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Clemson professor Anthony Guiseppe-Elie is working on a biochip that would be inserted under the skin in the muscle.

Biochip alert could save lives

Clemson bioengineering professor's effort targets bleeding levels

By Liv Osby

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When first responders arrive at the scene of a serious wreck with injuries, they send information about the victims' heart rate, oxygen level and other vital signs to the hospital so doctors are prepared to treat them.

A Clemson University researcher wants to add information about internal bleeding to the ER checklist.

Bioengineering professor Anthony Guiseppe-Elie is developing an implantable "biochip" that he hopes will save lives, not only in motor vehicle accidents, but in military operations and disasters.

"As the population grows and becomes more concentrated in cities, it's only a matter of time be-

fore we have a major natural disaster," he said. "And being able to deploy some sensor technology rapidly would be a great asset in mass triage situations."

A physician in the field could quickly insert a biochip into 50 or 100 patients, for instance, each encrypted and monitored separately, to send information about each patient, he said.

The chip works by detecting lactate levels, which can be up to five times higher than normal when someone is bleeding, Guiseppe-Elie said. The biochip, which would be inserted under the skin in the patient's muscle, would measure those levels and help physicians better determine whether his life is threatened, he said.

"A lot of the chemistry that's in the blood is in fact dictated by the chemistry in the muscles," Guiseppe-

Elie said. "We would like to find out what's going on with a patient before the elevated chemistries appear in the blood. You have to make these measurements where the action is. The action is in the muscle."

Early work

Guiseppe-Elie said he began his research about a decade ago with the Department of Defense to allow medics to better triage wounded soldiers on the battlefield.

Currently, he's testing the chip on pigs and other animals.

"We were quite successful in identifying the proprietary space that we could file patents on and developing some sensors that could reveal some very interesting physiological data about what hap-

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Board approves prayer policy

Clergy of any religion could open school board meetings

By Ron Barnett

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PICKENS — Prayers in the name of Jesus Christ may again be offered at meetings of the Pickens County School Board, if a new policy the board gave initial approval to gets a final OK next month.

After more than a year of meetings being solemnized by nonsectarian prayers spoken by the trustees themselves, the board is looking to open the floor to clergy of any religious group in Pickens County to offer the invocation "according to the dictates of (their) own conscience."

The policy doesn't run afoul of the First Amendment's restriction against governmental endorsement of religion because it gives the same opportunity to all religions and is in line with a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the *Town of Greece, N.Y., vs. Galloway*.

"I personally believe when a person says a prayer to Jesus, Jesus hears the prayer, bestows a blessing on the meeting," board Chairman Alex Saitta said. "I think adding blessings like that and similar to that by whomever gives it, is positive."

Non-Christian prayers also would be allowed under the new policy, he said.

"I'm not Jewish, but I do appreciate their devotion to God and how they show it in their prayers and their life," Saitta said. "Nonbelievers are likely to come at some point give an invocation that recognizes the value in self-government, the brotherhood of man, and asks all of us to unite as we seek solutions to the problems at hand. I will find appreciation in that too."

He said he believes inviting clergy to give a prayer will be an improvement over the current policy because the clergy "are from our community and their prayers will be more reflective of the community we represent."

The board went to the nonsectarian prayer policy in April 2013 after the Freedom from Religion Foundation, a national nonprofit that promotes separation of state and church, sent a letter to the board describing its practice of allowing students to deliver the invocation as "a serious constitutional violation."

Student prayers were often offered in the name of Jesus and reflected a particularly Christian theological perspective.

When the board was deciding how to respond to the Freedom from Religion Foundation, residents and local pastors packed the board chambers and held prayer vigils outside the district office, crying out for the board to stand firm. But the board voted 3-2-1 to adopt the practice of having the trustees offer invocations without mention of any specific deity or doctrine.

The board voted unanimously in favor of the new policy, despite the advice

In spirit of Hipps, a message of joy

Clemson freshman's life celebrated in friends' words

By Anna Lee

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EASLEY — Even in stories, Tucker Hipps was magnetic.

You couldn't help but be drawn in, said those who knew Hipps best at his funeral Sunday at Rock Springs Baptist

months into his freshman year at Clemson University when he died during a morning run with his fraternity brothers on Sept. 22. He was 19.

Hipps' parents, Gary and Cindy, did not speak at the service, but the Rev. Dr. David Gallamore said they had been married for 14 years before their son came as a "miracle birth."

The day Hipps was born was "the most fulfilling day this side of heaven," Gallamore said. "He was loved by his parents in a wonderful way."

or at Palmetto Boys State, a week-long camp where Hipps was a counselor.

He was energetic and smiled easily and often. He made friends wherever he went. And he was the best friend you could ask for.

Dozens of photos of Hipps that flashed by on two screens before the service filled in what the stories left out.

There were photos of Hipps on the football field at Wren High, where he was a 2013 graduate. Of his church bas-

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Charleston pays tribute to Greenberg

Funeral honors police chief who broke barriers, bridged divides



The funeral for former longtime Charleston police Chief Reuben Greenberg, 71, was Sunday at Synagogue Emanu-El in West Ashley. The pallbearers, which included former Charleston Fire Chief Rusty Thomas (center, background), were followed by his widow, Sarah Greenberg (left), and Rabbi Adam J. Rosenbaum.

BY DAVID SLADE
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Charleston's former police chief Reuben Greenberg was remembered at a funeral service Sunday as a strong leader who reduced the city's crime rate while strengthening community ties and healing racial divides.

Greenberg, who died last week at 71, retired in 2005 after 23 years in charge of the city police. His tenure coincided with Charleston's economic revival and growth as an international tourist destination, and included one of the greatest natural disasters to strike the city in decades — Hurricane Hugo.



Chief Reuben Greenberg, at the police stables near Hampton Park, was in charge of city police for 23 years.

Gallery
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"The quality of a city police chief is central to the success of a city," said Mayor Joe Riley, addressing a crowd of several hundred during the funeral at Synagogue Emanu-El in West Ashley.

It was Riley who selected Greenberg from among 140 applicants for the top cop job in 1982, and the mayor recalled wondering if Greenberg, who had several

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Obama: Advance by ISIS a surprise

Says U.S. intelligence underestimated threat

BY PETER BAKER
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New York Times News Service

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama acknowledged in an interview broadcast Sunday that the United States had underestimated the rise of the Islamic State militant group, which has seized control of a broad swath of territory in the Middle East, and had placed too much trust in the Iraqi military, allowing the region to become "ground zero for jihadists around the world."

Reflecting on how a president who wanted to disentangle the United States from wars in the Middle East ended up redeploying to Iraq and last week expanding air operations into Syria, Obama pointed to assessments by the intelligence agencies that said they were surprised by the rapid advances made in both countries by the Islamic State.

"Our head of the intelligence community, Jim Clapper, has acknowledged that, I think, they underestimated what had been taking place in Syria," Obama said on "60 Minutes," the CBS News program, referring to James R. Clapper Jr., the director of national intelligence. Obama added that the agencies had overestimated the ability and will of the Iraqi army to fight such Sunni extremists.

"That's true. That's absolutely true," he said. But he rebutted critics who say his refusal to intervene more directly in the Syrian civil war and his decision to pull all American troops out of Iraq in 2011 had created conditions that allowed the rise of the Islamic State. Instead, he pointed a finger at Nouri al-Maliki, until recently the prime minister of Iraq.

"When we left, we had left them a democracy that was intact, a military that was well-equipped and the ability



Obama

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BUILDING THE FUTURE

How the Charleston metro area is growing and changing

Some see a dark plot behind 'smart' growth initiatives

Claim: Bicycle groups are 'shock troops'

BY DAVID SLADE
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It wasn't like developers needed more objections to urban-style living in the suburbs.

Where builders and planners see combining high-density housing, retail and offices as the wave of the future, residents from Mount Pleasant to James Island see problems — crowded schools, lack of parking and an end to small-town lifestyles.

Now, they also have complaints that

high-density residential developments, bicycle lanes, mass transit and "sustainable" or "smart" growth are part of a 22-year-old United Nations plot to undermine the American way of life.

"It's all a part of this Agenda 21," said Mount Pleasant native Cindy Anderson, referring to the Coleman Boulevard Plan. "They will push us all into these urban centers — that's the plan."

Bill Eubanks, the creative director of Urban Edge Studio at Seamon, Whiteside & Associates, who authored

Poll
Do you believe in the Agenda 21 theory? Find this story at postandcourier.com/polls to vote.

Mount Pleasant's Coleman Boulevard master plan, said he's heard concerns about Agenda 21, a 351-page document outlining ideas to address poverty, housing and environmental problems, including climate change.

"I have looked into the Agenda 21

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High density developments such as "The Boulevard" on Coleman Boulevard, are touted as easing congestion on roads and urban sprawl. But some opponents have linked them to what they say is a United Nations plot to undermine the American way of life.



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Cayce faces triple tax hikes

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Cayce residents may be in for a triple tax hike in coming weeks.

Starting Wednesday, a new city tax of two pennies on the dollar will be added to the tab for dining in restaurants, takeout meals from supermarkets and some snacks at convenience stores.

That will be followed by a referendum on a pair of proposed tax increases on the Nov. 4 ballot — one to raise property taxes for Lexington 2 school improvements and the other a new penny-on-the-dollar sales tax for roads and other projects across Lexington County.

If all are approved, the combination is estimated to add at least \$500 to the annual tax bill of a typical family of four.

Cayce is the only area in the county facing three virtually simultaneous tax hikes.

Some residents in the city of 13,000 residents say it's too much at once.

"Everybody is coming from every corner and saying we need this and we need that," retiree Ray Mixon said. "It's a real dilemma."

Other residents are unhappy about the meal tax but undecided about the two tax plans on the ballot.

"Nobody likes to pay taxes — that's a given," said Russell Long, a former Swansea mayor who now lives in Cayce. "I want to learn more about the benefits of

each — I'm still waiting to be convinced."

Other residents aren't fazed by the accumulation, saying each proposal merits consideration.

"It doesn't bother me in the least — I have no problem with people asking for them," retired teacher Elizabeth Gressette said. "How else are you going to get services?"

Among the highlights of each proposal:

■ City leaders adopted the meals tax mainly to pay for upkeep of the local museum and Riverwalk along the Congaree River. It is the only tax of its kind in Lexington County but matches what's done in adjoining Columbia and Richland County. The meal tax will cost

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WHERE THE MONEY WOULD GO



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Drainage improvements to eliminate flooding in some Cayce neighborhoods are included in projects that would be paid for by a countywide, penny-on-the-dollar sales tax increase proposed in Lexington County.



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Renovations of many classrooms and three new schools are included in the \$225 million in improvements sought in Lexington 2.



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Dining out in Cayce will cost an extra 2 cents on the dollar starting Wednesday, raising money mainly for upkeep of the local museum and Riverwalk along the Congaree River.

Obama says U.S. underestimated how quickly ISIS was rising

By BRIAN KNOWLTON
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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama acknowledged in an interview Sunday night that the United States underestimated the rise of the Islamic State militant group while placing too much trust in the Iraqi military, allowing the region to become "ground zero for jihadists around the world."

In some of his most candid public remarks on the subject, Obama told "60 Minutes" that it was "absolutely true" that the United States had erred in its assessments of both the Islamic State, also known as ISIS, and the Iraqi military.

And while describing a range of measures to sharpen military pres-

sure on the extremists, he said that, ultimately, a political outcome was necessary to ease frictions between Sunni and Shiite Muslims "in Iraq and Syria, in particular."

A political solution there might ease broader tensions between the populations that "are the biggest cause of conflict, not just in the Middle East, but in the world," Obama said, according to excerpts from the interview on CBS News' website.

The president's comments came as warplanes from the United States and allied Arab countries continued airstrikes on Islamic State targets in

Iraq and Syria, including some in a besieged Kurdish area of Syria near Turkey, in a campaign that the administration has said could take years.

The House speaker, Rep. John A. Boehner of Ohio, suggested Sunday that the airstrike campaign might not be enough to contain and then destroy Islamic State militants, and that U.S. ground forces might ultimately have to be deployed.

"These are barbarians," Boehner told George Stephanopoulos on the ABC News program "This Week." "They intend to kill us. And if we don't destroy them first, we're going to pay the price."

Stephanopoulos asked, "If no one

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Mourners carry the casket Sunday after a funeral service for Tucker Hipps in Easley.

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Aiken City Council members and staff will meet Wednesday to discuss if reimbursement will be given to the Woodside Plantation Property Owners Association for money spent hiring crews to clean up storm debris following the ice storm.

City will discuss Woodside funds

BY MAAYAN SCHECHTER
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Aiken City Council and staff will meet Wednesday to discuss what, if any, reimbursement will be awarded to the Woodside Plantation Property Owners Association for costs incurred after February's ice storm.

The Association is asking for almost \$300,000 in reimbursement from the City of Aiken, after spending approximately \$303,931.60 to hire Cold Creek Nurseries and

Weiss Tree Service, of Nevada, Iowa, to clean up leaners and hangers along Woodside's street right-of-way, their common areas and the main access roads — Woodside Plantation Drive, East Gate Drive and Mockernut Circle.

Woodside is a private, gated community. Its streets are considered private, but the neighborhood is within the City of Aiken, which grants the City access for garbage pickup and yard waste collection in the area.

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Man survives lung transplants

Aiken resident embracing life with new lungs

BY DERREK ASBERRY
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Aiken resident David Flurett said he used to plan his life 20 or 30 years into the future. Now, on the heels of a successful double lung transplant, he is truly embracing life and each moment he gets with his family.

Flurett, 57, spent a number of years as an asbestos worker, and now as a fire systems specialist, with the Savannah River Site's management and operations contractor, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions.

Doctors first noticed a spot on his lung in December 2012 during a routine X-ray with the company.

"I've never been incredibly sick or ill before, so I shrugged it off and told myself I'd get it checked out if it keeps coming up," he said.

Flurett's lung became worse, and by June 2013, he was carrying around a 42-pound oxygen backpack so he could get the seven liters of oxygen per day his body required.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Medical University of South Carolina respiratory therapist Jessica Greggrie takes David Flurett's blood pressure before he starts his physical therapy. Flurett is recovering from a successful double lung transplant.

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Marker denotes site of Graniteville Academy

BY DEDE BILES
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GRANITEVILLE — William Gregg, founder of the Graniteville Company, built the South's first large-scale cotton mill west of Aiken during the 1840s. He also had a village constructed around it for the workers.

In the village, which became Graniteville, was a school named Graniteville Academy, and Gregg required the mill's

Local historians believe his compulsory attendance policy was the first in American education history.

On Sunday afternoon, a historical marker was unveiled by members of the Horse Creek Historical Society — Branch I. The new marker is located at the building that used to be Graniteville Academy.

The structure, which looks like a large white house, is at the corner of Green Highway



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Obama: Syria policy helps Assad

By **KEN DILANIAN**
 The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Sunday gave voice to the conundrum at the heart of his Syria policy, acknowledging that the U.S.-led military campaign against the Islamic State group and al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria is helping Syrian dictator Bashar Assad, a man the United Nations has accused of war crimes.

"I recognize the contradiction in a contradictory land and a contradictory circumstance," Obama said in an interview aired Sunday on

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CBS' "60 Minutes." "We are not going to stabilize Syria under the rule of Assad," whose government has committed "terrible atrocities," Obama said.

"On the other hand, in terms of immediate threats to the United States, ISIL, Khorasan

Group — those folks could kill Americans."

ISIL is an alternative acronym for the Islamic State group, which has broken with al-Qaida as it has taken control of large sections of Iraq and Syria.

The Khorasan Group is a cell of militants that the U.S. says is plotting attacks against the West in cooperation with the Nusra front, Syria's al-Qaida affiliate. Both groups have been targeted by U.S. airstrikes in recent days; together they

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IN BEAUFORT COUNTY

Leaders to tackle tax rate process

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In what should be a game of numbers, politics seem to keep getting in the way.

At least, that's what some Beaufort County government and district officials think about efforts to set property tax rates.

Take the school district's tax rate, for example.

Two chief financial officers — Phyllis White with the district and Alicia Holland with the county — separately crunched the numbers and independently came up with the same recommendation: a tax rate of 105 mills.

However, council did not accept that recommendation and instead approved a lower rate: 103.5 mills.

While it's too early to tell what that lower rate will mean for the schools — some think the district could face a tax revenue shortfall for the second consecutive year — district and county officials want a better way to set it.

"Those recommendations got ignored, and the reason they did is because there was a political element in there that council didn't want to raise the mills that much," school board chairman Bill Evans said. "I understand that, but if we develop a viable budget that County Council approves, then we need to have a process that ensures it's funded and takes the politics out of it."

So county administrator Gary Kubic has called a meeting Tuesday with those who have a role in determining the tax rate — including the county treasurer, auditor and assessor, the district superintendent and finance staff for both groups.

The meeting's goal: Create a more cohesive process for setting the tax rate

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Pumpkin prep



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John Perry, of Beaufort, left, helps other volunteers place pallets on the lawn Sunday before a truckload of pumpkins was scheduled to arrive at Carteret Street United Methodist Church in Beaufort. The church's pumpkin patch opens today. "The money raised (at the pumpkin patch) is put toward the youth ministry at our church," said the Rev. Andrew Wolfe, associate pastor.

BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL

Gary Kubic to request contract extension

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Beaufort County administrator Gary Kubic will ask County Council for a two-year contract extension this fall that, if approved, would make him the top county of-

said. "We're at a crossroads in the sense that we have some major issues in terms of funding, revenue, our relationship with the school board, pending major capital improvements ... so I want the time."

Last week, Kubic promoted county attorney Josh Gruber to deputy administrator, replacing Bryan Hill.

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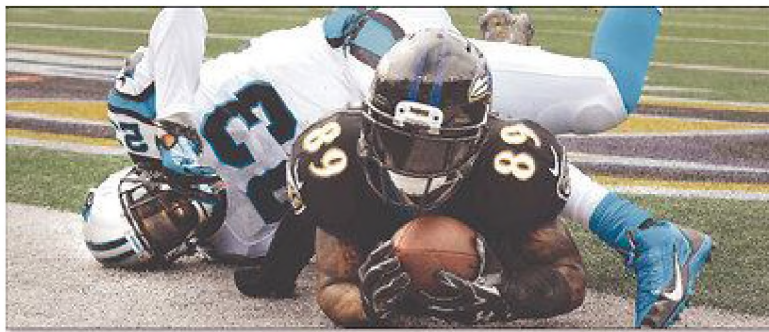
Body recovery underway at volcano

By **EMILY WANG**
 The Associated Press

KISO — Military and other rescue workers began airlifting more than two dozen bodies from the ash-blanketed peak of a Japanese volcano this morning, as family members of the missing waited at a nearby elementary school.

At least 31 people are believed to have died. Four victims were flown down Sunday, and rescu-





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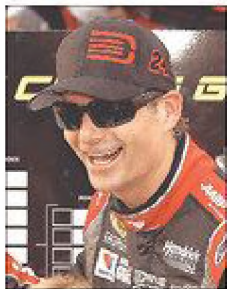
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Gordon prevails

Jeff Gordon, Sunday at Dover International Speedway, won the third race in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship for an automatic spot in the 12-driver field that advanced to the next round. **PAGE B1**

Syrian dilemma

President Barack Obama on Sunday acknowledged that the U.S.-led military campaign against the Islamic State group is helping, at least in the short term, Syrian dictator Bashar Assad. **PAGE A3**

Officer wounded

Authorities searched Sunday for a suspect in the shooting of a police officer in Ferguson, the St. Louis suburb where there have been angry protests since a white officer fatally shot an unarmed 18-year-old black man last month. **PAGE A4**

Rush-hour ads

Georgia's highway department is spending thousands of dollars in taxpayer money for rush-hour radio ads that brag about the department but provide little practical information. **PAGE A7**

31 feared dead

Reaching the ash-covered summit of a still-erupting volcano in central Japan Sunday, rescue workers found 31 victims, some reportedly buried knee-deep in ash. **PAGE A9**

On the Web

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Meth raid has neighborhood on edge

Residents still worried about crime, safety in area of Cherokee County near Chesnee

By DANIEL J. GROSS
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The recent raid of a suspected meth house in Cherokee County has brought attention to a neighborhood that is struggling to curb crime and instill safety, some residents say.

Cherokee County and Spartanburg County narcotics officers executed a search warrant on a mobile home at 135 Jamyn Court on Tuesday after numerous tips that those inside had been manu-

facturing methamphetamine.

Leslie Keith Ridings, 43, was served two warrants on drug charges based out of Spartanburg County and was taken to the Spartanburg County jail for booking. He later was released and transported to the Cherokee County jail on charges of first-offense manufacturing methamphetamine and first-offense disposal of methamphetamine waste based on what

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Cherokee and Spartanburg county officers recently executed a search warrant at this mobile home at 135 Jamyn Court.

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PRO-DEMOCRACY PROTESTS



VINCENT YU/AP

Riot police use pepper spray against protesters after thousands of people block a main road to the financial central district outside the government headquarters in Hong Kong on Sunday.

Hong Kong demonstrators defiant in face of tear gas

By KELVIN CHAN
The Associated Press

HONG KONG — Pro-democracy protests expanded in Hong Kong today, a day after demonstrators upset over Beijing's decision to limit political reforms defied onslaughts of tear gas and appeals from Hong Kong's top leader to go home.

And with rumors swirling, Hong Kong's Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying reassured the public that speculation that the Chinese army might inter-

ate with protesters camped out on a normally busy highway near government headquarters that was the scene of the tear gas-fueled clashes that erupted the evening before.

An officer with a bullhorn tried to get them to clear the way for the commuters that would soon be streaming into work. A protester, using the group's own speaker system, responded by saying that they wanted Leung and his cabinet to "do something good for Hong Kong. We want real democracy."

BY 2040

DOT: Roads need \$60B

Officials put total transportation costs at \$70B, but shortfall likely

By BRUCE SMITH
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — The South Carolina Department of Transportation is projecting that by the year 2040, South Carolina will need to spend another \$70 billion on transportation needs — \$60 billion of that on roads.

But the state's 2040 Multimodal Transportation Plan finds that, based on current revenue projections of only \$28 billion during the period, the state will be about \$1.5 billion short each year of meeting its highway needs.

The draft plan was released last month and was the topic of series of public meetings held around the state. The public comment period closed on Sept. 25.

Paying for new highways and maintaining existing ones has been a recurring topic this elec-

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SC Plan: Transit needs by 2040 estimated at \$70B

BY BRUCE SMITH
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The draft plan was released last month and was the topic of series of public meetings held around the state. The public-comment period closed on Thursday.

Paying for new highways and maintaining existing ones has been a recurring topic this election year.

Last week, the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce said it will support increasing the state gasoline tax to get more money

for roads. And a bipartisan group of lawmakers looking at the issue has said more money for roads will be a priority next session.

Money for maintaining and building roads is needed, with South Carolina's population of 4.7 million expected to increase to more than 6 million by 2040.

Here's a look at some of the projections in the Intermodal Plan that was developed with the help of the state Department of Commerce, the South Carolina Ports Authority, the

Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration and other groups:

» **Interstate needs:** Of the \$60 billion needed for new roads during the next quarter-century, the plan envisions that \$13 billion is needed to increase the capacity of the state's interstate system. That figure includes adding lanes, upgrading interchanges and \$2.4 billion for Interstate 73, which, when



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The new Multimodal Transportation Plan developed by the South Carolina Department of Transportation envisions that the state will have to spend \$60 billion on highways during the next quarter-century.

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The Guitar Man

Singer/songwriter/teacher John Bazen reaches the 'Top of the Pot' with 'Beautiful Love'

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FLORENCE — Five finalists competed Saturday for the grand prize in the Top of the Pot singer and songwriter competition.

It was the 29-year-old, flu-stricken contestant, John Bazen, who came out on top.

"I drank a whole lot of Tamiflu before I came here tonight," Bazen said. "I was hoping it would rain, so we could do it another day."

Bazen was sick with the flu for roughly a week leading up to the finale at the Clay Pot.

The rain held off for the competition, and the flu did not hinder Bazen's victory.

The entry song he performed in the Top of the Pot competition was titled "Beautiful Love." He wrote the song after entering the contest earlier in the summer.

"So I wrote a song, and it was pretty much just 'Beautiful Love.' ... I guess what I'm looking for with love," Bazen said. "I haven't found it yet, but one day I will find it, and I hope that's what it's like."

Life experiences are the inspiration behind much of his music.

"The only thing I figure out before I start playing is whether it will be slow or fast," Bazen said. "And then I start playing the chords, and whatever it puts me



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John Bazen performed his original song "Beautiful Love" in the 2014 Top of the Pot competition. He performed with the flu and came out on top as the grand-prize winner.

Bazen was born into a family of musicians. His mother, grandmother, brother and sister all play the piano.

"My brother plays a little piano, a little guitar and a little trumpet," Bazen said.

Education moves to front of Gov. race

BY JAMIE SELF
The State

For the first time in years, education is an issue in the governor's race — on both sides of the contest.

Republican Gov. Nikki Haley grew up in rural Bamberg. She recalls learning in a "brick box" public-school classroom — a far cry from the modern classrooms at suburban River Bluff High, where her daughter attends school.

The mother of her Democratic rival, state Sen. Vincent Sheheen, was a public-school teacher, and Sheheen graduated from Camden public schools.

Both candidates say their legacies already include major changes to improve the state's public schools.

Haley points to new spending on technology and reading, and more money for poor schools. Sheheen points to an expansion of the state's kindergarten program for 4-year-olds.

But they differ on what should be done next.

Haley talks of connecting students to jobs and a continuing conversation about improving schools. Sheheen advocates changing the way South Carolina pays for schools to address the disparity between spending in affluent and poor school districts.

Earlier this year, Haley persuaded lawmakers to spend nearly \$60 million on technology and reading coaches for elementary schools. She also successfully pushed for a change in the complex way the state distributes money to schools to focus more of those dollars on children living in poverty.



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