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## Poll: Expand Medicaid in S.C.

57% disagree with Haley's decision  
to decline federal funds for expansion

BY LAUREN SAUSSER  
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Most South Carolina adults interviewed for a new poll think the state government should expand Medicaid eligibility to include more low-income residents.

The poll was commissioned by

AARP, a group in favor of expanding Medicaid in South Carolina under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. A statement about the poll was published Tuesday on AARP's website, but the full results have not been released.

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### By the numbers

Some results from a poll of South Carolinians 45 and older:

**70 PERCENT**  
said Medicaid is "very to extremely important" compared with other government programs

**57 PERCENT**  
of 45- to 64-year-olds disagree with Gov. Nikki Haley's decision to opt out of Medicaid expansion

**54 PERCENT**  
are in favor of Medicaid expansion

**90 PERCENT**  
have some type of health care coverage

—Source: AARP

## Sandy storm

N.J. inquiry entangles Lowcountry aid



Volunteers make food and clothing items available to Hurricane Sandy victims Nov. 11 in the school gymnasium at the St. Camillus Roman Catholic Church in the Rockaway Park neighborhood of Queens, N.Y., almost two weeks after Superstorm Sandy. Questions have arisen over how donated items are being distributed in some areas.

BY SCHUYLER KROPE  
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**A**fter Superstorm Sandy struck New Jersey in the fall, local groups began collecting relief goods for the thousands of storm victims needing food, water and clothing. Mayors and elected leaders got involved, extolling the virtues of giving. Some even spun it as a chance to repay the goodwill extended to the Lowcountry after Hurricane Hugo.

But what ultimately happened to the tons of materials collected—including how much got into the hands of the needy—remains a subject of debate.

Lowcountry leaders are trying to find out whether the distribution process is just slow, or if there is something more going on, after state officials in New Jersey last week moved to temporarily bar one charitable organization from soliciting or issuing any more Sandy relief.

The group, known as the Hurricane Sandy Relief Foundation,



Volunteers serve donated hot meals outside the Belmar, N.J., recreation center Nov. 4 after the area was battered by Superstorm Sandy.

had been set to receive as many as five train-car loads of goods donated and collected in and around Charleston, then bound for the disaster zone.

The more than 100 pallets con-

tained everything from clothes to food, diapers, batteries, flashlights and other survival needs that were boxed up and ready to be dispersed.

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## Dow's record: Long way from 2007

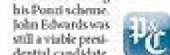
My, how things have changed

BY CHRISTINA REXRODE  
Associated Press

Remember the world on Oct. 9, 2007? That was when the Dow Jones industrial average last set a record high.

It was a headier time back then: pre-financial crisis, pre-bailouts, pre-Great Recession. The stock market still felt like a party. The economy, salaries and investments seemed to go only up. Bernie Madoff was still running his Ponzi scheme. John Edwards was still a viable presidential candidate. Tiger Woods was still only known for his golf.

**INSIDE**  
Four reasons why stocks could keep climbing and some potential pitfalls, B6



**POLL**  
Has the rising stock market improved your personal finances? Go to postandcourier.com to vote.

The Dow, a stock index that is followed as a gauge for the rest of the market, hit its highest close, 14,253.77, on Tuesday. Compare that with the day five years, four months, three weeks and six days ago when it set its previous high of 14,161.53 and you'll see how things have changed.

### Occupy what street?

Back then, Bear Stearns still existed. So did Lehman Brothers, Wachovia and Washington Mutual. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were just mortgage lenders, not wards of the government. Far fewer people knew what it felt like to have their fortunes undone by a worldwide meltdown.

The vitriol against the banking industry was still pretty tame. "Occupy Wall Street" wasn't a thing. Mitt Romney, making a run for president, was criticized more for being a Mormon than for being a rich financier.

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## Ethics a fine line in school referendums

BY BRENDA RINDGE  
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School districts often look to voters for help in finding the money to update old buildings and build new ones.

In doing so they walk a fine line, officials say.

"School districts can provide information about the referendum, but where the line is drawn is where you cannot tell people how to vote," said Debbie Elmore, spokeswoman for the S.C. School

Boards Association. "That's the key."

The Berkeley County School District is facing accusations of ethics violations surrounding last year's Yes 4 Schools campaign after David Island lawyer Josh Whitley questioned whether the district used its own employees and resources to produce fliers and videos to promote the campaign. The district maintains that the campaign was run by volunteers.

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## Referendum do's and don'ts

The school district, its board members and employees may not engage in any activity on official time or use county resources that promote or oppose a certain vote.

Prohibited activities on county time include:

- Promoting the support for or opposition to the ballot measure.
- Collecting funds to support a vote yes or no campaign.
- Printing, copying, emailing or mailing any materials advocating a particular vote, i.e., "Vote Yes/No 6."
- Sending emails or making phone

calls which either support or oppose the ballot measure on county time.

- Wearing T-shirts or buttons that advocate a yes or no vote while on the clock.
- Organizing "Vote Yes" or "Vote No" rallies.

### Be careful — pitfalls

Using school district computers, emails or phones to organize support for the referendum. Remember that communications using official devices can be subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

—Source: "Referendum Do's and Don'ts" prepared by the McLean Law Firm, Berkeley County School District's lawyers for the referendum



14,253.77

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## The State

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## SAFETY IN THE AIR

## Small knives to be allowed on planes

Critics blast feds' decision as creating unnecessary risk

By HUGO MARTIN  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — For the first time since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, federal airport screeners will allow passengers to carry onto a plane small knives, as

well as golf clubs, hockey sticks and pool cues.

The policy change, which will take effect April 25, was immediately criticized by flight attendants, who say the move will create an unnecessary risk and further crowd the already limited

space in the overhead bins.

"While we agree that a passenger wielding a small knife or swinging a golf club or hockey stick poses less of a threat to the pilot locked in the cockpit, these are real threats to passengers and flight attendants in the pas-

senger cabin," said Stacy K. Martin, president of Southwest Airlines' flight attendants union, TWU Local 556.

In a statement, the Transportation Security Administration said the change will help align the list of prohibited items on U.S. flights

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## ONLINE SURVEY

Should passengers be allowed to bring knives on planes? Take part in our survey at [thestate.com](http://thestate.com).



## WOUNDED OFFICER

## Deputy 'felt like a pit bull on a chain'

By NOELLE PHILLIPS  
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The instant a bullet pounded into the vest of Richland County Sheriff's Deputy Sheila Aull, she felt as if a bee had stung her.



Aull

In the moment, she thought maybe she had been grazed by the bullet as a domestic-assault suspect fired at her. Her instant reaction was

anger. "I felt like a pit bull on a chain," Aull said. "I wanted to get the person who tried to hurt me."

Aull spoke to the media Tuesday, a week after she was involved in a

SEE DEPUTY PAGE A4

## GAMECOCKS BACK AT IT



C. ALLIKA BEHR/CORBIS OUTLINE

Jadeveon Clowney runs through drills Tuesday during the first practice of the spring. He has been the poster boy for college football ever since his monster hit against Michigan on New Year's Day.

## INSIDE

USC coaches say Clowney handling the hype well as spring practice opens, **SPORTS**

## MORE ONLINE

Videos: Highlights from the practice, plus post-practice comments from Steve Spurrier, [GoGamecocks.com](http://GoGamecocks.com)

## EXCLUSIVE

## Feds endorse evaluation plan for S.C. teachers

By JAMIE SELF  
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A much-criticized plan to start giving state public school teachers and principals letter grades received federal government endorsement Tuesday, leading state education officials to call on the plan's critics to embrace it.

## Teen drivers' deaths down; safety programs paying off?

South Carolina defied national

By JOHN MONK  
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Deaths of South Carolina drivers ages 16 and 17

long-range trend in South Carolina of deaths of 16- and 17-year-old drivers declining since 2003. That year, 29 16- and

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Fed OK of state's teacher evaluation plan deals blow to educator groups, 1B

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## Duke seeks to avoid penalty

Company admits mistake, but says it doesn't merit punitive financial action from NRC

By Mary Orndorff Troyan  
Washington Bureau

ROCKVILLE, Md. — Duke Energy's Oconee Nuclear Station shouldn't have to pay civil penalties for missing another deadline to install a new fire-protection system, company officials told the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on Tuesday.

Corporate and plant officials were at NRC headquarters Tuesday to explain why their "protected service water" system wasn't ready Jan. 1, what caused the delay and how the company has tried to compensate for the failure.

The officials also said they

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### AWAITING A DECISION

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission warned Duke Jan. 31 it apparently had violated its licensing agreement. A decision is expected in the next three months. Duke officials didn't dispute that the company was in violation.

Duke Energy officials argue its Oconee nuclear plant shouldn't be penalized for failing to meet an NRC deadline.

# PORT



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FedEx workers handle cargo at Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport in Greer. The South Carolina Inland Port makes Greer even more of a distribution, transportation and logistics hub. KEN OSBURN/STAFF

## Potential jobs balanced by truck traffic concerns

By Rudolph Bell  
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At the new Amazon.com distribution center in Spartanburg County, more than 300 people fill orders placed online by consumers around the country.



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Is the promise of job creation from the inland port worth the risk of more congestion on Interstate 85? Tweet your thoughts to reporter Rudolph Bell @DolphBell or leave a comment on the story at Greenville-Online.com.

## Dow hits record high

'Sunshine is replacing market storm clouds'

By Adam Shell  
USA Today

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average re-wrote the Wall Street record books Tuesday, taking out its old 2007 high as it soared 125.95 points on its way to a fresh closing peak of 14,253.77.

The Dow's stunning and unexpectedly lengthy bull run puts an exclamation point on one of the most turbulent periods in Wall Street history.

The iconic 117-year-old stock barometer, home to famous American blue chips, such as IBM, JPMorgan Chase, Coca-Cola, AT&T and McDonald's, did what few thought possible back in the dark days of the 2008-09 financial crisis — it erased the 7,617-point loss suffered during one of the worst stock market downturns since the Great Depression.

In doing so, the Dow once again proved the resilience of the stock market, highlighting its ability to overcome seemingly financial panics, wars, natural disasters and a complete loss of investor confidence.

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## Sequester strips \$104M from SRS SRNS: 'Anticipate more severe impacts later in the year'

BY MIKE GELLATLY  
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Sequestration is stripping \$104 million from Savannah River Site contractors and furloughing or firing 2,100 contract staff starting April 1. And these numbers are just the start as contractors "anticipate more severe impacts later in the year" if the Congressional stalemate is not resolved.

According to a letter from Deputy Secretary of Energy Daniel Ponemon to S.C.

Gov. Nikki Haley, the Department of Energy is losing \$1.9 billion overall this fiscal year. In total, South Carolina will lose \$107 million and 2,180 jobs from DOE programs, with the lion's share coming from SRS.

"While these reductions are unfortunate and will be damaging, the Department is doing everything within its power to protect our mission to the greatest extent possible," Ponemon wrote to

Haley on Tuesday.

The majority of impacts will be to Environmental Management and Savannah River National Laboratory programs. There will only be minor implications to the National Nuclear Security Administration programs.

In select areas where work scope has been eliminated, full furloughs will begin in April. Full furloughs mean a worker will not be paid but will maintain status as employed with the contractor—including health benefits.

"Specific essential work must continue, and those associated with the work will remain on their normal work schedule," Jim Hanna, senior vice president of corporate services for SRNS, said in a letter to staff on Tuesday. "It is our intent to notify impacted employees by March 15, 2013."

Hanna's organization seems to be the only contractor currently being cut. "At this time, no layoffs or furloughs have been identified for SRR," said Dean Campbell, public affairs manager for

liquid waste contractor Savannah River Remediations. "We are still waiting on further guidance as to what the possible impacts might be."

Beyond this initial impact, if Congress does not compromise and find budgetary common ground, the fiscal pain "would be greater."

DOE is going all-in in the near-term, aiming to limit the immediate impact of the \$85 billion across-the-board federal

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Women in the community mentor AHS senior girls  
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Storytime in the Gardens held at Odell Weeks due to threat of rain  
Local News, 2A

### CORRECTION

A headline published on the front page of Tuesday's edition of the *Aiken Standard* regarding furloughs at the Savannah River Site was misleading. Savannah River Nuclear Solutions announced that about 2,000 workers will be placed on reduced schedules starting April 1, while others will receive full furloughs. The *Aiken Standard* regrets the error.

### AREA DEATHS

Marie Wammock Riley, Pleasant Garden, N.C.

Zoe Leigh Kneese Smith, North Augusta

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### WEATHER

## Officers out to swat litterbugs



Chief Craig McBride, left, and officer Samuel Ford are two of Aiken County's litter enforcement officers. The officers go to the law enforcement academy and have some of the same powers as police officers, but concentrate their efforts on littering and unsecured load violations.

BY TEDDY KULMALA  
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It may be easy to forget that cigarette butt you flicked out of the window while driving down the highway, but that inch or so of paper and tobacco will take five years to decompose, according to Palmetto Pride.

A Styrofoam cup can take 50 years to break down. A plastic bottle can take 450 years and a glass bottle — 1 million years.

Different kinds of litter have different impacts on the environment, but they can all mean big trouble for litterbugs if they're caught in the act by an Aiken County litter enforcement officer.

The County formerly had officers that handled litter and animal control but divided the jobs

They're really tied to littering fines. If somebody throws a McDonald's wrapper out the window or a cigarette butt, they will stop you for that.

Clay Killian, Aiken County Administrator

litter control officers and a chief litter control officer.

"They're really tied to littering fines," Aiken County Administrator Clay Killian said. "If somebody throws a McDonald's wrapper out the window or a cigarette butt, they will stop you for that. They have to physically see it."

"Sometimes, unscrupulous roofing contractors will take a load of shingles out in the woods somewhere because they're so heavy, and getting them into the landfill is expensive," he said. "They may have charged you as the homeowner to dispose of it, but that's how they make a little more money — they dump it in the

## County Council denies N.A. TIF

BY HALEY HUGHES  
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The funding mechanism proposed by North Augusta to finance redevelopment along its riverfront was narrowly shot down by Aiken County Council Tuesday following nearly one hour of debate.

However, it appears some members of Council would support holding a special meeting to reconsider the proposal if North Augusta were to amend it.

North Augusta asked County Council and the Aiken County School Board to agree to extend the life of an existing tax increment financing district so that property tax revenue could fund the development of, among other things, a baseball stadium, four-star hotel, conference center and retail shops.

The undertaking, also known as "Project Jackson," is a \$122 million project. North Augusta's commitment is for \$43 million, to include the infrastructure, parking deck, conference center and stadium. In order to generate the needed revenue stream for its investment, North Augusta would collect on future property tax revenue over and above the frozen assessed value of property in the tax increment financing district.

Council members Kathy Rawls, LaWana McKenzie, Willar Hightower and Scott Singer voted in opposition. Councilmen Chuck Smith and Sandy Haskell voted in favor. Councilman Andrew Siders and Chairman Ronnie Young abstained, both for lack of information.

Rawls made the original motion to oppose the tax increment financing proposal "because of the loss of income to the County."

She anticipates the County having another tight budget in the upcoming fiscal year and doesn't believe the County can afford to finance and man-





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## Glover shines on 'Idol'

The St. Helena native wowed the judges with her rendition of John Legend's "Ordinary People."

By LAURA OBERLE  
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Before she stepped onto the "American Idol" stage Tuesday night — in front of the four judges, the audience and millions of viewers — St. Helena Island native Candice Glover said a prayer to calm herself. She was shaking. Her stomach was in knots. She wasn't sure whether she was going to throw up or just faint. "Every time," Glover said, "I think I'm going to forget all the words."

■ For more on Glover and Tuesday night's competition, go to **beaufortgazette.com**.

Although those feelings are becoming familiar, the 23-year-old hasn't let them get the best of her on "Idol" so far.

Advancing to the top 20, Candice performed "Ordinary People" by John Legend on Tuesday during the live

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### FEDERAL SPENDING

## GOP eyes deep cuts for health programs

Republicans are divided on a budget proposal by Rep. Paul Ryan that could renege on the party's Medicare promises.

By LORI MONTGOMERY  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Anxiety is rising among House Republicans about a strategy of appeasement toward fiscal hard-liners that could require them to embrace

## WILL THE BLUE ANGELS LAND IN BEAUFORT?

Budget cuts put team's air show appearance in question



File • Staff photos

The Blue Angels performs at the Beaufort Air Show at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort in 2009. The Navy has announced the Blue Angels' April performances, including at the Beaufort show, will be canceled, but the appearance has not officially been called off.

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**A**lthough the U.S. Navy has announced its intention to cancel the Blue Angels' appearance at the Beaufort Air Show in April, the demonstration team's performance has not been officially called off.

So those organizing the show April 27-28 at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort will continue their preparations and hope for the best.

"We're in a holding pattern, and we're waiting on official word," show coordinator Ivey Lipfert said Tuesday.

The Blue Angels' six pilots typically fly their F-18 Hornets in about 70 shows at more than 30 locations throughout the United States each year.

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The Blue Angels performs a stunt at the 2009 Beaufort Air Show at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort.

## CDC issues 'superbug' warning

Officials called on health providers to take steps to stop the spread of a drug-resistant bacteria.

By TONY PUGH  
McClatchy Newspapers  
WASHINGTON — Govern-

### STEPS RECOMMENDED TO FIGHT SPREAD OF CRE

Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, called on health care facilities to adopt a "detect and protect" strategy for fighting CRE. The steps include:

- Increasing patient testing and requiring immediate notification of results

## DOW REACHES RECORD HIGH

**T**he stock market is back. More than five years after the start of a drop that erased \$11 trillion from stock portfolios and made investors despair of ever get-





## Air safety

TSA: Will allow small knives, souvenir baseball bats and golf clubs on flights **A4**

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**5** Things to read today



### Eyes on Clowney

After an eventful offseason filled with controversy about whether or not Jadeveon Clowney should sit out the upcoming season and train for the 2014 NFL draft, perhaps the best player in college football and his USC teammates hit the practice field on Tuesday. **PAGE B1**

### Tiger excitement

Clemson kicks off spring practice today with expectations as high as they've been in recent memory, but while coach Dabo Swinney knows the past few seasons have instilled abundant confidence, it's a brand new day. **PAGE B1**

### ER alternatives

A local immediate care facility is among those aimed at reducing strain on hospital emergency rooms. **PAGE E1**

### Snow hits Chicago

A late winter storm packing up to 10 inches of snow sent officials in weather-hardened Chicago into action Tuesday to prevent a repeat of scenes from two years ago, when hundreds of people in cars and buses were stranded on the city's marquee thoroughfare during a massive blizzard. **PAGE A3**

### How deep are cuts?

Automatic spending cuts that took effect last Friday are expected to touch a vast range of government services. Some examples on **PAGE A4**

Weather

# Dow surges to new record

By **BERNARD CONDON**  
The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — The stock market is back.

Five and a half years after the start of a frightening drop that erased \$11 trillion from stock portfolios and made investors despair of ever getting their money back, the Dow Jones industrial average has regained all the losses suffered during the Great Recession and reached a new high. The blue-chip index rose 125.95 points Tuesday and closed at 14,253.77, topping the previous record of 14,164.53 on Oct. 9, 2007, by 89.24 points.

"It signals that things are getting back to normal," says Nicolas Colas, chief market strategist at ConvergeX Group, a brokerage. "Unemployment is too high, economic growth too sluggish, but stocks are anticipating improvement."

The new record suggests that investors who did not panic and sell their stocks in the 2008-2009

financial crisis have fully recovered. Those who have reinvested dividends or added to their holdings have done even better. Since bottoming at 6,547.05 on March 9, 2009, the Dow has risen 7,706.72 points, or 118 percent.

The Dow record does not include the impact of inflation. Adjusted for that, the Dow would have to reach 15,502 to match its old record, according to JPMorgan Chase.

The Standard and Poor's 500, a broader index, closed at 1,539.79, 25.36 points from its record.

The last time the Dow hit a record, George W. Bush still had another year as president, Apple had just sold its first iPhone, and Lehman Bros. was still in business.

But unemployment was also 4.7 percent versus 7.9 percent today, a reminder that stock gains have proved no elixir for the economy.

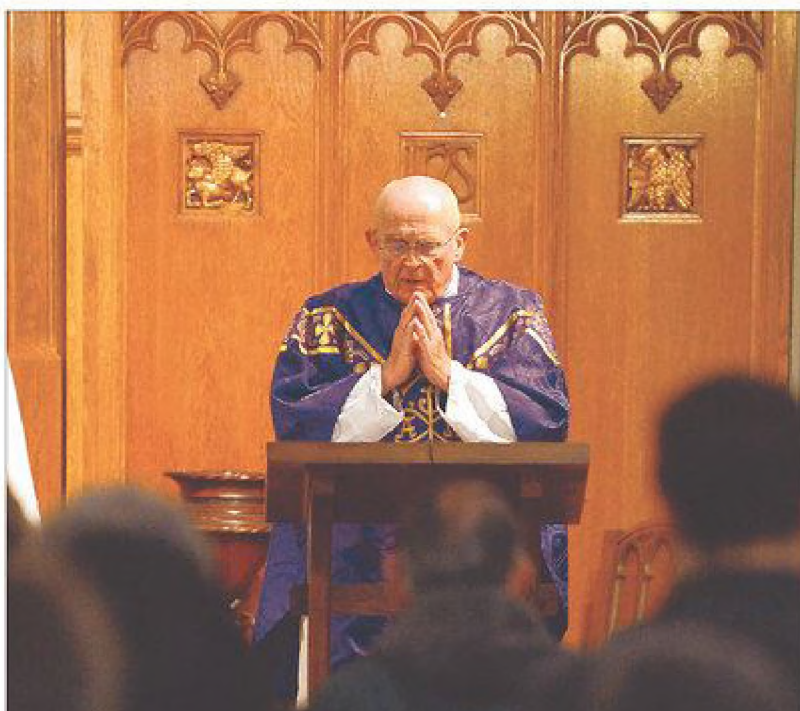
Still, the Dow high is another

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Trader Peter Tuchman smiles as he works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Tuesday. The Dow Jones industrial average has regained all the losses suffered during the Great Recession and reached a new high. **RICHARD DREW/AP**

## 'ACT OF HUMILITY'



## Venezuela's strongman Chavez dies

Socialist president lost 2-year fight with cancer

By **IAN JAMES**  
The Associated Press

**CARACAS, Venezuela** — President Hugo Chavez was a fighter. The former paratroop commander and fiery populist waged continual battle for his socialist ideals and outsmarted his rivals time and again, defeating a coup attempt, winning re-election three times and using his country's vast oil wealth to his political advantage.

A self-described "subversive," Chavez fashioned himself after the 19th-century independence leader Simon Bolivar and renamed his country the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

He called himself a "humble soldier" in a battle for socialism and against U.S. hegemony. He thrived on confrontation with Washington and his political opponents at home, and used those conflicts to rally his followers.

Almost the only adversary it seemed he couldn't best was cancer. He died



Chavez



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Take your stomach for ride on wild side, 7A



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## Incentive deal moves forward

### Measure would provide fee-in-lieu of tax agreement for Project ReCap



MARK ALLISON

By CHRIS TRAINOR  
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Greenwood County Council advanced an economic development measure during Tuesday night's regular meeting. Council took first reading on an ordinance authorizing the benefits of a multi-county

industrial or business park to an economic development entity known as Project ReCap. The ordinance would also provide for a fee-in-lieu of tax agreement and certain special source revenue credits for Project ReCap. Council chairman Mark Allison said second reading and public hearing on the Project ReCap

ordinance would take place at the March 19 meeting of Council. There also was a resolution introduced in connection with the Project ReCap incentives, but that resolution was tabled. In other business Tuesday, Council formally honored former chairman Robbie Templeton for his 10 years of service as

chairman. Allison replaced Templeton as chairman in January. Templeton was presented a shadowbox containing a gavel. While he was known for his patience with speakers and fellow Council members during his time as chairman, Templeton was never afraid to use his gavel to bring order to a rowdy meeting.

During his presentation to Templeton, Allison said he has, just in the two months since he became chairman, already grown to respect Templeton's 10 years of service as chairman even more. "I said when I was elected (chairman) I was going to keep a

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#### Online exclusive

■ Firefighters battle a house fire in Calison. For photos and coverage, visit indexjournal.com

#### BUDGET CUTS

## Lander to phase out program

School trying to fix \$1.2M shortfall

By MICHELLE LAXER  
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A physical education and exercise studies program at Lander University will be phased out through the next few years to help the school balance its \$1.2 million shortfall announced last month.



DAN BALL

#### What program will be cut?

■ The athletic training undergraduate program prepares students to become certified athletic trainers.

Chairwoman of the academic affairs committee Ann Bowen said during the past seven years, the programs has usually graduated one student each spring.

"We've gone as high as two graduates in this program, and it has become insupportable for that reason," Bowen said.

Also, in order for the programs to meet more stringent requirements by the accrediting body, Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, it would force Lander to hire an

The board of trustees unanimously approved to suspend the athletic training undergraduate program during a regular meeting Tuesday afternoon.

The program prepares students to take the board of certification exam to become a certified athletic trainer.

Chairwoman of the academic affairs committee Ann Bowen said during the past seven years, the programs has usually graduated one student each spring.

"We've gone as high as two graduates in this program, and it has become insupportable for that reason," Bowen said.

Also, in order for the programs to meet more stringent requirements by the accrediting body, Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, it would force Lander to hire an

## SHARING HER KINDNESS

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Wesley Commons resident Louise Aull points to a tiny ladybug painted on one of multiple canvases she and the retirement community's culinary staff painted together.

## Wesley Commons resident creates

#### WARE SHOALS

## Cooper to leave council

### Health issues prompted resignation

By FRANK BUMB  
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Ware Shoals residents will have a second town council seat to fill.

Councilwoman Sudie Cooper resigned Tuesday from Council. Town Clerk Heather Fields and Greenwood County Director of Voter Registration and Elections Connie Moody confirmed Cooper's resignation.

A special election will be conducted June 4 for the council seat.

"I'd just been on (council) for so long," Cooper said. "I've been sick, very sick, for a while now. I've had cancer of the breast, and other things. I just didn't want to do it anymore."

Cooper had served on Council for more than 14 years, beginning her service in January 1999. Cooper's experience and insight would be missed, Mayor John Hansen said.

"We wish her all the best, and hopefully her health stays

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SUDIE COOPER

#### SALUDA

## Town still has no police chief





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## Board postpones decision on school crowding

Members will discuss 5-year plan for Bluffton schools at April work session

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The Beaufort County Board of Education postponed a decision Tuesday to change middle and high school grade configurations to address overcrowding at Bluffton

middle schools.

The board voted 6-5 to delay a short-term solution until after a two-day April work session that will include discussion of a five-year strategic plan. The session will also likely include input from a new superintendent.

The Bluffton Community Committee recommended the district install modular classrooms at Bluffton High School, and move ninth-graders to the school this fall. That is expected to cost \$2 million.

The recommendation, first presented to the board Thursday, is temporary

solution to alleviate growing class sizes at Bluffton and H.E. McCracken middle schools.

The two middle schools would return to a sixth- through eighth-grade structure.

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### IN OTHER ACTION

After hearing objections from some parents, the board reaffirmed its decision to assign students from Rose Hill, Old Carolina and Buck Island Road to Bluffton Elementary School beginning next school year.

## WILL BLUE ANGELS FLY IN AIR SHOW?



### BASE OFFICIALS WAIT TO MAKE CALL ON BEAUFORT EVENT

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**A**lthough the U.S. Navy has announced its intention to cancel the Blue Angels' appearance at the Beaufort Air Show in April, the demonstration team's performance has not been officially called off.

So those organizing the show April 27-28 at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort will continue their preparations and hope for the best.

"We're in a holding pattern, and we're waiting on official word," show coordinator Ivey Lipfert said Tuesday.

The Blue Angels' six pilots typically fly their F-18 Hornets in about 70 shows at more than 30 locations throughout the United States each year. The team will continue its March shows, but those scheduled after that have been endangered by \$85 million in spending cuts — part of the federal-budget sequestration — that keeps military spending at 2012 levels.

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## Glover shines on 'Idol'

The Lowcountry native wowed the judges with her rendition of John Legend's "Ordinary People."

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Before she stepped onto the "American Idol" stage Tuesday night — in front of the four judges, the audience and millions of viewers — St. Helena Island native Candice Glover said a prayer to calm herself.

She was shaking. Her stomach was in knots. She wasn't sure whether she was going to throw up or just faint.

"Every time," Glover said. "I think I'm going to forget all the words."

Although those feelings are becoming familiar, the 23-year-old hasn't let them get the best of her on "Idol" so far.

Advancing to the top 20, Candice performed "Ordinary People" by John Legend on Tuesday during the live show in which the top 10 women performed.

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### MORE 'IDOL' COVERAGE

■ Candice Glover is the latest in a long line of great St. Helena Island singers. **3A**

■ For more coverage of Glover's "American Idol" journey, click on this story at [islandpacket.com](http://islandpacket.com).





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It's roasted chicken wrapped in a bacon blanket. TASTE, A10



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**Slain mother remembered as 'happy person' by foster mother**

By **DIONNE GLEATON**  
T&D Staff Writer

Bowman resident Eva Zimmerman knew something was wrong.

She talked to her foster daughter daily and became concerned when she couldn't reach her by phone.

Her fears were confirmed when the child she had raised from age 12 was tentatively identified as the victim of a brutal homicide in the Columbia area. It was not the way she wanted her loved one's life to end.

Firefighters in Richland County found a pregnant woman's body off Screaming Eagle Road on Feb. 28 as they were putting out a woods fire.

Richland County Coroner Gary Watts said the woman had been shot. He tentatively identified her as 22-year-old Dierra Fisher, Zimmerman's foster daughter.

"We haven't confirmed it yet. We're still trying to do that through some medical records. We're not sure how long that's going to take, but we're pretty sure that's who it is, though," Watts said Tuesday.

Richland County deputies arrested 23-year-old Tristan Gist, accusing him of murder and the death or injury of a child in utero due to commission of a violent crime.

"It was a shock, and really disrupted me, but God is in control



Dierra Fisher

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**Chaos reigned during fatal club shooting**

By **RICHARD WALKER**  
T&D Staff Writer

One of three men charged in a 2011 Calhoun County nightclub shooting death testified that bullets were being fired in multiple directions, including from the gun of a co-defendant.

Josh Haggood told the court during the second day of testimony he saw his best friend and co-defendant, David Benjamin, open fire after a minor nightclub altercation turned violent.

"Everything was chaotic," Haggood said. "By the time I got to my car, that's when the first shot went off."

Haggood, Benjamin and a third defendant, Kevin Frasier, were each charged with one count of murder in the shooting death of 23-year-old Dominique Lawton and two counts of attempted murder.

Benjamin's trial in connection with the Sept. 18, 2011 shooting at the Community Park Road nightclub started Monday.

Haggood testified against Benjamin only after making a deal with prosecutors. His charges have been amended to one count of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature with a state-recommended cap of 10 years.

However, Haggood could be facing a maximum of 20 years. Although he has entered a guilty plea, his sentencing has been withheld pending his testimony.

The 26-year-old Haggood told the court the trio went to the club to attend a birthday party. He said they went armed, with Benjamin carrying a .45-caliber handgun, Frasier a .32-caliber revolver and Haggood a borrowed .40-caliber handgun.

During the course of the night, the trio consumed several beers. Haggood said the others may have had some liquor as well.

At some point, Benjamin

got into confrontation with Lawton after what was described in earlier testimony as a bump on the dance floor.

"He pointed at two individuals and he said 'I need to watch out for them, because he thought that one of them had a gun,'" Haggood said. "I asked 'What do you want to do?' He said, 'I don't want to get caught slipping.'"

Haggood explained the phrase meant Benjamin didn't want to be caught unarmed should the confrontation escalate. As a result, the three went to their car.

"We got guns," Haggood said.

Around 4 a.m., the patrons filed out as the club was being closed. Haggood said he heard someone pull the slide on a semi-automatic weapon to cock it. He later learned it was Lawton.

Witnesses testified on Monday that moments after patrons filed out of the club, Frasier fired several rounds into the air.

"He (Benjamin) pulled out his gun and that's when he let off about two rounds," Haggood said. "Somebody threw a pot or something like that and it hit my car, the minor of my car. I pulled out my gun and fired back."

Prosecutors asked the former sergeant if his car was struck by any gunfire. He said it wasn't.

Shawn Defretos was at the party when the shooting started. He described the scene as people "ducking, screaming and running."

Defretos said he stepped in between the arguing parties as they filed out of the club.

"Dominique saw Kevin (Frasier) pull out a gun, and said, 'What you going to do? What you going to do? Shoot me?'" Defretos said.

Defretos tried to leave when the first shots were fired.

"As I was walking to my

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**READERS MEET WRITERS**

The Lee Bros., Elyn Bache discuss craft at Page Turner event

By **WENDY JEFFCOAT CRIDER**  
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Food and fiction lovers gathered together Tuesday at The Cinema for the fifth annual Page Turner Book and Author Luncheon and Silent Auction.

Nearly 200 people turned out for the event, a fundraiser for The Times and Democrat's Newspapers in Education program, to hear from culinary celebrities The Lee Bros. and novelist Elyn Bache.

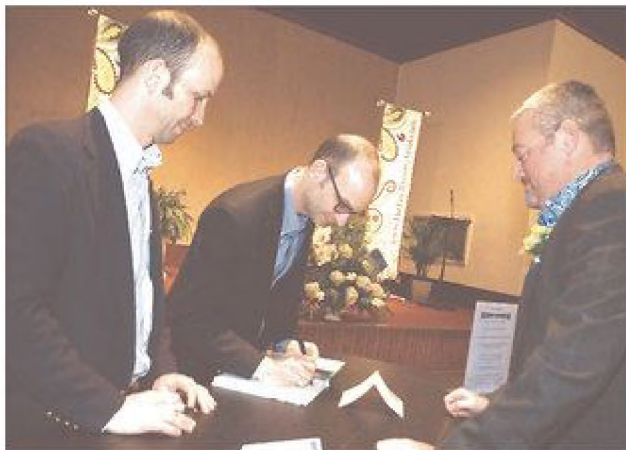
"I've always loved newspapers," said Bache, whose writing career began with freelance journalism. She said while the form newspapers are delivered in continues to evolve, "I'm so glad that the children growing up are still getting acquainted with newspapers."

Through NIE, The T&D provides electronic newspapers to area schools, giving students up-to-date information about the world and daily lessons in geography, economics, math, technology, science and social studies. NIE also provides educators with tools for using the newspaper in their classrooms.

Luncheon guests were treated to a catered meal by Grove Park House of Pizza and were able to purchase the luncheon authors' books from Swift Books, which donated 20 percent of the sales to NIE.

In addition, items were available for bidding during the silent auction portion of the event. Door prizes and table centerpieces by The Garden Gate Florist were also awarded to guests.

Following the authors' re-



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Daryl Gato, owner of The Garden Gate Florist, right, gets an autograph from authors Matt Lee, left, and Ted Lee, at Tuesday's Page Turner Book Luncheon.

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See more photos from the Page Turner luncheon at TheTandD.com/gallery

marks, Matt and Ted Lee and Bache signed copies of their books and greeted guests at a special display provided by North Furniture Co. Inc.

Margaret Stephens, who was attending her first Page Turner luncheon, said it was "inspirational, motivational, educational, phenomenal."

"I commend The T&D for

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Elyn Bache, author of "The Art of Saying Goodbye," was one of the featured speakers at the Page Turner Book Luncheon at The Cinema.



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