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## **SC Front Pages – Wednesday, October 14, 2015**

THE END OF AN ERA

## SPURRIER AIMED HIGH, SHOT STRAIGHT

“

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STEVE SPURRIER



RICHARD SHIRO/AP

Steve Spurrier says Tuesday he felt he needed to step down now because he doesn't believe there is accountability with players if they know the coach won't be back next year.

**W**e never had to wonder what was going on under that visor. We knew the second it went flying. If any inkling of doubt lingered, Steve Spurrier would remove that, too, soon after he leaned into a microphone and snapped a “Welp!”

He never minced words. He never left any mystery. He was frank and forthright after each of the 86 victories he notched at the University of South Carolina, and perhaps even more so after the 49 losses.

On Tuesday, while officially announcing his resignation, the defiant Head Ball Coach still would not concede defeat.

“First of all, I'm resigning, not retiring. Let's get that part straight,” Spurrier asserted as he opened his address. “I doubt if I'll ever be a head coach again, but I



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Commentary

could be coaching a high school team or something. ...Who knows what will come in the future?” The decision to step down at the midpoint of a 2-4 season expedited the looming expiration of Spurrier's successful tenure at Carolina. Still, it is an unfit exit for one of college football's sharpest minds and sharpest tongues.

“I didn't plan on going out this way,” Spurrier admitted. “I planned to go out on the shoulder pads of the team coming out of the Georgia Dome with an SEC championship.”

He was a character, long before coaches became branded commodities.

He approached the game with tenacious intensity. He approached the podium with spirited candor. He has shown unrepentant personality in a culture of coaching clichés and superficial responses.

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Interim coach  
**Shawn Elliott**

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■ Ray Tanner expects to have some interesting candidates for head coach. **Page 4C**

## Sheriff releases details of Taylors police shooting

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What started out as a call about a house alarm ended with a police shooting that left one man dead and one injured in a

people were gathered to watch football in what one witness called a “man cave.”

Here's what police say happened. A deputy responded to a call about a house alarm when he

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## City View Coalition campaign seeks membership growth

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Speed limit signs, speed humps and increased commu-

The group, with the support of Bon Secours St. Francis and partners such as the Hispanic Alliance and United Way of Greenville County, aim to beautify and tree-cool the commu-





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## Nature demolishes a chunk of paradise

King tides, high surf, flooding steal costly sand from area beaches



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Ann Hutson of Mount Pleasant sits below eroded sand dunes near the 7th Avenue beach access Monday on Isle of Palms after flooding, strong surf and unusually high tides swept sand from beaches and damaged riverbanks across the Lowcountry.

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The berm is gone, the upper tier of renourishment sand placed to create dunes on Folly Beach. On Isle of Palms, nearly the entire dunescape is now a scarred cliff, what's left has no dunes at all.

Those are just a few of the erosion

**Gallery**  
For more photos from area beaches, go to [postandcourier.com/galleries](http://postandcourier.com/galleries).

scars that the triple whammy of king tides, high surf from passing Hurricane Joaquin and historic flooding it caused on Lowcountry beaches.

Rivers likely had banks fall in, new meanders cut and navigation hazards, such as submerged trees, not making themselves known until water recedes. With the rivers still running high, it's too early to tell.

The erosion on the popular Charleston-area beaches was part of

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## Flood of calls tests mettle of emergency, aid workers

BY PRENTISS FINDLAY  
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Water rescues, dangerous roads and flood-victim relief kept aid workers running at full tilt during the peak of the rains.

The Charleston Fire Department had staffers working up to 36 hours straight responding to a deluge of calls, said Mark Davis, chief of special operations.

People trapped in their homes or vehicles because of floodwaters needed help, he said. "The majority of people that were removed did not even call 911," he said.

Instead, they saw the Fire Department in the neighborhood and asked for help, he said.

Overall, there were 496 calls to the Fire Department Oct. 2-5, which is a 118-percent increase. Some 85 people were rescued from their homes

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FILE/LEROY BURNELL/STAFF

Cynthia and Gregory Martin were rescued from their home in Shadowmoor on Oct. 4 by Charleston Fire and Task Force One.

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Lowcountry farmers could face the next flood with crop insurance. **D1**

## Gamecock fans, foes praise Spurrier: 'He has done a good job at Carolina'

Say coach took program to new level, made difference off field

BY TOMMY BRASWELL  
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One of Steve Spurrier's many talents as South Carolina's football coach was his knack for catching opponents off guard. He managed to do the same thing with Gamecock fans Monday night when word leaked out that Spurrier was resigning after a disappointing 2-4 start to the 2015 season.

"I kind of saw it coming at the end of the year, not after six games. I don't

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Elliott named interim coach. **C1**

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think anybody saw that coming," said lifelong Gamecock fan and Fan Talk radio host Bobby Hartin.

"I've commented several times

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BY ANDREW SHIRAP

South Carolina head football coach Steve Spurrier speaks at a news conference Tuesday to announce his resignation.

## Dems spar over economy, guns, war

Clinton, Sanders joke about email

BY JULIE PACE and LISA LERER  
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Hillary Rodham Clinton and Sen. Bernie Sanders clashed over U.S. involvement in the Middle East, gun control and economic policy in the first Democratic presidential debate Tuesday night, vigorously outlining competing visions for a party seeking to keep the White House for a third straight term.

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While the five candidates onstage took issue with each other, they also repeatedly sounded traditional Democratic themes, such as fighting income inequality that are sure to carry over to the general election campaign against the Republicans.

First, the Democrats must choose their own candidate. And throughout most of the two-hour debate Clinton played the role of aggressor, an unexpected shift for a candidate who had

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## Improving Mt. P. park largely up to voters

Property tax hike on ballot Nov. 3

BY ROBERT BEHRE  
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MOUNT PLEASANT — Since it opened in 2009, Memorial Waterfront Park has become one of the town's most popular spots.

But its success has revealed both shortcomings and new possibilities to make the park and pier even better.

Town Council recently reviewed a long list of potential upgrades, from adding a new pier extension to reworking its bait and tackle shop to improving the parking area north of Harry Hallman Boulevard.

All told, these improvements could cost as much as \$14 million, and how fast they happen will depend in part on what happens Nov. 3.

That's when town voters will decide whether to raise property taxes to bring in about \$2.5 million more per year for recreational improvements

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### pc Poll

Should Town Council approve spending as much as \$14 million to make improvements to Mount Pleasant Memorial Waterfront Park? Go to [postandcourier.com/polls](http://postandcourier.com/polls) to vote.



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South Carolina head football coach Steve Spurrier announced his resignation during a news conference in Williams-Brice Stadium. Offensive line coach Shawn Elliott was named interim head coach.

## SPURRIER: IT'S TIME TO 'GET OUT OF THE WAY'

AD Ray Tanner praises winning culture coach brought to USC

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- Best from the Spurrier era at USC
- USC players react to the coaching change

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- Photos from

BY JOSH KENDALL  
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The winningest coach in South Carolina's history is not the coach at South Carolina any more. Steve Spurrier, 70, stepped down Monday, telling his team in an evening meeting that he was resigning immediately. He told the world Tuesday. "You can't keep a head coach that's done it as long as I have when it's heading in the wrong direction," Spurrier said. "It was only two years ago that we were fourth in the nation and the last of those 11-2s, and somehow or another, we've slid. And it's my fault, I'm responsible, I'm the head coach. And it's time for me to sort of get out of the way and let somebody else have a go at it."

That somebody will be offensive line coach Shawn Elliott, a Camden native who takes over as the interim head coach for the final six regular season games. Elliott inherits a team that is 2-4 overall and 0-4 in the SEC for the first time since its winless 1999 season.

"I think the team needs to hear a new message, a new voice, from another coach," Spurrier said. "I think I was probably the right coach for this job 11 years ago, but I'm not today. I'm not today, and that's the cycle of coaching. Sometimes you've run your course, you've had your run and you're ready to pass it to the next guy. And that's where I am here today."

Spurrier began to seriously think about retirement on Sept. 27, the day after his team struggled to beat

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### EXCLUSIVE: THE FLOOD OF 2015

## Flooded residents blaming the Army

Neighbors hot about dam break on Army base

Army criticized for failing to prevent break

Military says it is investigating what happened

BY SAMMY FRETWELL  
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Homeowners in a neighborhood near Fort Jackson say the U.S. Army is responsible for flooding that swamped their houses and caused, potentially, millions of dollars in property damage earlier this month.

Residents of King's Grant, a community built just outside the base's gates, believe a failed dam at Fort Jackson is to blame for the Oct. 4 deluge that caused water to rise suddenly into their houses and yards, said Pete Strom, an attorney representing the landowners.

Neighbors are considering a federal lawsuit if the federal government doesn't help pay for damages they suffered when the Semmes Lake dam broke at Fort Jackson, said Strom, whose home also is in

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A washed-out section of Congaree Road in lower Richland County. The area is where two R.J. Corman Railroad Group workers died.

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### AT THESTATE.COM

- Go online for updates on flood repair as well as photos and video.

## Gridlock grips Midlands drivers in flood's wake

BY JOHN MONK  
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Hello, gridlock. Now that the floodwaters largely have receded,







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## DEMOCRATS CLASH IN LAS VEGAS

Clinton, Sanders spar on guns, economy, foreign policy

## Cars to be taxed at lowest value

Auditor's office will no longer assess vehicles with missing information at highest value.

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After years of paying too much in car taxes, some Beaufort County residents may be in line to pay less after a change announced by the Beaufort County Auditor's Office on Monday.

Auditor Jim Beckert announced in a news release his office will no longer tax vehicles at the highest value if an exact value cannot be found. Instead, vehicles will be taxed at their lowest value. The decision follows complaints from county residents who were unaware they had been unnecessarily paying higher taxes for years.

Beckert said his office will use the S.C. Department of Revenue's valuation guide and the Automobile Red Book to assess car values. If an exact value cannot be found, taxes will be levied based on the lowest value criteria in the Automobile Red Book.

The release said Beaufort County was one of the few counties in South Carolina assessing taxes at the maximum value on vehicles without an exact value, a practice that angered some Beaufort County residents.

In August, Lady's Island resident Sue Lauland said she discovered she had paid higher taxes than needed on her Toyota Camry for 13 years, likely costing her hundreds of dollars over the years.

Lauland said Tuesday she was happy to see the change made, but said it wouldn't bring back the money she and others lost paying unnecessary taxes over the years. Her reimbursement for the adjusted taxes on her car this year amounted to just \$13.84, she said.

"I'm glad to see it's been rectified, because what they were doing is highway robbery," she said. "It just doesn't seem like it should be so hard to accurately tax people on this."

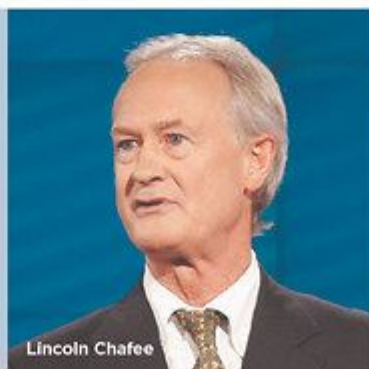
Beckert, who took office July 1, said the changes needed to be made



Bernie Sanders

### HILLARY CLINTON

A seasoned debater, Clinton more than held her own in the first debate. She defended herself against attacks, pushed back on what she described as Sanders' weak record on gun control and won applause when she mentioned that O'Malley backed her for president in 2008. She worked to show she can relate to working American families after years of being criticized as an out-of-touch Washington insider by speaking about her factory worker grandfather and 1-year-old granddaughter.



Lincoln Chafee

### BERNIE SANDERS

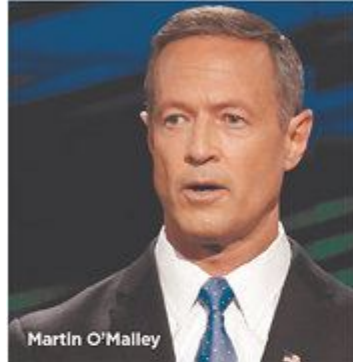
The fiery Sanders opened with a clarion call for taking back government "from a handful of billionaires," but his clash with Clinton over whether he is a capitalist may have underscored a problem he may have: expanding beyond his activist base and convincing skeptical Democrats that he could be the party's standard-bearer. Sanders, who needs to show he could be president, appeared uneasy when the debate veered into foreign policy.



Hillary Clinton

### LINCOLN CHAFEE

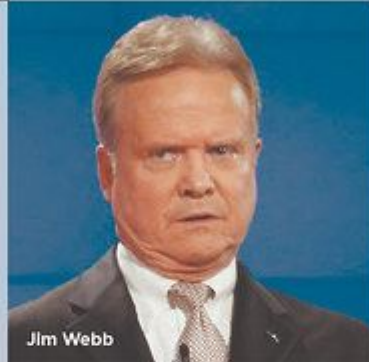
The little-financed, little-known former senator and governor sought to make a name for himself by coming out swinging, touting 30 years of public service and asserting that he'd had "no scandals" — presumably a reference to Clinton. But the soft-spoken politician was mostly overshadowed on the stage, and the former Republican's insistence that he was a "block of granite" when it comes to his political beliefs fell flat.



Martin O'Malley

### MARTIN O'MALLEY

The debate was unlikely to be the game-changer he had hoped for. He presented himself as a progressive with a record of getting things done as Maryland governor and Baltimore mayor as he introduced himself to potential voters in his largest audience to date in the campaign.



Jim Webb

### JIM WEBB

The former secretary of the Navy struggled for attention, at one point telling moderator Anderson Cooper he'd been "waiting for 10 minutes" to make a point. He sought to stress his experience on military issues and foreign policy.

#### MORE ONLINE

Missed the debate? Visit [beaufortgazette.com](http://beaufortgazette.com) for all the coverage, including a live blog. Plus, see how the Internet reacted on our Democratic debate Storify. Who do you think won? Find 'Beaufort Gazette' on Facebook, click like, and chime in on our poll.

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## BUSINESS BEER COMPANIES TO MERGE

The world's biggest beer maker has clinched a deal to take over its near-rival to stave off key threats facing big name brands. **5A**



## SPORTS

## CCU LOSES BIG SOUTH TOURNAMENTS

The Big South announced on Tuesday that the Big South men's and women's basketball tournaments will be moved from Coastal Carolina's HTC Center in 2016. Because CCU is transferring to the Sun Belt in 2016, the events will be moved to other sites per conference rules. **1B**

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# Spurrier takes blame for Gamecocks' slide

BY PETE IACOBELLI  
The Associated Press

## COLUMBIA

Steve Spurrier said Tuesday that he made the decision to resign as South Carolina's head

coach because the team was heading in the wrong direction. "We've slipped. It's my fault. I'm the head coach," he said at a news conference.

Spurrier said he started really thinking about resigning Sunday morning, spoke to South Car-

olina athletics director Ray Tanner that afternoon and told his team on Monday night that he was stepping down, effective immediately.

Spurrier said he felt he needed to step down now because he doesn't believe there is account-

## MORE INSIDE

Read more about the one-of-a-kind Head Ball Coach. **1B**

## ONLINE

Watch a video of Spurrier's top moments at MyrtleBeachOnline.com

ability with players if they know the coach won't be back next year. He also said he was a recruiting liability.

He had never had a losing season in 25 years as a coach,

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## BUSINESS

## PLAYBOY TO CUT OUT NUDES

The magazine that helped usher in the sexual revolution in the 1950s and '60s by bringing nudity into America's living rooms announced this week that it will no longer run photos of naked women in its product. **6A**



## LOCAL

## ATTORNEY: VIERS SENTENCING TO BE NEXT WEEK

The former legislator is scheduled to be sentenced on Oct. 20 at the McMillan Federal Building in Florence on a money laundering charge. **3A**



## INSIGHT

## RISK DOWN, BUT ALERT REMAINS IN FLOOD AFTERMATH

Emergency preparedness officials have downgraded OPCON levels, but everyone is still on alert while dealing with the historic flood's



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Trey McCutcheon, 12, plays piano as Ethan Neal rips apart drywall in most of the house in Andrews on Tuesday. Trey's home was flooded in the recent storm, yet he continues to practice on the out-of-tune piano while members of All Hands Volunteers work to rip out flooring and anything that could be damaged by mold from the flood waters. Neal, who lives in Indianapolis, Ind., is part of the All Hands Volunteer group doing what they call "muck and gut" at homes damaged in the flood. Neal said the group does the demolition work for free. The waters have not receded enough to begin the "muck and gut" process in Horry County homes, so several crews are working around Georgetown and Williamsburg counties.

## LOCAL

# Nonprofit giving flooded residents a helping hand

BY CLAIRE BYUN  
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## ANDREWS

Crystal McCutcheon's spinal problems were affecting her ability to help her family clean up all the flood damage from her

All Hands Volunteers helping Grand Strand residents clean up

Crews based in Georgetown for now

Andrews residents still reeling from last week's flooding

Designs, and have stalled her ning, so "Cindy has something

Crystal McCutcheon said.

McCutcheon was stocking her refrigerator with bottled water and Gatorade Tuesday afternoon as a crew of volunteers gutted her large brick home. She pumped out all the floodwater from her house a few days ago, but most of the drywall and insulation had to be removed after about six inches of rain seeped inside.

The McCutcheons had just remodeled their home.

"We'll have to start all over again," McCutcheon said. "I thought we were good, but now we're in a nightmare."

McCutcheon and her family thought they got ahead of the damage by pumping out all the







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DEMOCRATIC DEBATE

# Debate: Duel in the desert

By Julie Pace and Lisa Lerer  
The Associated Press

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## \$185M BUILDING PLAN

## District 7 seeks to gauge support

Superintendent meets with business leaders

By Zach Fox  
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Spartanburg School District 7 Superintendent Russell Booker took the first step in gauging public support for the district's proposed \$185 million building plan Tuesday evening.

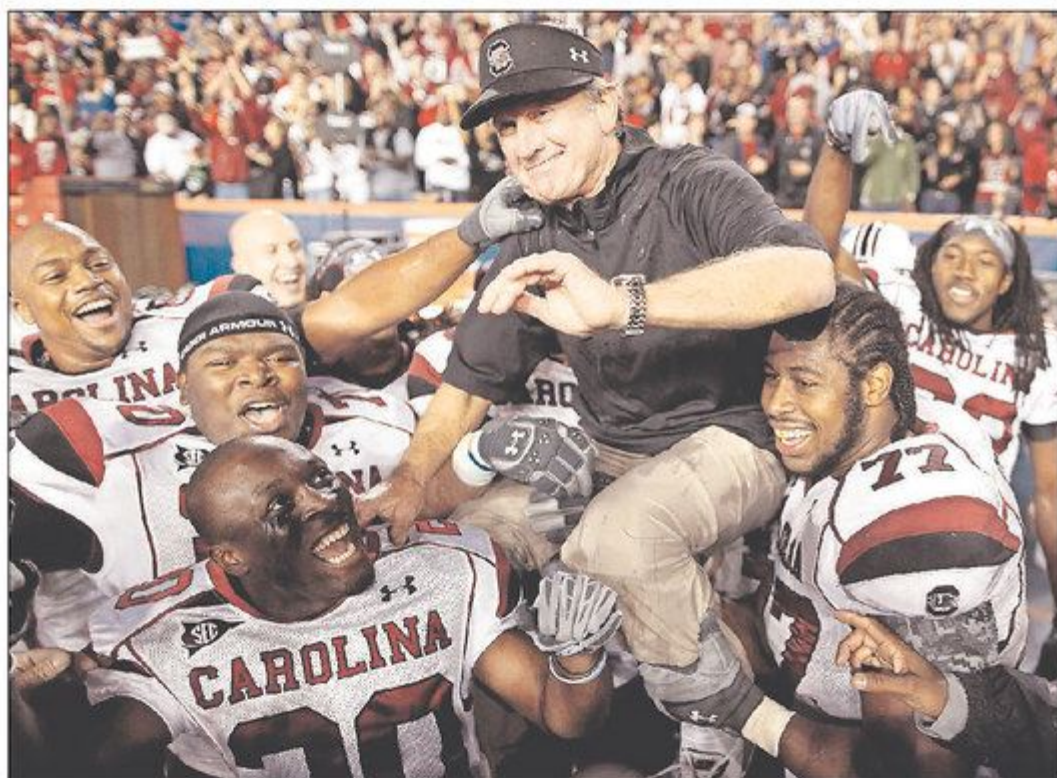
Booker met with about two dozen business leaders and foundation representatives from Spartanburg County at The University of South Carolina Upstate's George Dean Johnson, Jr. College of Business and Economics. It was the first of several forums Booker planned to use to get community input on the building plan.

The project includes a new Spartanburg High School and a new elementary school to replace Chapman and Houston elementary schools. Part of the plan also includes moving McCracken Middle School into the renovated portions of the high school.

If the plan is approved at a later date by the school board, it could go before district voters in a referendum early next year. And if voters

## GAMECOCKS FOOTBALL

# HBC steps O-U-T



South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier is lifted up by his players during the final moments of the second half of the Gamecocks' 36-14 win over Florida at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium in Gainesville, Fla., on Nov. 13, 2010. ROB C. WITZEL / HALIFAX MEDIA GROUP

## Spurrier makes resignation official

By Eric Boynton



## A look back at the quotable Spurrier

By Jeffrey Collins





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## Retired city manager returns as interim

Krumwiede comes back to serve in Abbeville while search continues

By COLIN RIDDLE  
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**ABBEVILLE** — Returning after 25 years with the city,

David Krumwiede will be the interim city manager during the search to replace outgoing David McCuen.

McCuen is leaving the post

after three years to become assistant city manager in Anderson on Nov. 9.

Abbeville City Council approved a letter of under-

standing Tuesday night 8-1 for professional services, contracting Krumwiede to serve in the city manager role. Mayor Sarah Sherwood was the lone

dissenter.

"I did not agree with the letter of understanding as presented to Council," Sherwood said. "I saw potential pitfalls

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DAVID KRUMWIEDE

SARAH SHERWOOD

### ■ INVESTIGATION

## Deputy focus of SLED probe

From staff reports

A deputy is on leave while the State Law Enforcement Division investigates "questionable actions," according to a press release from the Green-



TONY DAVIS

wood County Sheriff's Office sent late Tuesday. The release does not specify what the officer did. Sheriff Tony Davis declined to comment when reached by phone Tuesday night.

According to the release, Davis asked SLED on Monday to investigate the officer, who the sheriff's office is declining to name.

"Our goal is to do everything above board and keep the trust of the citizens we serve," Davis said in the release. "While I've been sheriff, my protocol has been to

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### ■ NINETY SIX

## Candidates discuss economic issues

By DAMIAN DOMINGUEZ  
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**NINETY SIX** — A crowd of about 50 residents gathered Tuesday at the Ninety Six Train Depot to hear the candidates in November's election discuss their plans for the town.

## Pretty in pink

Breast cancer survivors: 'No one is alone'

By MARY KATE MCGOWAN  
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**N**othing was going to keep eight breast cancer survivors from strutting their stuff on the runway during Self Regional Healthcare's fifth annual Pretty in Pink breast cancer awareness celebration.

Before the Tuesday night event, the eight women were pampered backstage as professionals fixed their hair and makeup. As the women donned their outfits, they shared their powerful survivor stories while gushing over the jewelry and

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MARY KATE MCGOWAN | INDEX-JOURNAL  
Rachel Blair, center, shares the runway with her Self Regional doctors to finish the runway show.







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## 'Jeopardy' champion says experience changed life

BY MELISSA ROLLINS  
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FLORENCE -- Ben Ingram, a "Jeopardy" Tournament of Champions winner, talked with the audience at The School Foundation's annual gala Tuesday night about how Florence School District One helped him become the person he is today.

He was honored at the gala as The School Foundation's distinguished graduate.

"On 'Jeopardy,' even though it is a game that is

played among three individuals, I for one was just a small part of a large team," Ingram said. "It wasn't a team formed for the express purpose of getting Ben Ingram on 'Jeopardy,' or getting someone from Florence on 'Jeopardy.' I think the purpose of this team was to get me ready for adulthood. I was very well prepared by this team."

Ingram said there are countless individuals he counts as part of this team.

"My team includes my folks, who were the first

people to ever teach me," he said. "It includes (my girlfriend) Liz who knows everything I don't...but it also includes my fellow students in kindergarten, and my teachers there too; my teachers and students at Royall...Sneed...Williams and dear old Wilson High. They deserve the credit. I humbly accept this award on behalf of them; on behalf of my team."

Ingram shared a little bit with the audience about his time on "Jeopardy."

"When I was walking on the stage to play 'Jeopardy' for the first time...I did not have any expectations; I didn't expect to win, lose, draw or whatever," Ingram said. "I did have a lot of nerves so one thing I did to calm myself down was I made a promise to myself. That promise was that no matter what happened, no matter what the outcome of this experience would be, win, lose or draw, I would not allow it to change my life."

Ingram told the audience that all three possible outcomes eventually



Ben Ingram, right, is surprised with a map of Florence from the early 1900's Tuesday night at the 14th Annual School Foundation Gala at SIMT. Ingram was the winner of the 2014 Jeopardy Tournament of Champions and the TSF 2015 Distinguished Graduate.

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## Spurrier: 'It's time for me to get out of the way'

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COLUMBIA — The winningest coach in South Carolina's history is not the coach at South Carolina anymore.

Steve Spurrier, 70, stepped down Monday, telling his team in an evening meeting that he was resigning immediately. He told the world Tuesday.

"I'm resigning. I'm not retiring," Spurrier said. "I doubt I'll ever be a head coach again but maybe coach at a high school team or something. Don't say I'm retiring. Being on a team is fun. I may be a consultant or something."

The Gamecocks are 2-4 overall and 0-4 in the SEC.

"If it starts going bad, then I need to get out. You can't keep a head coach that has done it as long as I have when it starts going the wrong way," Spurrier said. "Somehow or another we have slid and it's my fault. It's time for me to get out of the way and let somebody else have a go at it."

Spurrier first began to think about resigning the Sunday after his team struggled to beat winless Central Florida, he said. He informed athletics director Ray Tanner of his decision this Sunday and told his team after Monday's practice.

"I think I was the best coach for this job 11 years



South Carolina head football coach Steve Spurrier speaks at a news conference on Tuesday at the University of South Carolina, in Columbia.

South Carolina's 32nd head coach on Nov. 23, 2004, finishes his 10-and-a-half seasons at South Carolina with an 86-49 record, and in 25-and-a-half seasons in college football he was 228-89-2. Only 18 men have won more FBS games. Only Bear Bryant has won more games as a coach in the SEC (Bryant finished with 292, Spurrier with 208).

His six SEC titles are tied for second all-time behind Bryant's 14, and he has been named Associated Press SEC coach of the year four times. His winning percentage (73.2) ranks 14th in SEC history. In intra-conference games, his winning percentage of 70.8 percent is eighth all-time.

"Nothing goes on forever," Spurrier said. "I have gone on a lot longer than most people. I have been

## NIGHT AT THE FAIR



Sky Konwalski takes a break from writing in her journal as she waits for fairgoers Tuesday evening just after the gates opened at the Eastern Carolina Agricultural Fair.



At 4 p.m. on Tuesday, the gates opened at the Eastern Carolina Agricultural Fair on East Palmetto Street. Magic shows, rides, exhibits, monkey jockeys and much more await Pee Dee fairgoers this year. For a story on the fair, turn to Page 3A. See more photos online at scnw.com.

Phil Hendrix calls the neck and neck race of Burt and Bobo Tuesday at the Eastern Carolina Agricultural Fairgrounds as his wife, Aneliya, (far right) and their daughter Symona, 6, look on. The Hendrix family brings the Banana Derby — billed as America's favorite monkey jockeys — to Florence for the first time.

## Florence County

### FEMA disaster relief center open for flood victims

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LAKE CITY —Thousands of Florence County residents who suffered home and property damage as

main open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., until officials see the need dwindle.

Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as well as several local





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## DEMOCRATS CLASH IN LAS VEGAS

Clinton, Sanders spar on guns, economy, foreign policy

## Changes coming for car taxes

Auditor's office will no longer assess vehicles with missing information at highest value.

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After years of paying too much in car taxes, some Beaufort County residents may be in line to pay less after a change announced by the Beaufort County Auditor's Office on Monday.

Auditor Jim Beckert announced in a news release his office will no longer tax vehicles at the highest value if an exact value cannot be found. Instead, vehicles will be taxed at their lowest value. The decision follows complaints from county residents who were unaware they had been unnecessarily paying higher taxes for years.

Beckert said his office will use the S.C. Department of Revenue's valuation guide and the Automobile Red Book to assess car values. If an exact value cannot be found, taxes will be levied based on the lowest value criteria in the Automobile Red Book.

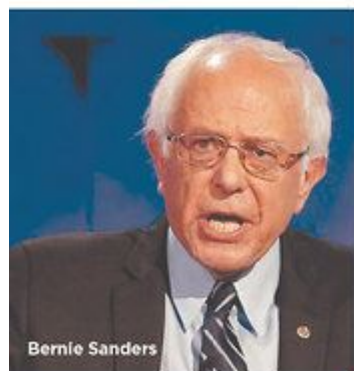
The release said Beaufort County was one of the few counties in South Carolina assessing taxes at the maximum value on vehicles without an exact value, a practice that angered some Beaufort County residents.

In August, Lady's Island resident Sue Lauland said she discovered she had paid higher taxes than needed on her Toyota Camry for 13 years, likely costing her hundreds of dollars over the years.

Lauland said Tuesday she was happy to see the change made, but said it wouldn't bring back the money she and others lost paying unnecessary taxes over the years. Her reimbursement for the adjusted taxes on her car this year amounted to just \$13.84, she said.

"I'm glad to see it's been rectified, because what they were doing is highway robbery," she said. "It just doesn't seem like it should be so hard to accurately tax people on this."

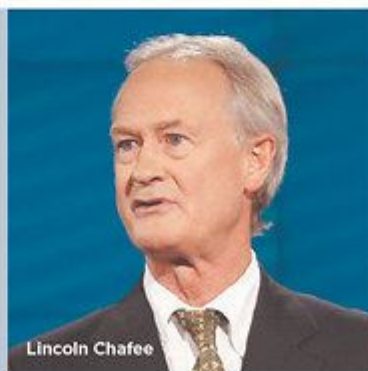
Beckert, who took office July 1, said the changes needed to be made to reflect guidance given by



Bernie Sanders

### HILLARY CLINTON

A seasoned debater, Clinton more than held her own in the first debate. She defended herself against attacks, pushed back on what she described as Sanders' weak record on gun control and won applause when she mentioned that O'Malley backed her for president in 2008. She worked to show she can relate to working American families after years of being criticized as an out-of-touch Washington insider by speaking about her factory worker grandfather and 1-year-old granddaughter.



Lincoln Chafee

### BERNIE SANDERS

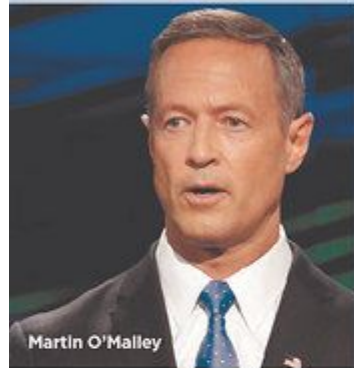
The fiery Sanders opened with a clarification call for taking back government "from a handful of billionaires," but his clash with Clinton over whether he is a capitalist may have underscored a problem he may have: expanding beyond his activist base and convincing skeptical Democrats that he could be the party's standard-bearer. Sanders, who needs to show he could be president, appeared uneasy when the debate veered into foreign policy.



Hillary Clinton

### LINCOLN CHAFEE

The little-financed, little-known former senator and governor sought to make a name for himself by coming out swinging, touting 30 years of public service and asserting that he'd had "no scandals" — presumably a reference to Clinton. But the soft-spoken politician was mostly overshadowed on the stage, and the former Republican's insistence that he was a "block of granite" when it comes to his political beliefs fell flat.



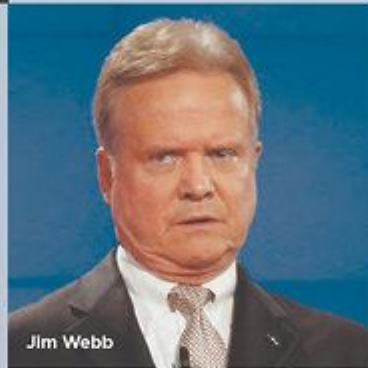
Martin O'Malley

### MARTIN O'MALLEY

The debate was unlikely to be the game-changer he had hoped for. He presented himself as a progressive with a record of getting things done as Maryland governor and Baltimore mayor as he introduced himself to potential voters in his largest audience to date in the campaign.

### JIM WEBB

The former secretary of the Navy struggled for attention, at one point telling moderator Anderson Cooper he'd been "waiting for 10 minutes" to make a point. He sought to stress his experience on military issues and foreign policy.



Jim Webb

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