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**Clemson
playoff
run was
a good ad**

Record interest in school tied to football prowess

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Robert Barkley has served as Clemson University's director of undergraduate admissions since 1988. His desk is rarely clear of forms and faxes.

The requests of intrigued high school juniors. The transcripts of hopeful transfers. The applications of prospective freshmen.

After an influx of interest, members of Barkley's staff may not see the top of their desks for a while.

"We are at 22,569 freshman applications. That's 1,000 more than where we were this time last year," Barkley said. "The record for freshman applications in a year was 22,396. We've already broken the record, and we will take freshman applications up until May 1."

Barkley attributed the record year

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**Davis:
Use state
surplus
for roads**

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COLUMBIA - The senator who has used a filibuster to block voting on a roads bill is arguing the state should spend at least some of a \$1.3 billion budget surplus on roads instead of raising the gas tax which he said would hurt South Carolina's poor.

Sen. Tom Davis, a Beaufort Republican, spent a fourth day of his filibuster on Wednesday talking about the gas tax, the budget surplus and why lawmakers should not use much of the surplus in responding to an education funding equity lawsuit.

And once again, no senator moved to stop Davis talking. Senators continued meeting into the evening.

Davis has said he is conducting the filibuster because he wants more direct accountability at the state De-

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★ ELECTION 2016



**DIFFERENT
CHALLENGES FOR
CLINTON, SANDERS**

Landing black votes poses obstacles for both candidates

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A few hours before he rallied 5,205 people in the Bon Secours Wellness Arena on Sunday evening, Bernie Sanders made a stop at the Brookland Baptist Church buffet in West Columbia.

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President Barack Obama had stopped at Brookland Baptist, a predominantly black church, during his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2008, and returned in 2015 for a surprise visit, welcomed with cheers and shouts, according to media reports.

Sanders' reception at Brookland Baptist, shown in a video posted by his campaign, was a bit more tepid.

After being introduced by former NAACP President Ben Jalous, Sanders veered directly into a reliable applause line from his stump



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TOP: Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton after a CNN town-hall style televised event Tuesday at the University of South Carolina School of Law. ABOVE: Sen. Bernie Sanders held A Future to Believe In Rally on Sunday at the Bon Secours Wellness Arena.

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Filing: Jailed woman left to die



Joyce Cornell

Ailing inmate untended, deprived of water as she vomited all night, attorneys say

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A woman who was arrested at a hospital over the summer for failing to pay court fines died the next day because she was deprived of water at the Charleston

County jail, her family's attorneys said Wednesday.

Joyce Cornell, 50, of Edisto Island was found dead in the jail shortly before 8 p.m. July 22, a day after being taken from Roper Hospital, where she had been treated for a stomach illness.

She spent the last 27 hours of her life behind bars. During

that time she became too sick to eat or call for help, according to court documents filed this week. She vomited all night and couldn't make it to a bathroom, so jailers gave her a trash bag. Some medical staffers ignored the jail officials' requests to tend to her, the documents alleged. Cornell's family filed a no-

tice Wednesday to sue the jail's medical contractor, Carolina Center for Occupational Health, for malpractice. Unless a settlement is reached, a lawsuit likely will follow. The filing cited expert opinion from a local doctor, who said Cornell's death "more likely than not" would have been prevented if she had

been properly treated for gastroenteritis and dehydration.

The family attorney, James Moore III, said in a statement that her death resulted from a "deliberate failure." While a suit in state court is planned, Moore said one in federal court could follow.

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Sanders says he's fighting hard in tough S.C. race

Some think Clinton rival has 'conceded state' as he looks to Super Tuesday



SAM HODGSON/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, a Democratic presidential hopeful, exits a news conference with State Reps. Justin Bamberg (right) and Joe Neal on Wednesday at the Doubletree Hilton in Columbia.

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All signs point to Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders cutting his losses in South Carolina and looking for a bigger return elsewhere.

While he hints the state—which holds its Democratic primary Saturday—remains a priority, Sanders' schedule shows he's splitting his time in Super Tuesday states.

PC Poll
Will Sens. Bernie Sanders' brief campaign schedule in South Carolina hurt him Saturday in the Democratic presidential primary? Go to [postandcourier.com/polls](#) to vote.

Sanders traveled to Missouri and Oklahoma on Wednesday after leaving South Carolina in the morning. Thursday he'll be in Ohio and Illinois, schedules indicate.

Hillary Clinton, meanwhile, is expected to be in the state for the duration, including for a community rally Thursday night at the Royal Baptist Church's Family Life Center in North Charleston beginning at 7:30 p.m.

During a meeting with reporters Wednesday in Columbia, Sanders, a U.S. senator from Vermont, rebuffed the notion that he did not care about winning South Carolina.

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Drastically different SAT to hit desks soon

Vocabulary words are out; analysis is in

BY PAUL BOWERS
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The SAT Word of the Week, once a staple of high school bulletin boards and marquees, is about to become a thing of the past as students begin taking the dramatically new version of the SAT in March.

Vocabulary checks and sentence completion are out, the essay question is optional, and the math section is heavy on algebra and light on geometry, according to test prep tutors and industry observers.

"Things like geometry are less important than they used to be, things like literature are less important and data analysis is more important," said Michael Boothroyd, Kaplan Test Prep's executive director of college admissions programs. "So that does reflect sort of new economy skills and what you need to be successful in most programs in college."

Critics of the test panned its addition of an essay section in 2005, with some evidence showing that it rewarded lengthiness while ignoring errors. Students have the option of taking a 50-minute essay section, which Boothroyd said many major colleges are still requesting from applicants.

The College of Charleston was one of the few major colleges in South Carolina to require the essay section of its applicants last year, but the school will no longer require it, according to college spokesman Mike Robertson.

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PC Poll
Do you think standardized test scores are a strong indicator of how successful a student will be? Go to [postandcourier.com/polls](#) to vote.

Sen. Scott, S.C. officials seek ways to combat Zika

Health committee hears from U.S. experts

BY EMMA DUMAIN
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WASHINGTON — South Carolina lawmakers and officials continue to press for information on how they can prevent a local outbreak of the Zika virus.

The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee held a hearing Wednesday on federal efforts to head off a national epidemic of the mosquito-borne illness that can cause severe, even fatal, birth defects.

Zika is making its way through South America, but there are no



Scott

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., a member of the committee, questioned health experts on what can

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known reports of the virus in South Carolina. The virus typically is transmitted by an infected Aedes species mosquito, which is present in the lowcountry and elsewhere across the state.

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Full steam ahead for Clemson's Alexander at NFL Combine. C1

14 indicted in strike against gang violence

Criminal enterprise spread past Colleton

BY CHRISTINA ELMORE
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Fourteen suspected gang members were indicted on a range of crimes including murder and racketeering, dealing what authorities called a "tremendous blow" to a criminal enterprise that reached into three counties.

A federal grand jury returned indictments on Feb. 9 on racketeering

and attempted murder charges after hearing evidence against two Colleton County gangs known as the Get Money Goobies and the Wilkbobs. The U.S. Department of Justice announced this week. Both groups have been linked to several assaults, drive-by shootings, home invasions, drug deals, homicides and other crimes in Colleton and surrounding counties.

"We live in a peaceful community around here, and for a long time, these individuals have been bringing a negative light," said Colleton County sheriff's Lt. Shane Roberts.

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Rally to call for Myers to resign in wake of DUI arrest

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Prosecutor Donnie Myers will be the focus of an anti-drunk driving rally Thursday in Lexington, which two years ago was ground zero for fighting repeat DUI offenders.

The protest over Myers' Monday night collision with a utility pole and subsequent DUI charge — not his first — is slated for noon at the judicial center in downtown Lexington.

Myers has ignored calls to resign his long-held position as 11th circuit solicitor, said rally organizer David Longstreet, who helped push through DUI reform laws after his 6-year-old daughter was killed by a drunk driver in 2012 while the family was on their way to church.

Critics also are starting to search for someone to oppose Myers in this year's solicitor's race, saying his latest alcohol-related arrest raises questions about whether he is too compromised to prosecute DUI offenses.

"We're trying to find the right candidate," Longstreet, of Lexington, said, adding that it makes no difference if it's a Republican or Democrat who would oppose Myers, who is set to appear in court March 21.



Myers

ONLINE

THESTATE.COM: Watch the video: Victims' advocate Laura Hudson, founder of Mothers Against Drunk Driving in South Carolina, explains why she thinks Myers should get help.

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DEVELOPMENT IN THE MIDLANDS

Will outlet mall locate off I-77 in Cayce?

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An outlet mall is being planned for Cayce near the interchange of Interstate 77 and 12th Street Extension, according to a Vermont development company's website.

Columbia Capital Outlets would be located near SCANA

Undeveloped interchange is highly visible

Columbia Capital Outlets would be near SCANA headquarters

Corp.'s headquarters off Saxe Gotha Road. The 300,000-square-foot site, at Exit 2 on I-77, is 11 minutes from downtown Columbia and easily ac-

cessible to I-77, according to the development company.

EB Development, an outlet mall leasing and management company, lists the Columbia

Capital Outlets project on its website, ebdevelop.com. The website says the mall is "Columbia, S.C.'s new destination for outlet savings" and directs leasing inquiries to the company.

The website does not indicate whether any tenants have committed to the mall.

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2016 ELECTIONS



Sybrina Fulton, second from right, the mother of Trayvon Martin, thanks the crowd as she joins presidential candidate Hillary Clinton in a forum on gun control Tuesday inside Central Baptist Church in Columbia. Fulton was joined by other mothers who lost their sons to violence.



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Super Tuesday states, with recent polls, were Trump leads, including Alabama,

Gun control not a big issue

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Bluffton contestant feels 'on top of the world' at 'Idol' 3C



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From left, siblings Leihum and Audrey Velez are reunited with their family — Danielle Barber, 1-year-old Elijah Diaz, and Adonis Diaz — after the Velez siblings, ages 3 and 8, got lost in the woods behind their Bluffton home on Tuesday night along with neighbor friend Taylor Walsh, 7.

BLUFFTON RESCUE

Missing children found in woods

Audrey Velez, 8, Taylor Walsh, 7, and Leihum Velez, 3, went missing Tuesday evening

Trio got lost exploring the woods behind their Reserve at Woodbridge apartment building

Spent more than six hours in woods before being found unharmed

BY LUCAS HIGH
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It was dark and rainy, and the three Bluffton kids had been lost for hours. They'd gone to the woods behind their apartment building to play Tuesday afternoon. Now, they were scared, wet, and cold and it was getting darker. But 8-year-old Audrey Velez, the oldest in the group, had an idea. "I was thinking we should all

go under a tree because it was raining," she said. "Then I thought it would be a good idea to kind of cover ourselves in some leaves and pine straw." That quick thinking helped keep Audrey, her 3-year-old brother, Leihum Velez, and 7-year-old friend and neighbor, Taylor Walsh, a little warmer as they waited more than six hours for rescuers to find them. **LOST LITTLE EXPLORERS** Hours earlier, Danielle Barber — Audrey and Leihum's mom — stood watching all three kids

playing in the street outside their Reserve at Woodbridge apartment building. "The last time I saw them, they were outside riding bikes," Barber said Wednesday. She only looked away for a minute, she said. When she looked at the street again, the kids were gone. "As a parent, the worst things go through your mind," she said. "I walked around and must have done a full sweep of the complex twice. There was no sign of them." While a frantic Barber searched the neighborhood, the kids began trudging into the dense forest between the apartment building and the neighborhood about a half-mile away on Knightsbridge Road. "At first, we were up at the front of the woods running around," Taylor said. "And when we were walking, we got turned around. Then, when we

were trying to find our way back, we got lost." Leihum, the youngest in the expedition party, got scared first. "He was crying," Audrey said. "He was scared." He wasn't the only one. "I was scared, too," Audrey said, "and I felt sad because we were all alone." But she didn't show it. The oldest, after all, has a responsibility to act like, well, the oldest. To keep their spirits up and their minds off their predicament, Audrey told Leihum to pretend they were having an outdoor sleepover party.

THE SEARCH BEGINS As late afternoon turned to evening darkness, police were called to help search for the kids. Beaufort County Sheriff's Office deputies began knocking on doors and searching apartments. At about 8 p.m., deputies began searching all cars coming in and out of the apartment complex. Meanwhile, an alphabet soup of law enforcement agencies — Bluffton Police Department, Bluffton Township Fire District, Chatham County Emergency

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BILL: ELECT MY WIFE, PLEASE

The 42nd president will be in Bluffton on Friday to rally support for his wife's presidential campaign. 3A



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DEADLY STORMS HIT SOUTH

A strong storm system killed at least 3 in Virginia, as severe weather remains a threat for many states. 5A

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BLUFFTON PKWY ROAD WORK

Construction will close the parkway for most of the day on Friday. 4A





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Wofford tops USC Upstate

Wofford dodged the weather and took a 6-3 win Wednesday night against city rival USC Upstate at Russell C. King Field. **B1**

UPSTATE



Hollywild looks to public for help

Hollywild Animal Park is hoping the community will help it raise a half million dollars to stay afloat. **C1**



Leo Club formed at SCSDB

A group of students at the S.C. School for the Deaf and the Blind have started a service organization to give back to the community. The Leo Club, a student program of Lions Clubs International, is being spearheaded by students. **C1**

NATION & WORLD

Effort to block

CAMPAIGN 2016 THE TRUMP EFFECT

Grudging acceptance for some

By Julie Pace
The Associated Press

MIDLOTHIAN, Va. — Sheila Covert is worried about Donald Trump.

A loyal Republican voter from swing state Virginia, Covert calls the businessman "bombastic" and says there's "just no substance" in his boastful campaign rhetoric.

But if Trump does become the GOP presidential nominee?

"Well, I'd definitely vote for him," said Covert, an

81-year-old from the Richmond suburb of Powhatan. After a pause, she added, "But I hope and pray it doesn't come to that."

Covert is part of a legion of skeptical Republican voters across the United States coming to grips with the prospect that Trump, a candidate whose appeal they simply can't understand, may end up being their party's best chance for retaking the White House. The real

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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump gestures as he speaks Wednesday at Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va. **STEVE HELBER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

WEATHER DAMAGE



High winds took off a portion of roof on a building along West Main Street in Spartanburg on Wednesday.

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Thousands lose power in windstorm

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Thousands of Spartanburg County residents lost power Wednesday afternoon and several homes and businesses were damaged as powerful winds toppled



RELY ON FINES LESS

Top justice says courts should pay judges more

By Seanna Adcox
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — South Carolina's chief justice asked legislators Wednesday to reduce the courts' dependence on fines and increase judges' salaries.

"I remain deeply concerned by the heavy dependences on fines and fees" to pay for court operations, Chief Justice Costa Pleicones said during his first and only State of the Judiciary address to the Legislature.

Pleicones was sworn in as chief justice last month, becoming the high court's first new leader since 2000. But he turns 72 next week and therefore must retire at year's end.

He told legislators he realizes they aren't going to overhaul court funding anytime soon. "But I suggest you begin the dialogue," he said. The court system rests on an "unstable method of funding."

Last year, fines and fees collected by the courts totaled \$96 million, of which the judicial branch received \$14.5 million, Pleicones said. The Legislature provided the courts an additional \$50 million through state



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Hands on history

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Hillary visits Sumter



Hillary Clinton speaks to a capacity crowd at Morris College on Wednesday evening.

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Clinton outlines platform at Morris College

BY JIM HILLEY
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Hoping to maintain her strong support among black voters in South Carolina and across the South, Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton made a campaign stop at Morris College in Sumter on Wednesday evening.

Clinton touched on themes sure to resonate with the crowd at the historically black college and made sure attendees were aware of her support for President Obama's policies in the state that derailed her campaign in 2008 and propelled Obama to the White House.

She said there is a lot at stake in the election.

"The Republicans were in South Carolina, and you had a chance to see and hear them," Clinton said. "Any one of them would take us backwards. I want to build on what Obama has done and work toward the future."

"I will defend what the president had to do when he inherited a mess from the Republicans," she said. "I don't think he gets the credit he deserves."

Clinton said she would work to create more jobs and put more income in the



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Clinton outlined her platform during her visit to Morris College on Wednesday.

Traffic deaths increase in 2015

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Traffic deaths on U.S. roadways increased 8 percent in 2015 compared to 2014, according to preliminary estimates from the National Safety Council. The jump represents the largest one-year increase in more than 50 years, the council said.

The organization estimates more than 38,000 people were killed, and 4.4 million were seriously injured during 2015, making it the deadliest driving year since 2008.

The council estimates South Carolina experienced a 16 percent increase in fatalities, while only 13 states showed improvement.

"Americans take their safety on the roadways for granted," said Deborah Hersman, organization president and CEO. "Driving a car is one of the riskiest activities any of us undertake in spite of decades of vehicle design improvements and traffic safety advancements."

The estimate is subject to revisions as more data is compiled.

The organization said a stronger economy and lower unemployment rates are likely at the core of the trend, and average gas prices were 26 percent lower in 2015 than in 2014 and are projected to continue dropping this year, making driving more affordable for many Americans. The U.S. Department of Transportation estimates a 3.5 percent increase in the number of miles driven in 2015 compared to 2014.

So far in 2016, traffic deaths are down in South Carolina, with 109 deaths reported so far this year, compared to 132 in 2015, according to South Carolina Department of Public Safety.

The council recommends the following safety tips for motorists:

- Make sure every passenger buckles up on every trip;
- Designate an alcohol- and drug-free driver or arrange alternate transportation;
- Get plenty of sleep and take regular breaks to avoid fatigue;
- Never use a cell phone behind the wheel, even hands-free;
- Stay engaged in teens' driving habits, as teens are three

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AdvancED re-accredits D50

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Greenwood County School District 50 was reaffirmed accreditation for five years from AdvancED, which is an organization under the umbrella

of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools that accredits pre-K through 12th-grade schools and school districts.

AdvancED visited from Sunday to Wednesday and spoke with 202 stakeholders, along with examining

schools and district practices before deciding to re-accredit the district.

Michael Lodico, the lead evaluator, issued the district two improvement priorities, of which AdvancED is required to submit at least one, as well as two powerful practices.

The two improvements the district was given are creating a roadmap to ensure the alignment of the district and its programs and coordinating and aligning systemwide data analysis.

Lodico said the district should

make data useful in a way that teachers and administrators can use it to make District 50 a data-driven district.

Lodico said the district has two See **D50**, page 3A

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

A lot riding on SC

Saturday could change everything for candidates

By **COLIN RIDDLE**
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After a record turnout in the state and Greenwood County last weekend for the Republican presidential primary, a similar turnout is expected Saturday for the Democrats, who will cast their ballots for either Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vermont, or former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

The two are virtually tied in terms of delegates awarded by voters after ballots were cast in three states: Iowa, New Hampshire and Nevada. Clinton has 52 delegates to Sanders' 51.

"The delegate system with the Democrats is a little more forgiving, if you will. It's more proportional," said Chad Kinsella, assistant professor of political science at Lander University.

For example, Sanders won his home state of Vermont's neighboring New Hampshire by more than 20 percentage points, however, Clinton still took nine of the 24 delegates.

In comparison, GOP front-runner

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NEW LEADERSHIP

Turner to take reins of AAMC

By **MARY KATE MCGOWAN**
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ABBEVILLE — Dean Turner is returning to South Carolina as Abbeville Area Medical Center's

WICKED WEATHER



An overturned car rests on a highway next to the foundation of a mobile home that was thrown across the highway by a deadly storm Wednesday that swept through Waverly, Va. **INSET, TOP LEFT:** Debris scatters a property in the Northpointe neighborhood in Pensacola, Fla. **INSET, TOP RIGHT:** Laundromat manager Brad Poindexter, of Darville, Va., jumps over bricks at his damaged business.

Storm kills 3 in Virginia, wreaks havoc across South

By **LARRY O'DELL** and **MAX BECHERER**
Associated Press

WAVERLY, Va. — A powerful storm system swept across the East Coast on Wednesday, killing three people in Virginia and knocking out power to tens of thousands of homes and businesses in the region.

A day earlier, the system spawned about two dozen tornadoes along the Gulf Coast, damaging hundreds of homes in



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Jarvis Woodberry

Church, kitchen are teen's passions

BY MEGAN MAY
Morning News
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MULLINS — Jarvis Woodberry's life has always been rooted in the church.

"Oh my goodness, I have preachers everywhere," said Jarvis. "Cousins, my grandfather..."

When Jarvis was 16 years old he too became a leader in the church by becoming an ordained youth minister. By the next year he gave his first official sermon at New Life Pentecostal Episcopal Church in Mullins.

"My first sermon was from Jeremiah 1:5. It was 'Born for a Purpose,'" he said. "It was shaky but when I got up there he spoke through me so the nerves went away and I did what he said."

In the past two years Jarvis's career in the church has taken off. He preaches at local Mullins and Marion churches every weekend, is an avid youth group leader, is part of an adult church choir and leads a gospel singing group. Minister Jarvis and the Anointed Voices of Praise.

"This is not a part-time job," he said, laughing.

In fact, it's as if Jarvis has two full-time jobs; he also is a culinary arts student at Horry-Georgetown Technical College in Conway.

Growing up, Jarvis was always interested in cooking. He was always trying new recipes and techniques, and would watch cooking shows hosted by Rachel Ray and Gordon Ramsay. An opportunity to study culinary arts at the Academy for Careers and Technology while in high school boosted his ambition to have a culinary career.

Having two strong passions in his life, Jarvis is open to the possibility of going down either path. He says he could see himself becoming a chef or a culinary arts teacher but also isn't ruling out a career within the church.

"My granddaddy's a pastor and he says he's going to retire at 72," he said.

"If he calls me to be a pastor, I'll do that."

For now, Jarvis is balancing his life in the church with his life in the kitchen. Only time will tell where he ends up.



Jarvis Woodberry, 18, preaches at churches in Mullins and Marion.

Dr. Willie Wilson

The other candidate in South Carolina's Democratic primary

BY JOSHUA LLOYD
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FLORENCE — Democratic voters heading to the polls on Saturday will see some familiar names on the ballot, like former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders. They'll also see a lesser known candidate: Dr. Willie Wilson, a Chicago multimillionaire businessman.

But who is Willie Wilson?



Wilson

He gained national attention during the 2015 Chicago mayor's race, where he finished third in a field of five candidates. He gained about 11 percent of the vote but ultimately lost to the city's current mayor, Rahm Emanuel.

Wilson hasn't been included in any of the Democratic debates this election season and hasn't been able to make it onto the ballot in some early primary states.

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Storms blow through Pee Dee, leave one man dead

From staff and local reports

DARLINGTON — A Darlington man was killed after storms blew through the Pee Dee on Wednesday.

According to Darlington County Coroner Todd Hardee, Michael Gaines, Sr., 58, of Gilchrist Road in Darlington, died after he was struck by a falling tree.

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Man 2 Man opens new office to continue fatherhood services

Ricky Barr, director of community development and programming at the South Carolina Center



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FLORENCE — A group of community leaders met Wednesday

March 30.

While the services are available to most noncustodial fathers, the initiative serves also as an alternative to incarceration programs. It focuses on helping

Carolina Center for Fathers and Families in Columbia.

The programs originated as a way to address poverty. There were services for mothers and children but not many for fa-

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