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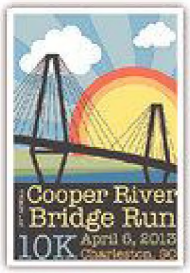

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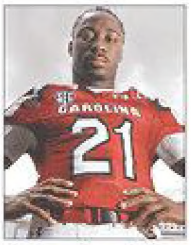

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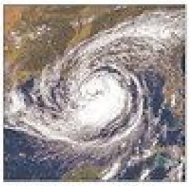

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Spill could threaten oysters

Wastewater pours out in Mt. Pleasant

BY PRENTISS FINDLAY
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MOUNT PLEASANT — A 500,000-gallon wastewater spill on Rifle Range Road at Seaside Farms has shut down about a mile of the busy transportation artery and posed a potential threat to oyster beds, officials said.

The oyster season opens in September. Seaside Farms ponds drain to tidal creeks next to state shellfishing grounds, said Clay Duffie, Waterworks general manager.

"Those are the ones that we are really worried about," he said.

The state Department of Health and Environmental Control is monitoring the situation, he said.

On Wednesday, Rifle Range Road was closed from the Isle of Palms connector to Franke Drive, except to residents who lived in subdivisions along that section of the road, which also serves a nursing home and a shopping center.

In Seaside Farms, signs were posted advising residents not to come into contact with water in the affected ponds, where containment booms

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PRENTISS FINDLAY/STAFF
Crews on Wednesday removed a corroded pipe that caused a 500,000-gallon wastewater spill on Rifle Range Road.

WHO KILLED THEM?

ANDREW KNAPP/STAFF
Berkeley County authorities on Wednesday found a second body in the Francis Marion National Forest, a day after finding the first body near a burned car about 10 miles away. The slaying victims are Dana Woods (above, left) and June Guerry.

Second body found in national forest

BY DAVE MUNDAY
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A search for two missing women has become a hunt for who killed them.

A body believed to be that of 22-year-old June Guerry, of St. Stephen, was found about 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Francis Marion National Forest. She was dumped in an old dirt pit off a secluded dirt road in the Alvin area of Berkeley County.

The discovery came a day after the body of her companion, 18-year-old Dana Woods, also of St. Stephen, was found in the forest off Cane Gully Road in the Cordesville community. Woods was shot to death about 75 yards from her burned car, Coroner Bill Salisbury said.

The second body was found off Greenwood Road, about 10 miles from where Woods' burned car and body were found. Searchers were still combing the Cordesville area for signs of Guerry on Wednesday afternoon when they learned that a second body had been found.

Somebody visiting a family cemetery nearby found the

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To offer tips

Anyone with information about the homicides should call the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office at 719-4412.

VIDEO
Go to postandcourier.com/videos to see Coroner Bill Salisbury discuss the case.

'I abhor racism,' lawmaker declares

Clemmons regrets response to email

BY STEPHEN LARGEN
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COLUMBIA — A state lawmaker's "amen" response to a racist email has toss gasoline onto the political fire surrounding South Carolina's voter identification law.

State Rep. Alan Clemmons, R-Myrtle Beach, acknowledged the positive reaction Tuesday during testimony before a three-judge federal panel that will rule on whether the measure violates the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

State Rep. Alan Clemmons was key in writing South Carolina's voter ID law.

But Clemmons, one of the lead architects of the measure signed into law by Gov. Nikki Haley last year, and a pair of Democratic lawmakers said he is no racist.

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More on voter ID

Some state election officials liken voter ID law to poll tax. B3

S.C. mostly in line with GOP leaders

BY ROBERT BEHRE
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TAMPA, FLA. — Mitt Romney wasn't the favorite candidate of most South Carolina Republicans in the state's primary in January, and there's been some grumbling among state delegates this week at the party's national convention.

But the delegation's new chairman said the group is going to unite behind Romney, who will formally accept the party's presidential nomination tonight at the Republican National Convention.

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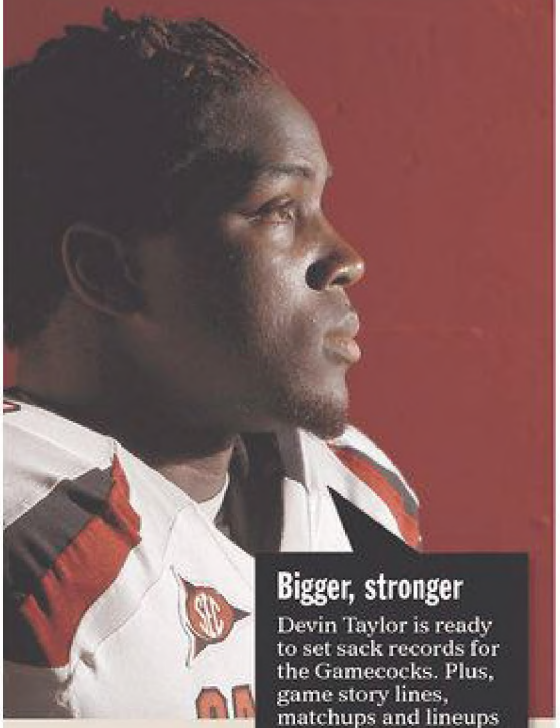

Bigger, stronger

Devin Taylor is ready to set sack records for the Gamecocks. Plus, game story lines, matchups and lineups

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Video: Neil White and Josh Kendall preview the game.

Photo gallery of South Carolina vs. Vanderbilt games under coach Steve Spurrier

In-game updates, the scene from Nashville, photo galleries and more

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Photo gallery from the game, plus video of postgame comments from Spurrier

NASHVILLE-BASED GAMECOCK ALUMS

FANS READY TO CROW

By OTIS R. TAYLOR JR.
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NASHVILLE — When Mitch Davis, a 2010 USC graduate, moved to Nashville, he sought out fellow alumni to gather to watch Gamecock games in local bars.

Davis said eight people showed up for the first game, a number dwarfed by other SEC schools which can pack establishments with boisterous, jersey-wearing fans.

"We were surprised to see how huge LSU, Auburn and Alabama groups were," Davis said. "There had to be more (Gamecock fans in Nashville.) We decided to reach out."

Today, when the My Carolina Alumni Club of Nashville erects a flagpole on the bed of a pickup truck so the Gamecock flag can proudly wave, Davis expects a few hundred to join him at Jed's Sports Bar & Grille before the No. 9 Gamecocks start their season against Vanderbilt in a nationally televised game on ESPN.

If you want to see where the Gamecocks are hanging out before kickoff, head to Jed's.

"We're expecting a massive crowd," said Davis, the president of the alumni club that re-

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ZINAH JENNINGS TRIAL

Friend: Mother kicked boy, wanted to give him away

Witness says defendant thought about tossing now-missing son out car window

Amir

Jennings

By JOHN MONK
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A few months before Columbia toddler Amir Jennings disappeared, his mother told a friend she sometimes thought about selling him, giving him away or throwing him out the window of a car, a witness testified Wednesday.

"I thought she was just stressed out," said Christian Dickerson, 23, a friend of Zinah Jennings since their days at Hand Middle School.

In early September last year, Dickerson testified, Zinah Jennings came over to her house without Amir, who was in day care at the time.

"She told me she thought about getting in a car and just keeping on going," Dickerson testified under questioning from assistant 5th Judicial Circuit Solicitor Meghan Walker.

"She actually said something about giving him away," Dickerson added.

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ISAAC RAGES

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Chuck Cropp, his son Piers, and wife, Liz, wade through floodwaters from Hurricane Isaac on Wednesday in New Orleans. Isaac relentlessly pounded southern Louisiana and the Mississippi coast with more than a foot of rain and heavy flooding. It inundated a New Orleans parish, just as Katrina did seven years ago. No deaths were reported by late Wednesday. Story, Page A4

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REFINERY CLOSINGS prompted by the hurricane send gasoline prices soaring. **Page B4**

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S.C. challenge: Unite for Romney

By GINA SMITH
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Ryan vows Romney will lead

Lawmaker welcomed as face of party's future

By David Espo
The Associated Press

Ryan

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"We will not duck the tough issues; we will lead," Ryan said.

His speech was part attack on Obama, part spirited testimonial to Romney, all leavened by a loving tribute to Ryan's own mother, seated across the hall in a VIP box. "To this day, my mom is a role model," he said while she beamed and exchanged smiles with one of his children and delegates cheered.

As for Obama and the Democrats, he said they 'have run out of ideas. Their moment came and went. Fear and division is all they've got left."

To the cheers of the delegates, he pledged Republicans would save Medicare from looming bankruptcy, despite constant accusations from Democrats that the GOP approach would shred the program that provides health care to more than 30 mil-

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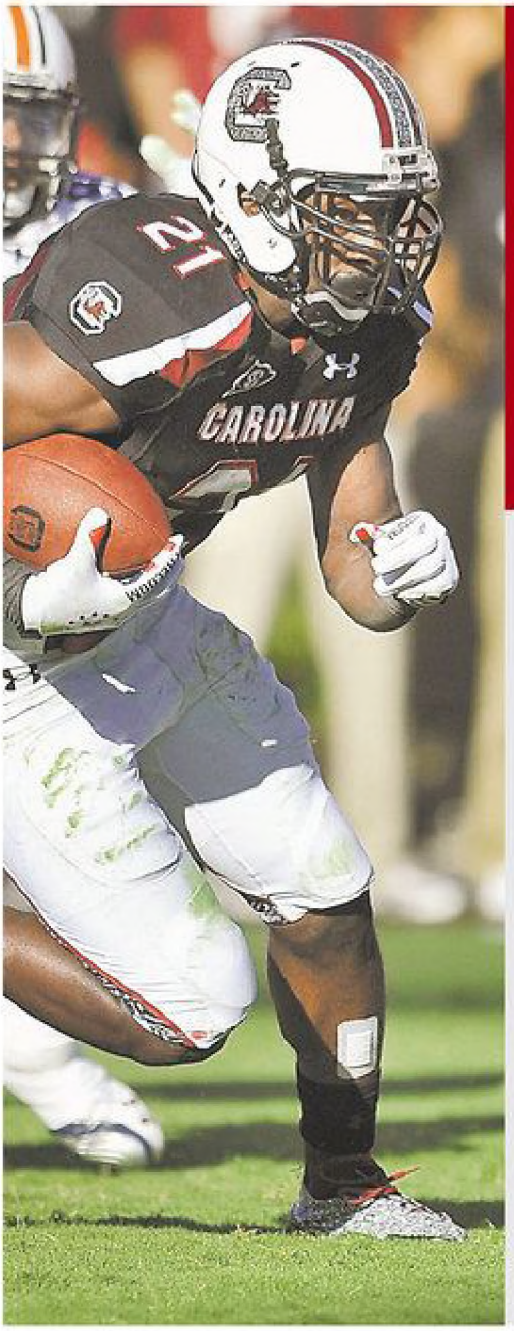

South Carolina kicks off its season tonight as a winning team with a Top 10 ranking and fan excitement high

THE WAIT IS OVER

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Sports Editor

Generations have come and gone; some have waited from cradle to grave, hoping for something they all now accept.

It's only college football — we're not splitting the atom here, we're not solving the debt crisis, we're not rebuilding America's infrastructure to put people back to work — it's not that involved.

But for the believers, for the ones who bought those season tickets and showed up to watch Lou Holtz's 0-11 team, for the ones who thought coach Joe Morrison was the answer right up to the 1984 Navy game, this is what the loyal fans of the University of South Carolina have waited and waited for.

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USC's bid for title could hinge on coordinator's blitz-heavy philosophy. 1C

GAME TIME

No. 9 USC vs. Vanderbilt at Vanderbilt, 7 p.m. ESPN

With running back Marcus Lattimore back in action after being sidelined last season with an injury, expectations are high for USC's season. MYKAL MCELDOWNEY/STAFF

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Ryan: Romney won't 'duck tough issues'

U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan

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The Associated Press

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Former S.C. Gov. Mark Sanford is in Tampa, Fla., working at the Republican National Convention for Fox News. 7A

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ISAAC WEAKENS, LINGERS

Worst misses New Orleans; as storm stalls, rural areas face heavy flooding

By CAIN BURDEAU and MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
The Associated Press

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TOP: Isaac's winds and storm surge flood parts of Waveland, Miss., on Wednesday.

MIDDLE: Residents who were rescued from their flooded homes are taken to safety Wednesday after Hurricane Isaac made landfall and flooded homes with 10 feet of water in Braithwaite, La.

LEFT: Chuck Cropp and his son Piers wade through floodwaters Wednesday in New Orleans.

GAS PRICES SOAR
As Isaac forces refineries to shut down, the price of gas is skyrocketing across the country. 8A

BEAUFORT CONSIDERS TEXTING/DRIVING BAN

Measure passes its first reading

Cellphone use by drivers under 18 included in proposal

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Beaufort City Council approved the first reading Tuesday of an ordinance to prohibit texting by all drivers, and to impose a cellphone ban for those younger than 18.

The proposal will now face a second and final reading, said city manager Scott Dadson.

Final approval could come in early September, but City Council does not want to enforce a ban until city staff and the Beaufort Police Department develop a public-awareness campaign, city officials said.

The ban was proposed by Councilman George O'Kelley Jr.

Violators would face fines that start at $50 and increase to $150 for repeat offenses, according to the ordinance.

O'Kelley's proposal is based on a bill for a statewide ban that passed the S.C. House of Representatives but failed in the state Senate this year.

Six cities and towns in South Carolina have banned texting while driving.

Follow reporter Patrick Donohue at twitter.com/ProtectServeBft.

Contractor leaves civic investment office post

Josh Martin helped lead Beaufort redevelopment efforts as a part of The Lawrence Group.

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An contractor who helped drive redevelopment efforts for the city of Beaufort has resigned.

Josh Martin, The Lawrence Group's associate in residence with the city's

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Ryan: 'We will not duck tough issues'

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Republican vice presidential nominee Rep. Paul Ryan speaks to delegates during the Republican National Convention on Wednesday. Ryan said that President Barack Obama's health care plan has "rules, mandates, taxes, fees and fines that have no place in a free country."

VP nominee fires up conservatives at Republican National Convention

By David Lightman
McClatchy Newspapers

TAMPA, Fla. — Paul Ryan on Wednesday portrayed himself as the vanguard of a new generation, a potential vice president unafraid to urge politically risky steps to reshape the government and ease America's economic pain.

"I accept the calling of my generation to give our children the America that was given to us, with opportunity for the young and security for the old – and I know that we are ready," the 42-year-old Wisconsin congressman said in remarks prepared for prime-time delivery Wednesday at the Republican National Convention.

"We will not duck the tough issues – we will lead. We will not spend four years blaming others – we will take responsibility. We will not try to replace our founding principles, we will reapply our founding principles," he said as he accepted the nomination as Mitt Romney's running mate.

Ryan, more than any major convention speaker, had the potential to electrify the party's conservative base, which had been slow to erupt in long, appreciative cheers so far. He's this year's conservative hero, and his address was designed not only to introduce the seven-term lawmaker to the American public, but

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More RNC coverage, 3-4A

Romney tries to unite fractious S.C. Republicans

By Gina Smith
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TAMPA, Fla. — Mike Vasovski, an ardent Ron Paul supporter, swallowed hard and cast his vote for the Texas congressman during Tuesday's presidential roll-call vote at the Republican National Convention.

The Aiken doctor was the only S.C. delegate to choose Paul over former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who tonight accepts the GOP's nomination for president.

But when Vasovski returns to South Carolina, he is going to do something that he once thought impossible – try to convince others to vote for Romney in November. "I'm going to go back to Aiken, and I'm going to be solidly, 100 percent behind Mitt Romney."

Vasovski predicts he won't be alone.

He and others expect conservatives and Tea Party-minded S.C. voters to flock to Romney in November despite their distaste for many of his past policies.

"We've got Romney or Obama," Vasovski said. "That's it."

The Ryan factor

While Romney is a prohibitive favorite to win South Carolina in November – a Democratic presidential candidate has not won the state since 1976 – his past performances on Palmetto State ballots have ranged from poor to not embarrassing.

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Rock Hill festival to sell S.C.

By Anna Douglas
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Selling South Carolina to Democratic National Convention visitors will take more than promoting lower gas prices and less-crowded hotels.

Organizers of Saturday's Experience SC Festival hope peach cobbler, gospel music and a Carolina marsh tacky horse might be enough, though, to pull people across the state line from Charlotte to Rock Hill.

"We want to give (visitors) something they'd never see at home," said Linda Dyer Hart of Dyer Hart Productions.

The first Experience SC Festival brings together music, food, books and crafts – all from South Carolina entrepreneurs, farmers and residents – to showcase the best the state has to offer, she said.

Dyer Hart and her partners in the festival, Bonnie Walsh and Carlando Brown, hope the free event will be a showcase for South Carolina's cultural diversity – and Charlotte's hosting the DNC offers a prime time to do so.

Want to go?

What: Experience SC Festival
When: 4-9:30 p.m. Saturday
Where: East Main Street in downtown Rock Hill
How much: Admission is free
Information: onlyinoldtown.com/sc

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DAVID J. PHILLIP · AP

New Orleans' residents wade through floodwaters from Hurricane Isaac on Wednesday.

Isaac stalls over Louisiana coast

By Campbell Robertson and Kim Severson
New York Times

NEW ORLEANS — Seven years to the day that Hurricane Katrina unleashed devastation on the Gulf Coast, Hurricane Isaac brought its own distinctive mode of destruction, drenching the coast not with a quick blow but with an unremitting smothering.

It pummeled the Mississippi coast with a series of roundhouse jabs, while suffocating southern Louisiana under its maddening pace. On its crawl up from the coast, Isaac dumped more than a foot of rain in some places and shoved before it a violent storm surge that brought back the terrible images of 2005: people marooned on rooftops, rescue workers breaking into attics with axes and the rescued clutching what little they had left.

The worst-hit part of the coast was Plaquemines Parish, the finger of land that follows the Mississippi River out to the Gulf of Mexico, and the place where both Isaac and Katrina first made landfall. Fears that a Gulf-side le-

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The residual effects of Hurricane Isaac are expected to stymie Labor Day vacation plans of South Carolinians, despite predictions of increased travel during the holiday. The recent spike in gas prices is due in part to the storm, and some travelers will choose to stay home, analysts say. PAGE C1

100-year-old driver

A 100-year-old man backed his car onto a sidewalk and hit 11 people, including nine children, across from an elementary school in South Los Angeles just after classes had ended on Wednesday, authorities said. PAGE A3

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A Navy SEAL's firsthand account of the raid that killed Osama bin Laden pulls back the veil on the secret operations conducted almost nightly by elite American forces against terrorist suspects. PAGE A4

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South Carolina drivers can go online to exchange current license plates or replace plates that are lost, stolen or damaged, Department of Motor Vehicle officials announced Wednesday. PAGE C1

Selling her son?

Overwhelmed by parenting, the mother of a missing S.C. toddler considered giving away or selling her son to alleviate the stress, a high school friend testified Wednesday. PAGE C3

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Danessa Lee, left, comforts her granddaughter Ashanti Lee, 12, after their family was rescued in Pearlington, Miss., by law enforcement officers and first responders using boats Wednesday during the nonstop rain from Hurricane Isaac.

Near miss in New Orleans

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But in Plaquemines Parish, a sparsely populated area south of the city that is outside the federal levee system, dozens of people were stranded in flooded coastal areas and had to be rescued. The storm pushed water over an 18-mile levee and put so much pressure on it that authorities planned to

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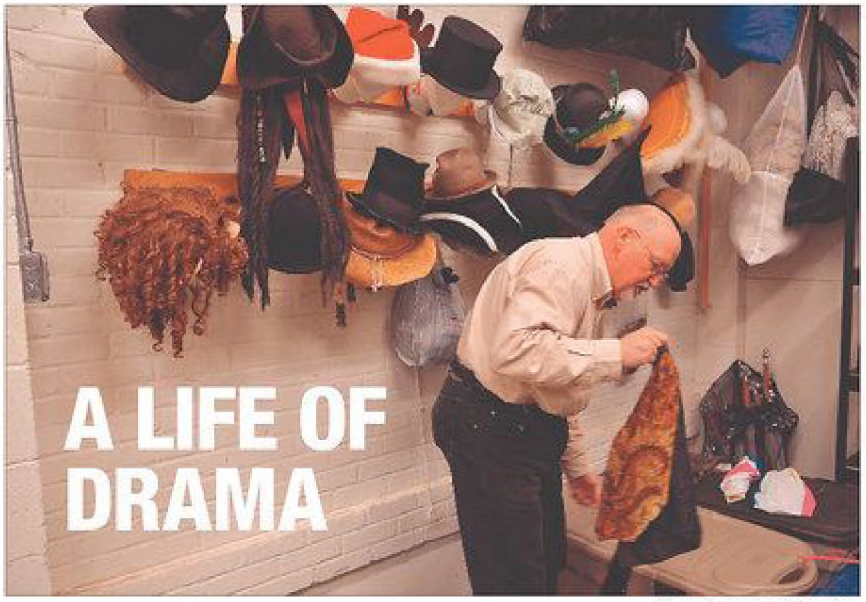

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Buren and Dottie Martin and their children Gloria and Milner are the Baille Players, a family touring theater company. Here, Martin looks through costumes at their home in Inman on Wednesday morning.

For this family, world really is a stage as they travel to teach about theater

By LEE G. HEALY
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Sister and brother Gloria and Milner Martin grew up under the bright lights of the theater.

Lines from classic plays like "Oliver Twist," "Peter Pan" and "Romeo and Juliet" come second nature to the Inman teenagers, and their parents, Buren and Dottie Martin, wouldn't have it any other way.

For the Martins, theater is a family affair.

The Martins are "The Baillie

GOP CONVENTION

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Republican vice presidential nominee Rep. Paul Ryan waves after speaking at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla., on Wednesday.

Ryan energizes delegates

Republican VP pick steps into spotlight

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A NEW START

Students move into Centennial Hall on Wednesday morning at Lander University during freshmen move-in day.

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Cedric Hunter helps his aunt move into Centennial Hall on Wednesday morning at Lander University during freshmen move-in day.

First-year students begin their college careers

By MICHELLE LAXER
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Nearly everything Latia Lighty owned, including one teddy bear, was packed into a bag, box or storage tub and was lying in front of Lander University's Centennial Hall on Wednesday morning.

"I left winter clothes at home and my bed and that's basically it," she said, her arms loaded with belongings.

Lighty, originally from Darlington, arrived on campus for freshmen move-in day and was getting ready to haul everything to her four-room suite, with help from her parents and grandmother.

Overall, she's excited for her college years.

"I'm not nervous yet, but I think I will be sooner or later," Lighty said.

Lander welcomed about 600 first-year students to their new home Wednesday.

Stuffed cars lined up outside Centennial Hall, and parents and students scrambled to unload everything inside. The new freshmen left belongings in sprawling piles on the curb. Everywhere there were clothes, school supplies, photos of friends, books, bed spreads and sheets, food, dorm decor and just boxes of miscellany.

"It's probably one of the most exciting

"I'm just trying to find my career path. That's the most important thing for me. To find a well paying career, so I can pay the bills and provide for my family in the future."

— Kenneil Mitchell
mass communications major

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DUE WEST POLICE DEPT.

Chief walks away

James Smith retires after 37-year career

By FRANK BUMB
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After nearly four decades in law enforcement, James Smith put down his badge Aug. 23, retiring from his 13-year post as Due West's police chief.

Smith, 62, has been in law enforcement for 37 years. After much discussion with his wife,

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ABBEVILLE COUNTY ELECTION

District 5 race focuses on waste, water

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The race for the Abbeville County Council District 5 seat pits incumbent Democrat Oscar Klugh against petition challenger James McCord.

OSCAR KLUGH

Klugh, 78, is coming off his first term on Council.

"I think my first term went very well," Klugh said. "We were able to redistribute the EMS stations in a way that no one will be more than 10 miles from an EMS station, and that's one of the things that I feel was a great accomplishment."

Klugh also pointed to the "inroads" he thinks Council has made in attempting to get countywide water access.

JAMES McCORD

McCord, 51, said attempting to get the countywide water project even further along would be one of his top priorities if he is elected.

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Lifting up Lakelands students

Local group hosts community prayer on steps of courthouse

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Courthouse to pray for those students as they embark upon the year.

helped organize the event, which featured remarks from Greenwood Mayor Welborn Adams, Green-

The Rev. John Henry Parks, left, speaks Wednesday at a community prayer at Greenwood County Courthouse. Listening are Mayor Welborn

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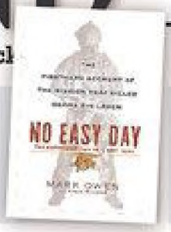

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REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Ryan: Romney won't 'duck tough issues'

V.P. candidate Paul Ryan

By DAVID ESPO
The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Seizing the campaign spotlight, vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan embraced "the calling of my generation" to help lead the country in tough times Wednesday night and pledged to cheering Republican National Convention delegates and a prime time TV audience that Mitt Romney will make the bold and difficult decisions needed to repair the nation's economy.

"After four years of getting the runaround, America needs a turnaround, and the man for the job is Governor Mitt Romney," the 42-year-old Wisconsin lawmaker declared.

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Former Gov. Mark Sanford

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AS ISAAC CONTINUES TO WEAKEN, FLOODWATERS RISE

CAROLYN COLE • Los Angeles Times

Rescue operations are hampered by hurricane-force winds and rain Wednesday near Braithwaite, La., where dozens of people were stranded by floodwaters spawned by Hurricane Isaac.

New Orleans spared a direct blow — but other areas face heavy flooding

By CAIN BURDEAU and MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
The Associated Press

Hurricane Isaac sidestepped New Orleans on Wednesday, sending the worst of its howling wind and heavy rain into a cluster of rural fishing villages that had few defenses against the slow-moving storm that could bring days of unending rain.

Isaac arrived exactly seven years after Hurricane Katrina and passed slightly to the west of New Orleans, where the city's fortified levee system easily handled the assault.

The city's biggest problems seemed to be downed power lines, scattered tree limbs and minor flooding. Just one person was reported killed, compared with 1,800 deaths from Katrina in Louisiana and Mississippi.

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GAS PRICES SOARING

As Isaac forces refineries to shut down, the price of gas is skyrocketing across the country. 8A

County reopening bidding for flyover project

IN SEA PINES

Security chief on leave

George Breed's absence is 'private matter,' CSA says

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Sea Pines' security chief has taken a leave of absence, about three months after a jury ordered him and Community Services Associates to pay more than $6 million to a local judge.

CSA executive vice president Cary Kelley told the CSA board of directors Tuesday that George Breed is on "administrative leave."

Contacted by phone Wednesday, Kelley declined to discuss the matter.

"It's a personnel matter, and personnel matters are kept within the community," Kelley said. "This is not newsworthy. It's inappropriate" to comment.

Kelley told the board he is overseeing the department in Breed's absence and has delegated some authority to supervisors within the department. He also told the board he made some staffing changes, removing two security employees who "were not a good fit."

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LAWSUIT BACKGROUND

Hilton Head Island Municipal Judge Maureen Coffey filed a lawsuit accusing CSA and George Breed of harassment and defamation. In June, a jury awarded Coffey more than $6 million in damages.

Celebrity golf tournament kicks off Friday

The annual Hilton Head Island Celebrity Golf Tournament begins Friday on the Robert Trent Jones Oceanfront Course at Palmetto Dunes Resort. On Saturday, golfers will play Colleton River Plantation's Dye Course. The tournament concludes Sunday at Harbour Town Golf Links.

■ **IN LOWCOUNTRY CURRENT:** To see which celebrities are playing in the tournament, turn to 1C.

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Isaac drives up gas prices

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Donnie Glymph fills up his tank at the Ingles gas station at the corner of U.S. 123 and S.C. 130. Gas at Ingles was $3.59 per gallon, which was about the average price for gas on Wednesday in Oconee County.

Spike leaves Labor Day weekend travel up for debate

Gas prices in Oconee and Pickens counties and across the U.S. spiked Tuesday night as Hurricane Isaac made landfall over the Gulf Coast.

BY MIKAYLA KREUZBERGER
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — It's better to have your gas tank half-full rather than half-empty. Unfortunately, this optimistic catch phrase is more of an ominous one this week as gas prices – which have slowly risen for two months – spike in Oconee and Pickens counties and across the U.S. with the arrival of Hurricane Isaac to the Gulf Coast.

And, as slow-moving Isaac reaches a near-halt over Louisiana and its coastal neighbors, gas prices are only expected to rise with the storm surge.

According to a press release from AAA Carolinas, South Carolina gas prices jumped 7.6 cents per gallon overnight from $3.49 on Tuesday to $3.57 on Wednesday.

AAA Carolinas reported it's the biggest gasoline price jump in South Carolina since Hurricane Katrina hit exactly seven years ago, when gas jumped 15.8 cents per gallon to $2.62.

On Wednesday most gas stations in Oconee and Pickens sold gas for $3.59 per gallon.

The national average increased by 4.8 cents to $3.30 per gallon. South Carolina is still the third cheapest state for gas, behind Colorado and New Mexico.

"They'll use whatever excuse they can to raise gas prices, whether it's a hurricane or a holiday or a war," Beth Myers, of Westminster, said at Bountyl and Quickstop. "It's ridiculous."

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Duke's lower assessment may affect budget

BY MIKE EADS
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — A drop in the Oconee Nuclear Station's property tax bill could lead to spending cuts for the School District of Oconee County and the county itself for 2013.

Nix

The South Carolina Department of Revenue (DOR) set Duke Energy's 2012 assessment at $132 million for 2012, down from $143.4 million for 2011.

What this means precisely for Oconee County's 2013 budget is not yet certain. Oconee County Auditor Ken Nix had projected an assessment approaching $29 million for the Duke facility, but this $11.4 million drop in assessment could mean just $26-27 million in Duke revenues for the county and schools.

"I have been working with (County Administrator) Scott Moulder," Nix said. "This does present some issues with the county budget."

Nix is scheduled to present his millage number to the Oconee County Council on Tuesday night. The lower Duke number means a lower millage value than originally anticipated, meaning the county and schools will have to rework their 2013 numbers to minimize the impact.

Moulder declined to comment on the matter Wednesday, other than to say he's working on a proposal for the County Council to consider Tuesday.

SDOC Superintendent Mike Lucas was traveling Wednesday and also declined to comment.

The DOR noted that Duke made more money and investments in its North Carolina facilities over the last year, thus depreciating its South Carolina holdings and driving down the assessment.

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Playing at the park

Kandy Sheets and her daughter, 16-month-old Jemma Sheets, play together Wednesday at the Jaycee Park playground in Clemson.

Foothills Y makes pitch for adult fitness, aquatic center

BY GREG OLIVER
THE JOURNAL

Fred Stutsman, chief volunteer officer and chairman of the YMCA board, and Anna Connelly, who serves as executive director, stressed the need for an adult fitness and aquatic center in Oconee County.

SENECA — In June, officials with the Foothills Area Family YMCA discussed plans for a future facility during a presentation before the Oconee County

equipment, Stutsman said an aquatic facility would provide the greatest service for children.

Stutsman said in June that the Y's goal is to build the new facility debt free and establish one or more auxiliary YMCA's

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GOP Convention

Snub? What snub, says SC delegates

BY JOHN SWEENEY
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TAMPA, Fla. — Republican Party leaders from South Carolina say the state and national party is united and strong, and frankly they're a little sick of those saying otherwise.

"Don't tell me y'all have fallen for the liberal mainstream media hype," SCGOP Chairman Chad Connelly said during a conference call with other state party leaders Wednesday.

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Connelly and other members of the SC-GOP delegation again dismissed questions from earlier in the week that South Carolina's delegation had been relegated to a hotel 30 miles from the Tampa Bay Times Forum — the convention's main locale — as a penalty for moving its primary contest into January and said the hotel actually was an advantage for its members.

"We are happy, happy, happy to be here," Connelly said. "We would have crawled over broken

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Area zoning is 'balancing act' for city's development

Proposal would restrict West Darlington Street

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FLORENCE — The Florence County Planning Commission approved several amendments to the county's land use and zoning designations Wednesday in hopes of providing a more stable landscape for economic growth close to the city limits.

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The crux of the amendments was to establish zoning ordinances from previously unzoned areas to help preserve development standards and prevent the possibilities of unwanted industry, business or commercial development near the residential fringes of the city.

'It makes me nauseated'

PHOTOS BY JOHN D. RUSSELL/MORNING NEWS

Florence Area Humane Society rescue coordinator Lela Joseph gives a pit bull a treat Wednesday at Cashua Veterinary Care in Florence. Florence County Environmental Services picked up the dog after it appeared at someone's property Tuesday. The dog's nose was bitten off and had scars showing hundreds of other bites.

Keith Solomon with Noah's Ark Animal Rescue walks the dog on a leash before it is taken to Coosawhatchie to have surgery to repair its injuries. Noah's Ark is an animal rescue that helps animals with severe injuries.

Information Needed
Persons with information about the nameless, noseless dog can call the Florence County Environmental Services office at 843-665-3053.

Dog's nose might have been chewed off during fight training

BY JOHN D. RUSSELL
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FLORENCE — A nameless, noseless Florence dog authorities believe might have been used for "dog baiting" on the dog fight scene is on his way to a better life after sustaining several hundred dog bites, including one that took off much of his snout.

Florence County Environmental Services received a call from a county resident Tuesday afternoon who said a severely injured dog had wandered onto their property. The dog was taken to a local veterinarian to be assessed when Florence Area Humane Society staff jumped in to try to help.

The emaciated male pit bull is missing all of its nose and shows scars from what appear to be hundreds of dog bites.

The grotesque nose wound appears to be months old and looks to have healed over on its own.

Florence County Environmental Service officer Herbie Christmas said it's clear to him the injuries to the dog are no accident.

"The injuries was not

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Book shows bin Laden raid at point blank range

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Navy SEAL's firsthand account of the raid that killed Osama bin Laden pulls back the veil on the secret operations conducted almost nightly by elite American forces against terrorist suspects.

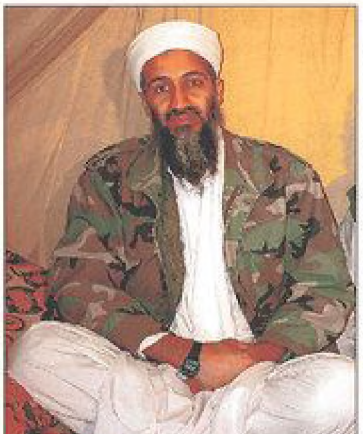
Former SEAL Matt Bissonnette's account contradicted in key details the account of the raid presented by administration officials in the days after the May 2011 raid in Abbotabad, Pakistan, that killed the al-Qaida leader, and raised questions about whether the SEALs followed to the letter the order to only use deadly force if they deemed him a threat.

Bissonnette wrote that the reaching for a weapon.

Military experts said Wednesday that if Bissonnette's recollection is accurate, the SEALS made the right call to open fire on the terrorist mastermind who had plenty of time to reach for a weapon or explosives as they made their way up to the third level of the house where he hid.

Bissonnette wrote the book, "No Easy Day," under the pseudonym Mark Owen as one of the men in the room when they killed bin Laden. The book is to be published next week by Penguin Group (USA)'s Dutton imprint. The Associated Press purchased a copy Tuesday.

For years, the primary weapon in the war on terror has been un-



This undated file photo shows al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, in Afghanistan. A firsthand account of the Navy SEAL raid that killed bin Laden contradicts previous accounts by the administration, raising questions as to whether the terror mastermind presented a clear threat when

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The Orangeburg Department of Public Safety responded to a residential fire on Wisteria Lane on Wednesday. Neighbors reported seeing one individual transported away from the home by ambulance.

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See photos from the scene at Wisteria Lane in our multimedia gallery at TheTandD.com/gallery.

STOPPING THE BLAZE

Woman taken to hospital after fire

T&D Staff Report

A Wednesday morning house fire sent one woman to the hospital with smoke-related injuries.

The fire occurred at 11:30 a.m. on Wisteria Lane, which is located off Five Chop Road.

"We found a single-story brick home with heavy fire and smoke coming from the rear of the house," Orangeburg Department of Public Safety Captain Mike Adams said. "The occupant of the house had made it out and was in the garage area.

"Officers removed her from the danger area and began an interior attack."

The woman was transported to the Regional Medical Center by Orangeburg County Emergency Medical Services.

Adams said the woman's injuries did not appear to be life threatening.

He said the fire, which caused substantial damage, appeared to be electrical and is not suspicious in nature.

Responding to the scene were two fire engine companies and a rescue company.

LARRY HARDY/T&D

Firefighters rest and rehydrate after bringing a residential fire on Wisteria Lane under control Wednesday.

Town seeks answers after gun deaths

T&D Staff Report

With two men killed less than a week apart, the town of Blackville is coming together to discuss violent crime.

On Monday, 65-year-old Leon Brown was shot and killed in the Barnwell County town. Two men have been arrested in that case.

Robinson

Davis

On Wednesday, 35-year-old Anthony Black died from injuries sustained the week before.

Following the shootings, residents "just want to make sure they're safe. They want to make sure things are being taken care of," Mayor Michael Beasley said Wednesday.

To address the concerns, law enforcement and town officials will meet with residents at a public forum on violence in September. Residents will hear about law enforcement's efforts and be asked for their input.

"We are the community and we're holding the forum to come together as a community so not only the leadership, but the community can have a say in it," Beasley said. "We're not going to tolerate the crime in this community. We're going to clean it up."

The latest shootings started just after midnight on Aug. 21. Deputies arrived at Black's Windy Lane home to find him on his back with two gunshot wounds, according to a Blackville police incident report.

Witnesses said they were watching television in a shed when two unknown gunmen kicked in the door. The shorter man had one gun, while the taller one carried two.

The gunmen told them to get on the ground. They did. The men searched the victims, getting a wallet, two phones and cigarettes.

As they turned to leave, Black hit one of the suspects, the report said. One of the men shot him in the back, the other

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New Orleans avoids worst of hurricane

Holcim honored as manufacturer of year

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turers and business leaders in Columbia on Wednesday. The award recognizes companies

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