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Flu just won't go away



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Br' Yasia Costen, 8, didn't like it much when her nose was swabbed Wednesday to test for the flu at Nason Medical Center in North Charleston. Turns out she doesn't have the flu, but an upper-respiratory infection.

B strain 'hitting with a vengeance,' N. Charleston doctor says

BY LAUREN SAUSER
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The anas are in full bloom, Easter is upon us, but Charleston isn't free of the flu just yet. That's why Lolita Brown brought her three granddaughters into Nason Medical Center in North Charleston on Wednesday afternoon to be tested for it. "It's a hacking cough," Brown told

Dr. Barron Nason. Br' Yasia Costen, 8, the oldest granddaughter at the doctor's office, seemed to be the sickest. Brown said. "She's been coughing all night. ... Now she's not eating. I know she's dehydrated." Even a frozen lime push-up pop couldn't tempt Br' Yasia, who wore a surgical mask over her face to shield her younger sisters from

her coughing. After 15 minutes, all three flu tests came back negative. It turns out the girls have a bad case of upper respiratory infection. "The good news, with a little medicine, we are going to knock it out," Nason told them. But there are plenty out there who are still testing positive for the flu, he said. Cases of Influenza B have been on the rise in Charleston and throughout South Carolina this month, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. While cases of Influenza A — the more prevalent strain of the flu — peaked at all five Nason Medical Centers at the end of December, Influenza B seemed to peak in mid-March.

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Extended 526 won't be called interstate

Why? Speed limit
to be 35-45 mph

BY DIANE KNIGHT
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The final stretch of the Mark Clark Expressway across Johns and James islands won't be called Interstate 526, Jim Armstrong, Charleston County's director of transportation development, said the road will lose its designation because the last 8 miles of the expressway loop will be built as a 35 mph to 45 mph parkway instead of a traditional interstate.

This came up during an unscheduled update on the project at County Council's Tuesday meeting. County staffers now are calling the controversial road "the Mark Clark project," Armstrong said.

He said the loss of the interstate designation does not affect the funding for the project, which now carries an estimated \$558 million price tag.

Council approved the completion of what then was called I-526 in December with a 5-4 vote.

Council Chairman Teddie Pryor, a strong supporter of the project, said Tuesday's update, which was not included on the meeting's agenda, was held at the request of Councilman Joe Qualey.

Qualey, who voted against the project, said he expects regular updates on its status. The expressway is a huge

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Suggested names

We asked our Facebook readers what they would call the extension of the Mark Clark Expressway. Here are some of the responses:

- Barrier Islands Parkway
- Marchant Highway
- Sea Islands Parkway
- Johns Island Connector
- Lowcountry Parkway
- Palmetto Parkway
- Cincinnati Expressway
- Stone Expressway

Go to postandcourier.com to vote on the new name.

By the numbers: Influenza in South Carolina

40,397

Number of positive rapid tests for Influenza A in S.C. during the 2012-13 flu season.

8,957

Number of positive rapid tests for Influenza B in S.C. during the same period.

1,524

Number of people who have been hospitalized with flu-like illness in S.C. since Oct. 1.

1

Number of people who have died in Charleston County from the flu during the 2012-13 season.

105

Number of children who have died from the flu in the U.S. this season.

20-50 million

Number of people killed worldwide by the 1918 Influenza pandemic.

56%

Effectiveness of this year's shot. If you got the vaccine, you were 56% less likely to have to go to the doctor with symptoms.

Note: The CDC doesn't track U.S. flu-related adult deaths. It will release an estimate of the number of adults who died after the season ends. — Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Lunging dog shot by Colleton deputy

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When Martha Knight saw a sheriff's deputy driving around to her backyard, she immediately thought of her dogs.

"I had a feeling he might do something to one of my dogs," she said. "I didn't think he'd shoot at them. I just thought he might Taser them or something."

What happened next, Knight couldn't have seen coming, and it left her with one less dog and a host of unanswered questions. Still, the Colleton

County Sheriff's Office stands behind the deputy's actions, saying the shooting was an act of self-defense.

Sheriff's Deputy Brandon Allen arrived at Knight's Walterboro residence on March 20 after receiving information that a burglary suspect was hiding out in a truck on her property, according to an incident report. Knight's dogs began barking when they saw Allen in the backyard walking toward her parents' house, and one of them — "Zazzie" — pulled the stake

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CAROLYN KASTRUP

Demonstrators for and against the Defense of Marriage Act were out in force Wednesday in Washington as the Supreme Court heard arguments from opponents and supporters of the 1996 federal law that defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

DOMA appears to be in jeopardy

Justices signal intent to void key part

BY MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Concluding two days of intense debate, the Supreme Court signaled Wednesday that it could give a boost to same-sex marriage by striking down the federal law that denies legally married gay spouses a wide range of benefits offered to other couples.

As the court wrapped up its remarkable arguments over gay marriage in America, a major

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ity of the justices indicated that they will invalidate part of the federal Defense of Marriage Act, if they can get past procedural problems similar

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ONLINE

Photo gallery and video highlights from pro day at GoGamecocks.com

Lattimore goes through paces for scouts: 'They saw . . . that my knee is fine'

By JOSH KENDALL
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On Wednesday, Marcus Lattimore returned to Williams-Brice Stadium, not quite his old self but in much better shape than the last time he left the field there.

Lattimore and 17 of his

former South Carolina teammates performed speed, strength and agility drills during the Gamecocks' Pro Timing Day. Representatives from 31 of the 32 NFL teams, plus a few hundred

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'The knee is good,' Marcus Lattimore says. 'I could be out there doing (more), but it's not smart to be doing that at this time.'

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Assembly Street getting makeover near campus

USC hopes to make crossing the great divide a little easier

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The days of University of South Carolina students making mad dashes across Assembly Street could be over by the next winter break.

The school is working with local and state officials on a \$4.65 million makeover of the medians

THESTATE.COM: Artist's renderings of the Assembly Street makeover near the USC campus

and sidewalks along a four-block section between Blossom and Pendleton streets. Construction will include landscaped medians and enlarged sidewalks at street corners like the new ones found in the Vista. Cars will no longer park along

"Being an urban campus, pedestrian safety is something we are concerned about," USC spokesman Wes Hickman said. "This will be a beautification of the corridor."

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Supreme Court justices split on 1996 law

Defense of Marriage Act keeps benefits from gay couples

By MICHAEL DOYLE
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WASHINGTON — The federal Defense of Marriage Act may be hanging by a thread after Supreme Court arguments Wednesday that exposed sharp divisions over the 1996 law prohibiting same-sex married couples from obtaining myriad federal benefits.

A day after confronting California's Proposition 8, which bans same-sex marriage, justices showed similar splits over whether the federal government may deny benefits to couples married in the states that recognize gay marriage. During an unusually long hearing, the division fell along traditional lines, with Justice Anthony Kennedy once again holding the middle ground.

"You are at real risk of running in conflict with what has always been thought to be the essence of the state police power, which is to regulate marriage, divorce, custody," Kennedy told the attorney who was defending the federal law.

Kennedy's questions and asides during the nearly two-hour argument hinted that he might join the

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81ST ANNUAL CAROLINA CUP

Camden gears up for year's big race

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CAMDEN — The Carolina Cup steeplechase races have a one-day \$5 million impact on Camden and surrounding areas each year. But the Easter holiday — which falls on the same

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A photo gallery of preparations for Saturday's races at thestate.com

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Top fashions at the Cup, Life&Style

An estimated 65,000 to 70,000 spectators are expected to trek to the historic Springdale Race Course outside Camden for the annual



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Alajmal, trained by Janet Elliot, is one of the favorites for the Carolina Cup on Saturday.

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BY MARY



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CLEMSON SEEKS OK TO REORGANIZE



Critics say system could reduce accountability
to public, which school denies

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Clemson University is seeking legislative approval to reorganize in ways that would make it easier for the school to respond to rapidly changing economic opportunities and streamline non-academic operations.

Critics fear the legislation would

create a system that is unaccountable to taxpayers — a fear the university said is unfounded.

The Clemson University Enterprise Board would give the university's board of trustees the authority to move such functions as student housing, athletics, research and economic development into a new division that would be able to

Clemson University wants lawmakers to approve a bill it says would make it easier to respond to rapidly changing economic situations. STAFF FILE

do such things as buy and sell property without going through the process required for state agencies.

"It just gives us a little more flexibility and makes us a little more nimble when you're dealing with processes within human resources,

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Scott supports retiring later

Slowly raising age would
help Social Security, he says

By David Dykes

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U.S. Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina said Wednesday he favors eventually raising the Social Security retirement age to 69 or 70 to make sure the program remains solvent.

Scott, in an interview with editors and reporters at GreenvilleOnline.com, said gradually adjusting the full retirement age wouldn't apply to anyone now 55 or older.

Adjusting the retirement age would give younger residents, such as himself, time to plan for retirement, said Scott, who is 47.

"If you give people enough time, like a guy in his 40s, to retire at 69, that gives me 20 to 22 years to get to a place of retiring," Scott said.

"The goal would be to create laws that I have to abide by," he said.

The full Social Security retirement age, also called "normal retirement age," had been 65 for many years. However, beginning with people born in 1938 or later, that age gradually increases until it reaches 67 for people born after 1959.

Congress cited improvements in the health of older people and increases in average life expectancy as primary reasons for increasing the normal retirement age.

Raising the age "allows us to address what I think is a fundamental flaw in the system — which is the math of the system," Scott said. He is undecided about applying a so-called "means test" to determine benefits for wealthier Americans, Scott said.

Scott, a Republican, recently was appointed by Gov. Nikki Haley to replace Jim DeMint. Scott will run in a special election in 2014 for the final two years



U.S. Sen.
Tim Scott

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Majority of high court skeptical about Defense of Marriage Act

By Richard Wolf and Kevin Johnson
USA Today

WASHINGTON — A slim majority of Supreme Court justices voiced skepticism Wednesday about a federal law that denies benefits to gay and lesbian married couples, signaling they may be willing to overturn it.

But the court's conservatives, led emphatically by Chief Justice John Roberts, defended the law, a clear sign that any decision likely would come by a 5-4 margin.

And it was not clear whether the justices believed the case was even proper before them. That could result in no

UNEQUAL TREATMENT

» At last count, 1,138 provisions in federal laws listed marital status as a factor in determining benefits, rights and privileges.

» The most prevalent are tax laws. Despite their marriage certificates, gay and lesbian spouses cannot get tax-free health benefits from their employers. That alone costs them about \$1,000 a year on average, said Gary Gates, a demographer at UCLA.

» Gays and lesbians can't file joint federal tax returns, as heterosexual

The more forceful case against the law was reserved for the court's liberal wing. Justice Elena Kagan created a buzz in the courtroom by noting that the House of Representatives report accompanying the statute cited "moral disapproval" of homosexuality, which she called "a pretty good red flag" for discrimination.

But Roberts and other conservatives on the court punched holes in the case against the law presented by the federal government and lawyers for Edith Windsor, the 83-year-old lesbian widow from New York whose lawsuit could make gay rights history. Roberts cast doubt on the law's constitutionality but

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Bill would restrict animal shelters

Legislation would stop animal rescues from offering services to public

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A proposed bill, which would limit the services that animal shelters or rescue groups can offer to the public, was introduced last month in the S.C. Statehouse.

The bill currently states that animals in the possession of a shelter or rescue can be spayed or neutered, vaccinated and microchipped at that organization's facility but would restrict them from offering those same services to the public.

The bill is sponsored by Rep. David Hiett and was composed with the assistance of veterinarians from around the state who said public funds are being used on services that compete with their businesses.

Humane Society of the United States S.C. Director Kim Kelly said, if passed as it's currently written, some of the bill's provisions could negatively impact adoptions and increase animal overpopulation, which would inevitably lead to higher euthanasia rates.

What our local rescues and shelters do

The SPCA Albrecht Center for Animal Welfare offers vaccinations as well as heartworm and feline leukemia/HIV testing in conjunction with spay and neutering surgeries at its clinic.

The nonprofit offers vouchers to both city and county residents who are eligible for its cost spay and neutering program.

Those services are made possible

through donations made by the private sector — it does not receive government funding.

Barbara Nelson, current president and CEO of the facility, said animal rescues and shelters are reaching out to low-income families that can't afford a spay or neuter procedure.

The Aiken County Animal Shelter offers vouchers to low-income families to have their pets altered at veterinarian offices of their choices. Those funds are provided and approved by the County.

Bobby Arthurs, director of Aiken County Animal Control, said the shelter gives out up to 65 vouchers a month (one per household) and said it's a very popular program.

The shelter also offers microchipping for \$23 to the public, which Arthurs said is another important service.

"If the animal has a microchip, we take them home rather than take them to shelter," Arthurs said.

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Speed-stacking siblings named national champs



STAFF PHOTO BY ROB NONT

Siblings Brenna, 6, and Peyton Cooper, 8, demonstrate their speed-stacking skills to classmates at Belvedere Elementary School Tuesday. Inspired by their older brother Jackson, both children won first-place awards at the U.S. Championships in Maryland recently. — SEE THE FULL STORY, 2A

Watch USCA game at viewing party

BY DEDE BILES
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The USC Aiken men continue their history-making championship quest tonight when they tackle Drury University in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division II men's basketball tournament, and fans who couldn't travel to Louisville, Ky., for the game are invited to a viewing party at USC Aiken's Convocation Center at 375 Robert Bell Parkway.

"We want to give our supporters the best kind of experience that we can if they can't make it to Kentucky," said Brian Hand, who is USC Aiken's sports information director and assistant athletic director for communications and promotions.

Doors will open at 8 p.m., 30 minutes before the contest's scheduled tip-off, and there will be no charge for admission. Pizza and drinks will be available while supplies last.

The game will be live-streamed online at NCAA.com. Viewing party attendees will be able to watch it on two big screens in the Convocation Center.

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One-man crew prepping polo field for Saturday

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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Powderhouse Polo Field has served as the location for the grand finale of the Aiken Triple Crown for quite a few years now.

But the 30-acre field hosts other events in addition to the Pacers & Polo match, and one man keeps the field looking its best between matches.

Since 2004, Pat Nicholson has been responsible for caring for the field, which is 300 yards long and 160 yards wide. He estimates he spends about 35 hours a week maintaining the field when the grass is growing actively, including mowing, weeding, fertilizing and irrigation.

"It varies throughout the year. It all depends on the growth rate of the

Want to go?

WHAT: Pacers & Polo

WHEN: Saturday, gates open at 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Powderhouse Polo Field

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ing that much, but we're doing a lot to the fields between games."

Between spring tournaments, which begin in April, Nicholson is usually mowing the field and filling in dis-

usually around mid-May and runs through mid-September.

"That's when the grass is growing at the fastest rate," he said, adding that he typically mows the lawn every day



AIKEN STANDARD FILE PHOTO

Virginia Beach's Ruben Coscia prepares to hit the ball during an Aiken Polo Club tournament contest sponsored by the Smeek Family at



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GAY MARRIAGE DEBATE

DOMA reveals sharp rifts among justices

Court could strike down portion of law that restricts federal benefits

By MICHAEL DOYLE
McClatchy Newspapers

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ing myriad federal benefits.

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argument largely fell along traditional lines, with Justice Anthony Kennedy once again holding the middle ground.

"You are at real risk of running in conflict with what has always been thought to be the essence

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WHAT THE COURT DISCUSSED

The Supreme Court debated whether House Republicans have legal authority to defend the Defense of Marriage Act now that the Obama administration has abandoned it and whether it violates the equal protection guarantees of the Constitution.

RIVERVIEW CHARTER SCHOOL

Students learn the value of service

Classes spruced up parts of Beaufort County on Wednesday as part of their service-learning projects for the school.

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As Max Trask grabbed handfuls of leaves Wednesday morning and shoved them into a black plastic bag held by classmate Garrett Jackson, he announced that cleaning up Beaufort was "a lot funner than math."

Students from Riverview Charter School took to the streets and parks of Beaufort, Port Royal and the Sea Islands for their spring service-learning projects, which included painting signs and fire hydrants and picking up leaves and trash.

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LOCAL 'IDOL' RAISES BAR



JAY KARR • Staff photo

From left, Technical College of the Lowcountry staff members Mackenzie McGrew and Rodney Adams, faculty member Shana Hirsch and alumnus Curtis O'Quinn watch Wednesday as St. Helena Island native Candice Glover appears on "American Idol" during a watch party at the school's student center.

ELECTRONIC VOTING

Upgrades could cost \$17.3M

By ADAM BEAM
The (Columbia) State

It would cost taxpayers \$17.3 million to upgrade the state's electronic voting

'American Idol' judges don't need a grapevine to recognize Candice Glover's talent

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While preparing to sing Marvin Gaye's "I Heard It Through the Grapevine" on Wednesday night's "American Idol," Candice Glover felt more than all right.

"I feel great," the St. Helena Island native said in a

MORE 'AMERICAN IDOL' COVERAGE

■ To see a video from Wednesday's "American Idol" watch party at the Technical College of the Lowcountry's student center, go to beaufortga-



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Meeting the people

Two Upstate congressmen — Trey Gowdy (above) and Mick Mulvaney — used a break from Washington, D.C., to reconnect with Spartanburg County voters and the issues they face.

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Immigration bill

President Barack Obama pressed for swift action on a sweeping immigration bill Wednesday, saying last-minute obstacles are "resolvable" and predicting Congress could pass historic legislation by the end of the summer. PAGE A3

GOP search

Republicans' search for a way back to presidential success is drawing a striking array of personalities and policy options, creating a wide-open self-reassessment of the party. PAGE A3

Bad wine

Testimony began Wednesday in a civil trial six years after Florida energy maven William Koch sued onetime-billionaire California businessman Eric Greenberg in U.S. District Court in Manhattan over \$320,000 he spent in 2005 on two dozen bottles of wine that turned out to be duds. PAGE A6

Scam warning

The president of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Upstate is warning residents to be wary of a scam involving door-to-door magazine sales. PAGE C1

Public forum tonight

Court may boost gay marriage

Justices signal they may void key part of federal law

By MARK SHERMAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Concluding two days of intense debate, the Supreme Court signaled Wednesday it could give a boost to same-sex marriage by striking down the federal law that denies legally married gay spouses a wide range of benefits offered to other couples.

As the court wrapped up its remarkable arguments over gay marriage in America, a majority of the justices indicated they will invalidate part of the federal Defense of Marriage Act — if they can get past procedural problems similar to those that appeared to mark Tuesday's case over California's ban on same-sex marriage.

Since the federal law was enacted in 1996, nine states and the District of Columbia have made it legal for gays and lesbians to marry. Same-sex unions also were legal in California for nearly five months in 2008 before the Proposi-

tion 8 ban.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, often the decisive vote in close cases, joined the four more-liberal justices in raising questions Wednesday about a provision that defines marriage as the union of a man and a woman for purposes of federal law.

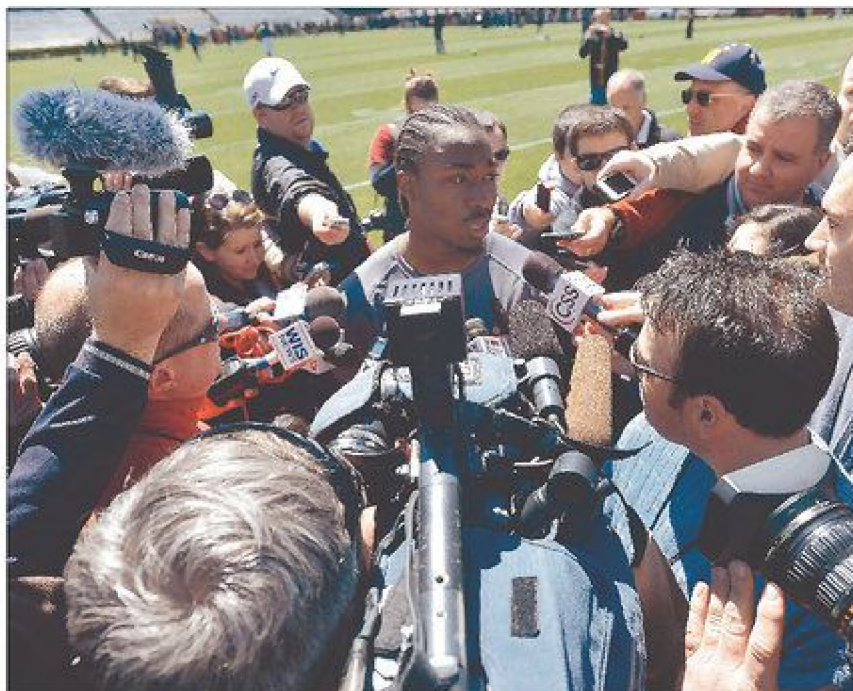
It affects more than 1,100 statutes in which marital status is relevant, dealing with tax breaks for married couples, Social Security survivor benefits and, for federal employees, health insurance and leave to care for spouses.

Kennedy said the Defense of

Marriage Act appears to intrude on the power of states that have chosen to recognize same-sex marriages. When so many federal statutes are affected, "which in our society means that the federal government is intertwined with the citizens' day-to-day life, you are at real risk of running in conflict with what has always been thought to be the essence of the state police power, which is to regulate marriage, divorce, custody," Kennedy said. Other justices said the law creates what Justice Ruth

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Pro day for Marcus



Former Byrnes High standout Marcus Lattimore talks to the media on Wednesday during Pro Timing Day at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia. See a photo gallery at GoUpstate.com.

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Coming back from severe injury, Lattimore makes strong impression

File on gunman reveals descent

Gifford's attacker spiraled downward

By JACQUES BILLEAUD
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Almost everyone who crossed paths with Jared Loughner in the year before he shot former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords described a man who was becoming more unhinged and delusional by the day.

He got fired from a clothing store and thrown out of college, shaved his head and got tattoos of bullets on his shoulder. He showed up at the apartment of a friend with a Glock 9 mm pistol, saying he needed it for "home protection." He made dark comments about the government, and, according to one acquaintance, appeared suicidal.

Loughner's spiral into madness hit bottom on Jan. 8, 2011. He broke down in tears when a wildlife agent pulled him over for a traffic stop. He went to a



Giffords



Loughner



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Supporting the future

District 50 officials ask businesses to help in education

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Top officials from Greenwood County School District 50 called for the business community to help support the schools' mission in best educating and

preparing the future leaders during a State of the District address Wednesday.

"At the end of the day, our community is only as successful as we work to make it be that way," Greenwood 50's superintendent Darrell Johnson said.

The address was part of a Greenwood Chamber of Commerce Business Over Lunch at the Greenwood Country Club. Aside from district administrators and board of trustee members, local leaders, councilmen and women,

and business representatives listened to what's happening in See FUTURE, page 3A



Greenwood School District 50 board chairman Shell Dula talks to attendees during Wednesday's State of the District address.

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REBECCA ABRAHAMSEN

LIVING TO HELP

New director of nonprofit 'perfect fit' for position

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Whether helping with church outreach projects as a child, or her decade of experience with a local shelter for domestic violence survivors, Rebecca Abrahamsen said she's always been motivated to help others.

Abrahamsen was named the new executive director of the nonprofit Community Initiatives Inc. upon retirement of the organization's co-founder, Elizabeth R. Bethel, effective March 31. Until now, Bethel was the organization's only executive director.

Incorporated in 2000, Community Initiatives began as a health promotion, referral and education program serving low-income, high-risk neighborhoods in Greenwood. It started in Greenwood's New Haven Apartment complex during the late 1990s.

Abrahamsen, who started in her new role March 4,

Community Initiatives

The nonprofit provides:

- Free medical care at Clinica Gratis/Free Clinic in the United Center for Community Care on Phoenix Street, averaging more than 2,200 patient visits at year.
- Substance abuse prevention education for at-risk youth in Greenwood County.
- Community outreach from its community center on Grier Street in the Mathews Mill village and youth and family programming.
- Assistance with food and medical application assistance through The Benefit Bank program.

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Rebecca Abrahamsen is the new executive director of Community Initiatives Inc., a nonprofit agency.

■ ABBEVILLE COUNTY

Primary for sheriff candidate 'smooth'

Elections official says ID law caused no problems

By MATT BRUCE
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The votes are in for the Democratic primary in the race for Abbeville County's next sheriff.

Greenwood County deputy Ray Watson won outright, according to unofficial results, accumulating 1,793 votes to narrowly notch the 51 percent needed to avoid a runoff.

The primary was the first election Lake-lands voters participated in since the state's new voter ID law went into effect Jan. 1. Abbeville County Voter Registration and Elections Director Kim London said the election process went off without much of a hitch.

"There were not any problems that I know of," she said. "People came with their IDs. We had a couple people come in and get their picture made after they found out about the law. Other than that, it was really smooth."

Election officials said about 25 percent of Abbeville County's 15,000 registered voters turned out to cast a ballot Tuesday. That pales in comparison to the 73 percent of registered voters who turned out for last November's election day. But officials said the rate was not bad considering the difference in circumstances between the two races. Last year's race was a presidential campaign that also had several local and statewide elected positions on the line. In fact, the Democratic primary last June drew just 3,014 voters compared to more than 3,500 Tuesday.

"For a special election with one race, I guess it's not so bad," London said. "It's not the general election, but you can't complain."

The new law requires voters to show a state driver's license, federal military ID, U.S. passport, voter registration card with



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ON HILTON HEAD ISLAND

Airport tower will operate through Heritage

FAA announces tower will close May 5; Beaufort County officials look into future operation costs

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The control tower at Hilton Head Island Airport will remain open through May 5 — nearly a month longer than Beaufort County officials first thought.

The extension eliminates potential problems during the RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing, which is typically the busiest week of the year at the county-owned airport. This year's PGA Tour event is April 15 to 21.

The FAA announcement Wednesday confirms rumors circulating for

days that the tower would remain open until sometime in May.

"It gives us a little sense of relief in knowing that the tower will be able to remain open during Beaufort County's and Hilton Head Island's largest sporting event," acting airport director Rob McFee said in a statement.

The FAA is cutting funding for 149 contractor-run control towers across the U.S., including Hilton Head's, as part of sequestration, the \$85 billion in federal budget cuts. Until Tuesday, the county believed the tower would shut down April 7.

The FAA will close 24 towers on that

date and another 46 on April 21. The remaining towers are to close May 5.

The agency says airport operators can continue running the towers outside the federal air-traffic control network. The FAA said it will begin

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NEW RIVERSIDE WRECK

Teen charged in fatal crash

Dalton McClintock, 18, faces a reckless homicide charge in the Oct. 12 crash that killed 13-year-old Selena Newman.

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Bluffton police charged an 18-year-old man Wednesday with reckless homicide for driving too fast just before a crash last year that killed a 13-year-old girl riding in the back seat.



McClintock

Dalton McClintock turned himself in after an investigation of the Oct. 12 crash on New Riverside Drive. Selena Newman, a student at H.E. McCracken Middle School, died as a result of the wreck.

McClintock has been free on his own recognizance, according to the Beaufort County Detention Center log.

Lt. Joe Babbiewicz of the Bluffton Police Department said McClintock was charged after an investigation by the S.C. Highway Patrol's Multi-Disciplinary Accident Investigation Team, which involved reconstructing the crash. Results indicated "probable cause" sufficient to charge McClintock with reckless homicide, Babbiewicz said.

"They confirmed with us that he was driving above the speed limit," Babbiewicz said.

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DEBATE OVER GAY MARRIAGE HAS JUSTICES LOCKED IN BITTER BATTLE

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WASHINGTON — The federal Defense of Marriage Act may be hanging by a thread after a Supreme Court oral argument Wednesday that exposed sharp divisions over the 1996 law prohibiting same-sex married couples from obtaining myriad federal benefits.

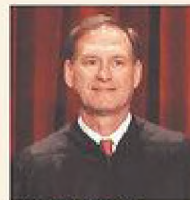
A day after confronting California's Proposition 8, which bans same-sex marriage, justices showed similar splits over whether the federal government may deny benefits to couples married in the nine states that recognize gay marriage. The division during an unusually long oral argument largely fell along traditional lines, with Justice Anthony Kennedy once again holding the middle ground.

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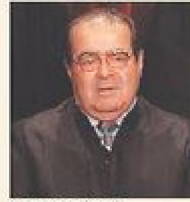
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Essex Holdings to invest \$54.4 million in county, create 215 jobs

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MARION — Finally, some relief for job-starved Marion County. Miami-based Essex Holdings announced Wednesday that it was locating a food packaging plant on the outskirts of Marion that will bring at least 215 jobs to the area over the

next five years. Essex will also invest \$54.4 million in upfitting the old Blumenthal Mills plant, a dinosaur of an industrial building on U.S. Highway 76 that city and county officials were struggling to deal with. Marion Mayor Rodney Berry, who's also head of the Marion County Economic Development Corp (MCEDEC), was instrumental in bringing Essex's first U.S.-based rice-packaging plant

to Marion. He and other county leaders were positively giddy Wednesday while announcing the deal outside of the MCEDEC headquarters. "So often the media, and rightfully so, has taglined us (Marion County) every time our county is mentioned as (having) the highest unemployment (rate in South Carolina)," Berry

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Marion County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dan Strickland, (left) shakes hands with Dr. Navin Xavier, president and CEO of Essex Holdings.

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COUNTDOWN TO THE CAROLINA CUP



Trainer Janet Elliot stands with Alajmal, Gregory Hawkins' 5-year-old gelding, one of seven horses running Saturday in the Carolina Cup.

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Who's got the horses for the Cup?

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WANT TO GO?

WHAT: Carolina Cup
WHEN: Saturday, March 30. Gates open at 9 a.m. Post time 1:30 p.m. Races are 35-40 minutes apart
WHERE: Springdale Race Course, 200 Knights Hill Road, Camden
INFO: General admission tickets \$45, general parking \$10. Information at www.Carolina-Cup.org

CAMDEN

The Carolina Cup is considered by many as a rite of spring, a time to cheer the end of winter in bright, high fashion while watching the top stars of the steeplechase world strut their stuff during the six races at the rolling Springdale Race Course.

One of those top stars at Saturday's 81st running is Gregory Hawkins' 5-year-old gelding, Alajmal, that is entered in the 2.125-



Dale Jackson works Eugene Wemouth's 10-year-old gelding, Wild for Gold, on Wednesday at Janet Elliot's stables near Springdale Race Course.

mile Carolina Cup, a race that will be held before an expected crowd of 60,000-plus. Fresh off Saturday's training 1.25-mile flat

course victory at the Aiken Spring Steeplechase, Alajmal, who also took third at the Colonial Cup in November, is gunning for the

\$50,000 Carolina Cup, and trainer Janet Elliot believes he can pull it off.

"(He's got) an engine," Elliot, the first female Racing Hall of Fame trainer, said. "He seems to like going a distance. I've tried him on the flat, going shorter distances, and he's not really produced much there at the flat track, but he's done quite well at the training flat races at the hunt meets and as a 3-year-old, he looked like a really good jumper." There is no legalized wagering at the event.

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Rebel flag case long shot for high court

Supreme Court next step, but former Latta student's suit running low on money

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LATTA — A former Latta student and Confederate flag enthusiast lost her federal appeal this week, reaffirming a lower court's decision not to hear her case that alleged a local school district violated her rights by barring her from wearing shirts with the rebel flag.

In a legal battle that has lasted a decade, the decision leaves the plaintiff with only one way to continue: ask the Supreme Court of the United States to take up the case.

A three-judge panel Monday in the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the district court's decision not to hear the case Candice Hardwick and her family brought against Dillon School District 3. Originally filed in 2006, when Hardwick was 15, the civil suit stems from incidents between 2003 and 2006 at both Latta Middle School and Latta High School when administrators suspended her for wearing rebel flag T-shirts, saying she violated part of the dress code that prohibits distracting or disruptive articles

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Supreme Court justices might boost gay marriage

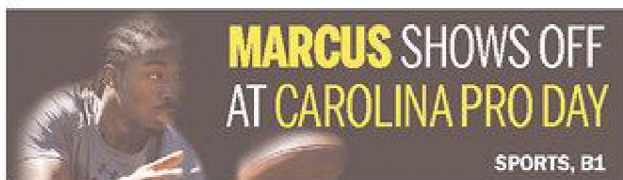
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The tire-making equipment moves along Highway 6 across U.S. 801 near St. Matthews.

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The equipment was moved by barge from the Port of Charleston across the Santee Cooper lakes to Eutawville.

Tire-making equipment hits the road across S.C.



Dual trailers with trucks pushing and pulling are needed to move the load that weighs 100 tons and is 23 feet in diameter.

T&D Staff Report

The traffic between Charleston and Orangeburg is always heavy. On Wednesday, it weighed a ton — 100 tons in fact.

The job of moving a giant piece of tire-making equipment — from Red Bank Landing near Eutawville, where it arrived by barge, through Orangeburg and Calhoun counties on the way toward Swanson and on to the Bridgestone plant

in Aiken — is under way.

It's slow going, but not as slow as you might think.

David Oswald of J.E. Oswald and Sons Moving of Batesburg said the equipment — which can be described as a giant steel cooler used in the manufacture of tires for earth-moving equipment — moved along Wednesday at speeds of up to 20 mph. Not bad for a load that is 23 feet in diameter and requires dual trailers with multiple axles powered by trucks pushing and pull-

ing. The lid, itself a large load, will be moved separately.

As the transport was moving along Wednesday in Calhoun County, cranes were used to lift power lines out of the way, Oswald said. The move, a year-and-a-half in the making, required state permitting and a lot of cooperation.

The journey across South Carolina began at the Port of Charleston, from where Stevens Towing of Yonges Island moved the equipment

by barge through the Cooper River, across Lake Moultrie to the Diversion Canal, then across Lake Marion to the landing near Eutawville.

Both the water and land transporters are not new to the business of big moves.

Stevens has been around since 1917 and Oswald Moving has been relocating houses and bigger things — even bigger than the present cargo — since 1977.

The toughest part of the move? Like everyone else, Oswald says it's handling the traffic.

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