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Anybody's guess: Who will Haley back?

Primary season spurs speculation, with some saying she'll endorse Rubio or Bush

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COLUMBIA — Political pressure is building for Gov. Nikki Haley to endorse a presidential candidate.

With just two weeks to go until the South Carolina Republican primary, speculation is growing on whether she'll endorse a candidate,

and if so, who it will be. Whispers under the Statehouse dome are that Haley will ultimately side with Florida Sen. Marco Rubio or perhaps former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush. If he fares well in New Hampshire.

Senate Majority Leader Harvey Peeler, a close ally of Haley's, was among those who preferred not to guess.

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Trump's campaign shows different side. **A9**

Clinton and Sanders square off in N.H. **A9**



FILE AP
Gov. Nikki Haley's support is coveted, but she has yet to endorse a candidate.

If you see any dirty, rotten campaign tactics, let us know

BY SCHUYLER KROPP
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It's a great day in South Carolina ... for dirty campaign tricks.

With the Republican and Democratic presidential candidates descending on the state next week for this month's primaries, voters are bracing for what could be a resurgence of the sort of nastiness

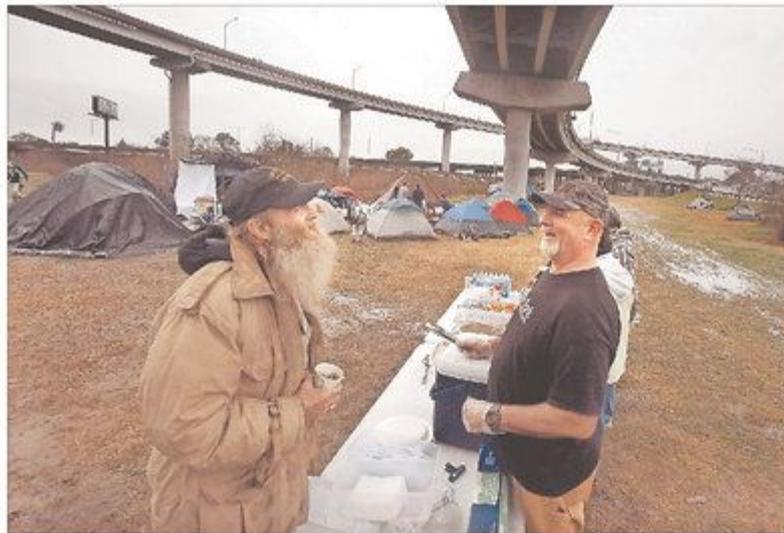
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seen in earlier campaigns that gave South Carolina such a bad reputation on the national stage.

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Officials making move to clear out Tent City

City plans to relocate all campers within 60 days, find them housing



BRAD NETTLES/STAFF
Bob Ketchum (right), with Deer Park Baptist Church Outreach, talks with Jerry Todus on Thursday at the Tent City on Meeting Street. Ketchum and other volunteers were providing lunch. City officials have a plan to clear the site and relocate people camped there.

BY DIANE KNICH
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The sprawling homeless encampment known as Tent City along Upper Meeting Street will be cleared in 30 to 60 days, Charleston officials and homeless advocates said Thursday.

The announcement was made at a meeting at One80 Place, a local organization that provides shelter and other services to the homeless.

The city released a 10-point plan to remove the encampment, which is made up of one large and two small clusters of tents, and help residents find homes.

The plan begins Friday with moving people who live in a small portion of the encampment on the east side of Meeting

PC Poll
Do you support the city's efforts to clear out "Tent City" in the next 30-60 days? Go to postandcourier.com/polls to vote.

Street, between Hugier Street and the ramp to Interstate 26. On Monday and Tuesday, a more southern portion on Meeting Street near Lee Street will be cleared.

The city also plans to move out people in the largest cluster — on the west side of Meeting Street, between Hugier Street and the ramp to I-26 — within 60 days.

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PHIL ZOLLER/STAFF
Deputy Chief Tony Elder of the Charleston Police Department discusses the plan to start moving people out of the Tent City along Meeting Street during a news conference Thursday at One80 Place.

Bell brings law school high hopes for future

Change like 'night and day' under new leader

BY DEANNA PAN
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The first time Georgetown attorney Ed Bell spoke to the student body of the Charleston School of Law, he gave them his personal cell-phone number.

It was early November, shortly after he had been named president and part-owner of the struggling school, before a packed auditorium at the Charleston Museum. After 29 tumultuous years, in which the school teetered on the brink of closure and financial collapse, Bell knew his students must have dozens of questions about the future of the school, the value of their degrees and whether the for-profit, Florida-based Infil Law Systems was still poised to take over.



Bell

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Zika battle targets tiny but tough foe

Killing mosquitoes takes science, creativity

BY JENNY BARGHFIELD and MALCOLM RITTER
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — With no hope for a vaccine to prevent Zika in the near future, authorities are focusing on the most effective way to combat the virus: killing the mosquito that carries it.

Fumigation is one method; another is seeking out and draining standing water where the insect lays its eggs. Other strategies are possible, including larvae-devouring fish, genetically modified insects and even lasers.

But officials agree it won't be easy.

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South Carolina women top Kentucky before Monday's showdown with UConn. **C1**



Citadel defensive coordinator Maurice Drayton leaves for NFL's Indianapolis Colts. **C1**

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Dash cam release bill draws concerns

Some worry about
impact on defendants

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COLUMBIA - A bill that would require authorities to go to a judge if they want to delay release of a police dash cam video is running into concerns by those worried about its impact on law enforcement and criminal defendants.

A Senate subcommittee on Thursday held the first hearing on a bill by Senate Judiciary Chairman Larry Martin of Pickens that would require law enforcement agencies or prosecutors to ask a judge if they want to withhold a dashboard camera video whose release they feel could harm the law enforcement agency.

The panel spent about an hour on the bill but took no votes.

Martin in December said he filed his bill in response to the fatal shooting in July of Zachary Hammond, a Seneca teen, by a police officer that was captured on the officer's dashboard camera.

The Greenville News filed a state

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Students leaving millions on table

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South Carolina high school seniors are missing out on millions of dollars in federal aid for college each year simply because they don't complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, according to a new report by the personal finance website NerdWallet.

South Carolina graduates in the 2014 academic year left as much as \$32.4 million in federal grant money on the table, mainly due to incomplete or unsubmitted FAFSA applications, according to the NerdWallet analysis.

The money is available through the federal Pell Grants, and the study estimates that across the country, graduates missed out on \$2.7 billion in Pell Grants in 2014.

In South Carolina, 16,471 — or 41 percent — of 2014 graduates did not



PHOTOS BY HEIDI HEILBRUNNSTAFF

The ribbon is cut for the opening of Greenville's Cancer Survivors Park along Church Street on Thursday.

BOARDWALK OPENS PATH TO COURAGE

Initial phase of Cancer Survivors Park becomes reality

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Just in time for World Cancer Day, the boardwalk at Greenville's Cancer Survivors Park was dedicated Thursday marking the completion of the first phase of the much anticipated project.

About 200 people turned out for the event, lining the 1,000-foot long boardwalk, which meanders through a canopy of trees in the wooded park cradled between Church and Cleveland streets beside the Chamber of Commerce building.

"This is a tangible first step into the next reality of the park," said Kay Roper, executive director of the Cancer Survivors Park Alliance, "and what will mean so much to so many who've been touched by cancer."

When fully completed in the summer of 2017, the \$7.5 million park will have transformed an inaccessible and overgrown 6.8-acre tract of land into soothing parkland featuring gardens with benches, trails, a gathering space, sculptures, a waterfall and an education center.

The project will turn an idea into a place of hope and healing for generations to come, said Diane Gluck, president of the Cancer Survivors Park Alliance. More than \$5.5 million has been raised for the park so far, she said.



People attending the opening of the Cancer Survivors Park line the boardwalk while listening to speakers along Church Street on Thursday.

form of therapy for so many people who spend too much time in chemotherapy rooms, radiation treatments, other medical facilities and dealing with all those side effects 24 hours a day." The land was donated by the Natural

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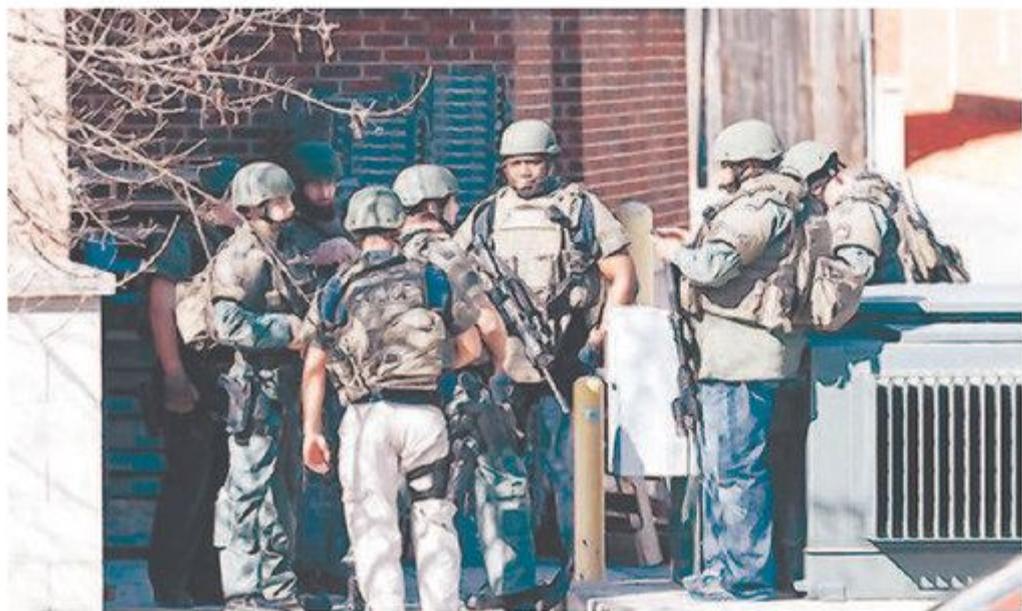
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USC: A YEAR LATER, THE FALLOUT FROM A MURDER-SUICIDE

Incident led to changes in USC campus security



Heavily armed assault teams gather outside USC's Arnold School of Public Health after reports of a shooting Feb. 5, 2015. THE STATE FILE PHOTOGRAPH

Slain USC professor's legacy still lives on

BY AVERY G. WILKS
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Alexander Sougiannis still can hear Raja Fayad's voice in his head, encouraging him when his research takes a turn for the worse or the workload grows heavy.

Fayad, the beloved professor and researcher killed a year ago in a murder-suicide at the University of South Carolina's Arnold School of Public Health, was known for his eternal optimism, including a belief that researchers eventually would find a cure for colon cancer.

"That's really what stuck with me, that there's always an answer," said Sougiannis, a doctoral student at the USC School of Medicine who did research under



THE STATE / PROVIDED / FILE PHOTOGRAPH
Raja Fayad, a professor in USC's Arnold School of Public Health

On safety issues, 'always staying vigilant'

BY AVERY G. WILKS
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One year after a murder-suicide at USC's Arnold School of Public Health, university officials are confident the campus community is better equipped in case of a similar incident, spokesman Wes Hickman said.

Many University of South Carolina buildings have been made more secure, more emergency management staff has been added to operate the alert systems, and USC quickly got rid of a limit to the number of emails it could send to students over the course of an hour, Hickman said.

The school also has made a number of other changes aimed at improving campus

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JOSH KENDALL HELP COMING FOR USC'S WRS

South Carolina's five new wide receivers, including Conway's Bryan Edwards, need to step up fast. Only three returning WRs have a catch. **1B**



USC FOOTBALL DREAM SCHOOL

Byrnes High's Chavis Dawkins has always been a big Gamecocks fan, so his dream came true when he signed with USC. **5B**



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Peeler: Too much dilly-dallying on roads

By SEANNA ADCOX
Associated Press

Senate majority leader fed up with top priority being delayed

COLUMBIA — A month into the legislative session, state senators are no closer to finding a way to fix South Carolina's crumbling roads, but they spent hours Thursday arguing about their inability to officially debate the issue.

Senate Majority Leader Harvey Peeler criticized his colleagues for "dilly-dallying" on the public's top priority.

"I have absolutely lost my patience when it comes to this infrastructure debate that we are not having," said

Peeler, R-Gaffney. "It's past time. Every day, there are more potholes in my area."

A bill that raises roughly \$800 million additionally yearly for roadwork through increases in gas taxes, vehicle sales taxes and license fees is in

special debate status on the Senate calendar — where it's been since the session ended last year amid a filibuster that blocked a vote.

"We've been dilly-dallying and slow-walking for four weeks. ... Everything's blocked by this bill in

interrupted debate," Peeler said. "Our calendar's swelling like it's got a peanut allergy, and nothing's getting done."

His comments prompted a debate for more than two hours on what's blocking progress.

Peeler said whatever the Senate See **ROADS**, page 34

HEALTH ISSUES

County auditor resigns

From staff reports

Greenwood County Auditor Keele Goodwin has resigned, according to a news release from the county.

Citing a personal health issue, Goodwin said in a statement he is no longer able to continue in his role as auditor. His last day will be May 6.

"I believe that it is now time for me to focus my time, efforts and talents in a new direction," Goodwin said.

Goodwin left the private sector and joined the county as auditor in June 2014.

"Since being with Greenwood County, I have made enduring friends and have enjoyed expanding my skill set in a way that bettered the community that I love," he said. "While my career may not be ending in the way that I envisioned in June of 2014 when I came, this decision is mine alone and what is best for me and my family at this time."

County Manager Toby Chappell said the county will implement a transition plan for Goodwin's replacement in the remaining three months of his service.

"Mr. Goodwin has been a valuable member of the county leadership team, and I am saddened for the lost opportunity that a full career could have meant to the betterment of county operations," Chappell said in the news release. "County Council and I wish Mr. Goodwin Godspeed as he starts a new chapter and will remain steadfast advocates for him in all that he does going forward."

JOHN FEW

Justice's mom talks about appointment



KING OF THE BEES

Springfield to send 3rd-grade spelling champ to regional competition

By ARIEL GILREATH
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After 29 rounds of spelling first-through eighth-grade words, Springfield Elementary School's third-grade champion for the finalists' Spelling Bee is Noah Perrin.

Noah competed against four other finalists in the spelling bee until the third round, where he went head-to-head with partner-in-crime and third-grader Matthew Dalton for another 26 rounds.

Anne Glawe, Gifted and Academically Talented Academy of Students teacher at Springfield, coordinates the spelling bee every year and said this was the first year students made it past the 13th round.

"It lasted longer than it ever did before," Glawe said, who helped the students prepare for the contest.

Noah's friend Dalton put up a good fight throughout the bee before striking out on "inimical," which means: to harm, unfriendly or hostile.

Noah won the bee on the word "acquiesce," which is a word four levels above his grade.

Each of the five finalists said they started studying for the spelling bee back in September, and Glawe, who teaches all of them, helped them, along with their parents.

Glenn Perrin, Noah's father, said he would go over the words with him each week and have him write down the words he didn't know or understand.

"I would go in my room and then write the words five times if I didn't understand them, and then my dad would call them out and if I got them wrong, I would write the ones I got wrong five times," Noah said.

Noah said his favorite word to spell is "melodramatic," and Alyson Perrin, Noah's mom and principal at Springfield, said he'll be competing with students ranging from third to eighth grade.

Perrin will represent Greenwood County School District on March 5 at the Scripps



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WHERE IS THE HELP?

Death on stretch of I-95 is 18th in 6 years

Political power of a few dictates road spending

SC gas-tax hike won't solve problem

Broken system neglects repair and maintenance



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JAY KARR • Staff photo

A wrecked tractor-trailer sits among the trees in the median of southbound I-95 on Thursday. The truck, hauling chicken meat, which was strewn all around the accident site, crashed recently near the 13-mile marker in Jasper County.

Here are five images that should shame South Carolina:

A smiling face.

A stout tree.

Two people lying in the middle of a road.

A leaky bucket.

And a pot of crabs.

Sharon Toomer's smiling face will linger in the minds of Hardeeville Elementary School students. She greeted them daily as the cashier in the cafeteria line.

EDITORIAL INSIDE

State's I-95 response remains unacceptable. **6B**

We start with the image of

Toomer because she was killed on her way to work Wednesday morning.

Her car left Interstate 95 and collided with a tree. Toomer became at least the 18th person to die in a tree-related accident on I-95 in Jasper County over the past six years.

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'She loved her job and her work'

Mother of Jasper County I-95 wreck victim reacts to her daughter's death.

By **CAITLIN TURNER**
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The early morning phone call Wednesday filled Pearlle Mae Toomer with horror.

Her daughter, Sharon Toomer, had just died in a crash on Interstate 95, she was told.

"The coroner and someone from the sheriff's

department called and said what happened," she said.

"It was shocking because I was woken from my sleep. It was unbelievable."

Sharon Toomer, 52, died at about 5:30 a.m. at mile marker 15 of southbound I-95 when she lost control of her 2001 Toyota Camry and struck a tree, according to the S.C. Highway Patrol.

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MORE ONLINE

For video of retired pastor Thomas McClary talking about Sharon Toomer, click on this story at beaufortgazette.com.

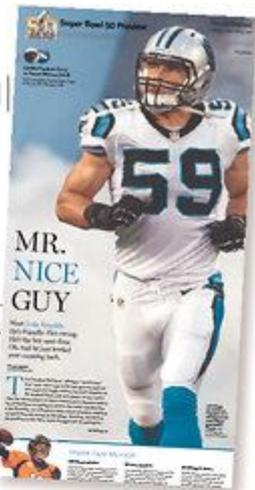
In this undated photo, Sharon Toomer is pictured outside her church at St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church in Ridgeland, where she was an active member. Toomer died Wednesday on Interstate 95 when her car left the road and struck a tree.

Photo submitted by Linda M. Mouzon



A super showdown

Our 12-page preview is packed with features, facts and figures on the Carolina Panthers heading into Sunday's big game. **Section C**



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Special birthday

Herbert Williams turned 91 on Monday and had only two requests: a Hawaiian shirt and a cheeseburger from Ike's Korner Grille in Spartanburg. **E1**

Making the trip

With the Super Bowl just days away, Carolina Panthers fans have been going all out to display their team spirit. A lucky few, however, will be showing their support at the game. **E1**

Permission needed

Law enforcement agencies in South Carolina would need a judge's permission to withhold dashcam video under legislation intended to prevent police from indefinitely blocking the public's ability to scrutinize an officer's action. **E1**

BUSINESS



Drug exec takes the Fifth on Capitol Hill

Infuriating members of Congress, a smirking Martin Shkreli took the Fifth at a Capitol Hill hearing Thursday when asked about his jacking up of drug prices, then promptly went on Twitter and insulted his questioners as "imbeciles." **E4**

FIXING ROADS IN SC

Peeler losing patience

Senate majority leader says colleagues aren't moving quickly enough

By Seanna Adcox
The Associated Press

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Peeler



SCDOT plans to begin widening about 17 miles of Interstate 85 in 2017. The project will involve a section from mile markers 80 to 96 in Spartanburg and Cherokee counties, and includes interchange improvements. Pictured is a section of I-85 near exit 90. ALEX HICKS JR./ALEX.HICKS@SHJ.COM

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

I-85 to be widened

Project slated for 2017 will change highway from four to six lanes

By Chris Lavender
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A stretch of Interstate 85 in Spartanburg and Cherokee counties will be widened from four lanes to six lanes by 2021, transportation officials say.

Brad Reynolds, project manager with the S.C. Department of Transportation, said the

\$262 million project includes four interchange improvements with construction likely to begin in 2017. SCDOT will accept bids this summer for the work.

I-85 will become three lanes for 17 miles in each direction, with interchange improvements at Battleground, Green River and Pleasant School

roads and Shelby Highway. The project will eliminate two-way highway access points where the frontage road and the highway ramp overlap and will widen the interstate by replacing the existing grassy median with a barrier wall to avoid impacting neighboring

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Should scientists edit DNA to prevent birth defects? **A4**

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FIXING S.C. ROADS

Measure reorganizes S.C. DOT

Committee adopts McElveen's plan for redistricting

BY JIM HILLEY
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A bill reorganizing South Carolina Commission of the Department of Transportation has been passed out of the Senate Transportation Committee that includes a redistricting measure championed by Sen. Thomas McElveen, D-Sumter.

In the bill, the number of commissioners would be increased to nine, from the present seven members representing districts and an at-large member appointed by the governor, and each Regional Council of Governments district would constitute a Department of Transportation district, instead of the existing boundaries based on congressional districts.

Each regional COG would select three nominees who must be residents of the district, one of which would be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Each of the governor's appointees would be screened for qualifications by the Joint Transportation Review Committee. Commissioners would serve a term of six years and could not serve more than one term except for an additional four months until a successor is appointed.

McElveen said he was excited his proposal was adopted by the committee. "It's a huge win," he said. He pointed out the proposal would not split any counties into more than one district. "That would be really difficult for a county like Sumter," he said.

While a lot of attention is focused on funding for roads, McElveen said the restructuring component is also important.

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Last of suspects arrested

Police still investigating Frazier Street shooting

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sumter Police Department arrested the last of seven suspects wanted in connection to shots fired on Frazier Street in December 2015.

William Jacques Spann, 18, of 28 Carolina Ave., was arrested at 5:45 a.m. Thursday by police officers and members of U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force, according to a news release from the police department.

Spann is charged with attempted murder for his alleged involvement in the shooting.

The release states police officers responded to a call of shots fired shortly before 4 p.m. on Dec. 29 and discovered two vehicles involved in a collision when they arrived.

No individuals were found at the scene.

Officers said the crash appeared to have been deliber-

ate, and no injuries were reported.

According to the release, William Spann was located at the home of his sister, Nakeya Keyuntae Spann, at 102 Carolina Ave.

Nakeya Spann, 21, was also arrested and is charged with harboring a fugitive.

Both William and Nakeya Spann are being held at Sumter-Lee Regional

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Cold temperatures follow rain



Crossing Guard Betty Brown, right, stops traffic for Millwood Elementary School students to cross Pinewood Road during Thursday afternoon's rain. KEITH GEDAMKE / THE SUMTER ITEM

Thursday's storms dumped more than 2.5 inches of rain on Sumter

BY JIM HILLEY
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Doug Anderson of the National Weather Service in Columbia said a reliable observer in the Sumter area reported a funnel cloud Wednesday as a front rolled through the region, but the report could not be confirmed.

"We did see some circulation on radar, but we didn't have any reports

of damage," he said.

Anderson said he participated in a survey in West Columbia that confirmed touchdown of a small tornado while another report in Steadman near the Aiken-Lexington county line was likely only straight-blowing winds.

He said the front should be pushed offshore Friday.

Rain totals in the Sumter area Thursday showed amounts from 2.5 to 2.8

inches, with another quarter- to half-inch possible Thursday night, mostly in the eastern portion of the county.

"My gauge in Sunway Knolls had 2.49 inches Thursday morning," Anderson said.

"Friday shouldn't be too bad, but we will have a lot of wind," he said. "The drier air will be coming in with winds

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And then there were 2: Thoughts on Sanders vs. Clinton

MANCHESTER, N.H. — After the results of the Iowa Caucus on Monday night, where Democratic front-run-

COMMENTARY FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE



ing allegiance to the Clinton such as race and sexual orientation are becoming less

ideal notion of who is the real Hillary Clinton. As a Rabbi asked her in the Town Hall, what is she carrying in both

wood Hall Episcopal School. She graduated from Wake Forest University with a degree in communication and English

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Coker College

Liggett receives Outstanding Young Alumni Award

From staff reports

The Coker College Alumni Association has announced that Susanne Watts Liggett '02 is the recipient of the 2015 Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

This prestigious award is presented annually to a Coker College graduate of the past 20 years who has already made significant achievements in his or her chosen profession and who shows exceptional potential for future accomplishments. Nominees are evaluated based on professional

accomplishments, personal development (research, writing or graduate work), community involvement (in church, school or local organizations) and/or service to Coker College.

Liggett, a high school English teacher, will be presented with the award Saturday in the Harris E. and Louise H. DeLoach Center during halftime of the women's basketball game that begins at 2 p.m. The award presentation is a part of Coker College's 2016 Homecoming celebrations.

"The CCAA board selected Su-

sanne as an Outstanding Young Alumna because she more than fulfilled the criteria in her commitment to her profession, her personal development, her community and to Coker College," said Carol Atkinson '73, president of the Coker College Alumni Association.

In 2002, Liggett graduated with a double major in English and communication. She added a third major in secondary English education in 2008 and also received her South Carolina Teacher Certification from Coker

College. She went on to continue her education, receiving National Board Certification, Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition Certification, Differentiated Instruction and ADEPT Evaluation Training. In 2012, she received her Master of Science in curriculum and instruction from Western Governors University.

Susanne's past jobs include director of purchasing at H&H Office Solutions, admissions counselor and recruiter at Coker College and English teacher at

Ridge View High School in Columbia. She currently teaches English at Blythewood High School in Blythewood, South Carolina. She and her husband, Collin Liggett '04, live in Blythewood with their three children.

For more information on the Coker College Alumni Association, please contact Peggy Smith at psmith@coker.edu or (843) 383-8178. For more information about Coker College Homecoming 2016, please visit www.coker.edu/homecoming.

Group seeks vote on alcohol

Referendum sought on sale of alcohol on Sunday in Hartsville

BY JIM FAILE
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A group of Hartsville businesspeople, professionals and others is seeking a public referendum on whether to allow Sunday alcohol sales in the city limits.

The Hartsville Hospitality Council went before the Hartsville City Council during council's work session Tuesday and presented a request for the council to adopt an ordinance calling for a public referendum in the November general election to allow Sunday alcohol sales by the drink or prepackaged alcohol by restaurants, bars, and grocery and convenience stores that wish to sell on Sundays. The measure would not allow liquor stores to sell on Sundays, however. They are controlled by state law, City Manager Natalie Zeigler said.

"We are not asking City Council to make a decision to pass Sunday alcohol sales or to take a stand for or against this referendum; we simply are asking council to vote in favor of placing it on the ballot allowing your voters to decide," said Suzanne Galloway, a spokeswoman for the Hartsville Hospitality Council and owner of the Midnight Rooster in downtown Hartsville.

"We feel there is a clear need for this vote," said Brandy Stellingworth, also a spokeswoman for the group

ROTARY BARBECUE FUNDRAISER



ARDE ARVIDSON/HARTSVILLE MESSENGER

Members of the Hartsville Rotary Club prepare barbecue plates for their annual fundraiser last Thursday at the YMCA in Hartsville. More than 1,500 plates were prepared by the group.

Wal-Mart seeking 200 to staff new store

BY JOE PERRY
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JOE PERRY/FORENEWS

A bulldozer operator spreads dirt around what will be the parking lot of a new Wal-Mart Supercenter that is expected to open this spring off U.S. 52.

DARLINGTON — Wal-Mart announced Tuesday that about 200 people are being sought to staff the store currently under construction in Darlington.

Sited on 16.5 acres, the 120,000-square-foot store has been pegged by city officials as an investment ranging from \$8.7 million to \$8.9 million. A Wal-Mart gas station is also being built, and company officials hope to have a spring opening.

Applications are being accepted at a temporary hiring center at 106 Express Lane in

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National Wear Red Day promotes women's heart health

Carolinas cardiologist urges women to understand symptoms, risk factors

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FLORENCE — Today is the 13th annual National Wear Red Day — a day sponsored by the American Heart Association to promote women's heart health.

While improvements have been made, heart disease is still the No. 1 killer of women, according to data from the American

Heart Association.

This statistic also holds true for men, but more women than men have died of heart disease, said Dr. Jad Skaf, a cardiologist at Carolinas Hospital in Florence.

And he said the gap between the genders is continuing to increase.

"One reason for that is heart disease is still largely considered to be a man's disease," Skaf said.

But it is more deadly for wom-

en than all forms of cancer combined, he said. Approximately 1 in 3 women will have a heart attack, while 1 in 31 will have breast cancer.

"I think that the public-awareness campaign for breast cancer has been excellent, and screening has been a huge success," Skaf said. "We have not done the same yet for heart disease."

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Dr. Jad Skaf, a cardiologist at Carolinas Hospital in Florence, said it's important to raise awareness about women's heart health.

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Trump rally tickets available

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FLORENCE — Officials say a large turnout is expected tonight at the Florence Civic Center for the Donald J. Trump for President Rally.

The New York billionaire and leader in South Carolina GOP polls will hold the rally at 7 p.m. in the arena of the Florence Civic Center. Doors to the event open at 5 p.m.

The rally is free to the public, but all those who want to attend must either print a ticket before the event or be ready to show a ticket on a mobile device. Tickets can be found at TrumpFlorence.eventbrite.com.

Officials from neither Trump's campaign nor the Civic Center

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would give an estimate on how many people are expected to attend the rally, but did say tickets remain available. The Florence Civic Center has a capacity of 10,000 people.

Members of Trump's campaign wouldn't go on record about the security details of the event, but said Trump does have Secret Service protection and the campaign will have security measures in place at the

CAROLINA PANTHERS

Former cheerleader shares experience

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Former Carolina Panthers cheerleader January Fitzgerald cheered for the team in 2004 at Super Bowl 38 in Houston, Texas. She'll watch the team's second Super Bowl appearance Sunday with family at her Florence home.

FLORENCE — Former Carolina Panthers cheerleader January Fitzgerald cheered for the team during its last Super Bowl faceoff against the New England Patriots in 2004. Although this year she'll be watching the big game with family at her Florence home, Fitzgerald said, she and fellow TopCats alumnae have recently been reminiscing about their experience 12 years ago at Super Bowl 38.

"The alumnae cheerleaders have been sharing memories through social media all this year about reminiscing on our time at the Super Bowl because the reality is that it passes so quickly," Fitzgerald said. "Here I sit as a wife and a mother now, 12 years ago thinking I was living the dream. I really was living the dream."

Fitzgerald, originally from Mooresville, N.C., said she began dancing at a young age and danced professionally since she was 16 years old. She was a Carolina Panthers cheerleader from 2002 to 2005. During that time, she also

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Darlington chamber honors longtime city employee

Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Sabrina Derry (far left) looks on as Darlington



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DARLINGTON — The Darlington Country Club

shine to "The Pearl of the Pee Dee."

City Manager Howard Garland told the crowd it's been a time of change for the city that has ushered

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