am
office@trinityumcsumter.org

Pentecostal

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14 Plowden Mill Rd • 775-9493
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Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30 pm

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Daily Devotional Reading

Mark	John	Acts	Acts	Acts
10:13-31	10:32-52	12:20-36a	12:36b-50	9:1-25
				9:26-43
				12:1-25

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Malaysia to pay U.S. firm up to \$70M if it finds missing plane

PUTRAJAYA, Malaysia (AP) — Malaysia's government said Wednesday it will pay U.S. company Ocean Infinity up to \$70 million if it can find the wreckage or black boxes of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 within three months, in a renewed bid to solve the plane's disappearance nearly four years ago.

Transport Minister Liow Tiong Lai said there was an 85 percent chance of finding the debris in a new 9,650 square-mile area — roughly the size of Vermont — identified by experts.

The government signed a "no cure, no fee" deal with the Houston, Texas-based company to resume the hunt for the plane, a year after the official search by Malaysia, Australia and China in the southern Indian Ocean was called off. The plane vanished on March 8, 2014, while flying from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing with 239 people on board.

"The primary mission by Ocean Infinity is to identify the location of the wreckage and/or both of the flight recorders ... and present a considerable and credible evidence to confirm the exact location of the two main items," he told a news conference.

If the mission is successful within three months, payment will be made based on the size of the area searched.

Liow said the government will pay Ocean Infinity \$20 million for 1,930 square miles of a successful search, \$30 million for 5,790 square miles, \$50 million for 9,653 square miles and \$70 million if the plane or recorders are found beyond the identified area.

Ocean Infinity Chief Executive Oliver Plunkett said the search vessel Seabed Constructor, which left the South African port of Durban last week, is expected to reach the southern Indian Ocean by Jan. 17 to begin the hunt.

He said eight autonomous underwater vehicles, which are drones fitted with high-tech cameras, sonars and sensors, will be dispatched to map the seabed at a faster pace. Plunkett said the underwater drones can cover 463 square miles a day.

"We have a realistic prospect of finding it," he said. "While there can be no guarantees of locating the aircraft, we believe our system of multiple autonomous vehicles working simultaneously is well suited to the task at hand."

The official search was extremely difficult because no transmissions were received from the aircraft after its first 38 minutes of flight. Systems designed to automatically transmit the flight's position failed to work after this point, said a final report from



Ocean Infinity's vessel Seabed Constructor has been dispatched to the southern Indian Ocean to search for the wreckage of the missing plane MH370.

Australian Transport Safety Board last January.

"I feel very happy but at the same time very panicky whether it can be found or not. Now it's back to four years ago where we have to wait every day (to find out) whether debris can be found," said Shin Kok Chau, whose wife, Tan Ser Kuin,

was a flight attendant on MH370.

Underwater wreck hunter David Mearns said the new search takes into account oceanographic models used to drastically narrow the possible locations of the crash and deploys state-of-the-art underwater vehicles that will allow the company to cover

far more seabed at a faster pace.

"There are no guarantees in a search of this type. However, notwithstanding that uncertainty, this upcoming search is the best chance yet that the aircraft wreckage will be found," said Mearns, director of Blue Water Recoveries Ltd.

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THE CLARENDON SUN

Brayboy will be leader in administration

Clarendon native will serve in Northam's ag, forestry department

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

MANNING — Clarendon County native Stacey Brayboy has received a key leadership position in Virginia Governor-elect Ralph Northam's upcoming administration. Brayboy will be Northam's Deputy Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry.



BRAYBOY

and relevant knowledge to this position. She is well known for her hard work and dedication. Her work ethic will continue to reap benefits for her, professionally and personally." Retired Clarendon School District 2 teacher and coach Kay Young re-

"This very well-deserved appointment that Stacey received will be of great benefit to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia," Sen. Kevin Johnson said. "Stacey will bring a wealth of experience

membered Brayboy as an "excellent student and an excellent leader."

"Stacey was definitely a standout," Young added.

Sharmane Anderson, a law student and founder of Manning's 1865 Reading Academy, called Brayboy a mentor and someone young women could look up to and pattern their lives after.

"We were both raised by our grandmothers," Anderson shared. "We have close family ties. We are both alumni of Frances Marion University and pledged the same sorority. She is such a spiritual person who is very friendly and helpful.

She's a professional and very passionate."

Anderson called Brayboy "a major influence" in her life.

"I look at her like a big sister, and I aspire to be like her," Anderson added. "She's humble and a beautiful, spiritual person on the inside and outside. I am so very proud of all of her accomplishments."

Brayboy is the perfect role model for young women, Anderson said.

"We can point to Brayboy and tell young girls and young adults in Manning that 'you can do that coming from a small town. You can achieve that. You can go places.'"



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More than one ton of steaming oysters were consumed at a previous St. Matthias Oyster Roast. Get all the oysters you can eat Jan. 20.

St. Matthias Oyster Roast fundraiser will be Jan. 20

Don't wait to buy tickets for event that always sells out

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

SUMMERTON — It's that time of year again ... time for the St. Matthias Oyster Roast.

The annual fundraiser for the St. Matthias Montessori Preschool will be held on Jan. 20 at Roger Flowers' Tomato Shed on K.W. Hodge Road off U.S. 301 South between Ram Bay and Summerton.

"It's a time for everyone to get together and have a good time," said Johnnie Herring, who restarted the event 13 years ago after a brief hiatus. "Everyone enjoys the food and fellowship."

The annual oyster roast began more than a half century ago when leaders of the church which included Herring's wife, Caroline's, father, the late Dr. Marion Davis, began the event to raise money for the church.

"We can't thank everyone enough for pitching in and helping," said Caroline Herring. Her brother Bubba Davis is one of the event's biggest supporters. "The generosity of the community and businesses who contribute food and purchase tickets is outstanding."

Caroline said people come

from throughout South Carolina and other states to visit with friends they may only see at this one event each year.

"We have people and businesses who mail us a check each year and pick up their tickets at the gate," she said. "Some of the people we don't know, but they know people there. It's a lot of fun, and the food is wonderful."

The St. Matthias Oyster Roast may sell out of tickets, but there will be no shortage of oysters.

In past years, patrons have consumed more than a ton of oysters, catfish stew containing more than 70 pounds of catfish, several barbequed pigs and gallons of soup, cole slaw, banana pudding and enough drinks to keep everyone hydrated.

Tickets are \$40 each. Contact Johnnie or Caroline Herring or Bubba Davis at (803) 435-4032 for your ticket(s).

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PETS OF THE WEEK



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Sasha-Rose is a 1-year-old female Great Pyrenees/Labrador mix. She is current on all vaccinations, has been spayed and tested negative for heartworms. She knows her name and some basic commands. She is a very smart dog who learns quickly and is gentle. If you think this is the girl for you, please submit your adoption application online at www.ASecondChanceAnimalShelter.com.



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 1 cup lima beans
 2 medium potatoes, diced
 1 cup frozen corn
 1 teaspoon salt, ground pepper and sugar

Combine all ingredients in a large stockpot and simmer, uncovered, until the vegetables are tender, about 25 minutes.

BLACK-EYED PEA SOUP

(10 1 1/2-cup servings)
 1 pound dried black-eyed peas
 4 slices bacon, chopped in 1-inch pieces
 1 medium onion, chopped
 1 cup celery, chopped
 1 tablespoon flour
 2 quarts of water
 1 medium tomato, chopped
 1 small dried red pepper
 2 cloves garlic, minced

Sort the black-eyed peas and wash well. Place in a large stockpot, cover with water, and bring to a boil. Boil for 2 minutes. Cover and soak overnight. Fry the bacon in a non-stick sauce pan until crisp. Remove the bacon and drain well on paper towels. Discard the pan drippings. Sauté the onion and celery in the same saucepan until they are translucent. Remove them from the pan and set aside. Next, brown the flour in the pan, stirring constantly until it is golden brown.

Drain the black-eyed peas. Add all ingredients to the stockpot and cook over low heat about 2 1/2 hours or until the peas are done, stirring occasionally.

There are lots of good reasons to eat soup during January, National Soup Month. Soup warms the body during the cold days of January and February, but it also warms the heart and soul.

It's simple, and it's the ultimate comfort food — always a welcome change after the holiday frenzy. And for those who made New Year's resolutions to eat lighter, soup can be a healthy, guilt-free answer to the question, "What's for supper?"



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Here are some ideas for making your soup recipes healthier:

- Make sure you're using low-sodium broth or bouillon cubes; otherwise, you'll add a considerable amount of sodium to your recipes.
- Instead of using cream for cream soups, consider adding pureed white beans, mashed potatoes or silken tofu. These ingredients add a creamy texture without all the saturated fat of real cream. Or simply substitute fat-free milk.
- Wherever possible, add more vegetables or beans to your soup recipes or even to canned soups. These foods add variety, color and texture along with fiber and important nutrients.
- When purchasing canned soups, select those that are lower in sodium per serving. Ideally, it's good to choose canned soups that have



about the same number of calories and milligrams of sodium. For example, if a serving of soup has 100 calories, it should have only 100 to 200 mg of sodium. Most national brands contain 600 or more milligrams of sodium for that amount. It pays

to read the label. You can offset this by adding rice, pasta or potatoes.

If your favorite accompaniment to soup is a grilled cheese sandwich, use whole-grain bread and low-fat or fat-free cheese.

Because resolving to live a

healthier lifestyle is a lot easier than actually putting your resolutions to practice, it's a good idea to look for help and encouragement wherever you can find it when preparing your soup meals. One place to look is a housewares store, kitchen shop or chef's catalog because buying just a few pieces of low-cost kitchen equipment can help you prepare healthier meals. Here are some ideas:

• When preparing meals with non-stick pans, you can reduce the amount of oil needed for cooking. Then use a vegetable oil spray rather than bottled oil needed for cooking to reduce calories from fat.

• Remember, too, that along with healthier food choices, adding or increasing physical activity is an important component of living a healthy lifestyle. Simply walking for 30 minutes five days a week will help you trim your physique and provide some weight-bearing exercise that bones need.

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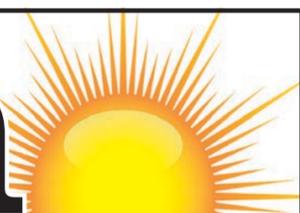
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Independent doctor struggles to find replacement

Less than 10 independent family physicians still operate solo practices in rural S.C.

BY LAUREN SAUSSER
The Post and Courier of Charleston

ST. STEPHEN — In her little brick office building, on the hallway wall next to a handful of exam rooms, Sarah Brown keeps a framed record of "The Legend of Old Doc Brown."

The old Hank Snow song has become her mantra, an adopted philosophy about practicing medicine.

He was just an old country doctor

In a little Kentucky town
Fame and fortune had passed him by

But we never saw him frown
Swap "little Kentucky town" for rural Berkeley County, and the 1955 ballad could have been written about Sarah Brown.

Her practice, North Berkeley Family Care, is located an hour northwest of Charleston on the northern edge of Francis Marion National Forest. The office is independent and unaffiliated with any hospital system.

Brown employs 10 people and treats thousands of patients a year, but makes very little money. At 66, she wants to retire. But she can't figure out how.

"I would have retired a year ago if I could have," Brown said. "I just have to find someone who can take care of these people."

According to census data, more than 1.5 million South Carolinians live in rural parts of the state. But by the state's last count, fewer than 10 independent family physicians still operate solo practices in rural South Carolina. Between 2007 and 2015, their ranks dropped by half.

Their numbers will likely continue to decline. The S.C. Office of Healthcare Workforce found 67 percent of all self-employed, independent family doctors in rural parts of the state are older than 60.

Simply put, this way of practicing medicine — of hanging a shingle on Main Street, of making house calls, of spending any real length of time with patients — has been largely relegated to history books and black-and-white movies.

"That worked 50 years ago. I'm not sure it works all that well now," said Graham Adams, CEO of the S.C. Office of Rural Health. He estimated that 90 percent of all doctors are now employed by hospital systems.

"The independent solo practitioner is all but gone," he said. "The cost of doing business as a



Dr. Sarah Brown, who is an independent practitioner, would like to retire but can't find a replacement to take care of her patients.

small, independent health care provider is just very difficult."

This makes Sarah Brown one of the last country doctors.

"It's sort of like a mission field, to be here, for me," she said. "I knew I would probably never make any money."

Brown was born in 1951 with a congenital heart defect.

"I had a large ventricular septum defect that probably should have ended my life by the time I was about 12," she said. "That's what my parents were told."

Her father worked for the Navy at the American Embassy in Rome. Her family traveled widely throughout Europe until Brown went into heart failure during a trip to the Alps. Her parents knew she would require heart surgery, so they returned to the United States.

Her family spent the next three years in Indiana while Brown remained on a waiting list for open heart surgery. There simply weren't many hospitals or doctors who performed the procedure 60 years ago.

When Brown finally received the surgery she needed, she developed a staph infection that kept her in a Kentucky hospital for a full year.

"I kind of fell in love with medicine at that time, and I knew that I really wanted to be a doctor," she said. "I kept that

in my heart all my life. I felt like it was a miracle that I was alive."

Her family eventually moved to Summerville, and Brown graduated from Summerville High School in 1969. She studied biology at Clemson University, with the intention of applying to medical school but said she "chickened out at the very last minute" and became a science teacher instead.

"I thought maybe I could just teach school, and that would be enough," she said.

For many years, it was.

She married, had two children, then divorced. When she met a man named David Brown in 1982 and married him two years later, she eventually realized she didn't want to teach anymore.

"I was teaching chemistry at Summerville High School and just said, 'You know what? I need to do what God wanted me to do, and I need to go to medical school.'"

Brown took the MCAT and applied for a spot at the Medical University of South Carolina.

"My husband got the letter," she remembered. "He took the children to Walmart and got me a Doctor Barbie and came to the school with Doctor Barbie and my acceptance letter. We were just shocked and amazed."

She turned 40 while in medical school and took classes at MUSC alongside some of her former chemistry students.

"My dad drove me to MUSC every day while I was in med school, picked me up after classes and drove me home so I could spend those two hours a day to study," she recalled.

Her mother cooked her children dinner every night for seven years while Brown completed four years of medical school and another three years of residency training in family medicine.

"It was really, really hard," she said. "It was a very difficult thing to do."

For five years following her residency training, Brown practiced medicine with Palmetto Primary Care Physicians in Summerville. But she needed back surgery in 1998 and "basically lost everything."

She eventually decided she didn't like the pace set by the large doctors' group. So she left.

"I want to take care of the people I see. I want to work with them and be their doctor for life. I'm not a speedy doctor. I'm just a real thorough doctor."

Her patients attest to that.

Sam Cooper, 77, visits her practice in St. Stephen at least once every three months.

"It's lovely," he said. "You feel right at home."

Calvin Witherspoon, 80, drives 20 miles from Jamestown to see Dr. Brown. At Dr. Brown's office, it's different, he said.

"They appreciate you coming."

Leola Spencer, 92, who lives in nearby Pineville, said her son asked her to move to New York and live with him.

"No," she told him. "They don't have a doctor like Dr. Brown."

After Brown left Palmetto Primary Care, she worked at a pain clinic in Charleston for a year — the one year of her life during which she said she made a lot of money — but quit that practice eventually, too.

Then, Brown heard about an

opening in rural Berkeley County.

Maybe, she thought. But she knew nothing about St. Stephen.

"It's a ghost town," she soon found out.

Only 1,700 people live in St. Stephen, according to the 2010 census count. While Berkeley County, with its 211,000 residents, has become one of the fastest-growing counties in the Carolinas, the population in St. Stephen has remained virtually unchanged for decades. More than one-third of its residents live below the poverty line. Nearly 60 percent are black.

Brown bought her practice in 2006 and moved to nearby Alvin a year later. The Browns paid cash for their small farmstead, where they raise dogs and grow figs, peaches and pears.

"It's my joy," said her husband, David, a forester and a bluegrass fiddler.

The Browns have no intention of leaving their farm, but David admitted that his wife needs to retire. Her own cardiologist, worried about that life-long heart condition, demanded it.

"She doesn't seem able to let it go until she can sell it," David said. "She can't stand the idea of just closing the doors."

State leaders have long identified that primary care doctors are leaving rural South Carolina. Lawmakers have invested in loan payback programs and telemedicine technology to improve access in these underserved areas. But none of these programs have completely solved the shortage.

Meanwhile, hospital systems in urban parts of the state keep getting bigger, and rural hospitals keep closing.

Adams, the CEO of the S.C. Office of Rural Health, conceded that these trends aren't unique to South Carolina. But he worried about what they mean for residents in rural areas.

How can South Carolina leaders ensure that large hospital systems won't pass over patients in these isolated communities?

"I don't have the simple answer to that," Adams said, "but that's what keeps me up at night."

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COMMENTARY

Is Wolff's 'Fire and Fury' fizzling?

The most disappointed people in America this past week must be those Trump executors who opened their Amazon package only to find that the copy of "Fire and Fury" they had ordered was subtitled



Michael Barone

"The Allied Bombing of Germany, 1942-1945." It's a well-regarded 2009 volume by University of Toronto historian Randall Hansen, who is surely

grateful for the unanticipated royalties.

But it's not the red meat the customers were looking forward to consuming. Author Michael Wolff, whose royalties from a million sales in a week are much greater than Hansen's, has made no secret that he expects that his book will "end" the Donald Trump presidency. He apparently thinks his book will reveal to millions of Americans, for the first time, that their emperor has no clothes.

That's unlikely to happen, for two reasons. One is that his "Fire and Fury" is laced with errors that reveal that the author, however knowledgeable he is about Manhattan media moguls, doesn't know much about national politics. Dick Army was never speaker of the House. Kellyanne Conway was not a down-ballot pollster. Donald Trump was not ignorant of John Boehner's existence.

Wolff affects a Trump-like insouciance about such inaccuracies. "If it rings true, it is true," he told NBC News' Katy Tur. She responded, "Congratulations on the book and congratulations on the

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president hating it."

The other reason Wolff's ambitions may prove to be as unfulfilled as those of the former Trump aide who appears to have been his chief source, Steve Bannon, is that the gist of his indictment — to the extent it's not fake news — is simply not news. Americans today, like American voters in November 2016, are aware that Trump makes outrageous and inaccurate statements.

They know that his White House, like his campaign, is often in shambles, as have been many other presidential campaigns (read Jonathan Allen and Amie Parnes' "Shattered," on Hillary Clinton's 2016 campaign) and first-year White Houses (go back and read about the Bill Clinton White House in 1993). No

one supposes Trump has the discipline and gravitas of Dwight Eisenhower. But neither have most of his successors.

"Fire and Fury" can be seen as the latest attempt to overturn the result of the 2016 election. Others have not fared well. Entertainers' attempts to persuade presidential electors not to vote for their pledged candidate failed.

And the charges that Trump secured his victory by collusion with Vladimir Putin's Russia seem to be fizzling out. Instead, evidence suggests that the Obama FBI used Christopher Steele's dossier — commissioned by Fusion GPS, which was hired by the Clinton campaign for opposition research — to undermine Trump.

As Hillary Clinton said before her defeat, acquiescence in the peaceful transfer of power is one of the strengths of a representative democracy. Yet the impulse of many Democrats and never-Trumpers is to style themselves the "Resistance" and to attempt to overturn an election result they consider deplorable.

The Wolff book is the latest example — and perhaps one that discredits the enterprise. "The anti-Trump movement, of which I'm a proud member, seems to be getting dumber," writes *New York Times* columnist David Brooks in response. It suffers from "insularity," he goes on, and from "low-browism."

As Brooks points out, Trump and the Republican-majority Congress are mak-

ing attempts to govern. He sees, behind Trump's tweets and tantrums, "a White House that is briskly pursuing its goals: the shift in our Pakistan policy, the shift in our offshore drilling policy, the fruition of our ISIS policy, the nomination for judge-ships and the formation of policies on infrastructure, DACA, North Korea and trade."

Trump's opening up to cameras his White House meeting with congressional leaders of both parties on immigration may have been an attempt to counter the picture Wolff presents. The president seemed knowledgeable about the issues and respectful in eliciting and listening to the views of others.

He also seemed to be accepting contrary views and to be relinquishing his leverage as a chief executive with the power to veto legislation. That's disturbing to those who want him to insist on legislative enactment of restrictions on chain migration, an end to the visa lottery, a requirement that employers use E-Verify and funding of the border wall.

Also, it's not clear that his administration is coming up with an infrastructure proposal in line with his campaign rhetoric or that it's producing nominees for many important administrative positions. There's plenty of room for criticism — which is likely to be more productive than attempting somehow to overturn an election.

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THE POST AND COURIER

Jan. 9

Airport prep after snow shut down busiest airport

Charleston isn't very well prepared for five inches of snow. It's just not a challenge that pops up very often. Prior to last week, the last time the city faced a winter storm that bad was almost 30 years ago.

So it's no surprise that snowfall effectively shut down Charleston International Airport on Jan. 3 as it piled up on the runway. Without special equipment on hand, airport and Air Force officials couldn't do much more than watch and wait.

"The last time we had this big of an issue was in 1989, and it wasn't as big a problem then because we didn't have the traffic we do now," explained airport CEO Paul Campbell.

But it is inexcusable that airport operations didn't fully resume again until Sunday morning.

The paralysis of South Carolina's busiest airport left thousands of passengers stranded and more than 400 flights cancelled. And given that the airport runways are owned by Joint Base Charleston, the whole debacle represented a threat to military readiness as well.

The Air Force decides when to close and open the runways at the airport.

It's understandable that the airport and the Air Force don't keep special snow-and-ice-clearing equipment around for a crisis situation that presents itself only once every few de-

cadec. For the most part, that would be a waste of money.

But there should have at least been a formal plan in place for getting things up and running more quickly. Waiting for Mother Nature to help doesn't cut it.

"How do you plan for a 30-year event?" Mr. Campbell asked in an interview with *The Post and Courier* on Sunday.

Really it shouldn't be too hard. Five inches of snow is uncommon in the Lowcountry, but flurries and freezing rain are not. The airport has contingencies in place for other types of severe weather, and heavy snowfall shouldn't be an exception.

And there was plenty of prior warning too.

When weather forecasts began calling for snow last week, airport and base officials should have started looking for plows and salt. And if they weren't immediately available locally, arrangements should have been made to bring in equipment from elsewhere.

Interstates and major roads in the area were quickly cleared of most ice after last Wednesday's storm. In fact, a lot of stranded airline passengers rented cars and drove to their destinations or nearby airports instead. Charleston's airport remained closed days after others in the Southeast had cleared away ice and snow and resumed operations.

Snow plows eventually cleared the runways in Charleston, and sunshine helped melt the last of the ice by late Saturday afternoon.

"I know we got criticized for it, but safety is our priority here," explained Campbell. No question, it would have been unacceptable to allow planes to operate in unsafe conditions.

But there are plenty of lessons to be learned.

Mr. Campbell suggested that the next time something like this happens, the airport could have a contractor on

standby, start responding earlier and improve communication with airlines.

The last point is particularly critical. One runway opened early Saturday morning, but miscommunication and logistical issues prevented any flights from landing or taking off before Sunday.

It's entirely possible that the airport won't need a snow emergency plan for another generation. Or it might need one next month. The weather is unpredictable, so it's best to be prepared for a variety of scenarios.

And whether the next big snowstorm happens next year or in 2040, the Charleston airport needs to be ready.

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Not awarding severance packages to utility executives

Maybe the directors of SCANA deserve some accolades, but their decision not to give parachutes to the executives who essentially set fire to the plane before bailing out should have been a no-brainer.

Severance packages worth tens of millions of dollars could have been awarded to former CEO Kevin Marsh and Steve Byrne, operations chief, but they hardly would have earned the payout. Recall that in July SCANA's subsidiary, South Carolina Electric & Gas, scrapped the planned expansion of the V.C. Summer Nuclear Station, leaving more than 700,000 customers with a shocking bill of \$37 million a month. SCE&G and Santee Cooper, its partner and a state-owned utility, spent nearly \$10 billion on the construction project before scuttling it.

Three months later, Marsh and Byrne announced their retirements, perhaps appropriately enough on Halloween.

Don't feel too sorry for the pair of executives. While utility customers have endured higher costs, these two have enjoyed significantly increased wages. In April, the *Aiken Standard's* former editor, Michael Smith, delved into the pair's earnings. At the time, Marsh was the top utility chief earner with an annual salary of \$6.1 million. That represented an increase of more than \$375,000 above his 2015 salary. For perspective, consider Smith's findings: "Marsh's total compensation is greater than the combined salaries of all South Carolina House and Senate members. Individual legislators are paid \$10,400 a year in salary and \$12,000 in per diem expenses, or \$22,400 in annual compensation, according to S.C. Ethics Commission filings."

Byrne, Smith reported, was the second-highest-paid SCANA executive, earning \$2.58 million, an increase of \$175,455.

Need another reason not to feel sorry?

Both will continue to benefit anyway. Marsh will get free health insurance until he turns 65, and Byrne's health insurance will be covered for a year and a half. Both also own company stock, which, not unlike their 2015 pay raises, rocketed last week after SCANA agreed to be acquired by Dominion Energy.

"This decision is in the unique context of the abandonment and the company's responsibilities to our ratepayers and shareholders," SCANA spokesman Eric Boomhower wrote in an email Friday in announcing the parachutes would not be deployed.

Small comfort for those left in the dark and for those left holding the bill. But the right decision. To have given the severance packages would have been akin to committing white collar crime.

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Neighbors reportedly saw the blaze and alerted the fire department after trying to fight the flames themselves but did not realize someone was inside.

The 47-year-old man suffered smoke inhalation and burns, and the home was damaged to the point that it is now unlivable.

"There is no doubt this person would have died had the fire department not rescued him," Bell said.

A relative owns the residence, so the family has also incurred costs to place the man in a convalescent cen-

ter, Bell said.

Suspects may be charged with shooting fireworks out of a vehicle, which is a misdemeanor, and second-degree arson, Bell said.

The individuals who rode in the vehicle are wanted for questioning, and anyone with information on them or the car is asked to contact Investigator R. Stewart at (803) 436-2040.

Crime Stoppers can also receive tips at 1-888-CRIMESC. Callers can remain anonymous and may qualify for a reward.

"This is just a prime example," Bell said, "of what could happen if you use fireworks in the wrong way."



The interior of a home on Curtis Drive became unlivable when a roman candle was shot into the home from a car on Jan. 1.

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SILVER PEARL

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are your personal objects. And you can imagine if you're in the 18th century and you own a silver teapot, the ore from the teapot had to come from melting coins to have it, so it's made of actual melted money.

"So the teapot becomes more precious to you because of the labor involved in getting it, and, also, what it's made from is unusual so I think, for me, I love that art that is involved."

Corley has traveled throughout the world appraising silver, from Australia and China to the H.L. Hunley Confederate submarine and the home her family has known for nine generations — Charleston.

In those travels and meetings and lectures, she is not commonly known as Dawn Corley. She is, after all, the Charleston Silver Lady.

"When they called me to do a show on ETV, I was like 20, and it was a dumb name for a 20-year-old ... No one believed about what I did or that I had any authority over any of this information someone else may not have," she said.

The name stuck, and people certainly believe her.

"The information I have and the reason I've been successful is because I listened to my grandmother and her friends all tell me the stories of her pieces," she said.

Today, her silver and all their stories can be found in tiny Bishopville, and the location was no accident.

Corley got introduced to

the Greater Bishopville board, which recently received a grant to revitalize and develop the downtown corridor, much like the process in which Sumter is in full steam.

"I love the small-town feel of it here. Charleston is international level now, but it was like this when I was a child. Now, it's almost a relief to walk in here. People are nice. They'll talk to you," Corley said.

She did bring her Charleston roots to Bishopville because that's where her love of silver was born.

All of the silver, porcelain and antiques are from Charleston, and the jewelry sold at the store is typically from those same estates. Pearls in the jewelry are from her friends who dove for them around the world.

"We're just hoping to really interest people with a diverse selection of things and bring them into Bishopville," said Katherine Dickenson, manager at the store. "This was a dilapidated building, and the front couldn't be saved, so we decided since we're doing the Charleston Silver Lady that we would have a Charleston courtyard. We took the roof off and renovated it and turned it into what we hope is a little haven of a gift shop."

The shop also honors Bishopville's Pearl Fryar, the topiary artist who has been featured in National Geographic, The Martha Stewart Show, The New York Times and myriad other outlets, including an award-winning documentary called "A Man Named Pearl." He visited the store to talk with shoppers and sign 2018 calendars sold

there featuring his work.

Without prompting, Fryar will preach passion, urging anyone to find what they love in life and work.

Corley doesn't care whether she is across the world, speaking on silver to U.S. presidents or talking to a group of women at a shop in Bishopville. One aspect of what she does is the most important — the stories.

"I think the most important pieces to me are the ones that transfer the emotions from one family to the next. So many times I'll think I have a favorite thing, but then I'll appraise something for someone, and they'll tell me the story of it. And all of a sudden, it makes you feel very, I don't know.

"It changes the way you think about a lot of things — that they do carry emotion with them. So some of my favorite things are probably the least valuable."

AUDIT FROM PAGE A1

revenue — approximately 46 percent — was collected through property taxes, and 38 percent of expenditures — \$19.5 million — were spent on public safety.

Based on the final budget, the county collected \$2 million more than anticipated for a total actual revenue budget of \$52.7 million.

Regarding expenditures, the county budgeted to spend approximately \$53 million and actually spent about \$49 million — staying under budget by \$4.1 million.

About 10 percent — \$4.9 million — of general fund expenditures were used for health and human services, which includes Sumter County EMS, the department partially responsible for an increase in charges for service revenue for the county.

The county saw an increase of about \$5 million to its charges for service —

about \$1.3 million of that is attributed to Sumter County EMS — according to Jennifer Miller with Webster Roger LLP.

By the end of the fiscal year, Sumter County had \$66.1 million in outstanding bonds, notes and capital lease obligations — a net increase of \$6.2 million to its long-term debts compared to the previous year, according to the report.

The report also states the county had a \$4 million net increase — which includes additions and deductions — in investments for a total of \$124 million in 2017.

Additional major capital assets — before deductions were subtracted — included: \$5.4 million to purchase land or construct facilities, nearly \$1 million to purchase patrol vehicles for Sumter County Sheriff's Office and equipment for Sumter Fire Department and \$3 million for road infrastructure.

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MLK JR. DAY SCHEDULE

BANKS — All area banks and credit unions will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15.

GOVERNMENT — The following will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15: federal government offices; state government offices; U.S. Postal Service; City of Sumter offices; Sumter County offices; Clarendon County offices; City of Manning offices; Lee County offices; and City of Bishopville offices.

SCHOOLS — The following will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15: Sumter School District; Clarendon School Districts 1, 2 and 3; Lee County Public Schools; Robert E. Lee Academy; Thomas Sumter Academy; Wilson Hall; St. Anne and St. Jude Catholic School; St. Francis Xavier High School; Clarendon Hall; and Sumter Christian School.

Laurence Manning Academy will be open on Monday.

UTILITIES — Black River Electric Coop. will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15.

OTHER — The following will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15: Clemson Extension Service; Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce; the Harvin Clarendon County Library; and the Sumter County Library.

The Sumter Item will be open on Monday.

AROUND TOWN

The Mary McLeod Bethune Section of the National Council of Negro Women Inc. (NCNW) will meet at 5 p.m. today at Morris College. The group is soliciting new members. Call Miranda Davis-Choice at (803) 651-8540.

If you need information or help with heirs' property and/or if you want help to manage your forest land for increased income for your family, come to the Center for Heirs' Property Preservation's Education Seminar on heirs' property issues and resolution and forest management practices. The seminar will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Jan. 13, at Providence Christian Church, 1100 Dozier-Mallett Road, Manning. To reserve

your spot, call (803) 473-0260.

The One Sumter Community group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 14, at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 325 Fulton St. Open to the public.

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dream Walk will be held on Monday, Jan. 15. The walk will start and end at the Nettles Building at USC Sumter, 200 Miller Road. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the walk beginning at 9:30 a.m. There will be a program at 11 a.m. Francis Hill will serve as grand marshal and speaker. T-shirts will be available on the morning of the walk. Visit the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/136517243775779/>.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Go over contracts, personal

documents or anything that you need to update. Having the proper paperwork in order will put your mind at ease and ensure that you are on the right track. Preparation will make a difference.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't get upset over little things. Getting along with the ones you love is far more important than winning a dispute. Keep your conversations positive and your actions thoughtful. Choose love over discord. Base donations on common sense.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be realistic when you assess your current position, as well as your personal and professional goals. Reconsider the way you handle the people who stand between you and success. What you choose to do now will have an impact on your future.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll have to separate fact from fiction when dealing with peers, friends or relatives. Offering what you want to hear instead of the truth can lead to disappointment or loss. Ask questions and do your homework before you make a decision.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may feel like socializing, but don't overspend or drink too much. Emotional deception is likely to set in, making you vulnerable to financial schemes. Reevaluate your current lifestyle, and try to exercise and maintain a healthy diet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emotional indiscretion and disillusionment will leave you in an awkward position if you believe everything you hear. Don't be gullible or trust someone

who may have ulterior motives. Use your intelligence and diplomacy to deal with friction.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take a look inward and consider what you are doing, whom you are associating with and what you have gained or lost due to your actions. A change may be in order if you aren't living up to your expectations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Smooth talk will get you in the door. Your persuasive charm will help you keep your audience tuned in to whatever you do or say. Don't be shy — get out and do your thing. The benefits will encourage a bright future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your emotions will be difficult to control if you feel strongly about a situation. Deal with friends and family openly and honestly to avoid confusion. Giving the wrong impression will be difficult to reverse.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Giving in to demands being made using emotional manipulation will detract from what you truly want to accomplish. Offer suggestions and move on to what's important to you. Focus on personal improvements, inner peace and romance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Listen to your heart and express your feelings. It's important to share with the people in your life who have the greatest influence. Patience, moderation and common sense are in your best interest.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Examine your personal life and own up to any mistakes you've made. Getting rid of guilt will open up the doors to a bright new beginning. Enrich your life and reconnect with people you haven't seen for some time.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Rain and drizzle in the p.m.	Rain and a thunderstorm early	Cooler with decreasing clouds	Partly sunny and chilly	Sunshine	Mostly cloudy
75°	46°	53° / 28°	45° / 24°	49° / 27°	53° / 22°
Chance of rain: 85%	Chance of rain: 75%	Chance of rain: 20%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 15%
5-7-14 mph	SW 8-16 mph	NW 7-14 mph	NE 6-12 mph	NE 4-8 mph	ENE 4-8 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS

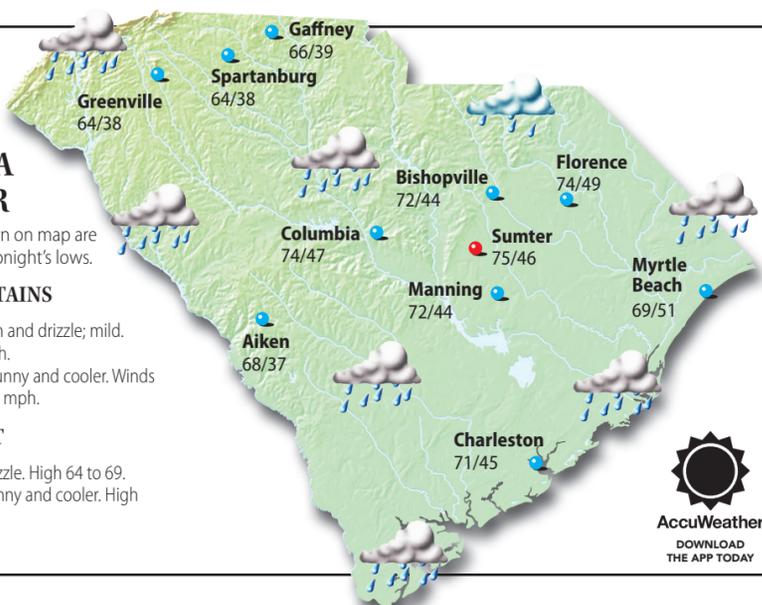
Today: Fog with rain and drizzle; mild. Winds south 4-8 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny and cooler. Winds north-northwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Rain and drizzle. High 64 to 69.

Saturday: Partly sunny and cooler. High 53 to 57.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
	73°	51°	54°	32°	82° in 1949	9° in 1982

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
	trace	0.43"	1.44"	0.43"	3.21"	1.44"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	353.56	-0.03
Marion	76.8	72.92	+0.01
Moultrie	75.5	73.00	+0.01
Wateree	100	96.47	none

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	6.93	-0.01
Congaree River	19	3.40	+0.40
Lynches River	14	4.51	+0.09
Saluda River	14	2.16	-0.02
Up. Santee River	80	74.75	-0.97
Wateree River	24	4.88	-0.05

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:28 a.m.	Sunset	5:33 p.m.
Moonrise	3:37 a.m.	Moonset	2:27 p.m.

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

TIDES

	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	5:44 a.m.	2.9	12:36 p.m.	0.3
	5:46 p.m.	2.5	---	---
Sat.	6:32 a.m.	3.0	12:41 a.m.	0.1
	6:34 p.m.	2.5	1:25 p.m.	0.2

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	62/31/r	40/22/pc
Chicago	24/10/sf	18/5/sf
Dallas	48/28/s	43/26/s
Detroit	34/13/i	19/8/c
Houston	52/32/s	53/29/s
Los Angeles	74/57/s	81/55/pc
New Orleans	51/32/pc	47/30/s
New York	59/46/r	46/16/c
Orlando	79/51/r	63/38/pc
Philadelphia	64/45/r	45/17/c
Phoenix	72/49/s	77/51/pc
San Francisco	59/48/pc	62/48/pc
Wash., DC	66/43/r	45/20/c

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	61/28/r	34/18/c	Florence	74/49/r	52/28/pc
Athens	65/32/r	47/24/pc	Gainesville	70/45/r	54/32/pc
Augusta	73/38/r	53/29/pc	Gastonia	68/43/r	48/24/pc
Beaufort	69/43/r	54/33/pc	Goldensboro	73/54/r	55/26/pc
Cape Hatteras	60/52/r	53/28/pc	Goose Creek	72/45/r	55/33/pc
Charleston	71/45/r	55/32/pc	Greensboro	66/43/r	47/21/pc
Charlotte	69/45/r	48/24/pc	Hickory	62/39/r	42/20/pc
Clemson	64/36/r	49/28/pc	Hilton Head	67/45/r	54/35/pc
Columbia	74/47/r	54/29/pc	Jacksonville, FL	76/44/r	55/34/pc
Darlington	73/47/r	51/29/pc	La Grange	63/32/r	45/22/pc
Elizabeth City	66/53/r	55/21/pc	Macon	68/34/r	49/26/pc
Elizabethtown	73/52/r	56/30/pc	Marietta	63/29/r	39/20/pc
Fayetteville	75/52/r	56/27/pc	Marion	61/32/r	41/20/pc
			Mt. Pleasant	69/46/r	55/34/pc
			Myrtle Beach	69/51/r	54/32/pc
			Orangeburg	72/42/r	53/33/pc
			Port Royal	66/43/r	53/35/pc
			Raleigh	70/50/r	52/23/pc
			Rock Hill	69/43/r	48/27/s
			Rockingham	71/48/r	52/27/pc
			Savannah	71/41/r	54/32/pc
			Spartanburg	64/38/r	46/27/s
			Summerville	72/44/r	54/33/pc
			Wilmington	71/53/r	56/29/pc
			Winston-Salem	65/42/r	45/21/pc

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The jigsaw puzzles of the Mona Lisa, David and Venus De Milo were — MASTERPIECES

SUMTER SPCA PETS OF THE WEEK



LEFT: Lucky Man is a 1-year-old rottweiler / shepherd mix. He is extremely loving and affectionate. He enjoys lots of cuddles, hugs and kisses. Lucky Man is great with other dogs and children and loves to play. He is a "lucky little man" because he was thrown out of a truck on the highway and was almost hit several times by cars until a hero came along, saved him and brought him to the SPCA. Now Lucky Man is ready to find his new forever home where he can be loved. Maybe you can be Lucky Man's next hero.

RIGHT: Vee is a housebroken and neutered 1-year-old American short hair. He is super with children and other cats. Vee is a loving cat who enjoys playing but also enjoys being a lazy couch potato. He would be great for any home and would make an excellent lap buddy as well. Vee has been at our facility for more than 8 months, which is longer than any of our other shelter pets. He is an exceptional cat and would make a wonderful addition to any family.

The Sumter SPCA is located at 1140 S. Guignard Drive, (803) 773-9292, and is open 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day except Wednesday and Sunday. Visit the website at www.sumterscpca.com.

PREP BASKETBALL

Short and sweet

Each game vital for Wilson Hall in 6-game region schedule

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
The Associated Press

With only four schools making up SCISA Region II-3A, it means the region basketball schedule consists of just six games. That means each game is vitally important.

Wilson Hall begins region play today by playing host to Orangeburg Prep at Nash Student Center.

"The first thing they look at in seeding for the playoffs is how you did in the region," said WH girls head coach Glen Rector. "After that, they look at how you did against your non-region schedule, but doing well in the region is very important. Your seeding better in the playoffs, so the better the region record is, the better."

The Lady Barons are off to a 10-4 start, while the Wilson Hall boys are 5-6. The



Wilson Hall's Natalie Jackson (12) has been a key performer for the Lady Barons, who open their SCISA Region II-3A scheduled today with a home game against Orangeburg Prep.

other two teams in the region -- Laurence Manning Academy and Florence Christian School -- also play today, in Florence.

WH boys head coach Eddie Talley has seen his team struggle, particularly offensively, throughout the

season. He hopes the Barons are getting ready to turn the corner as region play begins.

"I do believe we are playing better," said Talley, whose team is coming off of a 52-27 victory over Robert E. Lee Academy on Wednesday in Bishopville. "I think

the biggest key for us is that we have to step up and play with some confidence. We have to believe in ourselves. If we do that, we've got a chance to do pretty good in the region."

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PREP BASKETBALL

CH looks to close out strong

BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT
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For the Clarendon Hall varsity boys basketball team, the second half of the season is a time to refocus and regain the intensity that propelled it to a 7-3 start and the top of SCISA Region III-1A.

The Saints have dropped two games in a row after winning seven of their first eight games, but head coach Anthony Reitenour said as much as he hates to lose, the team's Jan. 2 loss to Dorchester on a buzzer beater and to 3A Orangeburg Prep in a holiday tournament might have been just what his team needed.

"We started off pretty strong," Reitenour said. "We had a little hiccup last week and came out kind of flat. I think the holidays kind of slowed us down a little bit and we got a little lazy, but this first full week of practice, finally getting back into the gym after the weather and everything, the team is pretty fired up and motivated, and I think the rest of the season, as far as the region goes, is looking pretty good for us if we keep playing the way we have been."

"Dorchester got our attention a little bit and woke us up, and that might have been the best thing for us," he said. "We were winning pretty easily with a lot of hustle and a lot of pressure, and I think the guys kind of got above themselves a little bit, and I think (the loss) might have helped. We've been kind of going through the motions, and up to then, our only other losses were our first game (a 1-point road loss to Williamsburg Academy) when we didn't have half our team back yet and then OP in the tournament."

"The guys kind of realized that we've got to get back that intensity we had at the beginning of the season, and they seem pretty motivated. As a coach, I hate to say it, but I think we kind of needed it," Reitenour said.

The Saints have four players averaging in double figures scoring, led by sophomore Zyan Gilmore, who is pouring



GILMORE

in almost 28 points per contest. Kylic Horton, a 6-foot-3-inch eighth-grader, is averaging close to 20 points per game. Sophomore Tyrese Mitcum, Horton's older brother, is averaging 14 points and leads the team with 7.2 rebounds per game, and senior captain Dylan Way is averaging just under 11 points per game.

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USC MEN'S BASKETBALL

Martin sees no risk in adding Bowen

BY PETE IACOBELLI
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — South Carolina coach Frank Martin doesn't see adding Brian Bowen Jr. as a risk, only as an opportunity to give the Louisville transfer a new chance to play in college.

"I don't judge people for their successes or their mistakes, that's not who I am," Martin said Thursday. "I'm into teaching, I'm into educating. I'm into helping people."

That's a big reason why, Martin said, Bowen and his family settled on South Carolina for the 6-foot-7, highly regarded forward's next basketball chapter.

Bowen was held out of practices and games after Louisville announced it was being investigated as part of a federal corruption probe of bribery in college basketball that led to the firing of coach Rick Pitino.

Ten people, including four assistant coaches and Adidas executive James Gatto, were initially charged in the investigation. One of the coaches was Oklahoma State assistant Lamont Evans,



Brian Bowen Jr. has enrolled to play with South Carolina and Gamecock head coach Frank Martin sees no downside with him being on the team. Bowen was held out of practices and games after Louisville, where he initially enrolled, announced it was being investigated as part of a federal corruption probe of bribery in college basketball that led to the firing of coach Rick Pitino.

who was a member of Martin's South Carolina staff from 2012-16.

Bowen was suspended by Louisville after news of an alleged payment involving

the Cardinals and his father to get him to attend that school. The federal complaint stated that Gatto and others attempted to funnel \$100,000 to a recruit's family

to gain his commitment to play for Louisville. Bowen was not named in documents, but details made

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USC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wilson hurt in South Carolina's 71-63 win over Auburn

BY PETE IACOBELLI
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — A'ja Wilson had 19 points and 11 rebounds before leaving with a right ankle injury with 16 seconds left in No. 9 South Carolina's 71-63 win over Auburn on Thursday night.

Wilson was a force with her 12th double-double this season and, in the first quarter, became just the third player in program history to reach 2,000 career points. But she came down hard under her own basket in the final seconds and hobbled over to the corner of the court. Team trainers helped her

off and she went right to the locker room.

Wilson and the defending national champion Gamecocks (14-2, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) rebounded from their first SEC loss of the season Sunday at Missouri by winning their eighth straight over the Tigers (10-6, 1-3). Not that it was easy.

Auburn whittled a 22-point second-quarter deficit to 62-56 on Jannah McKay's jumper with 5:36 to play. But South Carolina point guard



WILSON

Tyasha Harris responded with five straight points to rebuild the double-digit edge.

Wilson, the 6-foot-5 All-American, had her worst showing of the year at Mizzou, fouling out in just 19 minutes and finishing with a season-low eight points. But she was active from the start of this one — she made two of her team's first three baskets and assisted on the other — as South Carolina opened a 30-10 edge by the end of the first quarter. Her two made foul shots with 1:13 left in the opening period

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PREP BASKETBALL

Lady Saints improving with effort, focus

BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT
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After going winless last season and much of the season before, the Clarendon Hall varsity girls basketball team has already had a much more positive experience in the current campaign.

The Lady Saints were 2-5 overall and 2-2 in SCISA Region III-1A heading into Thursday's non-region contest against St. John's Christian.

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

7 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour/ Sunshine Tour South African Open Second Round from Ekurhuleni, South Africa (GOLF).
Noon — Professional Basketball: NBA G-League Game from Mississauga, Ontario — Canton vs. Northern Arizona (ESPN).
1 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Sydney International Semifinal Matches from Sydney (TENNIS).
1:30 p.m. — Exhibition Golf: Diamond Resorts Invitational Day 1 from Lake Buena Vista, Fla. (GOLF).
2:30 p.m. — Professional Basketball: NBA G-League Game from Mississauga, Ontario — Greensboro vs. Texas (ESPN).
2:30 p.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Bayern Munich vs. Bayer Leverkusen (FOX SPORTS 1, UNIVISION).
6 p.m. — Professional Basketball: NBA G-League Game from Mississauga, Ontario — Westchester vs. Agua Caliente (ESPN).
6 p.m. — Professional Tennis: ASB Classic Doubles Championship Match from Auckland, New Zealand (TENNIS).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
6:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Marquette at Butler (FOX SPORTS 1).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Ohio at Kent State (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Virginia Commonwealth at Dayton (ESPN2).
7 p.m. — PGA Golf: Sony Open Second Round from Honolulu (GOLF).
7 p.m. — Professional Swimming: USA Arena Pro Swim Series Day 1 from Austin, Texas (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. — Women’s College Gymnastics: Louisiana State at Florida (SEC NETWORK).
7:30 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Washington at Carolina (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Golden State at Milwaukee (ESPN).
8:30 p.m. — Professional Basketball: NBA G-League Game from Mississauga, Ontario — Erie vs. Rio Grande Valley (ESPN).
8:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Providence at DePaul (FOX SPORTS 1).
8:30 p.m. — Women’s College Gymnastics: Georgia at Alabama (SEC NETWORK).
8:30 p.m. — Professional Tennis: ASB Classic Singles Championship Match from Auckland, New Zealand (TENNIS).
9 p.m. — High School Basketball: Bass Pro Shops Tournament of Champions Semifinal Game (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
10 p.m. — Women’s Professional Boxing: Claressa Shields vs. Tori Nelson, for the IBF/WBC Super Middleweight title from Verona, N.Y. (SHOWTIME).
10:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Houston at Phoenix (ESPN).
11 p.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour/ Asian Tour EurAsia Cup Day 2 from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (GOLF).

SATURDAY

5 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour/ Sunshine Tour South African Open Third Round from Ekurhuleni, South Africa (GOLF).
7 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Sydney International Championship Match from Sydney (TENNIS).
9:30 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Hoffenheim vs. Werder Bremen (FOX SPORTS 1).
9:30 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Hamburg vs. Augsburg (FOX SPORTS 2).
9:55 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Leicester City vs. Chelsea (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
11 a.m. — College Basketball: St. Bonaventure at Rhode Island (ESPN).
11:30 a.m. — Professional Golf: Web.com Tour Bahamas Great Exuma Classic First Round from Great Exuma, Bahamas (GOLF).
Noon — College Basketball: Michigan at Michigan State (WACH 57).
Noon — Women’s College Basketball: Duquesne at George Washington (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
Noon — College Basketball: Kansas State at Kansas (ESPN).
Noon — College Basketball: Purdue at Minnesota (ESPN2).
Noon — College Basketball: Georgetown at Seton Hall (FOX SPORTS 1).
Noon — Professional Basketball: NBA G-League Game from Mississauga, Ontario — Sioux Falls vs. Raptors 905 (NBA TV).
12:20 p.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Schalke 04 vs. Leipzig (FOX SPORTS 2).
12:30 p.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Everton vs. Tottenham (WIS 10).
12:30 p.m. — College Basketball: La Salle at Duquesne (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
1 p.m. — College Basketball: Florida at Mississippi (WLTX 19).
1 p.m. — College Basketball: Connecticut at Tulane (ESPNNEWS).
1 p.m. — College Basketball: Texas Christian at Oklahoma (ESPN).
1 p.m. — College Basketball: South Carolina at Georgia (SEC NETWORK, WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240, WNKT-FM 107.5).
1:30 p.m. — Exhibition Golf: Diamond Resorts Invitational Day 2 from Lake Buena Vista, Fla. (GOLF).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Creighton at Xavier (WACH 57).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Memphis at Temple (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Oklahoma at Texas Tech (ESPN).
2 p.m. — College Basketball: Oregon at Arizona (ESPN2).
2 p.m. — Women’s College Basketball: Oklahoma State at Kansas State (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
2:30 p.m. — Professional Basketball: NBA G-League Game from Mississauga, Ontario — South Bay vs. Lakeland (NBA TV).
2:30 p.m. — College Basketball: St. Louis at George Mason (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
3 p.m. — College Basketball: Baylor at Iowa State (ESPNNEWS).
3 p.m. — College Basketball: Miami at Clemson (ESPN, WWBD-FM 94.7, WPUB-FM 102.7).
3:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Auburn at Mississippi State (SEC NETWORK).
4 p.m. — Women’s College Basketball: Santa Clara at Brigham Young (BYUTV).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: Colorado State at Wyoming (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: Kentucky at Vanderbilt (ESPN).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: Virginia Tech at Louisville (ESPN2).
4:30 p.m. — NFL Football: National Football Conference Playoffs Divisional Game — Atlanta at Philadelphia (WIS 10, WNKT-FM 107.5).
4:30 p.m. — College Basketball: George Washington at Richmond (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
5 p.m. — College Basketball: Texas at Oklahoma State (ESPNNEWS).
5 p.m. — Women’s College Basketball: Texas Christian at West Virginia (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
5 p.m. — Professional Basketball: NBA G-League Game from Mississauga, Ontario — Reno vs. Delaware (NBA TV).
5 p.m. — College Basketball: Louisiana Tech at Alabama-Birmingham (SPECTRUM 1250).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: Illinois State at Southern Illinois (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: North Carolina at Notre Dame (ESPN).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: Missouri at Arkansas (ESPN2).
6 p.m. — Women’s College Gymnastics: Ohio State at Michigan (ESPN).
6 p.m. — College Basketball: Texas A&M at Tennessee (SEC NETWORK).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Cincinnati at South Florida (ESPNNEWS).

7 p.m. — PGA Golf: Sony Open Third Round from Honolulu (GOLF).
7:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Wichita State at Tulsa (ESPN).
8 p.m. — NFL Football: American Football Conference Playoffs Divisional Game — Tennessee at New England (WLTX 19, WNKT-FM 107.5).
8 p.m. — High School Basketball: Naismith HoopBall Classic from Springfield, Mass. — Chino Hills (Calif.) vs. Spartanburg Day (ESPN).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: Valparaiso at Northern Iowa (ESPN2).
8 p.m. — College Basketball: Villanova at St. John’s (FOX BUSINESS NETWORK).
8:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Alabama at Louisiana State (SEC NETWORK).
9:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Gonzaga at San Francisco (ESPN).
10 p.m. — High School Basketball: Bass Pro Shops Tournament of Champions Championship Game (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
10 p.m. — College Basketball: San Diego State at Boise State (ESPN2).
11 p.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour/ Asian Tour EurAsia Cup Day 3 from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (GOLF).
Midnight — Professional Swimming: USA Arena Pro Swim Series Day 2 from Austin, Texas (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
5 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour/ Sunshine Tour South African Open Final Round from Ekurhuleni, South Africa (GOLF).

PREP SCHEDULE

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

SATURDAY

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

NFL PLAYOFFS

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS

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

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

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

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, Jan. 21

AFC
 TBD, 3:05 p.m. (CBS)
 NFC
 TBD, 6:40 p.m. (FOX)

PRO BOWL

Sunday, Jan. 28
 At Orlando, Fla.
 AFC vs. NFC, 3 p.m. (ESPN/ABC)

SUPER BOWL

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

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	34	10	.773	—
Toronto	28	11	.718	3½
Philadelphia	19	20	.487	12½
New York	19	22	.463	13½
Brooklyn	15	26	.366	17½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	24	17	.585	—
Washington	23	18	.561	1
Charlotte	15	24	.385	8
Orlando	12	30	.286	12½
Atlanta	11	30	.268	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	26	14	.650	—
Detroit	22	18	.550	4
Milwaukee	22	18	.550	4
Indiana	21	20	.512	5½
Chicago	15	27	.357	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	29	11	.725	—
San Antonio	28	14	.667	2
New Orleans	20	20	.500	9
Dallas	15	28	.349	15½
Memphis	13	27	.325	16

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	27	16	.628	—
Portland	22	19	.537	4
Oklahoma City	22	20	.524	4½
Denver	21	20	.512	5
Utah	17	24	.415	9

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	33	9	.786	—
L.A. Clippers	19	21	.475	13
Phoenix	16	26	.381	17
Sacramento	13	27	.325	19
L.A. Lakers	13	27	.325	19

THURSDAY’S GAMES

Boston 114, Philadelphia 103
 Cleveland at Toronto, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
 San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

TODAY’S GAMES

Cleveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 Orlando at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 Brooklyn at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Golden State at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
 New York at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Portland at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 Memphis at Denver, 9 p.m.

Houston at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY’S GAMES

L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 2 p.m.
 Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Charlotte, 5 p.m.
 Brooklyn at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Golden State at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 Detroit at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Denver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY’S GAMES

Milwaukee at Miami, 1 p.m.
 New Orleans at New York, 3:30 p.m.
 Indiana at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
 Portland at Minnesota, 9 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN’S TOP 25 RESULTS

WEDNESDAY

1. Villanova (15-1) beat No. 10 Xavier 89-65. Next: at St. John’s, Saturday.
 2. West Virginia (15-1) did not play. Next: at No. 8 Texas Tech, Saturday.
 3. Virginia (15-1) did not play. Next: vs. N.C. State, Sunday.
 4. Michigan State (16-2) beat Rutgers 76-72, OT. Next: vs. Michigan, Saturday.
 5. Purdue (16-2) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Saturday.
 6. Wichita State (13-2) did not play. Next: at East Carolina, Thursday.
 7. Duke (14-2) beat Pittsburgh 87-52. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Saturday.
 8. Texas Tech (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 West Virginia, Saturday.
 9. Oklahoma (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 TCU, Saturday.
 10. Xavier (15-3) lost to No. 1 Villanova 89-65. Next: vs. No. 25 Creighton, Saturday.
 11. Arizona State (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon, Thursday.
 12. Kansas (13-3) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.
 13. Seton Hall (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Georgetown, Saturday.
 14. Cincinnati (14-2) did not play. Next: at South Florida, Saturday.
 15. Gonzaga (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Portland, Thursday.
 16. TCU (13-3) lost to Texas 99-98, 2OT. Next: at No. 9 Oklahoma, Saturday.
 17. Arizona (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon State, Thursday.
 18. Miami (13-2) did not play. Next: at No. 19 Clemson, Saturday.
 19. **Clemson (14-1) did not play. Next: at N.C. State, Thursday.**
 20. North Carolina (13-4) did not play. Next: at Notre Dame, Saturday.
 21. Kentucky (13-3) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Saturday.
 22. Auburn (15-1) did not play. Next: at Mississippi State, Saturday.
 23. Florida State (12-4) lost to Louisville 73-69. Next: vs. Syracuse, Saturday.
 24. Tennessee (11-4) did not play. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Saturday.
 25. Creighton (14-3) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Xavier, Saturday.

WOMEN’S TOP 25 RESULTS

WEDNESDAY

1. UConn (14-0) did not play. Next: at Houston, Saturday.
 2. Notre Dame (15-1) did not play. Next: at No. 3 Louisville, Thursday.
 3. Louisville (18-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 Notre Dame, Thursday.
 4. Mississippi State (17-0) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama, Sunday.
 5. Baylor (14-1) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma, Sunday.
 6. Tennessee (15-0) did not play. Next: at No. 17 Texas A&M, Thursday.
 7. Texas (13-2) lost to TCU 79-77. Next: vs. Kansas, Saturday.
 8. Oregon (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona, Friday.
 9. **South Carolina (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn, Thursday.**
 10. Ohio State (15-2) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Saturday.
 11. Maryland (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan State, Thursday.
 12. Missouri (14-2) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Thursday.
 13. Florida State (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. Miami, Thursday.
 14. UCLA (11-4) did not play. Next: at Utah, Friday.
 15. West Virginia (15-2) beat Kansas 74-54. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.
 16. Duke (12-4) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Thursday.
 17. Texas A&M (13-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 Tennessee, Thursday.
 18. Arizona State (13-3) did not play. Next: at No. 22 Oregon State, Friday.
 19. Iowa (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Saturday.
 20. Oklahoma State (12-3) did not play. Next: at Kansas State, Saturday.
 21. Rutgers (16-3) lost to Purdue 47-33. Next: vs. Minnesota, Saturday.
 22. Oregon State (11-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 Arizona State, Friday.
 23. Michigan (14-4) beat Indiana 84-79. Next: at Nebraska, Saturday.
 24. California (11-4) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Friday.
 25. Green Bay (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. Youngstown State, Thursday.

TRANSACTIONS

THURSDAY

MLB AMERICAN LEAGUE

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with RHP Miguel Gonzalez on a one-year contract. Designated OF Jacob May.
 CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with RHP Zach McAllister on a one-year contract.
 DETROIT TIGERS — Claimed the contract of RHP Johnny Barbato from Pittsburgh (NL). Named Scott Fletcher minor league hitting coordinator. Jose Valentin minor league infield coordinator. Adam Daily analytics/trackman coordinator. Jim McKew minor league video coordinator. Kan Ikeda minor league assistant video coordinator and Manny Pena assistant medical coordinator.
 International: Doug Mientkiewicz manager for Toledo (IL); Andrew Graham manager, Mike HESSMAN hitting coach and Santiago Garrido coach for Erie (EL); Mike Rabelo manager and Francisco Contreras coach for Lakeland (FSL); Lance Parrish manager, Mariano Duncan hitting coach and John Vander Wal coach for West Michigan (MWL); Sean McFarland athletic trainer for Connecticut (NYP); Gary Cathcart manager, Bill Springman hitting coach and Cody Derby athletic trainer for the GCL Tigers West; Luis Lopez manager, Rafael Gil hitting coach and Erick Flores athletic trainer for the the GCL Tigers East; Ramon Zapata manager and Francisco Martinez coach for the DSL Tigers; Jesus Garces manager, Luis Marte pitching coach, Williams Moreno assistant pitching coach, Marco Yezpe hitting coach and Carmelo Jaime coach for the DSL Tigers2.
 HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with OF Jake Marisnick on a one-year contract.
 LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with RHP Blake Parker on a one-year contract.
 National League

BOWEN FROM PAGE B1

clear that investigators were referring to the freshman.

Bowen sat out this semester. He enrolled at South Carolina on Monday, is on scholarship and will practice with the team once he gets his bearings on campus, Martin said.

South Carolina will have to petition the NCAA for Bowen’s reinstatement. He would miss the next two semesters as a transfer before he could return to the court.

Martin got approval from the university president, the board of trustees and the athletic director before going forward with Bowen.

“I trust the people I work for,” the coach said. “They would not have signed up for something that was going to bring negative” to the school.

Martin said Bowen and his family were moved by the university’s willingness to bring him in despite the awful time since the college corruption scandal broke in late September.

“When we had the conversation that we had admitted him and our leadership was going to stand up and fight for reinstatement, that kid almost started crying,” Martin recalled.

Martin did not have a previous relationship with Bowen, the prize recruit from La Porte, Indiana. Bowen and his family were familiar with Gamecocks assistant Chuck Martin, in his first year at South Carolina after the previous three years as assistant for the Indiana Hoosiers.

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pushed her to 2,000 points over four seasons, leaving her behind only Shelia Foster (2,226 points) and Shannon Johnson (2,230) in Gamecocks history.

UP NEXT

Auburn ends a brutal run of three consecutive ranked opponents when it plays Arkansas at home Sunday.

South Carolina faces its third ranked opponent in five games when it faces No. 6 Tennessee at home.

BARONS FROM PAGE B1

The Wilson Hall girls shared the region crown with FCS last season. Both teams were 5-1 in region play, splitting their two regular-season contests with the Lady Eagles winning the rematch in the region tournament championship game.

Rector is concerned about how sharp his team will be against Orangeburg Prep. While WH has played twice this week, playing Hammond on Tuesday and REL on Wednesday, it was unable to practice at all last week due to the holidays and the snow.

“I was feeling really good about our play following the Christmas tournament (Carolina Invitational Basketball Tournament in Charleston, going 2-1),” Rector said. “But then we had those seven days off and I don’t know. We’ve just been able to practice once, and I’m concerned about us being in basketball shape. It hurts to have that happen just before you get to region play.”

With the Wilson Hall boys at times having problems putting points on the board, Talley is trying to instill a hard-nosed defensive attitude in his team.

“The key for us is to play good defense,” Talley said. “While you can’t always shoot the ball well, you can always play good defense. I don’t think we’ve played as well as we can. We’ve got to get to where we give great effort every time we play.”

“I just want this team to keep getting better,” he added. “I really think it’s between the ears for us right now.”

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“(Gilmore has) just been phenomenal for us on both sides of the ball, from rebounds and steals to assists and scoring,” Reitenour said. “He’s kind of the catalyst that gets everybody involved.”

“Dylan Way started out kind of slow, but here lately, he’s been getting that confidence back. He’s our returning captain and has found his niche again and is turning things around.”

Reitenour said his team has set its sights on next week’s rematch with Dorchester, a team it defeated 69-63 in their first meeting.

“We beat them in a tournament over the holidays and didn’t have much of a problem,” Reitenour said. “But then we went to their place and they snuck one on us, so the boys are pretty motivated to get out there and get a chance to make ourselves the clear-cut No. 1 in Region III.”

The Saints were set to face St. John’s Christian on Thursday, a team they defeated 98-67 earlier in the season.

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Head coach Anthony Reitenour, who took over as head coach of the team near the end of last season, is as encouraged by the way the Lady Saints have improved their outlook on the game as by collecting victories.

“They already have two wins under their belt this season and they’re improving more and more every day,” Reitenour said. “We started out the season kind of slow. I took them over at the end of last season, and they haven’t had as much time to progress the way the boys team

has, but they’re getting there. Every game, you’re seeing more and more improvement. Their intensity has picked up, they’re starting to run a faster pace of offense and defense. The effort is there, and it’s really turning around for us.”

The Lady Saints are paced by a trio of seniors. Mallory McIntosh leads the team in scoring and rebounding, averaging better than 10 points per game and six rebounds. Sydney Wells is adding four points and four rebounds to the mix and leads the team with slightly more than three steals per game. Brynne Baxley has been grabbing more than five rebounds

per contest.

Reitenour said one of his biggest difficulties has been getting the team to keep its focus in tight games and not get discouraged.

“We’ve had some close games that we’ve kind of given up on,” Reitenour said. “The biggest battle with coaching the girls sometimes is keeping them motivated to keep pushing forward and not giving up in the game. Where we are right now, I think they’re truly ready and focused, and I think the second half of the year in conference, we’re going to pick up quite a few more wins than we did in the first half. I’m expecting good things from them.”

GIRLS AREA ROUNDUP

Chestnut Oaks stays perfect with 39-24 win over Hillcrest

DALZELL — The Chestnut Oaks Middle School girls basketball team remained undefeated with a 39-24 victory over Hillcrest on Thursday at the HMS gymnasium.

Quanqzha Pearson led the Lady Falcons, who improved to 8-0 on the season, with 15 points. Antiyona Roach added 12 points and Nay Vanburen had five.

ALICE DRIVE 52
BATES 25

Steve Sinkler scored 32 points to lead Alice Drive to a 52-25 victory over Bates on Thursday at the AD gymnasium.

Dayziana McCray added eight points for the Lady Hawks.

LEE CENTRAL 17
SPAULDING 16

LAMAR — Lee Central defeated Spaulding 17-16 on Thursday at the SMS gymnasium.

Shaniece Moore led the Lady Stallions with nine points, and Keemya Scott added five.

VARSITY BASKETBALL

THOMAS SUMTER 36
CAROLINA 17

LAKE CITY — Thomas Sumter Academy improved to 2-1 in SCISA Region II-2A with a 36-17 victory over Carolina Academy on Thursday at the CA gymnasium.

Caetlyn Martin led the Lady Generals, 8-6 overall, with 14 points. Aubrey Stoddard and Sydney Daniel each added eight.

On Tuesday in Dalzell, TSA lost to Palmetto Christian 58-46 in overtime. Martin led Thomas Sumter with 16 points. Stoddard added 12 and Daniel had 11.

Maddie Davidson led PC with 26 points.

WILSON HALL 54
ROBERT E. LEE 31

BISHOPVILLE — Natalie Jackson had a double-double of 14 points and 14 rebounds to lead Wilson Hall to a 54-31

victory over Robert E. Lee Academy on Wednesday at the REL gymnasium.

Liza Segars added 11 points and six steals for the Lady Barons, who improved to 10-4. Courtney Clark added 10 points and Susanna Hutson had seven.

Rebecca Dinkins led the Lady Cavaliers with 12 points.

WILSON HALL
Segars 11, Porter 2, Clark 10, Jackson 14, McCaffrey 2, Hutson 7, McIver 4, Duffy 4.ROBERT E. LEE
R. Dinkins 12, E. Dinkins 6, Barrett 4, Shannon 9.

JV BASKETBALL

WILSON HALL 44
ROBERT E. LEE 6

BISHOPVILLE — Wilson Hall improved to 10-0 with a 44-6 victory over Robert E. Lee Academy on Wednesday at the REL gymnasium.

Gracyn Coker led the Lady Barons with 13 points. Lucy Matthews added eight and Abbie Beatson had seven.

ANDREW JACKSON 42
LEE CENTRAL 33

BISHOPVILLE — Lee Central lost to Andrew Jackson High 42-33 on Thursday at the LC gymnasium.

Jada Rogers led the Lady Stallions with 12 points. Nica Johnson added 10.

On Wednesday in Cheraw, Lee Central defeated Cheraw 43-30.

Rogers led the Lady Stallions with 16 points. Brianna Jenkins had 11 and Latarya Brisbon had eight.

THOMAS SUMTER 30
PALMETTO CHRISTIAN 25

DALZELL — Thomas Sumter improved to 4-2 with a 30-25 victory over Palmetto Christian on Tuesday at Edens Gymnasium.

Karleigh Young had a double-double of 10 points and 11 rebounds to lead TSA. Clara Burnette and Lindsay Daniel each scored eight points for the Lady Generals and Mo Stevens and Daniel both grabbed eight rebounds.

BOYS AREA ROUNDUP

Isaac leads Alice Drive over Bates

Nakeem Isaac scored 24 points to lead Alice Drive Middle School to 48-43 boys basketball victory over Bates on Thursday at the AD gymnasium.

Joseph Durant added 13 points, five assists and five steals for the Hawks, who improved to 8-1 on the season. Marquis Lane-Owens had five points and pulled down 10 rebounds.

Correan Nelson had 15 points to lead the Bantams. Zyeir Gamble added 13 points.

VARSITY BASKETBALL

WILSON HALL 52
ROBERT E. LEE 27

BISHOPVILLE — Wilson Hall improved to 5-6 with a 52-27 victory over Robert E. Lee Academy on Wednesday at the REL gymnasium.

Graham Van Patten and Daulton Dabbs led a balanced scoring attack with eight points apiece. Jacob Cotton and Chandler Scott both had six.

Gavin Melton led the Cavaliers with six points.

On Tuesday in Columbia, Wilson Hall lost to Hammond 52-25. Grant DeVarona led WH with five points.

WILSON HALL
Holler 5, Scott 6, G. Van Patten 8, Dabbs 8, Cotton 6, L. VanPatten 4, Jones 3, DeVarona 5, Zhang 5, Myers 2.ROBERT E. LEE
J. Hodge 2, Smith 3, Melton 6, McGee 5, Hopkins 2, Barrett 3, Johnson 4, S. Hodge 2.

B TEAM BASKETBALL

THOMAS SUMTER 43
CALHOUN ACADEMY 14

ST. MATTHEWS — Thomas Sumter Academy defeated Calhoun Academy 43-14 on Wednesday at the CA gymnasium.

Brandon Burns led the Generals with 10 points. Sammy Kessinger had nine, James Parrish eight and Landon DeLavan and Randall Bock both had six.

On Tuesday in Florence, TSA defeated The King's Academy 42-12. Burns led the Generals with 10 points. Parrish had seven, while DeLavan and Landyn Stevens both had six.

LAURENCE MANNING 32
WILSON HALL 26

MANNING — Laurence Manning Academy improved to 2-0 with a 32-26 victory over Wilson Hall on Thursday at Bubba Davis Gymnasium.

Coleman Yates led the Swampcats with 12 points. Brandon King added nine.

Jackson Duvall led the 6-3 Barons with eight points. Dylan Richardson added seven.

On Wednesday in Manning, LMA defeated Orangeburg Prep 40-12. King led Laurence Manning 10 points. Jackson Campbell had eight and Nicky Jordan had five assists to go with four points.

SUMTER 36
GRAY COLLEGIATE 35

COLUMBIA — Sumter High School improved to 5-0 with a 36-35 victory over Gray Collegiate on Thursday at the GC gymnasium.

Devin Boston led the Gamecocks with 11 points. Tre Brunson added 10 points and eight rebounds, while Jonathan Price had seven points and four assists.

JV BASKETBALL

WILSON HALL 25
ROBERT E. LEE 20

BISHOPVILLE — Wilson Hall improved to 6-4 on the season with a 25-20 victory over Robert E. Lee on Wednesday at the REL gymnasium.

Nathan Harris led the Barons with 12 points. Evan Hoffman added five points, the final five of the game for WH.

ANDREW JACKSON 44
LEE CENTRAL 38

BISHOPVILLE — Lee Central lost to Andrew Jackson High 44-38 on Thursday at the LC gymnasium.

KJ Holloman led the Stallions with 13 points.

On Wednesday in Cheraw, Lee Central lost to Cheraw 47-35. Naquan Peoples led the Stallions with 12 points and Daurrion Kelly had 10.

PRO FOOTBALL

Falcons' Jones ignores aches, pains

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
The Associated Press

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Even Julio Jones was caught off guard when someone mentioned all the various body parts he's had to nurse back to health this season.

Ribs. Thumb. Knee. Hip. Back. Ankle. The ankle twice, in fact.

"Whew! All that?" he asked, sounding a bit incredulous.

Then, with a slight smile and shaking his head, Jones added, "Long season, man. Long season."

He's got a routine to cope with all the aches and pains.

During the week, Jones is often limited in practice or doesn't even take the field. But by the time the game rolls around, he's always ready to go.

"He has a real process to do that," coach Dan Quinn said. "We're fortunate that he's played with injuries and kind of knows the routine of how to do it."

That will be the case again for Saturday's NFC divisional playoff game against the top-seeded Philadelphia Eagles.

OBITUARIES

DAVID E. OLIVER

Funeral services for David Emmanuel Oliver will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Historic Liberty Hill AME



OLIVER

Church, 2310 Liberty Hill Road, Summerton, with the Rev. Robert L. China Jr. officiating. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

The public may view from 2 to 7 p.m. today at Palmer Memorial Chapel 304 S. Main St., Sumter.

Mr. Oliver, 71, transitioned on Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence. Born in Clarendon County, he was a son of the late Manuel and Mary Ragin Oliver and the husband of the late Carolyn Williams Oliver. David was educated in the public schools of Clarendon and Sumter counties. He worked many years for Carolina Furniture Co., Korn Industries and Sumter School District 17, until retirement. He also served in the U.S. Army as a Vietnam veteran and served in the U.S. Army Reserves. He was a member of Historic Liberty Hill AME Church in Summerton.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn Williams Oliver; daughter, Davida L. Oliver; sister, Emma Lawson; and brothers, John and Julius Oliver.

Survivors include a son, David J. Oliver; siblings, Johnny Oliver and Margaret O. Battle, both of Maryland, Suester (John) Titus, Mardes (Windell) Witherspoon and Marie Oliver, all of Sumter, Darrell Oliver of Virginia, Ruth (Bobby) Holley of South Carolina, Sheila (Kevin) Mc-

Cray of Virginia, Jacqueline Saniford and Todd Oliver of Connecticut; in-laws, Alfred Sr. and Novella Williams of Sumter; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Condolences may be made on his tribute page found at www.PalmerMemorialChapel.com.

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JASON B. BROWN

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

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

Visitation will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Lee Central Middle School, 41 Charlene Lane, Bishopville.

Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville, is in charge of arrangements.

DANIEL D. ROGERSON SR.

Daniel D. Rogerson Sr., 97, of Florence, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, at McLeod Hospice House.

He was born in Andrews, a son of the late Lester Porter Rogerson and John Edward Rogerson Sr.

He was predeceased by his wife of 72 years, Virginia Cummings Rogerson; a son, Daniel D. Rogerson Jr.; two grandsons, Daniel D. "Dano" Rogerson III and Neil McQueen Rogerson; a brother, John Edward Rogerson Jr.; and two sisters, Claire Doby and Carolyn Rogerson.

He was a member of our country's greatest generation,

having served as a Marine during World War II. Mr. Rogerson was a dental technician for more than 50 years, having been affiliated with Sexton-Shealy Dental Clinic in his earlier career and various other dental clinics throughout the state. He was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church.

He is survived by a son, Wesley Jonathan Rogerson Sr. of Florence; two daughters, Jeanine Rogerson Clemens of Charleston and Carolyn Rogerson Holcombe of Florence; three grandchildren, David Hugh Lyon, Ginny (Chris) Inabinet and Wesley Jonathan Rogerson Jr.; and three great-grandsons, Cal, Tanner and Hampton Inabinet.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at All Saints Episcopal Church led by Father Jason Hamshaw and Father Dick Archer.

Graveside services directed by Cain Calcutt-Stephens Funeral Home will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the Florence National Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff of the Heritage Home and McLeod Hospice House for their care given to their dad.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to McLeod Hospice House, 1203 E. Cheves St., Florence, SC 29506.

Please sign the online guest registry at www.cainfuneral-home.com.

PHARISH PINCKNEY

NORTH CHARLESTON — The relatives and friends of Pharish Pinckney, 88, of North Charleston, are invited to attend his funeral service at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Lovely Hill Baptist Church, 670 Bear Swamp Road, Johns Island. Interment will be held at Sandhill Memorial Gardens, Williston.

Viewing will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the mortuary. Pharish Pinckney died on

Jan. 7, 2018.

Mr. Pinckney is survived by his children, Betty Moody, Pharish Arthur Pinckney (Shirley), Charles Norman Pinckney, Ruby Peterson and Edra Pinckney; siblings, Thelma Cookley, Julia Pettyjohn, Maggie Sheppard (William), Arthuree Johnson and Sadie Singleton; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.murraysmortuary.com. Arrangements entrusted to Murray's Mortuary, 4060 Rivers Ave., North Charleston, (843) 744-5488.

KAREN WILSON

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

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

Visitation will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

Funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the 407 S. Main Street Chapel.

Wilson Funeral Home of Bishopville is in charge of arrangements.

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CHARLES PETERSON

Charles Peterson, 58, fell asleep in death on Jan. 6, 2018, at Palmetto Health Baptist, Columbia.

Born on April 21, 1959, in Lee County, he was a son of the late Eddie Samuel and Everlena Toney and stepson of the late William Fred Toney. Due to Charles' developmental challenges, he attended Disability Board and Special Needs School, where he enjoyed going on field trips, bowling and crafts.

He leaves to cherish his memory: four sisters, Pearlrena (Aubrey) Lewis of Severn, Maryland, Evelyn Samuel, Darlene S. (Michael) Hodge and Tiffany D. Samuel, all of Sumter; 11 brothers, James Peterson, William Toney Jr., Elijah (Evelyn) Toney and Paul Toney, all of Sumter, Silas Toney of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Jerry (Linda) Jennings, Isaac Samuel of Sumter, Edward Samuel of North Carolina, Dennis Samuel of Mayesville, David Samuel of Bishopville and Willie Samuel of Columbia; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday at John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel, Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter, with Minister Jake Sanders III officiating.

The funeral procession will leave at 1 p.m. from the home. Burial will be at Goodwill Presbyterian Churchyard cemetery.

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

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com. Visit us on the web at www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com.

MAMIE R. RODWELL

Mamie Ruth Rodwell was born on Feb. 1, 1933, in Summerton, to Joe Gibson and Rosa Johnson. Mamie departed this life on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018.

She was one of 13 children, the third from the baby. She called South Carolina her home until she moved to New York City at 14 years old. After several years in New York, she met her husband, Wilmon Rodwell, and they married on June 4, 1955. Three children were born to this marriage, Wilmon Jr., Ronald and Felicia Rodwell. Mamie lived an incredible life. After having her third child, she joined the work force and spent 23 years working as a betting clerk for Off Track Betting in New York City. She later retired and returned to Sumter, where she spent her remaining years.

Anyone who knew Mamie, knew her as an incredibly strong woman who was filled with God's wisdom and not shy about sharing it. She was a loving, caring and kind person, willing to offer help whenever possible. She had an incredible way of smacking you up side your head with her words for a reality check but she did it all in love. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, as well as a wonderful friend and confidant to many.

This world owes Mamie nothing as she has loved and lost, she has traveled and danced. She truly led a full life. She lived to see all of her children as adults and watched her great-grandchildren and grandchildren grow up. She did her job and it's time for her to rest.

She leaves to mourn: a daughter, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of family and friends.

Do not mourn for Mamie, for she is in a good place ... she is home with our Heavenly Father, her parents, siblings and her husband and will forever be in our hearts.

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

Mrs. Rodwell will be placed in the church at noon on Saturday for viewing until the

hour of service.

Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Salem Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Cortell Woods officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Memorial Park.

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

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

MARY E. BROWN

Mary E. Brown, 89, widow of Thomas Brown Sr., departed this life on Jan. 10, 2018, at her residence.

Born on May 9, 1928, she was a daughter of the late George and Martha Murray.

The family will be receiving friends from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily at her residence, 6060 Lost Creek Drive, Sumter, SC 29154.

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

DELORIS MANNING-STEPHENS

Deloris "Peggy" Manning-Stephens' eternal journey began when she departed this life on Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, at Blue Ridge Nursing Home in Sumter.

She was born on Nov. 8, 1964, to Francena Campbell and the late Brinell "Red" Manning in Sumter. She was nurtured at an early age by her beloved grandmother, Ernestine Balls-Manning.

"Peggy" was preceded in death by her father, Brinell "Red" Manning; her grandmother, Ernestine Balls-Manning; her grandfather, Willie D. "Mutt" Manning; and two uncles, Willie D. Manning Jr. and Stepney Manning.

"Peggy" attended the Sumter public schools of Millwood Elementary and graduated from Sumter High School in 1983. Earlier in her childhood, she became a member of Salem Missionary Baptist Church, where she sang with the choir. Peggy not only attended the schools of Sumter but she also was an employee, in which she was loved by many students.

On May 21, 1988, she was joined in holy matrimony to Ronald Percell Stephens of Clarendon County. This union birthed two beautiful children, Ronald K'Shaun Stephens and Alexandria Tierra Stephens.

"Peggy" leaves her precious memories to her husband, Ronald; one son, K'Shaun Stephens; one daughter, Alexandria Stephens (Dequan China); two grandchildren, Cortez Stephens and Rhylee China, all of Sumter; five sisters, Ernestine Manning of Jersey City, New Jersey, Synetra Walker-Deloach of Charleston and Tiffany (Tavares) Hilton, Crystal Campbell and Shikeema Francis, all of Sumter; five brothers, Brinell Manning Jr. and Anthony Manning of Jersey City and Matthew Campbell, Steve Campbell and Antonia Francis of Sumter; a stepmom she loved dearly, Margie Francis; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and in-laws.

Her contagious laughter, brilliant sense of humor, beautiful creativity and joyous free spirit will truly and deeply be missed by family, friends and classmates.

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

Mrs. Stephens will be placed in the church at 11 a.m. on Saturday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral service will be held at noon on Saturday at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center (Westend Community Church), Sumter, with the Rev. Melissa Harvin officiating and the Rev. Mary Ragins serving as eulogist. Interment will follow at Bradford-Brunson Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the home, 342 Green Swamp Road, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

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

EDDIE GORDON JR.

LAKE CITY — Eddie Gordon Jr., 94, died on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018, at his residence, 439 S. Morris St., Lot 35, Lake City.

He was born on Oct. 20, 1923, in Turbeville, a son of the late Eddie Gordon Sr. and Mary Mariah McFadden Gordon.

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

DOUG MATHIS

Raymond Douglas Mathis, 65, husband of Debbie Quinn Mathis, died on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

He was a son of the late Lester A. and Fannie Mae Weatherly Mathis.

He is survived by his wife; his son, Stephen Douglas Mathis of Las Vegas; a sister, Valerie Wilkes of Sumter; two nieces, Megan Wilkes of Las Vegas and McKenzie Quinn-Barnett of Charleston; a sister-in-law, Traci Quinn of Sumter; a brother-in-law, David Quinn (Kelly) of Pickens; and his cherished dog, Bogey.

He was predeceased by a beloved brother-in-law, Grady Lee Quinn.

Doug was born on March 18, 1952. He attended Edmunds High School and graduated from Thomas Sumter Academy. He received an associate degree in Fire Science and Criminal Justice from Central Carolina Technical College. He became a firefighter in 1972 and worked his way through the ranks of Firefighter II, lieutenant and captain. He became the assistant fire chief in 1991 and fire chief in 1999, the position he held until his retirement in January 2002. He returned to the department as assistant fire chief in March 2002 and again retired in 2014.

Doug was recognized for obtaining new fire engines, a rescue truck, rescue tools, including the "Jaws of Life," SCBAs for the county, individual masks for all volunteers and AEDs for front running trucks. He received the American Legion Certificate Accommodation for Firefighter of the Year award twice in his career. He was also a member of the S.C. Firemen's Association, the International Association of Arson Investigators, S.C. State Fire Chiefs and the National Fire Protection Association.

Firefighting and rescue work were his life's passion. He was very dedicated to the fire service and in protecting the lives and property of the citizens of Sumter County. He also fought diligently for the welfare of the volunteer firefighters.

He was known for his compassion, his mentorship and his dedication to all those called to serve, his desire to help others, and his ability to make people feel valued and cared for. He was a friend to all, someone who knew that love is a verb, a man who gave generously of his time and was always willing to help those in need. He gave the best bear hugs and everyone who got one knew he'd always protect them.

He was a member of the Sumter Cruisers car club of Sumter and of the South Carolina chapter of the Hooligans and was a staunch supporter of Easter Seals.

The family will receive friends from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday at Grace Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Grace Baptist Church with Dr. Steve Williams and the Rev. Steve Shumake officiating.

The Firefighters Honors will be held following the funeral service on the front lawn of Grace Baptist Church.

Pallbearers will be representatives of local car clubs, Todd Touchberry, David Marcella, Billy West, Richard Harrington, Ken Burdick and Wade Hodge.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Sumter Fire Department.

Memorials may be made to Easter Seals of South Carolina, P.O. Box 5715, Columbia, SC 29250 or to the Jeff Chavis

House in care of the Southeastern Firefighters Burn Foundation, 3614 J. Dewey Gray Circle, Building C, Augusta, GA 30909 (for families of burned victims).

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com

Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home & Crematory, 221 Broad St., Sumter, is in charge of the arrangements, (803) 775-9386.



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EUGENE CANTY

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

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

Funeral services for Mr. Canty will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at Hayes F. Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel, 114 N. Church St., Manning. Burial will follow at Taw Caw Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, Summerton.

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

MABEL DUKES

Mabel "Mae B" Dukes, 81, died on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018, at Blue Ridge Nursing Home, Sumter.

She was born on March 9, 1936, in Manning, a daughter of the late Tom and Gertrude Conyers Dukes.

Funeral services for Ms. Dukes will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Hayes F. Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel, 114 N. Church St., Manning, with the Rev. Mary Hamilton officiating and the Rev. O'Donald Dingle, the Rev. Mattie Mounzon and the Rev. Dorothy Mae Dukes assisting. Burial will follow at State Cemetery, Manning.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her niece, Margaret Cain, 2446 Jordon Church Road, Manning.

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

LEON A. HAMBLIN SR.

Leon Arnold Hamblin Sr., 84, husband of Florie Avin Hamblin, died on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born in Boston, he was a son of the late George Henry and Iona Loretta Chisholm Hamblin. He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church. Mr. Hamblin retired from the U.S. Air Force after more than 20 years of service. He was a veteran of the Korean War and member of American Legion Post 15. Following his military service, he worked for Huffman Corp. in Clover.

Survivors include his wife of Sumter; six children, Linda Patrick Hamblin of Everett, Washington, Leon A. Hamblin Jr. (Kimberly) of York, Patricia Handberg of Mattawa, Washington, Ricky D. Hamblin (Patricia) of Clover, Kathy Cobb of Washington and Susan Toibler (Kevin) of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; three stepchildren, Barbara Harris, Danny C. Welch (Debbie) and Jenny Welch, all of Sumter; 27 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Bethel Baptist Church with the Rev. Larry Frasier officiating. Burial with military honors will be at the church cemetery.

Pallbearers will be members of his Sunday school class.

The family will receive friends from noon to 1 p.m. on Saturday at Bethel Baptist Church and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to Bethel Baptist Church, 2401 Bethel Church Road, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

JANICE D. HUDSON

Janice D. Hudson, 63, of Sumter, passed away at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018, at Promise Healthcare Home in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Janice was born on Nov. 4, 1954, in Sumter, to the late William "Bubba" and Cora "Lib" Hudson. She was a loving sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt. All who knew her, loved her. She never met a stranger and was a friend to all. She will be greatly missed.

Along with her parents, she was also preceded in death by her sister, Karen Sue Hudson; and her aunt, Sarah Angeline Shorter.

Survivors include her granddaughter, Jade Orr (Henry) of Wichita Falls; her daughters, Amanda Dogan (Wes) of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, and Dana Tobey (Jeff) of Summerville; her son, Terrance Hutson (Shyenne) of Sumter; a stepdaughter, Diane Etheredge of Manning; a stepson, Dennis Lynch of Leland, North Carolina; her sister, Brenda Carol Hudson of Dalzell; her brothers, Larry Hudson (Tritter) and Gary Hudson of Biloxi, Mississippi; her grandchildren, Leona Rowell and Kamden Hutson; great-grandson, Preston Orr; and many nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

A private memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the home of her sister, Brenda Carol Hudson, with the Rev. Nathaniel Brown officiating.

For those desiring, memorial donations may be made in memory of Janice to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org, or to the ASPCA, www.aspc.org.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.owensandbrumley.com.

LAWRENCE B. WILSON

GABLE — Lawrence Bishop Wilson, 65, died on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018, at his residence, 2785 Cecil McFadden Road, Gable.

He was born on Oct. 27, 1952, in Clarendon County, a son of the late Bishop and Ella Peterson Wilson.

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.

PERRY LEE WALKER

Perry Lee Walker, 75, was called home on Jan. 7, 2018, at Middlesex Hospital, Middletown, Connecticut.

She was born and reared in Dublin, Georgia, a daughter of Alonzo and Laura Mae Ashley Robinson.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her daughters, Debra Walker of Dalzell and Donna (Leroy) Anderson of Plainfield, New Jersey; son, Rodney (Theresa) Walker of Middletown; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services will be held in Middletown.

This is a courtesy announcement of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com. Visit us on the web at www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com.

ANTHONY GREEN

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

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

Memorial services will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Fleming & DeLaine Chapel, 222 W. Boyce St., where the Rev. Roberta Montgomery, pastor of Chapel AME Church, Paxville, will bring words of hope.

The service of committal will follow at the Green family plot, located at Neal Cemetery, Sumter.

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

Fleming & DeLaine Funeral Home & Chapel of Manning is in charge of these services.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as trustee for Mid-State Capital Corporation 2006-1 Trust, Plaintiff,

v. James E. Jackson, deceased, Shannon S. Jackson, John Doe (a fictitious party representing all persons unknown claiming by or through the decedent James E. Jackson); Also all other persons unknown, claiming any right, title, estate, interest in or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; and Richard Roe (a fictitious party representing all unknown persons be they minors, incompetents, or persons in the United States military services and subject to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act of 2003, as amended, as heirs at law of James E. Jackson, deceased, if any), Defendants.

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CONSENT TO APPOINTMENT

I consent to act as Guardian ad Litem Nisi for all the unknown minors and persons who may be under a disability and who have, or may claim to have, an interest in or claim to the real property described herein, until and unless the court shall subsequently appoint others to serve as Guardian ad Litem.

ORDER FOR APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY FOR PERSONS IN MILITARY SERVICE.

IT appearing to the court from the petition and consent that Kelley Y. Woody has consented to act and represent defendants, known and unknown, who may be in the military service of the United States of America, and it appearing that Kelley Y. Woody is fully competent to represent the interests of said defendants,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED

that Kelley Y. Woody be, and she hereby is, appointed to represent the defendant who may be in the military service of the United States of America and who may thereby be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act of 2003, as amended, and to protect their interests.

R. Ferrell Cothran, Jr.
 October 9, 2017

PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY FOR PERSON IN MILITARY SERVICE AND CONSENT.

The plaintiff would respectfully show unto the court: This is an action for the foreclosure of a real estate mortgage. Petitioner has been informed James E. Jackson is deceased. 1. Plaintiff is without sufficient knowledge or information to determine whether any defendants, known or unknown, are in the military service of the United States of America, thereby being entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act of 2003, as amended. 2. Kelley Y. Woody, a member of the South Carolina Bar, is fully competent to protect the interests and rights of any defendant, known or unknown, who may be in the military service and that she has no interest in the real estate being foreclosed nor any interest adverse to that of the defendants.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff moves

that Kelley Y. Woody be appointed as attorney for any defendant, known or unknown, who may be in the military service and therefore entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act of 2003, as amended.

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LIS PENDENS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an action has been commenced by the Plaintiff above named against the Defendants above named for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage given by Shannon S. Jackson and James E. Jackson to Green Tree

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Plaintiff also moves that the appointment should automatically be made absolute should the defendants so represented fail to move before the court to secure the appointment of a representative of their choice.

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Servicing LLC dated the 4th day of March, 2013 and recorded the 28th day of March, 2013 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, in Book 1185 at Page 716, and subsequently assigned to the Plaintiff. The description of the premises as contained in said mortgage is as set out in Exhibit 'A' attached hereto and made a part hereof.

EXHIBIT A.

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with the improvements thereon, situated, located, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, the same being shown and delineated as a Lot containing (0.895) acres, more or less, on a Plat prepared for Melisa Williamson by Prosser Surveying Co., RLS, dated September 15, 2005, recorded October 31, 2005 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 2005 at page 536; having the following boundaries and measurements: North by Mt. Sinai Church Road, whereon it measures (135.88) Feet; East by Property NF James Edward Jackson, whereon it measures (350.00) Feet; South by Property N/F Melisa Williamson, whereon it measures (88.74) Feet; West by Property N/F Melisa Williamson, whereon it measures (138.50) Feet; and by Property N/F Ernest Pressley, whereon it measures (208.68") Feet; all measurements being a little more or less. Being the same property conveyed to Shannon S. Jackson and James E. Jackson by deed from Green Tree Servicing LLC dated March 4, 2013 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County on March 28, 2013 in Book 1185 at page 711. TMS#: 326-00-01-033.

J. Kershaw Spong [SC Bar # 5289]

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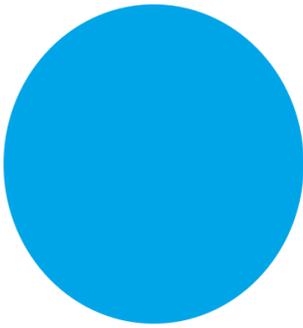
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IN BRIEF

Poverty and segregation persist in U.S. schools, report says

Too often, low-income, black and Latino students end up in schools with crumbling walls, old textbooks and unqualified teachers, according to a report released Thursday by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

The commission said inequities are caused by the fact that schools are mostly funded with state and local tax dollars. More than 92% of funding comes from non-federal sources, according to the Education Department.

Report: Trump uses crude term to describe immigrants' nations

During immigration talks in the Oval Office, President Trump used a crude description of Haiti, El Salvador and African countries, *The Washington Post* reported Thursday.

"Why are we having all these people from shithole countries come here?" Trump reportedly told lawmakers. He allegedly suggested that the United States try to increase immigration from countries such as Norway, whose prime minister he met with this week.

The *Post's* report was based on two anonymous sources briefed on the meeting. The meeting was attended by Sens. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.; Dick Durbin, D-Ill.; and Tom Cotton, R-Ark., as well as Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va.

NAACP honors Memphis sanitation workers from 1968

A group of sanitation workers whose strike 50 years ago brought civil rights icon Martin Luther King Jr. to Memphis is being honored. The surviving workers are recipients of this year's NAACP Vanguard Award.

King came to Memphis to support the workers, who pushed for better working conditions and higher pay. On April 4, 1968, he was assassinated at the Lorraine Motel.

Russia, U.S. hold talks about nuclear pact, Putin says

Russian President Vladimir Putin said Moscow is in negotiations with Washington on a nuclear arms pact.

Putin said U.S. plans to re-equip some of its nuclear-capable aircraft and submarines to carry conventional weapons have drawn Russian concerns. He noted Thursday that although the U.S. plans don't contradict the 2010 U.S.-Russian New START nuclear arms reduction treaty, Moscow is entitled to monitor the modifications.

Ecuador grants nationality to WikiLeaks founder Assange

Ecuador granted citizenship to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, who has lived in asylum at the nation's embassy in London for more than five years. Assange sought refuge to avoid extradition to Sweden for investigation of sex-related claims. Sweden dropped the case, but Assange was still subject to arrest in Britain for jumping bail.

From staff and wire reports

Debt still dragging down members of Generation X

Younger, older people throwing off shackles

Paul Davidson
USA TODAY

Generation X continues to struggle with debt while Millennials and Baby Boomers make positive strides, according to a new report.

Experian's State of Credit report paints a relatively healthy picture for Americans: The average credit score rose from 673 to 675 over the 12 months ending last June, the highest since 679 in 2007, before the Great Recession began. Consumer confidence is up sharply, and the Federal Reserve said

this week that credit card debt hit a record in November. That's a good sign for consumer spending but could spell trouble down the road if the economy and labor market weaken.

Some age groups handle debt and manage their creditworthiness better than others, according to the credit reporting agency. Here's a rundown (*Note: the precise range of generations is often debated. This story reflects how Experian defined the ranges for its research*):

Generation Z (Ages 18-20) Average credit score: 634

Members of this group are just establishing credit, but they're off to a good start. They have an average of 1.44 credit

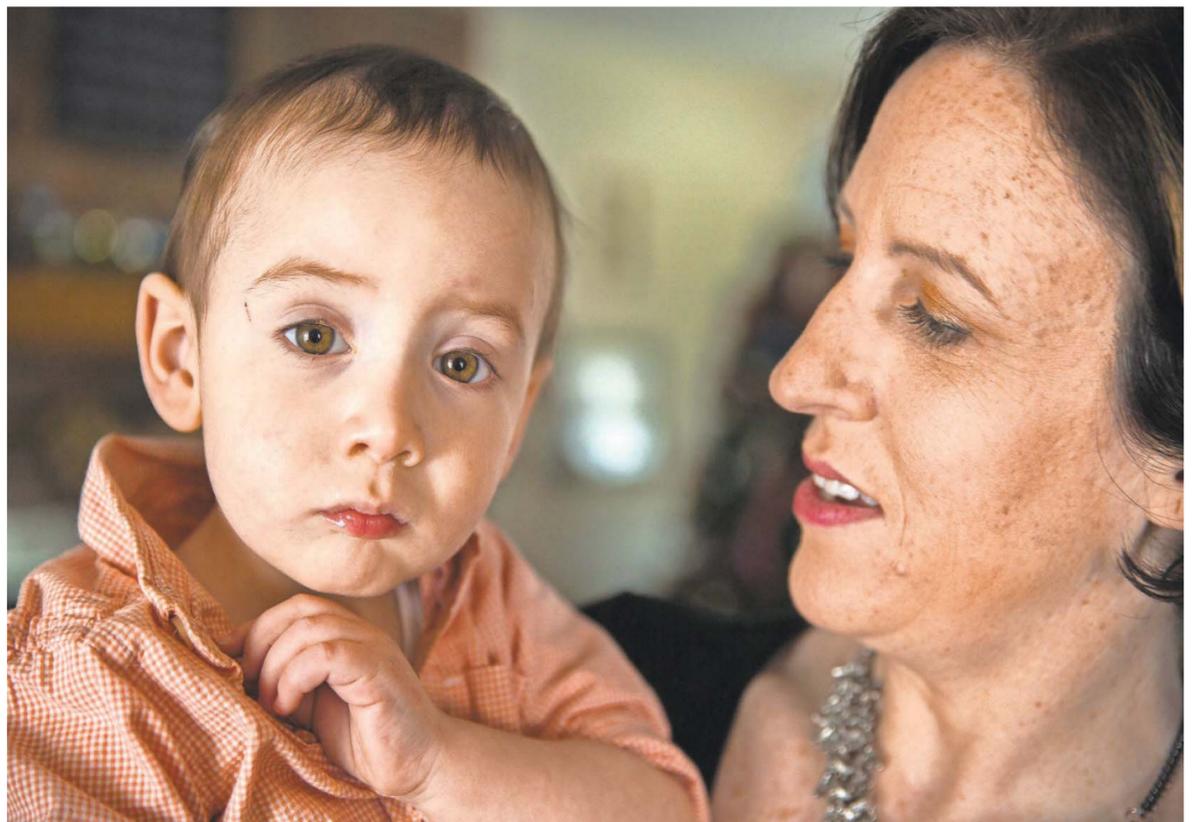
cards per person, less than half the U.S. average, and a typical credit card balance of \$2,047, less than a third of the national average. They seem to be taking on more student loan debt than prior generations at their age as college tuition costs ratchet higher, said Kelley Motely, Experian's director of analytics.

Millennials (Ages 21-34) Average credit score: 638

Many graduated from college during or shortly after the Great Recession, which ended in 2009. That forced many to take lower-paying jobs, setting back their careers. They're digging out. Their

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USA TODAY NETWORK SPECIAL REPORT



Doctors suspect lead poisoning stunted the growth of Shar Allen Hardy's son Wilson, who will be 2 in February. After the family moved out of Cincinnati, they say his condition improved. LIZ DUFOUR/USA TODAY NETWORK

Kids must be retested for lead

7 million poison-detecting procedures may have been faulty

Carrie Blackmore Smith
and Hannah Sparling
The Cincinnati Enquirer
USA TODAY NETWORK

Tests given to millions of kids since 2014 to detect lead poisoning may not have worked properly, delivering false low results to an unknown number of American families.

As many as 7 million tests performed on children over three years

could have been wrong, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The tests' manufacturer is confident the number is millions lower.

Parents may not realize that routine doctor visits should include a blood test to screen children for lead. In the barrage of questions about a baby's development, physical exams, shots and other tests, it can get glossed over — partic-

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"Any kid coming in for anything — a snotty nose — we retest them."

Nicholas Newman
Environmental Health and Lead Clinic

N. Korea can't get enough literary 'Fire and Fury'

Kim Hjelmggaard
USA TODAY

Michael Wolff's book about President Trump's White House has made its way to one of the most isolated corners of the planet: Kim Jong Un's North Korea, where state media praised it Thursday for foretelling "Trump's political demise."

The book, *Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House*, has received mixed reviews: Some critics and readers call it an unputdownable exposé of a juvenile and dysfunctional administration, and others say it amounts to little

more than unsubstantiated gossip.

North Korea's *Rodong Sinmun* newspaper said in a commentary that robust sales for the book reflected "rapidly surging anti-Trump sentiments in the international community."

The paper said the "anti-Trump book is sweeping all over the world, so Trump is being massively humiliated worldwide," and "voices calling for the impeachment of Trump are on the rise not only in the United States but also abroad."

Since the book was published about a week ago, it "has triggered a debate on whether Trump is qualified to be presi-

dent, even in Western Europe," the newspaper said.

Fire and Fury, which takes its title from Trump's threat to unleash "fire and fury" after North Korea's missile and nuclear tests, sold 29,000 copies its first weekend after being published Friday. Digital sales topped 250,000, and audio sales exceeded 100,000, according to John Sargent, CEO of Macmillan, the parent company of the book's publisher, Henry Holt.

The publisher increased an initial announced printing of 150,000 to more than 1 million, according to the Associated Press.

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ularly if the test comes back negative.

Although lead has been banned from products such as gasoline and paint for decades, a child can ingest lead easily, so the CDC recommends early testing.

The Food and Drug Administration recalled the faulty tests in May, and eight months later, what went wrong remains uncertain.

Some children thought to be healthy should be rescreened for lead, the CDC advised. No level of lead is considered safe in children.

Nicholas Newman, head of the Environmental Health and Lead Clinic at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, urges anyone younger than 6 to be rescreened.

"Any kid coming in for anything — a snotty nose — we retest them," said Newman, whose clinic is one of 11 units in a national network specializing in environmental health.

The testing systems in question are manufactured by Magellan Diagnostics.

Officials at Magellan Diagnostics in North Billerica, Mass., work with federal regulators and are committed to fixing the problem, said Amy Winslow, president and chief executive.

"The evidence uncovered during the inspection (of Magellan's plant) shows that the company put patients at risk after it recognized that its tests could provide inaccurate results and failed to take appropriate steps to report this issue," Donald St. Pierre, an FDA deputy director, said in a news release in October.

The number of children tested for lead nationwide is dropping, and Jennifer Lowry, chairwoman of environmental health for the American Academy of Pediatrics, fears this recall will exacerbate the problem. "If the physician's office thinks it is not accurate, then they might not do the screening there," she said. "They might refer the family elsewhere, and many people won't go."

When children ingest lead, the chemical gets into their bloodstreams. Then, it travels to the brain and can cause stunted growth, slurred or delayed speech, violent behavior and even death in rare cases.

For parents, lead poisoning and its unknowns are terrifying, Cincinnati mom Shar Allen Hardy said.

Her nearly 2-year-old son, Wilson, is in the third percentile for height and weight in his age group and just recently began fitting into clothes for children half his age. He started walking late.

His parents moved out of their house into a recreational vehicle to get him away from lead paint chips and dust. Still his blood-lead levels continued to climb. Ultimately, he and his parents had to move from the city to a rural location.

Lead can come from so many places — old paint, plastic toys, blinds, purse handles, jewelry, car keys, tools, dirt — that it can be overwhelming for parents trying to pinpoint a cause.

"You go home and you Google, and you have a heart attack," Hardy said. "You're looking around going, 'This is killing my kid.'"

An investigation continues into why Magellan's lead tests failed.



Cincinnati health inspector Marilyn Goldfeder conducts home visits for children with lead poisoning Friday. SAM GREENE/USA TODAY NETWORK

Magellan said it may have narrowed the cause to a chemical in some blood sample tubes. Winslow, who has led the company for six years, said workers are exploring possibilities.

The accuracy of Magellan's fingerstick tests is not in question. The company said nine of 10 of its lead tests are finger sticks, also known as capillary tests.

About 2 million would have been venous tests, Winslow said, and only a fraction of those would have been wrong.

In 2006, Magellan's LeadCare became the first device capable of providing immediate results to families and doctors. Previously, the wait for results took weeks, said Kim Dietrich, professor of environmental health and epidemiology at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

That put treatment on hold and made it harder for doctors to keep track of patients and families.

"These Magellan instruments are still very important and very useful," said Dietrich, a member of the CDC's Board of Scientific Counselors.

Magellan started getting complaints about false test results in 2014. In 2015, the company filed a report with the FDA, acknowledging problems but saying it had mitigated them.

The FDA disagreed and issued a Class 1 recall, the most serious type, in May. In October, the FDA sent the company a warning letter, chastising it for how it handled the situation.

"We messed up, and we did not file the proper paperwork with the FDA," Winslow said.

Debt

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average credit score climbed 4 points from 2016 — the most of any generation — to 638, and they shaved their overall average debt by 8% to \$222,000. They've increased their average mortgage debt by 6% to \$198,303, giving many who put off home purchases an opportunity to build wealth.

"The economy has improved, and they are positioned to improve their financial standing," said Rod Griffin, director of public education for Experian.

Generation X (Ages 35-49) Average credit score: 658

They're saddled with the highest average mortgage debt of all the age groups at \$231,774. Many probably bought homes at the peak of the housing bubble, including expensive houses in higher-income neighborhoods that boasted good schools for their kids, Griffin said. Home values plummeted during the housing crisis before recouping much of those losses in recent years. This group has a high rate of late debt payments at 0.54% and the most average non-mortgage debt at \$30,334. Still, they, too, are making gains. Their average credit score rose 3 points from the prior year to 658.

Baby Boomers (Ages 50-70) Average credit score: 703

They have substantial mortgage debt at an average \$188,828, but that's less than Gen X as many Boomers pay off mortgages or downsize their homes. They're in pretty good financial shape, boasting a late payments rate of just 0.3%. The group's average credit score increased to 703 from 700 over the year.

Silent Generation (Ages 70-plus) Average credit score: 729

Their average mortgage debt is surprisingly high for their age at \$156,705, but other debts are low, as is their late payment frequency of 0.12%. Their average credit score of 729 is the highest.

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WASHINGTON — The Trump administration said Thursday it will encourage states to place work requirements on Medicaid recipients, a first step toward a longstanding GOP goal of overhauling the program serving low-income Americans.

Seema Verma, head of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, issued new guidance intended to help states design programs encouraging "able-bodied, working-age Medicaid beneficiaries" to participate in skills training, education, job search, volunteering or care giving.

The orders would mark a significant shift in how the Medicaid program, government health care for low-income people, is administered. It is likely to draw strong political opposition from Democrats.

"Medicaid needs to be more flexible so that states can best address the needs of this population," Verma said in a statement announcing an initiative that could affect millions. "Our fundamental goal is to make a positive and lasting difference in the health and wellness of our beneficiaries," she said.

In areas of high unemployment, CMS said in a statement that beneficiaries could meet requirements by caring for young children or elderly family members. States would be required to come up with ways to help beneficiaries meet the requirements and to help them find job training, as long as they use non-Medicaid funds to do so.

The agency is expected to start approving state waivers promoting "community engagement activities" in coming weeks, according to CMS.

Medicaid is a federal-state collaboration covering more than 70 million people, or about 1 in 5 Americans, making it the largest government health insurance program. President Barack Obama expanded the program by allowing

states to cover millions more low-income adults.

Judy Solomon, vice president for health policy at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a Democrat-aligned policy group, said on Twitter that the initiative provides no money "for work supports" and that history shows people who are working and those who should be exempt could lose benefits. "Don't be fooled by all the bells and whistles," she wrote.

People are not legally required to hold a job to be on Medicaid, but states traditionally can seek federal waivers to test new ideas for the program.

CMS says 10 states have applied for waivers involving work requirements or community involvement: Arizona,

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Seema Verma, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Arkansas, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Utah and Wisconsin.

The order also may face legal challenges.

Health groups and advocates for the poor — including the National Center for Law and Economic Justice and the American Lung Association — dispute Verma's contention that the CMS has the authority to grant such requests.

Courts have said states can't add additional requirements for Medicaid eligibility that are not in law, the coalition wrote. Some bills offered in Congress address such changes, but haven't passed yet.

"Most people on Medicaid who can work, do so," the coalition wrote, "and for people who face major obstacles to employment, harsh requirements won't help them overcome them."

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Contentious surveillance program likely to continue

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WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives voted Thursday to renew a controversial surveillance program.

The Senate is likely to vote on the bill next week before the program expires Jan. 19. The president supports the House action, according to the White House.

The program is known as Section 702 of the Foreign Surveillance Intelligence Act. The Section 702 program was approved by Congress in 2008 to increase the government's ability to track and thwart foreign terrorists in the wake of the 9/11 attacks.

Q: What is the Section 702 program designed to do?

A: The law gives U.S. intelligence agencies the power to spy on the electronic communication and phone calls of foreigners residing outside the USA to try to gather information about any terrorist plots or activities.

Q: What's wrong with that?

A: The problem, according to privacy advocates and civil liberties groups, is that the emails, photos, texts and other electronic communication of U.S. citizens and legal U.S. residents are collected while our government spies on foreigners.

That could happen if a citizen communicated with a foreigner who was under surveillance, even if that foreigner wasn't suspected of being a terrorist. It could happen if two Americans communicated with one another and mentioned the name of a foreigner under surveillance.

Under the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, Americans are protected from unreasonable searches and seizures. Law enforcement officials typically have to go to court and ask a judge for a search warrant. They must show probable cause to believe that evidence of a crime will be found.

Q: Isn't it impossible for U.S. intelligence agencies to spy on foreigners without scooping up some American data in the process?

A: Yes, it's unrealistic to think they



U.S. intelligence agencies collect American data in the course of monitoring foreigners. AP

won't see any messages from Americans who communicate with foreign nationals. The problem, critics say, is not that the information is collected but what is done with it after it is gathered.

The information becomes part of a database that the FBI or other federal law enforcement agencies could search to find evidence that Americans are engaged in domestic crimes that have nothing to do with terrorism. For example, it could be used to find evidence that an American citizen didn't pay his or her taxes or committed a minor drug offense, according to the American Civil Liberties Union and other groups.

Q: How do I know if my emails or texts have been collected or searched under this law?

A: There's no way to know unless you are charged with a crime and prosecutors disclose that they have evidence obtained through Section 702. Congress members have repeatedly asked intelligence agencies to reveal how many Americans have had their data collected under the program, but the agencies haven't provided an answer.

Q: What happens next?

A: The Senate is likely to pass the bill and send it to Trump, who will probably sign it.

NEWS

Mudslides make emotional impact

Rescue teams still searching amid cleanups as death toll hits 17

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USA TODAY

MONTECITO, Calif. — The numbers are horrific and just begin to tell the tale of tragedy unfolding in this quaint coastal hamlet overwhelmed by walls of debris, mud and water where rescue workers Thursday continued the onerous search for survivors.

Cal Fire puts the affected area at 30 square miles. Seventeen people dead, 28 injured, eight missing. Sixty-five homes confirmed destroyed and more than 400 damaged.

And rescue teams are still slogging through the mud, hunting for the missing and assessing the damage. Talk show host Ellen DeGeneres, a Montecito resident ordered to evacuate before the mudslides began, discussed the tragedy Thursday on *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*.

"There are families missing, there are people who are missing family members," DeGeneres said. "They're finding people and bodies and I mean, you hear the word mudslide and you have no idea the impact that it has ... (Montecito) is beyond recognizable."

The tale is nothing new in Southern California. First came the fires, and the Thomas Fire last month in this area west of Los Angeles was the biggest ever recorded in the state.

The last embers were barely extinguished when the rains came. Residents of some communities were ordered out in advance as authorities feared the hillsides, left bare by the fire, would be swept down onto homes below.

Before dawn Tuesday, the worst fears were realized. By the time the rains moved on, dozens of boulders sat atop muddied tree branches on Olive Mill Road, where at least three homes were blasted to their foundations when the debris suddenly roared in.

Some residents watched as crews



Mike Kelley examines his friend's house, which is covered in mud and debris in Montecito, Calif. The town "is beyond recognizable," said Ellen DeGeneres, a resident of the community. JUAN CARLO/VENTURA COUNTY STAR/USA TODAY NETWORK

tried to clean up the area, still in disbelief. Marco Farrell, 45, said he was two blocks away when he saw the slide descending on Olive Mill Road.

"I heard rumbling and ran for my life," he said. "Literally. Ran for my life."

A wall of water carrying uprooted trees and boulders flowed like a river.

"It happened that quickly. It wasn't a trickle," said William Johnston, who lives in a retirement community down the street.

When it was over, residents waded through mud and water to get to their homes. Some had to hop onto the roof to get inside through an upstairs window. They were assisted by firefighters and search-and-rescue teams.

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Marco Farrell

The sound of working construction equipment could be heard nearby as backhoes dug up the debris.

Montecito is home to many stars, and they were feeling the pain. Jeff Bridges tweeted that his home was "severely damaged" but that his family was safe.

"We are heartbroken over the loss of

lives in our community," Bridges tweeted. "Your prayers and best wishes are most appreciated."

Oprah Winfrey, speaking on *Ellen*, said while walking around she saw some of her neighbors homes were "gutted," while others are "gone, just gone."

She said as her house was positioned on a knoll, she felt secure and that despite being informed she wouldn't have water or gas, she feels grateful.

"I am blessed and I am going to do whatever I can for the rest of the community," she said, "and we all just love the firefighters."

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Ex-general: N. Korea's military is formidable

Troops will be motivated, South Korea officer says

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LONDON — A distinguished retired South Korean general warned that a U.S. attack on North Korea would be met by well-armed soldiers fighting with religious fervor to defend their homeland.

"I try to explain to the Americans — if we have to go into North Korea, it is not going to be like going into Iraq or Afghanistan. It's not going to be like toppling (ex-Iraqi president Saddam) Hussein. This would be more like trying to get rid of Allah," said I.B. Chun, referring to the Arabic word for God.

Chun, speaking at a London think tank late Wednesday, said. "I said to my team: Can you imagine what that would look like? (North Korean leader) Kim Jong Un and his family is a cult in North Korea."

The Kim dynasty has ruled North Korea since its founding in 1948. Its three leaders — first Kim Il Sung, then Kim Jong Il and now Kim Jong Un — have inspired an intense, devotional following that has kept them in power.

In her book, *North Korea: The Country We Love to Hate*, political analyst Loretta Napoleoni described the isolated nation's ruling "juche" philosophy that values self-reliance and extreme nationalism "as a modern religion, similar to Scientology, a non-transcendental doctrine with a twist of absurdity and plenty of dogmas."

"I have had the opportunity to speak to North Korean soldiers who have defected to South Korea — and you cannot imagine how indoctrinated they are," Chun said.

Chun, who retired 18 months ago after serving in South Korea's military for almost 40 years, rose as high as deputy commander of the First South Korean Army, a position that also involved leading the country's special forces.

According to Chun, who lives just 35 miles from the North's border, here are some of the challenges that allied forces



A South Korean Marine, right, and U.S. Marines take part in joint military exercises. 2015 AP FILE PHOTO

would face in the event of war:

■ The majority of the North's military infrastructure is deep underground, a reaction to the bombing by U.S. forces during the Korean War, which ended in 1953 with an armistice instead of a peace treaty.

■ Every North Korean, starting at age 14, gets 100 hours of training each year on how to shoot a weapon, fire a rocket-propelled grenade, throw a grenade, pitch a tent and other survival skills. "North Korea is militarized far beyond the (West's) imagination," Chun said.

■ While the North Korean air force is outdated with about 1,000 old fighter jets, these planes would be used for kamikaze-style attacks instead of air combat. "They will load them with a lot of fuel, some bombs, and tell the pilot, 'That is your target and you need to destroy it,'" he said.

■ The regime has chemical and biological weapons, which Chun estimates at between 2,500 and 5,000 tons.

■ In case of a foreign attack, North Koreans would stay loyal to Kim at first. "They have a system where five to 10 families are organized into a group, and if a single person from that group misbehaves, the entire five or 10 families go to the gulag or are executed. So everybody spies on everybody else. It is a great mechanism for keeping people under control," he said.

CES 2018

Alexa expands clout, from commodes to dog collars

Jennifer Jolly
Special to USA TODAY

Do we really need an Alexa-powered toilet?

Kitchen and bath products-maker Kohler thinks so, as well as a faucet and bathroom mirror and the list of Alexa-activated devices is even longer and weirder than that. How about an Alexa-powered dog collar or backyard umbrella?

Amazon was expected to get its voice-activated digital assistant into all manner of Internet-connected gadgets at CES 2018, the big annual technology trade show that wrapped up in Las Vegas last week. And it didn't disappoint. The list of new devices powered by Alexa rose to 4,000, from more than 1,000 brands. Not to be outdone, Google made an unusual splash, showing off deals that put its Alexa rival, Google Assistant, in touchscreen displays and voice-activated commands in cars.

Technology fads often run hot then fizzle, and it's tempting to think that the Numi intelligent Wi-Fi-connected Kohler commode will fall into the realm of cool-but-little-used items.

But in this race for the crown jewel of smart home control, Kohler's toilet might just take the throne. You can ask it to heat up the seat, lift the lid, play your favorite tunes, and of course, flush. "Numi delivers hands-free control, personalized cleansing functionality," reads the release, "that let users fine-tune every aspect of their experience to their exact preferences."

The smart toilet starts at \$5,625, while the fancier Numi Black will set you back \$6,500. Both come out in the fourth quarter this year.

Now before you make it the butt of new gadget jokes, just imagine how great it would be to end the age-old argument between men and women everywhere to put the seat down. And talk about ending germaphobes' complaints forever. As much as I want to mock it, I would buy it in a heartbeat — if I won the lottery. And it's far from the

only wacky voice-controlled gadget I saw.

■ LG's InstaView ThinQ Internet-connected refrigerator will let you ask Alexa to order groceries, while commanding the new robot CordZero R9 vacuum to clean up whatever you just spilled on the floor.

■ Whirlpool's Wi-Fi-enabled Smart Over-the-Range Microwave (starting at \$619) lets you ask Alexa to make popcorn.

■ Sleep Number's 360 Smart Bed (starts at \$2,000) will soon let you ask "Hey Google, how did I sleep last night?"

Pets are getting in on the trend, too. The Wagz Smart Dog Collar (\$295) will soon let you say, "Alexa, Fluffy needs some food," to restock its smart feeder (\$250), and even open its Wi-Fi connected dog door (\$250). All three of the gadgets are expected out in May.



This toilet from Kohler can flush by voice command KOHLER

Then, there's the \$8,000 robot Shade-Craft Sunflower outdoor robotic parasol, that you'll be able to ask Alexa to play your favorite jams, or move a bit to the right. It also acts as a security camera, and can serve as a Wi-Fi hotspot.

As over the top some of these sound, they also make sense. Amazon's Echo and Google Home have been such hits, tech makers envision a future where our voices are like remote controls.

At the very least, it's safe to say, the future's flush with tech possibilities.

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SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM
LOCAL CHANNELS												
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Blindspot "Hot Burning Flames" The team tracks nuclear warheads. (N)	Taken "S.E.R.E." (Season Premiere) Bryan must survive in a Mexican prison. (N)	Dateline NBC (N)		WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon James Spader, Camila Cabello, Pete Lee. (N)	
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	MacGyver "CO2 Sensor & Tree Branch" A challenge to create combat machines. (N)	Hawaii Five-0 "O Ka Mea Ua Hala, Ua Hala Ia." A man threatens to commit suicide. (N)	Blue Bloods "The Brave" Anthony is shot during an interview. (N) (DVS)		News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert "Laurie Metcalf" Actress Laurie Metcalf. (N)	
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Disney Sea & Shore" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Child Support Contestants Darrell and Tselane. (N)	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. "Together or Not at All" A Kree warrior preys on the team. (N)	20/20		ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	
WRJA	27	11	14	Travels With Darley French cities of Verdun and Metz.	This Week In South Carolina	Washington Week (N)	PBS Previews: The Best of PBS Indies	Tony Bennett: The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song: Tony Bennett accepts the Gershwin Prize.		Tony Bennett: The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song: Tony Bennett accepts the Gershwin Prize.		NHK Newline
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory "Pilot"	Hell's Kitchen "Five Is the New Black" A series of three difficult challenges. (N) (DVS)	(:01) The X-Files "My Struggle III" Mulder and Scully search for their son. (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)		Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Bud gives Boyd a spanking.	Last Man Standing Mandy arranges a holiday surprise.	Crazy Ex-Girlfriend "Nathaniel Gets the Message!" Rebecca discovers altruism. (N)	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "50/50 Chance" Matt Johnson; Siegfried Tieber.	American Ninja Warrior "Pittsburgh Qualifying" Competitors battle in Pittsburgh. (Part 1 of 2)		American Ninja Warrior "Pittsburgh Qualifying" Competitors battle in Pittsburgh. (Part 2 of 2)		The Game Melanie does some soul searching.
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	46	130	(5:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 01.06.18" Riding along with law enforcement.	(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 76" (N)	Live PD "Live PD -- 01.12.18" Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (Live)			Live PD "Live PD -- 01.12.18"				
AMC	48	180	(5:30) *** "Pretty Woman" (1990) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts.	** "Bruce Almighty" (2003, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Morgan Freeman, Jennifer Aniston. A frustrated reporter receives divine powers from God.	** "Evan Almighty" (2007, Children's) Steve Carell, Morgan Freeman. Premiere. God commands a newly elected congressman to build an ark.			*** "Pretty Woman" (1990)				
ANPL	41	100	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters: Out on a Limb (N)	Treehouse Masters (N)		(:01) Treehouse Masters	(:01) Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Mstr		
BET	61	162	** "Bad Boys" (1995, Action) Martin Lawrence, Will Smith, Tea Leoni. Two Miami cops attempt to recover stolen police evidence.	** "Takers" (2010, Action) Matt Dillon, Paul Walker, Idris Elba. Skilled thieves plan the biggest heist of their careers.			** "Takers" (2010, Action) Matt Dillon, Paul Walker, Idris Elba. Skilled thieves plan the biggest heist of their careers.					
BRAVO	47	181	The Real Housewives of Atlanta Kenya and Sherée produce a PSA.	Married to Medicine Contessa hosts a 1990s pool party.	Married to Medicine Jackie and Curtis go on a second date. (N)		Married to Medicine Jackie and Curtis go on a second date.		The Real Housewives of Atlanta Kenya and Sherée produce a PSA.		(12:01) To Rome for Love	
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank A \$4 million investment.	Shark Tank	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Billion Dollar Buyer		Billion Dollar Buyer	
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)		Anderson Cooper	
COM	57	136	(6:30) ** "Hot Tub Time Machine" (2010, Comedy) John Cusack, Rob Corddry. A hot tub transports four pals back to their heyday in the 1980s.	** "Hot Tub Time Machine 2" (2015) Rob Corddry, Craig Robinson. The magical hot tub sends Lou, Nick and Jacob 10 years into the future.	Daniel Tosh: Happy Thoughts: Tosh unleashes his unique point of view.			Amy Schumer Presents				
DISN	18	200	"Another Cinderella Story" (2008) Selena Gomez. A young man falls in love with a pretty dancer at a masked ball.	(:40) "A Cinderella Story: If the Shoe Fits" (2016, Fantasy) Sofia Carson, Jennifer Tilly. A subservient stepdaughter dreams of becoming a pop star.	(:20) "Another Cinderella Story" (2008, Children's) Selena Gomez, Drew Seeley, Jane Lynch.		"A Cinderella Story: If"		"A Cinderella Story: If"			
DSC	42	103	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt The Hoffman crew witness an eclipse. (N)	Gold Rush "Lost Gold" (N)	Gold Rush The Dakota boys look back.		Gold Rush "Lost Gold"		Gold Rush		Gold Rush	
ESPN	26	35	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Milwaukee Bucks. (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball		NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Phoenix Suns. (N) (Live)		NBA Basketball			
ESPN2	27	39	College Basketball VCU at Dayton. From UD Arena in Dayton, Ohio. (N) (Live)	Basketball	SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N)			
FOOD	40	109	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive	The Grill Dads (N)		Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive	
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News at Night (N)		Tucker Carlson	
FREE	20	131	(5:30) ** "What to Expect When You're Expecting" (2012)	*** "Definitely, Maybe" (2008, Romance-Comedy) Ryan Reynolds, Isla Fisher, Abigail Breslin. Premiere. A man's young daughter asks him about his romantic past.	Alone Together "Pilot"		The 700 Club		** "Ghosts of Girlfriends Past"			
FSS	21	47	Hawks Pregame	NBA Basketball Brooklyn Nets at Atlanta Hawks. From Philips Arena in Atlanta. (N) (Live)	Hawks Postgame		Auburn Basketball		NBA Basketball Brooklyn Nets at Atlanta Hawks.			
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "The Birthday Wish" (2017) Jessy Schram, Luke Macfarlane.	"A Royal Winter" (2017, Drama) Merritt Patterson, Jack Donnelly, Samantha Bond. A woman flees to Europe and meets a handsome playboy prince.	The Middle "Foreign Exchange"		The Middle "Hal-loveeen"		The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls	
HGTV	39	112	House Hunters	House Hunters	Dream Home		Dream Home		House Hunters (N)		Hunters Int'l	Dream Home
HIST	45	110	Ancient Aliens "The Animal Agenda"	Ancient Aliens: Declassified "Return to Tomorrow" The power of three; alien abductions. (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Built to Kill" Crime-scene replica.		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Built to Kill" Crime-scene replica.		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Fannysmackin' Brutal tourist beatings.		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	
ION	13	18	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation Team member's life hangs in the balance.	Bring It! "Fan Chat: Coach D Resigns" Coach D calls it quits. (N)	Bring It! "Stand Battle Shake-Up" Parents compete to be in Stand Battle. (N)		(:02) The Rap Game The rappers must find their styles. (N)		(:12) The Rap Game (N)		(:29) Bring It! (N)	(12:01) Bring It!
LIFE	50	145	The Rap Game "Do Ya Dance" JD switches up the teams.	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word		The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)		Rachel Maddow	
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	Full House	Full House		Fresh Prince		Friends		Friends	
NICK	16	210	Paradise Run (N)	Lip Sync Battle	Full House		Full House		Friends		Friends	
SPIKE	64	153	(:06) Friends	(:44) Friends	*** "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright, Gary Sinise. A slow-witted Southerner experiences 30 years of history.		*** "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright, Gary Sinise. A slow-witted Southerner experiences 30 years of history.		*** "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright, Gary Sinise. A slow-witted Southerner experiences 30 years of history.			
SYFY	58	152	(5:40) ** "The Last Witch Hunter" (2015) Vin Diesel, Elijah Wood.	Futurama "Free Will Hunting"	Futurama "Near-Death Wish"	Futurama "Viva Mars Vegas"	Futurama "31st Century Fox"	Futurama "Natu-rama"	Futurama "2-D Blacktop"	Futurama "Fry and Leela's Big Fling"	Futurama "T.: The Terrestrial"	Futurama "Forty Percent Leadbelly"
TBS	24	156	Brooklyn Nine-Nine "Full Boyle"	** "Bad Teacher" (2011) Cameron Diaz. Two teachers vie for the affections of a rich substitute. (DVS)	*** "Magic Mike XXL" (2015, Comedy-Drama) Channing Tatum, Matt Bomer, Joe Manganiello. Former stripper Mike Lane comes out of retirement. (DVS)		*** "Inferno" (1953) Robert Ryan, Rhonda Fleming. Premiere. A cuckolded injured tycoon is left to die in the desert.		(:45) *** "Robinson Crusoe" (1954, Adventure) Dan O'Herlihy.		(:12:15) ** "Hot Pursuit" (2015)	
TCM	49	186	(5:15) *** "The Good Earth" (1937, Drama) Paul Muni. (DVS)	*** "Man in the Wilderness" (1971, Adventure) Richard Harris, John Huston. Premiere. A wilderness scout is mauled by a grizzly and left to die.	Dr. Pimple Popper		Untold Stories of the E.R. "Wipeout!"		Untold Stories of the E.R. "Wipeout!"		Dr. Pimple Popper	
TLC	43	157	Untold Stories of the E.R.	Untold Stories of the E.R.	Untold Stories of the E.R. "Wipeout!"		Untold Stories of the E.R. "Wipeout!"		Untold Stories of the E.R. "Wipeout!"		Dr. Pimple Popper	
TRNT	23	158	Major Crimes "By Any Means: Part 4" Stuck in a room with a potential bomb.	** "The Expendables 3" (2014, Action) Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham, Antonio Banderas. Barney Ross brings in new blood to fight an old associate. (DVS)	(:45) ** "The Expendables" (2010) Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham. Mercenaries embark on a mission to overthrow a South American dictator. (DVS)		(:45) ** "The Expendables" (2010) Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham. Mercenaries embark on a mission to overthrow a South American dictator. (DVS)		(:45) ** "The Expendables" (2010) Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham. Mercenaries embark on a mission to overthrow a South American dictator. (DVS)			
TRUTV	38	129	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers		ImpRACTical Jokers		ImpRACTical Jokers		ImpRACTical Jokers	
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Love-Raymond		Love-Raymond		Mom		King of Queens	
USA	25	132	Modern Family "The Storm"	Modern Family "Finding Fibzo"	Modern Family "Pig Moon Rising"		Modern Family "Frank's Wedding"		Modern Family "Alone Time"		Modern Family "The Old Wagon"	
WE	68	166	(6:45) Mama June: From Not to Hot	(7:53) Mama June: From Not to Hot	Mama June: From Not to Hot		Mama June: From Not to Hot		(:01) Love After Lockup		(:02) Mama June: From Not to Hot	
WGNA	8	172	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H	

Amazon launches 'Philip K. Dick's Electric Dreams'

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

Are we entering a new golden age of anthology television? Hot on the heels of a new season of Netflix's "Black Mirror," Amazon Prime starts streaming "Philip K. Dick's Electric Dreams." Its 10 standalone episodes are based on the short stories of Dick, whose works inspired such films as "Blade Runner," "Minority Report," "Total Recall" and "A Scanner Darkly."

Better yet, "Electric Dreams" features an impressive cast, including Steve Buscemi, Terrence Howard, Janelle Monae, Greg Kinnear, Maura Tierney and Bryan Cranston.

Cranston is also a producer on this American-British project, which began airing on the U.K.'s Channel 4 in September.

The episodes vary in subject, genre and tone, reflecting the breadth of Dick's output. "The Commuter" stars Timothy Spall as a browbeaten station master for the British railway whose rather grim existence is brightened by his discovery of a secret train stop that leads to a mysterious village, where a pleasant existence unfolds in repetitive "Groundhog Day" fashion. He's delighted and somewhat addicted to the place, until he discovers the very personal price for his mystical diversion.

Another episode, "Father Thing," has a more straight-up Spielbergian science-fiction feel. Kinnear stars as the sup-

portive father of a young baseball obsessive who begins to notice strange behavior in his dear old dad following an unexpected meteor shower.

Perhaps "Electric Dreams" is the modern-day analog to "The Outer Limits," whereas "Black Mirror" is more comparable to "The Twilight Zone." Or is it the other way around? Either way, fans of speculative and slightly unsettling short stories are in luck.

- David Letterman returns from retirement. Sort of. Fully bearded, the former late-night regular will host "My Next Guest Needs No Introduction," a monthly talk show on Netflix. His scheduled guests for the series' first six-month run include George Clooney, Malala Yousafzai, Jay-Z, Tina Fey and Howard Stern. Letterman's first guest is President Barack Obama, making his first TV talk show appearance since leaving office.

- Michael Buble, We McDonald, Josh Groban and others join the guest of honor on "Tony Bennett: The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song" (9 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings). Bruce Willis hosts.

- Would-be brides anticipate their walk down the aisle just as soon as their betrothed is released from prison on the new series "Love After Lockup" (10 p.m., WE, TV-14).

- Liquor salesman, father and undistinguished boxer



JAN THUIS / NBC

Clive Standen stars as Bryan Mills in "Taken," returning for a second season at 9 p.m. today on NBC.

Chuck Wepner (Liev Schreiber) — known as "the Bayonne Bleeder" — goes 15 rounds with Muhammad Ali (Pooch Hall) in the 2016 biopic "Chuck" (8:15 p.m., Showtime). Many believe that this true-life tale inspired Sylvester Stallone when he wrote and starred in the 1976 hit "Rocky." "Chuck" sports a game cast, including Naomi Watts, Elisabeth Moss, Jim Gaffigan, Michael Rapaport and Ron Perlman.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Loose nukes on "Blindspot" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- Contestants must remake a meal based on only one taste of the original on "Hell's Kitchen" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14).

SERIES NOTES

Automation can be murder on "MacGyver" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * Rebecca can only do so much on "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend" (8 p.m., CW, TV-14) * Grover consoles a would-be suicide on "Hawaii Five-0" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * Erin hires her old nemesis on "Blue Bloods" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).

LATE NIGHT

Laurie Metcalf is booked on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes James Spader, Camila Cabello and Pete Lee on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Anthony Anderson, Hong Chau, Amanda Seales and Mark Guiliana visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC, r) * Emmy Rossum, January Jones and Pink are on "The Late Late Show With James Cordeiro" (12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

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SATURDAY EVENING JANUARY 13

SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM
LOCAL CHANNELS												
WIS	10	3	10	(4:30) NFL Football Atlanta Falcons at Philadelphia Eagles. (N) (Live)	Will & Grace Will and Grace date the same man.	Superstore (DVS)	Dateline NBC	Saturday Night Live (N)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live "Sam Rockwell; Halsey" Host Sam Rockwell; Halsey performs. (N) (Live)		
WLTX	19	9	9	To Be Announced	The NFL Today (N) (Live)	NFL Football Tennessee Titans at New England Patriots. No. 1 New England defends its home turf against No. 5 Tennessee in an NFL divisional round game. (N) (Live)			News 19 at 11pm (N)	Blue Bloods "Personal Business" A woman's ex-boyfriend is murdered. (DVS)		
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "California Coast"	Jeopardy!	*** "Flushed Away" (2006, Children's) Jean Reno. Animated. A pampered pet rat winds up in the sewer.	Voices of Hugh Jackman, Kate Winslet, Jean Reno. Animated. A pampered pet rat winds up in the sewer.	20/20	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) American Ninja Warrior "Venice Qualifying Part 2" More competitors take on the course. (Part 2 of 3)		
WRJA	27	11	14	The Durrells in Corfu on Masterpiece Larry's writing career.	Father Brown "The Hangman's Demise" Father Brown investigates a poisoning.	The Doctor Blake Mysteries "Against the Odds" A jockey dies on the track.	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries "Murder Most Scandalous" Phryne must perfect her fan dance.	Austin City Limits "Jason Isbell & the 400 Unit; Amanda Shires" (N)	Bluegrass Underground			
WACH	57	6	6	To Be Announced	The Four: Battle for Stardom "Week Two" New challengers perform. (DVS)		WACH FOX News at 10 (N)	Panthers Huddle With Ron Rivera	Hell's Kitchen "Trying to Pasta Test" Remaining chefs make three pasta dishes. (DVS)	Ring of Honor Wrestling		
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Vanessa educates Eve.	Last Man Standing "Educating Boyd"	Rookie Blue "Deception" Traci oversees a drug sweep.	Saving Hope "Little Piggies" Alex tries to stick up for herself. (DVS)	Leverage "The Homecoming Job" The team tries to expose the truth.	Impractical Jokers Attaching balloons to shoppers.	Impractical Jokers The guys blindly follow each other.	Impractical Jokers The guys revive some classic jokes.	
CABLE CHANNELS												
A&E	46	130	(5:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 01.05.18" Riding along with law enforcement.	(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 77" (N)	Live PD "Live PD -- 01.13.18" Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (Live)							Live PD "Live PD -- 01.13.18"
AMC	48	180	(:08) Breaking Bad "Full Measure" Walt and Jesse's safety.	(:16) Breaking Bad "Box Cutter" Walt and Jesse face deadly consequences.	(:24) Breaking Bad "Thirty-Eight Snub" Walt attempts to form a new alliance.	Breaking Bad "Open House" Events spiral out of control.	(:36) *** "G.I. Jane" (1997, Drama) Demi Moore, Viggo Mortensen.					
ANPL	41	100	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees "Soul Survivor"	(:01) The Vet Life (N)	(:02) Pit Bulls and Parolees	The Vet Life				
BET	61	162	(5:25) *** "ATL" (2006) Tip Harris. Four Atlanta teens face challenges.	*** "Baggage Claim" (2013, Romance-Comedy) Paula Patton, Derek Luke, Taye Diggs. A woman sets out on a cross-country quest to find a husband.	*** "Ocean's Eleven" (2001, Comedy-Drama) George Clooney, Matt Damon, Andy Garcia. A suave ex-con assembles a team to rob a casino vault.	*** "Ocean's Twelve" (2004, Comedy-Drama) George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon. Premiere. Indebted criminals plan an elaborate heist in Europe.	*** "Big Momma's House 2" (2006, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Nia Long, Emily Procter. An FBI agent reprises his disguise, posing as a heavy nanny.					
BRAVO	47	181	*** "Ocean's Eleven" (2001, Comedy-Drama) George Clooney, Matt Damon, Andy Garcia. A suave ex-con assembles a team to rob a casino vault.	*** "Ocean's Twelve" (2004, Comedy-Drama) George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon. Premiere. Indebted criminals plan an elaborate heist in Europe.								
CNBC	35	84	American Greed "The Bar Girls Trap"	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed "The Surfer Slayer?"	American Greed	American Greed				
CNN	3	80	The Axe Files With David Axelrod (N)	CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)	Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown	Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown	Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown	Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown				
COM	57	136	(6:00) *** "Hot Tub Time Machine 2" (2015, Comedy) Rob Corddry.	*** "Office Space" (1999, Comedy) Ron Livingston, Jennifer Aniston, David Herman. A white-collar worker rebels against corporate drudgery.	*** "Horrible Bosses" (2011, Comedy) Jason Bateman, Charlie Day, Jason Sudeikis. Oppressed workers plot against their employers.							
DISN	18	200	*** "Tangled" (2010, Children's) Voices of Mandy Moore, Zachary Levi, Donna Murphy.	(:40) Tangled: The Series Animated. Rapunzel must work with the King.	(:35) *** "Tangled" (2010, Children's) Voices of Mandy Moore, Zachary Levi, Donna Murphy.	(:15) Bunk'd	(:40) Walk the Prank	(12:05) Lab Rats				
DSC	42	103	Naked and Afraid "Man vs. Amazon"	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid "Hunted by Snakes" Survivalists in the Philippines. (N)							
ESPN	26	35	College Basketball	High School Basketball	30 for 30 Shorts	E:60	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	NFL PrimeTime (N)				
ESPN2	27	39	College Basketball	College Basketball Valparaiso at Northern Iowa. (N) (Live)			College Basketball San Diego State at Boise State. (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N)				
FOOD	40	109	Guy's Grocery Games	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive
FOXN	37	90	Fox Report (N)	Watters' World (N)	Justice With Judge Jeanine (N)	The Greg Gutfeld Show (N)	Watters' World	Justice Judge				
FREE	20	131	(:15) *** "Up" (2009, Children's) Voices of Ed Asner, Christopher Plummer, Jordan Nagai. Animated. An old man flies away in a balloon-powered house.	(:25) *** "Ratatouille" (2007, Children's) Voices of Patton Oswalt, Ian Holm, Lou Romano. Animated. A French rat enjoys good food and longs to become a chef.								
FSS	21	47	Rodeo From March 25, 2017.									
HALL	52	183	"Love on the Slopes" (2018, Romance) Katrina Bowden, Thomas Beaudoin. A copy editor meets an extreme sports enthusiast.	"Frozen in Love" (2018, Comedy) Rachael Leigh Cook, Niall Matter. Premiere. Mary and Adam are teamed together to help facilitate an image makeover.								
HGTV	39	112	Property Brothers "Modern Must-Have"	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	House Hunters Renovation	Log Cabin Living	Log Cabin Living	Property Brothers			
HIST	45	110	Ancient Aliens "The Alien Hunters"	Ancient Aliens Inventor Nikola Tesla.	Ancient Aliens "Forged by the Gods"	(:03) Ancient Aliens	(:03) Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens				
ION	13	18	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A pregnant woman is found murdered.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Detective Lake is wounded in a gunfight.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Detectives examine an old rape case.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A teenager admits to a pedophilic urge.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A teenager's daughter becomes a suspect.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit				
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) "You Killed My Mother" (2017) Carlena Britch, Ashley Jones.	"Deadly Delusion" (2017, Suspense) Haylie Duff, Mike Faiola, Teri Polo. Premiere. Julia is convinced that her demons have moved with her.	(:04) "Web Cam Girls" (2017, Drama) Arienne Zucker, Sedona Legge, Lorynn York. A woman tracks down a kidnapper to save her cousin.							
MSNBC	36	92	The Rachel Maddow Show	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams	Dateline Extra The remains of 11 bodies in New Mexico.						
NICK	16	210	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	Nicky, Ricky, Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	64	153	(5:00) *** "Jurassic Park"	*** "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" (1997) Jeff Goldblum. An expedition returns to monitor dinosaurs' progress.	*** "Jurassic Park III" (2001) Sam Neill.							
SYFY	58	152	(5:00) *** "The Lone Ranger" (2013, Western) Johnny Depp. (DVS)	*** "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" (2011, Adventure) Johnny Depp, Penelope Cruz, Ian McShane. Premiere.	Futurama "Bender's Game: Part 1"	Futurama "Bender's Game: Part 2"	Futurama "Bender's Game: Part 3"					
TBS	24	156	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee	Drop the Mic	Snoop Dogg: Joker's Wild	
TCM	49	186	(6:00) *** "Don't Make Waves" (1967, Comedy) Tony Curtis.	*** "Bullitt" (1968, Crime Drama) Steve McQueen, Robert Vaughn. San Francisco detective won't let go of mob-witness case.	(:15) *** "The Narrow Margin" (1952, Crime Drama) Charles McGraw, Marie Windsor. Detective escorts racketeer's widow on train with hit men.	*** "Murder, Inc." (1960)						
TLC	43	157	Say Yes to the Dress	Say Yes to the Dress (N)	Hayley Ever After: The Dress	(:02) Say Yes to the Dress	(:02) Say Yes to the Dress	Hayley Ever After				
TNT	23	158	(5:30) *** "The Expendables 3" (2014) Sylvester Stallone. (DVS)	*** "Olympus Has Fallen" (2013, Action) Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart, Morgan Freeman. A disgraced agent must rescue the president. (DVS)								
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Impractical Jokers	Laff Mobb Laff	Laff Mobb Laff	Comedy Knockout	
TV LAND	55	161	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Mom	Mom	King of Queens	King of Queens
USA	25	132	NCIS "Enemies Domestic" A member of the team reminisces. (DVS)	NCIS "The Admiral's Daughter" A controversial crime scene. (DVS)	NCIS "Love Boat" A man's body is found on a destroyer. (DVS)	Falling Water "Watchers" Tess faces off with an intruder. (N) (DVS)	(:01) Damnation The farmers take on the Black Legion. (DVS)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit				
WE	68	166	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds "Safe Haven"	Criminal Minds "Devil's Night"	Criminal Minds "Middle Man"	Criminal Minds				
WGNA	8	172	Blue Bloods "Mother's Day"	Blue Bloods "The Greater Good"	Blue Bloods "Good Cop, Bad Cop"	Blue Bloods "The Price of Justice"	Person of Interest "Shadow Box"	Person of Interest				

'Victoria' returns on 'Masterpiece,' spunkier than ever

BY KEVIN MCDONOUGH

"Victoria" returns on "Masterpiece" (9 p.m. Sunday, PBS, TV-PG, check local listings) with the queen (Jenna Coleman) fresh from childbirth. A little too fresh for her courtiers, who insist that she be carried around like an invalid and undergo a church ceremony to welcome her back to a cleansed state of sanctity after the ordeal of pregnancy and all of the carnality that contributed to it.

Tom Hughes returns as the queen's rather studly consort, Prince Albert, and Rufus Sewell is back as Lord Melbourne, the prime minister and mentor to the young queen. Diana Rigg ("Game of Thrones," "The Avengers") joins the proceedings as the Duchess of Buccleuch, the "Mistress of the Robes" and a fount of experience and sage advice.

The first season of "Victoria" attracted a large audience for "Masterpiece," the biggest since "Downton Abbey." But like the first installment, this season of "Victoria" arrives on the heels of Netflix's "The Crown," a lavishly mounted and spectacularly expensive production. It's simply unfair to compare the two. Budget aside, "The Crown" does try to hew closely to the history and the attitudes of its time. That's what makes it interesting.

Rather than reflect the repressive 19th-century mores that were hallmarks of the so-called "Victorian" era, Coleman's queen is shot through with "you go girl" gumption. She's spunky, forthright and frank, as if she were the queen of California. This is the American Girl Doll version of history.

While we're on the subject of royals, "The Coronation" (8 p.m. Sunday, Smithsonian) glances back at the 1953 Buckingham Palace ceremony that anointed Queen Elizabeth II. The special includes an interview with the queen, who recalls her ceremony as well as the 1937 coronation of her father, King George VI.

"Divorce" (10 p.m. Sunday, HBO, TV-MA) returns for a second season. A slice of upper-middle-class life as unpleasant as the title implies,

"Divorce" is very short on laughs.

Having endured the mother of all messy breakups, Frances (Sarah Jessica Parker) and Robert (Thomas Haden Church) meet in a lawyer's office to sign their divorce papers and then face an awkward trip back to Westchester. On the same commuter train.

"Divorce" does a good job of creating the suffocating atmosphere shared by a divorced couple with shared custody of two high schoolers and a small group of mutual friends.

Molly Shannon offers sporadic cartoony laughs as Diane, Frances' neurotic friend whose love-hate relationship with her rich husband resulted in gunfire last season.

Frances is consumed by self-pity while Robert careens from being boring to simply being a jerk. Is their unhappiness well-deserved? Yes. Is it interesting? No. Funny? Never.

Look for Saturday night's NFL playoff game between the Tennessee Titans and New England Patriots (8 p.m., CBS) to grab the lion's share of the broadcast television audience.

Hallmark has finally put the holly and tinsel in the attic. But it hasn't changed its movie formula quite yet. "Frozen in Love" (9 p.m. Saturday, TV-G) stars Rachael Leigh Cook as a struggling bookstore owner who sparks an unlikely friendship with a brash hockey star (Niall Matter) while trying to save her shop.

Lifetime has also stored its Christmas decorations and settles back into traumatized female mode with "Deadly Delusion" (8 p.m. Saturday, TV-14), about a woman who hopes to make a clean break from her ugly past by moving to Los Angeles with her new boyfriend. Think she can out-run her demons? Of course she can't!

SATURDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

Hugh Jackman, Kate Winslet and Ian McKellen animate the 2006 comedy "Flushed Away" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG). Who could have predicted that a cartoon comedy about a sewer rat would be a

box-office stinker?

- "The Vet Life" (10 p.m., Animal Planet, TV-PG) returns for a second season, following the Houston vets as they cope with the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

SUNDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Scheduled on "60 Minutes" (7 p.m., CBS): a visit to Kabul, Afghanistan, a capital still under siege after a 16-year, trillion-dollar war; concealed weapons and state laws; Portland's embrace of the eccentric.
- Ice Cube and Kevin Hart star in the 2014 comedy "Ride Along" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- Stewie and Brian bicker on the 300th episode of "Family Guy" (9 p.m., Fox, TV-14).
- The two-hour documentary "Trophy" (9 p.m., CNN) examines the surprisingly powerful industry behind big-game hunting in both the United States and Africa.
- Dalton's challenge to the Russians has many questioning his mental state on "Madam Secretary" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- ID launches the three-night, re-enactment-heavy docu-miniseries "Jodi Arias: An American Murder Mystery" (10 p.m., TV-14), recalling an oft-told tale of salacious scandal and murder.
- Emmett gets a wakeup call on "The Chi" (10 p.m.,



COURTESY OF ©ITVSTUDIOS2017 FOR MASTERPIECE
 Jenna Coleman, left, stars as Queen Victoria and Tom Hughes as Prince Albert as "Victoria" returns on "Masterpiece" at 9 p.m. today on PBS.

Showtime, TV-MA).

- Penn Jillette rattles Pete's belief system on the second season premiere of "Crashing" (10 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).

CULT CHOICE

TCM invites viewers to stay up late this weekend with two Blaxploitation classics, 1973's "The Mack" (2 a.m. Sunday), co-starring Richard Pryor, and the 1972 thriller "Super Fly" (4 a.m. Sunday), directed by Gordon Parks Jr.

SUNDAY SERIES

"Dateline" (7 p.m., NBC) * Conspiracies uncovered on

the season finale of "Wisdom of the Crowd" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * Burns fears the end is near on "The Simpsons" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-PG) * Coffee-craving cats on "America's Funniest Home Videos" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * Tina suffers through Valentine's Day on "Bob's Burgers" (8:30 p.m., Fox, TV-PG) * Hetty endures torture on "NCIS: Los Angeles" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * Two episodes of "Shark Tank" (9 p.m. and 10 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * Karl (Fred Armisen) settles in on "The Last Man on Earth" (9:30 p.m., Fox, TV-14).

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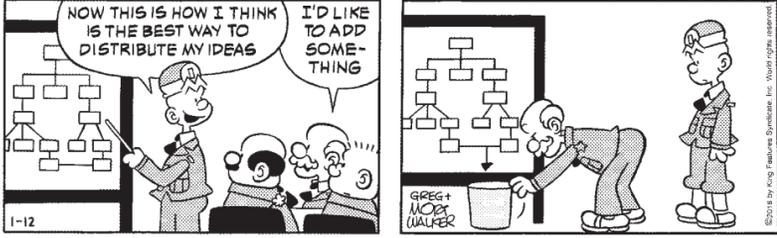
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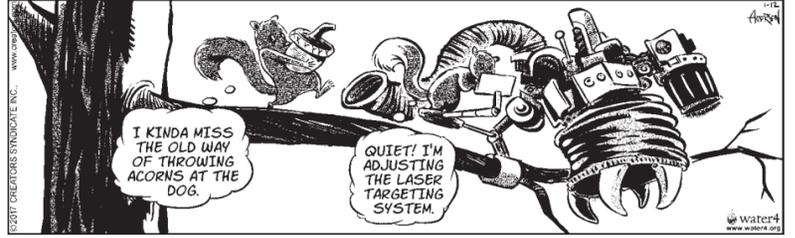
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Single mom puts effort into socializing with couples



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — I have an answer for a question from "Excluded in the East" you printed on Sept. 24: "Why do married couples exclude single people?"

As a single mom with three children for 15 years, I made the conscious decision to conduct myself as I always had when I was part of a couple. I hosted backyard parties and holiday dinners and invited my married friends. I initiated invitations for dinner and a movie.

At restaurants, I made sure to pick up my own tab. If a couple insisted on paying for my meal, I insisted on paying the tip. Why? Because I was mindful that some men felt uncomfortable about taking money from a single woman.

If I wanted company for the evening, I drove to their house. Sometimes I volunteered to be the designated safe driver. Most important, I never complained about my ex or vented about the difficulties of coping as a single mom.

Needless to say, there was no flirting or inappropriate comments. I also avoided lengthy side conversations with one spouse. In short, I worked hard to make sure my married friends enjoyed my company as much as I enjoyed theirs, and it worked!

Laura in New York

DEAR LAURA — I'm glad it

worked for you. After I asked for readers' input on the topic, I received many interesting responses. Read on for a sample:

DEAR ABBY — I suspect that married couples are afraid divorce is contagious. It could have something to do with the fact that some married people are no longer happily married and they fear if they include a divorcee, it might trigger a divorce.

Happily uncoupled in Ohio

DEAR ABBY — Couples who tend to exclude their single friends, for whatever reason, need to remember that one day they, too, may be single and overlooked. My dear mom was left out a lot after her divorce, and I remember how sad it made her feel.

Andrea in Denver

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.

WETSE

VEOMI

SPLUCT

PRAROL

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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PERKY PATIO FAMILY UPDATE
Answer: When the gymnastics team won the competition, they — FLIPPED OUT



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

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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Priscilla Clark and Jeff Chen

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20 Reader with reprints
21 Flight attendant's indication
22 Flashy genetic enhancements?
25 Ticket
26 Oscar role for Forest
27 Piña colada liquor
28 Like "black diamond" slopes
29 Hot-dog it?
31 New England cape
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34 Groaners in a routine?
38 "I'm such a moron!"
39 Car nut
40 Campbell of "House of Cards"
43 Filled entirely
46 What bills may become
48 "Amstray!"
49 Pace often rapid
- 50 Time capsules?
54 Alternative medicine practitioner's term for a mainstream doctor
56 One might have tears in it
57 Use second fiddles in a pinch?
61 Quick
62 Name of kings in Denmark, Norway and Sweden
63 Light bulb, meta-phorically
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66 APB quarry
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22 Depression
23 Put down
24 "Did you really think I'd go for that?"
28 Largest number in many a column
30 Homes for creatures of the not-so-deep
32 Org. in a 1966 merger agreement
33 Raw, brown or white stuff
35 Third of a kid's poem trio
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