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Steve Lawlor, a New York native, has lived in Orangeburg for 22 years. He’ll be running for mayor, and he is managing partner at Benjamin Law Firm, LLC, Benjamin is director of the S.C. Department of Probation and Parole. Benjamin’s background should help him pursue adequate safety, create jobs and run the city more efficiently.

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Joe Azar was born and raised in the United States and has run for mayor before, and when he ran in 2001, he found he was affiliated with, he said, “Everything we have here. I’ll be the same.”

Any feelings of having one position is like having one job, because he’s a Columbiaan that two words they can only remember are “communication and cooperation.” Cleaning up finances and taking care of city employees are his goals.

“Your greatest assets are your people. If you do business with the people that go to school and go to church, it will import and export money and help you grow in return,” Azar said.

His hobbies include eating good food, bike riding, going to concerts and having fun with friends. “I love creating and doing,” he said.

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Gary Myers Jr. will be running for mayor in 2010 as well as will be contacting the City of Columbia Mayor’s office.

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**LOCAL & WORLD NEWS**

**LOCAL**

Panel cuts 28 ethics charges

South Carolina lawmakers considering whether or not to impeach Gov. Mark Sanford handed him a victory Thursday by rejecting from the House floor any new accusations of ethical wrongdoing over his travel and campaign expenses.

Members of the legislative panel, in its first series of hearings this week, unanimously decided that 28 of 37 ethics charges levied against Sanford will not be part of their discussion.

“It is appropriate that the committee dismissed the bulk of the allegations against the governor,” said Russ Garber, attorney for the Office of the Governor.

These allegations clearly did not rise to the level of serious crimes and serious misconduct in office required to justify impeachment of a governor for the first time in the history of South Carolina.

The chairman of the House ethics panel, Rep. Jim Lucas, R-Spaugus, said Sanford flew in private commercial airline seats despite rules requiring lowest-cost travel and questions of reimbursements for his campaign money.

**NATIONAL**

Ga. House speaker resigns

ATLANTA — Georgia’s powerful House Speaker has resigned after a suicide attempt allegedly by his ex-wife of an affair with a lobbyist.

Speaker Glenn Richardson said in a statement Thursday that the House communications office that his resignation takes effect Jan. 1.

He had repeatedly denied even his political enemies when he revealed last month that he had attempted suicide outside swallowing sleeping pills. But then his ex-wife went on TV and accused him of having “a full-out affair” with a lobbyist who is a powerful political force.

The 49-year-old was once thought to be a serious candidate under consideration for the Republican nomination for governor. He reportedly said in his ex-wife’s claim that this week that he with a lobbyist pushed a $300 million pipeline bill he was co-sponsoring.

It has been a day full of lore for one of Georgia’s most powerful political figures. Sheriffs deputies found him Friday after a day of rumors of deep divisions within the army, that he was on the verge of being fired.

The contents of the note have not been released.

**INTERNATIONAL**

Guinea president won't resign

CONAKRY, Guinea — A renegade faction of Guinea’s formal parlors opened fire on the African country’s leader Thursday, slightly wounding him amid rumors of deep divisions within the army, that he was on the verge of being fired.

President Moussa “Dadis” Camara was shot at by his military aide, who heads the presidential guard, Communications Minister Edrisa Cherif said.

A 33-year-old, the 49-year-old president had been badly wounded but that his life was not in danger.

“The president of the republic is still the president of the republic and he is in good health,” Cherif said.

Camara has been under military siege and sporadic shooting could be heard in downtown Conakry.

A newspaper reported that the teen, 18, first threw a note saying he was carrying dynamite.

The incident underscored the deep rifts inside the military clique that grabbed control of the nation of 10 million on Africa’s western coast just 11 months ago.

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Today

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Sunday vs. Clemson

Littlejohn Coliseum

**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

Sunday December 13 vs. NC State

@ Colonial Life Arena

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South Carolina State House stands decorated for the holiday season as lights, tree and ornaments lighting up the December night.

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**WEIRD HEADLINES**

1918

President Woodrow Wilson departs Washington, D.C., on the first European trip by a U.S. president. After five days in Paris, George Washington, Wilson arrived at Brest, France, and traveled by land to Versailles, where he headed the American delegation to the peace conference seeking an official end to World War I.

1945

In an overwhelming vote of 65 to 7, the U.S. Senate approves full U.S. participation in the United Nations.

1952

Heavy smog begins to hover over London, England. It persists for four days, leading to the deaths of at least 4,000 people.

1984

President George H. Bush orders 28,000 U.S. troops to Somalia, a war-torn East African nation whose rebel warlords were preventing the distribution of humanitarian aid to thousands of starving Somalis. The mission, which Bush called “God’s Work,” lasted 15 months.
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South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford welcomes guests.

A divided holiday

Public eyes first family, mindful of Sanford’s indiscretions in past

Bruce Smith and Jeanna Alcox

In holiday seasons past, South Carolina’s first family seemed like something out of a Norman Rockwell painting.

Gov. Mark Sanford, first lady Jenny and their four sons shipped the sketch to light the serene statehouse Christmas tree. They posed for a holiday card describing folksy family events, like their youngest giving a turtle a new home in a fountain at the governor’s mansion.

Oh, how things have changed after the governor’s Christmas card this year, although it is not in the mail yet, said Meg Miller, a spokeswoman for WUSC Student Media.”

“We intend to get to work right away to try and come up with a solution that is acceptable to both Col. Barfoot and to the homeowners,” Watts said in an e-mail.

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90-year-old veteran has right to fly flag

You probably have never heard of Mr. Van T. Barfoot, but once you have heard of the retired United States Army colonel, you will never forget his story.

Barfoot, now 90 years old, is one of a handful of living World War II veterans who received the Medal of Honor for his service. Barfoot, also a veteran of the Korean War, received the Medal of Honor for his heroism while serving in Europe. Barfoot is distinguished with the Medal of Honor, bored, and in the middle of a long spell of unemployment and debt, in Richmond, Va. Barfoot erected a 21-foot flagpole on his front lawn when he moved in. He has now been told that he must remove the flagpole by 5 p.m. today or face legal repercussions.

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RATING THE HOLIDAY MOVIES

Season proves fruitful for upcoming film releases

THUMBS UP

3. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" (CBS TV Special, Rankin/Bass, 1964)
4. "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (MGM, 1966)

THUMBS DOWN

2. Jim Carrey Ruining Christmas
3. Tim Allen sequels

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"Up In The Air," 'Nine,' 'Invincible' among promising box office offerings

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"To many people holidays are not voyages of discovery, but a ritual of reassurance." — Philip Andrew Adams

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said Tony Shalhoub on the phone Tuesday, “but we’re proud of the finale, so we want people to tune in.”

Adrian Monk, the character Shalhoub plays on the USA Network series “Monk,” tails off into the sunset Friday at 9 p.m. EST, having helped turn USA, and cable TV in general, around.

Shalhoub, about as relaxed as Mr. Monk is obsessed and prickly, doesn’t take a lot of credit.

“Cable was in the process of changing, and more and more people were drawn to cable — writers, producers, actors, directors. In eight years, that entire landscape has sort of done a 180.”

“Monk” premiered on USA on July 12, 2002, four months after “The Shield,” which exploded into obsessive-compulsive disorder that he needed to hire a companion to help him get through the dust of life that most of us find so easy to ignore.

When Taylor Howard replaced Bitty Schram in the position in 2004 (because of “a new creative direction” or supporting-actor greediness, we may never know), the fans went nuts, but Howard proved to be a reasonable change.

The networks really have their work cut out for them,” Shalhoub said. “Cable was always regarded as sort of a bastard child or something, and when nobody was looking, it just exploded. “Monk” was lighter than most of the cable hours that followed, but it hit it the stage for Kyra Sedgwick’s “The Closer” on TNT, which led on that network to a genre of tough female cops. On its home network USA, the characters were quirker — “Burn Notice” features a fired up guy who won’t take too much for an answer and “Psych” has a fake psychic.

And it helped revive the off-beat detective character that was once a TV staple, from James Rockford to Richard Kimble to Rick and A.J. Simon. “The Mentalist” is one of CBS’ biggest now hits. Tim Roth’s Dr. Cal Lightman sees through criminal fog on Fox’s “Lie to Me.” Greshack mathematicians work cases on CBS’ “Numb3rs.”

In the winter of 2003, after the show’s first season, Shalhoub won the Golden Globe for best comedy performance by an actor. “That happened before I realized we were really on anyone’s radar,” he said. “That first year, a lot of people were scratching their heads.”

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Inside the Box  By Marlowe Leverette / The Daily Gamecock

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CAROLINA HEADS UP TO CLEMSON

Gamecocks look to continue USC's recent success in Palmetto State

Sam Davis

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