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Goose Creek takes its case to court

Gators hope to be reinstated in state football playoffs

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BY PHILIP M. ROWMAN
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GOOSE CREEK — The Goose Creek football team hopes to score two victories today — one in court and the other on the playing field.

The High School League Wednesday ended Goose Creek's season by banning the undefeated and top-ranked Gators from the postseason for using an ineligible player.

But the school is seeking to be reinstated and will present its case before Circuit Judge Roper Young at 9 a.m. today at the Berkeley County Courthouse.

Goose Creek was supposed to host Bluffton tonight in the second round of the Division II-AAAA playoffs. As a result of the Gators' disqualification, Bluffton now is scheduled to play at home against Conway, a team Goose Creek beat 48-7 last week in the first round of

the playoffs.

"It's a sad situation for the young men who play football at Goose Creek," said attorney Ken Harrell, one of two attorneys representing the school.

"We hope to impress on Judge Young that the High School League's ruling was legally and factually wrong. We believe he has the power to overturn it and reinstate Goose Creek in the playoffs."

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Lawyers for Goose Creek High School go before a judge today to argue that the football team should be allowed in the playoffs. The undefeated Gators were declared ineligible this week.

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Rockets rain down as Israel moves troops toward Gaza border

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Is string of concussions the beginning of the end for football?

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"I believe I've seen too much last night."

BISHOP FLOYD KNOWLIN



Bishop Floyd Knowlin, pastor of the Lighthouse of Jesus Christ Church (center), was consoled Thursday by church member Willie Milton and Milton's wife, Thirsa, after three members of the church were killed Wednesday in a wreck. A fourth motorist also was killed.

Grief sets in

Church community mourns deaths of members killed in 5-vehicle crash

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The sun already had set as a caravan of church members snaked along the rural roads of Berkeley County on their way to a choir performance in Russellville.

After a brief stop for gas in Jumbertown Wednesday evening, three vehicles from the Lighthouse of Jesus Christ Church in Georgetown returned to U.S. Highway 17A, drawing closer to their destination, Bethel Miracle Temple.

Suddenly, the driver of a church van shouted to his 10 passengers to hold on.

"Everything happened so fast," said Bishop Floyd Knowlin, who was in the van. "He moved to the right and we felt the trailer that was hooked to the van. We felt it just shook the whole van and I saw sparks from the highway."

Shaken up from the near-crash, Knowlin wheeled around and saw a fire outside behind the van. That's when he realized the sport utility vehicle carrying

Site of crash



four of his church members was engulfed in flames.

Wreckage littered the roadway from the 7:30 p.m. crash that authorities said involved five vehicles. The scene was so chaotic and confusing that state troopers are still trying to figure out just what happened.

In the immediate aftermath, emergency workers focused simply on saving lives. Still, four people died before they made it to a hospital.

Inside the church SUV were choir members Edith Jackson, Angie Arthur and her husband, Johnny, all of Georgetown, and Loris resident Melvina Johnson, according to Knowlin.

Jackson, 55, Johnson, 51, and Angie Arthur, 45, died from thermal burns when the van burst into flames, said Berkeley County Coroner Bill Salisbury. Johnny Arthur was badly injured, and was said to be in critical condition after the wreck.

The driver of another car involved in the crash died from body trauma. Salisbury identified him

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Judge reverses ruling on S.C. law

Police can check on immigration status

BY ROBERT BEHRE
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You're driving down a South Carolina highway with a broken taillight and an officer pulls you over. While he's writing a ticket, he also suspects that you might not be in this country legally.

What happens next will soon change.

In 2011, state lawmakers passed a law requiring law enforcement to check the legal status of those they stop, but U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel had blocked that provision from taking effect.

On Thursday, five months after the U.S. Supreme Court upheld such checks in Arizona's new immigration law, Gergel reversed course.

However, Gergel's ruling notes that it still is illegal for officers to stop people solely to check their immigration status, or to detain them for more than "a reasonable amount of time as allowed by law" while such checks are being made.

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POLL

Do you think police should be allowed to check the immigration status of anyone they pull over? Go to postandcourier.com to vote.

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For the full ruling and more coverage, go to postandcourier.com.

Summerville looking into phone alerts

BY BO PETERSEN
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SUMMERVILLE — The recent midnight shooting of a man in a Robyns front yard might push the town and Dorchester County into what a community leader called the "new technological age."

The town and county don't have a system that can alert residents with cellphones to emergencies.

Because more than 1,000 residents of the Robyns area and nearby Palmetto Park communities asked for it, Summerville is looking to install a system and to establish a Twitter following to let people know if violence erupts.

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NO SURPRISE: COACH STEVE TANEYHILL TURNS AROUND UNION COUNTY. C1**Puppets with purpose** This puppet slam is not kids' stuff. **Weekend**

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MORE UNCOUNTED BALLOTS FOUND

Nearly 200 turn up Thursday as further proof of how badly election was bungled

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Forty-four more ballots cast in the Nov. 6 election were discovered at the Richland County Elections & Voter Registration office late Thursday afternoon.

The discovery came on top of about 150 uncounted ballots discovered in two bags that morning.

The nearly 200 missing ballots

were not expected to alter the outcome of any of the numerous state and local races on the Nov. 6 ballot. But the day's events brought yet another round of embarrassments in an election process that has become perhaps the mother of all bungled county elections in modern S.C. history.

The 150 or so misplaced ballots discovered Thursday morning were in two sealed bags in a closet. After

those ballots were counted, the additional batch of lost ballots was found; those were counted by hand in the early evening.

After the second discovery, election commission attorney Steve Hamm interviewed the dozen or so employees in the office of elections director Lillian McBride, including McBride, asking each if they knew

ONLINE
Unofficial results from Wednesday's count, at thestate.com

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The top 5 unanswered questions

The most important question is why don't we know the answer to these questions today.

1 WHO was responsible for planning and implementing the election process? What does that plan say?

2 HOW many machines were at each of the 124 precincts? What was the allocation plan based on?

3 WHY did some machines at some precincts not work? How many didn't work and where were they?

4 HOW many emergency machines were deployed and where? Which precincts received emergency technicians' help?

5 HOW did two styles of paper absentee ballots get printed?

REPLY TO CRITICS

Clyburn defends Rice, who has S.C. roots

By ADAM BEAM
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While a U.S. senator from South Carolina is attacking United Nations Ambassador Susan Rice, a Palmetto State congressman is defending her.



Rice

"To say she was incompetent for reading erroneous information that was provided to her, how does that get to anybody's competence?" U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, D-Columbia, said Thursday of U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham's criticisms Wednesday of Rice.

"This woman got a PhD, a Rhodes scholar. I would dare to say (she is) much more competent and much more accomplished than Sarah Palin, who (2008 Republican presidential nominee) John McCain said deserved to be vice president of the United States."

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The spirited season begins



C. ALUKA BERRY/CAROLINABALLET.COM

Bon-Bons, who are in Ann Brodie's Carolina Ballet production of the 'Nutcracker,' wait to perform at Vista Lights. For a photo gallery and snapshots, visit thestate.com.

INSIDE: See today's **WEEKEND** section for a more complete holiday event listing. And be sure to check out The State newspaper each Friday and visit thestate.com daily for the latest on seasonal events. Also see **Page A9** for a rail of holiday events.

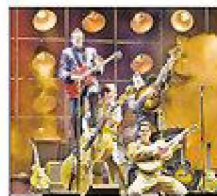
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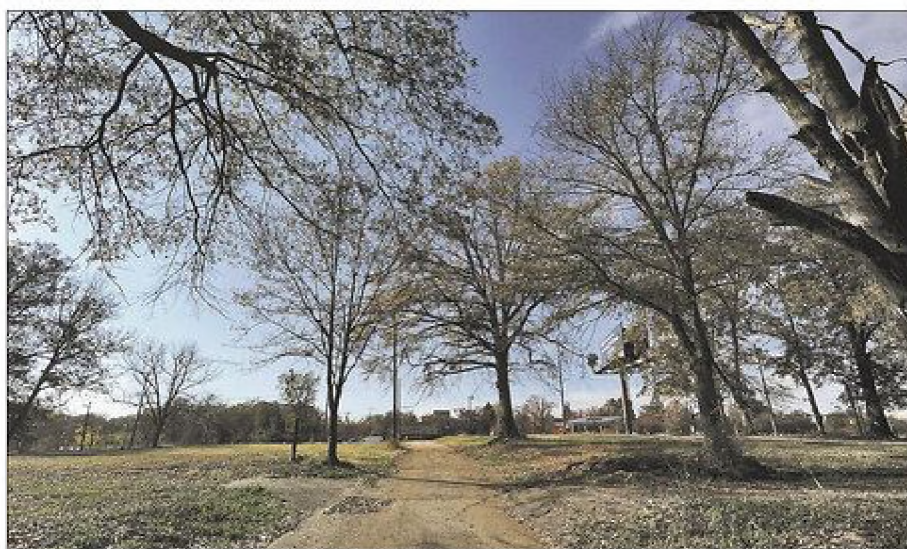
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METRO

Judge allows immigration status checks to go forward, 1B

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Plans for this 12-acre space between Church and University Ridge Road call for a major mixed-use development. HEIDI HEILBRUNNSTAFF

FILLING IN THE BLANKS

CHARLESTON DEVELOPER PLANS RESIDENTIAL,
RETAIL PROJECT ON CHURCH STREET SITE

By Anna Lee | Staff writer | alee@greenvilleonline.com

When the six-lane Church Street was tamed and remade into a bike-lane, tree-filled thoroughfare, Mayor Knox White predicted that development would soon follow. He was right.

Charleston-based The Beach Company on Thursday announced plans to fill the 12-acre hole between Church and University Ridge Road with a major mixed-use development that calls for 375 apartments and a row of retail space — the company's first project in the Upstate.

The property, now a patch of thinning trees and an old dirt path, spreads out across Wakefield and Springer streets, ending at Sirmine Stadium and across from the Next Innovation Center.

Dan Doyle, vice president of development, said The Beach Co. had been eyeing the Greenville market for months before finding the site.

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DOWNTOWN



The Greenville skyline is visible from the site where 375 apartments and a row of retail space is planned. HEIDI HEILBRUNNSTAFF

SEE THE SITE

Preview the preliminary site plan for the Beach Co. development by going to the link with this story.

MAKING YOUR VOICE HEARD

LAWYER: FILES HAVE NO WORTH

DOR says redactions
necessary for security

By Tim Smith

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COLUMBIA — The lawyer suing the state and a private firm over the Revenue Department's massive data breach says the blacked-out portions of contracts with the private firm that were released by the agency make them "worthless" for the public to understand what happened.

Former Sen. John Hawkins of Spartanburg, who filed a class-action lawsuit this month over the breach, said he is puzzled why the Department of Revenue redacted so much of the contracts it had with Trustwave, a private data security firm that focuses on credit and debit cards.

"It seems like to me there is a significant amount of information in the contracts, perhaps the most important information, that has been blacked out or redacted. I would question why that has been done," he said.

According to DOR, the blacked-out portions were necessary to protect the agency's computer system.

DOR released copies of the contracts on Wednesday, about a month after state officials first learned the agency had been hacked in the largest data breach in the state's history.

As many as 3.6 million Social Security cards, 387,000 mostly encrypted credit and debit cards and information belonging to as many as 650,000 businesses were exposed in the hacking, officials have said.

Hawkins' lawsuit accused Gov. Nikki Haley, DOR Director Jim Eiter and the agency of failing to timely notify taxpayers whose information was exposed in the breach.

The suit also alleges that the defendants didn't encrypt all the data and protect it as required by law. The lawsuit later added Trustwave and the



Hawkins

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GOP group works to oppose Rice



Former area players unite for charity game

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Mistrial declared in alleged sex crime

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Cartwright

A lone juror left 12 hopelessly deadlocked and mistrial was declared in the trial of a Trenton man accused of 28 sex crimes against victims as young as 4.

After two days of testimony and one of deliberation, the foreman of the 12-person panel was the only one who did not believe that Haruki B. Cartwright III was guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of all counts of criminal sexual conduct with a minor and committing a low act upon a minor.

Testimony at trial framed Cartwright as a predator who sexually abused three girls over the course of more than 20 years. The alleged attacks were against the girls when one was as young as 4 years old.

Cartwright professed that the charges were fabricated as revenge for his finding pornographic pictures on the Internet featuring one of the alleged victims. She, however, said it was not her in the pair of pictures. An Aiken County Sheriff's Office investigator also testified that it was not the victim in the pictures.

As the case did not end with a verdict, it can be prosecuted again.

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AREA DEATHS

Edward B. "Jake" Heath,
Warrenville
Glen Wynn, Beech Island
Hilton Pruett,
New Ellenton
Iris B. Simmons, Williston
Lillie M. Callahan,
Edgefield
Kerry Clifford Snell,
Augusta
Margaret Dunn Bryant,
Aiken
Dorothy Grace Rigby,
Orlando, Fla.
Earthelene Tyler, Salley
Allen West Sr.,
Ridge Spring

Deaths and Funerals, 6A

Celebs dance for a cause



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS WALSH

Jennifer Parrott, part of '80s Ladies, performs at Dancing with the Aiken Stars Thursday before a packed house at the USC Aiken Convocation Center.

Aiken stars put on a show to help charities

BY SUZANNE STONE
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John Tiffany and Aileen Hord Daly got the voters' nod Thursday evening for their "Tango of the Sexes" at Dancing With the Aiken Stars 2012.

The duo took home the Overall Award trophy once the audience's votes were tallied. The Judges' Choice trophy went to Leo Muniz and Lyddie Hansen for their dance to "Whatever Lola Wants, Lola Gets," and the trophy for People's Choice went to dance ensemble Lose Your Blues for "Footloose on Fire."

"Does this mean I'm going to have to come up with nine of these things?" despaired award co-presenter Steve Floyd on giving the crystal trophy to Lose Your Blues. Floyd and co-presenter Tom Williams, co-owners of Floyd & Green Jewelers, sponsored the three crystal trophies for the event.

Also competing were Beth Barranco and Bozz Rich, who danced to "No Parking on the Dance Floor;" Aja Vaughn and Ahmed Samaha, who did a few of the dances listed in "Do You Love Me?"; Connie Young and David Stinson, who evoked island breezes with



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS WALSH

Lisa Sharp-Bernard and Brad King made their own music, singing and dancing their version of "The best things happen when you're dancing."

See more photos from Dancing with the Aiken Stars on 4, 7 and 10A

2nd motel shooting suspect arrested

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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The Aiken Department of Public Safety has arrested a Beech Island man in connection with a shooting incident that happened at a Richland Avenue motel last month.

Marcus Antwan Washington, 23, was arrested in Augusta on Sunday. He was charged with armed robbery



Walker



Washington

edly came to the motel to rob a man, who had called them and asked them to meet him there.

A fight between the three men resulted in one of the armed men getting shot, police said. The two armed men then allegedly fled the scene.

Kevin Jamell Walker, 23, of Clearwater, was charged on Oct. 30 with armed robbery and possession of a

Police initially believed one of the armed men was shot during the struggle but could not confirm that on Thursday.

The Aiken County Sheriff's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives R.A.G.E. Unit and the S.C. State Law Enforcement Division assisted in Washington's arrest.



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Lowcountry group raises more than \$1,571,000 toward \$2.8 million 2012 fundraising goal **2A**



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Congress ready to discuss taxes, spending

Lawmakers suggested everything is on the table as 'cliff' talks begin today

By DAVID LIGHTMAN
and MARIA RECIO
McClatchy Newspapers

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en weeks — is showing a new willingness to negotiate and compromise, a message their leaders will carry today to President Barack Obama.

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MORE INSIDE
Lawmakers have begun discussions on a bipartisan plan to reform the immigration system. **5A**

County housing market strong

Numbers released by a state Realtors group show growth over last year in most areas.

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Realtors in northern and southern Beaufort County say they sense fresh momentum in home sales after another strong month.

The number of home sales in October increased by 28.6 percent in the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton area and 13.8 percent in Beaufort compared to the same month last year. Median sale prices fell 1.7 percent in Hilton Head-Bluffton but increased 24.3 percent in Beaufort.

Homes also sold faster in both markets, according to the data, which was released by the S.C. Realtors earlier this week.

With the election over and interest

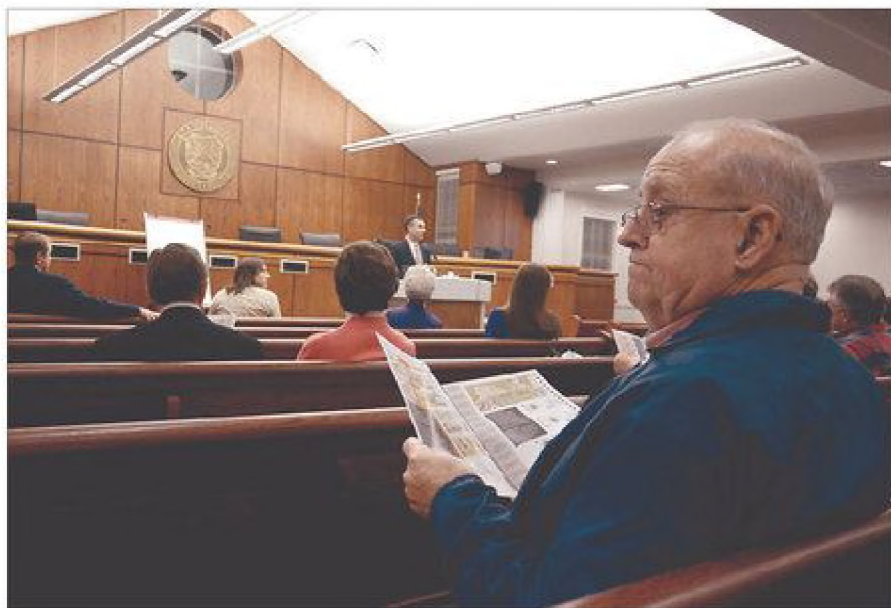
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COUNTY HOUSING MARKET

| Total Sales | Oct. 2011 | Oct. 2012 |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Beaufort | 80 | 91 |
| Hilton Head | 220 | 283 |
| Median Price | Oct. 2011 | Oct. 2012 |
| Beaufort | \$152,000 | \$188,950 |
| Hilton Head | \$239,133 | \$235,000 |
| On market | Oct. 2011 | Oct. 2012 |
| Beaufort | 208 | 199 |
| Hilton Head | 138 | 130 |

DIVIDED ON ROADS

Residents concerned by medians in Boundary Street plan



SARAH WELLIVER • Staff photo

Bill Smoak, owner of the Xpress Lane convenience store on Boundary Street, listens as Craig Lewis of the city of Beaufort's Office of Civic Investment gives an update on the Boundary Street project Thursday evening at City Hall.

By ERIN MOODY
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Shovels could hit the dirt as early as June for Beaufort's Boundary Street redevelopment project, but some residents and business owners continue to voice concerns about the plans.

Most of the comments and questions during an information session Thursday night at Beaufort's City Hall centered around the medians that will separate Boundary Street from Robert Smalls Parkway and Ribaut Road.

The project is a partnership among the city, Beaufort

County, the S.C. Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. It will realign the Boundary and Robert Smalls intersection, narrowing Boundary Street and adding medians, bike paths and a more pedestrian-friendly sidewalk. A parallel road will run on the north side of Boundary Street.

"Beaufort is the only doggone place I know of that is trying to narrow streets, when everyone else I know of is trying to widen them," said Beaufort County Coroner Ed Allen, who spoke on behalf of Sixteen Gate Cemetery on Boundary Street.

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Ethical standards under review

Defense Secretary Leon

MORE INSIDE

Israel moves troops to Palestinian border

Israeli tanks and troops moved toward the Gaza



More than football

South Carolina player,
Boiling Springs alum
enjoys spending time
on mission trips **E1**



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Helping hand

Dozens of homeless people in Spartanburg came out for a vigil at Barnet Park on Thursday to get some new clothes, a warm bowl of soup, or to say thank you to people in the community who have helped them. **PAGE C1**

Deli updates

Converse Deli has announced a wave of improvements to mark its fourth anniversary in Spartanburg. Tray Mathis, owner and head chef, said Wednesday the changes include an upgrade of its interior, a new breakfast menu, an enhanced "Grab-N-Go" service and other new menu choices. **PAGE C4**

Return engagement

The last time Freddie Brown III was on the field at South Carolina's Williams-Brice Stadium, he was lining up as a wide receiver for the Gamecocks. He returns Saturday for a 1 p.m. game, but this time as the wide receivers coach for Wofford. **PAGE B1**

Parade disaster

A freight train slammed into a parade float carrying wounded veterans on Thursday, killing four people and injuring 17 others as the float drove through a West Texas railroad crossing on its way to an honorary banquet, authorities said. **PAGE A8**

Gruesome finds

Two bodies, found stuffed in barrels, were taken out of Hartwell Lake in less than 24 hours. The body of a man was found late Wednesday afternoon, and a woman's body was found

SC allows immigration checks

US judge lifts injunction, letting police ask for documents — within civil rights limits

By NOELLE PHILLIPS
The (Columbia) State

COLUMBIA — South Carolina police officers now are allowed to check the immigration status of anyone they detain after a federal judge Thursday lifted an injunction on a portion of the state's

immigration law.

U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel followed the U.S. Supreme Court's lead by lifting the injunction he had put in place late last year. The Supreme Court ruled over the summer in its decision on Arizona's immigration law that it

was not a violation of federal law for police to ask people for immigration documents.

Gergel upheld his earlier injunctions on a provision that would require immigrants to carry their legal documents and on a provision that would make it illegal to harbor or transport an illegal immigrant. The Supreme Court did not address those subjects in its opinion over the summer.

Like the Supreme Court's ruling, Gergel's decision comes with a reminder that police could trigger a lawsuit if their actions appear to violate a person's civil rights. In its opinion, the Supreme Court made it clear that police could not detain a person solely to verify immigration status. It also pointed out that police could not hold a person for

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Lighting up Spartanburg for the holidays



TIM KIMZEY/TIM.KIMZEY@HJ.COM

Scott Foster, Derrick Hill, Eric Stott, Larry Richards and Randall Farr, with the city of Spartanburg, put up the framework and install the lighting for the city's Christmas tree at City Hall in downtown Spartanburg on Thursday afternoon.



PLEADING GUILTY

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Districts score top marks

Abbeville, Ninety Six and Saluda school districts get 'excellent' score

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Three local districts scored top marks on state report cards issued earlier this week.

The Abbeville, Ninety Six and Saluda school districts all received "excellent" scores — the highest available — on their absolute ratings

"We're very fortunate in the county to have a group of excellent educators for our students. The district as a whole continues to collect student data, and the data drives instruction."

— Ivan Randolph

Abbeville County superintendent

for 2012.

According to the state Department of Education, an "excellent" rating means the school's performance sub-

stantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 S.C. Performance Vision.

Three other Lakelands districts

— Greenwood 50, McCormick and Ware Shoals — all received "average" absolute ratings and "below average" growth ratings. Schools were

rated individually as well, and the Ware Shoals primary and elementary

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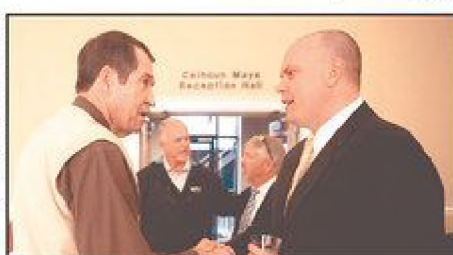


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Toby Chappell is Greenwood County's new county manager. Chappell met with residents Thursday at a reception in the Federal Building.

Residents come out to meet Toby Chappell at the Federal Building

Assistant Superintendent of Greenwood County School District 50 Gary Johnson, left, introduces himself to new county manager Toby Chappell Thursday at a reception in the Federal Building.



By CHRIS TRAINOR
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New Greenwood County manager Toby Chappell's official first day on the job was Wednesday.

However, Thursday, he was given a formal — and rousing — welcome to his new home.

Numerous residents — county leaders, city leaders, businesspeople and many others — filled the Mays Reception Hall at the Federal Building on Thursday afternoon during a formal reception for the new county manager.

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■ ABBEVILLE

Candidates compete for city council

Baughman, Scoggins prepare for runoff

By FRANK BUMB
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Joshua Baughman and Joe Scoggins ran as challengers against 18-year incumbent Abbeville City Councilman Joe Seawright. While Baughman and Scoggins were successful in defeating Seawright in the Nov. 6 election, neither candidate secured enough votes to avoid a runoff.

The new challenge for Scoggins and Baughman comes in creating separation between similar campaigns. That task is made more difficult given Baughman and Scoggins' high regard for each other.

"Josh and I have gotten to be good friends," Scoggins said. "He hasn't said anything negative about me, and I haven't said anything negative about him." Baughman echoed those sentiments.

"I like Joe. Joe's a great person," Baughman said. "We were friends before this, and we'll be friends after this."

While Baughman and Scoggins refrained from overtly trying to contrast each other, they did draw small contrasts between themselves and their qualifications to serve on Council.

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JOSHUA BAUGHMAN



JOE SCOGGINS

Grendel Village Association, Bascomb Masonic Lodge give food



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APPROACHING THE 'FISCAL CLIFF'

Will they compromise this time?

Obama, congressional leaders meet today to talk tax rates, spending cuts



Obama

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bickering and get the economy moving again. And don't wait to do something until hours before the Bush-era tax cuts expire Dec. 31 and automatic spending cuts take effect two days later.

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 MIDDLE SCHOOL

Principal expected back soon

District officials say Phillip Shaw will return from his leave "in a few days."

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H.E. McCracken Middle School principal Phillip Shaw will return to his job "in a few days," Beaufort County School District officials say.

Shaw has been on leave since Nov. 8, and the district has refused to give a reason for the leave or say whether it is voluntary or forced. However, spokesman Jim Foster said Thursday that Shaw would be back as principal at the 890-student school shortly. Foster declined to provide further details.

An attempt to reach Shaw was unsuccessful.



Shaw

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TANGLED AFTER THE TIDE



JAY KARR • Staff photo

Thursday morning's high tide and big waves left this catamaran, which was being stored on the beach, entangled with a sand fence on South Forest Beach. The recent higher-than-usual tides have resulted in some minor damage and beach erosion along the shore of Hilton Head Island.

ISRAELI FORCES MOVE TOWARD GAZA

Israeli tanks and troops moved toward the Gaza Strip on Thursday night in apparent preparation for a possible invasion of the region after a day of violence that in-



cluded two militant rocket strikes on the southern suburbs of Tel Aviv, raising the likelihood that the

CIA opens Petraeus investigation; Pentagon aims to improve ethics

By JONATHAN S. LANDAY
 McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The CIA said Thursday it had opened an "exploratory" investigation into the conduct of former director David



Petraeus, who resigned after admitting to adultery, on the same day Defense Secretary Leon Panetta ordered the military services to review ways to strengthen ethics standards



Graham

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Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who became friends with David Petraeus when both served in Iraq and Afghanistan, is "sick" over the scandal.

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of sexually assaulting or committing adultery with five women. The Pentagon, however, insisted the timing of Panetta's directive was

County home sales numbers improve

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Realtors in northern and southern Beaufort County say they sense fresh momentum in home sales after another strong month.

The number of home sales in October increased by 28.6 percent in the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton area and 13.8 percent in Beaufort compared to the same month last year. Median sale prices fell 1.7 percent in Hilton Head-Bluffton but increased 24.3 percent in Beaufort.

Homes also sold faster in both markets, according to the data released by the S.C. Realtors earlier this week.

With the election over and interest rates at or near record lows, many local Realtors are optimistic the county's real estate sector is recovering.

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OCTOBER HOME SALES

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Closing arguments set in Crawford retrial

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FLORENCE — The third day of the retrial of S.C. State Rep. Kris Crawford, M.D., got off to a shaky start for prosecutor Tom McDermott and never got much better. Crawford is on trial for failing to file his tax returns.

TIMMONSVILLE TRIAL

» Hung jury leads to mistrial in case against ex-clerk of court. **Page 3B**

A previous trial ended in a hung jury. Both sides completed their cases Thursday and closing arguments are set for 9:30 a.m. Friday with jury deliberations and a verdict to follow.

Thursday's testimony began with defense witness Ellison Thomas, a certified public accountant. He testified about the legal process required of a CPA when filing tax returns and extensions for a client. The defense argued Wednesday that Crawford's former CPA, Glenn

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Creighton Waters (middle), an attorney representing the S.C. Department of Revenue, discusses evidence with his prosecution team on Thursday during the retrial of Rep. Kris Crawford.

STIRRING UP HOPE



Logan Gause smiles as volunteers announce a successful lunch delivery during a chicken bog benefit for her. Cooks for Christ estimates it served more than 7,000 people.

Cooks for Christ volunteer Don Richardson stirs a large pot of chicken bog Thursday during a chicken bog benefit for Logan Gause at the West Florence Fire Department put on by Cooks for Christ. Gause, 15, was diagnosed last year with two inoperable tumors and is undergoing two years of chemotherapy.

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Florence County

No hesitation as council hires Smith

Current council chairman will become county administrator if negotiations work out

BY JOHN SWEENEY
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FLORENCE — Florence County Council Chairman K.G. "Rusty" Smith Jr. now officially has the opportunity to go from elected official to bureaucrat after his council colleagues voted to offer Smith the county administrator position.

The opportunity comes after a 5-2 vote Thursday morning to extend an offer to Smith to become the county's top bureaucrat. Councilmen James Schofield and Roger M. Poston were the two dis-

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Smith

senting votes. Smith did not attend Thursday's meeting — he was reportedly out of town — and did not respond to a request for comment. Smith's chance to become administrator comes less than a week after previous administrator Thomas Robinson agreed to step down after proving ineffective in the post.

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Diabetes rates rocket in South

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The nation's diabetes problem is getting worse, and the biggest jump over 15 years was in Oklahoma, according to a new federal report issued Thursday.

The diabetes rate in Oklahoma more than tripled, and Kentucky, Georgia and Alabama also saw dramatic increases since 1995, the study showed.

The South's growing weight problem is the main explanation, said Linda Geiss, lead author of the report by the Centers for Disease Con-

DIABETES DOUBLING UP

The prevalence of diabetes in adults in the U.S. age 18 and older almost doubled nationally in the past 15 years. Number below reflect percentage of population that said they had been told they had diabetes by a doctor, during answers to a telephone survey, and the increase in prevalence since 1995. States are ranked by rate.

State diabetes rate increase

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| Mississippi | 11.7% | 85.7% |
| Alabama | 11.3% | 140.4% |
| Tennessee | 10.6% | 100% |
| West Virginia | 10.4% | 131.1% |

Most of the increase has happened since 1990.

Diabetes is a disease in which the body has trouble processing sugar; it's the nation's seventh leading cause of death. Complications include poor circulation, heart and kidney problems and nerve damage.

The new study is the CDC's first in more than a decade to look at how the nationwide boom has played out in different states.

It's based on telephone surveys of at least 1,000 adults in each state in 1995 and 2010. Participants were asked if a doctor had ever told them

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley told the federal government Thursday that South Carolina won't set up a state health exchange, saying President Barack Obama's reelection did not change her stance.

In a letter to Health and Human

the burdens of a new and cumbersome bureaucracy," Haley wrote.

Haley's decision is no surprise. The letter meets a Friday deadline for states to declare their intention.

The insurance exchanges are meant to function as one-stop online marketplaces of private health plans. They're supposed to help households and small businesses find an affordable private health plan. The 2010 health



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Angel in our midst



Samaritan House residents Tammy Cogdell and 8-year-old Zoryah Oliver clean the windows at the front entrance of the Middleton Street shelter. The charity has been recognized by South Carolina Secretary of State Mark Hammond for using the money it gets for its stated purpose.

Samaritan House named one of S.C.'s top charities

By **DAVONNE GLEATON**
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A homeless shelter established in 2001 to provide lodging and a way for people to rebuild their lives has been recognized as one of the state's 'angels.'

S.C. Secretary of State Mark Hammond released his 17th annual "Scrooges and Angels" on Thursday.

The Samaritan House at 1800 Middleton St. in Orangeburg was among the 10 "angels" which use at least 80 percent of their donations for their charitable purpose, use volunteers and don't rely heavily on government grants or outside money.

The organizations were recognized at a press conference and honored with a reception in the Secretary of State's Office.

Vertelle Pondexter-Jamison, the shelter director since 2004, said she was surprised by the honor.

"I was shocked, first of all, to know that someone thought we were worthy

enough to give us this award. Sometimes you're thinking nobody cares or nobody's watching what you do, so undoubtedly somebody's watching what you do. I was elated," Pondexter-Jamison said.

Samaritan House provides shelter, meals and assistance to homeless families and children and transitional housing to homeless men.

With 16 female and 24 male units, the Middleton Street operation serves the homeless from Bamberg, Calhoun and Orangeburg counties. Residents must agree to abide by house rules, which include no drugs or alcohol, staying out at night or fighting.

Pondexter-Jamison said the honor shows, "that we're doing something right. We're beneficial to the community and we're giving."

"We're spending charitable donations that are given to us within the community and not just not using it all for ourselves or administrative use."

Hammond said the shelter doesn't just provide food and a place to stay, but a way for individuals to improve their lives.

"That's the one thing that caught our attention also. Not only are they providing food and shelter and all those things, they're also working with (individuals) to become productive and healthy members of the community. They're trying to do what they can to help them adapt back into the community that they live in," he said.

The shelter spends 84 percent its revenues on program services.

"These are tough economic times out there right now, and a lot of people are needing these services. From everything that I hear, they're doing a great job of helping to shelter and clothe and feed the homeless in the tri-county area down there. It was an honor for us to be able to recognize them as an angel and give them

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SCSU Clyburn Center to house energy research

By **DALE LINDER-ALTMAN**
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Almost a year after work on South Carolina State University's Clyburn Transit Center was completed, the building has been designated to house the university's waste energy and biomass energy research.

Dr. John Rosenthal, head of Research, Economic Development and 1890s Programs, reported to trustees Thursday that equipment has already been moved to the 8,500-square-foot Transit Center.

He also announced that Dr. Kenneth Lewis, former dean of the university's College of Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Technology, has been hired to conduct research in the center.

"Dr. Lewis is a distinguished research scientist," Rosenthal said. "He will be doing research for us."

Lewis will also be traveling for the university a great deal, including to Washington, D.C., where he will be meeting with the Department of Energy, according to Rosenthal.

Lewis left the univer-

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Board chair vote called off

S.C. State trustees had another opportunity to elect a chairman Thursday morning, but didn't take it.

Trustee Dr. John Corbitt sent out an announcement for a special called meeting on the issue. However, early Thursday morning, university spokesperson Ashley Elliott reported the meeting was cancelled.

On Sept. 27, Dr. Walt Tobin was declared chairman after a three-way vote that gave him five of 11 votes. Trustee Patricia Lott received four votes and Corbitt received two.

However, some trustees later decided that Tobin was not legally elected because he had not received a majority of the votes of the sitting board.

They met on Oct. 17, and elected Lott by a vote of 6-0. Tobin said he was legally elected chairman and the second vote was not legal because proper notice had not been given.

Corbitt called another meeting on Oct. 30, but a vote could not be taken because a majority of trustees was not present.

The board's lawyer has said he intends to consult the state's Attorney General on the matter and advised them not to vote again.

Epps back on SCSU board

By **DALE LINDER-ALTMAN**
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Dr. Jackie Epps was appointed to the South Carolina State University Board of Trustees by Gov. Nikki Haley this week.

He replaces Matthew Richardson, who resigned in April, according to university spokesperson Ashley



Dr. Epps

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