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Beach Co. prepares for Stone Ave. redesign

Targets November for groundbreaking on \$20M project; also taking over companion development

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The developer of a transformative, \$20 million project at the corner of Stone Avenue and North Main Street expects dirt to begin moving by November — and now is set to take over plans for a companion development

next door.

Charleston developer The Beach Company will submit new plans for a residential and retail development on Rowley Street and Stone Avenue, after a local developer backed out of plans for apartments and commercial space approved by the city of Greenville.

"It's not that there's anything

wrong with this plan that was approved," Beach vice president of development Dan Doyle said. "We looked at it and it was an opportunity to do everything at one time and not have two separate projects going on at the same time."

The company shared its new proposal in a community meeting with residents of the North Main area, who expressed concern about traffic and parking as the area grows.

The new plans for the Rowley

project will keep the number of residences the same — 51 total — but will split the development into two buildings, one of which will feature eight, single-family upscale rental town homes on Rowley Street with two-car garages underneath, Doyle said.

The town homes replace plans for apartments, Doyle said.

The change, Doyle said, is designed to better fit with the single-family homes that already exist on Rowley Street, a concern residents had in the original

plans.

The Stone Avenue portion of the Rowley project will remain four stories tall with apartments and retail space on the first floor.

The amended plans, if approved by the city, will accommodate all parking on site and not rely on Rowley Street, Doyle said.

Also, an entry point to the development has been moved closer to Stone Avenue and will match up with an entry to the

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A plaque on the Clemson University campus serves as a remembrance of Steven Grich, who was killed in his Chimney Ridge apartment off campus during an armed robbery in 2012.

Murder trial to open

Father of Clemson student fatally shot in 2012: 'Our heart breaks every day'

By David Dykes

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The family of Clemson University student Steven Grich is looking for closure as the man accused of killing Grich goes on trial Monday in a Pickens County courtroom.

Lester Devaria Mosley Jr. faces murder and other charges in the case, in which 23-year-old Steven Grich was shot and killed in his off-campus home.

For Grich's family, the trial is the last part

his right. In high school, he got Cs and Ds.

His parents helped him manage that struggle, working with teachers and pediatricians and relying on medication to help.

Clemson remained a dream.

On the day the letter arrived, his family gathered around and watched closely as Steven read it.

"All of a sudden, he got a real big grin on his face," his father recalled. "And he just showed us the paper. He said, 'I made it. I got



Gowdy details Benghazi hearing

Focus to be improved security for diplomats

By Mary Troyan

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The first public hearing of the special House committee investigating the 2012 terrorist attacks in Benghazi will be Sept. 17 and will focus on improving security for diplomats.

The hearing was announced by Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-Spartanburg, chairman of the special committee.

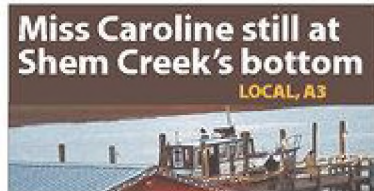
The panel of seven Republicans and five Democrats was created in May to investigate the security lapses and intelligence failures that led to the Sept. 11, 2012, attacks on the American consulate that killed four Americans, including Ambassador Christopher Stevens.

Panel members also are expected to examine the military's ability to respond in the region, and whether President Barack Obama's administration initially downplayed the incident because the 2012 elections were less than two months away.

Witnesses at the Sept. 17 hearing will include Greg Starr, assistant secretary for diplomatic security at the State Department, Mark Sullivan, former director of the Secret Service, and Todd Keil, former assistant secretary for infrastructure protection at the Homeland Security Department.

Sullivan and Keil were members of a "best practices panel" created after the Benghazi attacks to evaluate security at high-risk U.S. diplomatic posts. The panel made 40 recommendations, including the creation of an under secretary for diplomatic security.

That move also was suggested 14 years ago after embassy bombings in East Africa, according to testimony Sullivan



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Moseley receives thousands in back pay

Error results in Charleston County paying treasurer, former auditor nearly \$30K each

BY PRENTISS FINDLAY
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Charleston County's former long-time auditor Peggy Moseley and Treasurer Andrew Smith recently got a total of nearly \$60,000 that had wrongly been withheld, officials said, because of a misinterpretation of a law regarding their state compensation.

Moseley, who was auditor for 20 years before withdrawing from the race in 2012, and Smith each got checks for \$29,640 in back pay for three years, going back to March 2011, county Chief

Financial Officer Keith Bustraan said last week.

Moseley pulled out of the race ahead of the 2012 election after being criticized for a questionable tax break she received on her Johns Island home and delayed mailing of tax bills because of a bungled implementation of a new computer program.

After deductions for her pension and taxes, Moseley said the lump-sum payment amounted to \$14,561.

"Time and again, I didn't get the full county salary. This went on for 20 years," Moseley said. "You can take it

any way you want to, but it saved the county money."

Smith received the same amount as Moseley after taxes and deductions, county officials said.

The recent payments resulted from the county having kept the nearly \$10,000 that the state provides each year to augment the auditor's and treasurer's salaries. Instead of adding it to the auditor's annual salary of \$79,409 and the treasurer's \$96,990, the county instead used it to reduce its share by \$13,406.

"That was wrong but that was what



Former Charleston County auditor Peggy Moseley was paid \$29,640 for three years of incorrect withholdings.

the county was doing," Bustraan said, adding the error was made either by councilor staff around 2000.

The supplemental pay was withheld for "a long time," according to Bustraan, but the auditor and treasurer were entitled to only three years' back pay.

County officials were unable to explain why they only had to pay them for three years when the error went back much further.

Peter Tecklenburg, who was elected auditor in November 2012, discovered the discrepancy while reviewing his department's 2013 budget.

"I looked at my salary and thought, 'Boy that seems a little low,'" he said.

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Health renewal hassles possible

Getting covered for 2015 not so simple

BY ROBERT PEAR
New York Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Millions of consumers will soon receive notices from health insurance companies stating that their coverage is being automatically renewed for 2015, along with the financial assistance they received this year from the federal government.

But consumer advocates and insurers say they see a significant potential for confusion because some of the information will be out of date and misleading on costs and other aspects of coverage. Some people who have been receiving monthly subsidy payments this year could get much less if they stay in their current health plans.

The Obama administration announced in June that most people with insurance purchased in the federal marketplace would be automatically enrolled in the same or similar plans next year, so they would not need to file applications or go back to HealthCare.gov to continue their coverage.

Now, however, the administration is emphasizing that consumers should revisit the marketplace to make sure they are getting the right amount of financial assistance and to compare other health plans.

President Barack Obama said in April that 8 million people had enrolled in private health plans through federal and state marketplaces created under the Affordable Care Act. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the total will climb to 13 million in the next open enrollment period, which runs for three months starting Nov. 15.

Federal health officials told insurers this month to send out standard renewal notices written by the government. The notices inform consumers of the new monthly premium for their health plans in 2015 and the most recent amount of any subsidy, or tax credit, paid for a household in 2014.

In many cases, insurers will notify consumers that they face higher premiums but will not provide them any information about higher subsidies in 2015, a prospect that distresses insurers and consumer advocates.

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From space to the sea floor

Citadel grad who became NASA shuttle astronaut turns aquanaut

BY BO PETERSEN
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It's definitely not space — not with barracks in a feeding frenzy right outside the porthole. But the view on his latest mission kept NASA astronaut and space shuttle veteran Randy Bresnik peering out enthralled.

Bresnik, a 1989 graduate of The Citadel, was scheduled to "splash up" Sunday after spending a week more than 60 feet deep, nearly six miles off Key Largo, Fla. He has been aboard and diving around the Aquarius Reef Base, an underwater research laboratory run by Florida International University.

He talked by Skype with The Post and Courier on Friday afternoon, near the porthole with tropical fish lazily finning by.

The cutely acronymized NEEMO (NASA Extreme Environment Mission Operations) mission gives shuttle veterans like Bresnik the opportunity to command and work with new astronauts to prepare them for the space environment.

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Randy Bresnik walks on the sea floor as he helps train young astronauts for the challenges of space. PROVIDED BY NASA



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James Bryan, operator of Botanica Nursery in the Ballentine area, planted sequoia seedlings in his Chapin yard 27 years ago that he says are now 63 feet high.

Students seeking to make Chapin stand taller

Class promotes planting sequoias around town

By TIM FLACH
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A group of Chapin High students is seeking to plant a landmark that will make the community stand tall for generations. The students are promoting the spread of sequoias across the Lexington County community as a step beneficial for the environment and tourism.

It's an effort that began last

spring when community leader Lill Mood read about the towering trees and wondered whether they could flourish locally.

After research showed the trees can thrive with care, Mood contacted teachers at the school and discovered students were looking for a project combining civics and leadership lessons.

"It's out of the ordinary — I didn't know how much interest there would be," Mood said. "It

just struck a spark."

The idea was an easy sell, biology teacher Karen Walton said.

"It's very helpful for our environment, putting a lot of moisture into the air," she said of the trees, which can live centuries and exceed 300 feet in height.

Although not native to the area, the trees can take root if planted atop hilltops with good

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BENJAMIN'S FLORIDA VISIT

Mayor's trip heating up ethics debate

'We're learning the hard way how toothless the whole ethics act is'

By CLIF LeBLANC
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If a mayor accepting an \$8,000 free trip from a developer who has designs on a multi-million-dollar project in his city does not have to be disclosed to the public, what does?

Critics of the ethics climate in South Carolina say the fact that the state agency empowered to police standards of conduct for public officials has sanctioned that trip by Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin as private, not public, could add to the call for reforms.

Neither Republican Gov.



Nikki Haley nor Democratic challenger Sen. Vincent Sheheen would weigh in on the issues raised by the State Ethics Commission's

Benjamin

Aug. 27 decision that Benjamin did not by law have to disclose a Dec. 15, 2010, trip to Orlando, Fla.

But government watchdogs and state lawmakers are discussing the decision.

Haley's office did not respond — after five days — to The

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Read the Ethics Commission's written ruling in the Benjamin case

ELECTIONS 2014

In Hutto, Democrats find long shot they can bet on

Graham rival erasing memories of Greene debacle

By CASSIE COPE
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Brad Hutto grew up on a dairy farm in Orangeburg County, baling hay, driving a tractor and milking cows.

"I know what hard work is, and today we don't value hard work like we should," the Democratic state senator from Orangeburg told a gathering of Summer Democrats recently, pressing his candidacy to unseat incumbent Republican U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham of Seneca.

The underfinanced Hutto is a long shot to win in November in heavily Republican South

Carolina.

But, after the debacle of Alvin Greene in 2010, Hutto is a candidate who makes the Democratic Party proud, leaders say. While the unknown, erratic Greene embarrassed Democrats by winning their party's nomination to oppose

Republican U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint, Hutto is a Georgetown University-educated lawyer with almost 20 years of experience as a state senator.

Even if he loses in November, Hutto could find his way onto future statewide tickets.

But Hutto does not plan to go down without a fight.

In Sumter, he turned his childhood story of working on a farm into fodder for knock-

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Tubeless toilet paper rolls out

Beech Island plant creates eco-friendly bath tissue



PHOTO BY KIMBERLY CLARK

Scott's Natural Tube-Free bath tissue aims to eliminate part of the 17 billion tubes thrown away each year.

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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Kimberly-Clark is rolling out a new tubeless toilet paper product that is being produced only at the company's Beech Island plant.

Scott's Natural, owned by Kimberly-Clark Corp., is producing a roll of bath

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tissue that has no center cardboard tube. The company began testing the product in three markets in 2004.

"It was extremely successful, so they decided to roll it out across the coun-

try," said Jessica Nelson, a spokeswoman for Kimberly-Clark.

The company expects the move to eliminate much of the 17 billion toilet paper tubes thrown away each year.

That's enough to fill the Empire State Building twice, according to Jared Macorey, brand manager for Scott.

"That's a big impact to have from one mill in South Carolina," Macorey said. "That small step can really have a big impact."

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AMERICAN HORSEWOMAN'S CHALLENGE

Resident saddles up Carolina Moonshine

BY DEDE BILES
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Julie Robins and a 3-year-old Quarter Horse named Carolina Moonshine have been working together since the spring. In October, they'll find out just how good they've become as a team when they compete in the American Horsewoman's Challenge in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

"I'm very excited about it; I think it's going to be a whole lot of fun," said Robins, who is the founder and CEO of the Aiken Horseman's Academy and the owner of 20-acre Dragonfly Farm.

The purpose of the American Horsewoman's Challenge is to showcase the skills of female trainers. It will be conducted by the Northwest National Horseman's Center, which is based in Seattle, Washington.

To enter the Challenge, Robins, 46, had to submit a video that showed her working with horses and two letters of reference. The contest was open to the first 500 applicants, and Robins was among the 37 chosen to compete for cash and prizes worth \$28,000.

"It was a huge honor just to be selected," Robins said.

After learning that she had made the cut, Robins had to find a horse to train that was 3 to 6 years of age and had been ridden no more than 10 times.

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The purpose of the American Horsewoman's Challenge is to showcase the skills of female trainers.

"He (Carolina Moonshine) had such a rough start in life. ... I knew his training would be a little more challenging than average, but I felt like he needed a chance."

JULIE ROBINS
AIKEN RESIDENT



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Julie Robins and Carolina Moonshine will compete in the American Horsewoman's Challenge in Oklahoma. Their sponsors are Carolina Moon Distillery, The Muck Life and Dr. Jamie Carter of Southern Equine Service.



Robins and Carolina Moonshine go through an obstacle while getting ready for the Challenge.



Robins gives Carolina Moonshine a pat during a training session at Dragonfly Farm in Aiken County.

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Redesigned website launches Tuesday



STAFF REPORTS

Online readers can expect some big and exciting changes tomorrow on the Aiken Standard website.

After months of working to redesign aikenstandard.com, the website will have a fresh new look Tuesday.

The website is designed to be more user-friendly, accessible and visually attractive. It also will load faster and is designed to be easier to navigate.

For those who get their news mostly from phones or tablets, the website is now responsive. That means

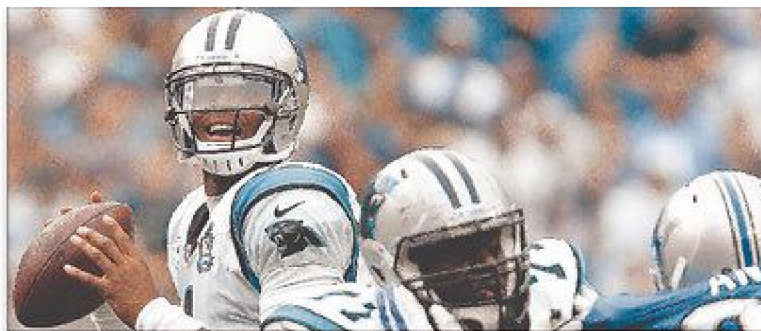
themselves to appear clearly on the screen without the need of pinching and zooming.

"We are excited to offer our readers a responsive design website, so that no matter what platform you are using, it fits within your screen," Aiken Standard Publisher Ellen Priest said.

In addition to the site's new look, the site has other



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New Miss America

Miss New York Kira Kazantsev was named Miss America 2015 Sunday night, marking the third year in a row that a contestant from her state has walked away with the crown in the nationally televised pageant. **PAGE A6**

Sentenced

North Korea's Supreme Court on Sunday convicted a 24-year-old American man, Matthew Miller, of entering the country illegally to commit espionage and sentenced him to six years of hard labor. **PAGE A4**

Renewable

Vermont's largest city, Burlington, has a new success to add to its list of socially conscious achievements: 100 percent of its electricity now comes from renewable sources. **PAGE A5**

Term limits

Spartanburg County Council will reconsider the divisive issue of term limits for boards and commissions during today's regularly scheduled meeting. **PAGE A7**

Evacuation

Powerful Hurricane Odile bore down on the Mexican resort area of Los Cabos on Sunday night, prompting authorities to evacuate vulnerable coastal areas and prepare shelters for up to 30,000 people. **PAGE A8**

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Coalition to combat ISIS crucial

New beheading: West pressing Mideast countries to halt Islamic State offensive

By LORI HINNANT
The Associated Press

PARIS — Newly outraged by the beheading of yet another Western hostage, diplomats from around the world are in Paris pressing for a coherent global strategy to combat extremists from the Islamic State group — minus two of the main players and without any ground troops — in a conflict that threatens to spill beyond the Mideast.

U.S. Secretary of State John

Kerry has been pressuring allies ahead of a conference today to show a united front, especially from majority-Muslim nations, saying nearly 40 countries agreed to contribute to a worldwide fight to defeat the militants before they gain more territory in Iraq and Syria.

The White House said Sunday it would find allies willing to send combat forces — something the United States has ruled out — but that it was too early to identify them. The U.S. so far has been alone in carrying out airstrikes.

Several Arab countries offered

to conduct airstrikes against the Islamic State group, according to a State Department official traveling with Kerry who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity.

A second official gave some examples of what the U.S. would consider a military contribution: providing arms, any kind of training activity and airstrikes.

Muslim-majority countries are considered vital to any operation, although there have only been vague offers of help previously. Iran was struck off the invitation list, and Western officials have



Kerry

made clear they consider Syria's government part of the problem.

"Ultimately, this is a fight within Islam, within Sunni Islam," White House chief of staff Denis McDonough told Fox News on Sunday.

"That's why we know that ultimately to defeat and ultimately destroy ISIL, something that is not only in our interest but in the interest of the countries in the region, they are going to need to take the fight to it," he said, using one of the acronyms for the group.

"We'll build, we'll lead, we'll undergird, and we'll strengthen that coalition. But ultimately, they're going to help us beat them

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SURPLUS SUPPLIES



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL JUSTUS/MICHAEL.JUSTUS@SHJ.COM
Sgt. Micah Horton, of the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office bomb squad, stands near a bomb disposal robot on Friday. The robot was obtained through a federal military surplus gear program.

Local law enforcers defend use of military hand-me-downs

Equipment saves lives in certain situations

By DANIEL J. GROSS
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Secretary of state's commute hits bump

Hammond defends taxpayer-funded ride opposed by Deerin

By SEANNA ADCOX
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — The Democrat challenging Secretary of State Mark Hammond is generating interest in the down-ballot race by criticizing his 183-mile round-trip commute to Columbia that is funded by taxpayers.

There's nothing illegal about Hammond's commute from Spartanburg. His assigned 2007 Dodge Durango is considered a job benefit.

"I just think it's wrong," said Ginny Deerin, a Democrat running on cutting government waste and putting more of the office's bureaucratic functions online.

Hammond, first elected in 2002, is not alone in having a taxpayer-funded ride. State law dating to 1978 actually requires that statewide officers and agency directors be offered a state vehicle. The law also specifically exempts elected



Hammond



Gamecocks leap up AP poll after beating Georgia, 1B

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Policy pickle

Wealth gap squeezing state revenue

By JOSH BOAK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Income inequality is taking a toll on state governments.

The widening gap between the wealthiest Americans and everyone else has been matched by a slowdown in state tax revenue, according to a report being released today by Standard & Poor's.

Even as income for the affluent accelerated, it's barely kept pace with inflation for most other people. That trend can mean a double-whammy for states: The wealthy often manage to shield much of their income from taxes. And they tend to spend less of it than others do, thereby limiting sales tax revenue.

As the growth of tax revenue slowed, states faced tensions about whether to raise taxes or cut spending to balance their budgets as required by law.

"Rising income inequality is not just a social issue," said Gabriel Petek, the S&P credit analyst who wrote the report. "It presents a very significant set of challenges for the policymakers."

Stagnant pay for most people compounded the pressure on states to preserve funding for education, highways and social programs such as Medicaid. Their investments in education and infrastructure have also fueled economic growth. Yet, they're at risk without a strong flow of tax revenue.

The prospect of having to raise taxes to balance a state budget is a politically delicate one. The allure of low taxes has been used by states to spur job creation, by attracting factories, businesses and corporate headquarters.

"If you've got political pressure to spend more money and pressure against raising taxes, then you're in a pickle," said David Brunori, a public policy professor at George Washington University.

Income inequality isn't the only factor slowing state tax revenue. Online retailers account for a rising chunk of consumer spending. Yet they often manage to avoid sales taxes. Consumers are spending more on untaxed services, too.

S&P's analysis builds on a previous report this year in which it said the widening gap between the wealthiest Americans and everyone else slowed the U.S. economy's recovery from the Great Recession. Because consumer spending fuels about 70 percent of the economy, weak pay growth typically slows economic growth.

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Abbeville residents were allowed to step inside the newly restored Caboose No. 5759 at a dedication ceremony, located on its new site behind the Abbeville County Historical Society headquarters, the historic McGowan-Barksdale-Bundy House.

Restoration efforts return caboose to prime condition

By COLIN RIDDLE
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In a dedication ceremony Sunday afternoon, Caboose No. 5759 officially returned home fully restored since commissioned in 1963.

The caboose primary served the line between Richmond and Birmingham, staffed by an Abbeville

crew during its first five years.

Abbeville conductors and flagmen rode the caboose between Atlanta and Hamlet, N.C. during that time.

After 30 years of service and various expansions to its service area, it came to rest at the Abbeville Depot.

After the closing of the depot and constant efforts from Abbeville County Historical Society board member Bill Rogers, the

caboose was dedicated by Franklin Pursley and CSX Railroad in 1994.

"I wanted this caboose due to it traveling through Abbeville for almost the entirety of its 30-year career," Pursley said.

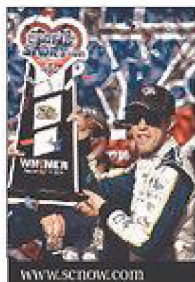
The Historical Society took the caboose, and placed it behind the headquarters at the McGowan-Barksdale-Bundy House off

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A double life

Hall serves 31 years in military, 28 in education



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TODAY'S WEATHER

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2014 Florence Comic Con

More than 3,000 attend convention

BY SHAMIRA MCCRAY
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FLORENCE — More than 3,000 people came Sunday to the Southeastern Institute of Manufacturing and Technology for the 2014 Florence Comic Con.

Featured at the convention were artists, writers, vendors, killer zombies from the television show "The Walking Dead," the Scooby Doo Mystery Machine and more. Guests had the opportunity to participate in a costume contest. There were also drawings

and panels held throughout the day.

This year's guest of honor was special-effects makeup artist Roy Wooley from the hit Syfy series "Face Off." On Saturday, he performed a makeup seminar at the Comfort Suites as part of Comic Con. He had a booth set up at the Sunday event and did makeup there as well.

"I wanted a big turnout, didn't know if I was going to get it, but I'm really impressed with the amount of people from Florence and out of town," said Denny Stevenson, owner of Leg-

ends Comics.

The crowd came early.

"The line was near the road at 10 a.m. when it started," Stevenson said.

The goal for the Florence Comic Con is to have it big enough to become a two-day event. Sunday's turnout proved that there is a demand.

Florence resident Jeff Springs said bringing Comic Con to Florence in 2013 was perfect timing with all of the comic-book movies that surfaced in the past few years. Springs is a comic-book lover, and he came to the event last year. He could

see the difference this year.

"It's much bigger. Seems like there's more artists and more vendors," Springs said. "It looks like the other conventions you go to in other cities. I hope they do them forever."

Gabriel Dunston, a writer and illustrator from Raleigh, North Carolina, had a booth at the Comic Con this year and was one of the panelists for a KickStarter session.

Dunston said one thing he liked about the Florence Comic Con was how more

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Face painter April Bensch poses with 5-year-old Joseph Jones, who is made up as Darth Vader at the 2014 Florence Comic Con.

SHAMIRA MCCRAY/MORNING NEWS

Care from the air



PHOTO BY VEASEY CONWAY/MORNING NEWS

Alice Serenyi speaks with a McLeod medical staff member before unloading a patient from her team's helicopter. "Mentally fit, physically fit, emotionally fit — you need to have all those things in check," Serenyi said about her job.

Flight nurse Alice Serenyi provides a crucial link in local medical treatment

BY VEASEY CONWAY
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FLORENCE — The helicopter, a single-engine Bell 407, touched down at McLeod Regional Medical Center. With another helicopter already parked on the concrete helipad, the landing zone was smaller than normal, though still very manageable.

Several McLeod medical staff members and a security guard waited to receive the delivery: a critically ill patient being transported from an area community hospital.

The patient was taken out of the helicopter and put on a wheeled hospital bed. A McLeod medical staff member pushed the bed to-



Serenyi helps care for a critically ill patient in a McLeod Regional Medical Center intensive-care unit. The patient was brought by the Air Reach helicopter team from a community hospital. Serenyi, accompanied by a flight paramedic, transports patients from helicopter to hospital room and stays at the hospital until local doctors and nurses are fully prepared to care for the patient independently.

Commute creates criticism

Democrat candidate critical of taxpayer-funded ride to work

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — The Democrat challenging Secretary of State Mark Hammond is generating interest in the down-ballot race by criticizing his 183-mile round-trip commute to Columbia, which is funded by taxpayers.

There's nothing illegal about Hammond's commute from Spartanburg. His assigned 2007 Dodge Durango is considered a job benefit.

"I just think it's wrong," said Ginny Deerin, a Democrat running on cutting government waste and putting more of the office's bureaucratic functions online.

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Action plan meeting set for Timrod Park

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FLORENCE — Residents of the Historic Timrod Park neighborhood will have an opportunity to shape the future of their neighborhood Tuesday evening.

In light of the city's efforts to begin stabilization and revitalization of several neighborhoods in the city, members of the city planning department are developing a neighborhood action plan for the Timrod Park neighborhood.

This plan is different from the intense planning underway for the north, east and northwest neighborhoods in Florence, because Timrod Park is a stable area, but city officials want to craft a plan, through feedback, to keep it stable and growing.

Residents will learn about current,



Odd



BY BELLEVILLE NEWS-DEMOCRAT
ZACH NIXON

Mabel and Larry Schubert help lay out a 100-foot-long bratwurst on a grill last Tuesday at the Silver Creek Saloon in Belleville, Ill. The event was a practice run for the Belleville 200th celebration on Sept. 21.

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■ Illinois volunteers grill 100-foot-long bratwurst

BELLEVILLE, Ill. — About 50 people volunteered to carefully grill a 100-foot bratwurst without burning or breaking it at a bar in Illinois. Silver Creek Saloon hosted the practice run last week to prepare for the city's 200th anniversary celebration, where the volunteers will attempt to grill a 200-foot-long bratwurst, the Belleville News-Democrat reported. The Bicentennial Oktoberfest Weekend Celebration is set to be held Sept. 19-21 in downtown Belleville.

Last Tuesday, Larry Schubert, who made the 60-pound sausage, led the effort to unroll it onto a specially made 100-foot metal trough. Volunteers exercised more caution after practicing in August with a 50-foot bratwurst that broke in several places because it was turned too quickly and the grill was too hot. Organizers walked around to inspect and fix splits in the meat.

A nearby baking company will make a 200-foot-long bun to go with the bratwurst when it's grilled at the community event on Sept. 21. Donations will be collected from people who want to eat a piece of the bratwurst. Proceeds will benefit local food pantries.

■ Man named human loses primary in New Hampshire

ROCHESTER, N.H. — Human's race ended in defeat. A candidate who legally changed his name to human — with a lowercase "h" — lost his bid to run for office in New Hampshire last week.

The former David Montenegro lost a primary contest to incumbent Democratic state Rep. Rose Marie Rogers by a count of 181-30. Montenegro changed his name in 2012. He made headlines this year when the state's highest court ruled he could have a vanity license plate that reads G0P5L1E. He had sued after the Division of Motor Vehicles said he couldn't have the plate because they said it denigrated police officers.

Rogers was first elected in 2012 and represents Rochester, a city of about 30,000 residents.

■ Latest NYC condo amenity: \$1 million parking spot

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Investigation into child's death continues

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN
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DENMARK — The body of little 2-year-old Hayden Mayes of Denmark is undergoing an autopsy at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, Bamberg County Coroner Billy Duncan said Sunday. Officials said Mayes received a gunshot wound on Mill Street around 3:30 p.m. Saturday. The child was pronounced dead at the Regional Medical Center in Orangeburg.

Multiple law enforcement agencies are investigating the incident, including the Bamberg County

Sheriff's Office and the State Law Enforcement Division. The lead investigative agency is the Denmark Police Department.

The child's mother told WLTX-TV that when she last saw her son, he was standing on her neighbor's steps. She hollered for him to come home; he said "no" and went back.

"So I went back, I shut my screen door... and about two minutes later (the neighbor) came blamming on my door and said my baby got shot," Shana Prophet told WLTX.

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Police tape rings a residence on Mill Street in Denmark after the fatal shooting of two-year-old Hayden Mayes.

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S.C. State University's Oliver C. Dawson Stadium has witnessed much success. The university's late head football coach Oliver C. Dawson coached five different sports from 1935 to 1976, winning championships in four of them.

T&D FILE PHOTO

100 OBJECTS IN 100 DAYS

SCSU stadium named for legendary coach Oliver C. Dawson

T&D Staff Report

Oliver Cromwell Dawson served for many years as a professor, athletic director, coach and administrator at South Carolina State College.

But it was his prowess as the college's head football coach that earned Dawson recognition when S.C. State's current football stadium was named

the Black National Championship game.

In 1974, Dawson became the first black inducted into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame, and in 1983 he became a charter member of the South Carolina State College Athletic Hall of Fame.

Dawson died in February 1980 at the age of 78. The football stadium opened

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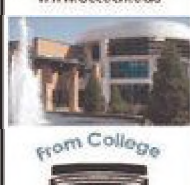
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