



ALAN WILSON
ATTORNEY GENERAL

May 19, 2021

VIA EMAIL

Ms. Khahilia Shaw
records@americanoversight.org

RE: Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") Request

Dear Ms. Shaw:

This Office received your FOIA request dated November 19, 2020.

As was explained in an email from the Office on March 26, 2021, the Office was not aware of this FOIA request until late in March of 2021 because it was originally sent via fax. Upon receiving confirmation that you still wished to proceed with the request on March 29, 2021, the records of the Office were searched for:

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- r. POTUS
- s. "election fraud"
- t. "election integrity"

The search was limited to October 27, 2020 to present.

Repeated and voluminous searches of our files use valuable Office resources. This Office is permitted to charge reasonable fees not to exceed our actual costs in performing these searches. This Office charges \$19.00 per hour of staff time required to search, retrieve, and redact public records responsive to a request.

On April 12, 2021, in accordance with § 30-4-30(B), the Office required a deposit of \$25.00 from you. The Office received your deposit on April 19, 2021.

The Office has searched its records and assembled all of the public records responsive to your request. The Office spent over five hours searching for, retrieving, and redacting these records. Thus, the Office's actual costs are over \$95.00; however, we are electing to only charge you \$95.00. Therefore, your outstanding balance is \$70.00. Payment of this balance is required before the Office produces the responsive documents.

To expedite processing, please make the checks (or money orders) out to the South Carolina Office of the Attorney General. You can send it to my attention at:

South Carolina Office of the Attorney General
Attn: David Leggett
Post Office Box 11549
Columbia, SC 29211-1549

Please be advised, some documents are exempt from disclosure under S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-40(a)(7) and some documents have been redacted under S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-40(a)(2) and (7).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely yours,



L. David Leggett
Assistant Attorney General



ALAN WILSON
ATTORNEY GENERAL

April 12, 2021

VIA EMAIL

Ms. Khahilia Shaw
records@americanoversight.org

RE: Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") Request

Dear Ms. Shaw:

This Office has determined that there are documents responsive to your FOIA request dated November 19, 2020. This determination is in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-30(C).

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We estimate approximately six hours of staff time would be utilized to address your request. Therefore, we require a deposit in the amount of \$25.00 to proceed with your request. If we have overestimated the time needed to respond to your request, we may refund all or part of your deposit, as is appropriate.

Records will be made available no later than thirty calendar days from the date on which the deposit is received in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-30(C). However, after completion of the search, we will ask for the remaining balance of costs based on actual accrued fees prior to production.

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Please be advised that the above does not constitute a final opinion as to whether specific portions of any records may be exempt from production or subject to redaction in accordance with exemptions provided for by § 30-4-40, or other state or federal laws.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely yours,



L. David Leggett
Assistant Attorney General



ALAN WILSON
ATTORNEY GENERAL

May 24, 2021

VIA EMAIL

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Pursuant to your request, the records of this Office were checked.

On April 12, 2021, in accordance with § 30-4-30(B), the Office required a deposit of \$25.00 from you. The Office received your deposit on April 19, 2021.

On May 19, 2021, the Office informed you that it was charging you for \$95.00 of actual costs and that your outstanding balance was \$70.00. Additionally, you were informed that payment of this balance was required before the Office would produce the responsive documents.

The Office received payment of the \$70.00 of outstanding balance on May 24, 2021.

Therefore, all of the public records responsive to your request are being made available to you now. Please be advised, some documents are exempt from disclosure under S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-40(a)(7) and some documents have been redacted under S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-40(a)(2) and (7).

Because of the size of the file, we cannot attach the files to this letter and send them via email. Therefore, shortly after receiving this letter, you will receive an email with access to a Kiteworks folder. Kiteworks is the service our Office uses for secure file sharing. The folder contains all of our correspondence with you regarding this request and the responsive documents, in a single PDF entitled "FOIA - Responsive Documents Redacted." Please let me know if you have any trouble accessing the documents.

If you would prefer a paper of copy of the documents or a copy of the documents on a thumb drive, please let me know and we can mail them to you.

Sincerely yours,



L. David Leggett
Assistant Attorney General

From: [Robert Kittle](#)
To: khansmire@gmail.com; myoung@republicanags.com
Subject: Attorney General Wilson's part of the COVID-19 PSA
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 10:27:00 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

I'm checking on the status of the PSA video on COVID-19 with Coach Dabo Sweeney and Attorney General Alan Wilson. I sent both of you a Dropbox link last week to the AG's part of the PSA and I just wanted to make sure you had gotten it.

I was also curious about when and where I could see the final PSA.

Thanks!

Robert

Office Seal in color 2



Robert Kittle

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rkittle@scag.gov
Rembert C. Dennis Building
1000 Assembly Street
Columbia, S.C. 29201



From: [Pinover, McLaurine](#)
To: [Jeff Young](#)
Subject: RE: Accuracy confirmation
Date: Thursday, December 10, 2020 11:27:04 AM

Great, thank you!

From: Jeff Young <JYoung@scag.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 11:26 AM
To: Pinover, McLaurine <McLaurine.Pinover@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Accuracy confirmation

Maybe judicial action rather than convenience

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 10, 2020, at 11:16 AM, Pinover, McLaurine
<McLaurine.Pinover@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Hi Jeff,

Great talking to you, Joe wanted to know if the below line for his press release was legally accurate. Thank you for your help!

“The constitutional provisions that election laws are the sole jurisdiction of state legislators must be maintained and not be changed by judicial convenience.”

Thanks,
McLaurine Pinover
Communications Director
Office of Congressman Joe Wilson (R-SC)

From: [Bishop, Kevin \(L. Graham\)](#)
To: [Robert Kittle](#)
Subject: RE: MEDIA ADVISORY: AG Wilson to make major announcement
Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 9:57:43 AM

Gotcha....

From: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 9:56 AM
To: Bishop, Kevin (L. Graham) <Kevin_Bishop@lgraham.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: MEDIA ADVISORY: AG Wilson to make major announcement

Hi Kevin,

At this point we're looking at what Texas filed and are discussing next steps. We did join an amicus in one of the lawsuits in Pennsylvania, the one questioning the constitutionality of the Pennsylvania courts extending the timeline for accepting votes rather than the legislature doing that, but we haven't made a decision yet about the Texas lawsuit.

Robert

From: Bishop, Kevin (L. Graham) <Kevin_Bishop@lgraham.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 9:53 AM
To: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>
Subject: RE: MEDIA ADVISORY: AG Wilson to make major announcement

Does the AG support some of these lawsuits RE: 2020 election, like Texas?

If so we were going to say something positive about it. But didn't want to get too far in front of our skis.

Let me know.

From: Bishop, Kevin (L. Graham)
Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2020 7:00 PM
To: 'Robert Kittle' <RKittle@scag.gov>
Subject: RE: MEDIA ADVISORY: AG Wilson to make major announcement

Got it...thank you.

From: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>

Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2020 6:02 PM

To: Bishop, Kevin (L. Graham) <Kevin_Bishop@lgraham.senate.gov>

Subject: FW: MEDIA ADVISORY: AG Wilson to make major announcement

From: Chip Payne <cpayne@scag.gov>

Sent: Saturday, August 29, 2020 12:12 PM

To: Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>

Subject: MEDIA ADVISORY: AG Wilson to make major announcement



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 29, 2020

AG Wilson to make major announcement

(COLUMBIA, SC) - Attorney General Alan Wilson will hold a news conference Monday, August 31st at 11 a.m. at the Statehouse to make a major announcement about an ongoing state lawsuit against the federal government.

We plan to stream the news conference on Facebook Live on the Attorney General's Office's Facebook page but we hope you'll be able to send a crew to get video, sound, and photos. We'll be following health guidelines by wearing masks and practicing social distancing as much as possible.

WHO: Attorney General Alan Wilson, Gov. Henry McMaster, Sen. Lindsey Graham, Congressman Joe Wilson

WHAT: News conference to announce major update in lawsuit against federal government

WHEN: 11:00 a.m. Monday, Aug. 31, 2020

WHERE: South Carolina Statehouse, Second Floor Rotunda
Columbia, SC

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Robert Kittle
Communications Director
803.734.3670
rkittle@scag.gov



[Unsubscribe](#)

This message was sent to rkittle@scag.gov from cpayne@scag.gov

Chip Payne
SCAG
1000 Assembly Street Room 519
Columbia, SC 29201



From: [Alan Wilson](#)
To: ["Jeff Young \(JYoung@scag.gov\)"](#)
Subject: FW: Marion County Election Fraud Investigation Request
Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 8:47:00 AM
Attachments: [Marion County Final Fraud Examination Report.pdf](#)
[2013 Marion Police Report_Redacted.pdf](#)

[Here you go.](#)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 9:55 PM
To: Alan Wilson <agwilson@scag.gov>
Subject: RE: Marion County Election Fraud Investigation Request

Hello Attorney General Alan Wilson,

I hope this email finds you well. I have sent information to Marci Andino, Executive Director of the SC Election Commission to request an investigation from SLED to look into the illegal conduct/election fraud in Marion County.

On last week, I conducted a three-day investigation and discovered that approximately 100 ballots appeared to have non-genuine or forged signatures attached to the Authorization to Return Absentee Ballot Forms.

On today, I had to make a police report with the Marion County Police Department on election fraud activity that occurred early in the morning.

I would like for the Attorney General Office to look into this matter as this seems to be an ongoing issue in Marion County specifically and I have facts and witnesses that public officials are involved with the corruption of the absentee ballot fraud. Voters deserve to have a free and fair election that is free from unwanted coercion and intimidation.

Thanks in advance for your time and consideration,

Sincerely!

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[REDACTED]

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From: [Alan Wilson](#)
To: ["Jeff Young \(JYoung@scag.gov\)"](#)
Subject: another Public charge link
Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 2:23:00 PM

[Fact Sheet - President Donald J. Trump Is Protecting Healthcare Benefits for American Citizens | The American Presidency Project \(ucsb.edu\)](#)

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DeLinda Ridings, Executive Assistant
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Email: dridings@scag.gov

From: [Alan Wilson](#)
To: [Jeff Young](#); [Don Zelenka](#)
Subject: Fwd: 2020-001594
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 5:02:57 PM
Attachments: [Dismissal Order \(2\).pdf](#)

What is the story behind this?

Sent from my iPhone
Please excuse typos

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Clark, Ethel D." <edclark@sccourts.org>
Date: January 19, 2021 at 2:10:18 PM EST
To: Alan Wilson <AGWilson@scag.gov>
Subject: 2020-001594

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**From:** [Alan Wilson](#)  
**To:** ["Robert Kittle \(rkittle@scag.gov\)"](#)  
**Subject:** Answers to Avery Wilks questions on RLDF (02464721xD2C78)  
**Date:** Monday, January 11, 2021 2:35:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Answers to Avery Wilks questions on RLDF \(02464721xD2C78\).docx](#)

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**From:** [Alan Wilson](#)  
**To:** ["Robert Kittle \(rkittle@scag.gov\)"](#)  
**Subject:** Document1  
**Date:** Monday, January 11, 2021 1:01:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Document1.docx](#)

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**From:** [Alan Wilson](#)  
**To:** ["Jeff Young \(JYoung@scag.gov\)"](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Filing: Sup. Ct. Case No.: 2020-000523 Garrison v. Target  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 30, 2020 12:18:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[2020-000523 -REPLY BRIEF OF PETITIONERS-RESPONDENTS GARRISON .pdf](#)  
[cvr ltr to SC Reply brief of pet .resp.pdf](#)

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Here is another one.

Alan Wilson  
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Columbia, South Carolina 29211-1549

DeLinda Ridings, Executive Assistant  
Direct: (803) 734-3596  
Email: [dlridings@scag.gov](mailto:dlridings@scag.gov)

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**From:** Paralegal <[monica@hjlsc.com](mailto:monica@hjlsc.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 28, 2020 10:34 AM  
**To:** [suptctfilings@sccourts.org](mailto:suptctfilings@sccourts.org)  
**Cc:** Josh Hawkins <[josh@hjlsc.com](mailto:josh@hjlsc.com)>; Helena Jedziniak <[Helena@hjlsc.com](mailto:Helena@hjlsc.com)>; John Howell <[jhowell@jacksonfirm.com](mailto:jhowell@jacksonfirm.com)>; Knox Haynsworth <[knoxhaynsworth@bmemhlaw.com](mailto:knoxhaynsworth@bmemhlaw.com)>; 'lpowell@hunton.com' <[lpowell@hunton.com](mailto:lpowell@hunton.com)>; gsibley@HuntonAK.com; jmoylan@wyche.com; hparr@wyche.com; wlightsey@wyche.com; glambert@burr.com; Alan Wilson <[agwilson@scag.gov](mailto:agwilson@scag.gov)>  
**Subject:** Filing: Sup. Ct. Case No.: 2020-000523 Garrison v. Target

Good morning,

Please find attached for filing, Reply Brief of Petitioners/Respondents, along with Certificate of Service (same document). Additionally, per the Rule, 10 copies of the Brief have been mailed out this date, postmarked Dec. 28, 2020. All counsel of record has been copied here for service.

Please send a stamped copy of the filing at your convenience, and should you need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Thank you.

Sincerely,



**Monica Brody**

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**From:** [Alan Wilson](#)  
**To:** [Robert Kittle](#); [Matt Wills](#)  
**Cc:** [Alan Wilson](#)  
**Subject:** Why I joined the election lawsuit (02447210xD2C78)  
**Date:** Monday, December 14, 2020 11:05:32 AM  
**Attachments:** [Why I joined the election lawsuit \(02447210xD2C78\).docx](#)

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**From:** [Alan Wilson](#)  
**To:** ["Robert Kittle \(rkittle@scag.gov\)"; "Matt Wills \(mattwills@scag.gov\)"](#)  
**Cc:** [Alan Wilson](#)  
**Subject:** Why I joined the election lawsuit (02447210xD2C78)  
**Date:** Monday, December 14, 2020 11:05:00 AM  
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**To:** ["Matt Wills \(mattwills@scag.gov\)"; "Robert Kittle \(rkittle@scag.gov\)"](#)  
**Cc:** ["Jeff Young \(JYoung@scag.gov\)"](#)  
**Subject:** statement  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 9, 2020 11:05:00 AM

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As S.C. Attorney General I am committed to protecting our voters against disenfranchisement as well as ensuring election integrity.

That's why, in 2012, I was the first Attorney General in America to successfully defend a state's voter ID law. Last month, my office joined the Pennsylvania lawsuit by filing an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court voting case with 10 other state attorneys general.

The Supreme Court of the United States will soon weigh in on the State of Texas' suit against four states for election irregularities, and I will continue to monitor developments and evaluate any available legal recourse.

Regardless of your ideological beliefs, we must all agree that free and fair elections are the keystone of democracy. Election clauses must be followed, and the constitution must be a guiding light for fair elections to continue to take place. Our values and the rule of law are worth defending.

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Good afternoon AG Wilson,

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<https://vuongholdings.docsend.com/view/ciix62w6jsiz6yzq>

Also, we were featured earlier this month on Project Takeoff, which has the administration's support: <https://dailycaller.com/2020/10/01/exclusive-project-takeoff-trump-rare-earth-mineral-trump-executive-order-china/>

We appreciate it and look forward to hearing from you.

My very best,

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Here you go sirs.



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Many thanks for your judicial service.

Mark

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The final brief w/ 17 states on board.

NOTE THE REQUEST FROM MO's press officer that the news be embargoed to 4:30 EST.

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Thank you,

John Sauer

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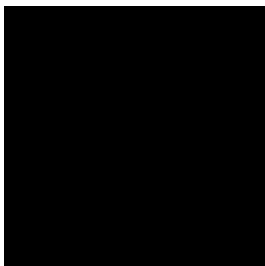
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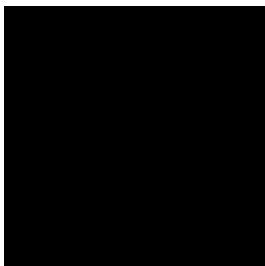
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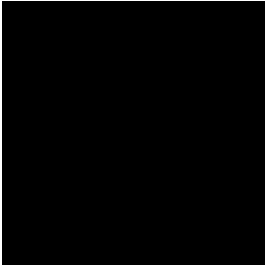
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FYI. DOE has plans for over 50 metric tons of plutonium to be shipped to SRS. This new project, for the Versatile Test Reactor, could alone mean 30 metric tons! Tom

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**Option to Fabricate Plutonium Fuel in Old K-Reactor at Savannah River Site would Bring Risks  
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Columbia, SC -- Despite safety and proliferation concerns and lack of justification, the U.S. Department of Energy has announced that it has released a draft Environmental Impact State on the Versatile Test Reactor (VTR).

DOE's Office of Nuclear Energy's [Notice of Availability of Draft Versatile Test Reactor Environmental Impact Statement](#) appeared in the Federal Register on December 21, 2020. DOE's Idaho National Lab is the preferred location for the reactor, with Oak Ridge National Lab as an alternative. Both INL and the Savannah River Site in South Carolina are to be considered for fabrication of the reactor's fuel, which could contain weapon-grade plutonium. The draft EIS presents the old K-Reactor at SRS as the site for fuel fabrication, with L-Reactor also being considered, with up to 30 metric tons of plutonium imported.

Given that no clear mission need has been established for the VTR and with an estimated price tag of \$3 billion to \$6 billion, with completion ranging from 2026 to 2030, it is doubtful if the project will go forward. Just as for other costly, complex DOE projects, the price tag is certain to grow and the schedule certain to slip if the project is pursued. As there appears to be a rush in moving forward with the VTR in the waning days of the Trump administration, the need for the VTR, its cost and proliferation risks must be formally reviewed, according to the public interest groups Savannah River Site Watch.

The reactor would be a sodium-cooled "fast" reactor, based on the design of GE's PRISM reactor, a reactor never before constructed, which is based on the long-closed Experimental Breeder Reactor II located at INL. While DOE has claimed the reactor would not be operated to "breed," or produce, plutonium it is in a class of reactor that operates on plutonium-uranium fuel and that can produce plutonium, posing significant proliferation risks. Given exorbitant cost, impracticality and safety and proliferation risks of breeder reactors, all but a few countries have abandoned their programs.

DOE proposes that the VTR would operate for 60 years. As the reactor could use around 500 kilograms per year as fuel, the site selected for fuel fabrication would thus receive around 30 metric tons of plutonium. (The notice says plutonium use annually in fuel would be "between 0.4 and 0.54 metric tons of plutonium.") Bringing an additional 30 MT of plutonium to SRS for this questionable mission is unacceptable, according to SRS Watch.

SRS, which has no recent fuel fabrication experience and which recently faced the termination of the mismanaged plutonium fuel (MOX) project, would be an extremely poor choice for VTR fuel fabrication, and must be rejected, according to SRS Watch. Underscoring the proliferation risks involved in fuel manufacture, the plutonium for the fuel would likely come from plutonium "pits" withdrawn from nuclear warheads and stored at the Pantex site in Texas.

"Given that DOE has just rejected fabrication of plutonium MOX fuel at the SRS, it is totally absurd for any consideration to now be given to fabrication of VTR plutonium fuel at SRS," said Tom Clements, director of the public interest group Savannah River Site Watch. "SRS has lost all memory of fuel fabrication and could never reestablish that capability over the next decade," added Clements. "The SRS fuel-fabrication alternative, like the overall project itself, simply isn't viable and South Carolina does not want another risky project that could result in yet more plutonium being stranded here," Clements said.

In addition to 11.5 metric tons of plutonium currently being stored in the old K-Reactor at SRS, the site faces the import of an additional 7.5 metric tons of plutonium if the proposed Plutonium Bomb Plant goes forward. That facility, now facing growing opposition, would produce plutonium "pits," or cores for old and new nuclear warheads. Likewise, SRS faces import of 20 MT or more of plutonium for the "plutonium disposition" program. [DOE announced on December 16, 2020 that a "scoping" for an EIS](#) on plutonium disposition at SRS had begun. According to SRS Watch, the various plans for importing more plutonium to SRS need to be reviewed in an overarching manner and not in piecemeal NEPA documents.

In the Federal Register notice, DOE says that a 45-day comment period on the draft EIS will soon begin.

If DOE needs a "fast-neutron" source for experimentation, it could modify existing reactors, including the Advanced Test Reactor or the High Flux Isotope Reactor, for that mission.

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<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-12-21/pdf/2020-27951.pdf>

**2. Draft VTR EIS, posted December 21, 2020:**

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**3. See discussion of VTR cost and funding in FY 2021: *Energy and Water Development: FY2021 Appropriations*, by Congressional Research Service, December 8, 2020,**

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**5. For amount of plutonium in fuel, see: *Scoping Analysis of Sodium Cooled Fast Spectrum Test Reactor Cores*, Idaho National Lab, January 2020:**

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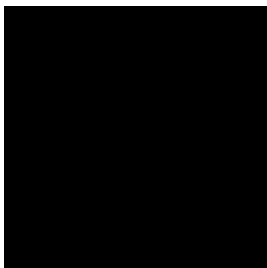
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Happy Friday, everyone!

Things certainly don't slow down much around here, even around holidays, so there are lots of news stories about your work over the past week.

There won't be a Weekly News Brief next Friday so Merry Christmas!

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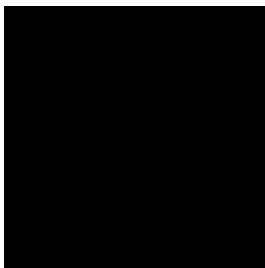
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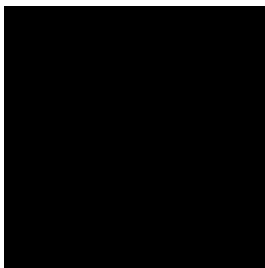
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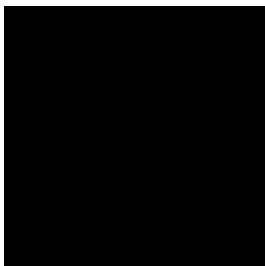
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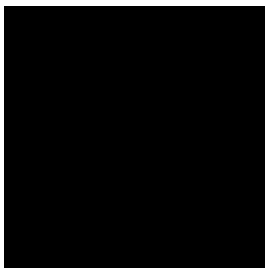
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**To:** Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>  
**Subject:** Wilson oped

Good morning Robert

I hope you're well.

I wanted to check something on Alan's oped.

He says "For example, in one state the legislature passed a law that said ballots must be received postmarked by 8 p.m. on Election Day. An official in that state extended the deadline by three days and waived the requirement for a postmark on the mail-in ballot."

The only example I found in the lawsuit that sort of matches this description is Pennsylvania (paragraph 48), but the lawsuit and the amicus say the state supreme court changed the rules. Am I overlooking the example he was referring to, or did he mean to say the court rather than "an official"?

Thanks so much  
Cindi

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Sooji Nam wants to know if you can do an interview today, via Zoom or in person, to talk about election integrity and the electoral college meeting today.

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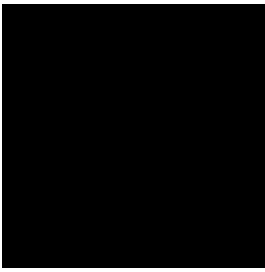
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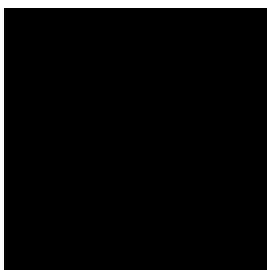
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I changed the first paragraph and made some other changes to update it to the fact that the Supreme Court had rejected the case. Let me know what you think and we'll send it back to the P&C.

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**From:** Rick Nelson <[rnelson@postandcourier.com](mailto:rnelson@postandcourier.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 14, 2020 8:45 AM  
**To:** Robert Kittle <[RKittle@scag.gov](mailto:RKittle@scag.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Guest column/Op-Ed by Attorney General Wilson on election lawsuit amicus

Robert,

We took a look at this over the weekend.

We're certainly willing to allow Mr. Wilson to have his say in the matter. The only issue we see is that, in light of the Supreme Court's action on Friday, it needs to be updated to acknowledge and address the fact that the court refused to hear the case.

Best,

Rick

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**From:** Robert Kittle [<mailto:RKittle@scag.gov>]  
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**To:** Rick Nelson; Letters editor  
**Subject:** Guest column/Op-Ed by Attorney General Wilson on election lawsuit amicus

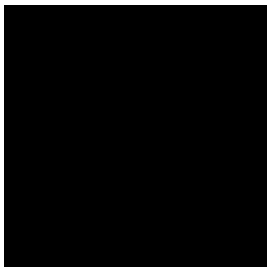
Hi Mr. Nelson,

I've attached a guest column/Op-Ed by Attorney General Alan Wilson about why he joined the election lawsuit. The Supreme Court may rule at any moment on whether to take the case but this Op-Ed is relevant no matter what, especially since it provides another perspective on the issue that your editorial board raised in its recent editorial on the subject.

Thank you for your consideration,

Robert





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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Outrage at lawsuit

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for writing, and thank you especially for stating your objections in such a civil manner. We're getting a lot of negative comments on social media that are pretty over the top and I've reached the point of not even reading them.

I certainly understand your points, and if I didn't work here I would probably have the same thoughts. However, since I do work here I can see the reasons that Attorney General Wilson joined the amicus brief supporting Texas' request for the Supreme Court to hear its lawsuit.

There *is* a constitutional question here, and that's the whole reason he signed on. One of his main focuses is upholding the rule of law. Sometimes doing something a certain way can look like, or even be, the right thing to do, but it also needs to be done the right way. So, in this instance, expanding mail-in voting had a legitimate reason—the pandemic—but some states changed their voting rules without going through the proper procedures.

Article 2, Section 1 of the US Constitution gives state legislatures the power to choose electors for president, and also gives state legislatures the authority to decide the time, manner, and place for elections. But in some states, Secretaries of State or judges changed mail-in voting rules, like extending deadlines or saying ballots that weren't postmarked would still be accepted after Election Day. So that's the constitutional question: did those actions violate the Electors Clause of the US Constitution?

It's very possible, and most of the experts say likely, the Supreme Court won't see this as a big enough constitutional question to even hear the case. But AG Wilson's position is that he stands up for the rule of law, even if he catches a ton of flak for doing it and it would be a lot easier not to.

I've heard him use a football analogy, which ties in with what you wrote about going to Gamecock football games. The Gamecocks are behind by 5 with just a few seconds on the clock. The quarterback throws a long pass and the receiver catches it in the end zone, but the referee on the field says he was out of bounds, so no touchdown, game over, Gamecocks lose. All the AG is saying, in joining that amicus brief, is, "Mr. Ref, shouldn't you review the replay and make sure you got it right, and see whether his feet were really out of bounds?" If they do review it and say, "After further review, the ruling on the field stands. The receiver was out of bounds—incomplete pass, game over" then so be it. He'll accept that and shake the other team's hands and walk off the field.

And something else to point out, because a lot of people have complained about "spending taxpayer money" or "wasting my tax dollars" doing this, this did not cost any money. The Missouri AG's office wrote the amicus brief. They sent it to other AGs, including us. AG Wilson read it and so did a couple other attorneys, they may have suggested some edits, and then he signed it. That's it. It doesn't cost any money for him to read a brief and sign it. Going back to the football analogy, the TV cameras and replay equipment are already there, so having the refs look at the replay doesn't cost anything.

He doesn't look at this as trying to overturn the votes of the people in those four states, he sees it as trying to protect *your* vote. If the people of another state can make arbitrary voting rules that might allow voting fraud, then your vote is negated. What if the Secretary of State in California decided to allow 16-year-olds in California to vote, since they're old enough to drive? Now he doesn't have the authority to do that, but let's say he did it and thousands of 16-year-olds voted illegally. That would denigrate your vote and mine. That's why Texas is saying there are cases in which one state may need to sue another state, or four others—to uphold the integrity of all states' votes, because what happens in one state affects the others, since president and vice president are the only offices that all states vote on.

I know this is unlikely to sway your opinion. Like I said, I completely understand your points, and those of others who are upset about this. But I hope it at least helps you understand where he's coming from and why he did what he did.

Thank you again for your kind words and your prayers, and I also pray you and your family will have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Sincerely,

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**To:** Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>  
**Subject:** Outrage at lawsuit

Dear Mr. Kittle,

I write to you as a native South Carolinian but also as a fellow citizen of these great United States of America. While I am a relatively young voter compared to some, I am also a student of history and do not recall in a long time seeing such a display of poor sportsmanship of one partisan side after losing the election - in this case both in popular and electoral votes.

South Carolina has many issues as a state - the opioid crisis, poor education, domestic and child abuse, pedophilia, sex trafficking, child sex trafficking, hate crimes (which we fail to legislate against as if pretending they do not exist smokescreens other possible agendas in our state)... and I could go on for several paragraphs.

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This personal family history is in violation of the Christian principles that I hold dear. It is not a history that supports the dignity of human life. It is something we should reject - along with the behaviors of hatred that brought it about.

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I have been a Gamecock fan all my life and have learned the dignity of losing and walking away with my self-respect and decency intact and my mouth shut as we made the walk through rainy parking lots full of celebrating Tiger fans. What is happening right now shames me and shames our state - again. Where is the grace in accepting the results of our election? Where is the heart and soul of the Republican party?

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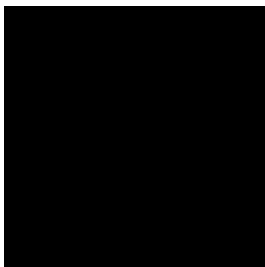


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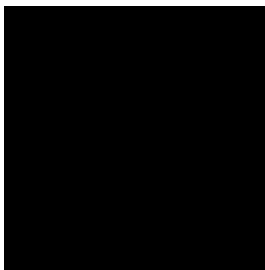
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It's been another extremely busy week so there are lots of stories on your work.

Have a great weekend!

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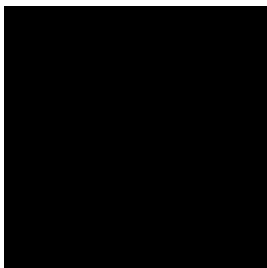
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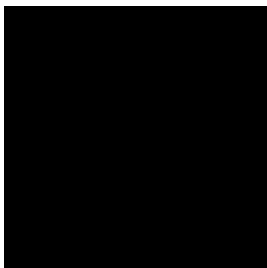
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Hi Robert,

Hope you're doing well. This is Rob Way with Live 5 News in Charleston. I saw on President Trump's public schedule that he is having lunch with state Attorneys General today.

Will AG Alan Wilson be attending? If so, is it virtual or in person? Also, what details can you provide?

Thanks for your help,  
Rob Way

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That's why, in 2012, I successfully defended our state's voter ID law in federal court. Last month, my office filed a brief with nine other state attorneys general in a Pennsylvania voting lawsuit that's now pending in the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Supreme Court will soon weigh in on the State of Texas' suit for alleged unconstitutional acts in four states. Today, we are joining with 16 other state attorneys general in filing an amicus brief in the Supreme Court supporting the State of Texas' pleadings.

Regardless of your ideological beliefs, we must all agree that free and fair elections are the keystone of democracy. Our Constitution's election clauses must be followed, and the Constitution must be a guiding light for fair elections to continue to take place. Our values and the rule of law are worth defending.

You can read the states' amicus brief [here](#).

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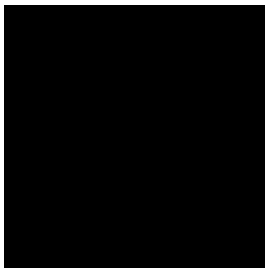
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*John Lennon shot*

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*The 40-year-old artist was entering his luxury Manhattan apartment building when Mark David Chapman shot him four times at close range with a .38-caliber revolver. Lennon, bleeding profusely, was rushed to the hospital but died en route. Chapman had received an autograph from Lennon earlier in the day and voluntarily remained at the scene of the shooting until he was arrested by police. For a week, hundreds of bereaved fans kept a vigil outside the Dakota—Lennon’s apartment building—and demonstrations of mourning were held around the world.*

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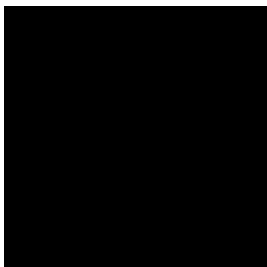
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*1980 December 08*

*John Lennon shot*

*John Lennon, a former member of the Beatles, the rock group that transformed popular music in the 1960s, is shot and killed by an obsessed fan in New York City.*

*The 40-year-old artist was entering his luxury Manhattan apartment building when Mark David Chapman shot him four times at close range with a .38-caliber revolver. Lennon, bleeding profusely, was rushed to the hospital but died en route. Chapman had received an autograph from Lennon earlier in the day and voluntarily remained at the scene of the shooting until he was arrested by police. For a week, hundreds of bereaved fans kept a vigil outside the Dakota—Lennon’s apartment building—and demonstrations of mourning were held around the world.*

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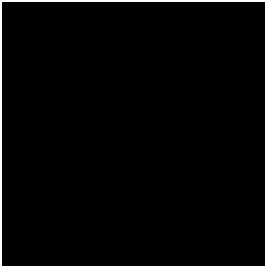
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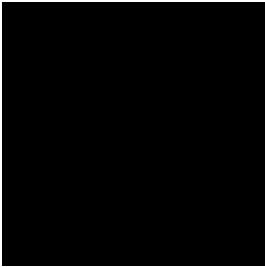
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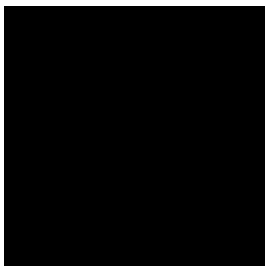
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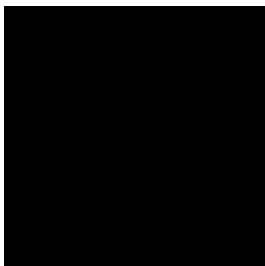
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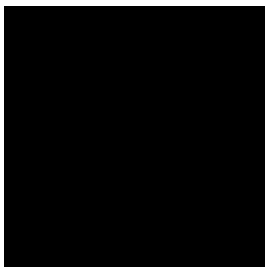
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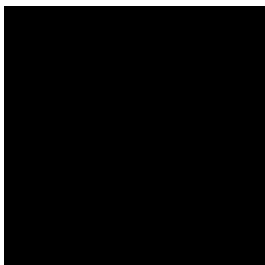
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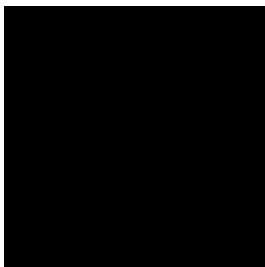
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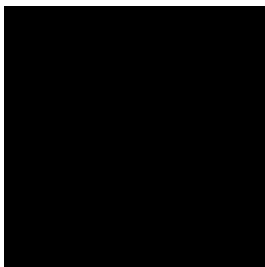
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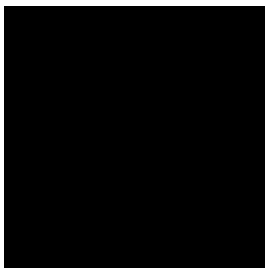
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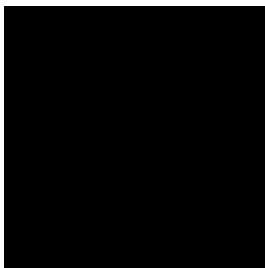
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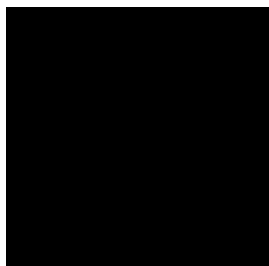
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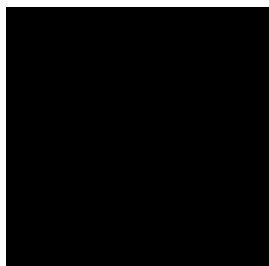
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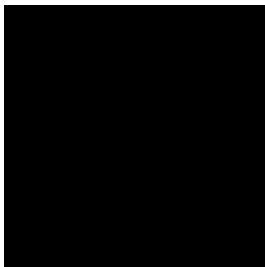
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Happy Friday everyone!

Here's your weekly news brief of the media stories mentioning our work this week.

I hope you all have a great weekend and be extra careful today, since it's Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> in 2020.

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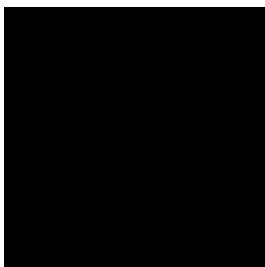
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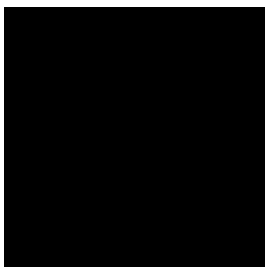
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“Regardless of your political beliefs, I think we can all agree that states need to follow their election laws,” Attorney General Wilson said. “We’re just asking that all legal votes be counted and illegal votes not be counted.”

The brief begins with, “The Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s decision overstepped its constitutional responsibility, encroached on the authority of the Pennsylvania legislature, and violated the plain language of the Election Clauses.”

The brief makes three main arguments. First, that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court overstepped its authority and encroached on the authority of the legislature in ruling that ballots received three days after election can be accepted, including ballots with an illegible postmark or no postmark at all. Second, that voting by mail can create risks of voter fraud, including in Pennsylvania. And lastly, that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision exacerbated these risks of absentee ballot fraud.

For the first argument, the brief states that the decision by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, “(1) admitted that the Legislature’s Election Day deadline was unambiguous, (2) conceded that the Election Day deadline was constitutional on its face, (3) relied on the slimmest of evidentiary rationales for its decision, (4) departed its own prior holding on the exact same question just a few months earlier, and (5) disregarded an admirably clear severability clause that was enacted by the Pennsylvania legislature for the very purpose of *preventing* Pennsylvania courts from making such post-hoc changes to Pennsylvania’s mail-in voting system.”

To illustrate the risks of voter fraud in mail in voting and absentee ballot voting, the brief cites several sources that all express the same concerns about mail-in voting and absentee ballot voting, including the U.S. Supreme Court case *Crawford v. Marion County Election Board*, the Carter-Baker Commission on Federal Election Reform, the U.S. Department of Justice’s manual on *Federal Prosecution of Election Offenses*, the U.S. Government Accountability Office, and more.

Additionally, the brief cites several previous examples of voter fraud by mail-in or absentee voting,

including:

- In November 2019, the Berkeley, Missouri Mayor Ted Hoskins was indicted on five felony counts of absentee ballot fraud. Mayor Hoskins allegedly went to the homes of elderly residents to harvest absentee ballots and altered absentee ballots after he had procured them from voters;
- A 2016 State House race in Missouri was overturned and a special election was ordered after allegations of absentee ballot fraud surfaced;
- A 2018 federal Congressional race in North Carolina was overturned after political operatives were indicted and arrested for absentee ballot fraud. The charges alleged that the operatives improperly collected and potentially tampered with ballots to swing the close election in their favor;
- In 2016, Hector Ramirez, a candidate for Assembly in the Bronx, was indicted on 242 counts related to voter fraud. Prosecutors alleged that Ramirez wrote his name in on forged absentee ballots;
- In May 2020, the leader of the New Jersey NAACP called for a new election for a city council position in Paterson, New Jersey citing allegations of vote-by-mail fraud.

The brief also cites previous examples of vote-by-mail or absentee ballot fraud, specifically in Pennsylvania, including:

- In 2018, a Delaware County man was charged with voter fraud after admitting to signing the absentee ballot for a deceased voter;
- In 2014, the ex-Harmer Police Chief pled guilty to voter fraud after he admitted to soliciting absentee ballots for his wife in a 2009 Democratic primary for township supervisor;
- And more.

The brief then argues that the decision by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court exacerbated the risks of ballot fraud, stating, "First, it created a post-election window of time during which nefarious actors could wait and see whether the Presidential election would be close, and whether perpetrating fraud in Pennsylvania would be worthwhile. Second, it enhanced the opportunities for fraud by mandating, in a cursory footnote, that late ballots must be counted even when they are not postmarked or have no legible postmark, and thus there is no evidence they were mailed by Election Day. This decision created needless vulnerability to actual fraud and undermined public confidence in a Presidential election."

Lastly, the brief notes recently decided Missouri election cases that dealt with potential election fraud, including *Mo. State Conference of the NAACP v. State*. In that case, the court concluded that, "fraud in voting by mail is a recurrent problem, that it is hard to detect and prosecute, that there are strong incentives and weak penalties for doing so, and that it has the capacity to affect the outcome of close elections."

The brief finishes by urging the Supreme Court of the United States to grant the petitions for writ of certiorari, grant expedited review, and reverse the decision of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

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Along with South Carolina, attorneys general from Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Kentucky, Missouri, South Dakota, Texas, and Florida also joined the brief.

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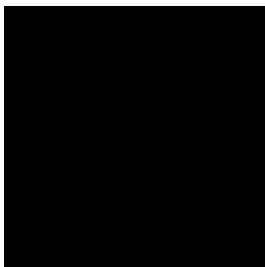
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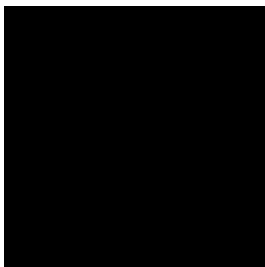
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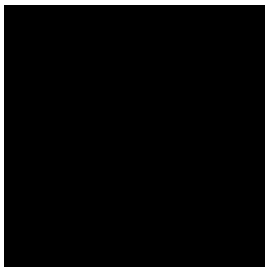
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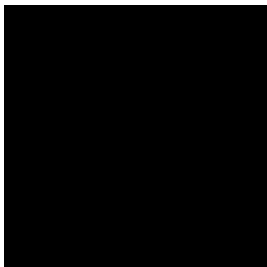
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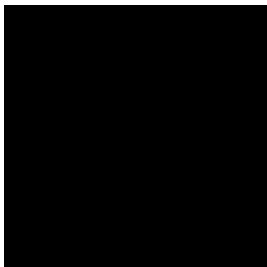
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*St. Louis's Gateway Arch is completed*

*On October 28, 1965, construction is completed on the Gateway Arch, a spectacular 630-foot-high parabola of stainless steel marking the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial on the waterfront of St. Louis, [Missouri](#).*

## The State

[SC prison inmates eligible to get \\$1,200 COVID-19 checks, just like other Americans](#)

[Hurricane Zeta prompts flood watches for parts of the Carolinas starting Wednesday](#)

[Massive fire in Sumter could take a week to extinguish, officials say](#)

[SC's K-12 schools have seen nearly 2,000 COVID-19 cases since classes began](#)

## Greenville News

[No 'identifiable cause' for rise in Upstate SC COVID-19 cases, officials say](#)

[Vice President Mike Pence talks Republicans and Democrats in rare late-race visit to SC](#)

[On visit to SC, Betsy DeVos says parents are considering education alternatives amid COVID](#)

[Lindsey Graham and Jaime Harrison to hold rescheduled debate in race for U.S. Senate](#)

## Post and Courier

[SC DSS Director Michael Leach trying to transform the long-troubled social services agency](#)

[Charleston police investigating suspected anti-LGBTQ hate crime](#)

[Former SC cop charged with over 50 sex crimes](#)

[SC ballots cannot be rejected for signature discrepancies, judge rules](#)

## **WSJ**

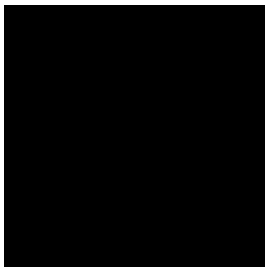
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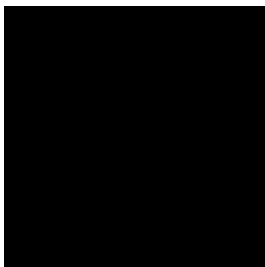
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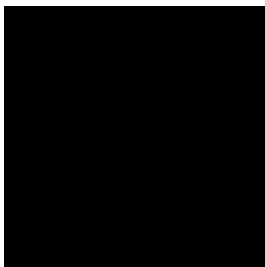
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## Today in History

### *Triangle Shirtwaist fire kills 146 in New York City*

In one of the darkest moments of America's industrial history, the [Triangle Shirtwaist Company](#) factory in [New York City](#) burns down, killing 146 workers, on March 25, 1911. The tragedy led to the development of a series of laws and regulations that better protected the safety of factory workers.

## The State

[Former USC student sues, alleges professor exploited her PTSD to sexually harass her](#)

[Fearful of federal 'gun grabs,' lawmakers seek to use SC militia law](#)

[Competitors blast 'unfair' deal to bring California wine giant to Chester County](#)

[SC House approves \\$9.8 billion state spending plan with limited new dollars](#)

## Greenville News

[COVID vaccines easier to get in SC, but early signs show people skipping second dose](#)

[Guitar hero, blues singer, civil rights activist who was shunned now honored in Greenville](#)

[Proposal for Pelham Road apartments near Patewood campus has been dealt key setback](#)

[Greenville mayor, others oppose moratorium to fight commercial creep, but there is support](#)

## Post and Courier

[Still in Phase 1B, SC health official says demand for vaccine appointments may be dropping](#)

[Columbia Housing Authority selling troubled shopping center for half of construction price](#)

[SC bill would crack down on plastic pellet spills](#)

[Senate panel picks SC flag design but decision not final: 'Not going to please everybody'](#)

## **WSJ**

[U.S. Jobless Claims Reach Lowest Level of the Pandemic](#)

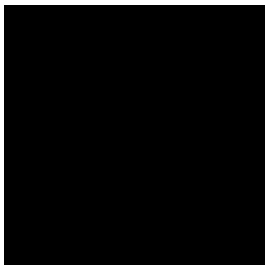
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[Tech CEOs to Face Questions on Online Disinformation, Trump Ban](#)

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*[Wells and Fargo start shipping and banking company](#)*

On March 18, 1852, in [New York City](#), Henry Wells and William G. Fargo join with several other investors to launch their namesake business, today one of the world's largest banks.

## The State

[‘Lady Tank’ going to prison for helping run teen sex trafficking ring in Lexington](#)

[Events canceled, schools and businesses affected by severe weather forecast](#)

[SC mayor ‘reluctantly’ resigns due to COVID-related health issues](#)

[Tornadoes, hail, strong wind expected in South Carolina on Thursday. Here’s the latest](#)

## Greenville News

[Study finds South Carolina has one of the worst wage gaps among other states](#)

[Almost a quarter of S.C. residents have started COVID vaccine, appointments still tricky to find](#)

[Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport hotel plans revived after COVID delay](#)

[Here's what to know about COVID-19 in the Upstate on Thursday](#)

## Post and Courier

[Citadel cadet charged in Capitol riot booted from school Republican club, remains a student](#)

[USC basketball great Art Whisnant, grandfather of Dustin Johnson, dies](#)

[Former Clemson star Deshaun Watson sued for alleged sexual assaults](#)

[‘Open carry with training’ gun bill passes SC House over police objections](#)

## **WSJ**

[U.S. Unemployment Claims Rose to 770,000 Last Week](#)

[Federal Covid-19 Aid Aims to Help Cities, States Avoid Cutting Jobs and Services](#)

[Boeing Faces New Hurdle in Delivering Dreamliners](#)

[China Plans to Ask U.S. to Roll Back Trump Policies in Alaska Meeting](#)

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[Charleston ports agency wins ruling in union dispute, Leatherman Terminal to open in weeks](#)

[SC Attorney General calls portion of Biden's COVID-19 relief plan unconstitutional](#)

[S.C. budget writer: Wait to spend \\$2.1B COVID-19 relief](#)

[Hands Across America, whale watching, masked festival: News from around our 50 states](#)

[Dafuskie Island man arrested after being accused of sexual exploitation of a minor](#)

[New development in case of Florence man accused of human trafficking charges](#)

[Attorney General Alan Wilson Urges Feds to Respect State's Ability to Cut Taxes](#)

[SC Attorney General Sends Remaining ProbeGate Cases To Upstate Solicitor](#)

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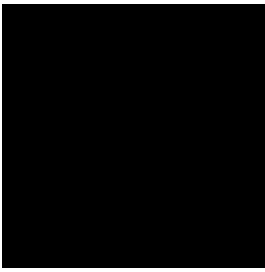
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## Today in History

### *Florida teen Trayvon Martin is shot and killed*

*On February 26, 2012, Trayvon Martin, an African American teen walking home from a trip to a convenience store, is fatally shot by George Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch volunteer patrolling the townhouse community of the Retreat at Twin Lakes in Sanford, Florida. Zimmerman later claimed to have shot the unarmed 17-year-old out of self-defense during a physical altercation.*

## The State

[On a mission to get kids in school, SC doctor says COVID not widespread in classrooms](#)

[As public waits for beach parking plan, Isle of Palms keeps talks behind closed doors](#)

[SC Republican files bill to allow Donald Trump to be buried on State House grounds](#)

[Gamecocks avoid major punishments from NCAA over Lamont Evans violations](#)

## Greenville News

[South Carolina could use electric chair for executions if bills in House, Senate pass](#)

['I really cannot do it anymore': Pandemic escalates burden of work, childcare at Clemson](#)

[2 fishing tournaments at Lake Hartwell bringing anglers, \\$900K to Anderson next weekend](#)

[From hairbrushes to 'American Idol,' Easley contestant auditions in California](#)

## Post and Courier

[SC hauls in \\$5 million in federal grants to preserve sites up and down the coast](#)

[COVID liability protections for businesses pass SC Senate, face uncertain future in House](#)

[Moncks Corner funeral director charged with tax evasion, unlicensed operations](#)

[Greenville restaurateur testifies before US senators over plan to increase minimum wage](#)

## **WSJ**

[Boost to Household Income Primes U.S. Economy for Stronger Growth](#)

[J&J Single-Dose Covid-19 Vaccine Gets Review From FDA Advisory Panel](#)

[Democrats Dealt Blow on Minimum-Wage Drive for Covid-19 Bill](#)

[Washington's Power to Respond to Texas Electric Disaster is Limited](#)

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[Despite complaint, governor's office proceeds with Greenville sanitation board appointment](#)

[Will Folks: Where Are The Criminal Consequences For Santee Cooper?](#)

[Former SCANA CEO Kevin Marsh pleads guilty to State Grand Jury indictment](#)



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## Today in History

*Young Muhammad Ali knocks out Sonny Liston for first world title*

On February 25, 1964, 22-year-old Cassius Clay shocks the odds-makers by dethroning world heavyweight boxing champ Sonny Liston in a seventh-round technical knockout. The dreaded Liston, who had twice demolished former champ Floyd Patterson in one round, was an 8-to-1 favorite. However, Clay predicted victory, boasting that he would “float like a butterfly, sting like a bee” and knock out Liston in the eighth round.

## The State

[Plan to prioritize SC teacher vaccinations stalls, as DHEC says it could hurt seniors](#)

[New crisis team takes Richland County deputies out of mix on mental health calls](#)

[SC health officials eager to get COVID vaccine to more minorities, overcome hesitation](#)

[One Columbia touting COVID safety campaign to help end arts ‘intermission’](#)

## Greenville News

[SC will get more than 100,000 COVID vaccine doses next week, mobile vaccine drives coming to the Upstate](#)

[Pickens County school employees to get larger bonus; athletic and band programs get a financial boost](#)

[Driver killed in a single-vehicle accident in Pickens County](#)

[South Carolina struggles offensively at Mississippi State, loses sixth in a row](#)

## Post and Courier

[Conflict surrounds Charleston School of Law land deal, with nearly \\$13M at stake](#)

[Former Vice President Mike Pence makes unannounced trip to Charleston](#)

[DHEC data shows 59 statewide cases of coronavirus-related condition that affects children](#)

[3-decade veteran of SC public safety agency closer to becoming its permanent leader](#)

## **WSJ**

[Boeing Moved to Replace 777 Engine Covers Before Recent Failures](#)

[U.S. Unemployment Claims Fell Sharply Last Week](#)

[Lessons From the U.K. About a More-Contagious Covid-19 Variant](#)

[Amazon's Lack of Public Disclosure on SolarWinds Hack Angers Lawmakers](#)

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[Ex-SCANA CEO Kevin Marsh pleads guilty to conspiracy tied to failed nuclear project](#)

[Ex-SCANA CEO pleads guilty to fraud in SC nuclear fiasco: 'I'm sorry it's come to this'](#)

["Makes Absolutely No Sense" – Biden Cancels Trump's 'Operation Talon' Program Targeting Immigrant Sex Offenders](#)

[Biden shuts down Trump program that expelled illegals convicted of sex crimes](#)

[Former SCANA CEO Kevin Marsh pleads guilty to State Grand Jury Indictment related to V.C. Summer Nuclear Power Plant Project](#)

[Live 5 Scambusters: Isolation of pandemic creates void for scammers](#)

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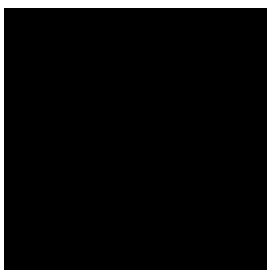
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## Today in History

*1945 February 23*

*U.S. flag raised on Iwo Jima*

*During the bloody [Battle for Iwo Jima](#), U.S. Marines from the 3rd Platoon, E Company, 2nd Battalion, 28th Regiment of the 5th Division take the crest of Mount Suribachi, the island's highest peak and most strategic position, and raise the U.S. flag. Marine photographer Louis Lowery was with them and recorded the event. Americans fighting for control of Suribachi's slopes cheered the raising of the flag, and several hours later more Marines headed up to the crest with a larger flag. Joe Rosenthal, a photographer with the Associated Press, met them along the way and recorded the raising of the second flag along with a Marine still photographer and a motion-picture cameraman.*

## The State

[In letter to President Biden, US Attorney for SC announces he's resigning](#)

[USC professor, Irmo resident helped build key device for the Mars Perseverance Rover](#)

[Columbia City Council takes another step toward massive Malfunction Junction overhaul](#)

[Months since Floyd's death, Walmart and other companies push for SC hate crime law](#)

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[Baby girl surrendered to AnMed Health in Anderson under Daniel's Law](#)

[DHEC: South Carolina COVID vaccines back on track after weather delays](#)

[South Carolina business leaders want a hate crimes bill this year](#)

[Greenville Police Department seeks 'imperative' bodycam equipment](#)

## Post and Courier

[Already at major flooding stage in Conway, cresting still to come for Grand Strand](#)

[Clyburn pushes for SC's Judge Michelle Childs to fill next US Supreme Court vacancy](#)

[PGA Championship to cap fan attendance at 10,000 a day in return to Kiawah's Ocean Course](#)

[SC's weekly average of COVID-19 cases fell to level not seen since November](#)

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[Biden Cabinet Picks Hit Rough Patch With Tanden's Nomination in Trouble](#)

[Top Security Officials Testify on Failure to Blunt Capitol Attack](#)

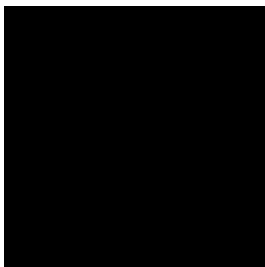
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*1980 February 22*

*U.S. hockey team beats the Soviets in the "Miracle on Ice"*

*In one of the most dramatic upsets in Olympic history, the underdog U.S. hockey team, made up of college players, defeats the four-time defending gold-medal winning Soviet team at the XIII Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid, [New York](#). The Soviet squad, previously regarded as the finest in the world, fell to the youthful American team 4-3 before a frenzied crowd of 10,000 spectators. Two days later, the Americans defeated Finland 4-2 to clinch the hockey gold.*

## The State

[Young adult in Richland County among 56 new COVID-19 deaths reported in SC](#)

[After Texas, SC governor wants winter storm review of grid](#)

[A wreck-filled week in the Midlands ends with at least one dead and one charged](#)

[Three charged in attempted catalytic converter theft in Columbia community, police say](#)

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[COVID-19 vaccinations in SC: One group leads others in getting vaccinated](#)

[Pickens City Council candidates highlight water issues for special March election](#)

[Clemson, in spring practice, will attempt to replace all-time great Travis Etienne](#)

[Greenville Zoo's newly born baby giraffe is healthy and nursing, city officials say](#)

## Post and Courier

[Charleston County immigrants praise canceled deal with ICE, but await bigger improvements](#)

[SC nears 7,500 confirmed coronavirus deaths, with over 430,000 total cases confirmed](#)

[SC golf was outlier in 2020, with many courses logging record numbers](#)

[Area hospitals receiving fraction of COVID-19 vaccine requests, leaving thousands waiting](#)

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[Boeing Backs Grounding Some 777 Jets After Failure During United Flight](#)

[Dominion Sues MyPillow, CEO Mike Lindell Over Election Claims](#)

[Garland to Make Case for New Era at Justice Department](#)

[Supreme Court Approves Subpoena for Trump's Financial Records](#)

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[South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster signed the Fetal Heartbeat Bill. Here's what's next.](#)

[Federal judge blocks SC abortion ban 1 day after Gov. McMaster signed it into law](#)

[Planned Parenthood Sues South Carolina over 'Heartbeat' Abortion Law](#)

[SC governor signs abortion ban; Planned Parenthood sues](#)

[Judge blocks S Carolina 'heartbeat' abortion ban, but backers look to Supreme Court](#)

[Aiken Republican commands spotlight as abortion battle rages in SC](#)

[Federal judge temporarily blocks 'heartbeat' abortion ban in SC](#)

[Swansea man charged with soliciting a minor for sex](#)

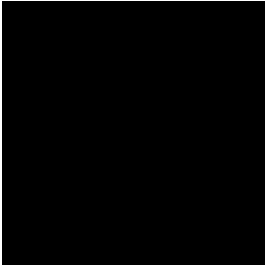
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[Authorities arrest Goose Creek man on child sexual abuse material charge](#)

[Judge Temporarily Blocks South Carolina Abortion Ban](#)

[South Carolina Abortion Law Blocked One Day After Taking Effect](#)

[Golden parachute for state attorney general?](#)



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## Today in History

*[Archaeologist opens tomb of King Tut](#)*

*On February 16, 1923, in Thebes, Egypt, English archaeologist [Howard Carter](#) enters the sealed burial chamber of the ancient Egyptian ruler King [Tutankhamen](#).*

## The State

[SC students experienced significant learning loss during pandemic, study finds](#)

[Lawyer for fired SC director says agency 'acted ethically' when it hired her husband](#)

[UPDATE: Proposed Columbia mask law could have fines up to \\$500 for repeat offenders](#)

[SC sees 1,109 new COVID-19 cases, 31 deaths as surge declines, health officials say](#)

## Greenville News

[Unifier or powerbroker? Opinions differ on Greenville County Council Chair Willis Meadows](#)

[Clemson extends mask rule, keeps strict COVID rules. But a new taskforce could aid businesses.](#)

[Case numbers, vaccine updates: Here's what to know about COVID Tuesday in Upstate SC](#)

[Mauldin City Council unites in support of alternative to SCDOT's Butler Road plan](#)

## Post and Courier

[After billions lost in 2020, SC tourism looks back at its few 'unanticipated successes'](#)

[Police, mall say they will increase security after 3 people shot at Northwoods Mall](#)

[Cayce could be among SC's first cities to designate a COVID-19 Memorial Day](#)

[Volvo weighing its options if global chip shortage hits SC plant](#)

## WSJ

[McConnell Doesn't Care About Trump Brand in 2022, He Just Wants Electable Candidates](#)

[In Texas, Winter Storm Forces Rolling Power Outages as Millions Are Without Electricity](#)

[Covid-19 Dims Job Prospects, So Young People Sign Up for the Military](#)

[Bitcoin Trades Above \\$50,000 for First Time](#)

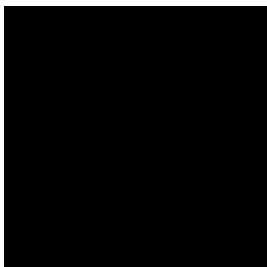
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[South Carolina Joins 'Heartbeat' Pro-Life Movement](#)

[SLED inquiry into chief, two officers continues](#)

[Don't fall for Valentine's Day scams, says US attorney and SC's AG](#)

[Attorney General Alan Wilson warns about social isolation and the risk of investment fraud](#)



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## Today in History

*Former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic goes on trial for war crimes*

On February 12, 2002, former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic goes on trial at The Hague, Netherlands, on charges of genocide and war crimes in Bosnia, Croatia and Kosovo. Milosevic served as his own attorney for much of the prolonged trial, which ended without a verdict when the so-called "Butcher of the Balkans" was found dead at age 64 from an apparent heart attack in his prison cell on March 11, 2006.

## The State

[Disparities in COVID-19 vaccination rates emerge as DHEC reconsiders distribution model](#)

[Gold mine fined \\$100,000. Toxic air pollution found at big mine near tiny town](#)

[Former Gamecocks QB lands role with Houston Texans, according to reports](#)

[Biden's victory means US Attorney for SC McCoy likely to step down soon](#)

## Greenville News

[Opposition from neighbors set to derail \\$9 million senior housing development near Greer](#)

[Michelin, International African American Museum to bring traveling museum to Upstate](#)

[DHEC board defers decision on vaccine allocation until March](#)

[Prisma is cutting vaccine locations in half, citing uncertain and low supply](#)

## Post and Courier

[Wintry weather delays SC's COVID vaccine shipments, while DHEC delays distribution plan](#)

[Nikki Haley breaks with Donald Trump: 'We need to acknowledge he let us down'](#)

[Fountain Inn enacts animal tethering ordinance after public petition](#)

[Gov. McMaster honors historian who found remains of 19 African American Civil War soldiers](#)

## **WSJ**

[Stocks Tick Lower After S&P 500 Closes at Record High](#)

[Donald Trump Impeachment Trial Day Four: Defense to Set Out Case](#)

[Biden Says U.S. Struck Deals for 200 Million More Covid-19 Vaccine Doses](#)

[U.S. Debt on Track to Hit a Record 107% of GDP by 2031, CBO Says](#)

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[72-year-old Florence man charged with sexual exploitation of minor](#)



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## Today in History

*World chess champion Garry Kasparov loses game to computer*

On February 10, 1996, after three hours, world chess champion Garry Kasparov loses the first game of a six-game match against [Deep Blue](#), an IBM computer capable of evaluating 200 million moves per second. Man was [ultimately victorious](#) over machine, however, as Kasparov bested Deep Blue in the match with three wins and two ties and took home the \$400,000 prize. An estimated 6 million people worldwide followed the action on the internet.

## The State

[Search ends after missing girl abducted from Cayce hotel is found safe, officials say](#)

[South Carolina once took the nation's waste. A new plan could open the flow again](#)

[SC senators vote to move teachers to Phase 1A of vaccine distribution](#)

[A longtime critic of Five Points bars, Harpootlian files bill to amend SC liquor law](#)

## Greenville News

[First look: AC Hotel Greenville Downtown pays tribute to history, nature and its hometown](#)

[4 children were killed. He was charged with DUI in the wreck, and he'll serve 20 years](#)

[Greenville County Sheriff's Office and SWAT team arrest potential shooting suspect](#)

[Greenville County Schools to spend \\$38.5 million in COVID funds to help struggling students](#)

## Post and Courier

[Critics of SC abortion ban prepare for legal fight as bill nears final passage](#)

[North Charleston completes more than \\$1 million in renovations at Riverfront Park](#)



[SC hospitals pause, cancel COVID-19 vaccine appointments due to shipping delays](#)

[SC lawyers split from Charleston-area class-action firm to form rival practice](#)

## **WSJ**

[On Day Two of Trump Impeachment Trial, Democrats Lay Out Their Case](#)

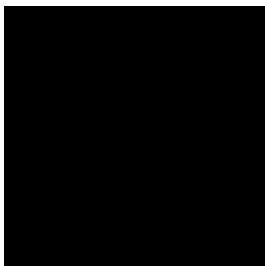
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[Facebook Moves to Muffle Politics on Its Platform](#)

[Businesses Worry About Biden's Silence on Work-Visa Ban](#)

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## Today in History

### *Satchel Paige nominated to Baseball Hall of Fame*

On February 9, 1971, pitcher [Leroy "Satchel" Paige](#) becomes the first Negro League veteran to be nominated for the Baseball Hall of Fame. In August of that year, Paige, a pitching legend known for his fastball, showmanship and the longevity of his playing career, which spanned five decades, was inducted. Joe DiMaggio once called Paige "the best and fastest pitcher I've ever faced."

## The State

[SC Gov. McMaster fires agency chief for contract to her husband's employer](#)

[FBI: Columbia SC area man linked to Jan. 6 Capitol riot and Proud Boys](#)

['Only decision I could have made.' SC Rep. Rice talks impeachment, vote to censure him](#)

[Gamecock football great, first-round draft pick dies at 61](#)

## Greenville News

[Greenville City Council signs off on 'Shoeless' Joe Jackson Way entertainment district](#)

[2 people killed in collision near Simpsonville, but 4-year-old survives](#)

[Public can weigh in on construction, debris landfill expansion near Powdersville-Easley](#)

[It's official: Lewis Barbecue will open in Greenville at Tommy's Ham House location](#)

## Post and Courier

[Pints & Politics: Rep. Tom Rice talks impeachment, says GOP 'too tied up in this one man'](#)

[After shooting man, Columbia officer used force again and again. Now he's reassigned.](#)

[Charleston company accused of selling fake N95 masks for health workers fighting COVID-19](#)

[Democratic SC senator leaves party group over education policy disputes](#)

## **WSJ**

[Second Trump Impeachment Trial Opens With Debate Over Senate's Power](#)

[Coronavirus Likely Came From Animal, Not Leaked From Laboratory, WHO Says](#)

[Huawei Files U.S. Lawsuit Disputing It Is a Security Threat](#)

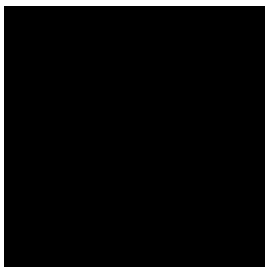
[Trump Partner Exploring Ways to End Relationship With Ex-President's Company](#)

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[Laurens County Man Arrested on Child Sexual Abuse Material\\* Charges](#)

[SC part of \\$573 million settlement over 'turbocharging' in opioid crisis](#)

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## Today in History

### [Americans secure Guadalcanal](#)

On February 8, 1943, Japanese troops evacuate [Guadalcanal](#), leaving the island in Allied possession after a prolonged campaign. The American victory paved the way for other Allied wins in the Solomon Islands.

## The State

[Record-setting death toll in SC rises with over 500 new COVID-19 fatalities last week](#)

[New drive-thru site for COVID-19 vaccinations set up in Lexington County](#)

[Despite COVID, SC house sales boomed in 2020. Here's why](#)

[No lethal drugs: SC Supreme Court delays execution of 2nd death row inmate](#)

## Greenville News

[Greenville aims to change how the city grows in GVL 2040 plan considered by council](#)

[Suffering from COVID, Greenville venues have lost millions, but they're starting to open again](#)

[Black History Month: A look at Greenville lynching victim Ira Johnson](#)

[COVID-19 Updates: What to know Monday in Upstate SC](#)

## Post and Courier

[SC approaches 7,000 confirmed coronavirus deaths, with testing levels high](#)

[Charleston County paid new federal judge \\$216,000, raising ethics questions](#)

[Lack of diversity among SC judicial election winners angers Black lawmakers](#)

[Dominion wants SC solar users to pay more. Opponents say plan is 'industry killing.'](#)

## WSJ

[Trump Lawyers Call Impeachment Trial 'Political Theater'](#)

[\\$15 Minimum Wage Would Cut Employment, Reduce Poverty, CBO Study Finds](#)

[Demand for Covid-19 Vaccines Overwhelms State Health Providers](#)

[Democrats Are Divided Over Biden's Coming Pick of a Top Bank Regulator](#)

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[Students accuse USC of dragging its feet in renaming buildings named for racists](#)

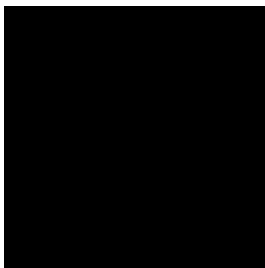
[AG: Two Greenville County men arrested in unrelated cases of child sexual exploitation](#)

[South Carolina revamps system to notify crime victims](#)

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[Laurens Co. man faces 20 counts of sexual exploitation of a minor charges](#)



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## Today in History

*Alberto Gonzales becomes first Hispanic U.S. attorney general*

*On February 3, 2005, Alberto Gonzales wins Senate confirmation as the nation's first Hispanic attorney general despite protests over his record on torture.*

*The Senate approved his nomination on a largely party-line vote of 60-36, reflecting a split between Republicans and Democrats over whether the administration's counterterrorism policies had led to the [abuse of prisoners in Iraq](#) and elsewhere. Shortly after the Senate vote, Vice President [Dick Cheney](#) swore in Gonzales as attorney general in a small ceremony in the Roosevelt Room at the [White House](#). [President Bush](#), who was traveling, called to congratulate him.*

## The State

[Columbia extends face mask ordinance through April amid COVID-19](#)

[Leadership at last? Senators confirm candidate to run DHEC as coronavirus rages](#)

[SC teacher pay bumps head to Senate. How quickly will the legislation move through?](#)

[Company tied to pro-Trump lawyer Lin Wood buys three SC plantations worth millions](#)

## Greenville News

[As part of Greenville is 'changed completely,' some longtime residents do not feel 'unity'](#)

[Greer mask making company: One good mask is plenty to help fight COVID-19 spread](#)

['I mean, it's better than no class at all': Clemson laments pandemic's impact on education](#)

[COVID-19 updates: A look at Wednesday's coronavirus news](#)

## Post and Courier

[Citadel students learn history behind building the International African American Museum](#)

[North Charleston rave that drew 500 people approved by state, criticized by locals](#)

[US Rep. Tom Rice's SC GOP colleagues offer limited support after impeachment vote](#)

[SC firm eyes rights to potential COVID-19 vaccine](#)

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[Andy Jassy's Climb to Amazon CEO Shows the Cloud's Rising Power](#)

[Senate Democrats Reach Power-Sharing Deal With Republicans](#)

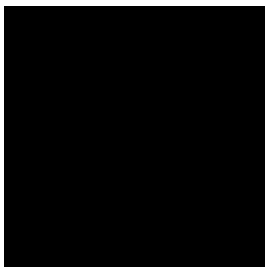
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[Biden Wants a \\$15 Minimum Wage. Here's What People Say It Would Do to the Economy.](#)

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[Charleston man arrested for sexual exploitation of a minor](#)

[Charleston man accused of producing child sexual abuse material](#)



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## Today in History

### First Groundhog Day

On February 2, 1887, [Groundhog Day](#), featuring a rodent meteorologist, is celebrated for the first time at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, [Pennsylvania](#). According to tradition, if a groundhog comes out of its hole on this day and sees its shadow, it gets scared and runs back into its burrow, predicting six more weeks of winter weather; no shadow means an early spring.

## The State

[‘The fire is raging.’ How Lexington recovery center helps young people break addiction](#)

[SC may borrow half a billion dollars to expand rail access at Charleston port](#)

[Milton Kimpson, from the cotton farm to top aide to Gov. Riley, dies at 90](#)

[SC Gov. McMaster wants to expand COVID-19 vaccine access to people 65 and older](#)

## Greenville News

[Greenville native and former presidential candidate Jesse Jackson hospitalized](#)

[Grand jury delayed until March for Easley man accused of making explosives](#)

[Three communities show how government actions perpetuate racism in our towns](#)

[Former Byrnes coach, USC assistant Bobby Bentley reportedly joining South Florida staff](#)

## Post and Courier

[Myrtle Beach lawyer suspended by SC Supreme Court after domestic violence arrest](#)

[Charleston cites 21 restaurants for mask violations, including 7 certified as safe by state](#)

[DHEC to examine priorities for COVID-19 vaccine phases as SC logs over 200 more deaths](#)



[Some SC seniors face significant tech hurdles during COVID-19 vaccine rollout](#)

## **WSJ**

[House Democrats Make Case for Convicting Trump](#)

[Auto Makers Abandon Effort to Challenge California on Emissions Rules](#)

[Prosecutors Home In on Capitol Rioters Who Faced Off With Police](#)

[Officer Who Shot Capitol Rioter Ashli Babbitt Shouldn't Be Charged, Investigators Advise](#)

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[Lancaster County man arrested for sexual exploitation of minor](#)

[Rep. Wilson visits North Augusta, mentions lock and dam issue](#)

[SC attorney general endorses Florence City Council candidate Robby Hill](#)

[Pelion man arrested on charges related to the sexual exploitation of a minor](#)



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## Today in History

### *Oxford Dictionary debuts*

February 1, 1884: The first portion, or fascicle, of the Oxford English Dictionary (OED), considered the most comprehensive and accurate dictionary of the English language, is published. Today, the [OED](#) is the definitive authority on the meaning, pronunciation and history of over half a million English words, past and present.

## The State

[Four Columbia SC lawyers, Raleigh lawyer leave Trump's impeachment team](#)

[SC's deadliest week ends with more than 2,600 new cases of COVID-19 reported Sunday](#)

[Columbia vertical farm uses technology to cut plastic pollution and boost sustainability](#)

[Two Lexington County drug busts net almost 100 lbs. of marijuana, police say](#)

## Greenville News

[Bill to create FOIA review office would withhold police dashcam video from public in SC](#)

[Questions remain after woman was found dead in Greenville following release from jail](#)

[Black History Month: Who are Greenville's lynching victims?](#)

[Former U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy to host new Fox News Primetime show week of Feb. 1](#)

## Post and Courier

[Doorway to unity: Hanahan downtown revitalization project brings community together](#)

[Charleston Confederate monument spray painted with 'BLM,' police investigating](#)

[Proposed law could bar SC 1st responders from using ketamine to incapacitate suspects](#)

[Rep. Russell Fry explores challenging SC GOP-censured Tom Rice for congressional seat](#)

## WSJ

[Silver and AMC Shoot Higher to Start the Week](#)

[Republicans Propose \\$618 Billion Covid Relief Plan](#)

[Myanmar's Coup Derails Fragile Democracy, Posing Test for Biden](#)

[Facebook Knew Calls for Violence Plagued 'Groups,' Now Plans Overhaul](#)

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## Today in History

*U.S. Baseball Hall of Fame elects first members*

On January 29, 1936, the U.S. Baseball Hall of Fame elects its first members in Cooperstown, [New York](#): Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Christy Matthewson and Walter Johnson.

## The State

[Four Columbia SC lawyers now make up core of Trump's impeachment defense team](#)

[‘He’ll be back,’ sheriff said of SC deputy hospitalized with COVID. He died days later](#)

[SC Senate passes ‘fetal heartbeat’ abortion ban bill after female members decry it](#)

[Backlash, rebuke and disinformation: Grand Strand GOP reeling after riot, impeachment](#)

## Greenville News

[3 killed in less than a month in wrecks with garbage trucks in Greenville County](#)

[Greenville pilot missed the runway in Columbia crash, according to NTSB](#)

[Here's what to know about COVID-19 Friday in the Upstate](#)

[South Africa COVID-19 variant found in South Carolina, first in the country](#)

## Post and Courier

[430 trees removed in Charleston County as feds try to control invasive beetle](#)

[Murder rates rise by 230 percent in Horry County, HCPD chief says](#)

[State lawmakers are pushing to curb governors' virus powers](#)

[SC confirms over 200 new coronavirus deaths as state nears 4.8M tests](#)

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[GameStop and AMC Soar as Robinhood Restarts Trades](#)

[J&J Covid-19 Vaccine Was 66% Effective in Late-Stage Study](#)

[Suspected Russian Hack Extends Far Beyond SolarWinds Software, Investigators Say](#)

[McKinsey Is in Settlement Talks With States Over Opioid Work](#)

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[SC Attorney General, Uber team up to end human trafficking through education](#)

[Editorial: Reversal of Harrison corruption conviction should prompt legislative action](#)

[Uber launches educational video for drivers to spot signs of human trafficking in SC](#)



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## Today in History

### *Auschwitz is liberated*

On January 27, 1945, Soviet troops enter [Auschwitz](#), Poland, freeing the survivors of the network of concentration camps—and finally revealing to the world the [depth of the horrors](#) perpetrated there.

## The State

[SC GOP infighting over exceptions dominates debate on ‘fetal heartbeat’ abortion bill](#)

[Biden just renewed a ban on evictions. Here’s what that means for South Carolina](#)

[Santee Cooper sale remains in play, but that won’t stop SC House from seeking reforms](#)

[Here’s how DHEC plans to ration COVID-19 vaccine doses in SC](#)

## Greenville News

[Vaccines. Variants. Locked out of class. Clemson tackles COVID during the spring semester](#)

[Lawsuit alleging sexual assault by Greenville restaurateur Rick Erwin has been dismissed](#)

[Greenville County lawmaker opposes hate crimes bill in SC, among only 3 states without law](#)

[‘We just want our baby back’: 3-year-old girl’s body remains with coroner pending hearing](#)

## Post and Courier

[Charleston mayor touts new flooding partnership in state of the city speech](#)

[SC Senate begins debate on abortion ban bill, adds exceptions for rape or incest](#)

[Boeing reports record loss in 2020, last quarter brought down by SC-made 787 issues](#)

[SC event organizers suing Patriots Point for calling off sold-out New Year’s Eve party](#)

## WSJ

[Biden to Rescind Curbs on Asylum Policy Enacted by Trump](#)

[Shape-Shifting Virus Threatens Cycles of Illness, Lockdowns](#)

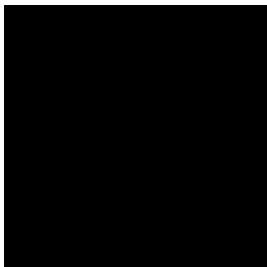
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[The Law That Fueled the Capitol Riot](#)

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[SC lawyers say SC AG Wilson participated in Trump conspiracy lawsuit, seek reprimand](#)

[S.C. Attorney General Wilson: the epidemic of human trafficking is out there](#)



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## Today in History

### British settlement begins in Australia

*On January 26, 1788, Captain Arthur Phillip guides a fleet of 11 British ships carrying convicts to the colony of New South Wales, effectively founding Australia. After overcoming a period of hardship, the fledgling colony began to celebrate the anniversary of this date with great fanfare and it eventually became commemorated as Australia Day. In recent times, Australia Day has become increasingly controversial as it marks the start of when the continent's Indigenous people were gradually dispossessed of their land as white colonization spread across the continent.*

## The State

[Who will run against SC Gov. McMaster? 2022 race could see congressman, ex-opponent](#)

[Columbia attorney Deborah Barbier tapped for Trump's impeachment defense trial team](#)

[Santee Cooper approves \\$2M settlement in final VC Summer nuclear project lawsuit](#)

['Time is of the essence.' SC House to consider COVID-19 vaccine funding bill](#)

## Greenville News

[Emails show fight between Greenville County Schools, Upstate hospitals on COVID-19 advice](#)

[Holiday COVID-19 surge nearly doubled South Carolina's total cases, accounted for a third of deaths](#)

['System failed' 3-year-old Simpsonville girl who died in abuse case, family member says](#)

[Greenville man charged with impersonating DEA officer](#)

## Post and Courier

[Charleston will spend \\$200K to house homeless in historic district hotel](#)

[SC teachers seek priority for vaccine as legislators fast-track bill to speed up shots](#)



[Objects in John C. Calhoun Monument time capsule are likely in decay, experts believe](#)

[As SC decided COVID-19 vaccine priorities, businesses jockeyed for a place in line](#)

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[Saved Stimulus Checks Expected to Help Spur Economic Recovery](#)

[Biden to Suspend New Federal Oil and Gas Leasing Pending Review](#)

[Stocks Open Higher After Hitting Fresh Records](#)

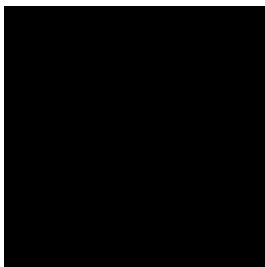
[Senate Power-Sharing Deal Moves Ahead](#)

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[North Augusta man arrested on child sexual abuse material charges](#)

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## Today in History

### World's largest diamond found

*On January 25, 1905, at the Premier Mine in Pretoria, South Africa, a 3,106-carat diamond is discovered during a routine inspection by the mine's superintendent. Weighing 1.33 pounds, and christened the "Cullinan," it was the largest diamond ever found.*

## The State

[DHEC board, not agency health experts, to have last say on COVID vaccine allocations](#)

[Biden issued new mask mandates. Here's what SC residents need to know](#)

[Displeased with vaccine rollout, SC senators ask governor to name COVID logistics czar](#)

[SC set aside millions for small and minority-owned businesses. Here's where it went](#)

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[SC students saw biggest drops in elementary math scores because of COVID-19](#)

[Army Corps handing over some Upstate parks to Clemson, Pickens, Anderson governments](#)

[SC turns focus to assuring COVID-19 vaccine availability](#)

[SC senators nearing debate on abortion bill with no rape or incest exception](#)

## Post and Courier

[Everyone hated the new South Carolina flag design. Here is the 2nd attempt.](#)

[Woman fights Harvard over rights to nude SC images of her enslaved ancestors](#)

[McMaster called on lawmakers to eliminate income tax for military retirees. Can it happen?](#)

[Hospitals are now required to share their prices. Many in SC aren't yet complying.](#)

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[Dominion Voting Systems Sues Rudy Giuliani Over Claims of Rigged Election](#)

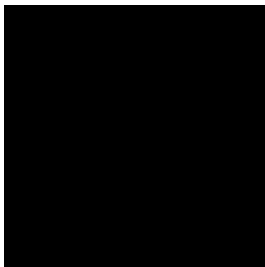
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[For Wars of the Future, Pentagon Looks to Distant Past: The B-52](#)

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## Today in History

*1998 January 22*

*Ted Kaczynski pleads guilty to bombings*

*In a Sacramento, California, courtroom, [Theodore J. Kaczynski](#) pleads guilty to all federal charges against him, acknowledging his responsibility for a 17-year campaign of package bombings attributed to the "[Unabomber](#)."*

## The State

[Lawmakers want to increase number of SC Supreme Court justices](#)

[SC attorney Butch Bowers to represent Trump in Senate impeachment trial](#)

[Over bourbon, former SC senators launch new political podcast](#)

[After a slow rollout, SC lawmakers prepare to spend \\$208M on COVID-19 vaccine efforts](#)

## Greenville News

[Spartanburg, Greenville business leaders oppose Joe Biden's proposed \\$15 minimum wage](#)

[Nearly 18% of phase 1a South Carolinians have received their first dose vaccination](#)

[Easley man charged with having explosives wanted to kill president, detective says](#)

[Records: Clemson bar investigated in COVID gathering case had liquor violations](#)

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[Prepared for violent protests in Columbia, police saw peace instead. Here's why, they say.](#)

[Charleston police ID officer who opened fire during chase](#)

[Video shows beating of man on Charleston's East Side](#)

[Backlash for Lexington cafe after owner went to DC protest. How do others handle politics?](#)

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[Biden to Sign Executive Orders to Boost Pandemic Aid, Expand Federal Worker Protections](#)

[WHO Caught Between China and West on Frozen-Food Coronavirus Transmission](#)

[U.S. Existing-Home Sales Reach Highest Level in 14 Years](#)

[Stocks Drop, on Track to End Strong Week on Muted Note](#)

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[Officials address trafficking concerns](#)



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## Today in History

*President Carter pardons draft dodgers*

On January 21, 1977, U.S. President [Jimmy Carter](#) grants an unconditional pardon to hundreds of thousands of men who evaded [the draft](#) during the [Vietnam War](#).

## The State

[Benjamin among mayors urging Congress to pass Biden's massive COVID relief plan](#)

[Group conspired to kill before fatal nightclub shooting, SC police say](#)

[As coronavirus rages, senators ask: Why has DHEC chief not faced screening panel?](#)

[Shane Beamer goes with veteran OL coach as final Gamecock assistant, reports say](#)

## Greenville News

[Easley man appears in court on charges of unlawful transportation of explosive materials](#)

[Vice President Kamala Harris showcases South Carolina designer on Inauguration Day](#)

[COVID-19 updates: Thursday's pandemic news to note](#)

[Simpsonville man and woman charged with homicide by child abuse in 3-year-old's death](#)

## Post and Courier

[References to South Carolina spotted at Biden's inauguration with fashion, music and more](#)

[McMaster has issued 21 emergency orders since COVID began. Lawmakers want to change that.](#)

[Clyburn says ex-President George W. Bush told him he's 'the savior' for endorsing Biden](#)

[2 South Carolinians start jobs in President Biden's new administration](#)

## **WSJ**

[Biden's Agenda Faces Early Hurdles With a Divided Senate](#)

[U.S. Unemployment Claims Remained Elevated Last Week](#)

[Covid-19 Has Nearly Wiped Out the Flu—How Do We Keep It From Coming Back?](#)

[Facebook Refers Trump Account Suspension to Oversight Board](#)

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[SC Supreme Court reverses misconduct conviction against ex-lawmaker in Statehouse probe](#)

[SC Supreme Court upholds perjury conviction and prison sentence of ex-Rep. Harrison](#)

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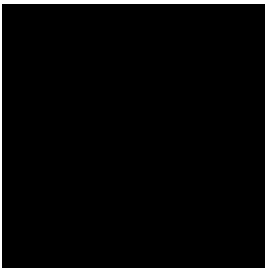
[Divided SC Supreme Court rebukes Statehouse probe prosecutor](#)

[Ladson Man Accused Of Soliciting Child For Sex](#)

[Ladson man, 66, arrested for criminal solicitation of a minor](#)

[Notice of appeal filed in lock and dam case which impacts North Augusta's riverfront](#)

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## Today in History

*1981 January 20*

*Iran Hostage Crisis ends*

Minutes after [Ronald Reagan's inauguration](#) as the 40th president of the United States, the 52 U.S. captives held at the U.S. embassy in Teheran, Iran, are released, ending the 444-day [Iran Hostage Crisis](#).

## The State

[Trump's final pardons include clemency for four from South Carolina](#)

[Midlands sheriff hospitalized with COVID-19 says he's very sick](#)

[Ryan Hilinski announces transfer to Big Ten program](#)

[Notorious Columbia killer dies in state prison of COVID-19 complications](#)

## Greenville News

[Trump pardons include former Greenville police officer involved in drug scheme](#)

[SC lawmaker fights COVID measures and mask rule he calls 'test vote' for state mandate](#)

[Despite moratorium, some South Carolinians still face eviction](#)

[Inmate pleads guilty after accusation he tried to hire hitman to kill witness, prosecutor](#)

## Post and Courier

[SC families can't get death certificates. Now bodies are waiting at some funeral homes.](#)

[Veteran SC public school teacher, 59, dies of COVID-19 complications in Florence](#)

[Dorchester shuts courthouse for Inauguration Day, local police report no threats](#)

[Hundreds of Charleston teachers don't support push for online-only learning, survey finds](#)

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[President Trump Departs Washington Ahead of Biden's Inauguration](#)

[Biden's First-Day Orders Will Include Mask Mandate, Blocking Keystone Pipeline](#)

[Slow Covid Vaccine Distribution Adds to Tokyo Olympics Woes](#)

[High Court Weighs FCC Rollback of Restrictions on Media Ownership](#)

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## Today in History

*Edgar Allan Poe is born*

On January 19, 1809, poet, author and literary critic [Edgar Allan Poe](#) is born in Boston, [Massachusetts](#).

## The State

[Health leader: Vaccine amounts SC receiving from feds 'not sufficient' to meet demand](#)

[FBI charges South Carolina man in connection with Jan. 6 Capitol riot](#)

[SC Republicans banked on Trump. After Capitol riot, will they leave him behind?](#)

[Check your tickets: Another \\$100K lotto winner sold at Columbia's Jimmy's Mart](#)

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[Gov. McMaster said there will be enough vaccine for 'anyone who wants it' in SC](#)

[South Carolina surpasses 350K confirmed COVID-19 cases](#)

[Greenville's county courthouse has been cleared after suspicious package investigation](#)

[Easley man arrested on explosives charge after FBI searches home](#)

## Post and Courier

[Summerville veterans club honors Black WWII veteran with gravestone decades after death](#)

[While marijuana remains illegal in SC, MUSC will survey cancer patients about pot use](#)

[SC students eligible for funds aimed at building pipeline of civil rights lawyers in South](#)

[McMaster threatens SC hospitals with order if they do not speed COVID-19 vaccinations](#)

## WSJ

[Trump Weighs Many Pardons on Final Day of Presidency](#)

[Biden Rejects Trump's Push to Lift Covid-19 Travel Restrictions](#)

[Biden's Defense Nominee Faces Dual Challenge at Confirmation Hearing](#)

[Prosecutors Credited Boeing for Compliance, Organizational Reforms](#)

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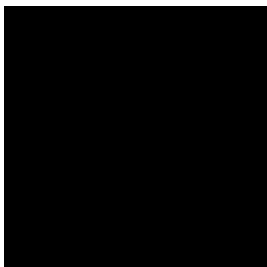
[Group from North Augusta delivers 170 letters to South Carolina lawmakers calling for removal of Meriwether Monument](#)

[Bailey: Trump's South Carolina enablers need to own what they helped break](#)

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[Here's everything SC's GOP congressmen said to perpetuate false election fraud narrative](#)

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## Today in History

*Albert Schweitzer born*

*The theologian, musician, philosopher and Nobel Prize-winning physician Albert Schweitzer is born on January 14, 1875 in Upper-Alsace, Germany (now Haut-Rhin, France).*

## The State

[SC Gov. McMaster calls for unity hours after Trump impeached for role in Capitol riot](#)

[Gov. McMaster 'failed to lead' SC on COVID-19, senator says in Democrats' response](#)

[SLED: Midlands SC deputy charged after breaking man's jaw, knocking him out in arrest](#)

[Projects totaling about \\$7.2M will restore Lexington ponds. Here are development plans](#)

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[University of South Carolina investigating if student took part in Capitol insurrection](#)

[The Greenville News sues Greenville County Schools over personnel records](#)

[Trump impeachment: SC Republican explains his vote to impeach the president](#)

[Health officials urge public to adhere to guidelines, asks for patience with vaccine rollout](#)

## Post and Courier

[Nikki Haley starts PAC as her expected 2024 White House bid takes shape](#)

[In a stunner, SC GOP Rep. Tom Rice votes to impeach President Trump after Capitol riot](#)

[Columbia officials address concerns in Black community as COVID-19 vaccine rollout begins](#)

[On 1st day of COVID-19 vaccine's availability, mostly frustration for SC seniors](#)

## WSJ

[President Trump Impeached by the House for Second Time](#)

[Sedition Laws Give Prosecutors Powerful Tool for Pro-Trump Capitol Riot](#)

[SolarWinds Hack Leaves Market-Sensitive Labor Data Intact, Scalia Says](#)

[Former Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder Charged With Willful Neglect of Duty Over Flint Water Crisis](#)

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[SC justices accuse attorney of dodging questions in challenge to civil forfeiture law](#)

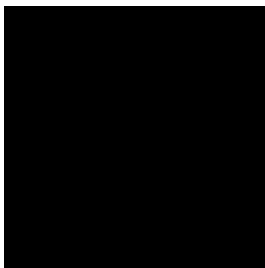
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[Alan Wilson signs letter condemning Jan. 6 'riot'](#)

[More support needed to fight human trafficking in South Carolina, annual report says](#)

[SC human trafficking annual report released](#)

[SC Attorney General Alan Wilson joins AG coalition in condemning attack on U.S. Capitol](#)



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## Today in History

### *Pope recognizes Knights Templar*

*On January 13, 1128, Pope Honorius II grants a papal sanction to the military order known as the Knights Templar, declaring it to be an army of God.*

## The State

[Columbia Mayor Benjamin says city is prepping for any protests ahead of inauguration](#)

[SC House members want to hear from more possible buyers for Santee Cooper](#)

[Remember the SC Senate filibuster on education? Senators OK rule to prevent that](#)

[In 'extraordinary times' DHEC is looking to hire at least 150 to help vaccine rollout](#)

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[DHEC wasn't ready to take COVID vaccine appointments, but it is now, official says](#)

[Greenville lawmakers applaud activist who demands Joe Biden be dismissed as 'illegitimate'](#)

[COVID-19 dealt a blow to Greenville's Main Street, but optimism prevails for new business](#)

[Greenville County Schools to resume extracurricular activities, performances](#)

## Post and Courier

[Charleston Council decries those who incite hate but deletes mention of white nationalism](#)

[Horry County police officer dies after being struck while clearing debris from roadway](#)

[DHEC to newly eligible seniors: Don't expect to get a COVID vaccine soon](#)

[Charleston's African American Museum to feature \\$1.7M in tech donated by Sony](#)

## WSJ

[House Set to Impeach Trump Again, With GOP Support](#)

[FBI Has Opened Over 160 Cases Tied to Pro-Trump Capitol Riot](#)

[Lawmakers Were Feet and Seconds Away From Confrontation With the Mob in the Capitol](#)

[Lisa Montgomery Is Executed After Supreme Court Clears Way](#)

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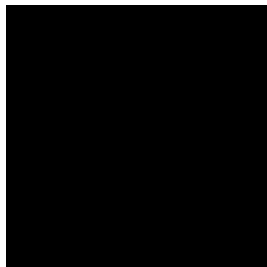
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[Annual report shows latest trends in the fight against human trafficking](#)

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## Today in History

### Massive earthquake strikes Haiti

*On January 12, 2010, Haiti is devastated by a massive earthquake. It drew an outpouring of support from around the globe but the small nation has yet to fully recover. On January 12, 2010, Haiti is devastated by a massive earthquake. It drew an outpouring of support from around the globe but the small nation has yet to fully recover.*

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[SC law enforcement agencies warned of possible armed protests before Biden swearing-in](#)

[Hopeful for a vaccine, USC begins spring semester amid coronavirus pandemic](#)

[Spurred by 'deadly December,' Richland County tallied more murders in 2020 than 2019](#)

[His dad's on death row for 3 murders. It set a then-SC boy on a new path: to find God](#)

## Greenville News

[Here's why you should care about Lockheed Martin's \\$900 million contract in Greenville](#)

[SLED spokesman: FBI warns of possible 'armed protests' in Columbia, S.C.'s capital city](#)

[Weekend concert at downtown Clemson bar spurs legal action from city, citing COVID fears](#)

[As Pickens County and Easley COVID numbers keep rising, city policy unchanged](#)

## Post and Courier

[COVID-19 vaccines, new infections are pushing SC toward herd immunity by fall, experts say](#)

[Berkeley County's new forensics building will help Sheriff's Office solve crimes](#)

[Vaccines, in-person learning and boosting business part of COVID-themed legislative session](#)

[SC lawmakers take some safety precautions, debate others for mid-pandemic session](#)

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[Biden's Inauguration Planners Step Up Security After Capitol Riot](#)

[Parler, a Platform Favored by Trump Fans, Struggles for Survival](#)

[Coronavirus Vaccine Should Be Given to Anyone Over 65, Health Officials Expected to Urge](#)

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[SC report reviews challenging year in fight against human trafficking](#)

[Republican AGs group leader quits over call pushing protest](#)

[AG: Charleston County remains in top 5 counties for human trafficking in South Carolina](#)

[AG Alan Wilson releases SC Human Trafficking Task Force's 2020 report](#)

[Horry County ranks No. 1 – again – for human trafficking reports in the state](#)

[Upstate restaurant giving back to those impacted by human trafficking](#)

[SC Attorney General Alan Wilson: More data draws clearer picture of human trafficking](#)

[Two charged in sex material cases](#)

[SC Human Trafficking annual report shows changes in Top 5 counties](#)

[Greenville, Anderson counties among top 5 for reported human trafficking in SC](#)

[SC Attorney General Wilson releases 2020 Human Trafficking Task Force data](#)

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## Today in History

### *Crazy Horse fights last battle*

On January 8, 1877, Oglala Lakota warrior [Crazy Horse](#) and his men—outnumbered, low on ammunition and forced to use outdated weapons to defend themselves—fight their final losing battle against the U.S. Cavalry in [Montana](#).

Six months earlier, in the [Battle of the Little Bighorn](#), Crazy Horse and his ally, [Sitting Bull](#), led their combined forces of Sioux and Cheyenne to a stunning victory over Lieutenant Colonel George Custer (1839-76) and his men. The Native Americans were resisting the U.S. government's efforts to force them back to their reservations. After Custer and over 200 of his soldiers were killed in the conflict, later dubbed "[Custer's Last Stand](#)," the American public wanted revenge. As a result, the U.S. Army launched a winter campaign in 1876-77, led by General Nelson Miles (1839-1925), against the remaining tribes on the Northern Plains.

## The State

[Graham says mob was 'domestic terrorists,' president's actions were the problem](#)

[Federal prosecutors to investigate any SC ties to rioters' storming of US Capitol](#)

[COVID vaccine roll out slowed by red tape, hospitals say. DHEC urged to make changes.](#)

[SC's Clyburn supports impeaching Trump after Capitol riot, reversing previous stance](#)

## Greenville News

[COVID-19 has now killed 1 in 1,000 South Carolinians, case numbers remain high](#)

[For Clemson students reported for breaking COVID-19 rules, only 1% are investigated](#)

[Upstate farmer, former deputy chief of Capitol Police, fought urge to drive to D.C. to help](#)

[Duncan, Timmons and 3 other SC congressmen voted to object to Electoral College results](#)

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[As security upgraded at SC Statehouse, top legislators say they're not worried about safety](#)

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[Beamer quickly replaces Mike Bobo as Gamecocks' offensive coordinator](#)

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['In a Dark Place': Before Condemning Violence, Trump Spent Day Increasingly Isolated and Angry](#)

[Actions by Police Before Trump Supporters Attacked Capitol Backfired Spectacularly](#)

[U.S. Lost 140,000 Jobs in December](#)

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[ILA Accused of Unfair Labor Practices for New Charleston Terminal](#)

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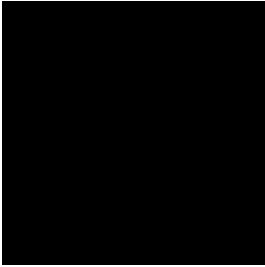
[Horry County man faces more than a dozen child sexual exploitation charges](#)

[Anderson man sentenced to prison for sharing child porn](#)

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### First U.S. presidential election

Congress sets January 7, 1789 as the date by which states are required to choose electors for the country's first-ever presidential election. A month later, on February 4, [George Washington](#) was elected president by state electors and sworn into office on April 30, 1789.

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[After US Capitol breach, some SC Republicans doubled down on objections to Biden win](#)

[SC's Mick Mulvaney leaves Trump administration post after mob breaks into Capitol](#)

[Another top-level staffer leaving DHEC as coronavirus rages](#)

[Rapper 'Dank Frank' sentenced for setting fire to McMaster's rental home near USC](#)

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[Lindsey Graham says 'enough': SC reps are safe but 4 die as Trump supporters riot](#)

[Clemson gets pressure from state, federal levels for transparency for discontinuing men's track](#)

[Thousands of SC college students' COVID tests not counted in local reporting statistics](#)

[Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence makes it official: He's turning pro](#)

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[SC's Lindsey Graham rips GOP effort to block Biden after Capitol swarm: 'Enough is enough'](#)

[To speed COVID vaccine rollout, DHEC asks eligible workers to call their nearest hospital](#)

[SC 'to see a big surge coming up' in coronavirus cases after holidays, MUSC expert warns](#)



[Charleston ports agency files complaint against labor union over Leatherman Terminal jobs](#) (not a word about us)

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[Trump Agrees to Orderly Transfer of Power to Biden After Capitol Riots](#)

[Capitol Police Weren't Prepared for Rioters, Authorities Say](#)

[Georgia Senate Wins by Democrats Followed Years of Party Organizing](#)

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## Today in History

### *Samuel Morse demonstrates the telegraph*

On January 6, 1838, Samuel Morse's telegraph system is demonstrated for the first time at the Speedwell Iron Works in Morristown, [New Jersey](#). The telegraph, a device which used electric impulses to transmit encoded messages over a wire, would eventually revolutionize long-distance communication, reaching the height of its popularity in the 1920s and 1930s.

## The State

[Tired of driving through road work on I-20 in Lexington? Completion date announced](#)

[Walmart, SC environmentalists are pushing back on Dominion electric rate hike request](#)

[About 300 Richland Co. property tax payments mailed in early November were stolen](#)

[Infant dies months after shooting that also killed Midlands man and 2 sons, cops say](#)

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[SC to get nearly \\$1 billion for K-12 education in latest round of federal coronavirus aid](#)

[SC congressmen join GOP effort to oppose Biden election results, but not Sen. Tim Scott](#)

[As coronavirus cases continue to surge in South Carolina, here's the latest Wednesday](#)

[Clemson professor seeks to tell stories of 604 people buried in unmarked graves on campus](#)

## Post and Courier

[Charleston police release disciplinary history for 5 officers involved in fatal shooting](#)

[McMaster: SC workers eligible for vaccine need to sign up or 'go to the back of the line'](#)

[SC largely forgot one of its founding fathers. Now leaders want to honor Joseph Rainey.](#)

[Clemson's Trevor Lawrence finishes second in Heisman Trophy voting](#)

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[Authorities Probe Threat of Attack on U.S. Capitol](#)

[Jacob Blake Shooting: Kenosha Officer Won't Be Charged](#)

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## Today in History

*Golden Gate Bridge is born*

On January 5, 1933, construction begins on the [Golden Gate Bridge](#), as workers began excavating 3.25 million cubic feet of dirt for the structure's huge anchorages.

## The State

[Former professor says employers shouldn't hire USC's computer science graduates](#)

[Dominion to make case for an electric rate hike in SC. How to follow along, weigh in](#)

[Surge in SC COVID-19 cases has strained hospitals, slowed vaccine rollout, DHEC says](#)

[SC's Congressman Rice won't weigh in on Biden win certification until Wednesday vote](#)

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[Greenville County deputies may get COVID-19 vaccinations this week, sheriff says](#)

[Simpsonville man shot in his own home by Greenville County deputy adds to lawsuit](#)

[Snow possible in the Upstate late Thursday and Friday morning](#)

## Post and Courier

[Charleston recorded second-highest number of tidal floods in 2020, most ever major floods](#)

[Court battle looms over inedible Duke's mayonnaise shipment from Charleston](#)

[Kristin Graziano becomes SC's first female sheriff, pledging atonement and accountability](#)

[Meet the retired Atlanta attorney who pledged his entire \\$20 million estate to The Citadel](#)

## WSJ

[Georgians Vote in Runoff Races That Will Determine Senate Control](#)

[As Covid-19 Surges, Colleges Make Last-Minute Changes to Spring Calendars](#)

[Opioid Use Hits Construction Industry as Overdoses Soar](#)

[Wisconsin National Guard Deployed Ahead of Charging Decision in Jacob Blake Case](#)

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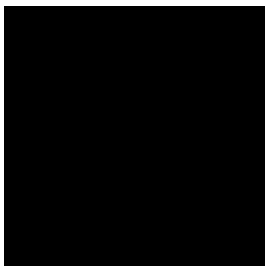
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## Today in History

*[L.B.J. envisions a Great Society in his State of the Union address](#)*

On January 4, 1965, in his State of the Union address, President [Lyndon Baines Johnson](#) lays out for Congress a laundry list of legislation needed to achieve his plan for a [Great Society](#). On the heels of [John F. Kennedy's tragic death](#), Americans had elected Johnson, his vice president, to the presidency by the largest popular vote in the nation's history. Johnson used this mandate to push for improvements he believed would better Americans' quality of life.

Following Johnson's lead, Congress enacted sweeping legislation in the areas of [civil rights](#), health care, education and the environment. The 1965 State of the Union address heralded the creation of Medicare/Medicaid, Head Start, the Voting Rights Act, the Civil Rights Act, the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the [White House](#) Conference on Natural Beauty.

## The State

[Baby's remains found inside the wall of South Carolina home, officials say](#)

[After shootout with Chester SC officer, person found dead, officials say](#)

[Graham says Republican-led electoral commission has 'zero chance of becoming reality'](#)

[Secrecy at DHEC? Agency accused of breaking sunshine law in director search](#)

## Greenville News

[Most Greenville high school teachers uncomfortable with new attendance plan, survey shows](#)

[SC hospitals have administered 37% of COVID vaccine doses received. DHEC asks for patience.](#)

[Ohio State was motivated, other takeaways from Clemson's Sugar Bowl loss](#)

[What's next for Jaime Harrison? Former Senate hopeful is going back to where it began](#)

## Post and Courier

[SC surpasses 5,000 confirmed COVID-19 deaths, nears 300,000 confirmed cases](#)

[SC residents still have COVID-19 vaccine and antibody questions. Here are some answers.](#)

[Nancy Mace prepares to take her seat in Congress; Joe Cunningham still wants to serve SC](#)

[SC revisits ethics reform for magistrates, key lawmakers voice support](#)

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[Trump Pressured Georgia Secretary of State to 'Find' Votes](#)

[Julian Assange: U.K. Judge Denies Wikileaks Founder's Extradition to U.S., Citing Suicide Risk](#)

['It's a Desperate Time': Crush of Covid-19 Patients Strains U.S. Hospitals](#)

[As Covid-19 Surges in Jails, Guards Want Vaccine Early](#)

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[SC Heritage Act lawsuit protecting Confederate monuments sparks top Republican fight](#)

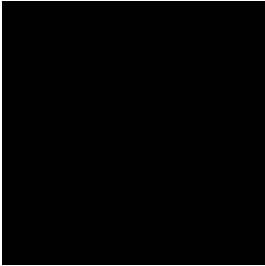
[LEESVILLE MAN CHARGED WITH SOLICITING SEX FROM A MINOR](#)

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[Federal and state hearings for former SCANA CEO have been postponed](#)

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## Today in History

*[Vincent van Gogh chops off his ear](#)*

On December 23, 1888, Dutch painter [Vincent van Gogh](#), suffering from severe depression, cuts off the lower part of his left ear with a razor while staying in Arles, France. He later documented the event in a painting titled Self-Portrait with Bandaged Ear. Today, Van Gogh is regarded as an artistic genius and his masterpieces sell for record-breaking prices; however, during his lifetime, he was a poster boy for tortured starving artists and sold only one painting.

## The State

[‘Nothing we can do.’ Thousands of SC tenants evicted despite COVID moratorium.](#)

[SC Gov. Henry McMaster tests positive for COVID-19](#)

[No bowl for Gamecocks after COVID-19 issues arise](#)

[Antifa, boogaloo, gangs cited in CPD protest report. Who were agitators?](#)

## Greenville News

[Fires, duels and now, a pandemic: Camden, South Carolina, takes on tragedy for the rest of us](#)

[‘Frustration’ surrounds COVID-19 surge in Upstate SC, where advice was ignored by some](#)

[DHEC picks new director as COVID-19 pandemic continues to surge in South Carolina](#)

[After a six-game schedule, will Ohio State be rested, or rusty, when it plays Clemson?](#)

## Post and Courier

[Charleston still trails other parts of SC in adding back hard-hit tourism jobs](#)

[COVID-19 relief bill features ‘three-martini lunch’ tax deduction pushed by SC’s Tim Scott](#)

[Clemson's Trevor Lawrence named ACC Player of the Year for the first time](#)

[Columbia homeless shelters play role in Main Street redevelopment](#)

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[U.S. Household Spending Drops for First Time in Seven Months](#)

[Trump Asks Congress to Amend Covid-19 Package, Boost Direct Payments](#)

[States Impose Strictest Covid-19 Lockdowns Since Spring](#)

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### *Mayflower docks at Plymouth Harbor*

*On December 18, 1620, the British ship Mayflower docks at modern-day Plymouth, [Massachusetts](#), and its passengers prepare to begin their new settlement, [Plymouth Colony](#).*

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[Death and despair. How the feds refused to help a nuclear worker's family in SC](#)

[Nearly 4,000 SC Corrections workers are getting bonuses during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

['The teacher crisis': SC vacancies jumped 26% as COVID worsened, study finds](#)

[These SC lawmakers want to limit COVID-19 vaccine requirements](#)

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[7 things that could reduce health disparities for Blacks, Latinos hit hardest by pandemic](#)

[Greenville records reveal there were 4 finalists for Greenville's police chief position](#)

['Santa' tests positive for COVID-19 days after Fountain Inn event](#)

[Five things to know for ACC championship game between Clemson and Notre Dame](#)

## Post and Courier

[Number of people working in SC dropped, jobless rate rose for first time since April](#)

[Sun Belt Championship canceled after positive COVID-19 test within CCU football program](#)

[SC congressman Joe Cunningham calls out DC hypocrisy and cracks beer in farewell speech](#)

[Hicks: City Council suffering the politics of mutually assured destruction](#)

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[Mike Pence Gets Covid-19 Vaccine Amid National Immunization Campaign](#)

[High Court Rejects as Premature a Bid to Block Trump Plan to Bar Illegal Immigrants in Redistricting](#)

[Hack Suggests New Scope, Sophistication for Cyberattacks](#)

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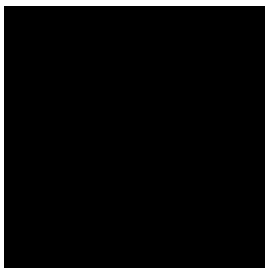
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## Today in History

### *U.S. declares an end to the War in Iraq*

*In a ceremony held in Baghdad on December 15, 2011, the war that began in 2003 with the [American-led invasion of Iraq](#) officially comes to an end. Though today was the official end date of the Iraq War, violence continued and in fact worsened over the subsequent years. The withdrawal of American troops had been a priority of President [Barack Obama](#), but by the time he left office the United States would again be conducting military operations in Iraq.*

## The State

[Legendary SC football coach Jackie Hayes stepping down at Dillon](#)

[‘Hidden earmark’ audit finds law isn’t followed by organizations, SC agencies](#)

[Paid family leave for state employees on the table for SC lawmakers this year](#)

[Airport High student says school resource officer used stun gun on him during fight](#)

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[Greenville City Council votes to extend mask ordinance again as COVID cases climb](#)

[Come midnight, Easley will require masks indoors to combat COVID-19](#)

[No. 24 Clemson at South Carolina's Saturday basketball game postponed](#)

[10 things to know about the COVID vaccine before it's rolled out to the general public](#)

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[Conway Medical 1st to give FDA-authorized Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine in SC](#)

[Boeing expands inspections of defects in 787 jet beyond SC-made section](#)

[Most recipients never reported how they spent \\$43M in secret SC handouts, report finds](#)

[Getting from SC to LA is about to get easier](#)

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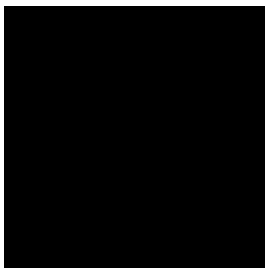
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## Today in History

*1911 December 14*

*Roald Amundsen becomes first explorer to reach the South Pole*

*Norwegian Roald Amundsen becomes the first explorer to reach the South Pole, beating his British rival, Robert Falcon Scott.*

*Amundsen, born in Borge, near Oslo, in 1872, was one of the great figures in polar exploration. In 1897, he was first mate on a Belgian expedition that was the first ever to winter in the Antarctic. In 1903, he guided the 47-ton sloop Gjøa through the [Northwest Passage](#) and around the Canadian coast, the first navigator to accomplish the treacherous journey. Amundsen planned to be the first man to the North Pole, and he was about to embark in 1909 when he learned that the American Robert Peary had achieved the feat.*

## The State

[Department of Education calls for teacher raises in 2021-22. Does SC have the money?](#)

[Two Midlands hospitals are above the rest when it comes to safety in new report card](#)

[Craig Melvin's brother, a pastor in SC, dies of colon cancer](#)

[Could 2021 be the year for medical pot in SC? Legislators gear up for debate](#)

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[Holiday gatherings, travel lead to COVID spike in Greenville and Upstate](#)

[Gangs, drugs, murder: Feds say web of organized crime in SC had key players in Greenville](#)

[Greer among the state's top 10 'safest cities,' report says](#)

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[SC schools modify plans amid teacher outcry, COVID-19 surge: 'They just want to quit'](#)

[Plexiglass in schools: A placebo or protector? Experts sound the alarm.](#)

[Charleston County tries, and sometimes fails, to keep murder suspects from striking again](#)

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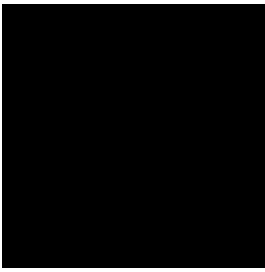
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## Why I joined the election Lawsuit

By Alan Wilson

Many academics, editorial writers, reporters and partisan thinkers live in a world where you either agree with them or you are demonized. I have been harshly criticized by some, while being praised by others, for daring to challenge the recent electoral process. I would like to address the attacks but first I would like to explain my position with a simple analogy.

Consider an example where two football teams are playing for the national championship and in the final seconds of the game one team scores the game winning touchdown. As everyone on the winning team celebrates the win, a camera angle of the touchdown shows that the player who ran the ball into the end zone might have stepped out of bounds before crossing the line.

The coach of the presumptive losing team challenges the last play by asking the referee for a review. The reason for this challenge is because if it is determined that the player stepped out of bounds before scoring then the rules were violated and the touchdown is not legitimate.

Just like football, elections have rules that must be followed to the letter before a winner can be declared. In this particular case, the rules for federal elections are given to us in the U.S. Constitution and those rules basically say that laws dictating the time, location and manner of elections should be determined by state legislatures and no one else.

A number of state officials from other states – well-intentioned or not – unilaterally rewrote the laws through executive fiat which is, arguably, a violation of the ‘electors clause’ of the U.S. Constitution. For example, in one state the state legislature passed a law that said that ballots must be received postmarked by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. An official in that state extended the deadline by three days and waived the requirement for a postmark on the mail-in ballot.

The Constitution only grants the state legislature with the legal authority to change the deadline and postmark requirements, not another state official. This raises the question in this particular example of whether the ballots cast days after the election with no postmark are in fact legal votes and, if they are not legal votes, should we still count them? Other examples can be cited but, either way, this is analogous to a player allegedly stepping out of bounds.

Normally I would never intervene in another state’s business – nor should I. However, Presidential elections affect voters in all states and are national elections where oftentimes

the outcome is determined by only a few states. If only a few state officials unilaterally change their state law and those changes 'might' have affected the outcome of the national election, through either fraud or election law violations, then the voters of all the other states who voted for the other candidate, including South Carolina, have been disenfranchised.

There is an appellate process in the game of football that allows a coach to challenge the results of a play when that coach believes the other team may have violated the rules. The referee reviews the play and either agrees with the challenge or disagrees with the challenge. The losing team had the opportunity through that process to exercise its right to challenge. This process is what legitimizes the final results of the game – even if you disagree with the referees' decision.

In this case, the Supreme Court is our referee and there is a legitimate allegation that a constitutional violation has occurred. The process for choosing our president allows the states the opportunity to challenge a questionable result. The Court is well within its rights to agree or disagree with me but we have the right to challenge. Regardless of the election's outcome, we cannot allow unilateral changes to election laws. Such changes severely diminish the integrity of elections.

It amazes me that so many in the media and on the left want to criticize me and other state attorneys general for exercising a constitutional right to appeal on behalf of so many who believe the rules have been violated. I wonder if this righteous indignation would be as loud if the roles were reversed. History suggests that it would not.

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## Today in History

*1901 December 10*

### First Nobel Prizes awarded

*The first Nobel Prizes are awarded in Stockholm, Sweden, in the fields of physics, chemistry, medicine, literature and peace. The ceremony came on the fifth anniversary of the death of Alfred Nobel, the Swedish inventor of dynamite and other high explosives. In his will, Nobel directed that the bulk of his vast fortune be placed in a fund in which the interest would be “annually distributed in the form of prizes to those who, during the preceding year, shall have conferred the greatest benefit on mankind.” Although Nobel offered no public reason for his creation of the prizes, it is widely believed that he did so out of moral regret over the increasingly lethal uses of his inventions in war.*

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[Break up DHEC? Agency in charge of COVID response under fire. ‘No one is in control.’](#)

[Another Gamecocks basketball game canceled as USC deals with COVID impact, quarantine](#)

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[COVID could kill thousands more in SC if people don't act to contain virus, official says](#)

[COVID-19 vaccines to be discussed by Vice President Mike Pence on visit to Greenville](#)

[Gov. Henry McMaster urges SC schools to reopen to 5-day, in-person classrooms](#)

[Man accused of felony DUI in Greenville has faced more than 30 various charges since 2016](#)

## Post and Courier

[McMaster, SC health officials sound alarm on spiking COVID cases, but no restrictive orders](#)

[November 2020 had second-highest temperatures in SC, and set a record for the globe](#)

[Former SC Gov. David Beasley accepts Nobel Peace Prize this morning on behalf of United Nations](#)

[Ex-employee files sexual harassment, assault lawsuit against Greenville restaurateur](#)

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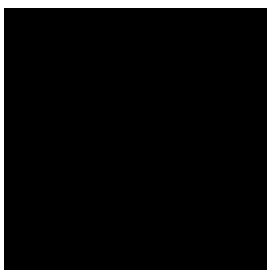
[South Carolina expresses support for Texas lawsuit attempting to overturn election results](#)

[South Carolina supporting Supreme Court lawsuit challenging presidential election](#)

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### **AG Alan Wilson's statement on Texas election lawsuit**

**(COLUMBIA, S.C.)** - As S.C. Attorney General, I am committed to protecting our voters against disenfranchisement as well as ensuring election integrity.

That's why, in 2012, I successfully defended our state's voter ID law in federal court. Last month, my office filed a brief with nine other state attorneys general in a Pennsylvania voting lawsuit that's now pending in the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Supreme Court will soon weigh in on the State of Texas' suit for alleged unconstitutional acts in four states. Today, we are joining with 16 other state attorneys general in filing an amicus brief in the Supreme Court supporting the State of Texas' pleadings.

Regardless of your ideological beliefs, we must all agree that free and fair elections are the keystone of democracy. Our Constitution's election clauses must be followed, and the Constitution must be a guiding light for fair elections to continue to take place. Our values and the rule of law are worth defending.

You can read the states' amicus brief [here](#).

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*U.S. Marines storm Mogadishu, Somalia*

*On December 9, 1992, 1,800 United States Marines arrive in Mogadishu, Somalia, to spearhead a multinational force aimed at restoring order in the conflict-ridden country.*

## The State

[Why some SC districts are saying 'no' to COVID-19 testing in schools](#)

[These SC agency chiefs, college presidents to get pay bump amid economic uncertainty](#)

[Positive COVID-19 tests force Gamecocks basketball to halt team activities](#)

[100 Columbia fathers would get \\$500 a month through guaranteed income pilot program](#)

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[Case numbers, local updates: Here's what to know about the COVID-19 in SC Wednesday](#)

[Ray Tanner reveals how Shane Beamer became South Carolina's new head football coach](#)

[Greer's Victor Mill site included in multi-county park to gain financial credits](#)

## Post and Courier

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[Rep. Jim Clyburn introduces bill named for SC vet to get Black WWII soldiers full benefits](#)

[SC councilman suspended after child sex indictments charged with lying to buy gun](#)

[Columbia LED technology firm expanding into coronavirus sterilization equipment](#)

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[U.S. Supplies of Covid-19 PPE Fall Short of Targets](#)

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## Today in History

*1980 December 08*

*John Lennon shot*

*John Lennon, a former member of the Beatles, the rock group that transformed popular music in the 1960s, is shot and killed by an obsessed fan in New York City.*

*The 40-year-old artist was entering his luxury Manhattan apartment building when Mark David Chapman shot him four times at close range with a .38-caliber revolver. Lennon, bleeding profusely, was rushed to the hospital but died en route. Chapman had received an autograph from Lennon earlier in the day and voluntarily remained at the scene of the shooting until he was arrested by police. For a week, hundreds of bereaved fans kept a vigil outside the Dakota—Lennon’s apartment building—and demonstrations of mourning were held around the world.*

## The State

[Triggered COVID-19 precaution sends Lexington County school to online-only classes](#)

[SC’s Clyburn says Trump’s election challenge ‘a coup’; Graham ‘lost grip on reality’](#)

[SC’s first female sheriff has ambitious plans and vocal critics. She won’t back down.](#)

[South Carolina’s top tackler moving on, declares for NFL Draft](#)

## Greenville News

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[In percentages and cases, the Upstate is leading a surge in coronavirus in South Carolina](#)

[Vice President Mike Pence to visit Greenville for coronavirus vaccines roundtable](#)

[Mauldin City Council member asked for meeting to discuss racial concerns and got no response, records show](#)

## Post and Courier

[Charleston County's proposed I-526 extension a 'boondoggle,' new report says](#)

[SC teachers push for virtual school after record-setting number of COVID-19 cases reported](#)

[Boeing delivered no SC-made planes last month as delays continue into December](#)

[Authorities try to ID person whose foot was found in shoe washed up near Fort Sumter](#)

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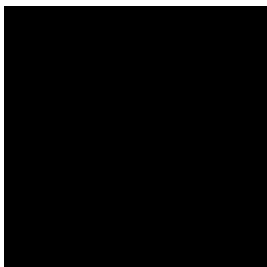
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[SC creates regional task force to fight human trafficking in the Midlands](#)

[AG Wilson announces the launch of a new human trafficking task force in SC](#)

[Lancaster man sentenced to 7 years in prison for child sex crimes, threats of violence](#)

[Florence man arrested on sexual exploitation of minor charges](#)



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### Hostage Terry Anderson freed in Lebanon

*On December 4, 1991, Islamic militants in Lebanon release kidnapped American journalist Terry Anderson after 2,454 days in captivity.*

*As chief Middle East correspondent for the Associated Press, Anderson covered the long-running civil war in Lebanon (1975-1990). On March 16, 1985, he was kidnapped on a west Beirut street while leaving a tennis court. His captors took him to the southern suburbs of the city, where he was held prisoner in an underground dungeon for the next six-and-a-half years.*

## The State

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[SC House lawmaker who attended member work session tests positive for COVID-19](#)

[Down goes No. 1: NC State hands top-ranked South Carolina first loss in 30 games](#)

[State says Richland Co. rejected offer to avoid repaying millions in Penny Tax funds](#)

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[Greenville attorney disputes investigation that says son killed himself in police shootout](#)

[With health and flavor front and center, CoreLife Eatery opens in Greenville](#)

[If approved, here's when Pfizer vaccine could arrive in SC and who will get it first](#)

[Facebook creates county-level Covid forecasting model to help inform health policy makers](#)

## Post and Courier

SC health officials say first COVID-19 vaccine doses may be distributed in mid-December

[Hicks: It's time for lawmakers to listen to Tom Davis on medical marijuana](#)

[Charleston port improvements paying off with Walmart DC groundbreaking](#)

[Richland County's top 2 attorneys departing amid transportation penny tax dispute](#)

## **WSJ**

[Coronavirus Live Updates: U.S. Infections, Deaths, Hospitalizations All Hit Record Highs](#)

[Meatpacker JBS Removed At-Risk Workers from Beef Plant Amid Covid-19 Surge](#)

[Coronavirus Stimulus Talks Moving in Right Direction, Party Leaders Say](#)

[Trump Administration Claims Facebook Improperly Reserved Jobs for H-1B Workers](#)

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[29 charged in 2018 deadly Lee prison riot in South Carolina](#)

[Charges filed in SC's Lee prison riot 2 years after 7 inmates died in eruption of violence](#)

[SC inmates indicted for murder and mayhem in 2018 Lee prison riot that left 7 dead](#)

[SC officials charge 29 men in connection to deadly 2018 riots at Lee Correctional](#)

[29 inmates charged in deadly 2018 South Carolina prison riot](#) (AP story picked up worldwide)

[29 indicted in prison riot that killed 7 inmates at Lee Correctional in 2018](#)

[Attorney General Wilson announces Grand Jury indictment of 29 individuals for 2018 riot at Lee Correctional Institution](#)

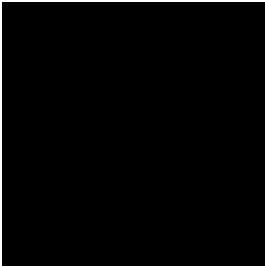
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## Today in History

*1955 December 01*

*Rosa Parks ignites bus boycott*

*In Montgomery, [Alabama](#), [Rosa Parks](#) is jailed for refusing to give up her seat on a public bus to a white man, a violation of the city's racial segregation laws. The successful [Montgomery Bus Boycott](#), organized by a young Baptist minister named [Martin Luther King, Jr.](#), followed Park's historic act of civil disobedience.*

## The State

[SC Gov. McMaster says he still supports Trump for now but will acknowledge Biden win](#)

[SC House members offered rapid COVID-19 tests, 'encouraged' to wear masks for return](#)

[Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin tapped to co-chair national board](#)

[What does 2021 hold for SC's economy? More layoffs — but many good signs, experts say](#)

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[COVID-19 Updates: Greenville County has led SC in new COVID cases for the last 25 days](#)

[Greer area homes, businesses to see lower electric bills in 2021](#)

[CARES funding fuels Greenville restaurants, farmers, to feed community in a 'full circle' effort](#)

[5 takeaways from Clemson's blowout victory against Pitt](#)

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[Trio of Lexington high schools closed because of staffing shortages](#)

[New 279-unit apartment building planned near USC's Greek Village](#)

[As COVID-19 pandemic continues, SC nonprofits hope for charitable boost on Giving Tuesday](#)

[MUSC to conduct new at-home study on COVID-19's aftereffects on the brain](#)

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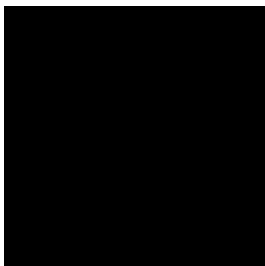
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## Today in History

*1859 November 24*

*"Origin of Species" is published*

*On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, a groundbreaking scientific work by British naturalist [Charles Darwin](#), is published in England. Darwin's theory argued that organisms gradually evolve through a process he called "natural selection." In natural selection, organisms with genetic variations that suit their environment tend to propagate more descendants than organisms of the same species that lack the variation, thus influencing the overall genetic makeup of the species.*

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[SC's Jaime Harrison throwing new PAC weight behind Democrats. First stop, Georgia](#)

[Once COVID-19 vaccine is out, USC will provide, but not require it, official says](#)

[Jaime Harrison says he's not to blame for SC Senate loss. Trump lifted Graham, he says](#)

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[76-year-old woman killed in wreck with Greenville police officer on Wade Hampton Boulevard](#)

[ACC had plenty of drama last week, and more could be on the way](#)

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[Could Shane Beamer be Gamecocks' next football coach? Former USC players hope so.](#)

[Attorney for Elijah Weatherspoon's family says SLED hasn't turned over report](#)

[Fan behavior casts a rule-breaking shadow over record-breaking CCU football team](#)

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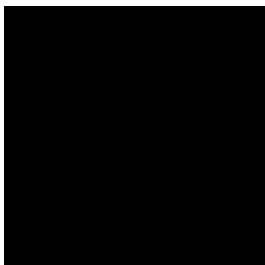
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## Today in History

*1945 November 20*

*Nuremberg trials begin*

*Twenty-four high-ranking Nazis go on trial in Nuremberg, Germany, for atrocities committed during [World War II](#).*

*The [Nuremberg trials](#) were conducted by an international tribunal made up of representatives from the United States, the [Soviet Union](#), France and Great Britain. It was the first trial of its kind in history, and the defendants faced charges ranging from crimes against peace, to crimes of war, to crimes against humanity. Lord Justice Geoffrey Lawrence, the British member, presided over the proceedings, which lasted 10 months and consisted of 216 court sessions.*

## The State

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[Retiring SC senator hired as advisor to firm that lobbies state government for clients](#)

[McMaster says rapid COVID-19 tests coming to SC schools so they can safely reopen](#)

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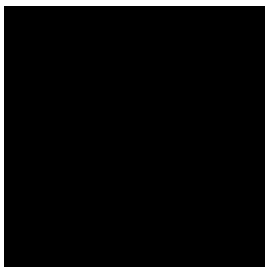
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## Today in History

### *President Lincoln delivers Gettysburg Address*

*On November 19, 1863, at the dedication of a military cemetery at Gettysburg, [Pennsylvania](#), during the [American Civil War](#), President [Abraham Lincoln](#) delivers one of the most memorable speeches in American history. In fewer than 275 words, Lincoln brilliantly and movingly reminded a war-weary public why the Union had to fight, and win, the Civil War.*

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[SC's record mail-in voting stirred fears that ballot rejections would spike. Did they?](#)

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[New development could bring more affordable housing to West Greenville](#)

[South Carolina's COVID vaccine distribution plan unveiled, public availability months away](#)

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[Graham facing ethics complaint over accusation he pressured Georgia to toss absentee votes](#)

[Juul e-cigarette plant in West Columbia closes. And, surprisingly, politicians are pleased.](#)

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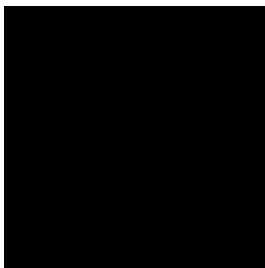
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## Today in History

### Mass suicide at Jonestown

On November 18, 1978, Peoples Temple founder [Jim Jones](#) leads hundreds of his followers in a mass murder-suicide at their agricultural commune in a remote part of the South American nation of Guyana. Many of Jones' followers willingly ingested a poison-laced punch while others were forced to do so at gunpoint. The final death toll at [Jonestown](#) that day was 909; a third of those who perished were children.

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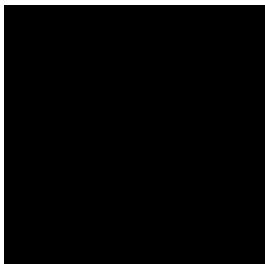
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*1982 November 13*

*Vietnam Veterans Memorial dedicated*

*Near the end of a weeklong national salute to Americans who served in the [Vietnam War](#), the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is dedicated in [Washington, D.C.](#) after a march to its site by thousands of veterans of the conflict. The long-awaited memorial was a simple V-shaped black-granite wall inscribed with the names of the 57,939 Americans who died in the conflict, arranged in order of death, not rank, as was common in other memorials.*

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[Inmate in SC tried to hire hitman to kill informant and prosecutor, investigators say](#)

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## Today in History

### "Sesame Street" debuts

On November 10, 1969, "Sesame Street," a pioneering TV show that would teach generations of young children the alphabet and how to count, makes its broadcast debut. "Sesame Street," with its memorable theme song ("Can you tell me how to get/How to get to Sesame Street"), went on to become the most widely viewed children's program in the world. It has aired in more than 120 countries.

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[Land preservation, affordable housing take priority in Greenville's long term plan](#)

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[Dominion Energy wants to increase power bills by 7.7%. Customers can weigh in this week.](#)

[All state legislators in Richland, Lexington counties survive challenges](#)

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[Trump Campaign Asks Federal Judge to Block Pennsylvania From Certifying Election Results](#)

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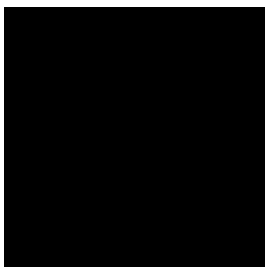
[SC's Graham says Trump should consider a 2024 run if every legal option is exhausted](#)

[Alan Wilson joins fight over Pennsylvania's extension of mail-in ballot time](#)

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[Abbeville man accused of creating and distributing child porn arrested on 11 total charges, attorney general says](#)



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## **Attorney General Alan Wilson, coalition of Attorneys General file amicus brief in Pennsylvania Supreme Court voting case**

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) - Today, South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson joined a coalition of 10 state attorneys general, led by Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt, in filing an amicus brief in *Republican Party of Pennsylvania v. Boockvar*. The brief, which can be found [here](#), urges the Supreme Court of the United States to grant writs of certiorari and reverse a decision by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court allowing mail-in ballots to be received three days after Election Day, even without postmarks.

“Regardless of your political beliefs, I think we can all agree that states need to follow their election laws,” Attorney General Wilson said. “We’re just asking that all legal votes be counted and illegal votes not be counted.”

The brief begins with, “The Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s decision overstepped its constitutional responsibility, encroached on the authority of the Pennsylvania legislature, and violated the plain language of the Election Clauses.”

The brief makes three main arguments. First, that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court overstepped its authority and encroached on the authority of the legislature in ruling that ballots received three days after election can be accepted, including ballots with an illegible postmark or no postmark at all. Second, that voting by mail can create risks of voter fraud, including in Pennsylvania. And lastly, that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision exacerbated these risks of absentee ballot fraud.

For the first argument, the brief states that the decision by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, “(1) admitted that the Legislature’s Election Day deadline was unambiguous, (2) conceded that the Election Day deadline was constitutional on its face, (3) relied on the slimmest of evidentiary rationales for its decision, (4) departed its own prior holding on the exact same question just a few months earlier, and (5) disregarded an admirably clear severability clause that was enacted by the Pennsylvania legislature for the very purpose of *preventing* Pennsylvania courts from making such post-hoc changes to Pennsylvania’s mail-in voting system.”

To illustrate the risks of voter fraud in mail in voting and absentee ballot voting, the brief cites several sources that all express the same concerns about mail-in voting and absentee ballot voting, including the U.S. Supreme Court case *Crawford v. Marion County Election Board*, the Carter-Baker Commission on Federal Election Reform, the U.S. Department of Justice’s manual on *Federal Prosecution of Election Offenses*, the U.S. Government Accountability Office, and more.

Additionally, the brief cites several previous examples of voter fraud by mail-in or absentee voting,

including:

- In November 2019, the Berkeley, Missouri Mayor Ted Hoskins was indicted on five felony counts of absentee ballot fraud. Mayor Hoskins allegedly went to the homes of elderly residents to harvest absentee ballots and altered absentee ballots after he had procured them from voters;
- A 2016 State House race in Missouri was overturned and a special election was ordered after allegations of absentee ballot fraud surfaced;
- A 2018 federal Congressional race in North Carolina was overturned after political operatives were indicted and arrested for absentee ballot fraud. The charges alleged that the operatives improperly collected and potentially tampered with ballots to swing the close election in their favor;
- In 2016, Hector Ramirez, a candidate for Assembly in the Bronx, was indicted on 242 counts related to voter fraud. Prosecutors alleged that Ramirez wrote his name in on forged absentee ballots;
- In May 2020, the leader of the New Jersey NAACP called for a new election for a city council position in Paterson, New Jersey citing allegations of vote-by-mail fraud.

The brief also cites previous examples of vote-by-mail or absentee ballot fraud, specifically in Pennsylvania, including:

- In 2018, a Delaware County man was charged with voter fraud after admitting to signing the absentee ballot for a deceased voter;
- In 2014, the ex-Harmer Police Chief pled guilty to voter fraud after he admitted to soliciting absentee ballots for his wife in a 2009 Democratic primary for township supervisor;
- And more.

The brief then argues that the decision by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court exacerbated the risks of ballot fraud, stating, "First, it created a post-election window of time during which nefarious actors could wait and see whether the Presidential election would be close, and whether perpetrating fraud in Pennsylvania would be worthwhile. Second, it enhanced the opportunities for fraud by mandating, in a cursory footnote, that late ballots must be counted even when they are not postmarked or have no legible postmark, and thus there is no evidence they were mailed by Election Day. This decision created needless vulnerability to actual fraud and undermined public confidence in a Presidential election."

Lastly, the brief notes recently decided Missouri election cases that dealt with potential election fraud, including *Mo. State Conference of the NAACP v. State*. In that case, the court concluded that, "fraud in voting by mail is a recurrent problem, that it is hard to detect and prosecute, that there are strong incentives and weak penalties for doing so, and that it has the capacity to affect the outcome of close elections."

The brief finishes by urging the Supreme Court of the United States to grant the petitions for writ of certiorari, grant expedited review, and reverse the decision of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

"Free and fair elections are a cornerstone of our republic and make the United States the envy of nations across the globe. To keep those elections free and fair, we must ensure that every legal vote is counted and every illegal vote is not. To not do so would disenfranchise millions of Americans. That's why my office led a coalition of 10 state attorneys general in filing this amicus brief to urge the Supreme Court of the United States to grant a writ of certiorari in *Republican Party of Pennsylvania vs. Boockvar*," said Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt.

Along with South Carolina, attorneys general from Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Kentucky, Missouri, South Dakota, Texas, and Florida also joined the brief.

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## Today in History

### Nazis launch Kristallnacht

On November 9, 1938, in an event that would foreshadow the [Holocaust](#), German Nazis launch a campaign of terror against Jewish people and their homes and businesses in Germany and Austria. The violence, which continued through November 10 and was later dubbed "[Kristallnacht](#)," or "Night of Broken Glass," after the countless smashed windows of Jewish-owned establishments, left approximately 100 Jews dead, 7,500 Jewish businesses damaged and hundreds of synagogues, homes, schools and graveyards vandalized. An estimated 30,000 Jewish men were arrested, many of whom were then sent to concentration camps for several months; they were released when they promised to leave Germany. Kristallnacht represented a dramatic escalation of the campaign started by [Adolf Hitler](#) in 1933 when he became chancellor to purge Germany of its Jewish population.

## The State

[USC student parties threaten Olympia neighborhood. Are police, the city to blame?](#)

[South Carolina's 'red surge' on election night gave GOP more power inside State House](#)

[Where Trump flipped blue votes, and other key takeaways on Election Day in SC](#)

[More than 175,000 cases of COVID-19 confirmed in South Carolina, health officials say](#)

## Greenville News

[Community Remembrance project remembers Greenville's George Green, murdered 87 years ago](#)

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[Southern Baptist churches are dropping Southern identity as SC churches consider change](#)

[SC Governor's Office plans no new statewide restrictions amid rising COVID-19 case counts](#)

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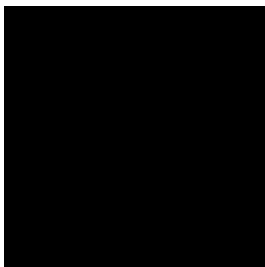
[Pfizer's Covid-19 Vaccine Proves 90% Effective in Latest Trials](#)

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## Today in History

### *UN condemns apartheid in South Africa*

*On November 6, 1962, the United Nations General Assembly adopts a resolution condemning South Africa's racist [apartheid policies](#) and calling on all its members to end economic and military relations with the country.*

## The State

[Finlay leading Bailey as Richland's SC House race heads to final phase](#)

[SC is using new internet-based tech to vote. It's vulnerable to hacking, experts say](#)

[Major Columbia road changes could eliminate train track backups](#)

[Columbia extends mask requirement, increases fines to fight coronavirus](#)

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[Greenville hopes to fully reopen middle schools soon even as COVID-19 cases rise](#)

[Why South Carolina youth baseball team wore Vanderbilt uniforms to remember cancer-stricken teammate](#)

[SC courts are getting less fine and fee revenue during COVID. Here's what that means](#)

[Quarantines, stress, finding routine: 3 Clemson students and their semester during COVID](#)

## Post and Courier

[Harrison dominated mail-in votes, but on Election Day Republicans gave Graham the win](#)

[Dorchester County vote totals affirm Nancy Mace victory over Joe Cunningham](#)

[SC firm orders millions of surgical gloves that never arrived. Now, \\$5.2M is missing.](#)

[Harrison spent \\$118 per vote, Graham \\$73 in SC's historically expensive Senate race](#)

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[Pelosi Faces Lawmakers Frustrated Over Loss of House Seats](#)

[Postal Service Is Ordered by Judge to Search for Remaining Ballots](#)

[Pfizer Receives Inquiry From SEC Bribery Unit](#)

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[Survivors of sex trafficking in South Carolina share their stories of how trafficking happens](#)



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## Today in History

1922 November 04

*Entrance to King Tut's tomb discovered*

British archaeologist Howard Carter and his workmen discover a step leading to the tomb of King [Tutankhamen](#) in the Valley of the Kings in Egypt.

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[Republicans lead in 2 Midlands SC House races while votes are still being counted](#)

[U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson declares victory in SC-2 race against Democrat Adair Boroughs](#)

[2 Upstate SC Republicans will go back to Washington](#)

[Bodies of SC man and his teen son found inside home, coroner says](#)

## Greenville News

[Election results: Greenville area local, state, federal races in the 2020 General Election](#)

[Here's the latest info Wednesday on how COVID-19 is impacting daily life in the Upstate](#)

[Only a few voting issues reported at Upstate SC polls on Election Day: What to know](#)

[Counting of 13,500 votes in one SC county will be delayed because of printing error](#)

## Post and Courier

[Ballot counting continues in SC following record absentee turnout](#)

[Mace upsets Cunningham as Republican wave sends SC coastal congressional seat back to GOP](#)

[Kristin Graziano wins Charleston County Sheriff's Office race, unseating Al Cannon](#)



[Charleston legislative delegation to remain the same in latest unofficial results](#)

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[Republicans Win Senate Seats in Texas, Iowa; Democrats Flip Colorado, Arizona](#)

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## Today in History

*1998 October 29*

### John Glenn returns to space

Nearly four decades after he became the first American to orbit the Earth, Senator John Hershel Glenn, Jr., is launched into space again as a payload specialist aboard the space shuttle Discovery. At 77 years of age, Glenn was the oldest human ever to travel in space. During the nine-day mission, he served as part of a NASA study on health problems associated with aging.

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[SC Democrats to have army of poll watchers, lawyers to monitor Election Day voting](#)

[Clemson students' research could get Iranian election interference kicked off the web](#)

[SC records 636 COVID-19 cases with lowest testing total in more than three weeks](#)

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[Plot to target SC Gov. Henry McMaster with Michigan governor detailed in FBI documents](#)

[Clemson finds 600 unmarked graves on campus. But who were they? Researchers race to find out](#)

[South Carolina voters casting ballots in 2 key congressional contests](#)

## Post and Courier

[Segregated bowling alley at heart of Orangeburg Massacre now being reclaimed, restored](#)

[Charleston city, police officials face criticism over report documenting May protests](#)

[As early voting soars in SC, most counties Trump won in 2016 see lower turnout](#)

[Boeing to shed 7,000 more jobs through next year, blames 787 flaws for low deliveries](#)

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[U.S. Economy Recovered Significant Ground in Record Third-Quarter GDP Rebound](#)

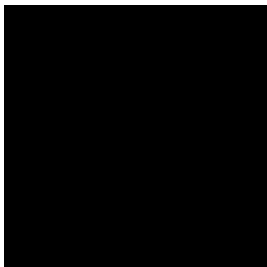
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## Today in History

*St. Louis's Gateway Arch is completed*

*On October 28, 1965, construction is completed on the Gateway Arch, a spectacular 630-foot-high parabola of stainless steel marking the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial on the waterfront of St. Louis, [Missouri](#).*

## The State

[SC prison inmates eligible to get \\$1,200 COVID-19 checks, just like other Americans](#)

[Hurricane Zeta prompts flood watches for parts of the Carolinas starting Wednesday](#)

[Massive fire in Sumter could take a week to extinguish, officials say](#)

[SC's K-12 schools have seen nearly 2,000 COVID-19 cases since classes began](#)

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[Lindsey Graham and Jaime Harrison to hold rescheduled debate in race for U.S. Senate](#)

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## Today in History

### [New York City subway opens](#)

At 2:35 on the afternoon of October 27, 1904, [New York City](#) Mayor George McClellan takes the controls on the inaugural run of the city's innovative new rapid transit system: the subway.

While [London](#) boasts the world's oldest underground train network (opened in 1863) and [Boston](#) built the first subway in the United States in 1897, the New York City subway soon became the largest American system.

## The State

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[South Carolina voter claims Spartanburg poll worker told blind mother to vote for Trump](#)

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[More diversity, training and oversight: Greenville public safety panel gives final report](#)

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[Amy Coney Barrett Sworn In as Supreme Court Justice](#)

[Struggling Rental Market Could Usher in Next American Housing Crisis](#)

[Google Case Is Déjà Vu for Justice Department's No. 2 Official](#)

[Pattern of Unnecessary Gynecological Treatments Identified at Georgia ICE Facility](#)

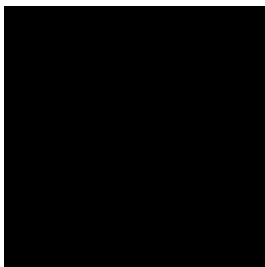
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[Wilson faces strongest challenge yet in SC's 2nd District from political newcomer](#)

[Initial briefs filed in Will Lewis appeal](#)

[Mallinckrodt Will Pay \\$1.6 Billion & File for Bankruptcy](#)

[Attorney General Alan Wilson Announces Recovery of Over \\$60,000 Stolen from Taxpayers by Medicaid Fraud](#)



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## Today in History

### *Triangle Shirtwaist fire kills 146 in New York City*

In one of the darkest moments of America's industrial history, the [Triangle Shirtwaist Company](#) factory in [New York City](#) burns down, killing 146 workers, on March 25, 1911. The tragedy led to the development of a series of laws and regulations that better protected the safety of factory workers.

## The State

[Former USC student sues, alleges professor exploited her PTSD to sexually harass her](#)

[Fearful of federal 'gun grabs,' lawmakers seek to use SC militia law](#)

[Competitors blast 'unfair' deal to bring California wine giant to Chester County](#)

[SC House approves \\$9.8 billion state spending plan with limited new dollars](#)

## Greenville News

[COVID vaccines easier to get in SC, but early signs show people skipping second dose](#)

[Guitar hero, blues singer, civil rights activist who was shunned now honored in Greenville](#)

[Proposal for Pelham Road apartments near Patewood campus has been dealt key setback](#)

[Greenville mayor, others oppose moratorium to fight commercial creep, but there is support](#)

## Post and Courier

[Still in Phase 1B, SC health official says demand for vaccine appointments may be dropping](#)

[Columbia Housing Authority selling troubled shopping center for half of construction price](#)



[SC bill would crack down on plastic pellet spills](#)

[Senate panel picks SC flag design but decision not final: 'Not going to please everybody'](#)

## **WSJ**

[U.S. Jobless Claims Reach Lowest Level of the Pandemic](#)

[Biden Tries to Stem Border Surge With Diplomacy, More Shelter Space](#)

[Tech CEOs to Face Questions on Online Disinformation, Trump Ban](#)

[Iowa Election Challenge Alarms Some House Democrats](#)

## **Office Mentions**

[NRA Applauds Attorneys General Amicus Brief In New York Carry Case](#)



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## Today in History

*[Wells and Fargo start shipping and banking company](#)*

*On March 18, 1852, in [New York City](#), Henry Wells and William G. Fargo join with several other investors to launch their namesake business, today one of the world's largest banks.*

## The State

[‘Lady Tank’ going to prison for helping run teen sex trafficking ring in Lexington](#)

[Events canceled, schools and businesses affected by severe weather forecast](#)

[SC mayor ‘reluctantly’ resigns due to COVID-related health issues](#)

[Tornadoes, hail, strong wind expected in South Carolina on Thursday. Here’s the latest](#)

## Greenville News

[Study finds South Carolina has one of the worst wage gaps among other states](#)

[Almost a quarter of S.C. residents have started COVID vaccine, appointments still tricky to find](#)

[Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport hotel plans revived after COVID delay](#)

[Here's what to know about COVID-19 in the Upstate on Thursday](#)

## Post and Courier

[Citadel cadet charged in Capitol riot booted from school Republican club, remains a student](#)

[USC basketball great Art Whisnant, grandfather of Dustin Johnson, dies](#)

[Former Clemson star Deshaun Watson sued for alleged sexual assaults](#)

[‘Open carry with training’ gun bill passes SC House over police objections](#)

## **WSJ**

[U.S. Unemployment Claims Rose to 770,000 Last Week](#)

[Federal Covid-19 Aid Aims to Help Cities, States Avoid Cutting Jobs and Services](#)

[Boeing Faces New Hurdle in Delivering Dreamliners](#)

[China Plans to Ask U.S. to Roll Back Trump Policies in Alaska Meeting](#)

## **Office Mentions**

[Charleston ports agency wins ruling in union dispute, Leatherman Terminal to open in weeks](#)

[SC Attorney General calls portion of Biden's COVID-19 relief plan unconstitutional](#)

[S.C. budget writer: Wait to spend \\$2.1B COVID-19 relief](#)

[Hands Across America, whale watching, masked festival: News from around our 50 states](#)

[Dafuskie Island man arrested after being accused of sexual exploitation of a minor](#)

[New development in case of Florence man accused of human trafficking charges](#)

[Attorney General Alan Wilson Urges Feds to Respect State's Ability to Cut Taxes](#)

[SC Attorney General Sends Remaining ProbeGate Cases To Upstate Solicitor](#)

[S Carolina Budget Writer: Wait to Spend \\$2.1B COVID Relief](#) (AP story picked up nationwide)

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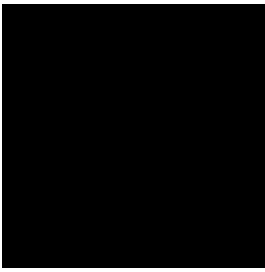
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## Today in History

### Florida teen Trayvon Martin is shot and killed

On February 26, 2012, Trayvon Martin, an African American teen walking home from a trip to a convenience store, is fatally shot by George Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch volunteer patrolling the townhouse community of the Retreat at Twin Lakes in Sanford, Florida. Zimmerman later claimed to have shot the unarmed 17-year-old out of self-defense during a physical altercation.

## The State

[On a mission to get kids in school, SC doctor says COVID not widespread in classrooms](#)

[As public waits for beach parking plan, Isle of Palms keeps talks behind closed doors](#)

[SC Republican files bill to allow Donald Trump to be buried on State House grounds](#)

[Gamecocks avoid major punishments from NCAA over Lamont Evans violations](#)

## Greenville News

[South Carolina could use electric chair for executions if bills in House, Senate pass](#)

['I really cannot do it anymore': Pandemic escalates burden of work, childcare at Clemson](#)

[2 fishing tournaments at Lake Hartwell bringing anglers, \\$900K to Anderson next weekend](#)

[From hairbrushes to 'American Idol,' Easley contestant auditions in California](#)

## Post and Courier

[SC hauls in \\$5 million in federal grants to preserve sites up and down the coast](#)

[COVID liability protections for businesses pass SC Senate, face uncertain future in House](#)

[Moncks Corner funeral director charged with tax evasion, unlicensed operations](#)

[Greenville restaurateur testifies before US senators over plan to increase minimum wage](#)

## **WSJ**

[Boost to Household Income Primes U.S. Economy for Stronger Growth](#)

[J&J Single-Dose Covid-19 Vaccine Gets Review From FDA Advisory Panel](#)

[Democrats Dealt Blow on Minimum-Wage Drive for Covid-19 Bill](#)

[Washington's Power to Respond to Texas Electric Disaster is Limited](#)

## **Office Mentions**

[Despite complaint, governor's office proceeds with Greenville sanitation board appointment](#)

[Will Folks: Where Are The Criminal Consequences For Santee Cooper?](#)

[Former SCANA CEO Kevin Marsh pleads guilty to State Grand Jury indictment](#)



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## Today in History

*Young Muhammad Ali knocks out Sonny Liston for first world title*

*On February 25, 1964, 22-year-old Cassius Clay shocks the odds-makers by dethroning world heavyweight boxing champ Sonny Liston in a seventh-round technical knockout. The dreaded Liston, who had twice demolished former champ Floyd Patterson in one round, was an 8-to-1 favorite. However, Clay predicted victory, boasting that he would “float like a butterfly, sting like a bee” and knock out Liston in the eighth round.*

## The State

[Plan to prioritize SC teacher vaccinations stalls, as DHEC says it could hurt seniors](#)

[New crisis team takes Richland County deputies out of mix on mental health calls](#)

[SC health officials eager to get COVID vaccine to more minorities, overcome hesitation](#)

[One Columbia touting COVID safety campaign to help end arts ‘intermission’](#)

## Greenville News

[SC will get more than 100,000 COVID vaccine doses next week, mobile vaccine drives coming to the Upstate](#)

[Pickens County school employees to get larger bonus; athletic and band programs get a financial boost](#)

[Driver killed in a single-vehicle accident in Pickens County](#)

[South Carolina struggles offensively at Mississippi State, loses sixth in a row](#)

## Post and Courier

[Conflict surrounds Charleston School of Law land deal, with nearly \\$13M at stake](#)

[Former Vice President Mike Pence makes unannounced trip to Charleston](#)

[DHEC data shows 59 statewide cases of coronavirus-related condition that affects children](#)

[3-decade veteran of SC public safety agency closer to becoming its permanent leader](#)

## **WSJ**

[Boeing Moved to Replace 777 Engine Covers Before Recent Failures](#)

[U.S. Unemployment Claims Fell Sharply Last Week](#)

[Lessons From the U.K. About a More-Contagious Covid-19 Variant](#)

[Amazon's Lack of Public Disclosure on SolarWinds Hack Angers Lawmakers](#)

## **Office Mentions**

[Ex-SCANA CEO Kevin Marsh pleads guilty to conspiracy tied to failed nuclear project](#)

[Ex-SCANA CEO pleads guilty to fraud in SC nuclear fiasco: 'I'm sorry it's come to this'](#)

["Makes Absolutely No Sense" – Biden Cancels Trump's 'Operation Talon' Program Targeting Immigrant Sex Offenders](#)

[Biden shuts down Trump program that expelled illegals convicted of sex crimes](#)

[Former SCANA CEO Kevin Marsh pleads guilty to State Grand Jury Indictment related to V.C. Summer Nuclear Power Plant Project](#)

[Live 5 Scambusters: Isolation of pandemic creates void for scammers](#)

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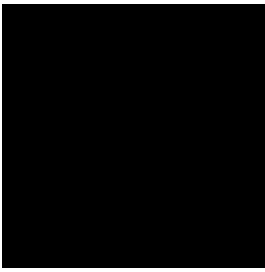
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## Today in History

*1945 February 23*

*U.S. flag raised on Iwo Jima*

*During the bloody [Battle for Iwo Jima](#), U.S. Marines from the 3rd Platoon, E Company, 2nd Battalion, 28th Regiment of the 5th Division take the crest of Mount Suribachi, the island's highest peak and most strategic position, and raise the U.S. flag. Marine photographer Louis Lowery was with them and recorded the event. Americans fighting for control of Suribachi's slopes cheered the raising of the flag, and several hours later more Marines headed up to the crest with a larger flag. Joe Rosenthal, a photographer with the Associated Press, met them along the way and recorded the raising of the second flag along with a Marine still photographer and a motion-picture cameraman.*

## The State

[In letter to President Biden, US Attorney for SC announces he's resigning](#)

[USC professor, Irmo resident helped build key device for the Mars Perseverance Rover](#)

[Columbia City Council takes another step toward massive Malfunction Junction overhaul](#)

[Months since Floyd's death, Walmart and other companies push for SC hate crime law](#)

## Greenville News

[Baby girl surrendered to AnMed Health in Anderson under Daniel's Law](#)

[DHEC: South Carolina COVID vaccines back on track after weather delays](#)

[South Carolina business leaders want a hate crimes bill this year](#)

[Greenville Police Department seeks 'imperative' bodycam equipment](#)

## Post and Courier

[Already at major flooding stage in Conway, cresting still to come for Grand Strand](#)

[Clyburn pushes for SC's Judge Michelle Childs to fill next US Supreme Court vacancy](#)

[PGA Championship to cap fan attendance at 10,000 a day in return to Kiawah's Ocean Course](#)

[SC's weekly average of COVID-19 cases fell to level not seen since November](#)

## **WSJ**

[Biden Cabinet Picks Hit Rough Patch With Tanden's Nomination in Trouble](#)

[Top Security Officials Testify on Failure to Blunt Capitol Attack](#)

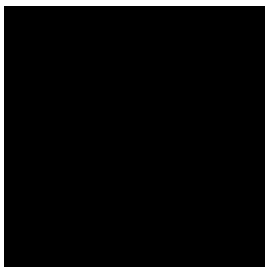
[Facebook Reaches Deal With Australia to Restore News](#)

[Supreme Court Denies Trump Bid to Block Access to Tax, Financial Records](#)

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[McCoy's tenure as SC's federal prosecutor set for fitting end with SCANA exec guilty plea](#)

[Biden cancels Trump's 'Operation Talon' Program that Targeted Sex Offenders Living in U.S. Illegally](#)



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## Today in History

*1980* February 22

*U.S. hockey team beats the Soviets in the "Miracle on Ice"*

*In one of the most dramatic upsets in Olympic history, the underdog U.S. hockey team, made up of college players, defeats the four-time defending gold-medal winning Soviet team at the XIII Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid, [New York](#). The Soviet squad, previously regarded as the finest in the world, fell to the youthful American team 4-3 before a frenzied crowd of 10,000 spectators. Two days later, the Americans defeated Finland 4-2 to clinch the hockey gold.*

## The State

[Young adult in Richland County among 56 new COVID-19 deaths reported in SC](#)

[After Texas, SC governor wants winter storm review of grid](#)

[A wreck-filled week in the Midlands ends with at least one dead and one charged](#)

[Three charged in attempted catalytic converter theft in Columbia community, police say](#)

## Greenville News

[COVID-19 vaccinations in SC: One group leads others in getting vaccinated](#)

[Pickens City Council candidates highlight water issues for special March election](#)

[Clemson, in spring practice, will attempt to replace all-time great Travis Etienne](#)

[Greenville Zoo's newly born baby giraffe is healthy and nursing, city officials say](#)

## Post and Courier

[Charleston County immigrants praise canceled deal with ICE, but await bigger improvements](#)

[SC nears 7,500 confirmed coronavirus deaths, with over 430,000 total cases confirmed](#)

[SC golf was outlier in 2020, with many courses logging record numbers](#)

[Area hospitals receiving fraction of COVID-19 vaccine requests, leaving thousands waiting](#)

## **WSJ**

[Boeing Backs Grounding Some 777 Jets After Failure During United Flight](#)

[Dominion Sues MyPillow, CEO Mike Lindell Over Election Claims](#)

[Garland to Make Case for New Era at Justice Department](#)

[Supreme Court Approves Subpoena for Trump's Financial Records](#)

## **Office Mentions**

[South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster signed the Fetal Heartbeat Bill. Here's what's next.](#)

[Federal judge blocks SC abortion ban 1 day after Gov. McMaster signed it into law](#)

[Planned Parenthood Sues South Carolina over 'Heartbeat' Abortion Law](#)

[SC governor signs abortion ban; Planned Parenthood sues](#)

[Judge blocks S Carolina 'heartbeat' abortion ban, but backers look to Supreme Court](#)

[Aiken Republican commands spotlight as abortion battle rages in SC](#)

[Federal judge temporarily blocks 'heartbeat' abortion ban in SC](#)

[Swansea man charged with soliciting a minor for sex](#)

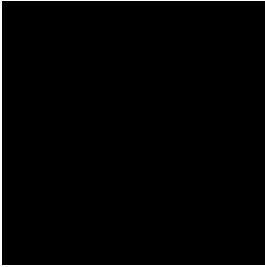
[Federal judge temporarily blocks South Carolina 'heartbeat' abortion ban](#)

[Authorities arrest Goose Creek man on child sexual abuse material charge](#)

[Judge Temporarily Blocks South Carolina Abortion Ban](#)

[South Carolina Abortion Law Blocked One Day After Taking Effect](#)

[Golden parachute for state attorney general?](#)



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## Today in History

*[Archaeologist opens tomb of King Tut](#)*

*On February 16, 1923, in Thebes, Egypt, English archaeologist [Howard Carter](#) enters the sealed burial chamber of the ancient Egyptian ruler King [Tutankhamen](#).*

## The State

[SC students experienced significant learning loss during pandemic, study finds](#)

[Lawyer for fired SC director says agency 'acted ethically' when it hired her husband](#)

[UPDATE: Proposed Columbia mask law could have fines up to \\$500 for repeat offenders](#)

[SC sees 1,109 new COVID-19 cases, 31 deaths as surge declines, health officials say](#)

## Greenville News

[Unifier or powerbroker? Opinions differ on Greenville County Council Chair Willis Meadows](#)

[Clemson extends mask rule, keeps strict COVID rules. But a new taskforce could aid businesses.](#)

[Case numbers, vaccine updates: Here's what to know about COVID Tuesday in Upstate SC](#)

[Mauldin City Council unites in support of alternative to SCDOT's Butler Road plan](#)

## Post and Courier

[After billions lost in 2020, SC tourism looks back at its few 'unanticipated successes'](#)

[Police, mall say they will increase security after 3 people shot at Northwoods Mall](#)

[Cayce could be among SC's first cities to designate a COVID-19 Memorial Day](#)

[Volvo weighing its options if global chip shortage hits SC plant](#)

## WSJ

[McConnell Doesn't Care About Trump Brand in 2022, He Just Wants Electable Candidates](#)

[In Texas, Winter Storm Forces Rolling Power Outages as Millions Are Without Electricity](#)

[Covid-19 Dims Job Prospects, So Young People Sign Up for the Military](#)

[Bitcoin Trades Above \\$50,000 for First Time](#)

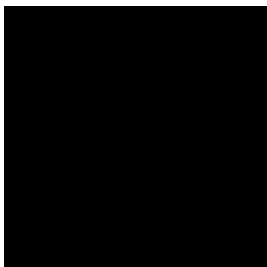
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[South Carolina Joins 'Heartbeat' Pro-Life Movement](#)

[SLED inquiry into chief, two officers continues](#)

[Don't fall for Valentine's Day scams, says US attorney and SC's AG](#)

[Attorney General Alan Wilson warns about social isolation and the risk of investment fraud](#)



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## Today in History

*Former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic goes on trial for war crimes*

On February 12, 2002, former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic goes on trial at The Hague, Netherlands, on charges of genocide and war crimes in Bosnia, Croatia and Kosovo. Milosevic served as his own attorney for much of the prolonged trial, which ended without a verdict when the so-called "Butcher of the Balkans" was found dead at age 64 from an apparent heart attack in his prison cell on March 11, 2006.

## The State

[Disparities in COVID-19 vaccination rates emerge as DHEC reconsiders distribution model](#)

[Gold mine fined \\$100,000. Toxic air pollution found at big mine near tiny town](#)

[Former Gamecocks QB lands role with Houston Texans, according to reports](#)

[Biden's victory means US Attorney for SC McCoy likely to step down soon](#)

## Greenville News

[Opposition from neighbors set to derail \\$9 million senior housing development near Greer](#)

[Michelin, International African American Museum to bring traveling museum to Upstate](#)

[DHEC board defers decision on vaccine allocation until March](#)

[Prisma is cutting vaccine locations in half, citing uncertain and low supply](#)

## Post and Courier

[Wintry weather delays SC's COVID vaccine shipments, while DHEC delays distribution plan](#)

[Nikki Haley breaks with Donald Trump: 'We need to acknowledge he let us down'](#)

[Fountain Inn enacts animal tethering ordinance after public petition](#)

[Gov. McMaster honors historian who found remains of 19 African American Civil War soldiers](#)

## **WSJ**

[Stocks Tick Lower After S&P 500 Closes at Record High](#)

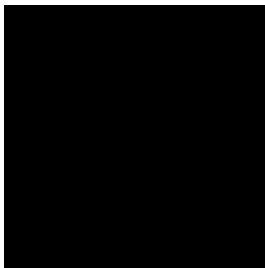
[Donald Trump Impeachment Trial Day Four: Defense to Set Out Case](#)

[Biden Says U.S. Struck Deals for 200 Million More Covid-19 Vaccine Doses](#)

[U.S. Debt on Track to Hit a Record 107% of GDP by 2031, CBO Says](#)

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[72-year-old Florence man charged with sexual exploitation of minor](#)



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## Today in History

*World chess champion Garry Kasparov loses game to computer*

On February 10, 1996, after three hours, world chess champion Garry Kasparov loses the first game of a six-game match against [Deep Blue](#), an IBM computer capable of evaluating 200 million moves per second. Man was [ultimately victorious](#) over machine, however, as Kasparov bested Deep Blue in the match with three wins and two ties and took home the \$400,000 prize. An estimated 6 million people worldwide followed the action on the internet.

## The State

[Search ends after missing girl abducted from Cayce hotel is found safe, officials say](#)

[South Carolina once took the nation's waste. A new plan could open the flow again](#)

[SC senators vote to move teachers to Phase 1A of vaccine distribution](#)

[A longtime critic of Five Points bars, Harpootlian files bill to amend SC liquor law](#)

## Greenville News

[First look: AC Hotel Greenville Downtown pays tribute to history, nature and its hometown](#)

[4 children were killed. He was charged with DUI in the wreck, and he'll serve 20 years](#)

[Greenville County Sheriff's Office and SWAT team arrest potential shooting suspect](#)

[Greenville County Schools to spend \\$38.5 million in COVID funds to help struggling students](#)

## Post and Courier

[Critics of SC abortion ban prepare for legal fight as bill nears final passage](#)

[North Charleston completes more than \\$1 million in renovations at Riverfront Park](#)

[SC hospitals pause, cancel COVID-19 vaccine appointments due to shipping delays](#)

[SC lawyers split from Charleston-area class-action firm to form rival practice](#)

## **WSJ**

[On Day Two of Trump Impeachment Trial, Democrats Lay Out Their Case](#)

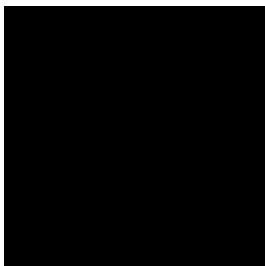
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## Today in History

### *Satchel Paige nominated to Baseball Hall of Fame*

On February 9, 1971, pitcher [Leroy "Satchel" Paige](#) becomes the first Negro League veteran to be nominated for the Baseball Hall of Fame. In August of that year, Paige, a pitching legend known for his fastball, showmanship and the longevity of his playing career, which spanned five decades, was inducted. Joe DiMaggio once called Paige "the best and fastest pitcher I've ever faced."

## The State

[SC Gov. McMaster fires agency chief for contract to her husband's employer](#)

[FBI: Columbia SC area man linked to Jan. 6 Capitol riot and Proud Boys](#)

['Only decision I could have made.' SC Rep. Rice talks impeachment, vote to censure him](#)

[Gamecock football great, first-round draft pick dies at 61](#)

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[Greenville City Council signs off on 'Shoeless' Joe Jackson Way entertainment district](#)

[2 people killed in collision near Simpsonville, but 4-year-old survives](#)

[Public can weigh in on construction, debris landfill expansion near Powdersville-Easley](#)

[It's official: Lewis Barbecue will open in Greenville at Tommy's Ham House location](#)

## Post and Courier

[Pints & Politics: Rep. Tom Rice talks impeachment, says GOP 'too tied up in this one man'](#)

[After shooting man, Columbia officer used force again and again. Now he's reassigned.](#)

[Charleston company accused of selling fake N95 masks for health workers fighting COVID-19](#)

[Democratic SC senator leaves party group over education policy disputes](#)

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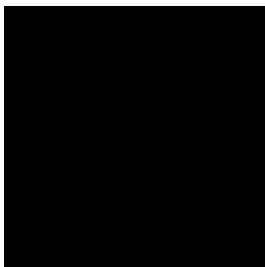
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## Today in History

### *Americans secure Guadalcanal*

On February 8, 1943, Japanese troops evacuate [Guadalcanal](#), leaving the island in Allied possession after a prolonged campaign. The American victory paved the way for other Allied wins in the Solomon Islands.

## The State

[Record-setting death toll in SC rises with over 500 new COVID-19 fatalities last week](#)

[New drive-thru site for COVID-19 vaccinations set up in Lexington County](#)

[Despite COVID, SC house sales boomed in 2020. Here's why](#)

[No lethal drugs: SC Supreme Court delays execution of 2nd death row inmate](#)

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[Greenville aims to change how the city grows in GVL 2040 plan considered by council](#)

[Suffering from COVID, Greenville venues have lost millions, but they're starting to open again](#)

[Black History Month: A look at Greenville lynching victim Ira Johnson](#)

[COVID-19 Updates: What to know Monday in Upstate SC](#)

## Post and Courier

[SC approaches 7,000 confirmed coronavirus deaths, with testing levels high](#)

[Charleston County paid new federal judge \\$216,000, raising ethics questions](#)

[Lack of diversity among SC judicial election winners angers Black lawmakers](#)

[Dominion wants SC solar users to pay more. Opponents say plan is 'industry killing.'](#)

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[Democrats Are Divided Over Biden's Coming Pick of a Top Bank Regulator](#)

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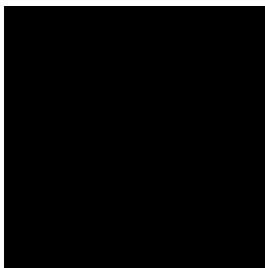
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## Today in History

*Alberto Gonzales becomes first Hispanic U.S. attorney general*

*On February 3, 2005, Alberto Gonzales wins Senate confirmation as the nation's first Hispanic attorney general despite protests over his record on torture.*

*The Senate approved his nomination on a largely party-line vote of 60-36, reflecting a split between Republicans and Democrats over whether the administration's counterterrorism policies had led to the [abuse of prisoners in Iraq](#) and elsewhere. Shortly after the Senate vote, Vice President [Dick Cheney](#) swore in Gonzales as attorney general in a small ceremony in the Roosevelt Room at the [White House](#). [President Bush](#), who was traveling, called to congratulate him.*

## The State

[Columbia extends face mask ordinance through April amid COVID-19](#)

[Leadership at last? Senators confirm candidate to run DHEC as coronavirus rages](#)

[SC teacher pay bumps head to Senate. How quickly will the legislation move through?](#)

[Company tied to pro-Trump lawyer Lin Wood buys three SC plantations worth millions](#)

## Greenville News

[As part of Greenville is 'changed completely,' some longtime residents do not feel 'unity'](#)

[Greer mask making company: One good mask is plenty to help fight COVID-19 spread](#)

['I mean, it's better than no class at all': Clemson laments pandemic's impact on education](#)

[COVID-19 updates: A look at Wednesday's coronavirus news](#)

## Post and Courier

[Citadel students learn history behind building the International African American Museum](#)

[North Charleston rave that drew 500 people approved by state, criticized by locals](#)

[US Rep. Tom Rice's SC GOP colleagues offer limited support after impeachment vote](#)

[SC firm eyes rights to potential COVID-19 vaccine](#)

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[Senate Democrats Reach Power-Sharing Deal With Republicans](#)

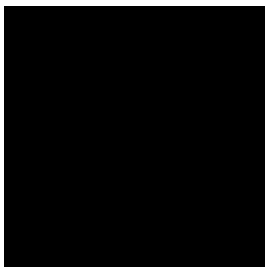
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## Today in History

### First Groundhog Day

On February 2, 1887, [Groundhog Day](#), featuring a rodent meteorologist, is celebrated for the first time at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, [Pennsylvania](#). According to tradition, if a groundhog comes out of its hole on this day and sees its shadow, it gets scared and runs back into its burrow, predicting six more weeks of winter weather; no shadow means an early spring.

## The State

[‘The fire is raging.’ How Lexington recovery center helps young people break addiction](#)

[SC may borrow half a billion dollars to expand rail access at Charleston port](#)

[Milton Kimpson, from the cotton farm to top aide to Gov. Riley, dies at 90](#)

[SC Gov. McMaster wants to expand COVID-19 vaccine access to people 65 and older](#)

## Greenville News

[Greenville native and former presidential candidate Jesse Jackson hospitalized](#)

[Grand jury delayed until March for Easley man accused of making explosives](#)

[Three communities show how government actions perpetuate racism in our towns](#)

[Former Byrnes coach, USC assistant Bobby Bentley reportedly joining South Florida staff](#)

## Post and Courier

[Myrtle Beach lawyer suspended by SC Supreme Court after domestic violence arrest](#)

[Charleston cites 21 restaurants for mask violations, including 7 certified as safe by state](#)

[DHEC to examine priorities for COVID-19 vaccine phases as SC logs over 200 more deaths](#)

[Some SC seniors face significant tech hurdles during COVID-19 vaccine rollout](#)

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[House Democrats Make Case for Convicting Trump](#)

[Auto Makers Abandon Effort to Challenge California on Emissions Rules](#)

[Prosecutors Home In on Capitol Rioters Who Faced Off With Police](#)

[Officer Who Shot Capitol Rioter Ashli Babbitt Shouldn't Be Charged, Investigators Advise](#)

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[Rep. Wilson visits North Augusta, mentions lock and dam issue](#)

[SC attorney general endorses Florence City Council candidate Robby Hill](#)

[Pelion man arrested on charges related to the sexual exploitation of a minor](#)



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## Today in History

### *Oxford Dictionary debuts*

February 1, 1884: The first portion, or fascicle, of the Oxford English Dictionary (OED), considered the most comprehensive and accurate dictionary of the English language, is published. Today, the [OED](#) is the definitive authority on the meaning, pronunciation and history of over half a million English words, past and present.

## The State

[Four Columbia SC lawyers, Raleigh lawyer leave Trump's impeachment team](#)

[SC's deadliest week ends with more than 2,600 new cases of COVID-19 reported Sunday](#)

[Columbia vertical farm uses technology to cut plastic pollution and boost sustainability](#)

[Two Lexington County drug busts net almost 100 lbs. of marijuana, police say](#)

## Greenville News

[Bill to create FOIA review office would withhold police dashcam video from public in SC](#)

[Questions remain after woman was found dead in Greenville following release from jail](#)

[Black History Month: Who are Greenville's lynching victims?](#)

[Former U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy to host new Fox News Primetime show week of Feb. 1](#)

## Post and Courier

[Doorway to unity: Hanahan downtown revitalization project brings community together](#)

[Charleston Confederate monument spray painted with 'BLM,' police investigating](#)

[Proposed law could bar SC 1st responders from using ketamine to incapacitate suspects](#)

[Rep. Russell Fry explores challenging SC GOP-censured Tom Rice for congressional seat](#)

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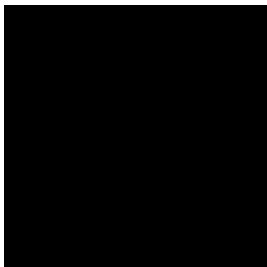
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## Today in History

*U.S. Baseball Hall of Fame elects first members*

On January 29, 1936, the U.S. Baseball Hall of Fame elects its first members in Cooperstown, [New York](#): Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Christy Matthewson and Walter Johnson.

## The State

[Four Columbia SC lawyers now make up core of Trump's impeachment defense team](#)

[‘He’ll be back,’ sheriff said of SC deputy hospitalized with COVID. He died days later](#)

[SC Senate passes ‘fetal heartbeat’ abortion ban bill after female members decry it](#)

[Backlash, rebuke and disinformation: Grand Strand GOP reeling after riot, impeachment](#)

## Greenville News

[3 killed in less than a month in wrecks with garbage trucks in Greenville County](#)

[Greenville pilot missed the runway in Columbia crash, according to NTSB](#)

[Here's what to know about COVID-19 Friday in the Upstate](#)

[South Africa COVID-19 variant found in South Carolina, first in the country](#)

## Post and Courier

[430 trees removed in Charleston County as feds try to control invasive beetle](#)

[Murder rates rise by 230 percent in Horry County, HCPD chief says](#)

[State lawmakers are pushing to curb governors' virus powers](#)

[SC confirms over 200 new coronavirus deaths as state nears 4.8M tests](#)

## WSJ

[GameStop and AMC Soar as Robinhood Restarts Trades](#)

[J&J Covid-19 Vaccine Was 66% Effective in Late-Stage Study](#)

[Suspected Russian Hack Extends Far Beyond SolarWinds Software, Investigators Say](#)

[McKinsey Is in Settlement Talks With States Over Opioid Work](#)

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[Editorial: Reversal of Harrison corruption conviction should prompt legislative action](#)

[Uber launches educational video for drivers to spot signs of human trafficking in SC](#)



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## Today in History

### *Auschwitz is liberated*

On January 27, 1945, Soviet troops enter [Auschwitz](#), Poland, freeing the survivors of the network of concentration camps—and finally revealing to the world the [depth of the horrors](#) perpetrated there.

## The State

[SC GOP infighting over exceptions dominates debate on ‘fetal heartbeat’ abortion bill](#)

[Biden just renewed a ban on evictions. Here’s what that means for South Carolina](#)

[Santee Cooper sale remains in play, but that won’t stop SC House from seeking reforms](#)

[Here’s how DHEC plans to ration COVID-19 vaccine doses in SC](#)

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[Vaccines. Variants. Locked out of class. Clemson tackles COVID during the spring semester](#)

[Lawsuit alleging sexual assault by Greenville restaurateur Rick Erwin has been dismissed](#)

[Greenville County lawmaker opposes hate crimes bill in SC, among only 3 states without law](#)

[‘We just want our baby back’: 3-year-old girl’s body remains with coroner pending hearing](#)

## Post and Courier

[Charleston mayor touts new flooding partnership in state of the city speech](#)

[SC Senate begins debate on abortion ban bill, adds exceptions for rape or incest](#)

[Boeing reports record loss in 2020, last quarter brought down by SC-made 787 issues](#)

[SC event organizers suing Patriots Point for calling off sold-out New Year’s Eve party](#)

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[Biden to Rescind Curbs on Asylum Policy Enacted by Trump](#)

[Shape-Shifting Virus Threatens Cycles of Illness, Lockdowns](#)

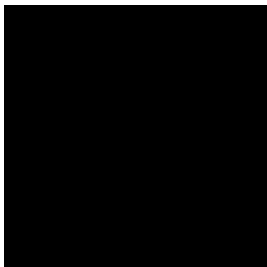
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## Today in History

### British settlement begins in Australia

*On January 26, 1788, Captain Arthur Phillip guides a fleet of 11 British ships carrying convicts to the colony of New South Wales, effectively founding Australia. After overcoming a period of hardship, the fledgling colony began to celebrate the anniversary of this date with great fanfare and it eventually became commemorated as Australia Day. In recent times, Australia Day has become increasingly controversial as it marks the start of when the continent's Indigenous people were gradually dispossessed of their land as white colonization spread across the continent.*

## The State

[Who will run against SC Gov. McMaster? 2022 race could see congressman, ex-opponent](#)

[Columbia attorney Deborah Barbier tapped for Trump's impeachment defense trial team](#)

[Santee Cooper approves \\$2M settlement in final VC Summer nuclear project lawsuit](#)

['Time is of the essence.' SC House to consider COVID-19 vaccine funding bill](#)

## Greenville News

[Emails show fight between Greenville County Schools, Upstate hospitals on COVID-19 advice](#)

[Holiday COVID-19 surge nearly doubled South Carolina's total cases, accounted for a third of deaths](#)

['System failed' 3-year-old Simpsonville girl who died in abuse case, family member says](#)

[Greenville man charged with impersonating DEA officer](#)

## Post and Courier

[Charleston will spend \\$200K to house homeless in historic district hotel](#)

[SC teachers seek priority for vaccine as legislators fast-track bill to speed up shots](#)

[Objects in John C. Calhoun Monument time capsule are likely in decay, experts believe](#)

[As SC decided COVID-19 vaccine priorities, businesses jockeyed for a place in line](#)

## **WSJ**

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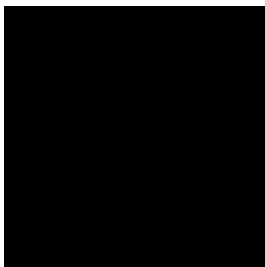
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## Today in History

### World's largest diamond found

*On January 25, 1905, at the Premier Mine in Pretoria, South Africa, a 3,106-carat diamond is discovered during a routine inspection by the mine's superintendent. Weighing 1.33 pounds, and christened the "Cullinan," it was the largest diamond ever found.*

## The State

[DHEC board, not agency health experts, to have last say on COVID vaccine allocations](#)

[Biden issued new mask mandates. Here's what SC residents need to know](#)

[Displeased with vaccine rollout, SC senators ask governor to name COVID logistics czar](#)

[SC set aside millions for small and minority-owned businesses. Here's where it went](#)

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[SC students saw biggest drops in elementary math scores because of COVID-19](#)

[Army Corps handing over some Upstate parks to Clemson, Pickens, Anderson governments](#)

[SC turns focus to assuring COVID-19 vaccine availability](#)

[SC senators nearing debate on abortion bill with no rape or incest exception](#)

## Post and Courier

[Everyone hated the new South Carolina flag design. Here is the 2nd attempt.](#)

[Woman fights Harvard over rights to nude SC images of her enslaved ancestors](#)

[McMaster called on lawmakers to eliminate income tax for military retirees. Can it happen?](#)

[Hospitals are now required to share their prices. Many in SC aren't yet complying.](#)

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[Moderna Developing Vaccine Booster Shot Against Virus Strain First Identified in South Africa](#)

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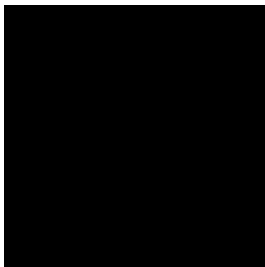
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[For Wars of the Future, Pentagon Looks to Distant Past: The B-52](#)

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## Today in History

*1998 January 22*

*Ted Kaczynski pleads guilty to bombings*

*In a Sacramento, California, courtroom, [Theodore J. Kaczynski](#) pleads guilty to all federal charges against him, acknowledging his responsibility for a 17-year campaign of package bombings attributed to the "[Unabomber](#)."*

## The State

[Lawmakers want to increase number of SC Supreme Court justices](#)

[SC attorney Butch Bowers to represent Trump in Senate impeachment trial](#)

[Over bourbon, former SC senators launch new political podcast](#)

[After a slow rollout, SC lawmakers prepare to spend \\$208M on COVID-19 vaccine efforts](#)

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[Easley man charged with having explosives wanted to kill president, detective says](#)

[Records: Clemson bar investigated in COVID gathering case had liquor violations](#)

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[Prepared for violent protests in Columbia, police saw peace instead. Here's why, they say.](#)

[Charleston police ID officer who opened fire during chase](#)

[Video shows beating of man on Charleston's East Side](#)

[Backlash for Lexington cafe after owner went to DC protest. How do others handle politics?](#)

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## Today in History

*President Carter pardons draft dodgers*

On January 21, 1977, U.S. President [Jimmy Carter](#) grants an unconditional pardon to hundreds of thousands of men who evaded [the draft](#) during the [Vietnam War](#).

## The State

[Benjamin among mayors urging Congress to pass Biden's massive COVID relief plan](#)

[Group conspired to kill before fatal nightclub shooting, SC police say](#)

[As coronavirus rages, senators ask: Why has DHEC chief not faced screening panel?](#)

[Shane Beamer goes with veteran OL coach as final Gamecock assistant, reports say](#)

## Greenville News

[Easley man appears in court on charges of unlawful transportation of explosive materials](#)

[Vice President Kamala Harris showcases South Carolina designer on Inauguration Day](#)

[COVID-19 updates: Thursday's pandemic news to note](#)

[Simpsonville man and woman charged with homicide by child abuse in 3-year-old's death](#)

## Post and Courier

[References to South Carolina spotted at Biden's inauguration with fashion, music and more](#)

[McMaster has issued 21 emergency orders since COVID began. Lawmakers want to change that.](#)

[Clyburn says ex-President George W. Bush told him he's 'the savior' for endorsing Biden](#)

[2 South Carolinians start jobs in President Biden's new administration](#)

## **WSJ**

[Biden's Agenda Faces Early Hurdles With a Divided Senate](#)

[U.S. Unemployment Claims Remained Elevated Last Week](#)

[Covid-19 Has Nearly Wiped Out the Flu—How Do We Keep It From Coming Back?](#)

[Facebook Refers Trump Account Suspension to Oversight Board](#)

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[South Carolina Supreme Court Refuses To Rule On Controversial 'Corporate Integrity Agreements'](#)

[SC Supreme Court reverses misconduct conviction against ex-lawmaker in Statehouse probe](#)

[SC Supreme Court upholds perjury conviction and prison sentence of ex-Rep. Harrison](#)

[Greenwood Co. man arrested for distribution of child sexual abuse material, says SC Attorney General](#)

[Greenwood man arrested on child sexual abuse material charges](#)

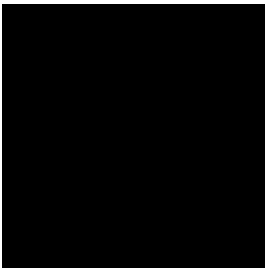
[Divided SC Supreme Court rebukes Statehouse probe prosecutor](#)

[Ladson Man Accused Of Soliciting Child For Sex](#)

[Ladson man, 66, arrested for criminal solicitation of a minor](#)

[Notice of appeal filed in lock and dam case which impacts North Augusta's riverfront](#)

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## Today in History

*1981 January 20*

*Iran Hostage Crisis ends*

Minutes after [Ronald Reagan's inauguration](#) as the 40th president of the United States, the 52 U.S. captives held at the U.S. embassy in Teheran, Iran, are released, ending the 444-day [Iran Hostage Crisis](#).

## The State

[Trump's final pardons include clemency for four from South Carolina](#)

[Midlands sheriff hospitalized with COVID-19 says he's very sick](#)

[Ryan Hilinski announces transfer to Big Ten program](#)

[Notorious Columbia killer dies in state prison of COVID-19 complications](#)

## Greenville News

[Trump pardons include former Greenville police officer involved in drug scheme](#)

[SC lawmaker fights COVID measures and mask rule he calls 'test vote' for state mandate](#)

[Despite moratorium, some South Carolinians still face eviction](#)

[Inmate pleads guilty after accusation he tried to hire hitman to kill witness, prosecutor](#)

## Post and Courier

[SC families can't get death certificates. Now bodies are waiting at some funeral homes.](#)

[Veteran SC public school teacher, 59, dies of COVID-19 complications in Florence](#)

[Dorchester shutters courthouse for Inauguration Day, local police report no threats](#)

[Hundreds of Charleston teachers don't support push for online-only learning, survey finds](#)

## **WSJ**

[President Trump Departs Washington Ahead of Biden's Inauguration](#)

[Biden's First-Day Orders Will Include Mask Mandate, Blocking Keystone Pipeline](#)

[Slow Covid Vaccine Distribution Adds to Tokyo Olympics Woes](#)

[High Court Weighs FCC Rollback of Restrictions on Media Ownership](#)

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## Today in History

*Edgar Allan Poe is born*

On January 19, 1809, poet, author and literary critic [Edgar Allan Poe](#) is born in Boston, [Massachusetts](#).

## The State

[Health leader: Vaccine amounts SC receiving from feds 'not sufficient' to meet demand](#)

[FBI charges South Carolina man in connection with Jan. 6 Capitol riot](#)

[SC Republicans banked on Trump. After Capitol riot, will they leave him behind?](#)

[Check your tickets: Another \\$100K lotto winner sold at Columbia's Jimmy's Mart](#)

## Greenville News

[Gov. McMaster said there will be enough vaccine for 'anyone who wants it' in SC](#)

[South Carolina surpasses 350K confirmed COVID-19 cases](#)

[Greenville's county courthouse has been cleared after suspicious package investigation](#)

[Easley man arrested on explosives charge after FBI searches home](#)

## Post and Courier

[Summerville veterans club honors Black WWII veteran with gravestone decades after death](#)

[While marijuana remains illegal in SC, MUSC will survey cancer patients about pot use](#)

[SC students eligible for funds aimed at building pipeline of civil rights lawyers in South](#)

[McMaster threatens SC hospitals with order if they do not speed COVID-19 vaccinations](#)

## WSJ

[Trump Weighs Many Pardons on Final Day of Presidency](#)

[Biden Rejects Trump's Push to Lift Covid-19 Travel Restrictions](#)

[Biden's Defense Nominee Faces Dual Challenge at Confirmation Hearing](#)

[Prosecutors Credited Boeing for Compliance, Organizational Reforms](#)

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[Lawsuit filed over S.C. deputies' shooting of 15-year-old](#)

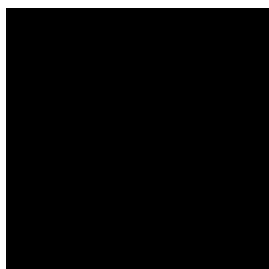
[Group from North Augusta delivers 170 letters to South Carolina lawmakers calling for removal of Meriwether Monument](#)

[Bailey: Trump's South Carolina enablers need to own what they helped break](#)

[SCAG: Charleston man arrested for criminal solicitation of a minor](#)

[Here's everything SC's GOP congressmen said to perpetuate false election fraud narrative](#)

[SRS neighbors will benefit if plutonium money is handled separately, Gov. McMaster says](#)



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## Today in History

*Albert Schweitzer born*

*The theologian, musician, philosopher and Nobel Prize-winning physician Albert Schweitzer is born on January 14, 1875 in Upper-Alsace, Germany (now Haut-Rhin, France).*

## The State

[SC Gov. McMaster calls for unity hours after Trump impeached for role in Capitol riot](#)

[Gov. McMaster 'failed to lead' SC on COVID-19, senator says in Democrats' response](#)

[SLED: Midlands SC deputy charged after breaking man's jaw, knocking him out in arrest](#)

[Projects totaling about \\$7.2M will restore Lexington ponds. Here are development plans](#)

## Greenville News

[University of South Carolina investigating if student took part in Capitol insurrection](#)

[The Greenville News sues Greenville County Schools over personnel records](#)

[Trump impeachment: SC Republican explains his vote to impeach the president](#)

[Health officials urge public to adhere to guidelines, asks for patience with vaccine rollout](#)

## Post and Courier

[Nikki Haley starts PAC as her expected 2024 White House bid takes shape](#)

[In a stunner, SC GOP Rep. Tom Rice votes to impeach President Trump after Capitol riot](#)

[Columbia officials address concerns in Black community as COVID-19 vaccine rollout begins](#)

[On 1st day of COVID-19 vaccine's availability, mostly frustration for SC seniors](#)



## WSJ

[President Trump Impeached by the House for Second Time](#)

[Sedition Laws Give Prosecutors Powerful Tool for Pro-Trump Capitol Riot](#)

[SolarWinds Hack Leaves Market-Sensitive Labor Data Intact, Scalia Says](#)

[Former Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder Charged With Willful Neglect of Duty Over Flint Water Crisis](#)

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[South Carolina AG faces complaint alleging he backed an election results lawsuit](#)

[SC justices accuse attorney of dodging questions in challenge to civil forfeiture law](#)

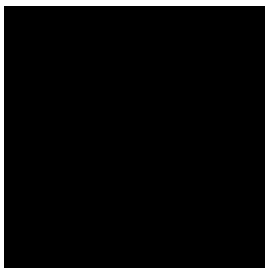
[Lowcountry Human Trafficking Task Force holds special event](#)

[Alan Wilson signs letter condemning Jan. 6 'riot'](#)

[More support needed to fight human trafficking in South Carolina, annual report says](#)

[SC human trafficking annual report released](#)

[SC Attorney General Alan Wilson joins AG coalition in condemning attack on U.S. Capitol](#)



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## Today in History

*[Pope recognizes Knights Templar](#)*

*On January 13, 1128, Pope Honorius II grants a papal sanction to the military order known as the [Knights Templar](#), declaring it to be an army of God.*

## The State

[Columbia Mayor Benjamin says city is prepping for any protests ahead of inauguration](#)

[SC House members want to hear from more possible buyers for Santee Cooper](#)

[Remember the SC Senate filibuster on education? Senators OK rule to prevent that](#)

[In 'extraordinary times' DHEC is looking to hire at least 150 to help vaccine rollout](#)

## Greenville News

[DHEC wasn't ready to take COVID vaccine appointments, but it is now, official says](#)

[Greenville lawmakers applaud activist who demands Joe Biden be dismissed as 'illegitimate'](#)

[COVID-19 dealt a blow to Greenville's Main Street, but optimism prevails for new business](#)

[Greenville County Schools to resume extracurricular activities, performances](#)

## Post and Courier

[Charleston Council decries those who incite hate but deletes mention of white nationalism](#)

[Horry County police officer dies after being struck while clearing debris from roadway](#)

[DHEC to newly eligible seniors: Don't expect to get a COVID vaccine soon](#)

[Charleston's African American Museum to feature \\$1.7M in tech donated by Sony](#)

## WSJ

[House Set to Impeach Trump Again, With GOP Support](#)

[FBI Has Opened Over 160 Cases Tied to Pro-Trump Capitol Riot](#)

[Lawmakers Were Feet and Seconds Away From Confrontation With the Mob in the Capitol](#)

[Lisa Montgomery Is Executed After Supreme Court Clears Way](#)

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[Complaint filed against SC AG Alan Wilson, alleging he helped incite Capitol riot](#)

[Editorial: Wilson should resign from Republican Attorneys General Association](#)

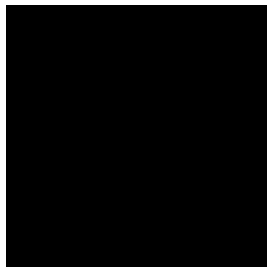
[SC Attorney General Wilson faces disciplinary complaint over supporting election lawsuit](#)

[Annual report shows latest trends in the fight against human trafficking](#)

[South Carolina AG Alan Wilson faces complaint over election challenge](#)

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[Hicks: Wilson's protests about stirring protesters draws cries of 'You lie'](#)



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## Today in History

### Massive earthquake strikes Haiti

*On January 12, 2010, Haiti is devastated by a massive earthquake. It drew an outpouring of support from around the globe but the small nation has yet to fully recover. On January 12, 2010, Haiti is devastated by a massive earthquake. It drew an outpouring of support from around the globe but the small nation has yet to fully recover.*

## The State

[SC law enforcement agencies warned of possible armed protests before Biden swearing-in](#)

[Hopeful for a vaccine, USC begins spring semester amid coronavirus pandemic](#)

[Spurred by 'deadly December,' Richland County tallied more murders in 2020 than 2019](#)

[His dad's on death row for 3 murders. It set a then-SC boy on a new path: to find God](#)

## Greenville News

[Here's why you should care about Lockheed Martin's \\$900 million contract in Greenville](#)

[SLED spokesman: FBI warns of possible 'armed protests' in Columbia, S.C.'s capital city](#)

[Weekend concert at downtown Clemson bar spurs legal action from city, citing COVID fears](#)

[As Pickens County and Easley COVID numbers keep rising, city policy unchanged](#)

## Post and Courier

[COVID-19 vaccines, new infections are pushing SC toward herd immunity by fall, experts say](#)

[Berkeley County's new forensics building will help Sheriff's Office solve crimes](#)

[Vaccines, in-person learning and boosting business part of COVID-themed legislative session](#)

[SC lawmakers take some safety precautions, debate others for mid-pandemic session](#)

## **WSJ**

[Republicans Weigh Trump Censure, Impeachment](#)

[Biden's Inauguration Planners Step Up Security After Capitol Riot](#)

[Parler, a Platform Favored by Trump Fans, Struggles for Survival](#)

[Coronavirus Vaccine Should Be Given to Anyone Over 65, Health Officials Expected to Urge](#)

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[SC's AG Alan Wilson: Biden is legitimate, Pence had no power to overturn election](#)

[SC Attorney General Wilson disavows robocall that invited 'patriots' to DC rally-turned-riot](#)

[SC report reviews challenging year in fight against human trafficking](#)

[Republican AGs group leader quits over call pushing protest](#)

[AG: Charleston County remains in top 5 counties for human trafficking in South Carolina](#)

[AG Alan Wilson releases SC Human Trafficking Task Force's 2020 report](#)

[Horry County ranks No. 1 – again – for human trafficking reports in the state](#)

[Upstate restaurant giving back to those impacted by human trafficking](#)

[SC Attorney General Alan Wilson: More data draws clearer picture of human trafficking](#)

[Two charged in sex material cases](#)

[SC Human Trafficking annual report shows changes in Top 5 counties](#)

[Greenville, Anderson counties among top 5 for reported human trafficking in SC](#)

[SC Attorney General Wilson releases 2020 Human Trafficking Task Force data](#)

[SC Human Trafficking Annual Report: Alan Wilson Announces Top 5 Counties](#)

[AG Alan Wilson releases SC Human Trafficking Task Force Annual Report](#)

[South Carolina AG releases 2020 Human Trafficking annual report](#)

['I would 100% do it again': Local business owner recalls experience during riot at Capitol Hill](#)



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## Today in History

### *Crazy Horse fights last battle*

On January 8, 1877, Oglala Lakota warrior [Crazy Horse](#) and his men—outnumbered, low on ammunition and forced to use outdated weapons to defend themselves—fight their final losing battle against the U.S. Cavalry in [Montana](#).

Six months earlier, in the [Battle of the Little Bighorn](#), Crazy Horse and his ally, [Sitting Bull](#), led their combined forces of Sioux and Cheyenne to a stunning victory over Lieutenant Colonel George Custer (1839-76) and his men. The Native Americans were resisting the U.S. government's efforts to force them back to their reservations. After Custer and over 200 of his soldiers were killed in the conflict, later dubbed "[Custer's Last Stand](#)," the American public wanted revenge. As a result, the U.S. Army launched a winter campaign in 1876-77, led by General Nelson Miles (1839-1925), against the remaining tribes on the Northern Plains.

## The State

[Graham says mob was 'domestic terrorists,' president's actions were the problem](#)

[Federal prosecutors to investigate any SC ties to rioters' storming of US Capitol](#)

[COVID vaccine roll out slowed by red tape, hospitals say. DHEC urged to make changes.](#)

[SC's Clyburn supports impeaching Trump after Capitol riot, reversing previous stance](#)

## Greenville News

[COVID-19 has now killed 1 in 1,000 South Carolinians, case numbers remain high](#)

[For Clemson students reported for breaking COVID-19 rules, only 1% are investigated](#)

[Upstate farmer, former deputy chief of Capitol Police, fought urge to drive to D.C. to help](#)

[Duncan, Timmons and 3 other SC congressmen voted to object to Electoral College results](#)



## **Post and Courier**

[Nancy Mace's first 100 hours in Congress: threats, violence and challenging Trump](#)

[As security upgraded at SC Statehouse, top legislators say they're not worried about safety](#)

[Boeing charged with criminal conspiracy, to pay \\$2.5B for 737 Max coverup](#)

[Beamer quickly replaces Mike Bobo as Gamecocks' offensive coordinator](#)

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[After Capitol Riot, Resignations and Calls for Trump's Removal](#)

['In a Dark Place': Before Condemning Violence, Trump Spent Day Increasingly Isolated and Angry](#)

[Actions by Police Before Trump Supporters Attacked Capitol Backfired Spectacularly](#)

[U.S. Lost 140,000 Jobs in December](#)

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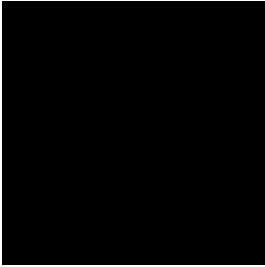
[Horry County man faces more than a dozen child sexual exploitation charges](#)

[Anderson man sentenced to prison for sharing child porn](#)

[Anderson Co. man sentenced for possession of child sexual abuse material](#)

[Port, attorney general file labor complaint with NLRB](#)

[Murrells Inlet man facing up to 140 years in prison for sexual exploitation of a minor](#)



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## Today in History

### First U.S. presidential election

Congress sets January 7, 1789 as the date by which states are required to choose electors for the country's first-ever presidential election. A month later, on February 4, [George Washington](#) was elected president by state electors and sworn into office on April 30, 1789.

## The State

[After US Capitol breach, some SC Republicans doubled down on objections to Biden win](#)

[SC's Mick Mulvaney leaves Trump administration post after mob breaks into Capitol](#)

[Another top-level staffer leaving DHEC as coronavirus rages](#)

[Rapper 'Dank Frank' sentenced for setting fire to McMaster's rental home near USC](#)

## Greenville News

[Lindsey Graham says 'enough': SC reps are safe but 4 die as Trump supporters riot](#)

[Clemson gets pressure from state, federal levels for transparency for discontinuing men's track](#)

[Thousands of SC college students' COVID tests not counted in local reporting statistics](#)

[Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence makes it official: He's turning pro](#)

## Post and Courier

[SC's Lindsey Graham rips GOP effort to block Biden after Capitol swarm: 'Enough is enough'](#)

[To speed COVID vaccine rollout, DHEC asks eligible workers to call their nearest hospital](#)

[SC 'to see a big surge coming up' in coronavirus cases after holidays, MUSC expert warns](#)

[Charleston ports agency files complaint against labor union over Leatherman Terminal jobs](#) (not a word about us)

## **WSJ**

[Trump Agrees to Orderly Transfer of Power to Biden After Capitol Riots](#)

[Capitol Police Weren't Prepared for Rioters, Authorities Say](#)

[Georgia Senate Wins by Democrats Followed Years of Party Organizing](#)

[U.S. Trade Deficit Widest Since 2006 in November](#)

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[‘Stop this now.’ SC Republican leaders sound off as pro-Trump rioters breach Capitol](#)

[Union man arrested on sexual exploitation of minor charges](#)



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## Today in History

### *Samuel Morse demonstrates the telegraph*

On January 6, 1838, Samuel Morse's telegraph system is demonstrated for the first time at the Speedwell Iron Works in Morristown, [New Jersey](#). The telegraph, a device which used electric impulses to transmit encoded messages over a wire, would eventually revolutionize long-distance communication, reaching the height of its popularity in the 1920s and 1930s.

## The State

[Tired of driving through road work on I-20 in Lexington? Completion date announced](#)

[Walmart, SC environmentalists are pushing back on Dominion electric rate hike request](#)

[About 300 Richland Co. property tax payments mailed in early November were stolen](#)

[Infant dies months after shooting that also killed Midlands man and 2 sons, cops say](#)

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[SC to get nearly \\$1 billion for K-12 education in latest round of federal coronavirus aid](#)

[SC congressmen join GOP effort to oppose Biden election results, but not Sen. Tim Scott](#)

[As coronavirus cases continue to surge in South Carolina, here's the latest Wednesday](#)

[Clemson professor seeks to tell stories of 604 people buried in unmarked graves on campus](#)

## Post and Courier

[Charleston police release disciplinary history for 5 officers involved in fatal shooting](#)

[McMaster: SC workers eligible for vaccine need to sign up or 'go to the back of the line'](#)

[SC largely forgot one of its founding fathers. Now leaders want to honor Joseph Rainey.](#)

[Clemson's Trevor Lawrence finishes second in Heisman Trophy voting](#)

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[Biden's Electoral College Win Challenged by Trump Allies in Congress](#)

[Authorities Probe Threat of Attack on U.S. Capitol](#)

[Jacob Blake Shooting: Kenosha Officer Won't Be Charged](#)

[Alabama Receiver DeVonta Smith Wins the Heisman Trophy](#)

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## Today in History

### *Triangle Shirtwaist fire kills 146 in New York City*

In one of the darkest moments of America's industrial history, the [Triangle Shirtwaist Company](#) factory in [New York City](#) burns down, killing 146 workers, on March 25, 1911. The tragedy led to the development of a series of laws and regulations that better protected the safety of factory workers.

## The State

[Former USC student sues, alleges professor exploited her PTSD to sexually harass her](#)

[Fearful of federal 'gun grabs,' lawmakers seek to use SC militia law](#)

[Competitors blast 'unfair' deal to bring California wine giant to Chester County](#)

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[Columbia Housing Authority selling troubled shopping center for half of construction price](#)

[SC bill would crack down on plastic pellet spills](#)

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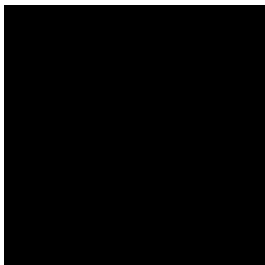
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*[Wells and Fargo start shipping and banking company](#)*

On March 18, 1852, in [New York City](#), Henry Wells and William G. Fargo join with several other investors to launch their namesake business, today one of the world's largest banks.

## The State

[‘Lady Tank’ going to prison for helping run teen sex trafficking ring in Lexington](#)

[Events canceled, schools and businesses affected by severe weather forecast](#)

[SC mayor ‘reluctantly’ resigns due to COVID-related health issues](#)

[Tornadoes, hail, strong wind expected in South Carolina on Thursday. Here’s the latest](#)

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[Study finds South Carolina has one of the worst wage gaps among other states](#)

[Almost a quarter of S.C. residents have started COVID vaccine, appointments still tricky to find](#)

[Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport hotel plans revived after COVID delay](#)

[Here's what to know about COVID-19 in the Upstate on Thursday](#)

## Post and Courier

[Citadel cadet charged in Capitol riot booted from school Republican club, remains a student](#)

[USC basketball great Art Whisnant, grandfather of Dustin Johnson, dies](#)

[Former Clemson star Deshaun Watson sued for alleged sexual assaults](#)

[‘Open carry with training’ gun bill passes SC House over police objections](#)

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[Dafuskie Island man arrested after being accused of sexual exploitation of a minor](#)

[New development in case of Florence man accused of human trafficking charges](#)

[Attorney General Alan Wilson Urges Feds to Respect State's Ability to Cut Taxes](#)

[SC Attorney General Sends Remaining ProbeGate Cases To Upstate Solicitor](#)

[S Carolina Budget Writer: Wait to Spend \\$2.1B COVID Relief](#) (AP story picked up nationwide)

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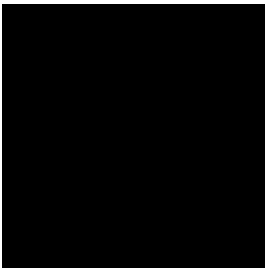
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Hi Jerry,

The first sentence is the opinion of unnamed “Republican critics and law enforcement officials” and is not in our news release, so I can’t speak to that. All of this deal with a news release we sent out about our signing onto this letter to President Biden.

We’ve also been contacted by some national “fact checkers” who say President Biden did not “cancel” Operation Talon. They say it was only postponed, not canceled, and say that President Biden didn’t make the decision to postpone “Operation Talon,” an operator-level staffer in Immigration and Customs Enforcement made the decision. We responded that regardless of who made the decision, it was approved by the Biden Administration, and whether Operation Talon was postponed or canceled the bottom line is the same—convicted sex offenders who are in the country unlawfully will not be removed. Besides, the letter from the attorneys general never says that President Biden made the decision but it does ask him to take action to reverse it.

Below is a link to our news release. At the bottom of it is a link to the actual letter, so you can read see for yourself.

<http://www.scag.gov/archives/42044>

Thanks,

Robert

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## **SC opposes Biden’s sex crimes action**

### **Alien sex criminal project cancelled**

President Joe Biden’s #1 mission is to undo everything the Trump administration did.

That's the assessment of Republican critics and law enforcement officials.

They say Biden cancelled Operation Talon, a program to remove convicted sex offenders in the US illegally does not make sense, Republican critics and law enforcement officials say.

SC Attorney General Alan Wilson joined a coalition of 18 state attorneys general to urge the new president to reverse his cancellation

"We're working hard to fight human trafficking and sex crimes in South Carolina and allowing convicted sex offenders who are here illegally to remain in our country makes absolutely no sense," Wilson said.

"These trafficking and sex crimes are repugnant to human decency generally and to children specifically."

Lexington Police caught a couple trafficking children.

"Tank" Woodward, 33, has been sentenced to 25 years in federal prison.

His accomplice "Lady Tank" Cuyler, 26, will be sentenced this month.

The attorneys general wrote Biden, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and Acting Director of ICE Tae Johnson that canceling Operation Talon could encourage sexual predators.

"The United States' population of illegal immigrants includes disturbingly large numbers of criminals with prior convictions for sexual crimes," the letter reads.

"According to data collected by Syracuse University's Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse ... from October 2014 to May 2018 ICE arrested 19,572 illegal aliens with criminal convictions for whom the most serious prior

conviction was a conviction for a sex-related offense.

“An increasing number of illegal aliens are entering the United States after having been previously convicted of sexual offenses.

“The cancellation of [Operation Talon] effectively broadcasts to the world that the United States is now a sanctuary jurisdiction for sexual predators.

“This message creates a perverse incentive for foreign sexual predators to seek to enter the United States illegally and assault more victims, both in the process of unlawful migration and after they arrive.

“It will also broadcast the message to other criminal aliens who have committed other offenses that any kind of robust enforcement against them is unlikely.

“If the United States will not remove even convicted sex offenders, whom will it remove?” the letter asks.

The attorneys general who signed the letter including Wilson are in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and West Virginia.

**Jerry Bellune**

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Hi everyone, and Happy Friday!

Here's a look at some of the stories about our work this week. It's been another busy one.

Thank you for all you do and I hope you have a great weekend!

Robert



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Good morning.

I hope this email finds you well and healthy. My name is Caroline Monahan, and I am part of the Reuters Fact Check team, which helps debunk disinformation circulating on social media ([www.reuters.com/fact-check](http://www.reuters.com/fact-check)).

Recent viral social media posts falsely claim that President Biden canceled ICE's Operation Talon, an operation planned in the final weeks of the Trump administration that was aimed at deporting non-citizen sexual offenders (example [here](#)).

Many of the posts include a link to an article on a website called "Human Events" with the headline "Biden cancels Trump's 'Operation Talon' Program that Targeted Sex Offenders Living in U.S. Illegally" ([here](#)). That article references ABC 4 News reporting ([here](#)) on Attorney General Wilson joining a coalition of "18 state attorneys general in urging Biden's administration to reverse their cancellation of Operation Talon" ([here](#)).

We have received comments from ICE that definitively negate what the reports above claims. An official from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) told Reuters via email that Operation Talon was not cancelled, but postponed, and that the logistical decision to delay the schedule was made by operator-level officers, not the Biden administration or DHS leadership. The DHS representative explained that Operation Talon is part of a larger and longstanding initiative known as Operation SOAR ("Sex Offender Alien Removal"), which is still ongoing ([here](#)).

Fellow fact-checking organizations Snopes ([here](#)) and PolitiFact ([here](#)) have already debunked the claim that the Biden administration decided to cancel the operation.

Reuters is seeking comment from your office on the following:

- By signing the letter linked above, was AG Wilson claiming that ICE's internal decision to postpone Operation Talon was made by Pres. Biden?
- Does AG Wilson stand by ABC 4's reporting that the letter he signed was intended to urge "Biden's administration to reverse their cancellation of Operation Talon"?
- Does the AG have any other comment he would like to provide?

We are hoping to publish our fact check by later this afternoon (2/26) ET.

Very best,

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## Today in History

### *Florida teen Trayvon Martin is shot and killed*

*On February 26, 2012, Trayvon Martin, an African American teen walking home from a trip to a convenience store, is fatally shot by George Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch volunteer patrolling the townhouse community of the Retreat at Twin Lakes in Sanford, Florida. Zimmerman later claimed to have shot the unarmed 17-year-old out of self-defense during a physical altercation.*

## The State

[On a mission to get kids in school, SC doctor says COVID not widespread in classrooms](#)

[As public waits for beach parking plan, Isle of Palms keeps talks behind closed doors](#)

[SC Republican files bill to allow Donald Trump to be buried on State House grounds](#)

[Gamecocks avoid major punishments from NCAA over Lamont Evans violations](#)

## Greenville News

[South Carolina could use electric chair for executions if bills in House, Senate pass](#)

['I really cannot do it anymore': Pandemic escalates burden of work, childcare at Clemson](#)

[2 fishing tournaments at Lake Hartwell bringing anglers, \\$900K to Anderson next weekend](#)

[From hairbrushes to 'American Idol,' Easley contestant auditions in California](#)

## Post and Courier

[SC hauls in \\$5 million in federal grants to preserve sites up and down the coast](#)

[COVID liability protections for businesses pass SC Senate, face uncertain future in House](#)

[Moncks Corner funeral director charged with tax evasion, unlicensed operations](#)

[Greenville restaurateur testifies before US senators over plan to increase minimum wage](#)

## **WSJ**

[Boost to Household Income Primes U.S. Economy for Stronger Growth](#)

[J&J Single-Dose Covid-19 Vaccine Gets Review From FDA Advisory Panel](#)

[Democrats Dealt Blow on Minimum-Wage Drive for Covid-19 Bill](#)

[Washington's Power to Respond to Texas Electric Disaster is Limited](#)

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[Despite complaint, governor's office proceeds with Greenville sanitation board appointment](#)

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## Today in History

*Young Muhammad Ali knocks out Sonny Liston for first world title*

*On February 25, 1964, 22-year-old Cassius Clay shocks the odds-makers by dethroning world heavyweight boxing champ Sonny Liston in a seventh-round technical knockout. The dreaded Liston, who had twice demolished former champ Floyd Patterson in one round, was an 8-to-1 favorite. However, Clay predicted victory, boasting that he would "float like a butterfly, sting like a bee" and knock out Liston in the eighth round.*

## The State

[Plan to prioritize SC teacher vaccinations stalls, as DHEC says it could hurt seniors](#)

[New crisis team takes Richland County deputies out of mix on mental health calls](#)

[SC health officials eager to get COVID vaccine to more minorities, overcome hesitation](#)

[One Columbia touting COVID safety campaign to help end arts 'intermission'](#)

## Greenville News

[SC will get more than 100,000 COVID vaccine doses next week, mobile vaccine drives coming to the Upstate](#)

[Pickens County school employees to get larger bonus; athletic and band programs get a financial boost](#)

[Driver killed in a single-vehicle accident in Pickens County](#)

[South Carolina struggles offensively at Mississippi State, loses sixth in a row](#)

## Post and Courier

[Conflict surrounds Charleston School of Law land deal, with nearly \\$13M at stake](#)

[Former Vice President Mike Pence makes unannounced trip to Charleston](#)

[DHEC data shows 59 statewide cases of coronavirus-related condition that affects children](#)

[3-decade veteran of SC public safety agency closer to becoming its permanent leader](#)

## **WSJ**

[Boeing Moved to Replace 777 Engine Covers Before Recent Failures](#)

[U.S. Unemployment Claims Fell Sharply Last Week](#)

[Lessons From the U.K. About a More-Contagious Covid-19 Variant](#)

[Amazon's Lack of Public Disclosure on SolarWinds Hack Angers Lawmakers](#)

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[Ex-SCANA CEO Kevin Marsh pleads guilty to conspiracy tied to failed nuclear project](#)

[Ex-SCANA CEO pleads guilty to fraud in SC nuclear fiasco: 'I'm sorry it's come to this'](#)

["Makes Absolutely No Sense" – Biden Cancels Trump's 'Operation Talon' Program Targeting Immigrant Sex Offenders](#)

[Biden shuts down Trump program that expelled illegals convicted of sex crimes](#)

[Former SCANA CEO Kevin Marsh pleads guilty to State Grand Jury Indictment related to V.C. Summer Nuclear Power Plant Project](#)

[Live 5 Scambusters: Isolation of pandemic creates void for scammers](#)

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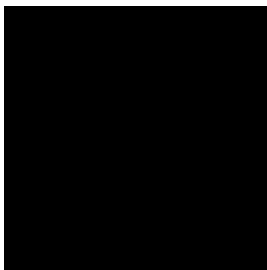
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## Today in History

*1945 February 23*

*U.S. flag raised on Iwo Jima*

*During the bloody [Battle for Iwo Jima](#), U.S. Marines from the 3rd Platoon, E Company, 2nd Battalion, 28th Regiment of the 5th Division take the crest of Mount Suribachi, the island's highest peak and most strategic position, and raise the U.S. flag. Marine photographer Louis Lowery was with them and recorded the event. Americans fighting for control of Suribachi's slopes cheered the raising of the flag, and several hours later more Marines headed up to the crest with a larger flag. Joe Rosenthal, a photographer with the Associated Press, met them along the way and recorded the raising of the second flag along with a Marine still photographer and a motion-picture cameraman.*

## The State

[In letter to President Biden, US Attorney for SC announces he's resigning](#)

[USC professor, Irmo resident helped build key device for the Mars Perseverance Rover](#)

[Columbia City Council takes another step toward massive Malfunction Junction overhaul](#)

[Months since Floyd's death, Walmart and other companies push for SC hate crime law](#)

## Greenville News

[Baby girl surrendered to AnMed Health in Anderson under Daniel's Law](#)

[DHEC: South Carolina COVID vaccines back on track after weather delays](#)

[South Carolina business leaders want a hate crimes bill this year](#)

[Greenville Police Department seeks 'imperative' bodycam equipment](#)

## Post and Courier

[Already at major flooding stage in Conway, cresting still to come for Grand Strand](#)



[Clyburn pushes for SC's Judge Michelle Childs to fill next US Supreme Court vacancy](#)

[PGA Championship to cap fan attendance at 10,000 a day in return to Kiawah's Ocean Course](#)

[SC's weekly average of COVID-19 cases fell to level not seen since November](#)

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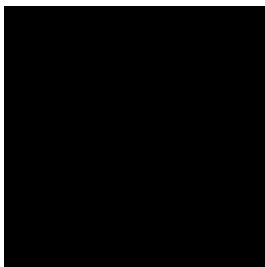
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[Supreme Court Denies Trump Bid to Block Access to Tax, Financial Records](#)

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## Today in History

*1980* February 22

*U.S. hockey team beats the Soviets in the "Miracle on Ice"*

*In one of the most dramatic upsets in Olympic history, the underdog U.S. hockey team, made up of college players, defeats the four-time defending gold-medal winning Soviet team at the XIII Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid, [New York](#). The Soviet squad, previously regarded as the finest in the world, fell to the youthful American team 4-3 before a frenzied crowd of 10,000 spectators. Two days later, the Americans defeated Finland 4-2 to clinch the hockey gold.*

## The State

[Young adult in Richland County among 56 new COVID-19 deaths reported in SC](#)

[After Texas, SC governor wants winter storm review of grid](#)

[A wreck-filled week in the Midlands ends with at least one dead and one charged](#)

[Three charged in attempted catalytic converter theft in Columbia community, police say](#)

## Greenville News

[COVID-19 vaccinations in SC: One group leads others in getting vaccinated](#)

[Pickens City Council candidates highlight water issues for special March election](#)

[Clemson, in spring practice, will attempt to replace all-time great Travis Etienne](#)

[Greenville Zoo's newly born baby giraffe is healthy and nursing, city officials say](#)

## Post and Courier

[Charleston County immigrants praise canceled deal with ICE, but await bigger improvements](#)

[SC nears 7,500 confirmed coronavirus deaths, with over 430,000 total cases confirmed](#)

[SC golf was outlier in 2020, with many courses logging record numbers](#)

[Area hospitals receiving fraction of COVID-19 vaccine requests, leaving thousands waiting](#)

## **WSJ**

[Boeing Backs Grounding Some 777 Jets After Failure During United Flight](#)

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[Garland to Make Case for New Era at Justice Department](#)

[Supreme Court Approves Subpoena for Trump's Financial Records](#)

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[South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster signed the Fetal Heartbeat Bill. Here's what's next.](#)

[Federal judge blocks SC abortion ban 1 day after Gov. McMaster signed it into law](#)

[Planned Parenthood Sues South Carolina over 'Heartbeat' Abortion Law](#)

[SC governor signs abortion ban; Planned Parenthood sues](#)

[Judge blocks S Carolina 'heartbeat' abortion ban, but backers look to Supreme Court](#)

[Aiken Republican commands spotlight as abortion battle rages in SC](#)

[Federal judge temporarily blocks 'heartbeat' abortion ban in SC](#)

[Swansea man charged with soliciting a minor for sex](#)

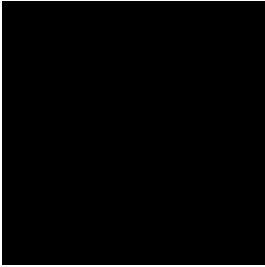
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[Authorities arrest Goose Creek man on child sexual abuse material charge](#)

[Judge Temporarily Blocks South Carolina Abortion Ban](#)

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## Today in History

*[Archaeologist opens tomb of King Tut](#)*

*On February 16, 1923, in Thebes, Egypt, English archaeologist [Howard Carter](#) enters the sealed burial chamber of the ancient Egyptian ruler King [Tutankhamen](#).*

## The State

[SC students experienced significant learning loss during pandemic, study finds](#)

[Lawyer for fired SC director says agency 'acted ethically' when it hired her husband](#)

[UPDATE: Proposed Columbia mask law could have fines up to \\$500 for repeat offenders](#)

[SC sees 1,109 new COVID-19 cases, 31 deaths as surge declines, health officials say](#)

## Greenville News

[Unifier or powerbroker? Opinions differ on Greenville County Council Chair Willis Meadows](#)

[Clemson extends mask rule, keeps strict COVID rules. But a new taskforce could aid businesses.](#)

[Case numbers, vaccine updates: Here's what to know about COVID Tuesday in Upstate SC](#)

[Mauldin City Council unites in support of alternative to SCDOT's Butler Road plan](#)

## Post and Courier

[After billions lost in 2020, SC tourism looks back at its few 'unanticipated successes'](#)

[Police, mall say they will increase security after 3 people shot at Northwoods Mall](#)

[Cayce could be among SC's first cities to designate a COVID-19 Memorial Day](#)

[Volvo weighing its options if global chip shortage hits SC plant](#)

## WSJ

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[In Texas, Winter Storm Forces Rolling Power Outages as Millions Are Without Electricity](#)

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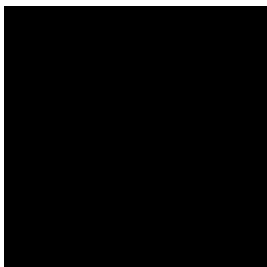
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[SLED inquiry into chief, two officers continues](#)

[Don't fall for Valentine's Day scams, says US attorney and SC's AG](#)

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## Today in History

*Former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic goes on trial for war crimes*

On February 12, 2002, former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic goes on trial at The Hague, Netherlands, on charges of genocide and war crimes in Bosnia, Croatia and Kosovo. Milosevic served as his own attorney for much of the prolonged trial, which ended without a verdict when the so-called "Butcher of the Balkans" was found dead at age 64 from an apparent heart attack in his prison cell on March 11, 2006.

## The State

[Disparities in COVID-19 vaccination rates emerge as DHEC reconsiders distribution model](#)

[Gold mine fined \\$100,000. Toxic air pollution found at big mine near tiny town](#)

[Former Gamecocks QB lands role with Houston Texans, according to reports](#)

[Biden's victory means US Attorney for SC McCoy likely to step down soon](#)

## Greenville News

[Opposition from neighbors set to derail \\$9 million senior housing development near Greer](#)

[Michelin, International African American Museum to bring traveling museum to Upstate](#)

[DHEC board defers decision on vaccine allocation until March](#)

[Prisma is cutting vaccine locations in half, citing uncertain and low supply](#)

## Post and Courier

[Wintry weather delays SC's COVID vaccine shipments, while DHEC delays distribution plan](#)

[Nikki Haley breaks with Donald Trump: 'We need to acknowledge he let us down'](#)

[Fountain Inn enacts animal tethering ordinance after public petition](#)

[Gov. McMaster honors historian who found remains of 19 African American Civil War soldiers](#)

## **WSJ**

[Stocks Tick Lower After S&P 500 Closes at Record High](#)

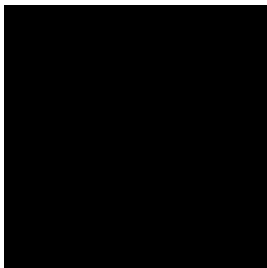
[Donald Trump Impeachment Trial Day Four: Defense to Set Out Case](#)

[Biden Says U.S. Struck Deals for 200 Million More Covid-19 Vaccine Doses](#)

[U.S. Debt on Track to Hit a Record 107% of GDP by 2031, CBO Says](#)

## **Office Mentions**

[72-year-old Florence man charged with sexual exploitation of minor](#)



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## Today in History

*World chess champion Garry Kasparov loses game to computer*

On February 10, 1996, after three hours, world chess champion Garry Kasparov loses the first game of a six-game match against [Deep Blue](#), an IBM computer capable of evaluating 200 million moves per second. Man was [ultimately victorious](#) over machine, however, as Kasparov bested Deep Blue in the match with three wins and two ties and took home the \$400,000 prize. An estimated 6 million people worldwide followed the action on the internet.

## The State

[Search ends after missing girl abducted from Cayce hotel is found safe, officials say](#)

[South Carolina once took the nation's waste. A new plan could open the flow again](#)

[SC senators vote to move teachers to Phase 1A of vaccine distribution](#)

[A longtime critic of Five Points bars, Harpootlian files bill to amend SC liquor law](#)

## Greenville News

[First look: AC Hotel Greenville Downtown pays tribute to history, nature and its hometown](#)

[4 children were killed. He was charged with DUI in the wreck, and he'll serve 20 years](#)

[Greenville County Sheriff's Office and SWAT team arrest potential shooting suspect](#)

[Greenville County Schools to spend \\$38.5 million in COVID funds to help struggling students](#)

## Post and Courier

[Critics of SC abortion ban prepare for legal fight as bill nears final passage](#)

[North Charleston completes more than \\$1 million in renovations at Riverfront Park](#)

[SC hospitals pause, cancel COVID-19 vaccine appointments due to shipping delays](#)

[SC lawyers split from Charleston-area class-action firm to form rival practice](#)

## **WSJ**

[On Day Two of Trump Impeachment Trial, Democrats Lay Out Their Case](#)

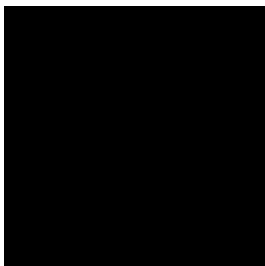
[U.S. Stocks Rise, Extending Market Rally](#)

[Facebook Moves to Muffle Politics on Its Platform](#)

[Businesses Worry About Biden's Silence on Work-Visa Ban](#)

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[Biden's Keystone XL pipeline cancellation slammed by GOP attorneys general: 'Real-world costs are devastating'](#)



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## Today in History

### *Satchel Paige nominated to Baseball Hall of Fame*

On February 9, 1971, pitcher [Leroy "Satchel" Paige](#) becomes the first Negro League veteran to be nominated for the Baseball Hall of Fame. In August of that year, Paige, a pitching legend known for his fastball, showmanship and the longevity of his playing career, which spanned five decades, was inducted. Joe DiMaggio once called Paige "the best and fastest pitcher I've ever faced."

## The State

[SC Gov. McMaster fires agency chief for contract to her husband's employer](#)

[FBI: Columbia SC area man linked to Jan. 6 Capitol riot and Proud Boys](#)

['Only decision I could have made.' SC Rep. Rice talks impeachment, vote to censure him](#)

[Gamecock football great, first-round draft pick dies at 61](#)

## Greenville News

[Greenville City Council signs off on 'Shoeless' Joe Jackson Way entertainment district](#)

[2 people killed in collision near Simpsonville, but 4-year-old survives](#)

[Public can weigh in on construction, debris landfill expansion near Powdersville-Easley](#)

[It's official: Lewis Barbecue will open in Greenville at Tommy's Ham House location](#)

## Post and Courier

[Pints & Politics: Rep. Tom Rice talks impeachment, says GOP 'too tied up in this one man'](#)

[After shooting man, Columbia officer used force again and again. Now he's reassigned.](#)

[Charleston company accused of selling fake N95 masks for health workers fighting COVID-19](#)

[Democratic SC senator leaves party group over education policy disputes](#)

## **WSJ**

[Second Trump Impeachment Trial Opens With Debate Over Senate's Power](#)

[Coronavirus Likely Came From Animal, Not Leaked From Laboratory, WHO Says](#)

[Huawei Files U.S. Lawsuit Disputing It Is a Security Threat](#)

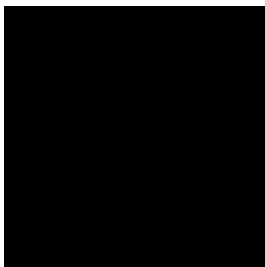
[Trump Partner Exploring Ways to End Relationship With Ex-President's Company](#)

## **Office Mentions**

[Laurens County Man Arrested on Child Sexual Abuse Material\\* Charges](#)

[SC part of \\$573 million settlement over 'turbocharging' in opioid crisis](#)

[PONZI SCHEME SUSPECTS ARRESTED](#)



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Hi There:

I hope this email finds you well and healthy. I'm writing in connection with a story I'm working on about forthcoming legal challenges to Biden administration policies, like new agency rules issued pursuant to the *Bostock* executive order.

In particular, I'm wondering whether Attorney General Wilson thinks it would be appropriate to seek so-called nationwide injunctions against the new administration, which were used to such good effect against President Trump.

I'm happy to talk about this issue on the record or on background, as you prefer. I am best reached here or by phone at (716) 289-1198. My deadline is noon EST Wednesday, though I have some flexibility depending on your availability to comment. I so appreciate any guidance you can provide.

Regards,

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## Today in History

### [Americans secure Guadalcanal](#)

On February 8, 1943, Japanese troops evacuate [Guadalcanal](#), leaving the island in Allied possession after a prolonged campaign. The American victory paved the way for other Allied wins in the Solomon Islands.

## The State

[Record-setting death toll in SC rises with over 500 new COVID-19 fatalities last week](#)

[New drive-thru site for COVID-19 vaccinations set up in Lexington County](#)

[Despite COVID, SC house sales boomed in 2020. Here's why](#)

[No lethal drugs: SC Supreme Court delays execution of 2nd death row inmate](#)

## Greenville News

[Greenville aims to change how the city grows in GVL 2040 plan considered by council](#)

[Suffering from COVID, Greenville venues have lost millions, but they're starting to open again](#)

[Black History Month: A look at Greenville lynching victim Ira Johnson](#)

[COVID-19 Updates: What to know Monday in Upstate SC](#)

## Post and Courier

[SC approaches 7,000 confirmed coronavirus deaths, with testing levels high](#)

[Charleston County paid new federal judge \\$216,000, raising ethics questions](#)

[Lack of diversity among SC judicial election winners angers Black lawmakers](#)

[Dominion wants SC solar users to pay more. Opponents say plan is 'industry killing.'](#)

## WSJ

[Trump Lawyers Call Impeachment Trial 'Political Theater'](#)

[\\$15 Minimum Wage Would Cut Employment, Reduce Poverty, CBO Study Finds](#)

[Demand for Covid-19 Vaccines Overwhelms State Health Providers](#)

[Democrats Are Divided Over Biden's Coming Pick of a Top Bank Regulator](#)

## Office Mentions

[Breakdown of SC's role in election fraud fight, Capitol riot and Trump impeachment](#)

[Students accuse USC of dragging its feet in renaming buildings named for racists](#)

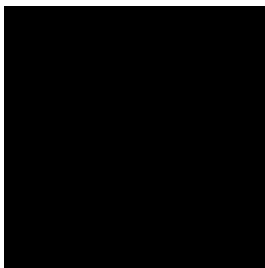
[AG: Two Greenville County men arrested in unrelated cases of child sexual exploitation](#)

[South Carolina revamps system to notify crime victims](#)

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[Laurens Co. man faces 20 counts of sexual exploitation of a minor charges](#)



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## Today in History

*Alberto Gonzales becomes first Hispanic U.S. attorney general*

*On February 3, 2005, Alberto Gonzales wins Senate confirmation as the nation's first Hispanic attorney general despite protests over his record on torture.*

*The Senate approved his nomination on a largely party-line vote of 60-36, reflecting a split between Republicans and Democrats over whether the administration's counterterrorism policies had led to the [abuse of prisoners in Iraq](#) and elsewhere. Shortly after the Senate vote, Vice President [Dick Cheney](#) swore in Gonzales as attorney general in a small ceremony in the Roosevelt Room at the [White House](#). [President Bush](#), who was traveling, called to congratulate him.*

## The State

[Columbia extends face mask ordinance through April amid COVID-19](#)

[Leadership at last? Senators confirm candidate to run DHEC as coronavirus rages](#)

[SC teacher pay bumps head to Senate. How quickly will the legislation move through?](#)

[Company tied to pro-Trump lawyer Lin Wood buys three SC plantations worth millions](#)

## Greenville News

[As part of Greenville is 'changed completely,' some longtime residents do not feel 'unity'](#)

[Greer mask making company: One good mask is plenty to help fight COVID-19 spread](#)

['I mean, it's better than no class at all': Clemson laments pandemic's impact on education](#)

[COVID-19 updates: A look at Wednesday's coronavirus news](#)

## Post and Courier



[Citadel students learn history behind building the International African American Museum](#)

[North Charleston rave that drew 500 people approved by state, criticized by locals](#)

[US Rep. Tom Rice's SC GOP colleagues offer limited support after impeachment vote](#)

[SC firm eyes rights to potential COVID-19 vaccine](#)

## **WSJ**

[Andy Jassy's Climb to Amazon CEO Shows the Cloud's Rising Power](#)

[Senate Democrats Reach Power-Sharing Deal With Republicans](#)

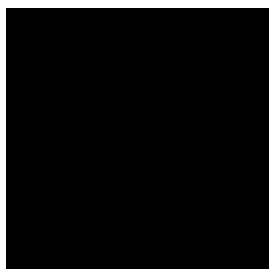
[Hackers Lurked in SolarWinds Email System for at Least 9 Months, CEO Says](#)

[Biden Wants a \\$15 Minimum Wage. Here's What People Say It Would Do to the Economy.](#)

## **Office Mentions**

[Charleston man arrested for sexual exploitation of a minor](#)

[Charleston man accused of producing child sexual abuse material](#)



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## Today in History

### First Groundhog Day

On February 2, 1887, [Groundhog Day](#), featuring a rodent meteorologist, is celebrated for the first time at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, [Pennsylvania](#). According to tradition, if a groundhog comes out of its hole on this day and sees its shadow, it gets scared and runs back into its burrow, predicting six more weeks of winter weather; no shadow means an early spring.

## The State

[‘The fire is raging.’ How Lexington recovery center helps young people break addiction](#)

[SC may borrow half a billion dollars to expand rail access at Charleston port](#)

[Milton Kimpson, from the cotton farm to top aide to Gov. Riley, dies at 90](#)

[SC Gov. McMaster wants to expand COVID-19 vaccine access to people 65 and older](#)

## Greenville News

[Greenville native and former presidential candidate Jesse Jackson hospitalized](#)

[Grand jury delayed until March for Easley man accused of making explosives](#)

[Three communities show how government actions perpetuate racism in our towns](#)

[Former Byrnes coach, USC assistant Bobby Bentley reportedly joining South Florida staff](#)

## Post and Courier

[Myrtle Beach lawyer suspended by SC Supreme Court after domestic violence arrest](#)

[Charleston cites 21 restaurants for mask violations, including 7 certified as safe by state](#)

[DHEC to examine priorities for COVID-19 vaccine phases as SC logs over 200 more deaths](#)

[Some SC seniors face significant tech hurdles during COVID-19 vaccine rollout](#)

## **WSJ**

[House Democrats Make Case for Convicting Trump](#)

[Auto Makers Abandon Effort to Challenge California on Emissions Rules](#)

[Prosecutors Home In on Capitol Rioters Who Faced Off With Police](#)

[Officer Who Shot Capitol Rioter Ashli Babbitt Shouldn't Be Charged, Investigators Advise](#)

## **Office Mentions**

[Lancaster County man arrested for sexual exploitation of minor](#)

[Rep. Wilson visits North Augusta, mentions lock and dam issue](#)

[SC attorney general endorses Florence City Council candidate Robby Hill](#)

[Pelion man arrested on charges related to the sexual exploitation of a minor](#)



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## Today in History

### *Oxford Dictionary debuts*

February 1, 1884: The first portion, or fascicle, of the Oxford English Dictionary (OED), considered the most comprehensive and accurate dictionary of the English language, is published. Today, the [OED](#) is the definitive authority on the meaning, pronunciation and history of over half a million English words, past and present.

## The State

[Four Columbia SC lawyers, Raleigh lawyer leave Trump's impeachment team](#)

[SC's deadliest week ends with more than 2,600 new cases of COVID-19 reported Sunday](#)

[Columbia vertical farm uses technology to cut plastic pollution and boost sustainability](#)

[Two Lexington County drug busts net almost 100 lbs. of marijuana, police say](#)

## Greenville News

[Bill to create FOIA review office would withhold police dashcam video from public in SC](#)

[Questions remain after woman was found dead in Greenville following release from jail](#)

[Black History Month: Who are Greenville's lynching victims?](#)

[Former U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy to host new Fox News Primetime show week of Feb. 1](#)

## Post and Courier

[Doorway to unity: Hanahan downtown revitalization project brings community together](#)

[Charleston Confederate monument spray painted with 'BLM,' police investigating](#)

[Proposed law could bar SC 1st responders from using ketamine to incapacitate suspects](#)

[Rep. Russell Fry explores challenging SC GOP-censured Tom Rice for congressional seat](#)

## WSJ

[Silver and AMC Shoot Higher to Start the Week](#)

[Republicans Propose \\$618 Billion Covid Relief Plan](#)

[Myanmar's Coup Derails Fragile Democracy, Posing Test for Biden](#)

[Facebook Knew Calls for Violence Plagued 'Groups,' Now Plans Overhaul](#)

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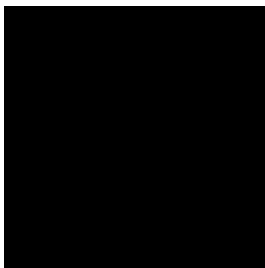
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Happy Friday, everyone!

Here's your Weekly News Brief highlighting some of your work over the last week.

As always, thank you for all you do and have a great weekend!

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## Today in History

*U.S. Baseball Hall of Fame elects first members*

On January 29, 1936, the U.S. Baseball Hall of Fame elects its first members in Cooperstown, [New York](#): Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Christy Matthewson and Walter Johnson.

## The State

[Four Columbia SC lawyers now make up core of Trump's impeachment defense team](#)

['He'll be back,' sheriff said of SC deputy hospitalized with COVID. He died days later](#)

[SC Senate passes 'fetal heartbeat' abortion ban bill after female members decry it](#)

[Backlash, rebuke and disinformation: Grand Strand GOP reeling after riot, impeachment](#)

## Greenville News

[3 killed in less than a month in wrecks with garbage trucks in Greenville County](#)

[Greenville pilot missed the runway in Columbia crash, according to NTSB](#)

[Here's what to know about COVID-19 Friday in the Upstate](#)

[South Africa COVID-19 variant found in South Carolina, first in the country](#)

## Post and Courier

[430 trees removed in Charleston County as feds try to control invasive beetle](#)

[Murder rates rise by 230 percent in Horry County, HCPD chief says](#)

[State lawmakers are pushing to curb governors' virus powers](#)

[SC confirms over 200 new coronavirus deaths as state nears 4.8M tests](#)

## WSJ

[GameStop and AMC Soar as Robinhood Restarts Trades](#)

[J&J Covid-19 Vaccine Was 66% Effective in Late-Stage Study](#)

[Suspected Russian Hack Extends Far Beyond SolarWinds Software, Investigators Say](#)

[McKinsey Is in Settlement Talks With States Over Opioid Work](#)

## Office Mentions

[SC Attorney General, Uber team up to end human trafficking through education](#)

[Editorial: Reversal of Harrison corruption conviction should prompt legislative action](#)

[Uber launches educational video for drivers to spot signs of human trafficking in SC](#)



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## Today in History

### *Auschwitz is liberated*

On January 27, 1945, Soviet troops enter [Auschwitz](#), Poland, freeing the survivors of the network of concentration camps—and finally revealing to the world the [depth of the horrors](#) perpetrated there.

## The State

[SC GOP infighting over exceptions dominates debate on ‘fetal heartbeat’ abortion bill](#)

[Biden just renewed a ban on evictions. Here’s what that means for South Carolina](#)

[Santee Cooper sale remains in play, but that won’t stop SC House from seeking reforms](#)

[Here’s how DHEC plans to ration COVID-19 vaccine doses in SC](#)

## Greenville News

[Vaccines. Variants. Locked out of class. Clemson tackles COVID during the spring semester](#)

[Lawsuit alleging sexual assault by Greenville restaurateur Rick Erwin has been dismissed](#)

[Greenville County lawmaker opposes hate crimes bill in SC, among only 3 states without law](#)

[‘We just want our baby back’: 3-year-old girl’s body remains with coroner pending hearing](#)

## Post and Courier

[Charleston mayor touts new flooding partnership in state of the city speech](#)

[SC Senate begins debate on abortion ban bill, adds exceptions for rape or incest](#)

[Boeing reports record loss in 2020, last quarter brought down by SC-made 787 issues](#)

[SC event organizers suing Patriots Point for calling off sold-out New Year’s Eve party](#)

## WSJ

[Biden to Rescind Curbs on Asylum Policy Enacted by Trump](#)

[Shape-Shifting Virus Threatens Cycles of Illness, Lockdowns](#)

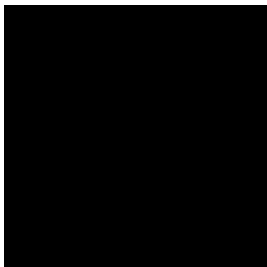
[Olympic Official Seeks Biden's Help to Save Tokyo Games: 'It's Up to the U.S.'](#)

[The Law That Fueled the Capitol Riot](#)

## Office Mentions

[SC lawyers say SC AG Wilson participated in Trump conspiracy lawsuit, seek reprimand](#)

[S.C. Attorney General Wilson: the epidemic of human trafficking is out there](#)



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## Today in History

### British settlement begins in Australia

*On January 26, 1788, Captain Arthur Phillip guides a fleet of 11 British ships carrying convicts to the colony of New South Wales, effectively founding Australia. After overcoming a period of hardship, the fledgling colony began to celebrate the anniversary of this date with great fanfare and it eventually became commemorated as Australia Day. In recent times, Australia Day has become increasingly controversial as it marks the start of when the continent's Indigenous people were gradually dispossessed of their land as white colonization spread across the continent.*

## The State

[Who will run against SC Gov. McMaster? 2022 race could see congressman, ex-opponent](#)

[Columbia attorney Deborah Barbier tapped for Trump's impeachment defense trial team](#)

[Santee Cooper approves \\$2M settlement in final VC Summer nuclear project lawsuit](#)

['Time is of the essence.' SC House to consider COVID-19 vaccine funding bill](#)

## Greenville News

[Emails show fight between Greenville County Schools, Upstate hospitals on COVID-19 advice](#)

[Holiday COVID-19 surge nearly doubled South Carolina's total cases, accounted for a third of deaths](#)

['System failed' 3-year-old Simpsonville girl who died in abuse case, family member says](#)

[Greenville man charged with impersonating DEA officer](#)

## Post and Courier

[Charleston will spend \\$200K to house homeless in historic district hotel](#)

[SC teachers seek priority for vaccine as legislators fast-track bill to speed up shots](#)

[Objects in John C. Calhoun Monument time capsule are likely in decay, experts believe](#)

[As SC decided COVID-19 vaccine priorities, businesses jockeyed for a place in line](#)

## **WSJ**

[Saved Stimulus Checks Expected to Help Spur Economic Recovery](#)

[Biden to Suspend New Federal Oil and Gas Leasing Pending Review](#)

[Stocks Open Higher After Hitting Fresh Records](#)

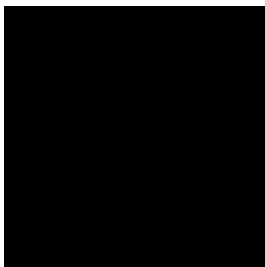
[Senate Power-Sharing Deal Moves Ahead](#)

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[North Augusta man arrested on child sexual abuse material charges](#)

[Greenville Co. man arrested for distribution of child sexual abuse material, says Attorney General](#)

[New Ellenton, an SRS neighbor, seeking millions from state's plutonium settlement fund](#)



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## Today in History

### World's largest diamond found

*On January 25, 1905, at the Premier Mine in Pretoria, South Africa, a 3,106-carat diamond is discovered during a routine inspection by the mine's superintendent. Weighing 1.33 pounds, and christened the "Cullinan," it was the largest diamond ever found.*

## The State

[DHEC board, not agency health experts, to have last say on COVID vaccine allocations](#)

[Biden issued new mask mandates. Here's what SC residents need to know](#)

[Displeased with vaccine rollout, SC senators ask governor to name COVID logistics czar](#)

[SC set aside millions for small and minority-owned businesses. Here's where it went](#)

## Greenville News

[SC students saw biggest drops in elementary math scores because of COVID-19](#)

[Army Corps handing over some Upstate parks to Clemson, Pickens, Anderson governments](#)

[SC turns focus to assuring COVID-19 vaccine availability](#)

[SC senators nearing debate on abortion bill with no rape or incest exception](#)

## Post and Courier

[Everyone hated the new South Carolina flag design. Here is the 2nd attempt.](#)

[Woman fights Harvard over rights to nude SC images of her enslaved ancestors](#)

[McMaster called on lawmakers to eliminate income tax for military retirees. Can it happen?](#)

[Hospitals are now required to share their prices. Many in SC aren't yet complying.](#)

## **WSJ**

[Moderna Developing Vaccine Booster Shot Against Virus Strain First Identified in South Africa](#)

[Dominion Voting Systems Sues Rudy Giuliani Over Claims of Rigged Election](#)

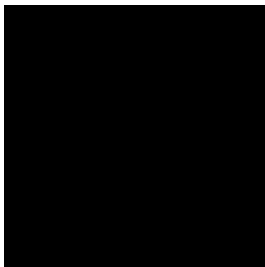
[Biden to Sign Buy American Order for Government Procurement](#)

[For Wars of the Future, Pentagon Looks to Distant Past: The B-52](#)

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[Editorial: Welcome progress on battling a serious, but largely hidden crime](#)

[Butch Bowers, SC's go-to GOP lawyer, seen as steady hand in Trump's impeachment defense](#)



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**Subject:** WSJ inquiry

Hi Mr. Kittle, I'm a reporter at The Wall Street Journal. I was checking to see if you might be able to put me in touch with AG Wilson for a story about RAGA's Save and Defend initiative. Our understanding is that the AG was helping to recruit prominent lawyers for the initiative, but we're not certain about where things stand with it. It's for a broader story looking at planned GOP/conservative efforts to counter Biden regulations and policies. We're not looking for anything necessarily on record from him, but I thought he could speak to the initiative's mission and activities in the wake of Adam Piper's departure. I'm happy to discuss further. You can reach me at 646-675-4797.

Thanks,  
Jacob

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## Today in History

*1998 January 22*

*Ted Kaczynski pleads guilty to bombings*

*In a Sacramento, California, courtroom, [Theodore J. Kaczynski](#) pleads guilty to all federal charges against him, acknowledging his responsibility for a 17-year campaign of package bombings attributed to the "[Unabomber](#)."*

## The State

[Lawmakers want to increase number of SC Supreme Court justices](#)

[SC attorney Butch Bowers to represent Trump in Senate impeachment trial](#)

[Over bourbon, former SC senators launch new political podcast](#)

[After a slow rollout, SC lawmakers prepare to spend \\$208M on COVID-19 vaccine efforts](#)

## Greenville News

[Spartanburg, Greenville business leaders oppose Joe Biden's proposed \\$15 minimum wage](#)

[Nearly 18% of phase 1a South Carolinians have received their first dose vaccination](#)

[Easley man charged with having explosives wanted to kill president, detective says](#)

[Records: Clemson bar investigated in COVID gathering case had liquor violations](#)

## Post and Courier

[Prepared for violent protests in Columbia, police saw peace instead. Here's why, they say.](#)

[Charleston police ID officer who opened fire during chase](#)

[Video shows beating of man on Charleston's East Side](#)



[Backlash for Lexington cafe after owner went to DC protest. How do others handle politics?](#)

## **WSJ**

[Biden to Sign Executive Orders to Boost Pandemic Aid, Expand Federal Worker Protections](#)

[WHO Caught Between China and West on Frozen-Food Coronavirus Transmission](#)

[U.S. Existing-Home Sales Reach Highest Level in 14 Years](#)

[Stocks Drop, on Track to End Strong Week on Muted Note](#)

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[Officials address trafficking concerns](#)



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## Today in History

*President Carter pardons draft dodgers*

On January 21, 1977, U.S. President [Jimmy Carter](#) grants an unconditional pardon to hundreds of thousands of men who evaded [the draft](#) during the [Vietnam War](#).

## The State

[Benjamin among mayors urging Congress to pass Biden's massive COVID relief plan](#)

[Group conspired to kill before fatal nightclub shooting, SC police say](#)

[As coronavirus rages, senators ask: Why has DHEC chief not faced screening panel?](#)

[Shane Beamer goes with veteran OL coach as final Gamecock assistant, reports say](#)

## Greenville News

[Easley man appears in court on charges of unlawful transportation of explosive materials](#)

[Vice President Kamala Harris showcases South Carolina designer on Inauguration Day](#)

[COVID-19 updates: Thursday's pandemic news to note](#)

[Simpsonville man and woman charged with homicide by child abuse in 3-year-old's death](#)

## Post and Courier

[References to South Carolina spotted at Biden's inauguration with fashion, music and more](#)

[McMaster has issued 21 emergency orders since COVID began. Lawmakers want to change that.](#)

[Clyburn says ex-President George W. Bush told him he's 'the savior' for endorsing Biden](#)

[2 South Carolinians start jobs in President Biden's new administration](#)

## **WSJ**

[Biden's Agenda Faces Early Hurdles With a Divided Senate](#)

[U.S. Unemployment Claims Remained Elevated Last Week](#)

[Covid-19 Has Nearly Wiped Out the Flu—How Do We Keep It From Coming Back?](#)

[Facebook Refers Trump Account Suspension to Oversight Board](#)

## **Office Mentions**

[South Carolina Supreme Court Refuses To Rule On Controversial 'Corporate Integrity Agreements'](#)

[SC Supreme Court reverses misconduct conviction against ex-lawmaker in Statehouse probe](#)

[SC Supreme Court upholds perjury conviction and prison sentence of ex-Rep. Harrison](#)

[Greenwood Co. man arrested for distribution of child sexual abuse material, says SC Attorney General](#)

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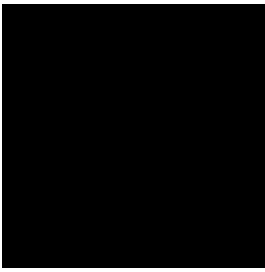
[Divided SC Supreme Court rebukes Statehouse probe prosecutor](#)

[Ladson Man Accused Of Soliciting Child For Sex](#)

[Ladson man, 66, arrested for criminal solicitation of a minor](#)

[Notice of appeal filed in lock and dam case which impacts North Augusta's riverfront](#)

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## Today in History

*1981 January 20*

*Iran Hostage Crisis ends*

Minutes after [Ronald Reagan's inauguration](#) as the 40th president of the United States, the 52 U.S. captives held at the U.S. embassy in Teheran, Iran, are released, ending the 444-day [Iran Hostage Crisis](#).

## The State

[Trump's final pardons include clemency for four from South Carolina](#)

[Midlands sheriff hospitalized with COVID-19 says he's very sick](#)

[Ryan Hilinski announces transfer to Big Ten program](#)

[Notorious Columbia killer dies in state prison of COVID-19 complications](#)

## Greenville News

[Trump pardons include former Greenville police officer involved in drug scheme](#)

[SC lawmaker fights COVID measures and mask rule he calls 'test vote' for state mandate](#)

[Despite moratorium, some South Carolinians still face eviction](#)

[Inmate pleads guilty after accusation he tried to hire hitman to kill witness, prosecutor](#)

## Post and Courier

[SC families can't get death certificates. Now bodies are waiting at some funeral homes.](#)

[Veteran SC public school teacher, 59, dies of COVID-19 complications in Florence](#)

[Dorchester shutters courthouse for Inauguration Day, local police report no threats](#)

[Hundreds of Charleston teachers don't support push for online-only learning, survey finds](#)

## **WSJ**

[President Trump Departs Washington Ahead of Biden's Inauguration](#)

[Biden's First-Day Orders Will Include Mask Mandate, Blocking Keystone Pipeline](#)

[Slow Covid Vaccine Distribution Adds to Tokyo Olympics Woes](#)

[High Court Weighs FCC Rollback of Restrictions on Media Ownership](#)

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## Today in History

*Edgar Allan Poe is born*

On January 19, 1809, poet, author and literary critic [Edgar Allan Poe](#) is born in Boston, [Massachusetts](#).

## The State

[Health leader: Vaccine amounts SC receiving from feds 'not sufficient' to meet demand](#)

[FBI charges South Carolina man in connection with Jan. 6 Capitol riot](#)

[SC Republicans banked on Trump. After Capitol riot, will they leave him behind?](#)

[Check your tickets: Another \\$100K lotto winner sold at Columbia's Jimmy's Mart](#)

## Greenville News

[Gov. McMaster said there will be enough vaccine for 'anyone who wants it' in SC](#)

[South Carolina surpasses 350K confirmed COVID-19 cases](#)

[Greenville's county courthouse has been cleared after suspicious package investigation](#)

[Easley man arrested on explosives charge after FBI searches home](#)

## Post and Courier

[Summerville veterans club honors Black WWII veteran with gravestone decades after death](#)

[While marijuana remains illegal in SC, MUSC will survey cancer patients about pot use](#)

[SC students eligible for funds aimed at building pipeline of civil rights lawyers in South](#)

[McMaster threatens SC hospitals with order if they do not speed COVID-19 vaccinations](#)

## WSJ

[Trump Weighs Many Pardons on Final Day of Presidency](#)

[Biden Rejects Trump's Push to Lift Covid-19 Travel Restrictions](#)

[Biden's Defense Nominee Faces Dual Challenge at Confirmation Hearing](#)

[Prosecutors Credited Boeing for Compliance, Organizational Reforms](#)

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[Lawsuit filed over S.C. deputies' shooting of 15-year-old](#)

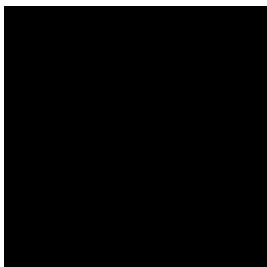
[Group from North Augusta delivers 170 letters to South Carolina lawmakers calling for removal of Meriwether Monument](#)

[Bailey: Trump's South Carolina enablers need to own what they helped break](#)

[SCAG: Charleston man arrested for criminal solicitation of a minor](#)

[Here's everything SC's GOP congressmen said to perpetuate false election fraud narrative](#)

[SRS neighbors will benefit if plutonium money is handled separately, Gov. McMaster says](#)



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## Today in History

*Albert Schweitzer born*

*The theologian, musician, philosopher and Nobel Prize-winning physician Albert Schweitzer is born on January 14, 1875 in Upper-Alsace, Germany (now Haut-Rhin, France).*

## The State

[SC Gov. McMaster calls for unity hours after Trump impeached for role in Capitol riot](#)

[Gov. McMaster 'failed to lead' SC on COVID-19, senator says in Democrats' response](#)

[SLED: Midlands SC deputy charged after breaking man's jaw, knocking him out in arrest](#)

[Projects totaling about \\$7.2M will restore Lexington ponds. Here are development plans](#)

## Greenville News

[University of South Carolina investigating if student took part in Capitol insurrection](#)

[The Greenville News sues Greenville County Schools over personnel records](#)

[Trump impeachment: SC Republican explains his vote to impeach the president](#)

[Health officials urge public to adhere to guidelines, asks for patience with vaccine rollout](#)

## Post and Courier

[Nikki Haley starts PAC as her expected 2024 White House bid takes shape](#)

[In a stunner, SC GOP Rep. Tom Rice votes to impeach President Trump after Capitol riot](#)

[Columbia officials address concerns in Black community as COVID-19 vaccine rollout begins](#)

[On 1st day of COVID-19 vaccine's availability, mostly frustration for SC seniors](#)

## WSJ

[President Trump Impeached by the House for Second Time](#)

[Sedition Laws Give Prosecutors Powerful Tool for Pro-Trump Capitol Riot](#)

[SolarWinds Hack Leaves Market-Sensitive Labor Data Intact, Scalia Says](#)

[Former Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder Charged With Willful Neglect of Duty Over Flint Water Crisis](#)

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[South Carolina AG faces complaint alleging he backed an election results lawsuit](#)

[SC justices accuse attorney of dodging questions in challenge to civil forfeiture law](#)

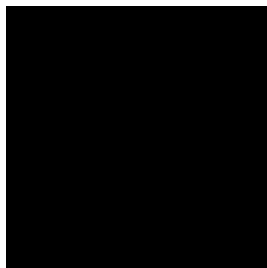
[Lowcountry Human Trafficking Task Force holds special event](#)

[Alan Wilson signs letter condemning Jan. 6 'riot'](#)

[More support needed to fight human trafficking in South Carolina, annual report says](#)

[SC human trafficking annual report released](#)

[SC Attorney General Alan Wilson joins AG coalition in condemning attack on U.S. Capitol](#)



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Robert,

Bob, Emory, and I received the email below from Mr. Western. I also have a pending FOIA request from him. I plan to let him know that I have received his email and forwarded it to you.

Thanks,

**Harley L. Kirkland**

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**Subject:** RE: Texas v. Pennsylvania, et al. - Amicus Brief of Missouri, et.al

Dear all,

I am reaching out to all of you as you were on the distribution of the dozen or so emails sent from John Sauer on December 8 and 9, 2020 to coordinate your collective support to call on the US Supreme Court to reject the Electoral College certification in four states as requested by the state of Texas in Texas v. Pennsylvania, Georgia, Michigan, and Wisconsin (US).

I am a political scientist at Mount Holyoke College and the Five Colleges in western Massachusetts. I am conducting research on TX v. PA and the amicus brief and the allegations of fraud in the 2020 Presidential election.

TX v. PA, [et.al](#), and your collective effort was cited by President Trump and his legal counsel and other public officials in several public forums, including the “Stop the Steal” rally in Washington, DC on January 6, 2021 immediately prior to the assault on the US Capitol which left five people dead including a U.S. Capitol Police officer and which injured at least 58 Washington, DC police officers. The assault also terrorized hundreds of staff working in support of Congress that day and marked the first time in America’s 231-year history when the country has failed to have a peaceful transition of power following a presidential election.

Given the historical significance of these events, I am hoping you all may be able to give me some additional information to help establish an accurate historical record of the amicus brief to which you coordinated and joined.

1. The initial request from Mr. Sauer was sent to all of you on December 8, 2020 at 6:11pm CST with a request for a response by 1:00pm on December 9, 2020. I am hoping you can provide responses to the following questions:

- a. Did you conduct a review of the evidentiary basis of the allegations for fraud presented in TX v. PA, [et.al](#), prior to joining?
- b. Did you review the state and federal court cases in the four defendant states that previously had dismissed many of the allegations, including objections to the constitutionality of election processes in the defendant states?
- c. Did you reach out to the defendant states requesting information about their procedures and/or to ask about the allegations before joining?
- d. I see that Andrew Pinson, Solicitor General from Georgia, was on these coordinating emails. Given that Georgia Attorney General Carr publicly responded that the Texas case was “constitutionally, legally and factually wrong,” did any of you consult with Mr. Pinson prior to joining? And, conversely, Mr. Pinson, did you share General Carr’s objections to the case to your colleagues on this email thread?
- e. The *Atlanta Journal Constitution* reported in its morning paper on December 9, 2020 that President Trump telephoned Attorney General Carr directly on the evening of December 8 and warned General Carr “not to rally other Republicans against the Texas lawsuit.” <https://www.ajc.com/politics/trump-warns-georgia-ag-not-to-rally-other-republicans-against-texas-lawsuit/37ASZD4PJNENHOLVIXZHRXCJJI/> Were you, or your attorneys general, aware of the President’s efforts to ask/warn General Carr not to engage with you on this issue? Would that have been a concern to you?
- f. The President’s warning, and your joining of this case, came after several public statements from Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, who certified the elections, in which he rejected the allegations as baseless and further statements from state election systems manager Gabriel Sterling who noted extensive conspiracy theories about election fraud were harmful to election integrity.

g. Why was it your individual and collective position to give greater credibility and weight to the unproven allegations posited in TX v. PA than to the adamant public defenses of election integrity by the Georgia Attorney General, the Governor of Georgia, the Georgia Secretary of State, and the state election systems manager? Similar responses to the allegations were also raised by election officials, judges, and state officials in the three other defendant states, as well.

h. Recent press reports have revealed that the White House pressured the U.S. Department of Justice for the resignation of U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, Byung J. Pak. because, according to the *Wall Street Journal*, President Trump “was furious” that Mr. Pak was not investigating the allegations of election fraud in Atlanta. This morning, January 13, 2021, the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* is reporting that Mr. Bobby Christine, the acting U.S. attorney who was brought in to replace Mr. Pak, told staff members in the U.S. Attorney's office yesterday “there’s just nothing to” the few claims of election fraud in Atlanta. Do you still have concerns about election fraud in any of the defendant states. If so, can you share the evidentiary basis of those concerns?

2. The first batch of public records that I have received from several of your states, as well as a review of other public records, reveals that there was widespread belief within your offices that the U.S. Supreme Court would dismiss this case “in a sentence” and that based on Purcell v. Gonzalez, 549 US 1 (2006), the US Supreme Court would not interfere with the 2020 President election in any way. Additionally, many Attorneys General publicly stated that it was highly unlikely that the U.S. Supreme Court would hear the case.

a. Since the amicus brief cites concerns about public confidence in election integrity, did you consider the implications to public perceptions of election integrity when you decided to join a suit/brief based allegations (rather than demonstrated evidence) when the general consensus among your attorneys general appears to be that the US Supreme Court was not going to hear the case?

3. The central constitutional principle raised in TX v. PA and the amicus brief was that the defendant states violated the Electors Clause of Article II of the United States Constitution because “non-legislative actors” modified existing election laws this year in response to COVID pandemic and that these modifications were not adopted or ratified by respective legislatures.

a. If this was the central principle at stake, why was this case limited to these four defendant states?

North Dakota, for example, conducted its primary in June entirely by mail and sent out mail-in ballot applications, unsolicited, to all residents on the Secretary of State voter rolls. The Secretary of State also added a cure provision, following a legal challenge by the Campaign Legal Center, approved by US Federal Court, to allow voters to review signatures that were challenged. These adjustments were made for both the primary elections in June 2020 and the general election in November 2020 and were made in the absence of legislative approval.

Similarly, as described in the amicus brief submitted in defense of the four states by Montana Governor Bullock, he noted that Montana had been involved in defending election challenges in court “that mirrored those described by Texas,” and yet as he noted, Texas (and your subsequent amicus brief) did not include Montana as a named defendant. Parenthetically, he also questioned why his own attorney general would sign the amicus brief when he had successfully defended the state against similar challenges to Montana’s election laws – citing Driscoll v. Stapleton 473 P3d 386 (Mont. 2020).

b. My research suggests that at least eight other states (including five of yours) should have been named as defendants and each of you presumably would have mounted defenses. Was there any consideration by any of you as to why these four states, and not others, were listed and did it raise any concerns?

c. My research based on public statements from each of your Secretary of State offices also reveals a very high degree of confidence in the integrity of mail-in balloting in the 19 states that joined this case. Do you still consider balloting by mail to be “inherently prone to fraud?”

I apologize for the length of this message, but, again, given the historical significance of the issues presented and the context around TX v. PA and the amicus brief joined by your attorneys general, I believe the range of questions are required to gain a factual and accurate historical understanding. If I have missed something or misinterpreted the events, timelines and issues, please let me know.

I appreciate your consideration of my request for answers to the questions posed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Jon Western

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## Today in History

### *Pope recognizes Knights Templar*

*On January 13, 1128, Pope Honorius II grants a papal sanction to the military order known as the [Knights Templar](#), declaring it to be an army of God.*

## The State

[Columbia Mayor Benjamin says city is prepping for any protests ahead of inauguration](#)

[SC House members want to hear from more possible buyers for Santee Cooper](#)

[Remember the SC Senate filibuster on education? Senators OK rule to prevent that](#)

[In 'extraordinary times' DHEC is looking to hire at least 150 to help vaccine rollout](#)

## Greenville News

[DHEC wasn't ready to take COVID vaccine appointments, but it is now, official says](#)

[Greenville lawmakers applaud activist who demands Joe Biden be dismissed as 'illegitimate'](#)

[COVID-19 dealt a blow to Greenville's Main Street, but optimism prevails for new business](#)

[Greenville County Schools to resume extracurricular activities, performances](#)

## Post and Courier

[Charleston Council decries those who incite hate but deletes mention of white nationalism](#)

[Horry County police officer dies after being struck while clearing debris from roadway](#)

[DHEC to newly eligible seniors: Don't expect to get a COVID vaccine soon](#)

[Charleston's African American Museum to feature \\$1.7M in tech donated by Sony](#)

## WSJ

[House Set to Impeach Trump Again, With GOP Support](#)

[FBI Has Opened Over 160 Cases Tied to Pro-Trump Capitol Riot](#)

[Lawmakers Were Feet and Seconds Away From Confrontation With the Mob in the Capitol](#)

[Lisa Montgomery Is Executed After Supreme Court Clears Way](#)

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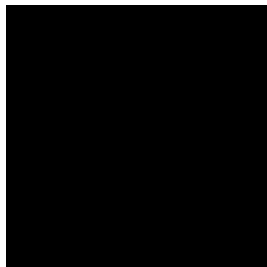
[SC Attorney General Wilson faces disciplinary complaint over supporting election lawsuit](#)

[Annual report shows latest trends in the fight against human trafficking](#)

[South Carolina AG Alan Wilson faces complaint over election challenge](#)

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[Hicks: Wilson's protests about stirring protesters draws cries of 'You lie'](#)



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**Subject:** updated and superceding FOI

Robert -- this is an updated and amended version of the FOI I sent earlier today.

**It supercedes my earlier FOI.**

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- + Alan Wilson and President Trump.
- + Alan Wilson and any member of the Trump White House.
- + Alan Wilson and any top staff of RAGA.
- + Alan Wilson and any top staff of RLDF.

This includes all messages and received sent on the Attorney General's personal as well as official email and cell phone accounts.

I would also like a copy of the Attorney General's scheduling calendar of planned and finished events, calls and meetings for the dates between Nov. 4, 2020, and midnight Monday, Jan. 11, 2021.

Thank you,  
John  
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**Subject:** FOI to the Attorney General

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Thank you for your help in this matter.

If I can answer any questions that will make your job easier to locate these documents, please let me know.

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## Today in History

### Massive earthquake strikes Haiti

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[SC law enforcement agencies warned of possible armed protests before Biden swearing-in](#)

[Hopeful for a vaccine, USC begins spring semester amid coronavirus pandemic](#)

[Spurred by 'deadly December,' Richland County tallied more murders in 2020 than 2019](#)

[His dad's on death row for 3 murders. It set a then-SC boy on a new path: to find God](#)

## Greenville News

[Here's why you should care about Lockheed Martin's \\$900 million contract in Greenville](#)

[SLED spokesman: FBI warns of possible 'armed protests' in Columbia, S.C.'s capital city](#)

[Weekend concert at downtown Clemson bar spurs legal action from city, citing COVID fears](#)

[As Pickens County and Easley COVID numbers keep rising, city policy unchanged](#)

## Post and Courier

[COVID-19 vaccines, new infections are pushing SC toward herd immunity by fall, experts say](#)

[Berkeley County's new forensics building will help Sheriff's Office solve crimes](#)

[Vaccines, in-person learning and boosting business part of COVID-themed legislative session](#)

[SC lawmakers take some safety precautions, debate others for mid-pandemic session](#)

## **WSJ**

[Republicans Weigh Trump Censure, Impeachment](#)

[Biden's Inauguration Planners Step Up Security After Capitol Riot](#)

[Parler, a Platform Favored by Trump Fans, Struggles for Survival](#)

[Coronavirus Vaccine Should Be Given to Anyone Over 65, Health Officials Expected to Urge](#)

## **Office Mentions**

[SC's AG Alan Wilson: Biden is legitimate, Pence had no power to overturn election](#)

[SC Attorney General Wilson disavows robocall that invited 'patriots' to DC rally-turned-riot](#)

[SC report reviews challenging year in fight against human trafficking](#)

[Republican AGs group leader quits over call pushing protest](#)

[AG: Charleston County remains in top 5 counties for human trafficking in South Carolina](#)

[AG Alan Wilson releases SC Human Trafficking Task Force's 2020 report](#)

[Horry County ranks No. 1 – again – for human trafficking reports in the state](#)

[Upstate restaurant giving back to those impacted by human trafficking](#)

[SC Attorney General Alan Wilson: More data draws clearer picture of human trafficking](#)

[Two charged in sex material cases](#)

[SC Human Trafficking annual report shows changes in Top 5 counties](#)

[Greenville, Anderson counties among top 5 for reported human trafficking in SC](#)

[SC Attorney General Wilson releases 2020 Human Trafficking Task Force data](#)

[SC Human Trafficking Annual Report: Alan Wilson Announces Top 5 Counties](#)

[AG Alan Wilson releases SC Human Trafficking Task Force Annual Report](#)

[South Carolina AG releases 2020 Human Trafficking annual report](#)

['I would 100% do it again': Local business owner recalls experience during riot at Capitol Hill](#)



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Here's what we have.

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**To:** [Alan Wilson](#)  
**Cc:** [Matt Wills](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Post and Courier questions for story on the RAGA robocall  
**Date:** Monday, January 11, 2021 11:20:00 AM

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**Sent:** Monday, January 11, 2021 10:32 AM  
**To:** Robert Kittle <RKittle@scag.gov>  
**Subject:** Post and Courier questions for story on the RAGA robocall

Hey Robert,

As discussed over the phone, here are several questions I have for Attorney General Alan Wilson today.

Does the attorney general know which RAGA staffers were responsible for the robocall that encouraged activists to attend Wednesday's rally?

If not, is he working to find that out? What is he doing to get answers about how the robocall went out?

There have been calls for an investigation into the RAGA's promotion of the rally Wednesday. Does Wilson believe that more scrutiny of the group and the robocall is warranted?

What consequences, if any, does the attorney general believe is warranted for the RAGA employees responsible for the robocall?

What role, if any, did the attorney general play in Adam Piper's hiring at the RAGA/Rule of Law Defense Fund?

This is the second time Wilson has found himself disavowing Piper's actions and saying he had no knowledge of them, the first being Piper's attempt to smear David Pascoe. Does Wilson believe Piper should continue as executive director of the RAGA?

Does the attorney general believe that election fraud influenced the outcome of the 2020 presidential election?

As discussed earlier, I plan to publish this story online later today.

Feel free to give me a call at 803-374-3115.

Best,  
-Avery

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Projects reporter, Charleston Post and Courier

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Happy New Year, everyone! (Despite the unbelievable events of two days ago.)

Here's the News Brief, which is for the last couple of weeks because of the holidays.

I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and thank you for all you do!

Robert



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## Today in History

### *Crazy Horse fights last battle*

On January 8, 1877, Oglala Lakota warrior [Crazy Horse](#) and his men—outnumbered, low on ammunition and forced to use outdated weapons to defend themselves—fight their final losing battle against the U.S. Cavalry in [Montana](#).

Six months earlier, in the [Battle of the Little Bighorn](#), Crazy Horse and his ally, [Sitting Bull](#), led their combined forces of Sioux and Cheyenne to a stunning victory over Lieutenant Colonel George Custer (1839-76) and his men. The Native Americans were resisting the U.S. government's efforts to force them back to their reservations. After Custer and over 200 of his soldiers were killed in the conflict, later dubbed "[Custer's Last Stand](#)," the American public wanted revenge. As a result, the U.S. Army launched a winter campaign in 1876-77, led by General Nelson Miles (1839-1925), against the remaining tribes on the Northern Plains.

## The State

[Graham says mob was 'domestic terrorists,' president's actions were the problem](#)

[Federal prosecutors to investigate any SC ties to rioters' storming of US Capitol](#)

[COVID vaccine roll out slowed by red tape, hospitals say. DHEC urged to make changes.](#)

[SC's Clyburn supports impeaching Trump after Capitol riot, reversing previous stance](#)

## Greenville News

[COVID-19 has now killed 1 in 1,000 South Carolinians, case numbers remain high](#)

[For Clemson students reported for breaking COVID-19 rules, only 1% are investigated](#)

[Upstate farmer, former deputy chief of Capitol Police, fought urge to drive to D.C. to help](#)

[Duncan, Timmons and 3 other SC congressmen voted to object to Electoral College results](#)

## **Post and Courier**

[Nancy Mace's first 100 hours in Congress: threats, violence and challenging Trump](#)

[As security upgraded at SC Statehouse, top legislators say they're not worried about safety](#)

[Boeing charged with criminal conspiracy, to pay \\$2.5B for 737 Max coverup](#)

[Beamer quickly replaces Mike Bobo as Gamecocks' offensive coordinator](#)

## **WSJ**

[After Capitol Riot, Resignations and Calls for Trump's Removal](#)

['In a Dark Place': Before Condemning Violence, Trump Spent Day Increasingly Isolated and Angry](#)

[Actions by Police Before Trump Supporters Attacked Capitol Backfired Spectacularly](#)

[U.S. Lost 140,000 Jobs in December](#)

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[Human trafficking meeting open to public](#)

[ILA Accused of Unfair Labor Practices for New Charleston Terminal](#)

[South Carolina Ports defends hybrid labor model](#)

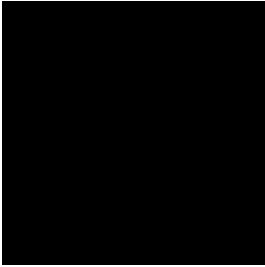
[Horry County man faces more than a dozen child sexual exploitation charges](#)

[Anderson man sentenced to prison for sharing child porn](#)

[Anderson Co. man sentenced for possession of child sexual abuse material](#)

[Port, attorney general file labor complaint with NLRB](#)

[Murrells Inlet man facing up to 140 years in prison for sexual exploitation of a minor](#)



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One additional Office Mention:

[SC Attorney General files unfair labor practice charge to protect SC Ports workers](#)

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[SC 'to see a big surge coming up' in coronavirus cases after holidays, MUSC expert warns](#)

[Charleston ports agency files complaint against labor union over Leatherman Terminal jobs](#) (not a word about us)

## **WSJ**

[Trump Agrees to Orderly Transfer of Power to Biden After Capitol Riots](#)

[Capitol Police Weren't Prepared for Rioters, Authorities Say](#)

[Georgia Senate Wins by Democrats Followed Years of Party Organizing](#)

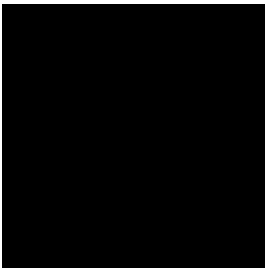
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['Stop this now.' SC Republican leaders sound off as pro-Trump rioters breach Capitol](#)

[Union man arrested on sexual exploitation of minor charges](#)

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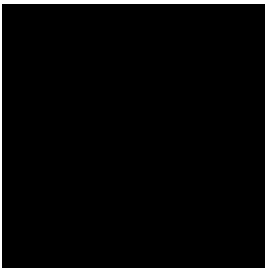
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