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'Food desert' likely getting grocery store

N. Charleston to discuss plan to sell Shipwatch Square

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If you go

WHAT: North Charleston City Council's Finance Committee meeting featuring a discussion on a redevelopment plan for the former Shipwatch Square, which includes a new grocery store.
WHEN: 5 p.m., Thursday
WHERE: North Charleston City Hall, third floor, Buist Conference Room, 2500 City Hall Lane, North Charleston

The city of North Charleston, after years of trying, likely has landed a grocery store to the former Shipwatch Square, a "food desert" near the intersection of Rivers and McMillan avenues.

City Council's Finance Committee on Thursday will discuss and vote on a plan to sell the 18-acre property to the Greenville-based Appian Investments LLC for \$3.3 million. Appian would redevelop the property with a grocery store, retail and office space, and multifamily residential units.

If the committee approves the plan, a separate ordinance would be created for the sale of the property. That ordinance would be placed on an agenda for approval at a City Council meeting in October.

The specific type of grocery store

and the company that will operate it have not been included in city meeting documents. City spokesman Ryan Johnson said that information will be released at the committee meeting.

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The former Shipwatch Square site on Rivers Avenue now sits empty in the shadow of the former Charleston Naval Hospital.

Lowcountry's harsh past echoes in D.C. museum

African-American history in S.C. has big role in Smithsonian addition



A statue of the 1968 Olympics Black Power salute was on display at the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington during a press preview on Wednesday.

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WASHINGTON — A slave cabin, transported from Edisto Island and reconstructed piece by piece, is one of the crown jewels of the new National Museum of African American History and Culture.

"We see the cabin as an artifact with many, many lives within it," said Nancy Berca, one of the museum curators. "Whenever I go near the cabin, I try to peek in the door — I'm not allowed to anymore — and

I try to see if those lives still speak to me."
Reporters got a preview Wednesday of the newest addition to the

Smithsonian Institution, 10 days before the grand-opening ceremonies, when thousands of visitors will descend on the nation's capital.

There are hundreds of totems throughout the museum that burn with the legacy of the black experience in America, from the transatlantic slave trade to the inauguration of the first African American president and many things in between. There's Nat Turner's Bible, brittle with age. There are the shards of glass from the 1963 bombing of the Birmingham Church that killed four

girls. And also the boxing gloves of Cassius Clay, aka Muhammad Ali.

But starting with the slave cabin, there also is a clear narrative of the black experience in South Carolina. Even the museum's exterior is inspired by Charleston's ironwork traditions, which went from a trade during slavery to an art form in freedom.

The South Carolina Lowcountry was home to vast numbers of Africans captured abroad and brought

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Julia's raindrops to keep on falling

Erratic storm may affect Lowcountry into the weekend

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Tropical Storm Julia is another rarity in a season that started with a January hurricane — a storm that became a tropical cyclone over land.

But it's a weak one and its biggest threat to the Lowcountry would likely be a downpour at high tide during early rush-hour traffic Thursday morning. The storm was forecast to drop 1 to 3 inches of rain overnight and any heavy rain at high tide in the morning could mean ponding and spot-flooding, according to meteorologist Peter Mohlin of the National Weather Service in Charleston. High tide is forecast for about 7 a.m.

A flash flood watch is in place at least through the morning for parts of Charleston County along the coast. Small-craft cautions were in place for South Carolina waters and a tropical storm warning was issued for Charleston County waters about 20 nautical miles off the coast, Mohlin said.

Winds on Wednesday were blowing 20 to 30 mph and above along the beaches, and gusts stronger than the 50-mph tropical storm speed were clocked at Folly Beach on Wednesday afternoon, according to Mohlin. He added that a 45-mph gust was recorded at the Isle of Palms Pier.

Forecasters predicted the storm will drop as much as 6 inches of rain across the region, with higher estimates in spots along the coast. By 7 p.m.

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Palmetto State hopes to land NCAA, ACC events

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With the NCAA and ACC pulling championship events out of North Carolina this week, Palmetto State officials are poised to pounce on some of those games and tournaments.

In response to North Carolina's controversial HB2 law — the "bathroom bill" — first the NCAA and then the ACC announced they would remove

championship events from the Tar Heel state in the 2016-17 academic year. Those include the NCAA's lucrative first- and second-round games

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Turning the barbs around

Trump attacks Clinton with her own words

BY JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Racist. Drivive. Lacks policy details. Those are the jibes Donald Trump has recently unleashed on Hillary Clinton. If they sound familiar, it could be because she's lodged those very attacks on him throughout the campaign.

As he works to gain ground against Clinton in the final stretch

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of the presidential race, Trump is increasingly reapplying Clinton's attacks against her. It's a popular schoolyard tactic for the GOP nominee, a political game of "I know

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'I UNDERSTAND THE PRESSURES ... STUDENTS ARE UNDER'

USC athletics director adds new role as student mentor

USC sororities consider banning liquor, events in Five Points

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The University of South Carolina's Sorority Council is proposing to ban liquor at social events and ban events in Columbia's bar-heavy Five Points entertainment district.

The proposed restrictions could be adopted by a two-thirds vote of sorority chapters, according to

a USC Sorority Council statement. "In the short few weeks that we have been back at school, our community has seen a significant increase in high risk behaviors," according to the statement. "A large number of our members have been found in very dangerous situations and this has caused many to ques-

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USC athletics director Ray Tanner

ONLINE

THESTATE.COM: USC president Harris Pastides explains Ray Tanner's new role as a student mentor

The USC athletics director, who led the Gamecocks' baseball team to two national championships, now will help coach up the school's student body.

BY AVERY G. WILKS
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The University of South Carolina has called Ray Tanner's number to coach up the school's student body about proper behavior.

The USC athletics director, who led the Gamecocks' baseball team to back-to-back national championships in 2010 and 2011, has accepted an additional role at USC as a student mentor, president

Harris Pastides said Wednesday. "When he does talk to the broader student body, he has huge respect," Pastides said after his State of the University address Wednesday. "I'm looking for someone who is impactful."

The announcement comes amid increased attention to poor student behavior at USC and nationwide. However, Pastides and Tanner said the

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The Freak Out ride, new this year at the State Fair.

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Freak Out, Tornado, Charlie Chopper join lineup; this year's fair is scheduled for Oct. 12-23

Columbia could again see floods like last year's

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CHARLOTTE

The deluge that swamped South Carolina almost a year ago showed people in the Columbia area that flooding isn't just a coastal issue - which is a lesson folks should never forget, scientists and weather experts said Wednesday.

Columbia, the state's largest city, suffered extensive damage last October when the massive storm hovered over South Carolina and dropped more than 1.5 feet of rain in 24 hours on the Midlands.

Thousands of people fled to

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Walt and Linda Dahlgren learn Hands-Only CPR from the Greenville Fire Department on the plaza at The Greenville News on Wednesday. PHOTOS BY HEIDI HELBERUN/STAFF

**DDSN
urges
drug
training**

Agency warns providers about untrained staff

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COLUMBIA - The director of the state's disabilities agency is warning providers not to allow untrained staff to administer medications to vulnerable adults in their care after officials discovered some providers have discontinued the training.

The letter from Beverly Buscemi, director of the state Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, is on the agenda for Thursday's meeting of DDSN commissioners.

"DDSN's increased monitoring in this area discovered that several providers have discontinued training staff in one of the approved programs," Buscemi wrote. "If your agency is currently allowing unlicensed staff who have not successfully completed a DDSN approved medication technician certification program (to) administer medications, they must stop doing so immediately."

The letter, a copy of which was provided by the agency to *The Greenville News*, went to all DSN boards and private residential providers in the state on Aug. 31. The agency oversees the care of tens of thousands of vulnerable adults, those with intellectual disabilities, autism, traumatic brain or spinal cord injuries.

Buscemi wrote that the issue is an important one because a large percentage of vulnerable adults require prescribed medications.

She said that overall, medication errors rates in the DDSN system are lower than those in nursing homes or hospitals, a fact she attributed to training of staff in proper administering of medication.

She said while many vulnerable adults self-administer medications, something the agency wants as part of the adults' independence, staff also need to be properly trained in assessing whether individuals are prepared to self-medicate.

"Unlicensed staff having completed a DDSN approved medication certification training program can assist individuals learn to self-administer medications," she wrote. "However, assistance by unlicensed staff who have not completed approved training is not allowed."

She said the agency is developing a uniform assessment process to help verify an individual's ability to self-medicate.

The letter did not mention how many of the dozens of providers in the

'HUGE IMPACT'

Hands-Only CPR clinic teaches nearly 200 how to save a life

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Nearly 200 citizens, including a group of second graders, learned how to save a life Wednesday at a Hands-Only CPR clinic at *The Greenville News*.

"I didn't realize I could do it. I thought it was too hard," confessed Mary Randolph of Greenville, who along with her friend, Delores Greggs, decided it was time to learn.

"But the way they showed it, it was easy enough," she said. "And I'm taking this information back to my church. I know now what to do."

More than 300,000 Americans suffer a cardiac arrest each year, and 90 percent who are stricken outside a hospital die, according to the American Heart Association. But CPR — even Hands-Only CPR — can double or triple their chances of survival.

So instructors from Greenville County EMS and the Greenville City Fire Department came to *The Greenville News* plaza to teach couples, young moms with children, and others what to do if someone collapses nearby.

Hands-Only CPR is just as effective



Ashley Greenwell and her son Davis take a quick Hands-Only CPR lesson from Greenville County EMS Michael Countryman on Wednesday.

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County looking to bid

Area colleges interested in hosting NCAA, ACC events

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Spartanburg County is considering making bids to host NCAA championship events for this season following the organization's decision to relocate those games from North Carolina.

Chris Jennings, Spartanburg Convention and Visitors Bureau executive vice president, said South Carolina and especially Spartanburg are

likely to aggressively pursue potential opportunities to host some of the 2016-17 championship events.

"We're actively looking at what has been made available by the NCAA," Jennings said. "We would need to partner with one of our host schools here."

The NCAA Board of Governors decided on Monday to move all previously awarded championship events from North Carolina for 2016-17 in response to the state's House Bill 2, which requires people to use public bathrooms based on

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ACC removes athletic championships from NC

By Pete Iacobelli
The Associated Press

CLEMSON — The Atlantic Coast Conference has followed the NCAA's lead and is removing all its athletic championships from North Carolina over a state law limiting protections for LGBT people.

The ACC Council of Presidents voted Wednesday to relocate the league's championships until North Carolina

repeals the law. The decision includes 10 neutral-site championships this academic year, which means relocating the ACC football title game that was scheduled to be played in Charlotte in December.

No announcement was made on where the championship events will be held.

"The decision to move the neutral site championships out

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NEWS DIGEST

Family disputes report Marine killed himself

CHARLESTON — The family of a Marine recruit who died during training in South Carolina is disputing a Marine account that he killed himself amid a widespread culture of hazing and abuse in the Corps.

Shiraz Khan, the attorney for the family of Raheel Siddiqui, released a statement saying there's a lack of evidence that the 20-year-old Taylor, Mich., resident killed himself March 18 at Parris Island by jumping into a 40-foot stairwell.

Khan released the statement to the Detroit Free Press saying Siddiqui didn't have any "disqualifying conditions, medical or otherwise, during recruiting and processing into the U.S. Marine Corps. It's impossible for his family and friends to accept that he took his own life."

Family members have said that Siddiqui, who was Pakistani-American Muslim, may have been targeted because of his ethnicity and religion, the newspaper reported.

— The Associated Press

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A package deal

With Hillary Clinton recuperating from pneumonia, former President Bill Clinton steps in to pick up her campaign duties. It's a reminder that the Clintons — for better or worse — are a package deal. **A3**

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PARK PROJECT IN NORTHSIDE

City seeks land



A rendering shows plans for the proposed park along Butterfly Creek on the Northside. The city still needs one piece of land before it can proceed with the project. RENDERING COURTESY CITY OF SPARTANBURG

Attorney says property owner will fight plan to condemn parcel

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Plans to expose a spring-fed creek and create a community



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Powell: Trump a 'national disgrace'

In leaked emails, former secretary of state calls out GOP nominee, Clinton

By Jeff Horwitz
and Michael Biesecker
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a trove of newly leaked emails, former Secretary of State Colin Powell calls Donald Trump "a national disgrace" and suggests his own Republican Party is "crashing and burning."

Powell also laments Hillary Clinton's attempt to equate her use of private email at the State Department with his.

The emails, posted on the website DCLeaks.com and first reported by BuzzFeed News late Tuesday, offer

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ACC pulls championships from NC

Cites LGBT House bill in making decision

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Clemson University President Jim Clements and his ACC colleagues announced Wednesday that North Carolina's infamous House Bill 2 has cost that state December's conference football championship game in Charlotte and several other conference championship events.

The presidents met Wednesday at the Madren Conference Center on the Clemson campus and released the following statement:

"As members of the Atlantic Coast Conference, the ACC Council of Presidents reaffirmed our collective commitment to uphold the values of equality, diversity, inclusion and non-discrimination. Every one of our 15 universities is strongly committed to these values and therefore, we will continue to host ACC Championships at campus sites. We believe North Carolina House Bill 2 is inconsistent with these values, and as a re-



Jim Clements

sult, we will relocate all neutral site championships for the 2016-17 academic year. All locations will be announced in the future from the conference office."

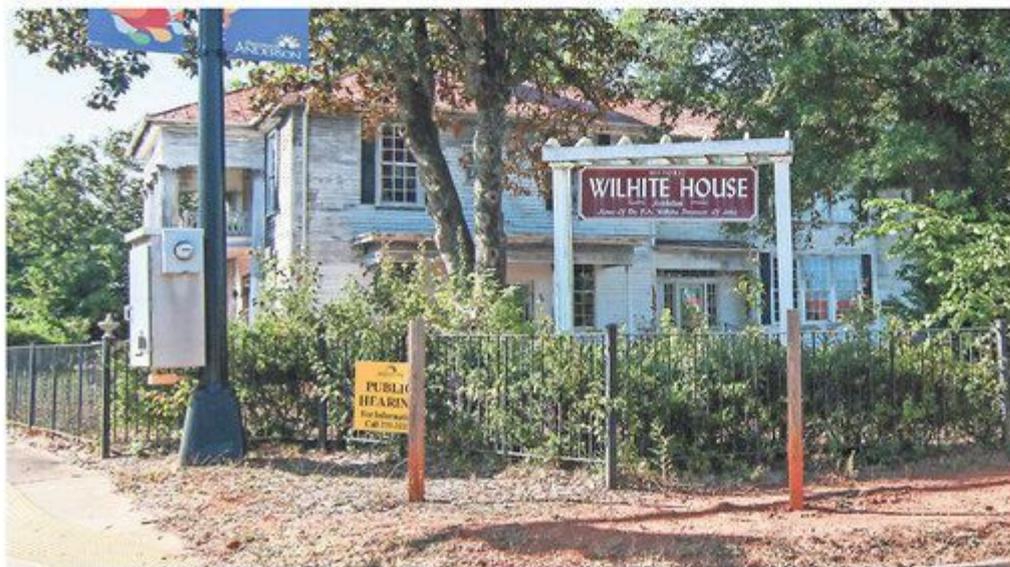
House Bill 2 requires transgender people to use restrooms at schools and government buildings corresponding to the sex on their birth certificates. It also excludes gender identity and sexual orientation from local and statewide anti-discrimination protections and has

drawn extensive protests from state and national civil and LGBT rights advocates.

Clements, who chairs the presidents' group, issued his own statement: "... The decision to move the neutral site championships out of North Carolina while HB 2 remains the law was not an easy one, but it is consistent with the shared values of inclusion and non-discrimination at all of our institutions."

Other sports that will have new championship sites this year include women's

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Work is planned at the Wilhite House on South McDuffie Street, one of Anderson's most well-known historic homes. PHOTOS BY KEN RUINARD@INDEPENDENTMAIL

HISTORIC HOUSE TO BE RESTORED

Downtown Wilhite home built by 'discoverer of ether'

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For the past few years, the historic Wilhite House in downtown Anderson has sat vacant with vines twisting along its graceful columns and nearly covering the fence that surrounds the property.

The house dates to the 1850s, and was built by Dr. Philip Abney Wilhite, a Georgia native who became a prominent Anderson physician. Less than 10 years ago, the house on South McDuffie Street still was in use, a sought-after venue for weddings and



SC project to confine sexual predators approved

CYNTHIA ROLDAN
THE STATE

COLUMBIA - A multi-million project that will help South Carolina house up to 500 sexually violent predators received approval Tuesday.

Members of the state's Joint Bond Review Committee approved the Department of Mental Health's request to borrow up to \$45 million in bonds to cover the cost of constructing two new buildings and renovating three existing ones to house predators who have been committed to the state's custody.

The predators - child abusers, rapists, serial predators, etc. - have served their time for criminal offenses, but are deemed too "mentally abnormal" and "extremely dangerous" to be released. Instead, they are committed by a judge or a jury civilly to these facilities run by the Department of Mental Health for sex offender treatment. Each resident costs about \$85,000 a year to house.

The agency has been outgrowing its two buildings at the Department of Corrections' Broad River prison complex for years. In 2007, it installed bunk beds to make up for the lack of space. But the agency is on pace to reach its maximum capacity by early 2017.

An infirmary also will be part of the project, so the difficult-to-transport residents no longer have to be taken off the prison complex when they're sick.

"We just need to fund this program because by law we have to hold these people indefinitely," said Rep. Chip Linchouse, R-Charleston.

The expense still has to be approved by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority next week. If OK'd, the project would conclude by 2018.

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NNSA snubs MOX, Aiken leaders

Chamber CEO says slight was intentional



Jameson

Smith

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The speaker from the National Nuclear Security Administration at the Energy Communities Alliance meeting in Arlington, Virginia, this week intentionally snubbed the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility, or MOX, under construction at the

Savannah River Site, one Aiken official said.

Due to its relation to the Site, Aiken has delegate members that make up the ECA, an organization of local governments adjacent to or affected by Department of Energy activities that meet to discuss issues, establish policy positions and promote community interests.

On Tuesday, Greater Aiken Chamber of Com-

merce President and CEO David Jameson and Aiken County Councilman Chuck Smith were both in attendance, where National Nuclear Administration Principal Deputy Administrator Madelyn Creedon addressed NNSA projects nationwide.

But Jameson said even with Smith, who is the

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Fox attack potentially exposed individual to rabies

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A fox has potentially exposed at least one person to rabies in Aiken County, according to state health officials.

A statement from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control on Wednesday said one person has been referred to their health care provider for consultation after potentially being exposed to rabies by a fox that tested positive for the disease.

The state agency said the fox attacked the victim Sept. 9 near the intersection of Outing Club and Vaucluse roads in Aiken. The fox was submitted to DHEC's lab for testing that same day, and was confirmed to have rabies Sept. 12.

The fox is the third animal in Aiken County to test positive for rabies in 2016, bringing the total to 72 confirmed cases of animal rabies in South Carolina this year, officials said.

Last year, six of the 130 rabies cases in the state were found in Aiken County.

Sandra Craig, with the agency's Bureau of Environmental Health Services, said in the release, "Rabies is a deadly virus that is transmitted when saliva or neural tissue of an infected animal is introduced into the body, usually through a bite, or contact with an open wound or areas such as the mouth or eyes."

Craig recommended to always play it safe and give animals their space, particularly strays or animals found in the wild.

It's recommended pet owners also keep their pets up-to-date on rabies vaccinations.

For more information on rabies, visit www.scdhec.gov/rabies.

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WEATHER

Residents learn about flood risks in Aiken



STAFF FILE PHOTO BY THOMAS GARDINER

Tropical Storm Hermine's rain kept Aiken's drainage system busy and spilled out into this park near Churchill Commons on Centennial Avenue.

Recent storms prompt open house event

BY CHRISTINA CLEVELAND
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With the recent rain events causing heavy rains and the potential for flooding in the state, residents in Aiken County have a way to learn about their flood risk.

On Wednesday, Aiken County government hosted a public open house on revisions to the FEMA Flood Insurance rate maps.

Among other things, residents who attended the open house in Aiken were able to learn what their flood risk is and ask questions about flood insurance or the three-year mapping study conducted by AECOM.

For Aiken County, Maria Lamm, state NFIP coordinator at the S.C. Department of Natural Resources, said there were two areas that were studied, mainly on the Savannah River, including 11 miles on the Savannah River, as well as the Savannah River Site, which was unmapped because it is federal property.

Lamm said the open houses are being held in areas in the state where mapping studies are being finished so residents can be informed and ask questions.

FEMA funds the mapping program and partners with state agencies like the S.C. DNR, said Danton Lucas, regional affairs specialist with FEMA. The



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRISTINA CLEVELAND

Aiken County Planning and Development Director Stephen Strohminger, Cherie Moritz, GEO services manager, and Lakeisha Bryant, GIS manager and grant writer for Edgefield County, talk over the flood insurance rate maps, while waiting to help residents during an open house Wednesday evening.

Part of what the flood insurance rate map shows is the one percent annual chances, or the one percent of area flooding in any given year, he said. "A lot of people have heard in the past of it,

100-year flood might indicate that it might not happen again for another 99 or 100 years, but Mother Nature doesn't read flood maps. Rains could come, something no one'd want to hear, where you could have



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Carolinas joins Mayo Clinic Network



Dr. Rami Zebian (far left) applauds as the Mayo Clinic's Dr. Ryan Uitti (middle) shakes hands with Carolinas Hospital System CEO Darcy Craven on Wednesday morning in the hospital's main lobby at the end of a news conference announcing that Carolinas has joined the Mayo Clinic Care Network.

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Alliance to give Florence hospital access to resources

Carolinas Hospital System's workforce lined the lobby walkways Wednesday morning to hear an announcement that the hospital is joining the Mayo Clinic Care Network.



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FLORENCE — Carolinas Hospital System announced Wednesday that it is joining the Mayo Clinic Care Network in an alliance to improve the delivery of care and increase health care knowledge and expertise.

Carolinas chief executive officer Darcy Craven called it a "historic day" for not just for the hospital, but for Florence and the Pee

Dee region. "Today we're announcing a clinically significant collaboration," he said, adding that it will give providers at Carolinas access to the resources of "the most respected, recognized health care system in the world — the Mayo Clinic."

The collaboration, he said, "will change the face of health care here locally in Florence."

Clinical quality, patient service and the hospital's financial strength are reasons to be proud of Caroli-

nas over the years, he said. "And our success has always been due to the people right here — our 1,700-plus employees, our 300 physicians and a community that's always supported this hospital," he said.

Carolinas Hospital System — part of Community Health Systems, headquartered in Franklin, Tennessee — shares a philosophic commitment with the Mayo Clinic to deliver

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Education must be 'accessible, affordable and excellent,' leaders say

BY MELISSA ROLLINS
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FLORENCE — Community leaders gathered at the Florence Civic Center early Wednesday morn-

District for the Commission on Higher Education. The event was sponsored by the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce.

Dillard and Carter gave updates on what programs and initiatives their

Preparing students for college even before they exit the K-12 system is getting a huge push now, Dillard said.

"One of the programs we are really excited about is the Early College/Dual



Francis Marion University President Fred Carter speaks Wednesday morning at the Florence

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A decision not taken lightly

Laurens animal shelter puts down 17 dogs to prevent spreading disease



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Seventeen dogs were euthanized Friday at the Laurens County Animal Control Facility to prevent the spread of diseases, according to Public Works Director Rob Russian.

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LAURENS — Deciding to euthanize 17 dogs did not come easily to the staff at the Laurens County animal shelter.

Public Works Director Rob Russian said with multiple diseases spreading through the shelter's kennels during the past month, it was a decision the staff had to make.

"We took the information we had and made a decision, and it's a decision we do not take lightly," he said. "People don't understand the magnitude of the problem."

A number of dogs in the shelter were showing signs of disease — including Parvovirus, a gastrointestinal disease that can cause death within 48-72 hours. Not all of the dogs euthanized showed signs of illness, Russian said, and he wasn't able to give an esti-

mate on how many of the dogs were sick. The dogs were not tested for diseases before being euthanized, he said.

"Testing multitudes of dogs is very expensive," he said. "We have multiple veterinarians that we consult for their professional opinion."

While an additional dog was brought to the shelter Friday afternoon, one of the original 18 dogs in the shelter that morning was spared. Russian said the spared dog showed signs of infection, but a person offered to adopt the dog knowing it could have Parvovirus. The dog later tested negative for Parvovirus at a veterinary clinic.

Russian said euthanizing the dogs was the best option to prevent the spread of disease, and said staff will thoroughly clean the kennels with a number of cleaning products to ensure the shelter is free of diseases.

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■ ABBEVILLE

City Council approves monument for lynching victim

By CONOR HUGHES
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ABBEVILLE — A century after he was lynched, Anthony P. Crawford could be honored by a plaque on the front of the Abbeville Opera House.

On Tuesday night, Abbeville City Council unanimously approved adding the plaque. The Abbeville Historic Property Preservation Commission (HPPC) still needs to vote on the plaque to decide if it can be added.

Crawford's great grandson, Philip Crawford, told the council the plaque was approved in 2002, but never moved forward because of funding issues.

If approved, the project will be sponsored by the Equal Justice Initiative, which would host an essay competition for schools in Abbeville County with a \$1,500 scholarship as a prize, Philip Crawford said.

If approved, the installation of the memorial will happen Oct. 21 — the 100th anniversary of Anthony Crawford's

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SCHOOL JAM



Back-to-school season brings slow-moving traffic

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As car lines fill up with parents patiently waiting to pick up students, so does traffic in the roadway during school start and dismissal times.

Many elementary schools have obtained crossing guards to help ease the confusion and make driving around schools easier, but the congestion remains.

Pearl Gaskin, director of transportation with Greenwood County School District 50, said traffic is heaviest around schools that are combined or close to other schools.

"Some schools do have worse traffic than others — especially where we have an elementary and middle school together," Gaskin said. "Traffic signals and four-way stops assist with guiding and controlling traffic flow."

But a lot of traffic flow has more to do with each school's car line.

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Traffic sits at a standstill in Greenwood High School's parking lot after school let out Friday.

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Ninety Six Town Park gets state aid for expanded parking

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son, D-Greenwood.

The money, which comes from the state Park and Recreation Development Fund, will be used



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Sheriff seeking person of interest in murder

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sumter County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's help in locating a person of interest in the death of Jaquelle Dinkins, 17, of Wedgefield, which took place in the 200 block of Apollo Street early Wednesday morning.



SINKLER

Deputies want to speak with Christopher Lavell Sinkler, 30, whose last known address is 4 Country Squire Court in Sumter, according to a news release from the sheriff's office.

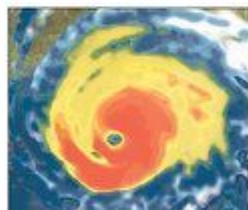
About 12:15 a.m., deput-

ties responded to a reported shooting and found Dinkins lying on the ground, unresponsive.

According to the release, witnesses said they knocked on the door of a residence on Apollo Street and the occupant tried to pull them inside. As the witnesses fled, shots were fired and Dinkins was hit.

Anyone who sees Sinkler should not approach him but should immediately call 9-1-1 or Sumter County Sheriff's Office at 436-2000.

Sinkler is advised to report to Sumter County Sheriff's Office immediately. He has not been charged with any crime and is only a person of interest at this time.



Julia to skirt S.C. coast

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Tropical Storm Julia, lurking off the South Carolina coast, poses little threat to the local area, according to National Weather Service Meteorologist Dan Miller.

"We think the impacts will be toward the coast," he said.

The Sumter and Clarendon county areas will mostly see passing showers and a few thunderstorms, he said.

"Most of the rain looks like it is going to be confined to the coastal plain and the immediate coast," Miller said Wednesday afternoon from Columbia. "The center (of Tropical Storm Julia) is just offshore right now, just to the east southeast of Hunting Island."

He said the models predict it will be stalling just off the South Carolina coast for at least the next few days.

"We have some drier air to the west and north of the storm, and it is expected to remain a low-end tropical storm, which will provide heavy rain for the coast with breezy conditions, rip currents, beach erosion and things like that," he said. "We are not expecting significant impacts this far inland."

Miller said the current situation is not comparable to what occurred last October.

Other tropical features in the Atlantic are too far away to speculate on their effects on South Carolina, he said.

This is the heart of the hurricane season, he said.

"Usually right around Sept. 10 or 11 is the peak," Miller said. "But I don't see anything indicating we are going to have any particular increase in tropical activity."

Miller said he does not see any significant cooling in the next seven to 10 days.

Cooler weather makes a good time to wet a line



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Henry Floyd, 82, enjoys an afternoon fishing on Second Mill Pond as traffic rushes by Wednesday afternoon. Floyd picks up the trash in the area he fishes in an attempt to be a good steward.

Joint land use study process nearly complete

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The Sumter-Shaw Joint Land Use Study process to guide compatible development near Shaw Air Force Base is nearly complete after the final public meeting for the land use recommendations was held at City Centre on Main Street on Monday evening.

Sumter City-County Planning Department Director George McGregor said the joint land-use study policy committee, consisting of city and county leaders, met earlier on Monday and approved the final draft of the land-use recommendations.

Within the next two months, Sum-

ter City-County Planning Commission and Sumter city and county councils will review the draft before voting to approve it, he said.

The planning commission will recommend that the councils either deny or approve the final draft and the councils will vote on the draft after review and public input, he said.

The draft includes recommendations that could affect zoning ordinances, restrict development uses and alter noise zone restrictions in certain areas near the base and Poinsett Electronic Combat Range, he said.

McGregor said a great deal of the recommendations and discussions

also centered around the possible addition of F-35A fighter jets at Shaw.

Most of the land surrounding Shaw and Poinsett ECR, primarily agricultural and low-density residential uses, is considered compatible for the base's present operations. However, that could change.

According to the draft, airfield operations at Shaw are expected to decrease and use of Poinsett ECR is also expected to change if the F-35s are operated at the base.

McGregor said the military protection zone could expand, possibly altering surrounding land uses and noise zone restrictions. The military

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