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Seeking reform

Haley hopes to see change in how state ethics violations are handled

By SEANNA ADCOX

Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley said Thursday she's optimistic about getting ethics reform through the South Carolina Legislature next year.

The newly re-elected Republican governor said the Legislature feels pressure following former House Speaker Bobby Harrell's guilty plea to campaign spending violations. As part of



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Abbeville teen dies after 2-vehicle wreck

From staff reports

An autopsy is planned for this morning for an Abbeville resident killed late Thursday morning in Saluda County.

Jared Ray Boren, 18, was killed at 11:14 a.m. in a two-vehicle wreck one mile east of Amick Farms LLC on Batesburg Highway near Batesburg, Leesville, said Saluda County Coroner Keith Turner. Boren was wearing a seat belt, according to the South Carolina Highway Patrol.

Boren was driving a 2002 Mercury with two passengers west on the highway when he drove left of the center line and struck a 2015 Freightliner head-on going eastbound. One passenger in the Mercury was taken by helicopter to Palmetto-Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia. A second passenger in the Mercury was taken by ambulance to Self Regional Medical Center in Greenwood.

The driver of the tractor-trailer, 65-year-old Floyd Washington of Johnston, was not wearing a seat belt and not injured.

2014 ELECTION

Republican Congress could get plenty done

By COLIN RIDDLE

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Regardless of political loyalty, decisive action for the betterment of the nation's communities can always be agreed upon.

After Election Day 2014, Republicans control the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives with one of their largest majorities since World War II.

Republicans currently occupy 52 seats to the Democrats' 43 and Independents' two in the Senate. Republicans have the

majority, but not the necessary number to bypass the presidential veto in either chamber — a luxury for two-thirds. There's also strategic political tools, such as the filibuster, to slow up any undesired legislature — the Senate needing 60 votes to stop such an act.

"My number one observation from a Republican point of view is that the

CAR THEFT, WRECK

Police search for suspects in carjacking

By DANIEL PERRY

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Greenwood police and Greenwood County's bloodhounds searched late Thursday night for two men suspected of stealing a vehicle and running it into Quick Way at the corner of Nine-



One of the hundreds of recently discovered tombstones stands among the weeds in Fairview Cemetery on Holsman Road in Greenwood as the historical cemetery undergoes cleanup.

GRAVE SITUATION

Residents work to clean up, restore Fairview Cemetery

By DANIEL PERRY

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Jay Collins, of Greenwood, held long shears as he cut kudzu Thursday morning at what became a hidden historical gem.

Collins, a retired chaplain at Self Regional Medical Center, volunteers twice a week to help clean up Fairview Cemetery on Holsman Street in Greenwood. The cemetery is thought to have at least 800 burials dating back as far as the late 1800s discovered through newspaper obituaries and county death certificates.

"I see it as an accomplishing good for the

Want to help?

Want to get involved in the effort to clean and preserve Fairview Cemetery? Contact Robin Foster, chairwoman of the Fairview Cemetery Project and a volunteer in the Lawrence Genealogy and Local History Room at the Greenwood County Library in at 864-941-4650.

community to show respect for those that gave so much to Greenwood and I have benefited from the experience from getting to know some of the people in the community," Collins said.

Cemetery conditions improved since res-

toration work began in the spring. Part of the property is cleared off and grave markers pop up like cacti in a desert. But beyond the cleared off land are still overgrown trees, kudzu and tangled brush. Primitive trails were made to explore the cemetery further.

"There could be twice as many more stones as we have now," Robin Foster, of Greenwood, said a volunteer in the Lawrence Genealogy and Local History Room at the Greenwood County Library.

The graves are in different shapes and sizes: Arrah N. Burkett, Feb. 2, 1886-Jan. 2, 1942 Gone But Not Forgotten, 1874-1939

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Cleanup volunteers Robin Foster, left, Ruth Collins, middle, and Jay Collins sort through weeds and brush Thursday to uncover tombstones at the Fairview Cemetery.



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Intent to sue filed for three in GHS infection cases

Surgical patients contracted Mycobacterium abscessus

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Notice of intent to sue Greenville Health System has been filed in state court by Greenville attorney Blake Smith on behalf of three surgical patients who contracted an infection earlier this year.

Fifteen patients were infected and

four died after contracting the Mycobacterium abscessus infection at Greenville Memorial Hospital, officials said.

Dr. Angelo Sinopoli, chief medical officer for GHS, said the hospital has had ongoing conversations with Smith and was aware that notices of intent were being filed.

"We cannot comment on pending litigation, but want to reiterate our on-going commitment to affected patients

and families," he said. "GHS continues to coordinate and provide treatment for the patients who have not completed the treatment plan."

Two of Smith's filings involve wrongful death suits for two of the patients who died — Ella Mae Mattison and Henry Weinacker. The third is a medical negligence case involving patient Thomas Fowler, who has survived.

Mattison, a homemaker from Pickens County, underwent coronary bypass surgery in September 2013 and subse-

quently developed drainage from the incision site, according to documents filed with the Court of Common Pleas. She was given antibiotics and discharged on Oct. 2.

In March 2014, after she was readmitted to Greenville Memorial for a large aortic pseudoaneurysm, staff noticed that she had "toxic appearing tissues." A culture confirmed she had the Mycobacterium infection and she was

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Alan Scheidhauer, head of Greenville Technical College's Culinary Institute of the Carolinas, pulls potatoes out of the school's garden, which will be part of the new sustainable agriculture program.

PHOTOS BY HEIDI HEILBRUNNSTAFF

College campus garden brings farming to the table

Greenville Technical will launch program in fall

By Lillia Callum-Penso

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The organic teaching farm on Greenville Technical College's Northwest campus is quiet these days. The cooler months aren't as exciting as summer when red-ripe tomatoes are hanging from the vines, but still, there is much to learn from the acre plot that was established last spring.

The teaching garden used by the Culinary Institute of the Carolinas has given rise to something bigger, a new academic program that will focus on sustainable agricultural education.

It's an idea that sprouted from the growing interest in local and organic food coupled with the farm-to-table movement, and one creators say could help reshape the food economy of the Upstate, even the Carolinas.

"There is more interest in sustain-



Tomatoes and okra were among the crops at the campus, which now is planning a new academic program that will focus on sustainable agricultural education. "There is more interest in sustainable now," Alan Scheidhauer said.

Lack of suspense a suspect in low turnout

43.6 percent of state voters cast their ballots

By Rudolph Bell

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A lack of suspense in statewide races was one reason cited for historically low voter turnout in Tuesday's election.

Across South Carolina, 43.6 percent of active, registered voters cast ballots, according to unofficial returns, the lowest figure since at least 1974, said Chris Whitmire, spokesman for the State Election Commission.

In Greenville County, turnout was 43.9 percent, lower than for any governor's race that county elections director Conway Belangia said he could remember in his 28-year career.

David Woodard, a professor of political science at Clemson University, said he wasn't surprised because voters could tell how the races were going to turn out.

"I don't think it signals the end of democracy or anything like that," Woodard said. "I think people knew what the outcome was."

Across South Carolina, Gov. Nikki Haley and other Republicans beat Democratic rivals by large margins, if the Republicans had any competition at all.

In the Sixth Congressional District, longtime Democratic incumbent Jim Clyburn won with more than 72 percent of the vote.

Robert Oldendick, a professor of political science at the University of South Carolina, cited low approval ratings for candidates in both parties, voter disgust with negative campaign ads, and races with predictable outcomes because of gerrymandered districts.

"They all seem to be working to push people to be turned off with the system, and the result is we get this historically low turnout," Oldendick said.

Danielle Vinson, a professor of political science at Furman University, chalked it up to voters disappointed with government who don't see elections as a way to solve the problem or aren't happy with their choices.

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'If anyone deserves a home...'



Veteran Marc Carroll and his family received the keys to their newly renovated home Thursday.

Vet, family benefit from nonprofit's, bank's generosity

By JEFF WILKINSON
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Marc Carroll spent 13 years in the military, first in the Air Force and then in the Army.

He was deployed to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait after the First Gulf War, then to Afghanistan in the wake of 9/11. But after repeated deployments to South America from 2006 to 2009 as part of a U.S. effort to battle narco-terrorists, he felt he had to leave the service to help his wife, Angela, raise their four children, including middle child Brandon, who is autistic.

With Marc now working installing cabinets and saddled with expenses related to Brandon's condition, the Carrolls thought they would never be able to afford a home of their own. That changed Thursday, when the family was handed the keys to a three-bedroom, 1,500-square-foot house in Northeast Richland — newly remodeled and mortgage-free.

"It's a surreal moment," said Carroll, 39, as tears streamed down his face. "We've been living paycheck-to-paycheck for so long. Now I can put something away for retirement."

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Wayne Lamon hugs Carroll in front of his family's new mortgage-free home.

CLEMSON TRAGEDY

Questions remain in student's death

How did he end up in lake? Was he impaired?

By HARRISON CAHILL
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A month after the death of 19-year-old Clemson student Tucker Hipps, questions remain about how he ended up in a lake outside the college campus.

Did Hipps fall from a bridge on S.C. 93 during an early morning run with members of his new fraternity? Was he impaired? Could he have been helped?

Jimmy Watt, an Oconee County Sheriff's Office spokesman, said the investigation of Hipps' death is continuing and there will be no new information released until it reaches a conclusion.

"As we have said previously, there is no timetable for the completion of the investigation and releasing our final report," Watt said.

Thom Berry, a State Law Enforcement Division spokesman, said the agency's toxicology tests requested by the sheriff's department are incomplete. A series of initial tests are run during a toxicology report, he said, and depending on those results, additional testing and verification.

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Former Navy SEAL: I killed bin Laden

An ex-Navy SEAL confirms he fired the two fatal shots into the head of Osama bin Laden. He says he agonized for months over whether to go public. Page A9



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Yellow jacket palace creates buzz in Berkeley

Nest in old camper might be biggest cleared in S.C.



Eric "Critter" McCool

BY BO PETERSEN
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Robert McDougal didn't dare move at the swarms of yellow jackets kept coming. The wasps, spawned from a monstrous nest hidden in the folded camper he had just hoisted in the air with a forklift.

"I sat in the chair with my arms



Video

For a video from the nest removal, go to postandcourier.com/videos

like this (crossed) for about 20 minutes. I was scared," he said. He ought to have been, but somehow he didn't get stung.

The nest cleared Tuesday was perhaps the largest to be cleared in South Carolina and one of the largest in the region. The pulp of it, an estimated 10 feet by 7 feet and 2 feet tall, was enough to stuff the interior of an old Volkswagen Beetle.

Eric "Critter" McCool, of McCool Wildlife Services, had to

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See extractor Eric "Critter" McCool removed from a Berkeley County camper one of the largest yellow jacket nests to be cleared in the region.

PHOTO BY BO PETERSEN

One-Eighty Place a big turnaround for shelter

Downtown nonprofit to care for homeless in spacious new building



One-Eighty Place, Charleston's new 30,000-square-foot, \$6.5 million homeless shelter is celebrating its grand opening.

BY ROBERT REHRE
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One of Charleston's nicest new homes was built for those without one. The 30,000-square-foot, \$6.5 million building for One-Eighty Place — formerly known as Crisis Ministries — will have its public unveiling Friday morning.

The spacious new shelter at 35 Walnut St. likely will come as a big surprise to those who haven't been staying there — they first began moving into the building in August — or who haven't played a role in supporting downtown's homeless nonprofit.



Gallery

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It was built on a dead-end road directly behind the existing shelter but cannot be seen from Meeting Street. For an organization dedicated to turning homeless people around 180 degrees to live meaningful, productive lives, the new building represents a complete transformation from the cramped former automobile warehouse

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Bunk beds at the new shelter came from the old Navy base.

White vote shift a disaster for Dems

Capturing biggest share of minorities no longer enough

BY JENNIFER AGIESTA
and JESSE J. HOLLAND
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — White voters of all ages were less likely to back Democrats this year than in elections past, helping Republicans nationwide but most acutely in the South — and overpowering Democratic efforts to turn out their core supporters among blacks and Hispanics.

In a nation growing ever more diverse, political forecasters repeatedly warn Republicans they must improve their appeal among minorities in order to remain competitive in the long term.

But for the Democrats, dominating the vote among minorities isn't enough to win elections today — and it won't be in the future if the GOP is able to run up similar margins among whites, who still make up a majority of voters in every state.

"The rule of thumb was Democrats could win with 90 percent of the African-American vote and 40 percent of the white vote," said Merle Black, a political science professor at Emory University in Atlanta.

"But now very few Democrats could think about getting 40 percent of the white vote. They're trying to get 30 percent. In the Deep South states, from South Carolina to Louisiana, it's very hard for the Democratic candidate to get 25 percent of the white vote."

Nationally, Republicans running for seats in the U.S. House won 60 percent

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U.S. Supreme Court likely next stop after gay marriage hits snag

BY DAN SEWELL
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The expanding legal acceptance of same-sex marriage in the United States hits a roadblock on Thursday when a federal appeals court panel upheld anti-gay marriage laws in four states, making it more likely

that the Supreme Court will take up the issue.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel that heard arguments on gay marriage bans or restrictions in Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee on Aug. 6 split 2-1, with Circuit Judge Jeffrey Sutton writing the majority opinion for himself and a fellow

George W. Bush appointee, while a Bill Clinton appointee dissented.

The ruling concluded that states have the right to set rules for marriage and that such change is expanding a definition of marriage that dates "back to the earliest days of human history" is better done through political processes.

"When the courts do not let the

people resolve new social issues like this one, they perpetuate the idea that the heroes in these change events are judges and lawyers," Sutton wrote, adding that it's better to have change "in which the people, gay and straight alike, become the heroes of their own stories by meeting each other not as adversaries in a court system but as

fellow citizens seeking to resolve a new social issue in a fair-minded way."

Cincinnati attorney Al Gerhardstein, who represented gay plaintiffs in two cases in which he gained lower-court victories, said he will appeal to the Supreme Court.

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Man challenges City ordinance

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An Aiken man challenging the constitutionality of a City ordinance is taking his case to the S.C. Supreme Court, which will hear arguments in the case next month.

Larry Daniel Smith is challenging the constitutionality of Aiken City Code Chapter 22, Article I, Section 22-3(b),

S.C. Supreme Court is set to rule on constitutional challenge

which designates criteria for charging someone with failure to comply with a public safety officer.

Smith pleaded guilty in 2013 to a Gen-

eral Sessions charge of pointing and presenting a firearm, and was found guilty by a municipal court jury on charges of disorderly conduct and failure to comply.

Smith seeks to have his conviction on the latter charge overturned because the ordinance for the charge is "vague and/or overbroad," according

to court documents.

Background

The Aiken Department of Public Safety received a 911 call on Jan. 17, 2013, from a "hysterical" woman at a home on Union Street, according to an order denying appeal filed Sept. 27, 2013.

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Area school honors veterans

BY ROB NOVIT
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Vernon Holmes was delighted and honored to attend Leavelle McCampbell Middle School's Veterans Day observance on Thursday.

"It's important to be here," he said. "I see these young children and how they conducted themselves in a very gracious way."

The guest speaker was 1st Sgt. Jason Holland, of Ft. Gordon, who trains NCOs as the future of the Army.

"I loved the Marines and what the first sergeant had to say," Holmes said.

His granddaughter, Jennifer Lyle, and his great-grandson, Leyton Watson, a Leavelle student, welcomed Holmes and his wife, Brenda.

"They show up for everything," said Lyle. "This gives us a chance to honor them and that's great."

Brenda also is a military veteran, having spent 1968-74 in the Air Force.

"I wanted to go to college, and my parents couldn't afford for me to go," she said. "I love my country, and I was honored to serve."

The program included music by the school's chorus, directed by Charles Coffin, and the band, led by Zachary Derr. The chorus selections included "Our America" and "Grateful to Be American." The band's performance included "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Principal Johnny Spears said he couldn't thank the veterans in attendance enough for their service to the country.

"There are still those who are overseas, serving us to enjoy the lives we live today," Spears said.

Abigail Ruff, a Leavelle student, said her grandfather, Mike Ruff, attends the program every year.

"It's very exciting, because I get to come over and see him," she said. "It's really cool."

Ruff served in the Navy during the Vietnam War, and "I would do it again," he said. "I'm glad to be here with my granddaughter. I didn't think I would, but I choked up with all of this. It's really nice."

Holland spoke with the students



STAFF PHOTO BY ROB NOVIT

At the Leavelle McCampbell Middle School Veterans Day observance on Thursday, Vernon Holmes, left, a Vietnam veteran, talks with the guest speaker, 1st Sgt. Jason Holland, who is stationed at Ft. Gordon.

about the history of Veterans Day, which originated as Armistice Day in 1919 following World War I. The observance ultimately became Veterans Day in 1954, honoring Americans who served in all wars, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The concept of family in the military, Holland said, includes the men and women in all service branches — those on active duty, the Reserves and the National Guard. Service is never about "me," he said.

"We don't do what we do for recognition and accolades," Holland said. When he thinks about his service, "it makes me feel humble, truly humble."

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STAFF PHOTO BY ROB NOVIT

These Leavelle McCampbell Middle School chorus members perform patriotic selections during a Veterans Day observance on Thursday — among them "Grateful to Be American."

County attorney turns in resignation

BY MAAVAN SCHECHTER
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Aiken County Attorney Lawrence Bruen turned in his resignation to



I won't go into reasons ... but he was a Council employee and he felt



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Local high school squads hit long road for playoffs tonight. **C1**

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LATE-BREAKING



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Clemson freshman receiver Artavis Scott breaks away for a touchdown in front of Wake Forest defenders Brandon Chubb (48) and Ryan Janvion during the Tigers' 34-20 road win on Thursday night. Scott's touchdown — on a 68-yard

shovel pass from quarterback Cole Stoudt — broke a 20-20 tie early in the fourth quarter before the Tigers added another late score on a 30-yard run by fellow freshman Wayne Gallman to ice the win. For full coverage of the game, turn to page **C3**.

Researchers defend exit poll on race

BY NORMAN CANNADA
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — While some voters in Seneca and other areas in South Carolina saw an exit poll Tuesday as racially offensive, the two men who led the effort to conduct the poll said they were just trying to prove race was not a factor in choosing candidates.



Woodard



White

Clemson professor Dave Woodard and Paul White, a graduate student in the political science department at the University of South Carolina, said Tuesday's poll was designed to look at the issue of race in politics in light of the fact Tim Scott on Tuesday became the first African-American popularly elected to the U.S. Senate from the South.

"We're testing the literature in political science that says most voters vote for racial reasons," Woodard said. "We believe people vote on the basis of personality and issues. We think we saw that. Tim Scott was the largest vote getter in the state. We had to ask the questions to find out about symbolic racism."

Questions in the poll drew criticism from people who saw the poll at the Shaver Recreation Complex in Seneca and other locations across the state. After a few typical exit poll questions about how people voted, three questions seemed to draw the most concern. The first asked people to agree or disagree on the issue of whether "blacks are getting too demanding in their push for equal rights." Another asked readers to agree or disagree on the statement, "If blacks would only try

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Gillespie speaks candidly at final meeting

BY GREG OLIVER
THE JOURNAL

EASLEY — Outgoing Pickens County School Board trustee Jimmy Gillespie attended his final meeting last week, and he didn't go out quietly.



"There's not enough people that hate me, so I'm going to see what I can do tonight," Gillespie said prior to



JESSICA NELMS | THE JOURNAL

Ray Cash of Seneca fills up on Thursday at the Ingles gas station, where the price for a gallon of regular unleaded was \$2.65. AAA said gas prices in the Seneca area have dropped almost 40 cents since last year.

Falling gas prices fuel holiday cheers

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — Shelby Clark was not feeling any pain

Clark got an even better deal on her purchase, because she used a local supermarket's bonus card that reduced the price

simply embracing the moment.

"I hope it stays this way," Clark said. "It really helps with the holidays coming."

Airport contractor paid verdict amount

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — Plateau Excavation Inc. is almost \$900,000 richer after getting "fully paid" from a recent judgment rendered by a jury in a case involving a runway project at Oconee County Regional Airport.

"The case is over," David James, the Atlanta attorney who represented Plateau, said Thursday after confirming his client had been paid.

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Restaurateur dies

Walter Holmes, the founder of Holmes Hot Dogs who was famous for helping those in need and letting customers without enough money to pay do so on their next visit, died Wednesday. He was 88. **PAGE C1**

Gay marriage snag

The march toward gay marriage across the U.S. hit a roadblock Thursday when a federal appeals court upheld laws against the practice in four states, creating a split in the legal system that increases the chances the Supreme Court will decide the issue. **PAGE A3**

FluMist limitations

The nasal spray version of the flu vaccine did not protect young children against swine flu last winter and might not work again this year, health officials said Thursday. **PAGE A5**

SEAL breaks silence

The retired Navy SEAL who says he shot Osama bin Laden in the forehead publicly identified himself Thursday amid a debate among special operations brethren about whether they should break silence about their secret missions. **PAGE A4**

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Immigration poses dilemma for GOP

Party could risk alienating Hispanics if opposition to Obama plan grows strident

By MICHAEL J. MISHAK
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With President Barack Obama vowing to press ahead on immigration, prominent Hispanic Republicans are worried about the reaction of staunch conservatives. They fear it will harm the party's ability to

win over Latinos in the next presidential election and beyond.

While immigration was generally a muted issue in midterm elections dominated by the GOP, Obama promised the next day to move ahead on his own to remove the threat of deportation or grant work permits to an unspecified

number of immigrants living here illegally.

"The initial reaction from Republicans is going to be very ugly and not well thought out, unfortunately," said Alfonso Aguilar, former chief of the U.S. Office of Citizenship in the George W. Bush administration and executive director of Latino Partnership for Conservative Principles.

Aguilar said congressional Republicans must offer a plausible

alternative to the president's plan, especially since the GOP-controlled House has shelved bipartisan immigration legislation. His call echoes those of some of the party's potential 2016 candidates to reach out to Hispanic voters in some way.

"Just saying 'let's repeal this,' or 'let's not fund it' — if that's the only reaction, that's going to antagonize

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FINDING A FUTURE WITH PROJECT SEARCH



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Tyler Smith is participating in Project Search, a program that places special needs students in businesses where they can learn skills to help them find a job.

Job skills program gives hope to students

By KIM KIMZEY
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Along with job skills, students with disabilities are gaining self-esteem and hope through a new program.

Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System, Spartanburg County School District 6 and the state Department of Vocational Rehabilitation have launched Project Search.

The program helps students with developmental disabilities transition from school to work and gain skills that will help them find employment, said Alan Eggert, District 6 executive director for special services.

Seven Doorman High School students will

Eggert said it's the first Project Search program in South Carolina — more than 250 programs are internationally offered.

Eggert said after learning the impact Project Search could have on students, District 6 Superintendent Darryl Owings wanted to offer it.

"The District 6 goal is for all students to be college-, career- and citizenship-ready, and this is an opportunity for our students to thrive," Eggert said.

Project Search program instructor Sam Napier said each student acts as an intern in various hospital departments. Areas include environmental services, guest services and

rise with the realization they can accomplish tasks and that others look beyond their disability, focusing on their job skills.

"They all want a job. They want to work. They don't want to just sit at home, which happens to a lot of students," Napier said.

Not having a diploma closes many doors, he said. The program is giving interns hope that they can find employment.

"You've had this little tunnel and there's a little bitty light at the end. ... Now, all of a sudden, that tunnel's become a gigantic hallway with a lot more light," Napier said.

Monica Copelton assists in sterile processing, where she wraps handles, makes deliver-

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Health centers join campaign to plead for funding extension

Trust fund will expire in 2015 for care providers

BY JADE REYNOLDS
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Local community health centers are joining a national campaign to encourage their congressional delegations to enact legislation before a funding deadline leaves them underfunded.

Sandhills Medical Foundation Inc. in Sumter, along with Sumter

Family Health Center, HopeHealth in Clarendon County and Care-South in Lee County, are answering the call of National Association of Community Health Centers to flood congressional inboxes with requests to extend funding to their programs.

When the Affordable Care Act passed, a five-year trust fund was created to allow such medical homes to serve nearly 20 million new patients across the country. But a cut to the discretionary funding of the communi-

ty health centers left them drawing from the trust fund to maintain — not expand — services, according to the national association's campaign. At the end of fiscal year 2015, the trust fund will be gone, and the providers of primary care may face as much as a 70 percent cut in their federal funding.

The email campaign urges Congress to act before the deadline,

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Library's annual book sale begins



PHOTOS BY MATT WALSH / THE SUMTER ITEM

Cathy Price, above, lies on the floor of Sumter County Library to get a better look at the sci-fi books at the annual Friends of the Sumter County Library Annual Book Sale, which started on Thursday night.

Margaret Ann Rivers, left, carries a stack of books out of the sale Thursday.

Art Rainor, below, looks at books at the sale on Thursday night. The sale continues today from 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Nov. 13 and 14 from 4 to 8 p.m.; and Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The final day of the sale, Sunday, Nov. 16, is Bag O'Books Day, when shoppers can fill bags provided by the Friends for \$5 per bag. There is no charge for admission to the sale at any time. The library is at 111 N. Harvin St., next to Sumter County Administration Building.



Murder conviction in 2008 case reversed

BY MATT BRUCE
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State justices on Wednesday reversed the conviction of a Sumter County man found guilty of murder and sentenced to life in prison in 2011.

The South Carolina Court of Appeals issued the ruling, granting Daniel Jackson a new trial. Appellate judges remanded Jackson's case back down to the circuit-court level to be retried.

A jury found the

26-year-old Sumter man guilty of murder and armed robbery in August 2011, and Circuit Court Judge W. Jeffrey Young issued him a life sentence.

Jackson's attorneys successfully argued that the original trial violated his 6th Amendment right of confrontation because Young allowed jurors to hear redacted statements



CANTY



JACKSON

from his co-defendant Reginald Canty, who never testified during the trial. Appellate justices ruled that the statements unjustly incriminated Jackson while not giving him the opportunity to cross examine his accuser.

The state appeals court heard the case June 10 and filed its 23-page opinion Wednesday.

The ruling stemmed from the killing of William Flexon, a 46-year-old Sumter man who was shot twice Jan. 12, 2008, as he delivered pizzas to OC Mobile Home Park in Cherryvale. Deputies apprehended Canty, then 16, near the shooting scene shortly afterward, and he subsequently gave officers six statements during the span of the next 13 days.

In those statements, he

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Upsets mark Darlington County school board races

BY JIM FAILE

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DARLINGTON — The Darlington County Board of Education will have some new faces on it when the candidates who won in Tuesday's school board election take office. Voters elected school board members in Districts 1, 3,



Baldwin



Dawson



Hassler



Thomas

5 and 7.

Former County Council Chairman

Darlington

County Council Chairman

Billy Baldwin of Darlington upset two-term incumbent Tom Henson of Darlington

with almost 53 percent of the District 1 vote to Henson's nearly 35 percent. Challenger William Heitsman got just over 11 percent.

In the race for the District 3 seat, former long-time school board member Thelma Dawson of Darlington defeated two-term incumbent Joyce Wing-

ate Thomas of Darlington with nearly 57 percent of the vote to 43 percent for Thomas.

In District 5, political newcomer Maureen Thomas of Hartsville won with just over 43 percent of the vote. Former Darlington County Fire District Chief David Williamson of Hartsville came away

with 35 percent of the vote. Jesse Addison of Hartsville got just over 21 percent of the vote.

Longtime board member Tommy Jeffords did not seek re-election in District 5.

And in District 7, Wanda Hassler of Hartsville ran

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Darlington County

District to challenge federal rating

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DARLINGTON — The Darlington County School District will challenge its federal report card issued Oct. 21 under federal law by the S.C. Board of Education. The district will request an audit of exceptional education students claiming errors in calculation methods and calculation in general.

However, 41 South Carolina school districts since 2012, not necessarily all unique, filed 72 appeals of the federal report cards, known officially as ESEA accountability reports. Only one of those appeals was affirmed. That case came out of Anderson School District 5 where a grade was "mistakenly issued at a grade level that did not have test scores in place yet," according to the state department.

Darlington County received a "C" this year on its overall report. That grade is down from a "B" in 2013, but is still considered to have met state expectations for student performance. Eddie Ingram, Darlington County superintendent, issued a statement regarding the district's appeal.

"Let me be very clear: the Darlington County School District has a great deal of work to do," Ingram wrote. "That said, we believe there are problems in the manner in which the federal report card is calculated. We have been working with the state department in the hopes of resolving some of the issues, particularly those involving the calculations of scores for our exceptional education students."

The district believes a "1 percent flexibility rule" used this year by the state did not fairly represent the testing success of its exceptional needs students. The rule states that if more than 1 percent of the students who

WEST HARTSVILLE



Students at West Hartsville Elementary School listen in Wednesday on a program explaining the city of Hartsville's recycling initiative and facts about recycling.

Students kick off recycling program

BY ARDIE ARVIDSON
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West Hartsville Elementary School kicked off its participation in the city of Hartsville's recycling program Wednesday.

Students in the sponsoring BETA Club performed a skit for their peers about recycling and Jane Hiller, education specialist at the Sonoco Recycling Plant in Columbia, spoke to the children about the importance of recycling and what can be recycled. Hartsville City Manager Natalie Zeigler welcomed the school into the city's recycling program.

Sonoco Recycling, a unit of Sonoco, is a sponsor of the city's program. The company collects more than 3 million tons of material each year.

Hiller said the three "Rs" — reduce, reuse and recycle — are the key to reducing the planet's garbage. She said America is the "Garbage Capital of the World."

She told the students Americans produce more garbage than any other country. In explaining what they can do to



Members of the West Hartsville Elementary School BETA Club present a skit Wednesday about recycling at the kick off of their recycling program.

computer paper, writing on both sides of their notebook pages and using only one paper towel when drying their hands.

She told them to think about ways they could reuse items instead of throwing

and gave the students examples of things that can and can not be recycled. Paper and cardboard can be recycled, she said, but used tissue paper, small pieces of paper, paper plates and cups cannot.



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VINTAGE
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Orangeburg still has its first mechanized and motorized fire pumper, which it bought for \$12,000 in 1920. To see more photographs of the pumper and video of the siren being cranked, visit this story at TheTandD.com.

RICHARD WALKER/T&D

NUMBER 1: City's first motorized fire pumper waits to serve Orangeburg again

By RICHARD WALKER
T&D Staff Writer

She sits quietly inside a bay, sharing living quarters with her much younger sisters. With brass fittings and vintage pressure gauges, her age is obvious at first glance but she still gives off an air of unspoken dignity.

There's no need to announce her honors, she doesn't need anyone to argue she has done her duty. She's the city's first-ever mechanized and motorized fire pumper — Number 1.

The city of Orangeburg took possession of the pumper in August 1920 after placing the \$12,000 order a few months earlier. With the ability to toss out 1,000 gallons of water a minute, the pumper was the creme-de-la-creme of fire-fighting apparatus.

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The Orangeburg unit is missing a few pieces but still retains a "Moto Meter," which was attached to the radiator. It served not only as an attractive hood

ornament but to warn firemen when the engine's vital cooling water became too hot.

Under the double-opening hood, it's got six big cylinders and used them all. Each was once fired by a triple ignition system. The redundant systems were put in place to make certain help got to where it was needed.

Orangeburg Department of Public Safety Engineer Steve Mordaugh said the engine is a whopping 821 cubic inches mated to a three-speed transmission. That produces just over 100 horses which could propel the pumper's wood-spoked wheels at 40 miles per hour on 1920s rough and tumble roads, with one person driving, another manually turning the Sterling-brand fire siren, and up

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A NEW
100 DAYS

The T&D series "100 Objects in 100 Days," which concluded in September, opened the door to lot of reader interest in the history of Orangeburg County. Today, we begin another journey: "Vintage Orangeburg County." In the new 100-day series, look for more of the stories about people, places, objects and "things" that continue telling the story of Orangeburg County.

59-year-old
shot, killed

T&D Staff Report

A 59-year-old Neeses man was shot and killed Thursday morning in an incident that took place off Cobb Drive outside Orangeburg.

"Officers were contacted at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 6, when a male notified law enforcement that he fatally shot another man," Orangeburg County Sheriff Leroy Ravencroft said in a release.

"Our investigation is ongoing. A person of interest is being detained," he said.

Michael Wayne Kemmerlin of 4620 Neeses Highway, Neeses, was pronounced dead at the scene, according to Orangeburg County Coroner Samuel Marshall.

An autopsy is scheduled for Friday in Newberry.

MORE ON
TUESDAY'S
ELECTION, A3, A7Haley says
ethics reform
likely after
Harrell caseBy SEANNA ADCOX
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley said Thursday she's optimistic about getting ethics reform through the South Carolina Legislature next year.

The newly re-elected Republican governor said the Legislature feels pressure following former House Speaker Bobby Harrell's guilty plea to campaign spending violations. As part of his plea deal, the Charleston Republican agreed to help in any other investigations into legislative wrongdoing.

Since 2012, lawmakers of both parties have called strengthening the state's weak ethics laws a top priority. But, while they created lots of study committees, nothing's cleared both chambers. A bill died in the Senate earlier this year after being stripped of any changes to the current system of legislative committees overseeing legislators' campaign filings and handling ethics complaints against their own members.

Haley, whose 2012 clearing by the House Ethics Committee renewed public calls for ethics reform, has since insisted that efforts include

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'IT IS LIFESAVING'





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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Florence County

Energy savings will exceed costs for upgrades

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FLORENCE — A Florence County Council committee approved a guaranteed energy-savings performance plan that

will reduce the county's current \$1.8 million annual energy bill by nearly 24 percent through multimillion-dollar efficiency upgrades.

On Thursday morning, administration and finance committee members voted to recommend

an energy-savings package to the council that will yield \$431,183 in annual savings over the next 15 years to finance building upgrades.

This comes after the council approved a memorandum of understanding with Pepco Energy

Services this summer to conduct an investment-grade energy audit of county facilities and the introduction of an ordinance on the matter in October.

Eric Crawford, with Pepco, presented information to members on a plan that would save the

county \$6.4 million in energy costs (at current rates) during the next 15 years. The council then can spend \$5.76 million on energy-efficient building upgrades.

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A salute to veterans



Army veteran John Wagner (right) salutes chaplain Kristal McKoy after he received a flag pin in recognition of his service Thursday in Bethea Baptist Retirement Community's Fellowship Hall as part of a ceremony for veterans. "It's so important that we never forget the sacrifices the soldiers make," McKoy said.

Florence Christian students show appreciation

FLORENCE — Florence Christian School said thank you to veterans from all around the Pee Dee on Thursday as part of its "Salute To Veterans" production at the Florence Baptist Temple.

Each year, students from all grade levels pay tribute to veterans through musical productions.

This is the eighth year for the production, and school principal Jim Berry said the event teaches students about our country's history.

"We want to teach our



Florence Christian School students salute Thursday during their performance during a "Salute to Veterans" production at the Florence Baptist Temple. The annual event honors veterans and their families from the community.

students that the freedom we have isn't free," Berry said.

"Not many people recognize veterans today, so this

is our chance to reach out to them and show appreciation for what they did for our country."

— John D. Russell

Veterans recognized at Bethea Baptist

DARLINGTON — Dozens of veterans and wives of veterans were recognized Thursday afternoon during a flag-pinning ceremony in the Bethea Baptist Retirement Community chapel.

Veterans from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and National Guard were recognized the ceremony.

"It put tears in my eyes sometimes," veteran Phil Arndt said. "It makes me feel honored."

He attended the ceremony with his wife of 50 years, Ruby.

The Rev. Daniel Pierce, chaplain Kristal McKoy and Karen Diefendorf helped conduct the ceremony.

A chorus from the Florence Christian School and Air Force Junior ROTC members from West Florence High School also took part in the ceremony.

"It's so important that we never forget the sacrifices the soldiers make," McKoy said.

— Vasey Conaway

Franklin Briggs

Florence loses a friend

BY TRACI BRIDGES
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FLORENCE — For the first time in decades, a constant at the Florence County Election Commission Office was missing as election results came in Tuesday night.

The Rev. Franklin Briggs, a community and political activist known by many in political circles throughout the Pee Dee as "The Statistician," was at an area hospital, fighting for his life. He died Wednesday at age 56.

"Oh, people were definitely asking where he was," his sister Deborah Cooper said. "I stopped by the office to let them know he was in the hospital and wouldn't be there. He was actually doing good Tuesday, but on Wednesday afternoon, he took a turn for the worse. We were all there with him. He never spoke after that or showed any improvement, and about five minutes before 11 last night, he just closed his eyes."

A 1978 graduate of South Florence High School and 1982 graduate of Benedict College, Briggs began working in politics at a young age. He had a degree in mathematics and loved statistics, so he quickly combined his two passions.

"He loved being a statistician and managing the numbers," Cooper said. "He loved politics, and he's always been great at math, so he was the numbers guy on campaigns."

And over the years, he worked on many throughout the Pee Dee, from the local to the state level.

"He's worked with so many different people," Cooper said. "Maggie



Briggs

Florence Veterans Day Celebration

» **WHEN:** 11 a.m. Tuesday

» **WHERE:** The Florence Veterans Park, across

will be retired Capt. Eugene Paluso, USN. He is the commandant of cadets at The Citadel. Paluso, a 1989 graduate of The Citadel, was commissioned

» **RECOGNITION:** Thirty-six names will be added to the Wall of Honor, which salutes Pee Dee-area veterans. A monument to the Navy will

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