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Just in: The latest in fashion.

Woman's family supports husband

'He's hurting,' missing mom's sister says



A portrait of Gayle McCaffrey sits as a reminder of the missing woman as friends, including her sister Helen Banach (center), file Wednesday night into First Baptist Church downtown.

BY ANDREW KNAPP
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Bob McCaffrey seemed dazed, frightened and baffled when he came home Sunday morning and found his wife gone, according to those who had contact with him.

In a call to 911 later in the day, the 41-year-old spoke with a soft, sadistic monotone. He calmly asked when a divorce had ended whether his wife suffered medical problems.

"Other than putting up with me? No," he said.

In the ensuing days, his two children were taken from him and interviewed by authorities trying to find his 35-year-old wife, Gayle McCaffrey. They had planned to get away this week for spring break.

Gayle McCaffrey's family continues to support Bob McCaffrey, whom they consider an excellent father and husband. But

they also have distanced themselves from him, uncertain of the truth surrounding his wife's disappearance.

"He's going through what we're all going through, but he's walking this path alone," said Debbie Peterson of Mount Pleasant, Gayle McCaffrey's sister. "His wife is missing. His kids are gone. He's confused. He's hurting."

"But we are not willing to judge him."

The Charleston County Sheriff's Office released few additional details Wednesday about the missing woman, who comes from a pedigree of Baptists, including the Rev. John A. Wimrick Sr., founder of the First Baptist Church of Charleston.

What is known is that the couple argued as they ate a St. Patrick's Day dinner of cabbage with and without ribs, she. Deputies reported that he wanted to drive his head when he drove to the Upstate lake Saturday.

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For tips

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of Gayle McCaffrey is asked to call the Charleston County Sheriff's Office at 427-1700.



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To hear the 911 call and to see a copy of the speeding ticket, go to postandcourier.com.

IOP man ordered to stay in jail

Worthy given 7 years for scheme

BY JOHN P. McDERMOTT
postandcourier.com

A jailed tale of Patuxent sentenced this week for embezzling about \$1 million in health insurance payments from church workers hoped to be sprung from jail to be treated for skin cancer.

Instead, William Madison Worthy found himself accused of trying to stall the judicial process.

Serious District Judge Henry Fleming Jr. gave Worthy 7 years for the request and sentenced him to seven years and three months in a federal prison Tuesday. Worthy also was ordered to undergo treatment for skin cancer and pay a yet-to-be-determined amount of restitution.

At the sentencing hearing in Greenville, the judge said Worthy had a ample opportunity to deal with his lingering health issues and that Worthy was more seeking to use his illness to delay punishment, according to news reports and Assistant U.S. Attorney

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Go to postandcourier.com to read Worthy's medical history.

ReVille facing 11 new charges

BY ALYSSA DIERDRE
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The list of charges against admitted child molester Louis "Skip" Reville continues to grow.

South Carolina Solicitor General Henry McMaster announced Wednesday that a Berkeley County grand jury returned 11 indictments against the former coach and teacher. The



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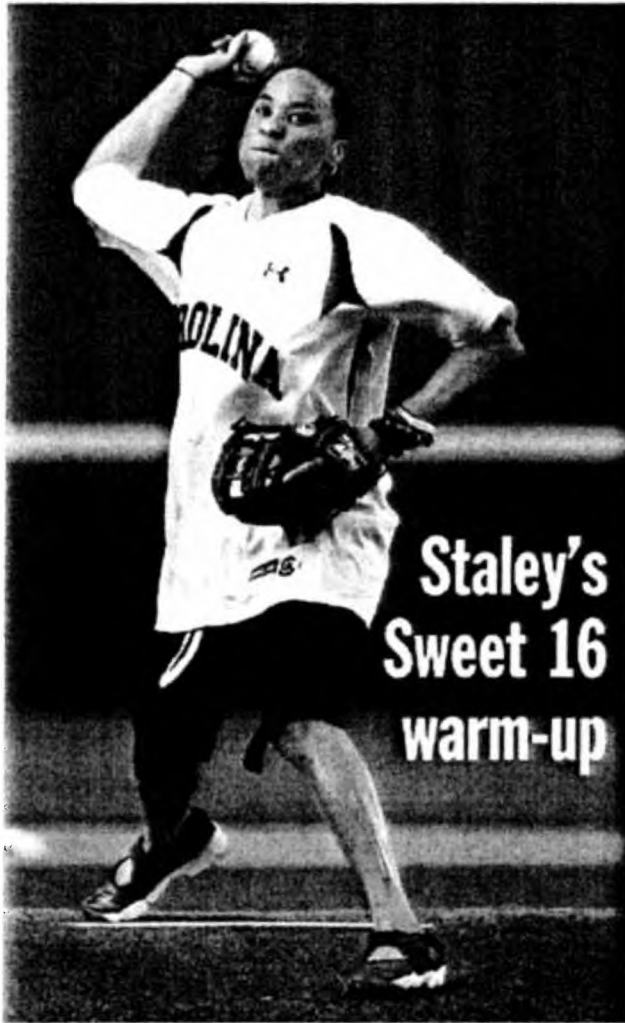
BY JESSICA K. JENNEY
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Watson is scheduled to return in February 2011 as a global, faceted IBM supercomputer named Watson designed to play a part of the "Jeopardy!" championships. The machine will be replaced after another 10 years of service.



Let 'The Hunger Games' begin

Review, **Life&Style**



USC women's basketball coach Dawn Staley fires the opening pitch before the baseball team's loss to Wolford on Wednesday. For story, see **Page C1**

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Ethics lawsuit against Haley dismissed

But allegations from GOP activist might still resurface in other forums

By GINA SMITH
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A lawsuit claiming Gov. Nikki Haley violated state ethics laws was dismissed Wednesday. But the allegations against the first-term Republican governor yet could find new legs.

Fifth Circuit Judge Casey Manning dismissed the suit, filed by Republican activist and fundraiser John Rainey. Manning ruled circuit court is not the appropriate venue to examine ethics issues.

Rainey — the state's top economic forecaster under former Gov. Mark Sanford, Haley's onetime political mentor — said Haley used her office while a House member for personal gain by lobbying for Lexington Medi-



Haley

cal Center and Wilbur Smith Associates.

In his order, Manning said Rainey's claims deal with state ethics violations, an arena a circuit court does not have authority over. Such claims should be examined

by the State Ethics Commission or House Ethics Committee, Manning wrote.

A complaint will be filed soon with the House Ethics Committee, a source close to the proceedings said Wednesday.

Rainey declined to comment Wednesday. But his attorney, Dick Harpoullian, chairman of the S.C. Democratic Party, said it is time the public get answers on lingering questions about Haley.

"These allegations have been out there for a year, and nobody has looked

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A tract across Blossom Street seems to be the most attractive of three options to expand.

Pension changes clear House

By ADAM BEAM

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A spokesman for the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department says the department is open to hunters.

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GOP starts to support Romney

Jeb Bush, other Republicans begin to pressure Santorum to drop out after Illinois primary

By Kassie Hunt
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Republican establishment started to coalesce around Mitt Romney in earnest on Wednesday, with Jeb Bush and other leading Republicans pressuring Rick Santorum to leave the race after a thumping in

the Illinois primary.

But, on what should have been a triumphant day, Romney also found himself having to defend his conservative credentials anew after one of his own top advisers quipped that the GOP front runner's policy positions are "almost like an Etch A Sketch" in that they could be shaken away

and redrawn.

"The issues I'm running on will be exactly the same," the former Massachusetts governor said in Annapolis, Md., as Republicans and Democrats alike mocked him. "I'm running as a conservative Republican. I was a conservative governor. I will be running as a conservative Republican nominee — hopefully, nominee at that point. The policies and the positions are the same."

The remark earlier in the day

by adviser Eric Fehrnstrom fueled criticism that Romney molds his principles to fit with political goals. Democrats pounced, and by day's end his GOP opponents were waving the draw, shake and erase toys at campaign events in Louisiana.

It all nearly overshadowed the endorsement from Bush, the son of one president and the brother of another. He had stayed out of the race for months, and some party elders publicly had urged



Mitt Romney greets supporters during a campaign stop in Annapolis, Md., Wednesday. AP

Behind-the-scenes LEADER



Burke Royster, Greenville County Schools deputy superintendent and one of three finalists to lead Greenville County Schools, will meet with school board members and county residents today. www.greenvilleonline.com

Royster has overseen everything in district from operations to academics

Mystery illness afflicts BJU head

School says he's on leave, but in contact

By Ron Barnett

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Stephen Jones planned to keep a low profile when he became president of Bob Jones University in 2005. But not like this.

Jones, 42, has been on medical leave since last June and has been dealing with an incapacitating illness since a year before that, according to university officials and family.



Jones

His absence comes at a time when enrollment has declined and the school is trying to become accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools after decades of resisting outside influence.

The university, known worldwide as a bastion of fundamentalist Christianity, is being run by two vice presidents — Gary Weiner, executive vice president for academic affairs, and Marshall Franklin, executive vice

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Pension changes clear House

State workers would pay more, get less from state retirement system

By Adam Brum
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State workers — including teachers, local government workers, police officers and firefighters — would pay more and get less from the state's retirement system, as coding to a bill that House lawmakers approved Wednesday.

In return, state taxpayers would save \$8 billion over the next 30 years. And the moves would trim \$2.2 billion from the retirement

system's deficit, according to projections from a pension consulting firm.

The changes would affect all of the 505,547 members of the S.C. Retirement System and the Police Officers Retirement system — nearly 11 percent of the state's population.

Twenty-one Democrats joined all 76 Republicans to pass the bill in a year when every House member is up for re-election. Twenty-seven Democrats voted against the bill, now headed to the state Senate.

If the bill becomes law, South Carolina will join 40 other states that have passed some form of major retirement reform since 2000, according to the National Conference on State Legislatures. The changes almost certainly would produce a lawsuit. The last time law makers changed retirement benefits, in 2006, those changes were overturned by the state Supreme Court, costing the state \$48.7 million.

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Changes for current employees, new hires

Changes would affect current employees starting July 1; employees would retain the benefits they have accumulated under the current system.

Pay 7.5 percent, instead of 6.5 percent, of each paycheck into the retirement system; would be phased in over two years for an average increase of \$408 a year.

Pay more money to buy "service time" to retire early.

Could not use vacation days, sick days or overtime pay to calculate retirement benefits.

Use five years of salary, instead of three, to calculate retirement benefit, a move that could lower benefits.

Ice cream for breakfast? Thanks, Bruce!

Rock Hill man's dying wish fulfilled by world

The Russians ate rocky road and the Viennese vanilla.

They ate portachio in Port and strawberry in Scotland and chocolate in Canada.

Praline in Prague at sunrise.

All around the earth Wednesday — no matter what morning was, disregarding what any quick doctor had demanded, without regard for lactose intolerance that will have spouses sleeping on couches to avoid elementary anal issues worse than anything in *Pink Panther* or *Sugar* — thousands of people ate ice cream for breakfast.

And each one of them, people of all the same, shared. Muslims and Christians messaged up their clothes and issued their *dhikr*, *holy* and

Toasts giggled until their sides hurt, to honor a single man from Rock Hill — now over here in South Carolina.

A man, Bruce Rosenberg, who died a terrible death from cancer March 12 but checked right to the very end and wanted the whole world to eat ice cream for breakfast.

Using the Facebook page "Ice Cream for Breakfast Day" as a calculator, about 4,000 people ate ice cream for breakfast around the country and world. Certainly there were more who did not claim it.

Even better, those adults shared their kids with ice cream and the kids begged them to stop.

In some place called Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom, a woman named Laura Baskfield, who lives near Rosenberg's grave online, told her kids for breakfast ice cream with marshmallows, fruits and jelly beans and lops.

Yes, candy lops.

In Sheffield, England, kids Baskfield (Fun Rosenberg

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20-month-old Tommy Chambers of Port Orchard, Wash., enjoys the best breakfast he's ever had on Ice Cream For Breakfast Day. Thousands of people around the world participated in the Facebook-driven phenomenon in honor of Bruce Rosenberg of Rock Hill, who died of cancer this month. Before he passed, Rosenberg said he wanted everyone to eat ice cream for breakfast — his way of reminding us to appreciate the little things in life.

WANT TO SEE MORE?

To see more photos and past stories about Bruce Rosenberg, go to heraldonline.com.



Courtesy of SCORV

With a new sight-hunting bill, South Carolina is inviting hunters to use almost any means to reduce expanding wild hog and coyote populations in the state.

'Declaring war' on hogs and coyotes

Bill would allow hunters to employ just about any means to rid S.C. of these animals

By Joey Hultman
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COLUMBIA — A bill being considered by state legislators would invite hunters to use almost any means to slow the expansion of wild hogs and coyotes in South Carolina.

"We're declaring war on hogs and coyotes," said Rep. Phillip Lowe, R-Union, during a House natural resources subcommittee meeting Wednesday.

Lowe introduced the bill, H. 4013, which would allow sight hunting of hogs, coyotes and armadillos from March through June.

Not only does the bill allow hunting after dark, but it also allows the use of bait, traps and live snare traps.



Film festival showcases local talent escape

Terrier triumph

College baseball: Wofford upsets two-time defending national champion USC Sports, B1



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Department praised

Spartanburg County Sheriff Chuck Wright has announced that his department's traffic unit has been named the national Traffic Unit of the Year for DUI Enforcement by the National Criminal Enforcement Association. Master Deputy Jason Kramer is the Traffic Officer of the Year for DUI Enforcement. **PAGE C1**

GOP battles

Mitt Romney faces another likely Southern setback — this time in Louisiana. Rival Rick Santorum is pushing for a strong showing in Saturday's primary. But Romney on Tuesday picked up the endorsement of former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush. **PAGE A3**

Accused of neglect

Two people were charged with child neglect after deputies received a call from Charles Lea Center staff about the welfare of two small children at an Enoree home on Monday. **PAGE C4**

Charge dropped

An assault and battery charge filed in June against a Spartanburg city councilman's son has been dropped by the

Judge dismisses ethics lawsuit against Haley

Ruling says such issues don't belong in court

By MEG KIRKLAND
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — A judge on Wednesday dismissed a complaint accusing South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley of breaking ethics laws while she was a lawmaker, ruling that such issues should be handled by either state ethics officials or a legislative panel.

"Alleged violations of the Ethics

Code ... are exclusively within the subject matter jurisdiction of the State Ethics Commission or the Legislative Ethics Committees, not the circuit court," Judge Casey Manning wrote Wednesday in his dismissal of John Rainey's lawsuit against the first-term Republican.

Rainey has been represented by Dick Harpootlian, a Columbia attorney who is chairman of the state Democratic Party. On Wednesday, Haley

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Judge Casey Manning on Wednesday dismissed John Rainey's lawsuit against South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, saying court is not the place to hash out ethics issues.

POLLEN-ACTION



Pollen and pollinators were in full force in Spartanburg Wednesday. Allergy season has come early in parts of the South and Midwest this year.

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Unusually warm season adding to allergy woes

Standoff in France continues

Police use explosions to pressure shooting suspect to surrender

By SARAH DILORENZO
The Associated Press

TOULOUSE, France — Riot police set off explosions outside an apartment building early Thursday in an effort to force the surrender of a gunman who boasted of bringing France "to its knees" with an al-Qaida-linked terror spree that killed seven people.

Hundreds of heavily armed police, some in body armor, surrounded the five-story building in Toulouse where the 24-year-old suspect, Mohamed Merah, had been holed up since the pre-dawn hours of Wednesday.

As midnight approached, three explosions were heard and orange flashes lit up the night sky near the building. An Interior Ministry official said the suspect had gone back on a previous pledge to turn himself in — and that police blame

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Brown to run for County Council



STEVE
BROWN

Former city manager to challenge Patrick Moody in District 5

By CHRIS TRAMOR
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Former longtime Greenwood city manager Steve Brown will run for Greenwood County Council in District 5. Brown filed Wednesday and will run

as a Republican. He will face District 5 incumbent Patrick Moody in a June primary.

Brown, 64, grew up in Greenwood County and is a graduate of Ninety Six High School and Lander University. He served four years in the Marine Corps.

The District 5 challenger is married and has two children. He is a member of Ninety Six Pentecostal Holiness Church. Brown's wife, Beverly, has been an educator in Ninety Six for many years.

In the mid-1970s, Brown worked for the Upper Savannah Council of Govern-

ments. From 1977-79 he worked as a zoning administrator for the towns of McCormick, Johnston, Edgely, Trenton and Saluda. From 1979-81, Brown was the city administrator in Laurens.

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TAKING ON THE COMPETITION



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Stefanie Bowen, co-owner of Daisy Uniform Shop in Uppan Greenwood, helps customers select uniforms. Her shop was named Family Owned Business of the Year by the Small Business Administration.

SMALL BUSINESS, BIG DREAMS

By CHRIS TRAMOR
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As the nation and the area continue on the road of gradual economic recovery, Greenwood is establishing itself as a hub for small businesses and those who operate small businesses.

The U.S. Small Business Administration recently recognized several Greenwood businesspeople as state winners in the agency's national

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Measure allows home-schoolers to play sports

**Bill would give students
full access to extracurriculars**

By SEANNA ADCOX
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COLUMBIA — Home-schooled students in South Carolina could play sports at their local public schools according to a measure advanced Wednesday by a Senate panel.

An education subcommittee voted 6-3 on a bill giving home-school students access to all extracurricular activities, including marching band, at the school they would otherwise attend. A separate bill approved Wednesday by the full Senate would give the option to students in public charter schools that don't offer sports.

Advocates have said it's a matter of fairness, providing to all students the benefits of athletics and activities, from the camaraderie and teamwork building to scholarship opportunities.

Opponents have said they worry home-school students could take the slots of students at the school.

"It's an awesome thing for kids to be involved in sports, especially for home-school kids," said Dwight Cauthen, who spoke about his 15-year-old son "whose learning difference is addressed better at home."

"He's a great golfer. He wants to play golf but doesn't want to go to the school. In our situation, that works. From a personal side, this really impacts kids," Cauthen said. "The coach wants him to play. The kids want him to play, and it's a great thing for him and the team."

Officials estimate 18,000 students are taught at home in South Carolina. How many would

"It's an awesome thing for kids to be involved in sports, especially for home-school kids."
— Dwight Cauthen, parent of a home-school student


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Bill to ban sweepstakes machines blocked

Charleston senator, a former gubernatorial candidate, halts progress

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A bill to outlaw "sweepstakes" video-game machines has advanced in the state legislature, but supporters doubt it will pass this year.

The machines have popped up all over the state, including in Bluffton, Beaufort, Port Royal and Hatterville. Courts have issued conflicting rulings concerning their legality.

Many legislators believe the devices, which allow players to enter

sweepstakes for cash prizes, are already banned under anti-gambling laws that did away with video poker in South Carolina years ago.

Law enforcement agencies think so, too. In Beaufort County, three establishments featuring the games were

racked and shut down last year.

In February, a Beaufort magistrate judge ruled the sweepstakes machines manufactured by HEST Technologies were illegal gambling devices. Other judges around the state have ruled differently.

Sen. Larry Martin, R-Pickens, a primary sponsor of the bill to ban the devices, said lawmakers could save a lot of time and legal expense by clarifying the law. "These machines have already proliferated at a rapid rate. That's going to make it much more difficult for us to address later," he said.

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ON HILTON HEAD ISLAND

Arrow, Target roads plan reassessed

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The Town of Hilton Head Island has put the brakes on plans to improve the intersection of Arrow and Target roads because of concerns from nearby property owners.

Town manager Steve Riley requested a reassessment of the project, which

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For a photo of the intersection, see 7A

would straighten a curve in the intersection by moving it north to town-owned land.

Other ideas include building a traffic circle, and cutting trees to improve drivers' visibility. "It seems there's general agreement the conditions out there warrant some type of improvements," Scott Largent, town director of public projects, said. "What the nature and extent of those ought to be, and which generates the greatest value to the area, is the question."

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STRAWBERRY FIELDS FOREVER



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Ellie Rowlen, 4, of Dataw Island examines a freshly picked strawberry Wednesday at Dempsey Farms U Pick on St. Helena Island. The farm is open for strawberry harvesting from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday until the end of May, according to its website. The farm says pickers should call first to inquire about field conditions and berry availability. The farm is on U.S. 21, 11 miles east of Beaufort. Details: 843-838-3656 or www.dempseyfarmsupick.com

U.S. MARRIAGE SURVEY:

Does living together prevent divorce?

As fuel costs rise, Obama embarks on energy blitz

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WARMING UP

Clemson golfer Mills rounding into form ahead of Masters. **B1**



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Chosen one?

Highway 183 property could be site for new Oconee jail

BY CARLOS CALARIZA
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — Of the options still on the table for a new Oconee County jail, a former industrial property on Highway 183 could emerge as the most cost effective alternative. The site first surfaced publicly as a viable option

during last month's County Council strategic planning retreat. County Administrator Scott Moulder said that utilizing an existing warehouse in the county "could be a viable alternative."

The Journal recently identified the site as the former Collins Craft facility that sits on 10 acres at

Highway 183.

At Tuesday night's council meeting, elected officials directed Moulder to negotiate the purchase of property and redesign plans for a new jail.

Council's decision eliminated three of six options outlined by Moulder.

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By process of elimination, a 60,000-square-foot building that used to house Collins Craft on 10 acres at Highway 183 outside of Walhalla could very well be the site of Oconee County's new jail.

PHOTO BY JEFF

Car hits building, sending 2 to hospital



PHOTO BY THE JOURNAL

A man and woman were taken to Oconee Medical Center on Wednesday afternoon after slamming into this outbuilding behind Burger King on Sandifer Boulevard. According

to emergency officials, the driver stated that the car malfunctioned and accelerated without warning. Their injuries were not considered life threatening.

Oconee picks 25-acre spot for Pioneer water plant

Would charge \$130K for industrial park location

BY CARLOS CALARIZA
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — If Pioneer Rural Water District officials are still interested in putting a new water plant inside the Golden Corner Commerce Park, it will cost them.

The Oconee County Council decided this week that Pioneer should pay \$130,000 to locate a water plant on roughly 25 acres at the park.

County Administrator Scott Moulder said that an offer letter would be mailed to Pioneer today.

At Tuesday night's council meeting, Moulder reported that county officials chose the 25-acre site from among the options Pioneer had submitted.

Moulder said the location is closer to the park's entrance on Highway 29 in Four Play, and fronts Christian Academy across the road.

Moulder showed two master planning designs of the Golden Corner Commerce Park that had the Pioneer location in the same spot near the entrance.

The plans also included permanent space for the South Carolina Football Heritage Fair and

Douthitt Hills proposal concerns neighbors

BY JEFF ALLEN

Writing celebration





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Businessman files for Florence City Council

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FLORENCE — Young tech entrepreneur Robby Hill has thrown his hat into the Florence City Council race.

The 29-year-old founder, president and CEO of Hill South IT Solutions filed Tuesday with the Florence County Republican

Party, to run for an at-large city council seat.



Hill's campaign has tentatively scheduled a campaign kick-off event for April 11 at the Florence Regional Airport, and the candidate said his business experience will play a key role in what

he hopes will be his first elected office.

"I want to make sure that our city council is full of people that are working together," Hill said in an interview Wednesday. "I'm very open to collaborative opportunities. All my life, I've done nothing but create jobs and develop jobs."

Hill is regarded as one of the nation's most successful young

businessman, a rise that began when he founded Hill South at the age of 17, forgoing college to build the business specializing in technology consulting services that currently employs 21 people around the state.

Named as an entrepreneurial wunderkind, Hill was named to the White House's Empact100

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BEST BBQ? YOU BE THE JUDGE



Lake High (left) says one of the best ways to create a top-notch barbecue judge is to get as much one-on-one time with individual students as you can. "Before we started the SCBA, I noticed that South Carolina had some of the best barbecue and some of the worst judges," High said.

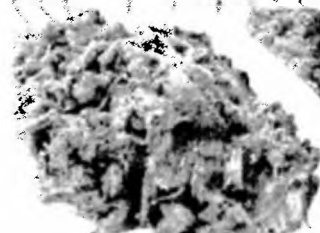
Well, you could if you take lessons from S.C. Barbeque Association

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The unusually named Lake High is many things. He's a husband, uncle, wine connoisseur, natural born critic and even has an insatiable sweet tooth.

He has made appearances at some of the largest barbecue competitions in the country and played host for Anthony Bourdain's show "No Reservations" in 2007.

But more than anything, Lake High is an astute judge of barbecue. And not just a casual, astute judge, but a bona fide master



The SCBA Judges Seminar, held at the First Baptist Church in Goose Creek, included a spread provided by pitmaster Doug Qu of mustard-based barbecue, baked beans and slaw.

and provides the official trappings for events such as this weekend's Big Brothers/Big Sisters barbecue fundraiser in Florence.

Barbecue Weekend

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Charity Conoff, Friday-Saturday, next to Palmetto Peddlers on Holtmeyer Road

■ **Friday:** Side dish tasting 5-8 p.m.

■ **Saturday:** Barbecue cookoff and tasting 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ **Tickets:** \$10 each day, proceeds help Big Brothers/Big Sisters

barbecue competition. Currently, about two dozen teams are in the race. There are slightly more than two dozen events across the state

Marion County

Ex-workers say nursing home late with pay

BY PATRICIA BURKETT
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MARION — Some former employees and one vendor who provided services at a Marion assisted living facility said they have not received the full pay they are entitled to for services at the center.

Some former employees said they either had not received full paychecks from Magnolia Gardens Assisted Living Center or had received paychecks that bounced.

Those employees said after they worked for the facility, they were unable to get the money they earned on the job and were unsuccessful at getting a response.

They (Magnolia Gardens officials) contacted me on a Saturday to ask me if I would be interested to come work for their facility," medical technician Nina Sparks said.

Magnolia Gardens, located on North Main Street, is much closer to home than Florence, Sparks said.

"I left my job in Florence and jumped on board at Magnolia, not knowing what I was taking on," she said.

Sparks said about one month into her job, she was told she was dismissed.

When I went to find my

longer needed because she was being "disorderly," a claim Sparks denies.

She said when she tried to get the money she was entitled to for the month's work, she received the runaround.

"We were supposed to get paid on the fifth and 21st of every month. When the fifth came, they told me I wasn't there long enough, so when the 21st came, which fell on a Saturday, they told me to wait until that Friday," Sparks said.

"I went back that Friday and they told me to wait until that Monday. That Monday came, I went there and they told me, no paycheck," she said.

One vendor who provided services for the facility said he faced the same set of circumstances after catering to the site for more than two months.

The catering was needed because there was no longer a functioning kitchen in the building.

According to the vendor, who did not want to be named, he provided food for the facility for about a month and was paid for those services.

After another month-and-a-half went by in which he provided services but did not receive pay, he stopped catering to the facility.

The vendor said he tried repeatedly to get the fac-

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3 days, 3 slain Orangeburg man killed in home; suspect arrested



Johnson

By RICHARD WALKER
T&D Staff Writer

A suspect is in custody after an Orangeburg man was shot to death in a St. Matthews Road residence Tuesday. Chief Deputy Coroner Sean Poyle said an autopsy completed Wednesday confirmed 26-year-old Tameris Hamilton died of multiple gunshot wounds. The Orangeburg County Sheriff's Of-

fice is holding Steven Durrell Johnson, 20, of 525 Cedar Lane, Orangeburg, on a charge of attempted murder in connection with Hamilton's death. OCSO spokesperson Keisha Peterson said the investigation is ongoing and the charge likely will be amended. Johnson is being held at the Orangeburg-Calhoun Regional Detention Center until a bond hearing is scheduled. Hamilton became the third homicide

victim in Orangeburg County this week. Two women were found shot to death on Tuesday, but authorities have not said Hamilton's death is related. Officers were notified of the latest shooting incident just before 10 p.m. Tuesday. A woman identifying herself as the victim's girlfriend met investigators at a gas station at the intersection of Interstate 26 and St. Matthews Road. They were di-

rected to a single-story residence on the 4300 block of St. Matthews Road about 1.5 miles south of the Calhoun County line. Arriving at the house, officers secured the residence before entering. Inside, they found Hamilton on the living room floor "with what appeared to be a puddle of blood near his head," according to

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2 mothers killed, 2 families suffer

Victim's sister: 'She did not deserve that'

Toddler left behind after women slain

By GENE ZALESKI
T&D Staff Writer

Maria Donaldson and Secame Hayward would often gather at their mother's Maple Street home with their middle sister, Antonia Profit, for cookouts or just to sit on the front porch. But that won't happen any more. The 34-year-old mother of three who enjoyed cooking and reading isn't coming back. Authorities allege 27-year-old Vicente Mendoza shot and killed Profit and 23-year-old Hope Bowers on Sunday. They continue to search for Mendoza. The Profit family is hoping Mendoza is found and "that justice is served." "She did not deserve that," Donaldson said. "Children are now left behind without their mother." The families of Profit and Bowers were



Profit

By RICHARD WALKER
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A small child was left behind in the aftermath of this week's double homicide, with its mother dead and father on the run, authorities say. Authorities are searching for 27-year-old Vicente Mendoza, also known as Vicente Mendoza Palomino, who is believed to have fled the state, in connection with the deaths. The deceased have been identified as 23-year-old Hope Bowers and 37-year-old



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Disappearance is 'suspicious'

Mom would never leave children, relatives insist

BY ANDREW KNAPP
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As they finished celebrating Saturday night in their West Ashley home, 37-year-old Gayle McCaffrey and her husband had an argument.

He told police he left to clear his head, and at some point in the evening she left too. Maybe for good.

A typed note left at the home said she wanted to be somewhere else, possibly

McCaffrey vigil

The first Baptist Church of Charleston will host a prayer vigil for Gayle McCaffrey at 6 p.m. at the church at 48 Hunting St.

with someone else. Her checkbook, her phone, her keys, her wedding ring were left behind.

And her two children were left alone as they slept in their house on Line

Street in Beaufort.

But for McCaffrey's family, the story doesn't add up. It just doesn't sound like the devoted Baptist who loved her children and her hometown and had just spent hours making her husband a St. Patrick's Day meal.

Leaving just doesn't make sense. "None of us can grasp what's happening," said Kathy Calhoun, McCaffrey's

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Gayle McCaffrey has been missing since Saturday night.

A 24-hour headache

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Parkway means
endless noise,
glaring lights at
night and other
disruptions for
neighborhood
residents

BY ALEXSON BIRD
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La Shela Oubre lives in the stately white house her great-grandfather built on Kennedy Street, a row from an African Methodist Episcopal church and diagonally from a restaurant where the civil rights movement took shape.

Now, she also lives near a rock pile, an industrial waste container and heavy machinery. Men work there day and night, so Oubre installed an alarm system and told her 3-year-old grandson and her 4-year-old granddaughter to stop playing in the backyard.

A half mile away on Rutledge Street, Natalie



VIDEO: To see an interview with La Shela Oubre while road crews operate at night, go to postandcourier.com/videos.

Taylor wears earplugs at night and makes up her own story about the men shining lights in her windows and waking her out of a sound sleep with jackhammers. Taylor, who lives with three roommates and three dogs, worries about all the kids like Oubre's grandchildren who she sees willing to school after these restless nights.

Oubre and Taylor — who don't know each other —

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A staging area for Charleston construction is situated a few feet from the Kennedy Street house La Shela Oubre's school-age grandchild lives in — and that her great-grandfather built. She is concerned about the effects of the nighttime noise, dust, vibrations and bright lights.

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USC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FIERCE, FEISTY, PHYSICAL

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On a long weekend when Indiana's summer-like temperatures rivaled those in South Carolina, the Gamecocks women's basketball team reached the NCAA tournament Sweet 16 for the third time by

providing more heat with their defense, the team's most-effective weapon of the season.

In victories against Eastern Michigan and Purdue, the Gamecocks were not the biggest team, but they were the quickest, peskiest and savviest.

Guards La'Keisha Sutton, Markeshia Grant and Iesha

Walker wear out ballhandlers and perimeter shooters by disrupting their moves and passes.

Forwards Charenee Stephens, Ashley Bruner and Aleigha Welch make up for their lack of height by hunker-

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GAMECOCKS VS. CARDINAL

WHO: USC (25-9) vs. Stanford (33-1)

WHAT: NCAA Women's Tournament Sweet 16

WHEN: Saturday, time TBA

WHERE: Fresno, Calif.

INSIDE: More on the USC women in Andrew Shain's In The Hoop column, see Page C4

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RICHLAND COUNTY

Pope resigning as administrator

By DAWN HENSHAW
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Milton Pope is ending his tenure as Richland County administrator, sending council members an email late Tuesday that he is leaving after five years in the county's top job.

Pope said he would stay until June 30, when his \$157,500-a-year contract is set to expire.

He would not comment on his plans, but said in a three-paragraph letter that he and his staff "have led this county faithfully through many difficult challenges" and that he



Pope

was proud to leave the county in "great" financial shape.

In recent weeks, the 11-member council had been late — again — with

Pope's performance evaluation, this time in the run-up to contract negotiations. One member said at the time Pope was taking heat for a lack of progress on several fronts when it was council members themselves who couldn't

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AND THEY'RE OFF IN ELLOREE



GOP RACE ILLINOIS PRIMARY

Romney win may be clincher

Experts see lead in delegates becoming insurmountable

By DAVID LIGHTMAN
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WASHINGTON — Mitt Romney's methodical march to the Republican presidential nomination got a huge, possibly decisive, boost Tuesday as he scored an overwhelming victory in the Illinois presidential primary.

National news organizations declared Romney the winner less than one hour after polls closed, based on early returns and exit surveys.

Romney had 47 percent of the vote with 55 percent of precincts reporting. Rick Santorum, former U.S. senator from Pennsylvania, had 35 percent. Trailing were Texas Rep. Ron Paul with 9 percent and Newt Gingrich, former speaker of the House of Representatives, with 8 percent.

Romney was expected to add substantially to his delegate total; 1,144 are needed to win the nomination, and 51 were at stake Tuesday.

"When you go up to 40,000 feet and look at the rest of the Republicans, you see how Romney will be close to 1,144 when this is over," said Larry Sabato, the director of the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia.

The calendar, Sabato said, eventually works in Romney's favor. The next step, though, is Louisiana's primary Saturday.

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DIGIORGIO TO STEP DOWN AFTER 24 YEARS AT WINTHROP

A 'STEADY HAND' TO RETIRE



Winthrop University President Anthony DiGiorgio, with his wife Gale, announced Tuesday that he will retire after the 2012-2013 academic year.

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Anthony DiGiorgio, who over two decades remade Winthrop University into a sprawling campus that's drawn national acclaim and a diverse student body, will step down after next year.

DiGiorgio, South Carolina's longest-serving university president, announced Tuesday that the coming academic year will be his last — although he will be named president emeritus and distinguished service professor. The school will provide him an office atop the campus center that bears his name.

Officials have yet to determine how much he will be paid in retirement. Winthrop spokeswoman Rebecca Masters said. He now makes \$237,000 a year.

"After 80 years in education — 14 of them at Winthrop by spring 2013 — it will be time that (my wife) Gale and I find out what life is like outside the academic calendar," he told faculty and staff.

DiGiorgio, 71, ticked off a list of period accomplishments, but pointed to one he deems most significant: Under his leadership, Winthrop has developed a "high achieving, diverse, socially responsible student body."

"There's still work to do," he said. "But the plateau where we sit and stand in awe."

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Searching for a successor 2A

To see inside photos and videos of Anthony DiGiorgio's time at Winthrop University, go to

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Anthony DiGiorgio, shown in his early days at Winthrop, has been called "the best visionary this city has had."

DiGiorgio's vision: Bring Winthrop, city together

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Larry Carroll remembers the time when the divide between Winthrop University and Rock Hill was great.

Winthrop, then a college, was on the other side of town. "Larry Carroll, who grew up in Rock Hill, in his own childhood played in Charlotte. You can imagine Carroll had no contact for his wife, a Winthrop graduate."

Interactions between city and school were sporadic, Carroll said. As the city and the college grew, they met by accident, not by design.

Someone had to take advantage of the opportunity, but let the college be isolated. "Carroll and I see fire. Someone has to lead the fire."

That someone was Anthony DiGiorgio, who announced Tuesday how retirement

year after 24 years as Winthrop president. DiGiorgio recognized the importance that Winthrop had a responsibility to be part of a greater community, Carroll said.

With the visionary skills that transformed Winthrop — bringing national and regional attention to campus through academic and athletic success and with a top-flight physical plant — DiGiorgio set his sights on Rock Hill and its downtown.

"Winthrop's impact on the quality of life in the region is huge," said Skip Burke, a Rock Hill developer and former chairman of the university's Board of Trustees. "It's ability to educate a workforce affects economic development."

It creates cultural and sports events. It's a catalyst for college town opportunities.

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Judge sentences man to 87 months

Former insurance executive pleads to embezzling \$1M

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A former Spartanburg insurance executive was sentenced to 87 months in prison Tuesday for embezzling almost \$1 million in church insurance plan premiums.

Federal Judge Henry Herlong

sentenced William Worthy to seven years and three months in prison followed by three years of supervised release. Under federal sentencing guidelines, Worthy faced 87 months to 108 months in prison after pleading guilty in October. He was also ordered to pay restitution to victims, but prosecutors are still working to deter-



Worthy

mine the amount.

Worthy, a Spartanburg native who most recently lived in Isle of Palms, told the judge that he isn't able to pay restitution.

Worthy waived his right to appeal the sentence.

Worthy, 49, is also the target of a similar investigation in Tennessee that involves a larger investment over a longer period of time, said Greenville attorney Jim Bannister who represents Worthy.

Worthy was a third-party

administrator for a self-funded insurance program between March 2004 and July 2006 when U.S. Attorney David Stephens said Worthy used premiums for his own use. The group of those covered primarily involved churches, but other companies were also included in the plan. The Department of Labor determined those covered thought they were fully covered by the plan, but later

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Big win for Romney

Mitt Romney took a major stride toward the Republican presidential nomination Tuesday night, routing Rick Santorum in the Illinois primary for his third-straight big-state win and padding his already formidable lead in the race for convention delegates. **PAGE A4**

Teen followed?

An unnamed black teenager shot to death by a neighborhood watch captain told his girlfriend moments before he was killed that he was being followed, a lawyer said Tuesday as federal and state prosecutors announced they would investigate. **PAGE A5**

Quake in Mexico

A strong 7.4-magnitude earthquake hit southern Mexico on Tuesday, damaging some 800 homes near the epicenter and swaying tall buildings and spreading fear and panic hundreds of miles away in the capital of Mexico City. **PAGE A8**

Housing uptick

U.S. builders are betting that the housing market is finally on the path back to health. They requested 5 percent more permits in February to build

VIOLENCE UNLEASHED



A man stands at the scene of a car bomb attack in Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad on Tuesday. Officials say attacks across Iraq have killed and wounded scores of people in a spate of violence.

STR-AP

Deadly day in Iraq:

OPEN BY 2014?

University has plans to expand

USC Upstate looks at downtown Greenville

By LEE G. HEALY
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The University of South Carolina Upstate is studying expansion opportunities in downtown Greenville.

A partnership between the university and city of Greenville was formally acknowledged by a city council resolution during a meeting Monday night. The entities will work together to select a space for a new educational facility, tentatively slated to open by the fall of 2014, or later.

For about 20 years, the Spartanburg-based school has operated a branch at the University Center of Greenville, but leaders say the center is bursting at the seams and doesn't meet all the needs of the Greenville community.

"We are underserving the population of Greenville," said USC



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GCSO charges suspected shooter

Officials say 17-year-old shot victim in the chest in Country Homes subdivision

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A teenager was arrested in connection to the Monday night shooting death of a 24-year-old Greenwood man.

Tyvon Jervaise Greely, 17,

of 407 Siloam Church Road, Greenwood, was arrested Tuesday afternoon and charged with murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime, according to the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office. GCSO officials said more

charges are pending.

According to reports, the suspect was one of four people who met with Antonio Randall at 117 Presum Hollow Road, his mother's Country Homes subdivision home, late Monday night.

Just before 10 p.m., officials

said the suspect pulled a gun and shot Randall five times in the chest at close range. The police report said the group was in the driveway when the shooting started. The four then fled the scene.

The victim died at

Self Regional Medical Center. According to Greenwood County Coroner Jim Courney, a Tuesday autopsy found at least one of the bullets damaged the victim's organs and led to his death.

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Land of Romney

Republican presidential candidate and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney won the Illinois primary Tuesday. For more, see Page 3A.

STATE POLITICS

O'Dell to run again

District 4 S.C. Senator running for 7th term

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For 24 years, District 4's Billy O'Dell has served in the South Carolina Senate.

He hopes for at least four more years.

O'Dell, 73, has announced he will seek a seventh term in the Senate. He filed Friday in Greenwood County.

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After 300 combat missions as an Army captain, Eric Delgado, 30, left, has started a record label called Recovery Records and is currently working to put out an album on behalf of Steven Cathcart's, right, band, I Am Carpenter.

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EDUCATION

Schools strike gold, silver

Local officials laud educators, parents, students

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Academic performance and improvement of numerous Lakelands schools received recognition in the annual Palmetto Gold and Silver awards announced by the S.C. Department of Education, honors local officials credited to the efforts of educators, parents and students.

Similar to state report cards, the general performance awards recognize schools for absolute and growth ratings for performance in areas such as standardized tests, exit exams and graduation rates.

The Abbeville County School District again had a strong showing for general performance Gold Awards, given to John C. Calhoun Elementary, Westwood, Cherokee Trail, Diamond Hill elementary schools and the Abbeville County Career Center. Wright Middle School received a Silver Award.

Even at a time of budget difficulties for school districts.

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Jail plans take new turn; sewer vote on track

BY CARLOS CALABZA
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — Oconee County is taking its jail plans in a new direction.

County Council came out of executive session Tuesday night and voted to instruct County Administrator Scott Moulder to negotiate the purchase of property and undertake a new redesign for a detention center.

Moulder's marching orders came five days after he had no luck convincing homeowners to accept a scaled down plan

'I think we need to be up front. I don't have a problem with letting people decide, but we need to lay all the cards on the table for the people to decide.'

Wayne McCall

Oconee County councilman arguing that the sewer referendum should include language telling people up front that voter approval would more than likely result in a millage increase



for a new \$7.9 million facility on the grounds of the existing jail on Church Street in Walhalla. Oconee's initial \$18.6 million jail design was rejected by Walhalla's Zoning Board of

Appeals last summer primarily because nearby homeowners were vehemently opposed.

Earlier in the meeting, Council approved by a 4-1 vote Resolution 2012-02 that orders the

preparation of all requirements to place a sewer referendum on the ballot in November.

Councilman Wayne McCall voted against it. He argued that the referendum should include

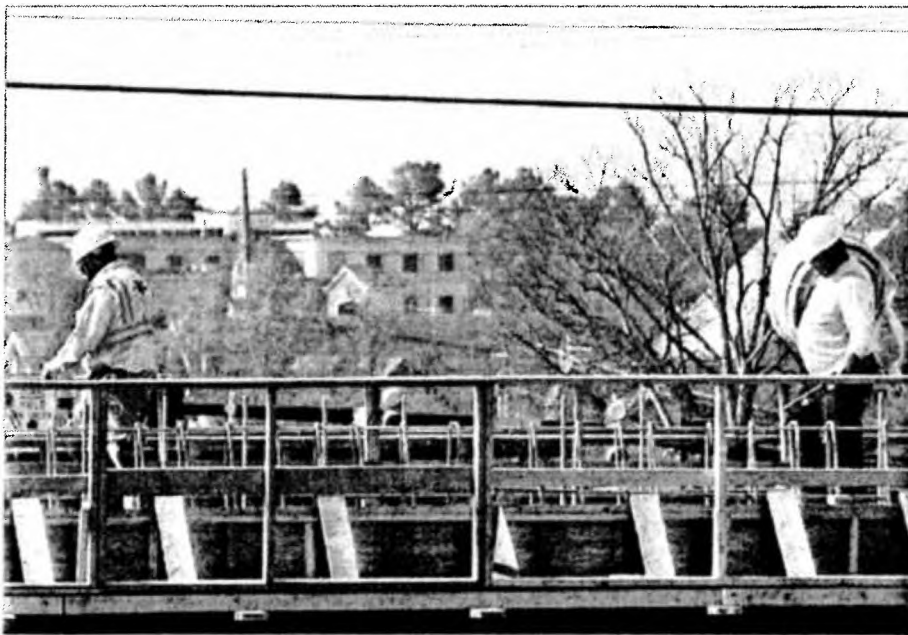
language telling people up front that voter approval would more than likely result in a millage increase.

Moulder said the language won't include anything as implicit as McCall suggests.

"The language hasn't been developed, but we speculate that it would be written in a way that will ask the question giving the county the authority to utilize ad valorem taxation for the means of providing sewer infrastructure and services within the county," Moulder said.

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Replacing a bridge in Clemson



Crews work on the new Highway 153 bridge replacement project Tuesday afternoon in Clemson.

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Bill could stop Pioneer's project plans

BY LADONNA BECKER
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — If a bill moves through the S.C. Senate like it did the S.C. House of Representatives recently, Stop Pioneer Now coalition might have an answer to its prayers, at least for now.

House Bill 4801 is written to revise the qualifications of Pioneer Rural Water District's governing Board of the District and how its members are appointed. The bill will also amend the "powers and duties" of the board. While the board is being reviewed by the General Assembly and possibly new members appointed, Pioneer might not start construction on a new water treatment plant until after July 31, 2016, if the bill is approved and signed by the governor.

"I think it solves a very serious issue," said Glen McPheeters, Stop Pioneer Now coalition member and Fair Play resident. "I'm uncomfortable with any member on that board."

During the last Pioneer board election, McPheeters said the process was handled poorly and people who should've been able to vote could not. Those who could vote were questioned. One example included individuals who have vacation homes in the Pioneer district, but live out of state, and could vote. But someone who lived in the district full time could not vote unless his or her name appeared on the voter bill, despite showing proof of residency.

House Rep. Bill Sandifer (R-Seneca) introduced the bill Feb. 22 in the S.C. House, and it was unanimously approved on March 8. All Oconee and

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Walhalla bans texting while driving

BY JESSICA SIMLEY
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — Drivers who opt to use their cell phones to send text messages while driving in the city limits could be left paying a



that is issued for the specific make and model.

The ordinance passed unanimously.

When it comes to the future of the Chamber of Commerce residing in the historic Earle House, which

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Anderson calls it quits after two terms

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FLORENCE — Incumbent county councilman Dr. Morris Anderson announced Friday he will not seek re-election to Florence County Council's Ninth District.

The two-term, 75-year-old, Republican's decision is hardly a surprise. Rumors of Anderson's

pending retirement had long been whispered among council insiders, but his announcement guarantees there will be at least one new face on the governing body known for playing things close to the vest.

In an exclusive interview with the Morning News last week, Anderson said his decision to step away was one he made when first elected — to limit himself to eight years of service at the



Dr. Morris Anderson says his decision when elected to the Florence County Council was to limit himself to eight years of service.

county level.

"I've enjoyed my time," Anderson said. "I've made some friends. Part of me is saddened, but at the same time, it's time

for me to move on and time for someone else to serve."

The councilman first earned the District 9 seat following a close Republican primary in 2004 against David P. Milligan. Anderson then ran unopposed in the general election and was again unchallenged in 2008.

Anderson earned over 99 percent of the vote in both general election contests, but picked up more than 1,100 additional votes

in 2008, a year when many Republicans suffered heavy losses in the wake of then-Sen. Barack Obama and the sweeping Democratic victories.

The public posturing and open debate associated with party politics was rarely a factor on the Florence County Council during Anderson's time. In fact, the group has received criticism

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FLORENCE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DAY



PHOTO BY CHRIS JACOBSON FOR MORNING NEWS

More than 100 people attended the 10th Annual Florence County Legislative Day on Tuesday at the Columbia Museum of Art. The event, sponsored by the Florence County Progress (the private sector arm of the Florence County Economic Development Partnership), gives Florence County businesses the chance to mingle with state legislators and showcase what's happening economically in Florence.

Sen. Hugh Leatherman (R-Florence) shakes hands Tuesday with fellow Sen. Paul Campbell (R-Berkley) during the 10th Annual Florence County Legislative Day at the Columbia Museum of Art. "This is a good time to get our people in Florence County with Senate (and House) members," Leatherman said.



GOP Primary

Mitt wins big

Rick Santorum unbowed by loss

The Associated Press

SCHAUMBURG, Ill. — Mitt Romney took a major stride toward the Republican presidential nomination Tuesday night, routing Rick Santorum in the Illinois primary for his third big state win in a row and padding his already formidable lead in the race for convention delegates.

"What a night," Romney exulted to cheering supporters in suburban Chicago. Looking beyond his GOP rivals, he said he had a simple message for President Barack Obama, the man Republicans hope to defeat next fall: "Enough. We've had enough."

Returns from 75 percent of Illinois' precincts showed Romney gain-



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Man grabs mom for drug cash, police say

By RICHARD WALKER
T&D Staff Writer

A Calhoun County man has been accused of kidnapping his mother to force her to withdraw money from an ATM so he could buy drugs.

Bradley Dyer, 10, of Murphree Mill Road, has been charged



Dyer

with kidnapping and grand larceny. Dyer was taken before Orangeburg City Judge Barney Houser on Tuesday and bond was set at \$60,000 surety.

According to multiple incident reports taken by the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety and the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office, Dyer has had several encounters with his 60-year-old mother since Sunday.

The Longwood Drive woman told investigators her son has a drug problem and was seeking money for drugs.

The woman called city police at about 3 a.m. Tuesday after she escaped from her son, according to one of the reports. She told 911 operators she was at an ATM on Columbia Road where he was demanding money from her.

The woman said her son came to her house earlier, stating he had run out of gas.

When she offered him \$15, he said, "We are going to the bank," according to the report. The man took the woman's vehicle and drove her to First Citizens Bank.

While seated in the car, the woman had trouble finding her ATM card.

When her son wasn't



Crime scene investigators from the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office collect evidence markers from the front yard of a Snake Swamp Road residence in Cope.

2 women killed

Murder suspect's trail leads to Louisiana



This map shows the location of murder suspect Vicente Mendoza's residence and the wooded area where the bodies of the women were found.

T&D Staff Report

Authorities are searching for a man they allege killed two Orangeburg women. They believe he may be on his way to Mexico.

Orangeburg County Sheriff Leroy Ravensell said authorities from Orangeburg to Texas are seeking 27-year-old Vicente Mendoza. He is wanted on two counts of murder.

The women have been identified as Hope Bowers, 21, of Dogwood Crossing, and Latoria Profit, 37, of Maple Street.

Orangeburg County Deputy Coroner Sean Hogle said a cause of death had not been determined for either woman as of late Tuesday. An autopsy is planned for Wednesday.

Police believe Mendoza stole a vehicle

a quarter of a mile away in a heavily wooded area off Collinwood Road where they found the bodies of the two women behind an abandoned manufactured home.

Authorities are trying to determine where the women were killed before their bodies were put in the wooded area off Collinwood.

The case came to the attention of law enforcement on Monday when family members reported the two women missing.

"Relatives of the 21-year-old victim contacted law enforcement on Monday after the victim made no contact with her family since Sunday," Ravensell said. "Officers searched the 21-year-old victim's last known location off Snake Swamp Road Monday night and Tuesday



Mendoza

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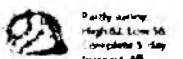
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Suits name Citadel, Rosa

School, its president hid knowledge of sex abuse, 6 new filings claim

BY ALLIYAN BIRD
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Six new lawsuits accuse The Citadel and its president of twice failing to protect boys in the school's summer camp from a man who later admitted to preying on them.

The suits also contain disturbing new allegations about former camp counselor Louis "Skip" Reville, who is accused of molesting 22 boys across the region over the past decade.

Charleston attorney Mullins McLeod on Monday filed three suits in state court and another three in federal court against The Citadel and school President

John L. Cox. John W. Rosa. The suits allege the school and its leader "chose to conceal" knowledge about sexual abuse at the hands of Reville. The filings also claim that The Citadel bore a legal obligation to stop further abuse and that it violated internal policies by failing to report Reville.

The suits show a pattern of abuse that began a decade ago with Reville's invitation for boys to eat pizza and Chinese food while watching pornography movies. Reville then groomed victims by coercing them to masturbate with him, the lawsuits state.

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Latest news

What was Rosa's lawsuit against The Citadel and its president, Lt. Gen. John W. Rosa, three in state court and three in federal court.

What are the allegations? That Louis "Skip" Reville told Citadel public safety officials in 2002 that he had a problem with pedophilia but that the school never opened the investigation. Also that a former campus detailed abuse to school officials in 2007 and that The Citadel and its officials had a legal obligation to report the abuse.

What more details do the lawsuits reveal? They describe escalating



Rosa

Reville

abuse that culminated in Reville putting peanut butter on himself and asking boys to perform a sex act on him, according to the suits. The suits also say Reville created a fraternity for young boys that he named "The Minors" in which he gave names to members based on their genitalia.

Crash ends dream

How Art Thou? cafe co-owner mourned



Friends of Josh Miller, including Heather St. Helmsman (right) and Michelle Mondrick, remembered him Monday with tears, smiles, hugs, prayers and songs at the James Island business, How Art Thou?, that Miller ran with his father-in-law.

BY ANDREW KNAPP
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TO LET REAG 18 — When Josh Miller opened a restaurant, he could have let the pressure of work get the best of him.

His James Island cafe has a funky approach: bi combinations coffee, wine and light fare with art, music and Texas. That led How Art Thou? to share office space with Seasonal Church, where Miller attended.

But Miller, 35, co-owner, helped make it work. After only six months, it started turning a profit.

And the whole time, the 33-year-old transplant from Illinois remained a family man. His relatives and friends said. He took his wife, Elizabeth, on a



Josh Miller with his wife, Elizabeth, and daughter, Hannah.

and a week-old, George, at a reasonable hour every day.

Last month, he declared on Facebook that he had the perfect wife, perfect daughter and name a "perfect little son."

And like every other, the day Miller died was supposed to be about as normal.

After church Sunday, he took his children to their Kelly Beach home for a nap. His wife stayed behind to pick up after worship services.

He was driving back to the church on James Island when his SUV was struck by another

vehicle. The two children in the back seat were injured, and Miller died at the scene.

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Marine admits assault on child

Doctor says man has PTSD

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In July 2010, a pregnant woman found James Wallenstein standing over a 4-year-old child who was lying at the foot of her bed in a Charleston home.

Wallenstein was visibly aroused, and the girl was not wearing a diaper, according to testimony in Charleston County Circuit Court and later views Monday. He was supposed to be putting the girl to bed.

After being found, Wallenstein ran out the window. He ate his words and wrote "forgive me" in blood on his legs.

He drove the boy into a hospital. He was rushed to the hospital. His condition was life threatening.

It is unclear what, if anything, happened in the summer of 2010, the prosecutor said.

Wallenstein, a 27-year-old Marine from Charleston, pleaded guilty Monday to sexual battery and

unlawful conduct toward a child. Counselor Thomas Thompson testified that he had seen a picture of a violation of which carries a 10-year sentence. Thompson delayed a decision on whether Wallenstein's name must appear on the Sex Offender Registry. Wallenstein, who served



Wallenstein

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A SWITCH? Ellington may return to football after Horn firing, B1



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LEE COUNTY LEGAL BATTLE

Residents rip 'monster' landfill

Jurors in federal court hear neighbors' accounts of odor that 'haunts' their lives and their homes

By SANDY FRETWELL
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Backyard cookouts, springtime gardening — even the sight of a colorful rainbow — are being ruined by the nauseating odor of rotten garbage in rural Lee County, a federal

jury was told Monday. The county's mountainous landfill, a destination for tons of East Coast trash, faces a legal challenge from six Bishopville-area residents who want to shut down the megadump and make its owners compensate them for the way the

site has been operated.

Rancid odors rise on the breeze without warning, often on otherwise pleasant evenings, landfill opponents said.

"It's almost like this living monster that haunts us," Bishopville native Debbie Babb said.

Babb's lawsuit against Lee County Landfill SC LLC is significant because it is one of the first believed to have reached a federal jury in South Carolina that focuses specifically on how odors are affecting people's use and enjoyment of their property. If the law-

suit is successful, Babb, her husband and four of their neighbors could encourage others to challenge landfills, or even farms, that fail to control odors.

The trial likely will continue until sometime next week. Lawyers did not specify how much in dam-

ages the families want, but the amount could be hefty, perhaps in the millions.

Once the jury has heard the case, Babb's lawyers are expected to ask U.S. District Judge Joe Anderson to order the landfill

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EDUCATION IN S.C.

Bills would boost private, charter schools

Lawmakers seek to offer alternatives to parents

By GINA SMITH
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Interest in alternatives to traditional public schools is growing in South Carolina, as lawmakers

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O'Connor to hear cases in Greenville

Retired Supreme Court justice to preside over several 4th Circuit Court of Appeals' cases

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Retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor will be in Greenville this week presiding over several cases at the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals makes a rare stop in the Upstate.

O'Connor's visit is momentous particularly because she will be holding court and not just appear-

ing for events, U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals Chief Judge William Traxler of Greenville said.

"She is the only retired Supreme Court justice I know who continues to hold court and actually sits on cases," Traxler told GreenvilleOnline.com.

"That makes it special in and of itself — but if you add to it the fact that she's the first woman ever to serve on the United States

Supreme Court, it just becomes a wonderful event for Greenville and the Upstate."

Retired justices are allowed to sit on appeals courts and render binding decisions.

Appeals court panels travel outside of the home court in Richmond, Va., and typically visit law schools, Traxler said.

Over the course of Thursday and Friday mornings, O'Connor

will lead a three-judge appeals panel that will hear six cases in federal court in downtown Greenville.

In addition to hearing the cases, O'Connor will visit with Greenville County schoolchildren, meet with the Federal Bar Association's South Carolina chapter and on Friday sit in with Furman University's mock trial session, Traxler said.

O'Connor, 81, a Reagan nominee, retired in 2006.

Scholars have noted that she often played the role of the moderate swing vote that would sway

landmark split decisions, such as the 5-4 decision to halt challenges to Florida's 2000 presidential election results, effectively ending Vice President Al Gore's claim to winning the election.

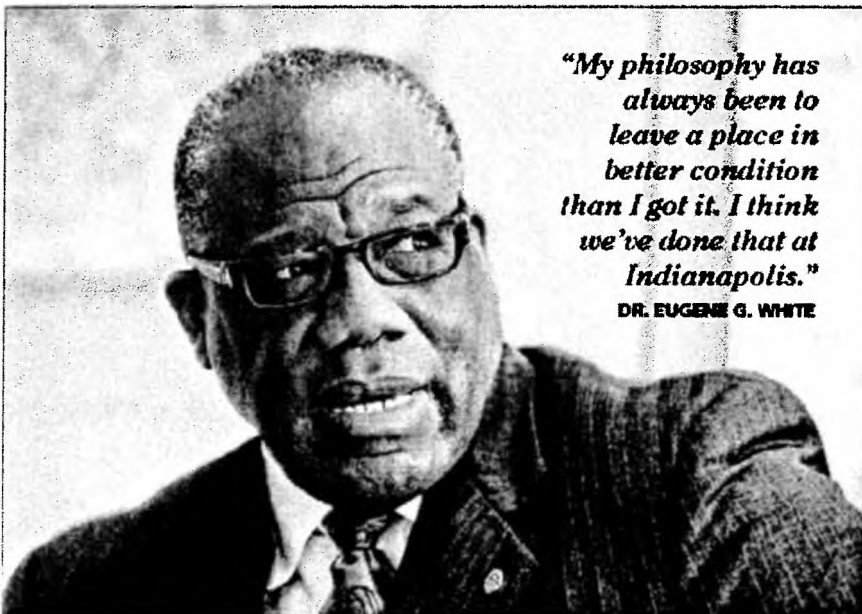
The panel in Greenville will first hear the case of the Three Hebrew Boys and participant Joseph Brunson's challenge that he should have been allowed to represent himself during his trial in Columbia.

U.S. District Judge Margaret Seymour sentenced Brunson to

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O'Connor



"My philosophy has always been to leave a place in better condition than I got it. I think we've done that at Indianapolis."

DR. EUGENE G. WHITE

Eugene White, superintendent of the Indianapolis Public Schools and one of the three finalists to lead Greenville County Schools, will meet with school board members and county residents today. —GEOFFREY HARRIS

Leadership expert

White has faced challenges, seen progress in Indianapolis schools

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MEET CANDIDATES

Today:

Voters appeal remap

They call state's redistricting plan 'voting apartheid'

By Meg Kinnard

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Six black South Carolina voters took their case to the nation's highest court on Monday, asking the U.S. Supreme Court to hear an appeal over the state's new congressional and state House districts.

The high court has not said if it will take the case, which bypassed the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Earlier this month, a three-judge federal panel ruled that South Carolina's U.S. House districts — including the state's new 7th Congressional District along the coast — and state House districts are fair and do not discriminate against black voters.

The suit's resolution cleared the way for the filing period for political offices in South Carolina to open as scheduled last Friday.

The voters, who live in Florence, Sumter, Georgetown, Berkeley, Darlington and Charleston counties, had argued the districts drawn by the Republican-dominated state Legislature diluted blacks' voting power and were improperly drawn based on race.

They sued Gov. Nikki Haley, the Legislature and other state officials, claiming that the plan for the state's seven districts "creates a system of voting apartheid in South Carolina that segregates white and black voters into election districts."

Dorman trips Gaffney

Game called after five innings with the score 14-2 B1

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Hoop journey

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Suspect caught

A man suspected of robbing the SunTrust Bank branch on John B. White Sr. Boulevard on Friday was arrested Saturday in Charlotte, N.C., on charges of common-law robbery and larceny of a motor vehicle, neither of which is related to the bank robbery. **PAGE C1**

Charter schools

The state Senate is debating a bill to bolster the state's charter schools — public schools freed from many state requirements so that they can encourage innovation. **PAGE C3**

Parlay-vous France?

Thousands of people in China desperate to emigrate have discovered a backdoor into Canada that involves applying for entry into Quebec, as long as they have a good knowledge of French. **PAGE A2**

People want Swim Center



PHOTO BY TIM KANZEY/TIM KANZEY.COM

Children in support of the Swim Center hold a sign during a public forum held at Bethel United Methodist Church in Spartanburg. A large crowd attended the meeting to discuss parks and recreation facilities in the city of Spartanburg Monday evening.

City Council listens as residents comment on saving facilities

By **LYNNE P. SHACKLEFORD**
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In many ways, a city-sponsored public forum on Monday turned into a pep rally for the Swim Center.

Several hundred people packed the family life center of Bethel United Methodist Church late Monday afternoon to give Spartanburg City Council members their thoughts on keeping, or closing, the T.K. Green Rec-

PHOTO GALLERY

• To see more of the action at Monday's public hearing, go to GoUpstate.com.

About 75 people weren't allowed into the meeting due to fire code regulations.

City management has recommended closing both centers in anticipation of opening a new



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District 10 state senator said he's pleased with transition to Statehouse

By CHRIS TRAINOR
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District 10 state Sen. Floyd Nicholson will seek a second term in office.

Nicholson, a Democrat, was first elected to the Senate in 2008, defeating Republi-

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can Dee Condon in a spirited race. Nicholson filed Friday to seek re-election.

Before becoming a senator, Nicholson spent a number of years in city government. He was a Greenwood City Council member from 1982-93, then served as Greenwood's mayor from 1994-2008.

A graduate of Brewer High School and South Carolina State University, Nicholson

had various positions with Greenwood School District 50 for many years. He currently works in student services at Lander University.

Nicholson is married and has three sons.

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■ ABBEVILLE

CSX to aid residents affected by derailment

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Anyone who incurred out-of-pocket expenses because of the March 8 CSX train derailment in Abbeville will have an opportunity to get reimbursed later this week.

CSX will set up a community claims center Wednesday through Friday at the Abbeville Civic Center, CSX spokesperson Carla Groblewski said. The center will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

Have a claim?

■ **What:** Community claims center offered by CSX.

■ **Where:** Abbeville Civic Center.

■ **When:** 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday and from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

■ **Note:** To be reimbursed, residents are required to bring valid photo identification, one utility bill with their name and home address and any expense receipts.

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SHRINERS VISIT LAKELANDS

GETTING A VISIT FROM THE BOSSES

Regional group comes to town for weekend festival

By RUSSELL COX
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Greenwood might be home to only one Shrine Club of many in the Hejazi Shrine Temple in the South Carolina Upstate, which is one of 194 temples in the world, but soon, the city will take a prominent focus for the organization.

This weekend, the South Atlantic Shriners Association Spring Festival will come to Greenwood, providing not only a time of business and celebration for the group, but also a screening event for the public and visits from some of the highest ranking officials in Shriners International.

Several members of the governing body of the worldwide organization are planning to attend, including its leaders, Imperial Potentate Mike Severe, Deputy Imperial Potentate Alan Madson, First Ceremonial Master Gary Bergenski and Outer

What's going on

■ A free screening clinic for Shriners Hospitals for Children will take place Saturday at the Greenwood County Library from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Medical staff from the Greenville Shriners Hospital will evaluate potential patients younger than 18 free of charge. Types of conditions treated include scoliosis and spinal deformities, clubfoot and related deformities, osteogenesis imperfecta, spina bifida, neuromuscular disorders, hand problems, orthopedic problems from cerebral palsy, missing limbs or limb deficiencies, metabolic bone disease, skeletal growth abnormalities, spinal cord injuries, burn injuries and cleft lip and palate.

■ Shriners Hospitals for Children provides care and services regardless of ability to pay. For information, call 255-7863.

Imperial Potentate Mike Severe, Deputy Imperial Potentate Alan Madson, First Ceremonial Master Gary Bergenski and Outer

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■ VALLEY BROOK RD

City OKs restraints at old dump site

Action last step in cleanup contract

By CHRIS TRAINOR
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Greenwood City Council passed a measure authorizing the city manager to execute a declaration of covenants and restrictions with the Department of Health and Environmental Control for the old city dump site on Valley Brook Road.

Council unanimously passed the measure Monday during its regular legislative meeting.

City manager Charlie Barrebeau said the adoption of covenants and restrictions is the first step in the city's responsible party voluntary cleanup contract with DHEC for the property.

According to the covenants and restrictions, the property could not be used for residential, agricultural, recreational, child day care facilities, schools or elderly care facilities.

Also, ground water beneath the property may not be used for drinking or irrigation purposes without prior approval from DHEC.

The covenants also note the



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Oconee to get ball rolling on sewer vote

Council resolution would prepare for referendum

BY CARLOS CALARZA
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — Oconee County's elected officials are expected to set in motion all the preliminary preparations necessary to get a sewer referendum before the voters in November.

County Council members have on tonight's agenda the final and final reading of Resolution 2012-03 that calls for the preparation of all required documents,

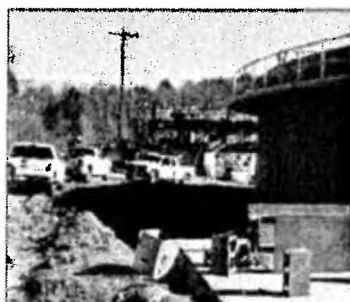
tion and supporting materials" needed to hold a referendum that would modify a 1976 referendum. The referendum approved by voters 38 years ago authorized the county to acquire, purchase, construct and operate a waste-water treatment facility to serve portions of the county.

Voters blessed the referendum with a majority vote by approving exactly what the county put before them, which included language stating that funds used

to construct, maintain and operate the sewer system would come from three sources — grants from federal and state agencies, revenues generated from the operation of the sewer system, and bonds payable from revenues produced by the system.

The restriction on limiting funding of sewer projects to the three sources described in the 1976 referendum was self-imposed by the county, as is pointed out in a 2006 South Carolina Supreme Court ruling.

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The Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority's Martin Creek sewer project is in its final stages. The Oconee Council is considering a resolution tonight that would pave the way for a new sewer referendum.

FILE PHOTO

Targeting young borrowers



More often, creditors are able to reach a younger demographic through social networking sites, causing an early jump in credit card debt.

Social networking makes it easy for creditors

BY JESSICA SLOLEY

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Finding pockets of poverty

Clemson University nursing program to assist Hunger Coalition

BY CARR OLIVER
THE JOURNAL

PICKENS — Members of the Pickens County Hunger Coalition want to provide food to needy individuals. However, they must first locate areas where the highest need exists.

Karen Culley, United Way's vice president of community impact, said Wednesday that GIS mapping has been one way of locating areas where residents have no access to grocery stores or food banks.

"It doesn't make sense to move forward until we know where these pockets of poverty are," Culley said.

Rozanne Emerson, of the Clemson University Nursing Program, is providing another avenue of assistance. Emerson said a recent article in The Journal regarding the Hunger Coalition inspired her to select their effort for a special nursing project.

"These registered nurses, who are going back and getting an advanced degree, are going to attempt to contact every church in Pickens County," Emerson said.

ple than before, as well as contacting some churches that may not have previously been contacted.

The length of the survey is five to eight minutes, and information will be collected over the next five weeks.

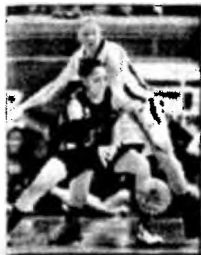
Culley said churches will also be asked about their familiarity with the backpack and summer feeding programs and their interest in participation.

The backpack program, which is offered by Pickens and Oconee school districts, allows teachers to place food items in the backpacks of impoverished students so they will be able to eat on weekends.

Sally Nicholson, director of the school district's nutritional services program, said the summer feeding program would be offered June 20 through Aug. 30, except for July 4.

She added that all children ages 4 through 18, as well as special needs persons up to age 22, can sign up and receive free breakfast and lunch five days per week during that period.

"It allows us to reach out to other organizations in the community," Nicholson said.



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UNREST AT WILSON HIGH SCHOOL



Betty Gregg addressed those gathered to emphasize her disapproval of the reassignment of Wilson High School principal Dr. Gerard Edwards on Monday during a meeting at Wilson High School. The meeting was organized by the Save Our Children and Reassign Dr. Edwards Committee whose goal is to get Edwards reassigned to the school.

Group wants Edwards back

'I promise you he'll be back' says George

BY TUCKER MITCHELL

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FLORENCE — Florence School District 1's decision to reassign Wilson High Principal Gerard Edwards to the district's Alternative School isn't going down easily with some Wilson parents and alumni.

A group of them have formed an organization to protest the move, and at a meeting Monday in the school's cafeteria/lobby area, the group's self-appointed leader, Dr. Bernetha George, promised the 60 or so in attendance that Edwards would eventually regain his post.

"We're going to make our case, and we're going to make the decision to remove Edwards go away," George said. "I promise you, he'll be back."

The Save Our Children and Reassign Dr. Edwards (SOCARDE) Committee has rented office space, lined up a phone number, the voice mail box had not been set up as of Monday night and made plans for a lengthy campaign that George hopes will include phone calls, emails, picket lines outside the district office and



Dorothy Hines (center) and other citizens listen to Bernetha George talk about why former principal Dr. Gerard Edwards should be reassigned to Wilson High School.

INSIDE

More Wilson turmoil Basketball coach D'Andre Scott resigns. **Page 1B**

George outlined tactics to the group assembled at the school last night. She asked for attendees to program the main FSD1 number into their cellphones and many appeared to comply. George told them to "make a call every time it crosses your mind," and instructed that

you?" the reply should be, "Yes, reassign Dr. Edwards."

Zina Wright of Florence, whose niece graduated from Wilson in 2010, said she was ready to call.

"I may spend my whole lunch break tomorrow making calls," Wright said. "And I'm going to call my piece and tell her to do that email thing, too."

George gave out FSD1 Superintendent Allie Brooks' email address at

S.C. fails integrity probe

Study: Lack of transparency, accountability put state at higher risk of corruption

The Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — State governments lack transparency and accountability to citizens and remain at high risk for corruption, according to a new study of all 50 statehouses. The state doing the best? New Jersey.

Not a single state received an A in the State Integrity Investigation ranking, a product of the Center for Public Integrity, Public Radio International and Global Integrity.

Nineteen states got grades of C, and 18 got a D. Eight states got an F with grades of 59 or lower: North Dakota, Michigan, South Carolina, Maine, Virginia, Wyoming, South Dakota and Georgia.

Rounding out the top five states were Connecticut (B, 86), Washington state (B minus, 83), California (B minus, 81) and Nebraska (B minus, 80).

"It's telling that no state received an overall grade of A," said Caitlin Cinley, a staff writer for the Center for Public Integrity and a project manager on the study. "In every state, there's room to improve the ethics laws, the level of transparency on government proceedings, the disclosure of information, and — most importantly — the oversight of these laws."

"One of the major findings was that even when ethics laws are passed, they are difficult to enforce and lack meaningful consequences for violators," Cinley said.

Only five states got rankings of B, led by a surprising recipient: New Jersey. It got a B plus, with an overall score of 87 out of a possible 100.

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Port panel to study river

By BRUCE SMITH
Associated Press

CHARLESTON — The Georgia-South Carolina state board working to develop a \$5 billion container ship terminal on the Savannah River will study capacity and navigation on the river to see if the massive terminal is viable once the existing Georgia port reaches its container capacity.

"We have delayed this meeting after meeting after meeting. I just think it makes good business sense that we have an answer to this," said Bill Stern, the chairman of the board of the South Carolina State Ports Authority said.

Stern spoke Monday at the first meeting in nine months of the board comprised of members from both states working on developing a port in Jasper County on the South Carolina side of the river just downstream from Savannah.

Back in December, the South Carolina State Ports Authority Board voted not to commit any additional



The S.C. Department of Transportation has completed three bridges on U.S. Highway 78 near Branchville. The 80-year-old bridges they replaced will be removed.

OVER THE RIVER

New bridges up, old must go
on \$10.7 million project

T&D Staff Report

The S.C. Department of Transportation has completed three bridges on U.S. Highway 78 west of Branchville.

SCDOT spent \$10.7 million to replace the 80-year-old bridges, which were showing signs of deterioration, District 7 Assistant Construction Engineer Brian Heape said.

"The new road alignment is complete and open to traffic," Heape said. "There is still some work to be done on the old causeway and bridge. They have to be taken out and demolished."

Heape said the remaining work is not expected to hamper traffic.

The bridges, which go over the Edisto River, have been on SCDOT's to-do list for the past 12 years.

The project began May 18, 2010 and is scheduled for completion Aug. 31, 2012. The three bridges are near the Orangeburg/Orangeburg County line. The contractor for the

project was Great Falls-based United Infrastructure Group Inc.

Officials say the bridges were showing signs of wear, noting that safety changes were recently made to the bridges' substructure. In 2009, they averaged 2,400 vehicles daily.

District 7 Construction Engineer Jim Porth said while the bridges were never unsafe, they were "becoming a hazard for motorists."

"We have a scoring list on routine inspections and they were some of the lower scores in our district," Porth said. "We had some structural problems."

Porth noted the bridges had been repaired over the years, though this work began to lose its integrity as well. The bridges were widened in 1970.

In addition to replacing and realigning the roads, Porth said the bridges are slightly wider than the old bridges and there is a two-foot paved shoulder.

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DHEC: Port case one for high court



6 black voters appeal S.C. remap plan

By MEG KIMMARD
Associated Press

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4 GOP justices control health law's fate

Obama likely needs just 1 to win approval of insurance requirement

BY MARK SHEPHERD
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Here's a thought that can't comfort President Barack Obama: The fate of his health care overhaul rests with four Republican-appointed Supreme Court justices.

The most sweeping domestic achievement could be struck down if they stand together with Justice Clarence Thomas, another GOP appointee who is the chief conservative.

But the good news for Obama is that he probably needs only one of the four to side with him to win approval of the law's crucial centerpiece, the requirement that almost everyone in this country has insurance or pays a penalty.

Lawyers with opposing views of the issue uniformly agree that the four Democratic-appointed justices, including Obama's two picks, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor, will have no trouble concluding that Congress

did not overstep its authority in adopting the insurance requirement that is aimed at sharply reducing the more 50 million people without insurance.

On the other side, Thomas has made clear in several cases that he does not take an expansive view of Congress powers.

Both the Obama administration and the health care law's challengers believe they can attract the other four Republicans to their side. The group includes Chief Justice John Roberts

and Justice Samuel Alito, the two appointees of President George W. Bush who have swung the court to the right on a number of areas; conservative stalwart Antonin Scalia; and the less doctrinaire Anthony Kennedy.

There is no consensus in the legal and academic worlds which way the court will go or even how each of those four justices will vote. The court has set aside six hours over three days.

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The Supreme Court will begin hearing arguments in the challenge of President Obama's health care overhaul March 26.

2 dead in Folly crash

6 injured; gridlock in both directions as Folly Road closes



Fatal crash

Traffic remains tied up Sunday afternoon, hours after a fatal crash at the intersection of Folly and Bowens Island roads.

BY DAVID MUNDAY
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FOLLY BEACH — A four-car wreck left two people dead and six injured and closed the only road leading to and from this beach for almost three hours Sunday afternoon.

The wreck happened about 1:05 p.m. at Folly Road and Bowens Island Road, according to Folly Beach Public Safety Director Dennis Brown.

The Charleston County Coroner's office identified the deceased as John Miller, 35, and James Marsh, 75, both of Folly Beach.

Miller died at the scene, and Marsh died on the way to a hospital, Deputy Coroner Scott Ramsey said.

The accident also sent six other people, including children, to local hospitals, Brown said. Their identities, ages and conditions were not available Sunday.

It was cleared Folly Beach later in the day but it was bright and sunny at the time of the accident. Folly Beach and the Charleston County Sheriff's Office are trying to sort out how it happened.

Charleston County Sheriff's Office Maj. Tom Brady referred questions about the accident to Folly Beach.

"We're working with the Sheriff's Office reconstructing the scene, interviewing witnesses, and also docu-

menting evidence left at the scene," Brown said. "We're hoping in the next couple weeks to have a more definitive, more of the accident. At this point now it would be speculation."

The accident caused major traffic snarls across the island, with closed traffic stretching two miles along the side roads leading to Center Street, Brown said. Many people simply parked their cars and lengthened their stay on the island.

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Historic gems may join Summerville district



BY DRY PETERSEN
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SUMMERVILLE — The freed-slaves state county has a smaller piece of land for children to sit. The Charleston County is home to a low-rise building, but it's a child

Additional to the Summerville historic district are the 1800s St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and the 1870s-era Summerville School House.

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BULL STREET DEVELOPMENT



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Columbia officials await news on how much public money a developer needs for the Bull Street project, which includes the Babcock Building.

Questions abound as time ticks down to start on transformation

By CLIF LEBLANC
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But major questions must be answered before the city knows how much

hood? How much will be request over the 30-year life of the project — which

NATIONWIDE STUDY

S.C. faces higher corruption risk

Government secrecy, weak ethics enforcement among reasons cited in Washington report

By JAMES ROSEN
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WASHINGTON — South Carolina is among the states most ripe for corruption because of government secrecy, weak ethics enforcement, little disclosure of legislators' finances and low accountability for legislative and execu-

tive branch members, according to a nationwide analysis to be released today.

The report gives South Carolina failing grades in nine of 14 key categories, with the state faring especially poorly in public access to information and executive accountability.

South Carolina scored above average in just four areas — lobbying disclosure, procurement, redistricting procedures and internal auditing.

Overall, only five states rank lower than South Carolina in the study's "corruption risk" index — Maine, Virginia, Wyo-

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SOUTH CAROLINA'S BUS FLEET

Proposal aims to privatize school buses

Some fear state will shift costs to school systems

By GINA SMITH
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South Carolina school systems are fearful they are about to be handed a bill



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Romney pads delegate lead

Spotlight turns to more competitive primaries in Illinois, Louisiana



Romney, after winning Puerto Rico, "I bet I'm going to become the nominee." AP



Santorum vowed to stay in the race, although he is behind in delegates. AP

By Philip Elliott
The Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Mitt Romney scored an overwhelming win Sunday in Puerto Rico's Republican presidential primary, trouncing chief rival Rick Santorum on the Caribbean island even as the two rivals looked ahead to more competitive contests this

THE RACE

Ron Paul's campaign resets its goals

work in Illinois and Louisiana.

The victory in the U.S. territory was so convincing that Romney, the GOP front-runner, won all 20 delegates to the national convention at stake because he

prevailed with more than 50 percent of the vote.

That padded his comfortable lead over Santorum in the race to amass the 1,144 delegates needed to clinch the nomination.

Nevertheless, the GOP nomination fight is unlikely to end anytime soon, with Santorum refusing to step aside even though Romney is pulling further ahead

in the delegate hunt.

As the day began, Santorum claimed he was in contest for the long haul because Romney is a weak front-runner.

"This is a primary process where somebody had a huge advantage, huge money advantage, huge advantage of establishment

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SIMPSONVILLE MAY LIMIT SMOKING

HOT ISSUE



Campuses take aim on problem drinkers

Alcohol culture can lead to tragedy

By Anna Simon

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CLEMSON — The recent trial of a former University of Virginia lacrosse player in the death of his girlfriend brought into focus the consequences of college drinking and the shared responsibility to keep it under control.

Testimony at the trial of George Huguely V, convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to 26 years in prison, described a college drinking culture and the inability of friends, for various reasons, to intervene in his heavy drinking.

College students "drink more on average than their same age peers who are not enrolled in college," said Susan Bruce, director of the Gordon Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, a national center at the University of Virginia.

However, the perception that college is a big party and everyone is getting drunk is false, Bruce said. Most students are moderate to light drinkers, she said. Even at parties when everyone is holding a cup,

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Da coach: GPS Conservatives for Action (GAC) is hosting an evening with former Chicago Bears coach Mike Ditka at 6:15 tonight at the American Legion, 199 S. Cherry Road, Rock Hill. Tickets, which include dinner, are \$75 and are available at Excel Staffing and Mitchell Insurance Agency. Information: 803-411-6553 or 803-493-4504.



DITKA

Tuesday

Hunger relief: Second Harvest Partners will host a hunger relief site at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. John Baptist Church, 3726 Woodlawn St., Summerville. Recipients must meet USDA income guidelines. Information: 803-517-7870.

Wednesday

Student art: The Sculpture/Drawing Exhibition in the Lawndown to Students Gallery at Winthrop University runs through Friday. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Thursday

Just a taste: "A Taste of Music" will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1330 India Hook Road, Rock Hill. Performers include Philip Tettis, Michael Williams and the Winthrop University Music Group, vocalist Jerry Helton accompanied by Mary Ann Helton, saxophonist Carl Kahlert and the Winthrop Jazz Voices. Free and open to the public.



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Friday

Stop the Violence: An anti-bullying campaign will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Pleasant Street Center, 361 Crawford Road, Rock Hill. Information: 803-429-5161.

Saturday

Kids on the farm: Children's Day on the farm will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Historic Brittonville. Hands-on children's activities including animal and antique farm life will include crafts, folk, military demonstrations, music, and more. Admission \$10.

Bill would hand school bus systems to districts

By Glan Smith
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S.C. school systems are fearful they are about to be handed a bill for tens of millions of dollars by the state Legislature.

That bill, they fear, could start coming due this week as S.C. House members begin work on a proposal to require the state's school districts to operate their own school bus systems or contract those operations out to private companies.

Currently, South Carolina is the only state in the nation that owns and operates its own school bus fleet. That fleet, all agree, is in perilous shape. The average bus is about 18 years old and has more than 200,000 miles.

Advocates say getting the state out of the school bus business will benefit both the state—in ever its head, running a massive bus system—as well as the local school districts, who will gain control over bus routes, bus stops and get more buses. They also say it will get the state out of business that it has no business being in.

"For the state, it gets us out of the bus business that we're running so poorly right now. There will be big savings in efficiencies for the state," said state Rep. Jim Merrill, R-Berkeley, the bill's primary sponsor. "For the school districts, they get more local control. They can sit down with a bus company and work out the details of a bus system that works for their specific district."

Gov. Nikki Haley supports privatizing the bus system and outlined a plan to do so in her executive budget. Her office says she is in "broad stroke" agreement with Merrill's bill but has not been involved in working on its details.

But some school districts are cringing at the numbers and say they cannot afford the change.

School districts—looking into a future of ever-higher fuel and vehicle costs—fear the state's contributions to school districts will not keep up with their rising costs.

Earlier this month, the Florence 1 school board passed a resolution opposing Merrill's privatization bill.

School board chairman Porter Sower-

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RECORD NUMBERS SEEK HELP FILING TAXES



ANNE BURRISSE, aturns@heraldonline.com

Volunteer Pam Mauney, left, helps Venetia Smith with a tax return at Rock Hill City Hall.

Preparing tax returns: From computers to cupcakes

Need help?

Volunteers are working Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Rock Hill's City Hall to assist

taxpayers with returns pointing to five tax traps. And, like a line of bread crumbs, the signs lead those seeking help back to City Hall's lobby, where they can get more information.

Currently, the focus is the state of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Study: SC scores low in integrity

National probe finds only 5 states more ripe for corruption

By James Rosen
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — South Carolina is among the states most ripe for corruption because of government secrecy, weak ethics enforcement, little disclosure of legislators' finances and low accountability for legislative and executive branch members, according to a nationwide analysis to be released today.

The report gives South Carolina failing grades in nine of 14 key categories, falling especially poorly in public access to information and executive accountability.

South Carolina scored above average in four areas: lobbying disclosure, procurement, information procedures and internal auditing.

Overall, only five states rank lower than South Carolina in the study's "integrity index": Maine, Virginia, Wyoming, South Dakota and Georgia. South Carolina ranked for 19th best, ahead of 29 states.

The report was based on an 18-month investigation by the Center for Public Integrity and Global Integrity, nonpartisan watchdog organizations based in Washington.

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'Bristol loves me'

Brad Keselowski used Bristol Motor Speedway last fall to cement his spot in NASCAR's championship race. Back at the track Sunday, he again made his way to Victory Lane. "What can I say? I love Bristol and Bristol loves me," he told reporters. **PAGE B1**

Land a priority

The purchase and conservation of the East Fork Headwaters, more than 8,000 acres on the North and South Carolina border, has been named a "priority project" under the federal America's Great Outdoors Initiative. **PAGE A5**

Escape south

While most Americans are familiar with the Underground Railroad that helped Southern slaves escape north before the Civil War, the first clandestine path to freedom ran for more than a century in the opposite direction. **PAGE B7**

1940 census

Intimate details of 132 million people who lived through the 1930s will be disclosed as the U.S. government releases the 1940 census on April 2 after 72 years of privacy protection lapses. **PAGE A3**

Driving stoned?

States that allow medical marijuana have grappled with the question of how to determine how to tell when a person is still under the influence, since the drug shows in the system long

CLEVELAND PARK, A YEAR LATER

For these children wounded in a miniature train derailment, healing is an ongoing process. From physical injuries to nightmares and fears, the group has learned to lean on one another.



Kayla Bullock, 12, plays on the playground at Corinth Baptist Church in Gaffney. Center, Kayla is seen, at right, being comforted on the day of the Cleveland Park miniature train derailment.

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'They won't ever forget that day'

By JERRY ARNOLD
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Different takes on Afghan murders

Some forgive, others condemn sergeant

By ALLEN G. BREED
The Associated Press

He is accused of the kind of crime that makes people shiver, the killing of families in their own homes under cover of night, the butchery of defenseless children. Under normal circumstances, Americans would dismiss such an act as worthy of only one response: swift and merciless punishment.

Not so in the case of Robert Bales — at least, not for some Americans.

So far, many seem willing to believe that a 10-year U.S. military veteran, worn down by four tours of combat and perhaps suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, simply snapped. That somehow there must be, if not an excuse, at least an explanation.

Exactly what set off the Army sergeant accused of massacring 16 civilians in Afghanistan's Kandahar Province is far from clear. But already, organizations and individuals with differing agendas have portrayed Bales as the personification of something that is profoundly broken, and have seized on his case to question the war itself or to argue that the American government is asking too much of its warriors.

On the website of Iraq Veterans Against the War, organizer Aaron Hughes declared that Afghan war veterans "believe that this incident is not a case of one 'bad apple' but the effect of a continued U.S. military policy of drone strikes, night raids, and helicopter attacks where Afghan civilians pay the price." Those veterans, he wrote, "hope that the Kandahar massacre will be a turning point" in the war.

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■ ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Mitt wins Puerto Rico

GOP race now shifts
to Illinois, Louisiana

By BEN FOX
and PHILIP ELLIOTT
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Mitt Romney scored an overwhelming win Sunday in Puerto Rico's Republican presidential primary, trouncing chief rival Rick Santorum on the Caribbean island even as the two rivals looked ahead to more competitive contests this week in Illinois and Louisiana.

Romney's wife, Ann, urged Republicans to unite behind her husband. "It's time to come together," she said at a rally in suburban Chicago. "It's time to get behind one candidate and get the job done so we can move on to the next challenge, bringing us one step closer to defeating Barack Obama."

The victory in Puerto Rico was so convincing Romney, the GOP front runner, won all 20 delegates to the national convention at stake because he prevailed with more than 50 percent of the vote. That padded his comfortable lead against Santorum in the race to amass the 1,114 delegates needed to clinch the nomination.

Romney announced the Puerto Rico win at the Illinois rally and told the crowd, "I intend to become our nominee and I intend to get Latino voters to vote for a Republican and take back the White House."

Nevertheless, the GOP nomination fight is unlikely to end anytime soon, with Santorum refusing to step aside even though Romney is pulling further ahead in the delegate hunt.

As the day began, Santorum claimed he was in



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THE BURT-STARK MANSION



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THIS OLD HOUSE

Memories still made
at historic mansion

By ERIN OWENS
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ABBEVILLE
Abbeville is often referred to as the "birthplace and the deathbed of the Confederacy," with the birth having occurred at Sevenson Hill, and the death at the Burt-Stark Mansion.

Anyone who has driven through the community has no doubt seen the stately white mansion sitting on North Main Street.

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■ Call 864-366-0166 or email info@burtstark.com to set up a tour

"It is a very historic home," tour guide Fred Lewis said. "You fall in love with it. There's just something about it."

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Nonprofit group hopes to repair Gullah cottages on Daufuskie Island 3A

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Are SC officials vulnerable to corruption?

Report cites government secrecy, weak ethics enforcement as reasons for low ranking in risk analysis

By JAMES ROSEN

McClatchy-Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — South Carolina is among the states most ripe for corruption because of government secrecy, weak ethics enforcement, little disclosure of legislators' finances and low accountability for legislative and executive branch members, according to a nationwide analysis to be

HOW DID S.C. DO?

Which states rate lower than South Carolina when it comes to the threat of corruption? 7A

released today.

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ecutive accountability.

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The report was based on an 18-month investigation by the Center for Public Integrity and Global Integrity, a bipartisan good-government group based in Washington.

Analysts interviewed hundreds of state officials and employees, along with professors, lawyers, advocacy group leaders and others who have extensive experience with or knowledge of their state governments.

Each state was graded on 330 standards for its laws, regulations and enforcement in state civil service management, accountability of the execu-

tive, legislative and judicial branches, state budget processes and other key areas.

The study cited reporting by The (Columbia) State newspaper last November, revealing that emails among Gov. Nikki Haley and her staff had been deleted.

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CROWDS FLOCK TO HILTON HEAD FOR A DAY AT THE RACES



JONATHAN OYER • The Island Packet

A pair of marsh tackies take off at the start of their heat Sunday during the annual Marsh Tacky Run on Coligny Beach on Hilton Head Island. A large crowd was on hand to watch the races, which are part of the Gullah Celebration.

Annual marsh tacky races take Gullah Celebration to the finish line

By ALLISON STICE • stice@islandpacket.com • 843-706-4038

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ANGER IN AFGHANISTAN

Soldier will be charged this week

Experts say the military still is deciding how to charge Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales in the rampage that killed 16 Afghans.

By DEB RIECHMANN
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Charges against an American soldier accused of killing 16 Afghan civilians are expected to be filed within a week and if the case goes to court the trial will be held in the United States, said a legal expert with the U.S. military familiar with the investigation.

Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales is suspected of leaving a U.S. base in southern Afghanistan, entering homes and gunning down nine children, four men and three women before dawn on March 11.

Bales, a 38-year-old married father of two from Lake Tapps, Wash., currently is being held at a U.S. military prison in Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

The shootings have further strained ties between the U.S. government and President Hamid Karzai who has ac-

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Coming Events

FMU's Center of Excellence Research Consortium: Thursday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Francis Marion University. Call 843-661-1828.

Jason and the Argonauts: Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center, 201 S. Dargatzis St. in downtown Florence. Call 843-661-4444 or visit www.fmuarts.org.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Florence BBQ Festival fund-raiser: Friday and Saturday next to Palmetto Peddler on Hoffmeyer Road. An official South Carolina Barbecue Association event, featuring competition among top BBQ chefs from across the state and region. Judging is by SCBA-certified judges. Ed Pickle is Marshal. Friday: appetizer and side dish sampling from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday: BBQ sampling and contest judging results, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each, good for unlimited sampling. Proceeds go to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program in Florence. Contact Bobby Floyd (843-667-9512) for more.

Organic Gardener, Becca Cantley: Friday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Buny Bookstore in downtown Hartsville. Becca Cantley, organic farmer at Oves Hill Farms, will talk about her "life as a young organic farmer and share tips with children about how they can get started farming organic vegetables. Story time will conclude with the reading of the children's book, "Molly's Organic Farm" by Carol L. Munroe. Free. Call 843-332-2511 or email bunysbooks@gmail.com.

Tiger Production presents Annual Dinner & Show "The Art of Love": Friday with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and the performance at 7 p.m. at Wilson High School in Florence. Tiger Production, the Honors and Show Choir of Wilson High School, will explore the many facets of love in its presentation of "The Art of Love Dinner and Musical." This musical tells the story of the heart's incredible ability to re-route itself to the person it first loved. The production features melodies such as "A Tribute to Queen," "20's Social Celebration" and "Sister Act II." Tickets are \$15. Call 843-664-8440 ext. 39.

Palmetto Artist Series presents Andrew Peterson Friday at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 6952 St. Andrews Road in Columbia. One of the most thoughtful, poetic, and lyrical songwriters of his generation, Andrew Peterson offers his vocal and guitar skills to our community. An author as well as one of Christian music's emerging artists, he brings a sense of goodness that is

Florence County

Florence ready for its close up

Annual 'Florence Day' in state capitol considered one of the best political events of the year

BY TRACY BRIDGES
Morning News
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FLORENCE — Florence County will get its big moment on the South Carolina political stage Tuesday, when local business, industry and political leaders gather

for the latest edition of Florence County Legislative Day.

The main event, a late, cocktail hour party at the Columbia Art Museum, will offer legislators and other state officials a chance to munch on a sumptuous hors d'oeuvre spread, sip free drinks and rub elbows with Florence

County's finest.

Earlier in the day, members of the Florence County legislative delegation will eat lunch with Florence County Progress "Pacesetters," corporations and others who contribute at least \$2,500 a year to the economic development organization.

The event began 10 years ago as a way for local leaders to show off all Florence County has to offer. Several other counties, towns or regions from across the state hold similar events in Columbia throughout the year, but Florence

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SIGNS OF SPRING



Hamp Bobbitt, owner of Carolina Car Wash, spent Sunday morning keeping the pollen build-up at bay and tidying up his car wash in Florence on Hoffmeyer Road. Bobbitt said this time of year he sees business quadruple due to people trying to keep the pollen build up off their cars. "I wish it would stay like this for six months," he said, laughing. Forecasters expect the amount of pollen in the air to increase through the week.



School Lunches

Debate rages over 'pink slime'

Strange filler product blasted with ammonium gas to kill bacteria. S.C. pondering a ban

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The lunch lady won't be serving up "pink slime" anymore in school districts around the country that don't want it.

Under a change announced Thursday by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, districts that get food through the government's school lunch program will be allowed to say no to ground beef containing an ammonia-treated filler derivatively called "pink slime" and choose filler-free meat instead.

Several school systems said they will change their cafeteria menus when the move takes effect next fall. What's not yet clear is how much the switch might cost and whether it could lead to price increases for school lunches.

"Our district has long advocated for purity and disclosure in food products. And we will definitely be moving to the pure ground beef when that becomes available in the fall," said John Schuster, spokesman for Florida's Miami-Dade school system, the nation's fourth-largest district with 345,000 students.

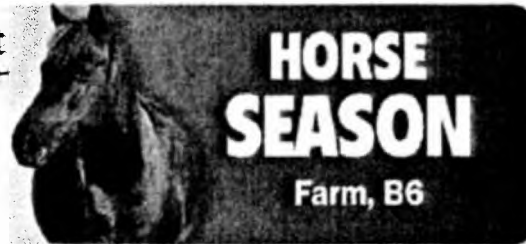
He could not immediately speak to the cost, noting that the district is on spring break. An Agriculture Department spokeswoman did not return a call for comment.

Some South Carolina schools use the product. It's not immediately clear what Pee Dee districts use it, or if any plan to take advantage of the USDA waiver. It is

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RMC push for loan called 'sham'



"They are not going to let you see all the information. You will come to their conclusion because you only see the numbers they want you to see."

DANNY COVINGTON

Trustee sees error in total presented to board as purposeful; hospital says his battle against borrowing is misguided

By GENE ZALESIO
T&D Staff Writer

The Regional Medical Center's leadership has made "an extreme effort... to steer" trustees and Orangeburg County Council to approve borrowing money when doing so will harm the hospital, RMC board Finance Committee Chairman Danny Covington says.

But hospital officials say Covington has "made a number of errors" in his calculations and borrowing \$25 million is what has been recommended by the hospital's financial consultants. Hospital officials say RMC will be in a financially viable condition if it borrows.

Covington says the only reason his calculations were inaccurate is the hospital administration provided

him "misinformation" and incorrect figures.

The hospital board voted 11-3 in favor of the 10-year loan with Fifth Third Bank at a fixed interest rate of 3.5 percent. Staff was also given the authority to renegotiate a letter of credit with BB&T or Fifth Third Bank. The hospital has about \$12.4 million left to pay on a \$10 million 1998 bond with BB&T.

RMC wants to borrow the money to construct a 16,000-square-foot Diagnostics Access Institute and add 8,500 square feet to the H. Filmore Mabry Center for Cancer Care, among other things.

The hospital needs permission from both Orangeburg and Calhoun county councils to borrow the money. Calhoun County Council has approved it, while

Orangeburg County Council delayed a vote after hearing from Covington.

The ongoing dispute between Covington and hospital administration ramped up a notch this past week as Covington issued a three-page written statement to The Times and Democrat expressing concerns about what he calls deceptive practices by hospital officials.

Covington describes the entire situation as a "sham" and contends the hospital purposely withheld a key piece of data during a presentation to Orangeburg County Council a few weeks ago. He said the numbers he presented to council were based on incorrect num-

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T&D Staff and Wire Reports

■ Note: Leave ID home before burglary

Deputies are looking for a 20-year-old Leland Drive man after a burglary Monday.

An Orangeburg woman told authorities she was at a relative's residence just before 11 p.m. when a friend came to the door to say someone had damaged her car.

The woman ran home and found not only her vehicle damaged but her home had been burglarized as well. She said a 32-inch TV was missing.

Inside the residence, deputies noticed a wallet on the bedroom floor. They asked if it was the victim's. She said no and that it wasn't there when she left.

Looking into the wallet, deputies found a South Carolina driver's license and a debit card belonging to a Leland Drive man.

■ Giving up the goat

ANDERSON — Authorities are checking some observant goats for helping officers find a man who ran away from a car after it crashed during a police chase.

Anderson County Sheriff's spokesman Chad McBride told the Anderson Independent Mail that officers searching for the man in a helicopter noticed several goats in a pasture looking toward some trees.

McBride says deputies on the ground went into the woods where the goats were grazing and found the suspect.

The man ran away after a car he was in crashed during a police chase Monday. Another person in the car was arrested at the scene of the wreck.

■ Booth bobblehead bombs at Gettysburg

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — Bobblehead dolls of the man who assassinated President Abraham Lincoln have been pulled from sale at the Gettysburg National Military Park visitors' center bookstore.

The dolls of John Wilkes Booth with a noose around his neck were on shelves more than a week ago, a day after a reporter for America's Evening Sun newspaper asked about them, officials said.

The booth dolls, featuring leg bands attached to the noose by strings so they bobble, were available for only about a week before the park superintendent, the superintendent and the bookstore

Doctor plans to develop rural care campus here

By DIONNE GLEATON
T&D Staff Writer

Dr. Monnie Singleton of Singleton Health Center says he will address patients' clinical, wellness and prevention needs by developing a rural health care campus in Orangeburg.

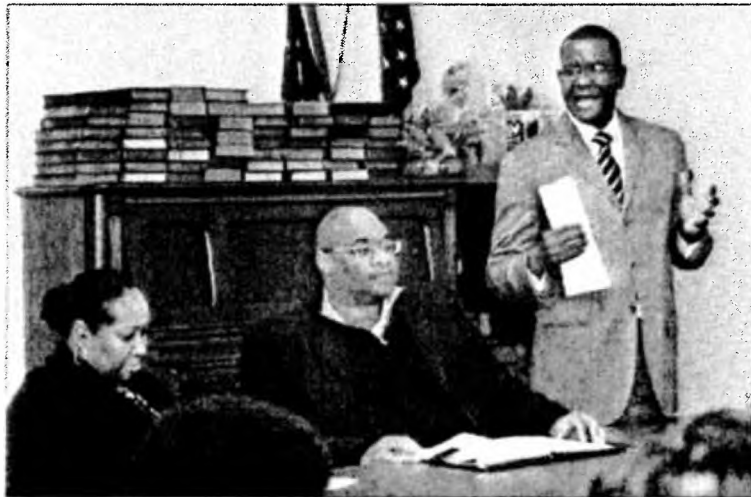
Singleton said his plans for the proposed Singleton Rural Healthcare Campus are "the fruition of a vision from over 15 years ago."

"This health campus development is designed to bring health care services in Orangeburg and surrounding counties into the 21st century," he said.

"The campus is being developed with health in mind as opposed to caring for diseases only."

Singleton said his focus on preventive health care will distinguish the campus. The facility will use technology to "close the gap of distance and time in providing services to rural communities," with an increased focus on social determinants of health such as education, fitness and nutrition, he said.

The campus will also provide for related services such as a grocery



Dr. Monnie Singleton shares his plans for development of the Singleton Rural Healthcare Campus in Orangeburg during a community awareness meeting at Trinity United Methodist Church's Curry Center on Feb. 21. He said the facility's focus on preventative health care will distinguish it from other facilities.

in the vision."

The campus will include an expanded Singleton Health Center site, which is currently located in The Village off St. Matthews Road, along with amenities to include: imaging services; pharmacy; dental; ophthalmic and/or ophthalmologist; psychiatric and mental health counseling; addiction treatment services and offices for specialties such as oncology, podiatry and cardiology.

"We want to transition to preven-

ences to include not only a grocery store and restaurant, but a healthy living outlet, fitness club, retail shops, coffee shops, internet cafe and small "pop-up" shops, Singleton said.

"We're attracting alternative and complementary health care services such as yoga, herbal medicines and related therapies. The small pop-up shops are for vendors who will come to sell their wares and food and drink at the outdoor sporting events we're actually planning on having," he

developing another pill isn't going to make for a healthier community."

Phase Two of the development will include the provision of assisted living housing for the elderly to increase their independence and their length of stay in their own homes.

Singleton said a turnkey housing development for professionals working in the area and their families and a possible student housing site will be separate from the main health care campus but will have direct access to

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Governor Nikki Haley News

Governor Nikki Haley Visits Allendale, Effort to Boost Employment

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Keel refocuses SLED on helping local law agencies

(AP) <http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/17/keel-refocuses-sled-helping-local-law-agencies/>

Proposal aims to privatize school buses

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/19/2198454/proposal-would-get-sc-out-of-school.html>

Gov. Haley sets new Atlantic Beach election for May 22

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2012/03/16/2721116/gov-haley-sets-new-atlantic-beach.html>

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Wait times up at SC Department of Motor Vehicles

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GOP legislators rip Gov. Haley's statewide tour on tax relief

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New records policy requires Haley, staff to preserve emails

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Cleveland Park: Multitude of changes, but no extra help yet for victims

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New state policy is better than rampant deletion but still has holes

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Reality of eliminating budget board is giving governor more power

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Gov. Nikki Haley's book: South Carolina 'blood sport'

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0312/74171.html>

Palin vs. Romney, as told by Nikki Haley

<http://www.politico.com/blogs/burns-haberman/2012/03/palin-vs-romney-as-told-by-nikki-haley-117863.html>

Libtalker Randy Rhodes spews anti-Indian racism like so many teeth.

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Who's running in upcoming primary

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Courson, the mediator, leads SC Senate

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State immigration law exempts farmworkers, nannies

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Report: SC improves its high school dropout rates

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TD Bank targets loans to boost areas TD Bank gets tax credits for loans to boost region's economy

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Attorney holding news conference on Citadel suits

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Veterans' new mission: Find a job

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Coming Sunday

'God directed that bullet'

Cab driver, with slug still in chest, recalls ordeal



An area cab driver is recovering from a gunshot wound he received in an attack last week.

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The bullet lodged in the belly of a cab driver's chest is a constant, painful reminder of a terrifying moment last week when three men ambushed him.

A victim told his story to his family as he recovered from the 180-pound slug. The driver considers himself blessed to be alive.

"God directed that bullet," he said of his path. "It couldn't have been more perfect."

The victim's concern for his safety, the driver asked to remain anonymous until the men who attacked him are captured. He thinks that he picked them out of a North

To offer tips

As your wealth information about the shooting is asked to all police at 504-5700 or Crime Stoppers at 354-1111.

Charleston Police Department spokesman Sgt. Foster said no arrest warrants had been issued.

"There were not just going to take my money. They were out to kill me," he said.

At the time, he had only \$40.

The shooting happened on March 11 when the driver responded to an emergency call for a robbery at a Kmart. He was searching for the correct house number when three

black males, ages 18 to 25, wearing black clothing approached the taxi, the driver said.

One of the men opened the right rear door, pointed a gun at him and yelled, "Give it up!"

In response, the driver said he let his arms go, the front seat and cleared the accelerator. He was frightened when he said at least four shots were fired.

The slugs hit through the seat and into his right shoulder. It was a hard blow, he said, and he fell back into his seat before coming to rest near the leg. He fell through from a 22-caliber weapon, he said, and was found at the scene, police said.

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Wando High teacher resigns

Had appealed firing over video incident

BY ALLEYSON BIRD
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A Wando High School teacher fired for showing students a sexually explicit video resigned this week, saying he wanted to protect his family, his reputation and the students who complained about him.

Christopher Perdomo said he had some regrets for showing a clip from "Twilight: New Moon Part 1" a few weeks ago. And he now hopes to find work as a teacher in Berkeley County, according to his lawyer.

Perdomo, a 36-year-old sociology teacher, showed a snippet from the R-rated movie to his club students teaching in a 10th-class on Feb. 14. The school officials said that he turned off the movie when he saw the warning a parent was going to complain.

Perdomo also admitted showing a clip of a Power 101 presentation that included "People of the Planet" and the collection of photos depicting him at shoppers in the discount store.

Charleston County School District officials placed Perdomo on administrative leave the day after he showed the clip. When a parent complained, and they fired him Feb. 20.

He appealed the decision and continued to receive his full pay and



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Extended jobless benefits slashed

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Extended federal unemployment benefits are being phased out for almost 80,000 jobless workers in South Carolina despite the state's high 9.3 percent jobless rate.

About 6,500 people will lose extended unemployment benefits starting in April. The remaining 79,000 jobless South Carolinians who now are getting extended jobless benefits will lose them at the end of the year, the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce

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A breakdown of jobless South Carolinians who will lose their extended benefits. **A7**

said Thursday. Starting in January, workers who lose their jobs in South Carolina will qualify only for 20 weeks of unemployment checks. During the worst of the Great Recession, workers could get up to 79 additional weeks of jobless checks — for a total of 99 weeks

of benefits — while they searched for a job.

The state's falling unemployment rate triggered the loss of extended benefits. Jobless workers in seven other states also lose their extended benefits.

"I'm a little surprised," said Wells Fargo economist Mark Varner. "You've got a lot of rural areas in the state, some of which have the highest unem-

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Spring has sprung early this year as tree and flower pollen blanket Columbia.

THE EYES AND NOSES HAVE IT

Helping nurture nature in S.C.

By SAMMY FRETWELL
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Frampton

At thestate.com: A photo gallery from ~~from~~ Gorges, ACE Basin and other jewels

South Carolina's tallest peaks and deepest swamps kept John Frampton busy at the S.C. Department of Natural Resources.

Intensely interested in saving open spaces, Frampton spent much of his professional life working deals to protect land across South Carolina. And in the past two decades, he

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Moody eyed for Greenville job

Rock Hill schools superintendent finalist for larger district

By Shawn Cetrone
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Rock Hill schools Superintendent Lynn Moody is one of three finalists in the run-ning to lead Greenville County Schools.

If chosen, Moody would take charge of the state's largest district with more than four times as many students and three times as many schools as Rock Hill.

The other finalists for the job are Burke Royster, Greenville County schools' deputy

superintendent of operations, and Eugene White, superintendent of Indianapolis Public Schools.

Moody is not the only finalist with a Rock Hill connection. Royster was an assistant principal at Northwestern High School for five years.

Phinnize Fisher, Greenville's superintendent for more than seven years, is leaving later this year. The district heard from 72 applicants from across the country.

The Greenville County School Board interviewed candidates this week.

Moody, 52, said she began seriously considering applying for the job after she received calls from recruiters.

"I went back and forth," Moody said. "After careful consideration, I ultimately decided it was a great opportunity."

The challenge of taking on a district of 20,000 students and 82 schools is a chance for professional advancement, she said.



Moody

"I'm happy here in Rock Hill," Moody said. "I love my job. The quality of life is great."

No matter what happens, "I can't lose."

Moody came to Rock Hill in 2003 from Wake County schools in Raleigh, N.C. She was an associate superintendent for planning until 2006, when she succeeded Superintendent Randy Bridges.

Greenville County school board Chair-

man Roger Meek called Moody a "visionary" leader of a progressive school district.

"She is very well versed, very quick on her feet," Meek said. "She answered the (interview) questions really well."

If she gets the Greenville job, Rock Hill schools would lose a personable leader who forged relationships across the community and isn't afraid to test new ideas, school board members and administrators said.

"She has a management style that involves a lot of people," human resources

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Pilot OK after Chester Co. plane crash



Chester County officials look over a plane that crashed near S.C. 9 at Mount Ararat Church Road between Richburg and Fort Lawn on Thursday afternoon. Paul Mikos said the engine of his Murphy Renegade plane cut off at the top of a loop and didn't restart.

New York native has been flying regularly since 1959

By Nicole E. Smith
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RICHBURG — Paul Mikos, 72, was flying a biplane in his plane above the Chester and Lancaster counties Thursday

But that's typical, Mikos said. At the plane's base of flight, the plane's engine stops because of the inverted fuel system. However, the pilot keeps the engine running as the plane completes the

"Except once, which was today," he said. Thursday evening, less than three hours after the plane crashed into a field in Chester County, just off of S.C. 9 and Mount Ararat Road between Richburg

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See a photo gallery and video of the Chester County plane crash at heraldonline.com

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Andrew Dys
Columnist

Defendant in Clyburn case denied bond

Attorneys say plea negotiations are under way for man accused of killing baseball player

LANCASTER — There was no check-in a courtroom in Lancaster late Thursday after news when a judge took much the three weeks to deny bond to the convicted felon accused of killing former Major League Baseball player Danny Clyburn Jr. after an argument Feb. 7.

Secluded prosecutor Doug Barfield — who thought he had seen and heard it all and that case — told a courtroom that the accused killer, an unemployed 37-year-old who lives at home with his mother and has drug convictions, confessed to shooting Clyburn for a simple reason.

"Clyburn played pro ball and never did anything for anybody in the hood," the South Carolina prosecutor said of Derrick McIlwain's confession.

A hood is living for a neighborhood, often associated with poor neighborhoods, and it certainly was the place Danny Clyburn Jr.



Clyburn



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Friend charged with murder

Authorities: Man
ran over victim
near hospital

By LEE G. HEALY
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A Woodruff man charged with murder Thursday afternoon told officers he ran over his friend after the two got into an argument the previous night.

Lt. Tony Ivey with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office said deputies arrested Sandy Lynn

Westmoreland, 49, shortly before 2 p.m. as he was walking down the street near his 229 Poole St. home. He was charged with murder and is being held at the Spartanburg County jail.

Officers were dispatched to the scene near Mary Black Hospital shortly before 10 a.m. Thursday and found a person's body lying about 20 feet off the road.

The Spartanburg County Coroner's Office later identified the deceased as 53-year-old Michael D. Daniels, who was living at the

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Sandy Lynn Westmoreland, center, is led by Spartanburg County investigators to a car following his arrest in Spartanburg on Thursday. Westmoreland is a suspect in a hit-and-run death Thursday morning on Skyline Drive near Mary Black Hospital.

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New iPad

The third version of Apple's iPad will be available in the U.S. and nine other countries beginning at 8 a.m. today. The new model comes with a faster processor and a much sharper screen. PAGE C4

Financial stress

The long and increasingly messy Republican presidential contest is starting to hit Mitt Romney where it hurts most: his wallet. New signs of financial stress are emerging in Romney's campaign, which has built a wide lead in delegates thanks in part to his bank account. PAGE A3

Mentally ill

A corporate engineer who fawned over a female subordinate was found guilty but mentally ill Thursday of shooting the woman's husband to death in an ambush outside a suburban Atlanta preschool. PAGE A4

Looking for suspect

Investigators say a man and woman argued at a Gaffney home on Wednesday night before the woman was shot to death. Authorities are looking for the suspect in the case. PAGE A5

UNDER CONSIDERATION

SWIM CENTER IN JEOPARDY?



Taliban breaks off talks with US

Karzai demands NATO
pull out of rural areas
after civilian killings

By DEB RECHMAN
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The American campaign in Afghanistan suffered a double blow Thursday: The Taliban broke off talks with the U.S., and President Hamid Karzai said NATO should pull out of rural areas and speed up the transfer of security responsibilities to Afghan forces nationwide in the wake of the killing of 16 civilians.

The moves represent new setbacks to America's strategy for ending the 10-year-old war at a time when support for the conflict is plummeting.



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Man charged with exploiting minors



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Sheriff 'madder than hell' after learning suspect possessed child pornography

By CHRIS TRAIOR
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Deputies have arrested a Ninety Six man who allegedly had hundreds of pornographic images of minors in his possession.

Greenwood County Sheriff's Office arrested David Paul Fuller, 50, of 401 Smith Cambridge St., Unit C 1, Ninety Six, and charged him with second degree sexual exploitation of a minor.

Judge Ryan Johnson set Fuller's bond at \$125,000 Thursday afternoon.

According to an initial incident report, Maj. John Murray went to Fuller's home Wednesday. Murray had received information the suspect was in possession of child pornography.

The report said the suspect acknowledged he did have some pornography on

his computer. With Murray present, the suspect reportedly logged onto his computer where an image was displayed that showed a partially naked child — apparently between the ages of 8 and 10 — in a

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SHOWING APPRECIATION WITH VENISON



Savannah Stirling, 3, puts a piece of venison in her mouth Thursday at the 23rd Annual Greenwood County Sheriff's Deer Supper.

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BUCK STOPS HERE

Huge crowd attends annual Deer Supper

By CHRIS TRAIOR
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In the last two decades, there have been some big changes in the way we hunt and eat deer. In the past,



■ KATHERINE HALL

Laurens YMCA commits Agency plans to use portion of building

By ERIN OWENS
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Plans for Katherine Hall in Ware Shoals have long been discussed, and officials are closer to finalizing plans for the building, with the Laurens Family YMCA committed to moving to Ware Shoals.

The historic building is being developed by Red Clay Development, run by Frank Warlick, who also developed the town's Ware Shoals Inn. During last month's town council meeting, Warlick announced in addition to the Laurens YMCA, a \$500 million corporation will move into Katherine Hall.

Though Warlick has repeatedly stated the announcement of the large corporation will come soon, no announcement has yet been made.

Laurens Family YMCA CEO Brian Harlan said he is unsure of exactly how much space the YMCA will occupy in Katherine Hall or how many people it will employ.

Final details of the agreement have not been worked out yet, so Laurens Family YMCA CEO Brian Harlan said he is unsure of exactly how much space the YMCA will occupy in Katherine Hall or how many people it will employ.

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AT HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT

County asks town to prune planting plans

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Beaufort County officials are objecting to Town of Hilton Head Island requirements they say will attract wildlife and pose a safety hazard at the island's airport.

The county is asking for leniency from the town in planting trees and plants to replace those it trimmed and removed at the Hilton Head Island Airport.

In a letter to town manager Steve Riley and Mayor Drew Laughlin, county administrator Gary Kubie said the

requirements "will result in the creation of habitat for wildlife that could potentially pose a direct and substantial threat to aviation safety."

The county's Airports Board unanimously endorsed Kubie's request

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ON THE WEB

The Federal Aviation Administration earlier this month approved a \$4.50-per-ticket fee for commercial passengers leaving Hilton

Head Island Airport. US Airways, the airport's lone airline, will tack on the charge to fares beginning May 1. Read more at reporter Tom Barton's blog at blogs.islandpacket.com/EyeOnHiltonHead.

School clubs help to mold respectful, young LADIES & GENTLEMEN



Hilton Head Island High School junior Jamarcus Moradel gets fitted for a blazer by Theresa Hagendorfer, a tailor at the Jos. A. Bank clothing store. The Hilton Head Island Rotary Club donated the sports coats Thursday to members of the school's Gentlemen's Club to wear during club activities and on visits to colleges and universities.

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groups at middle and high schools across Beaufort County that

DEADLY FIRETRUCK THEFT

Judge keeps video private

Those arguing for the release of the video say the public is entitled to see it because it was created using taxpayer money.

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A circuit court judge ruled Thursday that video from the dashboard of a stolen Port Royal firetruck won't be released until a jury is selected in the murder trial of the man accused of running over a pedestrian with the truck.

After a 90-minute hearing at the Beaufort County Courthouse, Judge Carmen Mullen issued a permanent restraining order barring county law enforcement agencies, fire departments, the S.C. Highway Patrol and the 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office from releasing video from the firetruck or from any police cars that responded to the Feb. 24 incident.

The judge, who has viewed the video, repeatedly described it as "shocking."

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Man taken to hospital after threatening self, home



A Townsville man, right, was transported to Oconee Medical Center at about noon Thursday after he threatened to set his house on fire. Emergency responders were dispatched to Racht's Drive in Townsville after the man threatened to do harm to himself by setting his house on fire. He eventually

changed his mind, but not until after he set a chair on fire that was on his front porch. Firefighters from Cross Roads and Townsville fire departments extinguished the fire, which damaged the porch. Oconee County Sheriff's Office is investigating the incident.

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Jail plans get thumbs down, again

Homeowners reject Oconee's revised plans

BY CARLOS CALARZA
 THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — Plans to build a new jail on the grounds of the existing Oconee County Detention Center suffered what may have been a fatal setback.



Moulder

County Administrator Scott Moulder tried and failed Thursday night to convince a tough and determined group of homeowners to buy into his proposal to build a scaled-down jail that would have reduced its costs from almost \$19 million to just less than \$3 million.

Moulder met with the property owners in a meeting set up by Walhalla Mayor Danny Edwards at The Depot.

The small group of homeowners ranged from seniors who bought their homes before the existing jail on Church Street was built 34 years ago to a young man with a family who constantly hears lewd and obscene language from inmates.

Moulder argued that the new design, with an interior recreational facility for the inmates, would eliminate 90 percent of homeowners' concerns with the current facility.

A woman who bought her property 50 years ago said the jail faces the back door of her home. "We can't sit on our back porch because of the lewd remarks," she said.

STAFF, PNC & AS

Clemson inks rental housing amendments

Final reading set for Monday night

BY CREG OLIVER
 THE JOURNAL



CLEMSON — A fee increase for rental property owners failing to obtain a permit and the elimination of the rental housing committee are among amendments the Clemson City Council is considering to its rental housing ordinance.

On first reading, council approved increasing the assessment from \$200 to \$400 for each year a rental property owner has rented without a permit. However, an

'We're not the Gestapo of the rental housing community.'

Bob Vecchio
 Clemson Zoning and Codes Administrator

added fee of \$100 for each year an unpermitted occupancy had occurred was dropped.

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SC House sends \$6.5B state spending plan to Senate

COLUMBIA (AP) — The South Carolina House has sent a \$6.5 billion state spending plan to the Senate with another unanimous vote.

The House voted 113-0 on the plan that gives state employees raises for the first time in four years, sends more money to classrooms and boosts state law enforcement.

The House then voted 100-0 on a separate measure designating \$105 million from a rainy day fund. The biggest chunk of that goes to pay down debt in the state's unemployment insurance trust fund. Most of the rest pays for deferred maintenance at public colleges, including \$10 million for the University of South Carolina's law school.

Second and final reading of a proposed amendment to the rental housing ordinance will take place at Monday night's Clemson City Council meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m.



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Party time: Political filing season opens

BY JOHN SWEENEY

Morning News

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FLORENCE — Candidates running for local, state and national public offices in 2012 will have their chance to put their money where their mouth is starting today.

Filings for public offices begin for both political parties, Repub-

lican candidates can file at the offices of Sonshine Management Systems, located at 1340 Celebration Boulevard, while Democrats open their filing at the 814 W. Evans St. and the Pickles Law Offices. The GOP will kick off the filing period with a party, while Democrats say nothing special is planned.

The filing period opens at noon today and will remain open until

noon on March 30.

Filing fees depend on the desired office and are based on the salary of the office sought.

The filing action figures to be hot and heavy. Offices up and down the ballot are up for grabs and the 2012 elections are expected to be fierce at all levels.

Republicans made significant gains during the 2010 mid-term elections, but the sting of 2008

and major Democratic victories is still on the minds of the GOP. The charge, led by then candidate Barack Obama, affected local municipalities, counties and statewide contests.

But conservatives feel confident this election cycle and see the primary contests as a chance to pretest a strong pool of candidates.

"I think the field of candidates

that we have running for all seats is pretty darn good this time around," Bill Pickle, Florence County GOP chairman, said. "We're looking forward to a good race, looking forward to making some changes in the county and the city and state."

Expect the national issues to play a part in the races at the

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STOCKADE HISTORY ON DISPLAY



PHOTOS BY PEEDEE JOURNAL MORNING NEWS

Director of the Florence County Library System Ray McBride and Allen Conger, senior principal/senior project manager at AMEC, work to assemble a custom-made Cypress cabinet at the Drs. Bruce & Lee Foundation Library. The cabinet was for a new display of artifacts from the Florence Stockade. The National Cemetery Administration, in partnership with the S.C. State Museum, has provided a collection of 16 items to be displayed in the E.N. Zeigler S.C. History Room located on the second floor of the library.

Items that are part of the exhibit inside the custom cabinet. Collected during an archaeological survey, the artifacts include a canteen, a stoneware



A handmade shroud features details of the hammered and hand-forged work.

S.C. Budget S.C. House unanimous on budget More for teachers, raise for employees, reduction for roads

BY ROBERT KITTLE

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COLUMBIA — In a rare unanimous vote, the S.C. House sent its \$6.5 billion state budget for next year to the S.C.

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Senate Thursday. It includes raises for state employees and teachers, tax help for businesses and health care for more children, but less money for repaving

state roads.

State employees and teachers would get a 2 percent raise, after not receiving any raises for the last four years. The base student cost would also go up from this year's \$1,500 to \$2,012.

House Minority Leader Harry Ott (D-St. Matthews) said there was a lot in the budget for Democrats to like, which is why the vote was 113 to 0.

"Probably the most important thing and the most overlooked is that this

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Mother of dead boys to enter plea



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Shaquan Duley appears in court in August 2010. She has been held without bond since her arrest.

Duley scheduled to appear today in Orangeburg court

By RICHARD WALKER
T&D Staff Writer

The menorials at the bridge are gone; the black water that hid the bodies of two small boys drifts by silently.

Friday morning, a few miles away at the Orangeburg County Courthouse, the mother of the two children is scheduled to answer the charges that she smothered the toddlers before strapping them in a car and pushing it into the Edisto River.

Shaquan Duley has been held at the Orangeburg-Calhoun Regional Detention Center for the past year and a half. She has spent her days quietly, causing no trouble, making no fuss, according to Willie Runberg, jail director.

"She has not been any trouble," Runberg said Thursday.

Duley has been with the regular inmate population, sharing a cell with a roommate, he said.

Runberg said the 30-year-old Whaley Street woman seems to get along with the other female

inmates and appears to be doing OK.

If Duley enters a guilty plea Friday, she'll leave the home she has known for the past 578 days and move to a state-run prison.

Defense attorney Carl Grant would only confirm that Duley is scheduled to appear in court Friday to enter a plea concerning the charges against her.

He said he could not confirm nor deny the possibility his client

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The Duley case

Look back at coverage leading up to today's 9 a.m. court appearance by Shaquan Duley. Visit Hot Topics at TheTandD.com. Also follow updates before and during the court hearing at Twitter.com/TheTandD

REZONING DECISION DELAYED

Neighbors: Eutawville race track is 'nuisance'

By GENE ZALESKI
T&D Staff Writer

Loud music, a drop in property values and liability and safety concerns were among the issues raised Wednesday by Eutawville residents who live near a public race horse track they describe as a "nuisance."

Frankfort Court resident Richard Carter told the Orangeburg County Planning Commission he lives down the road from Apsley Lane Downs Race Track. He said he once enjoyed Sundays as a time of rest, but not anymore.

"The music is so loud and vulgar," Carter said, noting children are in proximity to the race track. "I can hear it when I am sitting on my back porch. It is demeaning to women.... I can't relax because it is so loud."

The race track is situated on a dirt road off Old Number Six Highway east of Eutawville.

Shonari Davis requested the property be rezoned from Forest and Agriculture (FA) to Rural Community (RC), noting horse racing occurs one Sunday a month at the track and at other times the facility serves as a horse training facility.

"Sometimes there will be a kids' thing," Davis said. "I bring the horses out there and let the kids walk them around on horseback. You can't say there is something dangerous to the kids."

Carter and race track neighbor David Smith painted a different picture.

Smith said the noise "blows" him out of his home on Sundays when he returns from church.



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The owners of Apsley Lane Downs Race Track are requesting the property be rezoned from Forest and Agriculture (FA) to Rural Community

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Governor Nikki Haley News

Rolled Alloys establishing new operations in Chester County

http://thetandd.com/business/rolled-alloys-establishing-new-operations-in-chester-county/article_df443fe6-6eb4-11e1-9aaa-0019bb2963f4.html

Midlands students learn to be leaders

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/16/2194185/midlands-students-learn-to-be.html>

Departing DNR chief leaves legacy of SC jewels (+gallery)

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/16/2194169/departing-dnr-chief-leaves-legacy.html>

State Supreme Court sets date to hear Veronica adoption case

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/15/state-supreme-court-sets-date-hear-veronica-adopti/>

Feds drop probe of SC's use of health grant

<http://www2.wsav.com/news/2012/mar/15/feds-drop-probe-of-scs-use-of-health-grant-ar-3417504/>

Haley advances on openness

(Editorial) <http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/16/haley-advances-on-openness/>

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South Carolina News

No 'pink slime' in school lunch?

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/16/no-pink-slime-in-school-lunch/>

Extended jobless benefits to be slashed in SC

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/16/2194171/extended-jobless-benefits-to-be.html>

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20120316/BUSINESS/303160009/>

SC House sends \$6.5B state spending plan to Senate

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/15/sc-house-sends-65b-state-spending-plan-senate/>

SC Budget: More for teachers, raise for employees, less for roads

(Video) <http://www2.scnw.com/news/pee-dee/2012/mar/15/sc-budget-more-teachers-raise-employees-less-roads-ar-3421653/>

Senator proposes 4 percent pay raise for state workers, teachers

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/15/2193214/senator-proposes-4-percent-pay.html>

SC Senate debating bill expanding charter schools

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20120315/WIRE/120319835/1083/ARTICLES>

McConnell says he won't run for his former Senate seat

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/16/mcconnell-will-stay-put/>

Sen. Ford on McConnell: 'He's too valuable not to be in the Senate'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/15/sen-ford-mcconnell-hes-too-valuable-not-be-senate/>

Hawkins enters Senate race critical of opponent

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20120316/NEWS03/303160008/>

US Sen Graham to give speech to Chester County GOP

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/16/us-sen-graham-give-speech-chester-county-gop/>

Graham slams Gingrich over Afghan remarks

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/16/graham-slams-gingrich-over-afghan-remarks/>

Rep. Scott to speak at business luncheon

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/16/rep-scott-speak-business-luncheon/>

Harbor undergoing regular dredging

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/16/harbor-undergoing-regular-dredging/>

SC a top 10 state in one tornado measure

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/16/2193602/sc-a-top-10-state-in-one-tornado.html>

S.C. State hiring panel offers scant info

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/16/sc-state-hiring-panel-offers-scant-info/>

DNR Chairwoman defends herself from lying under oath charges

(Video) <http://www.wistv.com/story/17168341/dnr-chairwoman-defends-herself-from-lying-under-oath-charges>

5-word report in DUI case a red flag

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/16/5-word-report-in-dui-case-a-red-flag/>

Second SC judge refuses to release police dash cam video

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/15/2194223/second-sc-judge-refuses-to-release.html>

Police find ways to withhold info

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/16/police-find-ways-to-withhold-info/>

SLED in Atlantic Beach to investigate dispute

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2012/03/15/2718625/confusion-as-to-why-locks-changed.html>

More options outlined for Myrtle Beach-based Direct Air consumers

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2012/03/15/2718205/more-options-outlined-for-direct.html>

Teacher resigns over movie clip

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/16/2194019/teacher-resigns-over-movie-clip.html>

Lott to seek 5th term

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/16/2194376/lott-to-seek-5th-term.html>

Blackwell touts York County Council unity in re-election bid

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2012/03/15/3824924/blackwell-touts-york-county-council.html>

Magazine names Charleston one of the '10 Tastiest Towns in the South'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/15/magazine-names-charleston-one-10-tastiest-towns-so/>

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National News

Ex-Ill. Gov. Blagojevich enters at Colo. prison

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/15/ex-ill-gov-blagojevich-enters-colo-prison/>

Market gains come faster than forecast

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20120316/BUSINESS/303160022/>

World stock markets plateau ahead of US data

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/16/world-stock-markets-plateau-ahead-us-data/>

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Governor Nikki Haley News

Caterpillar to expand its Sumter facility

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2012303140052>

Haley reveals new policy to retain all types of records

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/15/haley-reveals-new-policy-to-retain-all-types-of/>

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/15/2192341/haley-to-preserve-more-records.html>

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/14/apnewsbreak-gov-haley-updates-records-policy/>

(Video) <http://www2.wspa.com/news/2012/mar/14/3/governor-nikki-haley-updates-records-policy-ar-3410082/>

Business big budget winner

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/14/2191493/in-a-6-billion-budget-a-fight.html>

Feds clear Haley of misusing health care reform grant

(AP) <http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/15/2192980/feds-drop-probe-of-scs-use-of.html>

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/15/feds-clear-haley/>

Sheheen endorses governor, lieutenant governor running on same ticket / Haley signs Benji's Law, placing regulations on miniature train rides

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/15/2192375/sc-political-briefs.html>

In Upstate Stop Haley Talks Tax Reform and BI-LO

(Video) <http://mauldin.patch.com/articles/video-in-upstate-stop-haley-talks-tax-reform-and-bi-lo#video-9323801>

Gov. Haley tours SC promoting her budget, tax plan

(Video) <http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/17145367/gov-haley-tours-sc-promoting-her-budget>

Sunshine key to good government

(Opinion) <http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2012303150013>

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South Carolina News

Rivers seeks new S.C. House seat

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/15/rivers-seeks-new-sc-house-seat/>

House gives approval to 2012-13 budget plan

(AP) <http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/15/house-gives-approval-to-2012-13-budget-plan/>

Senate backs \$300 million for port in state budget

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20120315/BUSINESS/303150005/>

Feds indict 20 immigrants accused of filing false employment info

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/14/feds-indict-20-immigrants-accused-filing-false-emp/>

Folly Beach adopts law of inclusion

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/15/folly-beach-adopts-law-of-inclusion/>

Anti-terrorism drill next week for Joint Base Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/15/anti-terrorism-drill-next-week-joint-base-charlest/>

Kentucky escapee arrested in Lexington Co.; assaults SLED officer

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/15/2193016/kentucky-escapee-arrested-in-lexington.html>

BMW holding diversity conference for suppliers

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20120315/BUSINESS/303150008/>

S.C. State owes Lloyd \$25,000 for legal help

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/15/sc-state-owes-lloyd-25000-legal-help/>

Sullivan's Island dog fines rarely severe (Former First Lady Jenny Sanford)

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/15/island-were-not-alcatraz/>

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National News

Big White House do mixes celebs, political money

(AP) <http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/15/big-white-house-do-mixes-celebs-political-money/>

More expensive gas pushes up US wholesale prices

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/15/more-expensive-gas-pushes-us-wholesale-prices/>

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Tax Relief Tour

Haley blasts House GOP on tax reform
(Video) <http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20120313/NEWS/303120045/>

Haley stands by tax cut proposal
<http://www.aikenstandard.com/story/0314-nikki-haley-visit--3859027>

Governor Nikki Haley Brings Her Tax Relief Tour To Aiken
<http://www2.wjbf.com/news/2012/mar/12/governor-nikki-haley-brings-her-tax-relief-tour-ai-ar-3397850/>

Gov. Haley Stops In Greenville To Voice Budget Concerns
<http://www2.wspa.com/news/2012/mar/13/4/gov-haley-sc-house-spar-over-how-cut-your-taxes-ar-3397543/>

Gov. Haley says she is not looking for political edge
<http://www2.counton2.com/news/2012/mar/13/3/gov-haley-says-she-not-looking-political-edge-ar-3405533/>

Gov. Haley, SC House Spar Over Cutting Taxes
<http://www2.wsav.com/news/2012/mar/12/gov-haley-sc-house-spar-over-cutting-taxes-ar-3398704/>

Governor Nikki Haley, South Carolina House Of Representatives Spar Over Cutting Taxes
(Video) <http://www2.wjbf.com/news/2012/mar/12/governor-nikki-haley-south-carolina-house-represen-ar-3403625/>

Haley Brings Tax Reform Fight to Lowcountry
<http://westashley.patch.com/articles/haley-brings-tax-reform-fight-to-lowcountry>

SC tax-reform plan would eliminate tax-free holidays
<http://www.heraldonline.com/2012/03/13/3814279/tax-reform-plan-would-eliminate.html>

Gov. Haley Asks Lawmakers to Set Aside \$140M for Tax Relief
<http://www.wtma.com/rssItem.asp?feedid=134&itemid=29813894>

We don't need, can't afford yet more tax cuts
(Editorial) <http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/14/2190483/scoppe-we-dont-need-cant-afford.html>

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Governor Nikki Haley News

SC's jobless rate falls to a 3-year low
<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/14/2189622/number-of-jobless-in-sc-falls.html>
<http://www2.wspa.com/news/2012/mar/13/4/south-carolina-unemployment-rate-falls-93-january-ar-3401992/>
<http://lexington-sc.patch.com/articles/unemployment-rate-falls-in-s-c-again>

Caterpillar Announces Expansion of Manufacturing Facility in Sumter, South Carolina; More Than 80 New Jobs Expected

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2012/03/14/3818530/caterpillar-announces-expansion.html>

Naturally Advanced Announces Key Developments in Production of CRAiLAR

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2012/03/13/3814619/naturally-advanced-announces-key.html>

Haley budget director joining DHEC

(AP) <http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/13/2190348/apnewsbreak-haley-budget-director.html>

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/14/2190839/haley-appointee-gets-top-level.html>

Haley signs Benji's Law, placing regulations on miniature train rides

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20120313/ARTICLES/120319906/1083/ARTICLES>

Feds: 'Exchanges' cut health costs

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/13/feds-exchanges-cut-health-costs/>

Divisions won't make port deeper

(Editorial) <http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/14/divisions-wont-make-port-deeper/>

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Transition in the State Senate

Courson steps up; Charleston loses clout

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/14/courson-steps-up-charleston-loses-clout/>

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/13/2189873/columbia-senator-is-senates-new.html>

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20120313/NEWS03/303130014/>

McConnell accepts position of lieutenant governor, still might seek old seat

(AP) <http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20120313/NEWS03/303130041/>

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/14/lt-gov-mcconnell/>

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/13/2189785/mcconnell-sworn-in-as-new-lieutenant.html>

Courson elected Senate leader; McConnell sworn in as lieutenant governor

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/14/2190625/courson-elected-senate-leader.html>

McConnell sworn in as state's lieutenant governor; Courson elected new pro tem

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/13/mcconnell-sworn-states-lieutenant-governor/>

Upstate likely to feel power shift in Senate

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20120314/NEWS03/303140023/>

Paul Tinkler to seek Senate vacancy

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/14/lawmakers-debate-pay-cutoff-budget-gridlock/>

McConnell, Courson sworn in

(Gallery) <http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/13/2190197/mcconnell-sworn-in.html>

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South Carolina News

Carrier Classic coming to town

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/14/carrier-classic-coming-to-town/>

S.C. jobless rate still falling

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/14/sc-jobless-rate-still-falling/>

BMW expects to sell a record number of cars this year
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20120314/BUSINESS/303140010/>

Some SC school districts could skip 2% teacher raises
<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/14/2190636/some-school-districts-can-elect.html>

Health providers to repay \$1.9 million
<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/14/health-providers-to-repay-19m/>

Southwest celebrates first year in flight at GSP airport
<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20120313/ARTICLES/203141005/1112>

Moore lawyer to challenge Rep. Chumley in District 35 GOP primary
<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20120313/ARTICLES/203141004/1083/ARTICLES>

Greenville's jobs outlook best in nation
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20120314/BUSINESS/303140022/>

Sen. Graham wants Yucca fees rebated to SC electricity customers
<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/14/2190848/sen-graham-wants-yucca-fees-rebated.html>

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National News

Obama seeks block on information
(AP) <http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/14/obama-seeks-block-on-information/>

Students fear loan rate increase
(AP) <http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/14/students-fear-loan-rate-hike/>

US retail sales rise 1.1 percent in February
(AP) <http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/13/us-retail-sales-rise-11-percent-february/>

Business stockpiles rose 0.7 percent in January
(AP) <http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/13/business-stockpiles-rose-07-percent-january/>

US trade deficit rose to \$124.1 billion
(AP) <http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/14/us-trade-deficit-rose-1241-billion/>

Romney losses show disgruntled GOP base
(AP) <http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/14/analysis-romney-losses-show-disgruntled-gop-base/>

Santorum wins Ala., Miss.; Romney takes Hawaii
(AP) <http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/14/santorum-wins-ala-miss-romney-takes-hawaii/>

Surging Santorum takes 2 Southern states
(McClatchy) <http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/14/2190925/surging-santorum-takes-2-southern.html>

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Today, Governor Haley signed into law the following bills:

1. R136, S.929 – Known as Benji’s Law.
2. R137, S.1063 – Regarding precincts in Cherokee County.
3. R138, S.1196 – Designates February as African American History Month.
4. R139, S.1200 – Approves regulations regarding at-risk students at the Dept. of Education.
5. R140, S.1201 – Approves regulations regarding end-of-course tests at the Dept. of Education.
6. R141, S.1206 – Regarding Greenville County School District Board elections.
7. R142, S.1217 – Regarding precincts in Allendale County.
8. R143, H.3583 – Regarding the application of federal income tax laws.
9. R144, H.3711 – Regarding the motor club services act.
10. R145, H.3750 – Regarding a coroner’s duties relating to an autopsy.
11. R146, H.4704 – Regarding property tax values in Abbeville County.
12. R147, H.4722 – Regarding Abbeville County School District reapportionment.

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Gov. Nikki Haley's Tax Relief Tour

Gov. Haley pitches her tax relief plan at Garden City Realty

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2012/03/12/2712959/gov-nikki-haley-visits-grand-strand.html>

Haley announces tax relief plan (with video from Garden City)

<http://www.carolinalive.com/news/story.aspx?id=729454#.T19DJHncRK0>

Haley promotes tax relief plan (with video from Garden City)

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/17142896/haley-promotes-tax-relief-plan>

Garden City Tax Relief Tour photo gallery

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2012/03/12/2713003/gov-haley-speaks-tax-relief.html#http://media.myrtlebeachonline.com/smedia/2012/03/12/20/59/grjIA.St.78.jpg>

"[House leaders] have not – and likely will not – set aside any money in the budget to pay for that tax relief, which troubles Republican Gov. Nikki Haley..."

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/12/2188613/as-lawmakers-meet-to-debate-budget.html>

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2012/03/12/3814279/tax-reform-plan-would-eliminate.html>

Gov. Nikki Haley Tours State to Promote Her Tax Plan (with video from Columbia kickoff)

<http://www.wltx.com/news/article/178591/2/Haley-Tours-State-to-Promote-Her-Tax-Plan->

Associated Press covers opening day of House budget week; covers Gov. Haley's Columbia tour kickoff

http://thetandd.com/news/local/house-talks-budget-haley-touts-own-plan/article_c79e8c4c-6cc1-11e1-9d83-001871e3ce6c.html

Governor Nikki Haley Brings Her Tax Relief Tour To Aiken On Tuesday

<http://www2.wjbf.com/news/2012/mar/12/governor-nikki-haley-brings-her-tax-relief-tour-ai-ar-3397850/>

Gov. Haley to visit Aiken Industries

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/story/0311-nikki-haley-brief--3851964>

Update: Gov. Haley Stopping In Greenville Tuesday To Voice Budget Concerns (with video of Kittle's Monday story)

<http://www2.wspa.com/news/2012/mar/13/4/gov-haley-sc-house-spar-over-how-cut-your-taxes-ar-3397543/>

Post and Courier previews Gov. Haley's North Charleston tour stop

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/12/gov-haley-talk-taxes-here-tuesday/>

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/13/haley-to-talk-taxes-here/>

Statewide TV coverage of Gov. Haley's tour

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t2o2ls5-HXk>

Gov. Nikki Haley News

Greenville News editorial says Gov./Lt. Gov. should run together; also criticizes Gov. Haley's Ard statement as "inadequate" to describe a "crook"

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2012303130005>

The State posts Gov. Haley's schedule

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/13/2189248/sc-politics-the-governors-schedule.html>

Bi-Lo plans 'strong regional presence' in Greenville after headquarters moves to Florida

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20120313/BUSINESS/303130007/Bi-Lo-plans-strong-regional-presence-Greenville-after-headquarters-moves-Florida>

Transition in the State Senate

McConnell to become SC's lieutenant governor

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/13/mcconnell-become-scs-lieutenant-governor/>

McConnell to swear in as lieutenant governor, for now

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/13/an-uncertain-future/>

McConnell to be sworn in today; Senate to elect new leader

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/13/2189260/mcconnell-to-be-sworn-in-today.html>

Anderson Independent Mail editorializes on soon-to-be Lt. Gov. Glenn McConnell

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2012/mar/12/mcconnell-steps/>

South Carolina News

Sen. DeMint, Congressman Scott tour visit Lowcountry charter school, Sun City

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2012/03/12/1997362/republican-state-leaders-demint.html>

Southwest celebrates first anniversary in Upstate today

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20120313/BUSINESS/303130008/Southwest-celebrates-first-anniversary-Upstate-today?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>

Candidates line up to file for office in Lexington

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/13/2189231/candidates-lining-up-for-start.html>

Jane Vaughters to seek State Rep. Tom Young's House seat

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/story/031312-vaughters-house-81-seat--3856589>

Newspapers editorialize on Sunshine Week

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2012/mar/13/sunshine-week-2012/>

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2012/03/13/1997252/information-freedom-offers-power.html>

Post and Courier looks at tension between medical privacy and open records laws

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/13/medical-privacy-or-public-records/>

Myrtle Beach Direct Air flights canceled

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2012/03/12/2713131/myrtle-beach-direct-air-flights.html>

SRS debuts new green power plant

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/12/2188843/new-biomass-plant-at-srs-could.html>

SRS officials celebrate biomass facility opening

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/story/031312-biomass-ribboncutting--3857202>

New export: USC sends athletic trainers to countries in need

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/13/2189273/a-new-sc-export-usc-sends-athletic.html>

Feds: 'Exchanges' cut health costs

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/13/feds-exchanges-cut-health-costs/>

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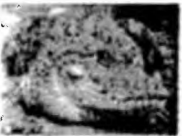
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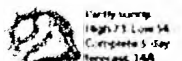


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\$600,000 spent; 2 students 'pass'

Extra cash not paying off for Burke program



Katasha Jones uses a tablet computer as she and her fellow Advanced Placement U.S. History students take notes and listen to teacher Bruce Bradley at Burke High.

BY JENNIFER C. HARRIS
A senior reporter for the Post and Courier

Few of the students who attend Charleston's lowest performing schools can pass the rigorous Advanced Placement tests, but school leaders say they're committed to changing that.

The school district has poured more than \$600,000 into downtown Burke High during the past three years for its AP Academy, a program started in the fall of 2008 to give the school a needed academic boost. Only two students have earned "passing" scores in recent college-level testing the past two years.

Burke High is the only county school with this kind of program and extra

funding, but it's not the only one with low pass rates. Six other Charleston schools didn't have any student score high enough to "pass" the tests, and one other had fewer than five students "pass" the exam in 2011.

School leadership that needs to improve.

We have to elevate the quality of what's going on in schools, including Burke High, and my goal is to lead the playing field in terms of ensuring that every school has a portfolio of AP offerings," said school Superintendent Nancy McGovern. South Carolina requires high schools to offer AP courses to help prepare students



Public records

Our students deserve the opportunity to experience this and have the chance to prove themselves as academic scholars.

Maurice Cannon,
Burke principal

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Citizens weary of Afghan conflict

Poll reflects mood as massacre clouds Afghan mission

BY CRAIG WHITTAKER
and JON COHEN
The Washington Post

The massacre of at least 10 Afghan civilians, apparently by an American soldier, forced the Obama administration Sunday to confront yet another nightmare from the war zone and fresh evidence that patience back home is increasingly wearing thin.

A majority of Americans — 55 percent — believe that most Afghans are opposed to what the United States is trying to accomplish in that country, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll. About as many Americans (54 percent) want the U.S. military to withdraw even before they can train the Afghan army to be self-sufficient, a pillar of Obama's war strategy.

While most Democrats and independents scored on the war a long time ago, the poll found that Republicans, for the first time, are evenly split on whether the decade-long conflict is worth fighting.

The divide was reflected in Republican presidential contender Newt Gingrich's call Sunday to withdraw. "I think we're risking the lives of young men and women in a mission that, frankly, may not be doable," he said on "Fox News Sunday." Among Republican candidates, that view points Gingrich closer to the position of Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, who has long called for an end to the war.

In contrast, former Mass. Rep. Scott Brown, Mitt Romney and former Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., have backed

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Q&A war in Afghanistan

Five questions about the United States presence in Afghanistan, which has its longest-running conflict in the last few months.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Longtime organizer's era ends Saturday

Chairman helped restore integrity of popular festival to bring it back from the brink

By OTIS R. TAYLOR JR.
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The Five Points retailers were mad, and the business district's bar and restaurant owners were fuming. The residents of the surrounding neighborhoods were enraged, too. And the City of Columbia Police Department demanded that something be done.

The rowdy behavior, illegal parking and public drunkenness that was the St. Patrick's

Day festival had reached a threshold as citations and arrests were rising.

"It was nothing but a drunken brawl when we started," Jack Van Loan, the festival's chairman, said. "There's no other way to describe it."

The festival, on the brink of shutting down in the mid-90s, will celebrate 30 years Saturday. This is also the final year Van Loan will be in charge.

"One thing we managed to do is we became credible," said

IF YOU GO

St. Pat's in Five Points

When: Noon to 5 p.m. Saturday

Where: Five Points

Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the gate. The 10 a.m. parade on Devine Street is free.

Information:
www.stpats5points.com

Van Loan, who has worked with the Five Points Association, the group that operates the festival, for two decades. "If there is one thing I'm terribly proud of from my stay here in Five Points,

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Fill out your NCAA tournament bracket and keep your fingers crossed. **B1**

COLUMBIA ELECTIONS 2012

City Council hopefuls tout similar views

Three men running to be next at-large representative stress personal differences

By CLIF LEBLANC
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They are a trio of seasoned candidates adept at the art of the sturdy handshake, the stump speech and the shoe-leather strategy that remains a staple in municipal elections.

Joseph Azar, Robert Holchek and Cameron Runyan have each lost elections but are trying to forge new political histories as the next at-large representative, elected citywide, on Columbia City Council in the April 3 election.

Two other seats on the seven-member council are open this year — in District 2, in the city center, and District 3, which includes USC and surrounding

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neighborhoods.

The at-large candidates have similar platforms, so they are stressing their lesser differences, their life experiences and their personalities in the three weeks left to sway the expected small group of voters in the city races. Non-mayoral elections in largely Democratic Columbia tend to produce turnouts in the 10 percent to 15 percent range.

A low turnout places even more importance for Azar, Holchek and Runyan on Districts 3

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Poinsett Highway targeted for makeover

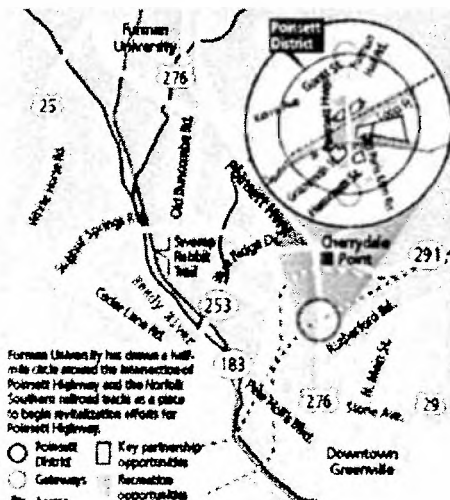
By Rudolph Bell

Staff Writer
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Furman University is hoping to turn out 1,000 students — nearly 10 percent of its student body — on one day next month for community service projects along Poinsett Highway in one of the first concrete steps of an emerging, long-term initiative to revitalize the seven-mile corridor between the university and downtown.

Furman administrators and student leaders are still working out details for the April 11 Day of Service but expect the volunteer work to include everything from chopping kudzu to replacing basketball nets.

Meanwhile, Furman, Greenville County and other members of a coalition formed to revitalize Poinsett Highway are learning about long-dug social problems in lower income



ATROCITY SPARKS OUTRAGE

US soldier shoots, kills 16 Afghans

Attack on villagers imperils already fraught relationship

By Mirwais Khan
The Asian and Pacific

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The Quran burnings sparked weeks of violent protests and attacks that left some 30 Afghans dead, despite an apology from

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A soldier stands guard outside a military base in Panjwai, Kandahar province, Afghanistan. Tensions have escalated again after a U.S. soldier killed 16 villagers, including several children, in a shooting early Sunday. AP/WIDEWORLD

OBAMA URGED TO HANG TOUGH

Graham wants to



WEEK-AHEAD

Today

Athletization training: The 16th Circuit Solicitor's Office in York County will have Juvenile Athletization Training beginning at 5:30 p.m. today. The community-based diversionary program is for first-time juvenile offenders charged with non-violent crimes. Contact Anna Melvin at 803-909-7557 or anna.melvin@yorkcountysc.gov for an application.

Tuesday

Cirque du Soleil: Thriller: "Cirque du Soleil: Michael Jackson: The Immortal" will be performed at 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at Time Warner Cable Arena in Charlotte. Tickets start at \$52. For information, call 704-688-9000.



Courtesy Cirque du Soleil

Wednesday

His evening: The Yale American folk music group, Tangled Up in Blue, will perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Community Performance Center in downtown Rock Hill. The repertoire includes old traditional songs and Civil War ballads to Johnny Cash and Bob Dylan. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and available by calling Ed Seely at 803-967-7115.

Thursday

Roller disco and leg warmers: Fort Mill High School Chorus presents "Koolha: The Musical" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and March 19 and 20, and at 3 p.m. Sunday at the school. A clever and silly show, with music by Electric Light Orchestra. Tickets, available at the door, are \$15, adults and \$8, students. For information, call 803-784-4098.

Friday

St. Patrick's Eve: St. Patrick's Day On Main Street, a street festival in downtown Rock Hill, starts with breakfast at 8:35 p.m. Friday and features Irish Celtic music, Irish dancers, food vendors, Irish Celtic crafts, vendors and more. No admission fee. The event continues goes well into the evening. Tickets of \$10 are available.

Saturday

La Fête du Pâtis: Clavier's St. Patrick's Day Festival begins from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in Main Street. Live bands, food and children's activities throughout.

How Chester secured 'Project Southport'

Economic development plan took two years of wrangling

The April meeting two years ago on a field in rural Chester County certainly seemed out of place. Underneath a large, funeral-style tent were gentlemen in suits and a woman in high heels. They were surrounded by closely holding charts. A

few of the people were in more casual attire. Their appearance said they were used to doing the heavy lifting.

The group was not bothered. It was no hot day to be certain. But if inquisitive minds had asked, they would have left without any



Don Worthington
Business Editor

answers. At best, questions would have been greeted with a smile and shrug of the shoulders.

Such was Project Southport. It was the pivotal meeting in the project. On one side were the presenters from the Chester County economic development office.

With them were community leaders and people prepared to answer questions about things such as utilities, especially rail access. Those coming had inquired about rail. Chester Coun-

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1 year since Japan disaster



KEIJI SASAKAWA, AP

Memorials and events across Japan acknowledged a year's passing since the March 11, 2011 earthquake and tsunami that killed more than 19,000 and devastated the northeast part of the country. Above, a girl lights candles in front of a temporary shopping complex in the earthquake and tsunami-devastated city of Kesennuma, Iwate prefecture, Japan, on Sunday. At right is a woman in Rikuzentakata, Iwate prefecture, lights candles during an event decorated with ice sculptures.



TSUNO YOSHIE, AP

Assistant principal tapped for award

Administrator is one of three in running for national honor

By Shawn Cetrone
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ROCK HILL — Denise Khazab, a South Pointe High School assistant principal, is one of three educators in the running for a national award as a top performer in her field.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals sent Khazab a letter this week announcing that she could be the 2012 National Assistant Principal of the Year.

"We join you in the excitement you must feel about this important and prestigious recognition," the letter said.

"You are truly an outstanding educational leader."

In November, Khazab was named South Carolina's Assistant Principal of the Year by the S.C. Association of School Administrators.

"She's just super," South Pointe Principal Alameda said. "I usually

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Soldier kills 16 Afghan civilians

Action threatens fragile relations strained by burning of Qurans

By MIRWAIS KHAN
The Associated Press

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ALLA UD DIN KHAN/AP

A U.S. soldier, part of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force, stands outside a military base in Panjwai, south of Kabul, Afghanistan, on Sunday.

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Smokin' in Vegas

Timing the restart perfectly, Tony Stewart dove to the edge of the apron and ducked under the two cars in front of him Sunday to make his way to the front at Las Vegas Motor Speedway for the win. Stewart's first at the track. **PAGE B1**

Designer doghouse

Frank Lloyd Wright designed hundreds of landmark buildings and homes during a prolific career that spanned more than seven decades. But he also added one more item to his resume: a doghouse. **PAGE A4**

Slow process

It took only a year to set up Medicare, but if President Barack Obama's health care law survives Supreme Court scrutiny, it will be nearly a decade before all of its major pieces are in place. **PAGE A11**

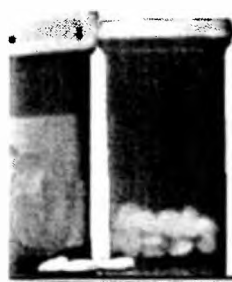
Motorcyclist dies

A Spartanburg man driving a motorcycle was killed while trying to merge onto I-585 Sunday. The 54-year-old was thrown off his motorcycle, and he was not wearing a helmet. **PAGE A8**

Landfill sees new activity to cap 3-acre area



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Another Tuesday, more contests

Candidates spar before key Southern primaries

By **BETH FOURY**
and **PHILIP ELLIOTT**
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Republican presidential hopeful Rick Santorum on Sunday nudged rival Newt Gingrich to

step aside, arguing a head-to-head contest between himself and Mitt Romney should "occur sooner rather than later." A defiant Gingrich predicted victories in Tuesday's primaries in Alabama and Mississippi and called Romney the weakest GOP front-runner in nearly a century.

Santorum and Gingrich were campaigning hard two days before what has become a potentially decisive Southern showdown for the GOP contenders battling to challenge President Barack Obama

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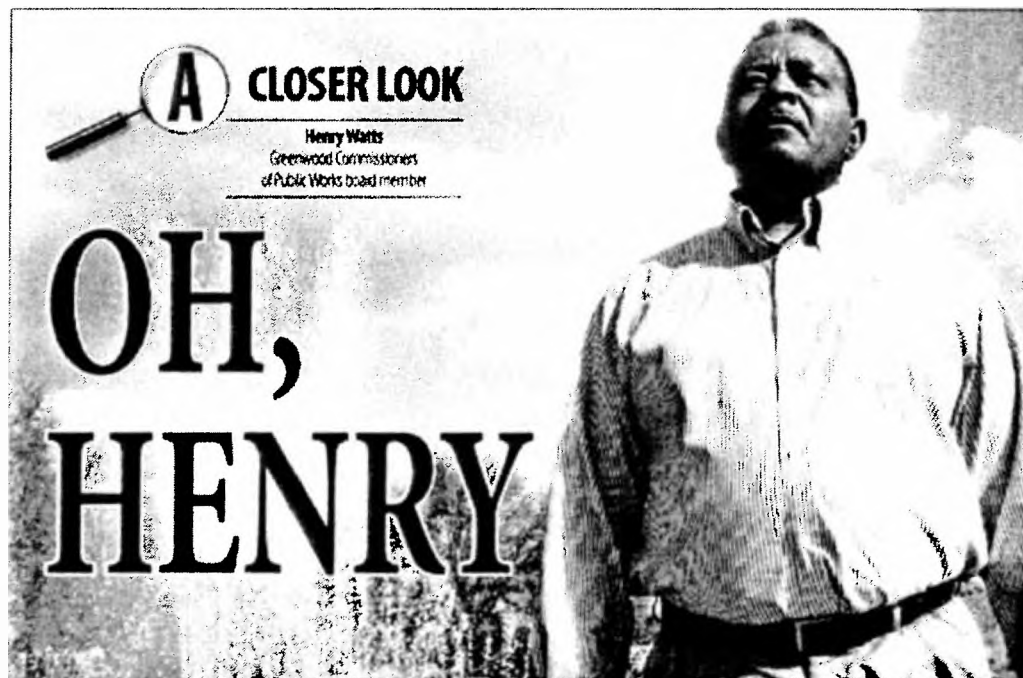


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A CLOSER LOOK

Henry Watts
Greenwood Commissioners
of Public Works board member

OH, HENRY

Greenwood Commissioners of Public Works board member Henry Watts has been with the organization since 2005. He also worked for the state Department of Juvenile Justice for many years and has served as a city judge.

Watts embraces different roles in community

By **CHRIS TRAINOR**
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G

reenwood's Henry Watts has always enjoyed trying new things. And it Watts

Metropolitan District board member since 2005. A 1964 graduate of Edgewood High School and 1968 graduate of South Carolina State University, Watts was a school teacher for almost five years and worked for the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice for 25 years.

His years with DJJ were particularly rewarding, as Watts said he enjoyed working with young people and helping them get their lives back on track. He said quite a few of those young people were able to put their transgressions behind them and move on to a better life.

The Watts File

- **Name:** Henry Watts
- **Position:** Board member of Greenwood CPW and Greenwood Metro
- **Education:** South Carolina State University
- **Family:** Married with two kids and

■ SALUDA COUNTY

Griffith declares candidacy for sheriff

Spent 20-plus years in law enforcement

By **MICHELLE LAXER**
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Retired probation and parole officer Pat Griffith has announced his candidacy for Saluda County sheriff.

This is Griffith's first time running for the office. Current Sheriff Jason Booth has not yet announced if he will run for re-election.

"I've just been in law enforcement for a while, mostly in probation and parole. It's just what I do," Griffith said. "I'm too young to retire, so I'm going to try to further my job skills."

Griffith, a longtime resident of Saluda County, retired from the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon with more than 20 years of law enforcement experience.

If elected, Griffith wants to be a servant to the people and work to be tough on crime. He said he was recently concerned about the number of burglaries striking the county.

"I'm going to talk to selectors and prosecutors involved there and hopefully come



PAT GRIFFITH

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29TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

THOUSANDS GET DECKED OUT IN GREEN, FLOCK TO HILTON HEAD TO CELEBRATE THE 'BEST PARADE YET'



Members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians march along the parade route Sunday afternoon during the 29th annual Hilton Head Island St. Patrick's Day Parade. A large crowd packed the street to witness the parade and enjoy an afternoon of festivities.

JONATHAN DYER • The Island Packet

Annual parade features floats, marching bands and a little Irish pride

By ALLISON STICE • astice@islandpacket.com • 843-706-4188

Munching on a chocolate chip cookie dyed green with food coloring, Charles Sampson watched Hilton Head Island's 29th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade with family and friends from a picnic table set up in a prime spot: the median before the traffic circle on Pope Avenue.

Sampson said he knows the best vantage point because he has been coming to the parade every year since its inception.

He isn't the only one; this year, organizers

Events in the Southeast.

The O'Grady family of four from Kansas City, Mo., used rental bikes to get to the parade from their vacation spot. They've been coming for the past three years in a row because the parade coincides with their spring break, mom Laurie O'Grady said.

It was tough for her son Jimmy to pick out which float had been his favorite.

"I liked all of it," he said.

"He especially likes the candy they throw

VIOLENCE IN AFGHANISTAN

Soldier shoots, kills 16 civilians

By HEIDI VOGT and MIRWAS KHAN
The Associated Press

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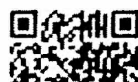
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■ What will the attack mean for the U.S. mission in Afghanistan? 9A

■ Accused shooter's base no stranger to violence on civilians. 9A

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Uniform honors local hero



WHO CAN BEAT BUNDY? March Madness contest inside sports!

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Coming Events

2012 Building Bridges: Through March 26 at the chamber's office, 238 S. Coit St. in Florence. A cultural diversity educational program hosted by the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce. The five-week program costs \$15 per person, \$10 for a group of five or more participants, or \$5 for only one of the sessions. Registration for the program is limited and scholarships are available. The sessions will cover the topics of work issues, religion, family dynamics, gangs, and the final session will be an open discussion dinner alongside the presentation of community service awards. FDCC students can earn one Continuing Education Unit (CEU) by attending at least four of the sessions. Contact Gerry Madison at 843.666.0615 or visit the chamber's website at www.flochamber.com.

"Enoch Arden" Today at 7:30 p.m. in the Elizabeth Baskin Coker Performing Arts Center's Watson Theater at Coker College in Hartsville. A musical work by Richard Strauss based on Lord Alfred Tennyson's narrative poem will be presented by collaborating artists Assistant Professor of Music Jan Markus, Associate Professor of Music Graham Wood and senior art and communication double-major Seth Johnson. For more than a century, Tennyson's classic poem "Enoch Arden" has been performed as a narrative (both in the original English and in German) set to an 1897 underscore by Strauss. In this month's presentation at Coker, however, viewers will see a true performance involving piano, narration and a large-scale projected video. Free. Contact Graham Wood at gwood@coker.edu.

Preservation Workshops: Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. at the Union Park Pavilion, 716 Prestwood Drive in Hartsville. Members of historical and/or genealogical societies, heritage organizations, museum staff, church historians, school alumni associations, historic lodges, and any other interested parties are invited to a lecture and workshop on local history and historic preservation by noted professor, historian, researcher, and author Dr. Bobby Deroldson of the University of South Carolina. Attendees will learn valuable lessons about what and how to preserve. The event is sponsored by the Darlington County Historical Commission. Free.

Spring Outdoor Luncheon and Go Green Business Expo: Friday with lunch at noon followed by the expo from 1-4 p.m. at the Florence Civic Center. The guest speaker will be Mayor Anne McEnroe of Greenville. The

Florence City Council

A big night for downtown

BY TUCKER MITCHELL
Morning News
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FLORENCE — The Florence City Council is expected to approve new ordinance codes for downtown buildings and (small) pots of money to help building owners meet those rules at its meeting Monday night. But the resulting revitalization isn't shaping up as just a party for downtown.

A program that's launching at the same time is designed to bring adjoining neighborhoods into the mix, a tip of the hat to long-standing

Council Roadshow

WHAT: Florence City Council Meeting

WHERE: Monday, March 12, 6 p.m.

WHERE: First Presbyterian Church, 700 Park Ave.

WHY: The council's regular meeting is periodically held at sites throughout the community, rather than at the City-County Complex.

ing complaints by city councilman Ed Robinson and others that the downtown revitalization effort has an elitist ring to it.

The city recently engaged B.P. Barber Engineering, a major re-

gional consulting firm, to conduct an intensive study of the struggling residential areas bordering the historic downtown to the northwest, north and east. Some preliminary meetings with B.P. Barber's project leaders have already taken place. Neighborhood tours and meetings are scheduled to begin at the end of the month.

The city is paying B.P. Barber \$32,000 to conduct the meetings and study, and, of course, to produce a final report. B.P. Barber, which has a Florence office, was acquired by URS last year, a national engineering concern.

Florence City Manager Drew

Griffin said it makes sense to connect downtown revitalization with the potential redevelopment of nearby neighborhoods.

"Good neighborhoods are essential to the growth of Florence," Griffin said. "We're looking to grow, looking to be proactive. This is another part of that."

While B.P. Barber is an engineering firm, its study will include more than just assessing infrastructure needs, although it will do that, too. The company will ask residents about needs across the board, and has hired outside

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CIVIL WAR RELIVED



Collin Watford (left) and Claude Watford, tag along with Union Army Civil War re-enactors on their way to the mock battle Sunday during the Skirmish At Gamble's Hotel Civil War re-enactment in Florence. The battle depicts an actual event that happened in 1865 in the Florence area. Union Army Colonel Resben Williams led 500 soldiers of the 12th Indiana Infantry to destroy the railroad depot and were met by Confederate soldiers along with 400 reinforcements from the home guard.

Dixon McKenzie (left) holds a Confederate flag while sitting with his father, Scott, and sister, Ella Kaba, waiting for a re-enactment of the Skirmish At Gamble's



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To see more photos and an online web video exclusive of The Skirmish At Gamble's Hotel Civil War re-enactment log on to snow.com.

Florence County Coroner Von Lutcken first into coroner's race 2012

BY JOHN D. RUSSELL
Morning News
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FLORENCE — The race to replace Bubba is about to begin.

Long-time Florence County Sheriff's Office lawman Keith von Lutcken will officially announce his candidacy for Florence County Coroner Monday morning at the City-County Complex.

Von Lutcken has significant experience and the endorsement of M.G.

"Bubba" Matthews, who said last year that he's retiring after 20 years on the job. But this won't be a shoe-in. Georgetown County Sheriff's Ins. Phil Hanna, formerly an investigator at the Florence County Sheriff's Office, has also said he'll probably run, and there could be other candidates as well.

Matthews has worked with von Lutcken for nearly 20 years and said he is endorsing him as the next coroner because he is "very qualified." Lutcken has worked directly with the coroner's office the



Von Lutcken

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Sprouting potential



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Steve Chandler of Bamberg County sees the potential for asparagus to return to the area as a profitable agricultural crop. Historically, it was a significant cash crop from 1930 to 1950 in South Carolina.

Local grower hopes to resurrect asparagus as viable cash crop

By MINNIE MILLER
T&D Correspondent

RAMBERG — Growing asparagus commercially is nothing new in South Carolina. At one time, asparagus production was widespread across the Palmetto State, reaching its peak in 1932.

Now, Steve Chandler of Bamberg County is looking at a new approach to bring it back as a profitable crop.

Currently, asparagus is being grown for sale in about nine of the state's 46 counties. Chandler's third of an acre plot is still in the experimental stages, but so far his results have been very productive.

Bob Dufault with Clemson University said in his "History of Asparagus in South Carolina" that in 1932 almost 10,000 acres were under cultivation. By the mid 1950s, it had lost its status as a viable cash crop.

When Chandler moved to Bamberg County some years ago and opened his law office, he also put down roots that he hopes will be productive.

"I grew up in the agricultural-intense central valley of California where I worked on the family farm for many years, and then studied crop science at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo before relocating here," he said.

He became interested in asparagus, started researching it and discovered its history in the area. He



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root out, with about a foot between plants. Chandler's method includes placing a heavy-duty drip tape under the crown to irrigate and fertilize his crop.

He believes asparagus has enormous commercial potential in South Carolina due to its proximity to several of the largest asparagus markets in the United States.

"It would, however, be difficult to start out competing with Mexico and/or California in supplying the Walgreens and SAMS Clubs along the East Coast," Chandler said. "But there are so many small 'quality buyers' that come to the terminal markets looking for fresh produce that it would take years to outgrow them."

In Chandler's opinion, the key to asparagus production, regardless of the size of the operation, is post-harvest handling.

"Asparagus is extremely perishable once harvested and should be packed, hydro-cooled, placed in cold storage and shipped cold to the terminal to preserve quality," he said. "A harvesting crew and packing shed would be required for a commercial operation."

For more information on commercial asparagus production, see "A History of Asparagus in South Carolina: A Look at Its Potential and How to Grow It" by Robert J. Dufault at <http://www.clemson.edu/hort/scvotwsp/DEFER/HistAspar>.

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T&D and Wire Reports

■ Animals gone wild, — and unpatriotic

North thinks its squirrels are a problem, but at least they're not unpatriotic. Here's what Linda Ulmer of Elmore wrote to The T&D: "I read your article in the paper about the squirrels in the town of North. I have had a problem also. A month ago, I looked out my front door and saw that my American flag I have on a pole by my front door was all torn up. My son pulled up in my driveway and spotted a squirrel going up a pine tree with a shirt. When he saw my son he dropped it. My son threw the shirt in the back of his truck. I bought a new flag and put it on my pole. Two days later, I looked out my front door and the flag was torn up like my other one. A few days later, I looked out my window and there it was, a squirrel was on the pole chewing on my flag. I put a cage with corn in it so I can catch him, but so far no luck. I have had a flag there for 18 years, but this is the first to have it eaten by a squirrel."

A Michigan woman says she's become a prisoner on her own property stalked and harassed by a 25-pound turkey. The 69-year-old, who calls the turkey "Goddella," said the bird wanders near her property each day from nearby woods. She recently couldn't get to her front door after a trip to the grocery store, and goes to the post office at 6 a.m. to avoid him. She has tried changing her schedule, but the turkey isn't so easily fooled. "This bird has persistently attacked, and the person responsible," a state wildlife expert said. "What it took the bird is, what I'm doing it good." He suggested the woman open a large umbrella to drive the turkey back to the woods. "The bird needs to learn who's the boss," he said.

■ Case of the missing bling

A 21-year-old Oranburg man wants his teeth back. The man told officers he took his golden grill off to enjoy a meal at IHOP when he finished eating, he left without his teeth valued at \$1,000. After getting home and realizing what he'd done, the man returned to the restaurant to retrieve his bling, but the teeth were nowhere to be found. Officers planned to look at surveillance video in hopes of finding out what happened to the grill.

■ Dumb ... and dumber

A central Pennsylvania man was driving when an officer noticed his car didn't have its lights on and flagged him down. The man told the officer, "They're, buddy" and tried to high five him, in which the officer replied, "That's not how it works," and gave the driver back seriously. The man's blood alcohol content was reportedly 2.1/100 when police pulled him over. (The

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Haley to hit the Grand Strand on Monday

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How Chester secured 'Project Southport'

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Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 1:33 PM
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Subject: DNR board

Dear Gov. Haley,

I have never been more humbled or flattered than by your kind consideration for me to serve on the DNR board. I appreciate your confidence in me to fulfill the duties required by such service. I really would have liked to serve, but after proper due diligence have decided to decline.

The potential for others, especially those in the environmental community or press, to criticize DNR or you made me uncomfortable. DNR is the recommending agency for all licensing pertaining to lakes, dams and other FERC matters for SCANA. SCANA has several matters before DNR presently. The perception that my presence on the DNR board could unduly influence staff personnel is something the press could not resist.

I enjoy my service on the SCANA board and feel I am helping SC with all its future energy needs. If I served DNR I would need to resign from SCANA. I have already made commitments there I would like to honor.

I promise to be actively involved in other ways to help you and the state of South Carolina.

I am at your disposal for any assistance you need.

Sincerely,
Jim Roquemore

Haley, Nikki

From: Schimsa, Rebecca
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 10:38 AM
To: Haley, Nikki
Subject: FW: Please pass on to the Governor?

-----Original Message-----

From: Young, Daniel [<mailto:DYOUNG@sccommerce.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 10:36 AM
To: Schimsa, Rebecca
Subject: Please pass on to the Governor?

Rebecca,

Would please pass on to the Governor my deepest appreciation for the note she sent my wife and I last week regarding the passing of my mother-in-law? I could not have been more surprised that she took even the time from her schedule to send it.

Thank you

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From: Taillon, Jeff
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 9:42 AM
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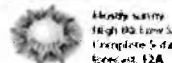
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Robert Behre: We can savor, learn from, the new 25 Calhoun



Kentucky, Kansas secure the final two tickets to Final Four



N. Chas. officer shoots teen

Police: Cop opened fire after suspect pointed gun

BY DAVE MUNDAY
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A North Charleston policeman is on administrative leave after shooting a 17-year-old suspect who had pointed a gun at him Sunday afternoon.

The department did not release the names of the policeman or the teen, who was taken to Medical University Hospital in serious condition.

Investigators recovered a .38 Smith & Wesson 9 mm at the scene.

Here's what happened, according to police spokesman Spencer Pryor: Officers were called to Dalton and Enders streets in their residential neighborhood about 3 p.m. Sunday.

Witnesses said shots had been fired and several black cars, including one with dreadlocks, were involved.

An officer answering the call spotted two black men, including one with dreadlocks, walking nearby.

When the men saw the police car, they turned and headed in the opposite direction.

The officer got out to talk to the men, but they kept walking.

When the officer caught up with the man with the dreadlocks, the man turned and pointed a gun at the officer.

The officer fired several shots, wounding the man who had pointed the gun. The other man was last seen running toward Durant Avenue.

The officer, who fired the shots, was placed on administrative duties pending an investigation by the State Law Enforcement Division.



Police recovered this gun from the scene of an officer-involved shooting in North Charleston.

THE WAR ON BUGS

Stopping imported pests a key task at port



A U.S. Customs and Border Protection agricultural specialist inspects a shipping container at the Charleston Freight Station. Agents won't say what percentage of containers get a hands-on inspection, only that the process isn't random.

BY TERESA TAYLOR
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Steve Switzer is like a kid with a toy. He closes his lips over a straw-sized tube, sucks in, and poot! A tiny insect on the table vanishes from sight, then reappears inside a small plastic shell.

"That's how you catch a leg, hands-free," he says with obvious delight, like he had just performed a magic trick. "You don't squish it, you don't damage it."

Switzer is an agricultural specialist with U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Charleston under the Department of Homeland Security. It's his job, along with a dozen other people in his office, to hunt down the bad bugs of the world and trap them from entering the United States. No, it's not the same as thwarting terrorists. But both are focused on destruction, only with different targets.

The interception of insects is serious business, and it takes place daily in Charleston, mostly because of the ships from across the globe that call on the port. Thriving and crawling creatures are but one category of pests that Border Protection is on the lookout for, along with plant and animal diseases, weed seeds and so forth. They check out shipping containers, inspect military aircraft, airport baggage, cruise ships and other pathways for the unwanted travelers. The objectives are both economical and environmental. The war is (repeat)

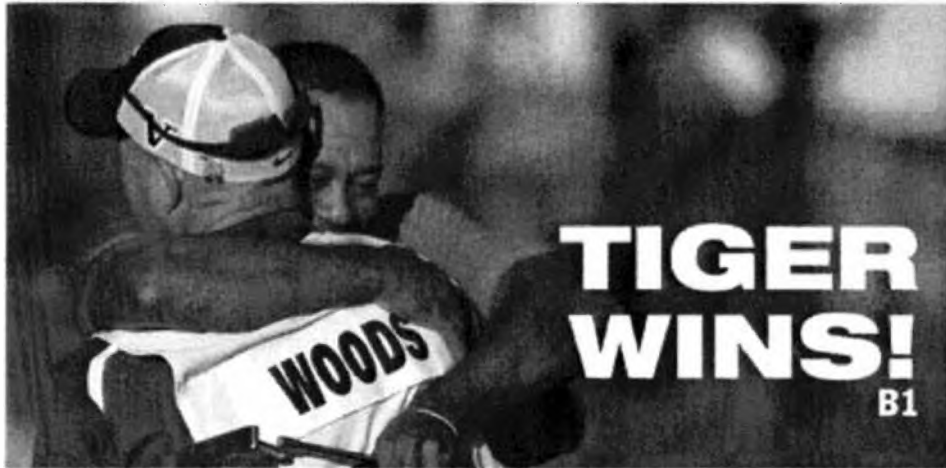


We don't get a gun, but we get a very nice flashlight.

Steve Switzer

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ALLEN UNIVERSITY



Pamela Wilson will be Allen's first female president.

'I'm supposed to be here'

New president hopes to raise university's profile, standards while providing 'safe haven' for students

By CAROLYN CLICK
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The new, energetic president of Allen University believes her life story, which includes a sputtering academic start and personal and financial struggles, position her well for taking on the challenges of the African Methodist Episcopal school and its students. Pamela M. Wilson, a native of Blair, will be inaugurated Thursday as the 24th president of Allen, a historically

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VILLAGE AT RIVER'S EDGE

First tenants are in sight for city housing project

'We think we may have some people in there within a month or two'

By JOHN MONK
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After some six years, residents may be on the verge of moving into the Village at River's Edge public housing project off River Drive, near the Broad River.

"We think we may have some people in there within a month or two," said Columbia Housing Authority chairman Bobby

Gist. "We're really happy."

As of last week, some work still remained to be done on most of the 54 two-story duplex and quadplex units nearing completion. Most of the small yards were still unlandscaped, and there were no street lights in the 28-acre project.

No work at all appeared to have been started on what is to be the largest part of what developers once said would be a \$30

million private/public project that was to have had a total of 220 units.

Developer Jonathan Pinson, who is responsible for the private development of the rest of the 28-acre, L-shaped tract, was not available for comment.

Gist and other Housing Authority officials said they had no knowledge of Pin-

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STATES CHALLENGING THE LAW

3 days that may reshape America

By Richard Wolf
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Health coverage for more than 30 million people. The power of Congress to regulate interstate commerce. President Obama's reelection. The reputation of the Supreme Court and the legacy of its chief justice.

And to hear some tell it: liberty.

All that and more could be at stake today when the Supreme Court begins three days of historic oral arguments on a 2010 health care law that has become a symbol of the nation's deep political divide.

Not since the court confirmed George W. Bush's election in December 2000 — before 9/11, Afghanistan and Iraq, Wall

HEALTH CARE AT A CROSSROADS: SUPREME COURT ARGUMENTS TODAY

Street's dive and Obama's rise — has one case carried such sweeping implications for nearly every American.

"There's never been anything this big that the federal government has required — to which the states were not given an opt-out," says former Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum, a Republican who filed the first lawsuit against the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on March 23, 2010, the day it became law. "It's the totality of this, the enormity of it."

"You've got just unbelievable repercussions here. The stakes couldn't be any higher," says Tom Daschle, the former Senate Democratic leader who helped lead the last effort to change the health care system in 1993-94. "For anybody who cares about health care, this is the whole ballgame."

Passed by Democrats along strictly partisan lines and still two years short of full implementation, the law is designed to extend health coverage to more than 30

million uninsured people, ban insurers from discriminating against those with expensive ailments, and require nearly all Americans to buy insurance or pay penalties.

It turns out that's not all. The overhaul of a health care system that spends more than all other industrialized nations but still has millions uninsured has taken on even more significance as it reaches the high court.

Millions of Americans stand to feel the direct reach of the court, as the entire health care system and the costs associated with it could be affected by its decision. Already, millions have used the law's early

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Medical identity theft on rise

Patients could get wrong treatments, lose jobs, cash

By Liv Osby

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Allegations of a theft scam involving patient records at Greenville Hospital System surfaced recently, while personal data at Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System was potentially compromised last year when a laptop computer was stolen.

Around the country, medical identity theft is one of the fastest growing forms of identity fraud, with more than 5 million people affected in 2010 alone, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

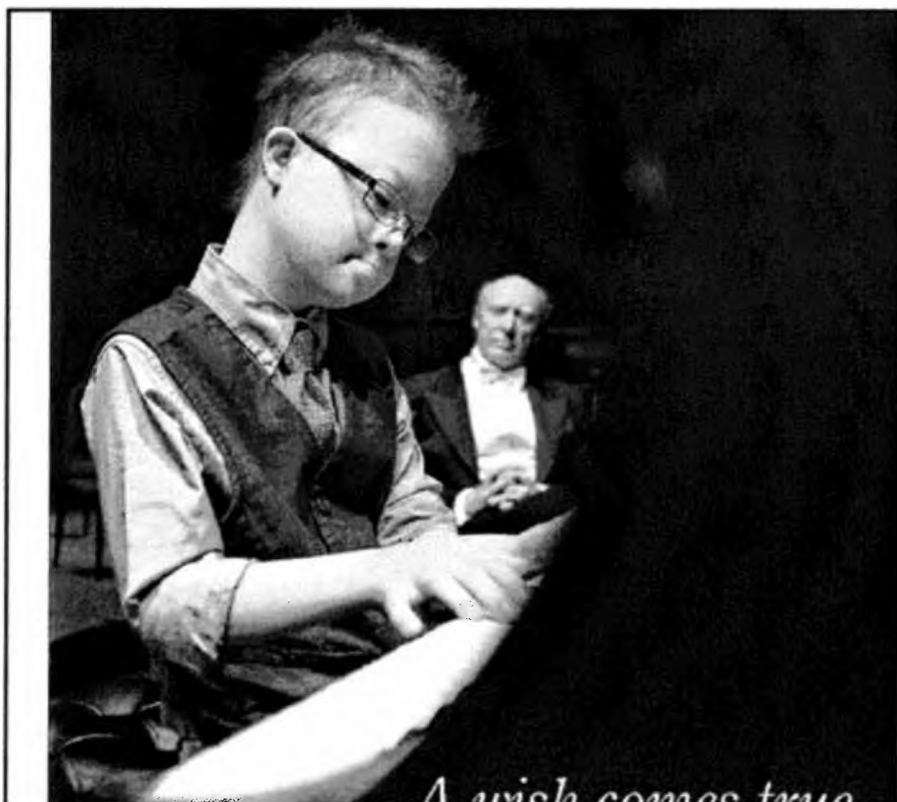
Mark Savage, a senior attorney for Consumers Union, told GreenvilleOnline.com said the breach of people's personal electronic health information is a cause for concern.

"The problem for consumers is getting the benefits while protecting the privacy and security of that information," Savage said.

WHAT TO DO

Victims of medical identity theft should file a police report

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Today

Mrs. Stonewall: North Carolina historian Nora Brooks' first-person portrayal of "The Life and Times of Anna Jackson, Wife of General Stonewall Jackson" will be at 7 to 8 p.m. in the Snowden Auditorium in the Western Building at Winthrop University. It is free and open to the public. For information, contact Ann Terry at 803-425-7986 or annster@wyoahoo.com.

Tuesday

Those pesky wild hogs: York County's Clemson Extension Service will offer a workshop on legal hog and coyote management techniques from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the York County Extension Office, 120 N. Congress St., York. The seminar will address biology, management techniques and legalities of control measures. Cost is \$10. Participants must register by calling the extension office at 803-684-9919, ext. 115.

Wednesday

Guest artists: Cellist Nicole Lampo and pianist To make Dogcatcher will perform at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Barnes Recital Hall at Winthrop University as part of the Guest Artist Series. Free and open to the public.



Thursday

Certified yummy: "Entertaining, South Carolina Style" will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Museum of York County to sample soups, vinegrettes, dips and relishes, history, meat ribs, teas and colers and meet the folks who make them. All foods are "certified S.C. products" and are available in the museum store. The event is free for current and prospective Culture and Heritage Museum members. Space is limited. To RSVP call 803-429-2121.

Friday

Not a beat down: Downbeat Project, which plays soul filled, message driven music, will perform at 8 p.m. Friday at the Community Performance Center on Main Street in downtown Rock Hill. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, and can be bought at Civic Hall, the Center for the Arts of Winthrop Music.

Saturday

And then there were 4: The Final Four.



PHOTOS BY JEFF SOCHMAN

Clover High School 951st Air Force JROTC Jacob Reed, Graham Burrell, Sean Demers and Chris Alexander at the Massing of the Colors on Sunday at the Rock Hill High School auditorium.

Vets honored in Rock Hill

Massing of the Colors pays tribute to soldiers of previous wars

By Nicole E. Smith
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Rock Hill's Martha C. Farris, 69, is used to being the only woman in certain crowds.

She's the only woman in the local Marine Corps League, the only woman in her American Legion Post and, at a Columbia event for veterans, she was the only woman from World War II out of 8,000 people.

And at Sunday's second annual Massing of the Colors, she was the only female veteran in sight.

"There's not many of us left," she said of her fellow World War II veterans. Master Sgt. Farris enlisted in the U.S.



Stevie Allen, David Stolt, Cameron Mitchell and Cameron Worsley of Cub Scout pack 132 from Waddlers Creek ARP Church stand with their colors.

Marines on Dec. 7, 1941. Farris remembers the exact day. She attended boot camp at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina before being stationed at Cherry

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See more photos and a video at heraldonline.com.

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Moody still awaits word

Board may choose Greenville County superintendent Tuesday night

Herald staff reports

Rock Hill schools superintendent Lynn Moody could find out Tuesday whether she'll be the new head of the largest school district in the state.

After meeting for 14 hours behind closed doors on Saturday, the Greenville County school board adjourned without hiring a new superintendent.

The board is set to convene at 6 p.m. Tuesday for its regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

After concluding its regular agenda, the board will go into executive session to continue its discussions of the three candidates.

Moody, who has been Rock Hill's superintendent since 2006, when she succeeded Superintendent Randy Bridges.

Barke Royster, Greenville County schools' deputy superintendent of operations, who was an assistant principal at Northwest High School in Rock Hill for five years.

Eugene White, superintendent of Indianapolis Public Schools.

They were selected from among 72 applicants vying to replace current Greenville Superintendent Phyllis Fisher, who is retiring after more than seven years.

In the two weeks before Satur-



Moody

France thanks Rock Hill vet for helping liberate country

Ermendez stormed Omaha Beach on D-Day, received Legion of Honor award



John Ermendez, a Rock Hill WWII veteran

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Player of the Year

Broome senior guard Madison Floyd averaged 21 points, 4.7 assists and 4.1 steals per game, while surpassing 1,500 for her career total. She's also been named the state's 2A Player of the Year, an all-state selection and to two different all-star teams, in addition to being named the Herald-Journal/GolPostake Preps Girls Basketball Player of the Year. **PAGE B1**

Hooded prayer

Wearing hooded sweatshirts similar to the one that Trayvon Martin wore on the night he was killed, many preachers and worshippers echoed calls for justice Sunday in the shooting death of an unarmed black teenager in Florida this past month. **PAGE A4**

Transplant debate

Doctors say it's unlikely that former Vice President Dick Cheney got special treatment when he was given a new heart at age 71, but it does reopen the debate about whether rules should be changed to favor the young. **PAGE A9**

US pays Afghanistan victims

Afghan government makes public the compensation of families in shooting rampage

By MIRWAIS KHAN
The Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — The U.S. paid \$50,000 in compensation for each villager killed and \$11,000 for each person wounded in a shooting rampage allegedly carried out by a rogue American soldier in southern Afghanistan, Afghan officials said Sunday.

The families were told that the money came

from President Barack Obama. The unusually large payouts were the latest move by the White House to mend relations with the Afghan people after the killings threatened to shatter already tense relations.

Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales is accused of sneaking off his base on March 11, then creeping into houses in two nearby villages and opening fire on families as they slept.

The killings came as tensions between the U.S. and Afghanistan were strained after the burning of Qurans at a U.S. base in February. That act — which U.S. officials have acknowledged was a mistake — sparked riots and attacks that killed more than 30 people, includ-

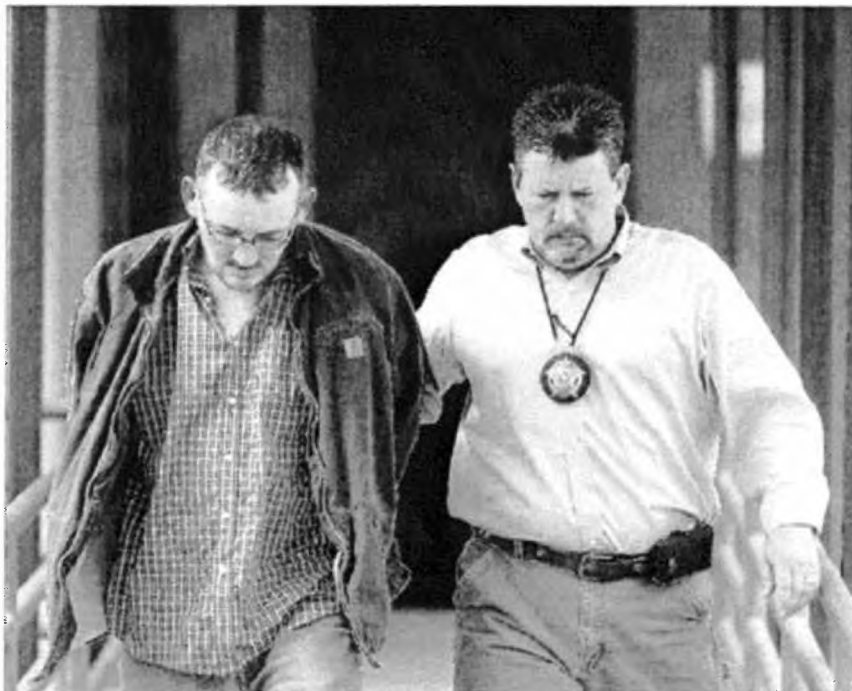
ing six American soldiers.

There have been no violent protests after the March 11 shootings in Kandahar province's Panjwai district, but demands for justice on Afghan terms have been getting louder since Bales was flown out of the country to a U.S. military prison. Many Afghans in Kandahar have continued to argue that there must have been multiple gunmen and accused the U.S. government of using Bales as a scapegoat.

U.S. investigators believe the gunman returned to his base after the first attack and later slipped away to kill again.

◆ SEE VICTIMS PAGE A9

VIOLENCE DISRUPTS WORSHIP SERVICE



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Deputies from the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office walk suspect Jesse Gates to a waiting car. Gates is accused of entering South Side Free Will Baptist Church, below, and pointing a shotgun at the minister, ordering him out of his pulpit. He was subdued by members of the congregation. See more photos at GoUpstate.com.



Schools meshing state, local budgets

Districts working with teacher raises, higher funding

By LEE G. HEALY
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A higher funding level and teacher pay raises are among the items included in an early version of the state budget. Local education leaders must now begin to translate them into district-level financial plans for the new fiscal year.

School boards have until the end of June to approve a final 2012-13 budget, but workshops and finance

committee meetings are gearing up annual discussions on revenues and expenditures. The

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"We're still netting on the positive."

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Blessing rings in motorcycle riding season

Largest group yet turns out for fourth annual event

By MICHELLE LAXER
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Motorcycle riding season is officially here, as signaled by the fourth annual Blessing of the Bikes on Sunday afternoon.

More than 200 motorcycles — the largest group yet for the ride — left the Hobby Lobby parking lot on Bypass 72 around 2 p.m. With escorts from the Greenwood Police Department and Greenwood County Sheriff's Office, the bikers rode to First Mount Moriah Baptist Church on Highway 221.

At the church, bikers were treated to free water,

boiled peanuts and music from local band 316 Northbound. They could also take home free Bibles and pamphlets.

After an invocation, pastors with the Lakeland Baptist Association were on hand to meet with bikers and pray and counsel with them.

Blessing of the Bikes, organized by the Lakeland Chapter of Bikers for Christ, commemorates the beginning of a safe and healthy riding season. It is usually held two weeks after the Daytona Beach Bike Weeks and marks the start of the

See BLESSING, page 4A



Local bikers line up to receive free Bibles and boiled peanuts after riding from the Hobby Lobby to First Mount Moriah Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon. The ride was part of the fourth annual Blessing of the Bikes.

MICHELLE LAXER/
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A GOOD ALTERNATIVE



Licensed acupuncturist Jim Kapetanacos, seated, uses hair thin needles and a handheld microcurrent device to give Anthony Marley, of Greenwood, some relief from chronic back pain.

STICKIN' IT TO 'EM

Pain relief leads Kapetanacos
to become an acupuncturist

■ GREENWOOD

City finalizes land deal

Moves clear way
for agency's plans

By CHRIS TRAMOR

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Greenwood City Council finalized last week an unusual land agreement that will assist the Upper Savannah Council of Governments as the agency explores constructing a new office building on Helix Road.

Upper Savannah's preferred method of financing the prospective project is through the USDA Community Facility program.

However, to utilize that program, there is somewhat of a catch: Community facility projects cannot be located in cities with a population of 20,000 or more. The population of the City of Greenwood is about 23,000.

Upper Savannah sought ways to remove the proper-ty from the

What it does

■ Last week, Greenwood City Council passed the last reading on an ordinance to execute a quitclaim deed to Upper Savannah Development Corp., conveying the property off Helix Road. The purpose of the move is to assist the agency as it explores the construction of a new office building.

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SPORTS Tiger gets his first victory since 2009. **Page 1B**

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Coming Events

CCU Voice Faculty presents 'The Kitchen Sink: A Celebration of Theatrical Singing'
Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall, Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts at Coastal Carolina University in Conway. From Bayreuth to Broadway, the Coastal Carolina University voice faculty celebrates the rich tapestry of the history of the lyric stage, performing masterpieces from both opera and musical theatre. Admission is \$9; CCU and HSGTC students are \$3 (one per valid ID); CCU and HSGTC faculty/staff are \$3 (two per valid ID); Alumni/Senior citizens (ages 65 and over) are \$7; Other Lifelong Learning Institute members are \$7; Teens (ages 11 to 17) are \$3; Children (ages 10 and younger) are free with ticket and must be accompanied by an adult.

TUESDAY

FNU's Cinema Series presents 'Amores Perros'
Tuesday at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. in the Lowmire Auditorium, Catholic Educational Media Center at Francis Marion University. Free. Call 843-661-1335.

Seussical Jr. The Musical Auditions
Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Banding Street Auditorium in Lake City. Come be a part of Dr. Seuss's world and characters in this delightful musical version of his stories. Seussical Jr. is specifically for the younger and older performers, so come out and audition for the Lake City community theatre's first youth production. You must be at least 8 years old at the time of auditions. No experience is necessary and all audition materials will be provided. Come with a complete schedule of anticipated conflicts. The production will run June 8, 9 and 10.

WEDNESDAY

Pee Dee Spring Carnival
Wednesday through April 1 in the parking lot of the Florence Civic Center, 1300 W. Radio Drive. The Pee Dee Spring Carnival will feature more than 20 rides and attractions, delicious fare and games galore. Each ride will require between two and four tickets. Single tickets are \$1. An unlimited ride handstamp is \$15 per person. Visit www.florenceciviccenter.com or www.amusementhol.com.

Baritone-Jacob Will
Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church at the intersection of 1st and Cherry streets in Florence. An experienced artist, Will has been featured with orchestras throughout the United States, Europe and Asia. He has appeared with the Berlin Radio Symphony under the baton of

Firefighters hit streets to raise money

From staff reports

Members of the Darlington County, City of Darlington and City of Hartsville fire departments will hit the streets with boots in hand as they station themselves Friday at the intersection of S.C. 151 and Center Road.

From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., they will be raising money for their Fill The Boot fundraising campaign with all proceeds going to local children and adults living with neuromuscular disorders.

Committed to ending neuro-

muscular diseases, firefighters are longtime friends and supporters of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Fill The Boot drives are the primary means by which the International Association of Fire Fighters and volunteer firefighters have raised more than \$460 million for MDA since 1954.

In 2011 alone, firefighters raised \$27.1 million through Fill The Boot drives. The Darlington and Hartsville firefighters are joining this noble cause and hope to raise \$7,000 for MDA.

Fill The Boot funds support MDAs services locally and nationally, including clinics staffed with specialists in neuromuscular disease and special summer camps for MDA kids. Local clinics and camps that benefit from Fill The Boot funds are Georgia Health Sciences University and Pleasant Ridge Camp and Retreat Center in Marietta, S.C.

Funds also help finance MDAs research programs, which seek treatments for diseases such as Duchenne muscular dystrophy and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis

(ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease).

MDA is a voluntary health agency working to defeat neuromuscular diseases through research, comprehensive services and far-reaching professional and public health education.

In addition to funding groundbreaking research, MDA has 230 clinics nationwide. MDA is the first nonprofit recognized by the American Medical Association with a Lifetime Achievement Award "for significant and lasting contributions to the health and welfare of humanity."

FLORENCE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



Youth piano contest winner Kristy Liao plays her solo Sunday during dress rehearsal with the Florence Symphony Orchestra. The three winners of the first Florence Symphony Youth Piano Contest, Gabe Smallwood, John Gibson and Kristy Liao, will play tonight with the orchestra at the Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center.

Pianists to take stage

BY JOHN D. RUSSELL
Morning News

FLORENCE —The Florence Symphony Orchestra will host three of the most talented pianists in the Pee Dee as part of the spring concert Monday.

Gabe Smallwood, 14, John Gibson, 15, and Kristy Liao, 15, won the first Florence Symphony Orchestra Youth Piano Contest. All three said they are excited for the chance to play with the symphony.

Florence Symphony Orchestra music director and conductor Dr. Terry Roberts was one of three judges for the competition and said it's an opportunity to showcase youth talent in the community.

"There's a lot of young talent in our area," Roberts said. "On top of that, there's not many opportunities for



Youth piano contest winner Gabe Smallwood (left) looks over his solo with Florence Symphony Conductor Dr. Terry Roberts on Sunday. Smallwood, who won first place in the competition, will play Mozart's "Concerto No. 23 in A major" on Monday with the orchestra.

pianists to play with a full symphony orchestra. Most piano players prefer

See **PIANISTS**, Page 10A

Health care case

Justices to mull legality

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The fight over a health care law that touches all Americans and divides them comes before the Supreme Court on Monday. Justices will decide whether to kill or keep the largest expansion in the nation's social safety net in more than four decades.

Two years and three days after President Barack Obama signed into law a health care overhaul aimed at extending medical insurance to more than 30 million Americans, the high court begins three days of hearings over the law's validity. The challenge from 26 states and a small business group puts the court in the middle of a heavily partisan fight over the president's major domestic accomplishment and a presidential election campaign in which all his Republican challengers oppose the law.

If upheld, the law will force dramatic changes in the way insurance companies do

INSIDE

■ The nine justices of the U.S. Supreme Court offer a wide range of style, personality and temperament.
■ Arguments might mark a turning point in a century of debate over what role the government should play in regulating American health care.
■ A question-and-answer book explains how the case over the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will unfold. BA

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Shooting is fourth murder in a week



Bill Felder points to the spot where he found the body of a person outside his business. Felder said he moved to Santee to get away from big-city crime.

Santee businessman hears shots, finds body in parking lot

By LEE HENDREN
L&D Staff Writer

Bill Felder stood in front of the businesses on which he has pinned his economic hopes.

He stared at a pool of blood in the parking lot, and wondered how it came to this.

After a career in Washington, D.C., printing currency for the federal government, Felder returned to the Santee area in 1989 and built a small concrete block building on U.S. 301 where he intended to run a neighborhood ice cream stand.

That didn't work out, but over the years Felder

Saturday night, it was rented for a birthday party. Sometime after midnight, the event wound up and the parties headed for their homes. Felder was cleaning up inside the store next door when he heard gunshots. He went outside and found a man lying in the parking lot between two parked cars.

He has no idea who the man was.

Felder said there was no apparent damage to the cars, but he says law officers found evidence of a shooting in a grassy area beyond the club and surmised that the victim was shot there and dragged to get between the parked vehicles before he succumbed to his injuries.

The Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office was preparing a statement for the news media about the crime, spokesperson Kessa Gunby Peterson said Sunday afternoon. As of 10:30 p.m. the statement had not been received.

A call to the coroner's office was not returned. Felder said he moved back to Santee hoping to get away from big-city crime.

And now this.

Felder hopes the police — and everyone else — don't discuss the incident as yet another case of wannabe gangsters gunning down a fellow young black male at a nightclub in the middle of the

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■ Lions and antelopes and wildebeests, oh my!

Summitville High School's principal has removed animal trophies from the walls of his office after getting complaints. Buddy Chapel had a stuffed lioness, antelopes, wildebeests and animals on the walls of his office. Questions were raised after his collection was featured in a newspaper story last month. Chapel has said previously that he offered to meet elsewhere if students were uncomfortable in his office, but most seemed to like the collection.

■ Lay off the booze

A Colorado man whose bike was stolen says he bears no grudges against a misanthropic person who returned it with a handwritten note of apology. The bike was left near the sheriff's office and police department with a note that said: "Sorry, I stole this bike. I rode it home. Please give it back — Oriskany. There were no witnesses."

A Montana man is charged with animal cruelty after his 20-pound dog was so intoxicated it couldn't stand up. While responding to a report of an intoxicated dog, a bit officers found Arly, a Rottweiler or Rottweiler mix, that couldn't walk. The dog's blood-alcohol level was 0.348 percent. An alcohol level of 0.4 percent can be fatal in humans. The dog was tested and is at a shelter until the case is resolved.

■ How much is that doggie that was stolen from a little girl?

A puppy stolen from a 4-year-old Albuquerque girl has been returned to her. Police say two women snatched the poodle named Pip out of the toddler's arms last week in front of her house after they pulled up in a car and asked to see the dog. Someone saw news reports and the family's online posts about the theft, and then discovered the dog was up for sale. That person bought the puppy and returned him to the family. Police are investigating.

■ Unattached

Investigators say a Southern California man deliberately cut off his hand with a kitchen knife. Detectives found the victim after responding to a 911 call from the man's home, but the man didn't place the call. It's not clear why the man cut off his hand, and it's not known if

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Six ways justices could rule on health care law

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Obama warns N. Korea, Iran their options are few

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'Person of interest' in missing mom case

Individual not named; search focuses on house



GARY ROYAL/STAFF

Bob McCaffrey appeared in family court Thursday at the Charleston County Courthouse for a custody hearing on his children, who will be under the care of their aunt, Debbie Pearson.

BY EDWARD C. FENWELL
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"A specific person of interest" has been identified, according to authorities who expect to make an arrest in the case of a missing West Ashley woman.

Newly gathered information is leading investigators back to the Lincolnton Boulevard home and property of Gayle and Bob McCaffrey, and a new search will begin there, said Chief Deputy John Clark of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office.

When asked about digging in part of search plan, he said, "That depends on where the investigation takes us." Bob McCaffrey reported Gayle missing on Sunday. He told police that after a late Saturday dispute with his wife, he left her and their children at home and drove to Travelers Rest.

The children, ages 10 and 4, were sleeping at the West Ashley home, but his wife was gone when he returned, he reported.

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The search continues for
Gayle McCaffrey, 37, who
was reported missing
Sunday.

For tips

Anyone who knows the
whereabouts of Gayle
McCaffrey is asked to call the
Charleston County Sheriff's
Office at 202-1208.



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Judge denies bail in slaying

Pair accused of
killing deliveryman

BY ALYSSON BIRD
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ST. GEORGE — Teresa Gardner spent the hour-long drive to the courthouse praying and crying so that when she arrived, she would calmly ask the judge to deny bail for the two teenagers accused of killing her son.

Gardner approached Circuit Judge Hans Goodstein on Thursday morning and stood just feet away from Stephen Brown, 19, and Joshua Davis, 18, who are charged with murder and armed robbery in the death of 20-year-old Marcus Birdsong.

The pair are accused of taking the chicken wings and cinnamon sticks Birdsong had Davis tried to deliver from Domino's Pizza — but no cash and then shooting him "execution style."

"Without looking in their direction," Gardner said, "They could have taken the food and gone on, but they chose to shoot and kill my son."

"They not only shot — but they shot and killed my son," she said. "For me, that is a great danger."

Goodstein agreed. She denied bail for both teens, sending them back to the Dorchester County Jail wearing orange and white striped jumpsuits.

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Brown



Davis

Chamber in D.C., touts local bases

BY SCHUYLER KNAPP
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Charleston's fear of facing Congress' next round of base closures in 2013 may be fading, but local officials are escaping the chopping block now means no time to rest.

A team from the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce was on Wash-

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Local offices of two defense firms land \$100 million contract worth up to nearly \$100 million.



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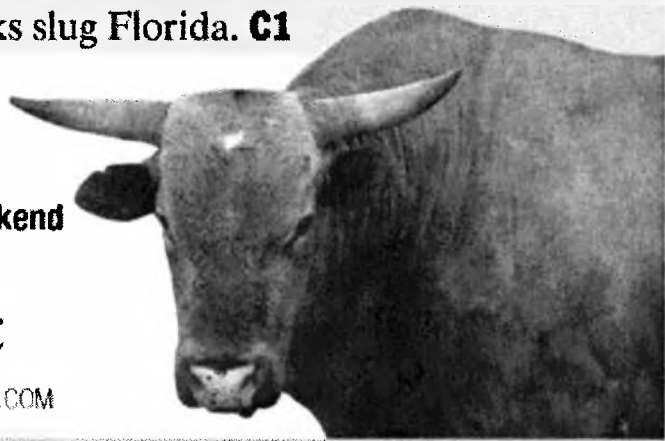
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SENATOR URGES GOP TO UNITE

DeMint 'excited' about Romney

Senator from S.C. says it's time for other candidates to re-evaluate their positions

By JAMES ROSEN
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Saying he was "excited" and "comfortable" with Mitt Romney as the Republican Party's presidential nominee, U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., Thursday called on the former Massachusetts governor's GOP

primary foes to re-evaluate their campaigns.

The Greenville Republican, among the nation's conservative leaders, stopped just short of endorsing Romney.

DeMint's appeal for Republicans to focus on defeating President Barack Obama came a day after former Florida Gov. Ich

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It's going to take some serious arm-twisting in caucus states to get Rick Santorum back in the delegate race. **Page A8**

Bush, another influential conservative, endorsed Romney and urged party unity.

"What I can tell conservatives from my perspective is that I'm not only comfortable with Rom-

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Mitt Romney, left, speaks as Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., watches during a campaign stop in Charleston in 2008.

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OCCUPY House targets protest camp

Overnighters back at the State House

By GINA SMITH
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S.C. lawmakers are scrambling to block the just-resumed Occupy Columbia protest from continuing its encampment on State House grounds.

The S.C. House Judiciary Committee held a specially called meeting Thursday to take up one

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Legislator suggests scrapping parts of South Carolina's self-defense law. **Page R1**

piece of legislation that it swiftly passed — a ban on camping on the grounds.

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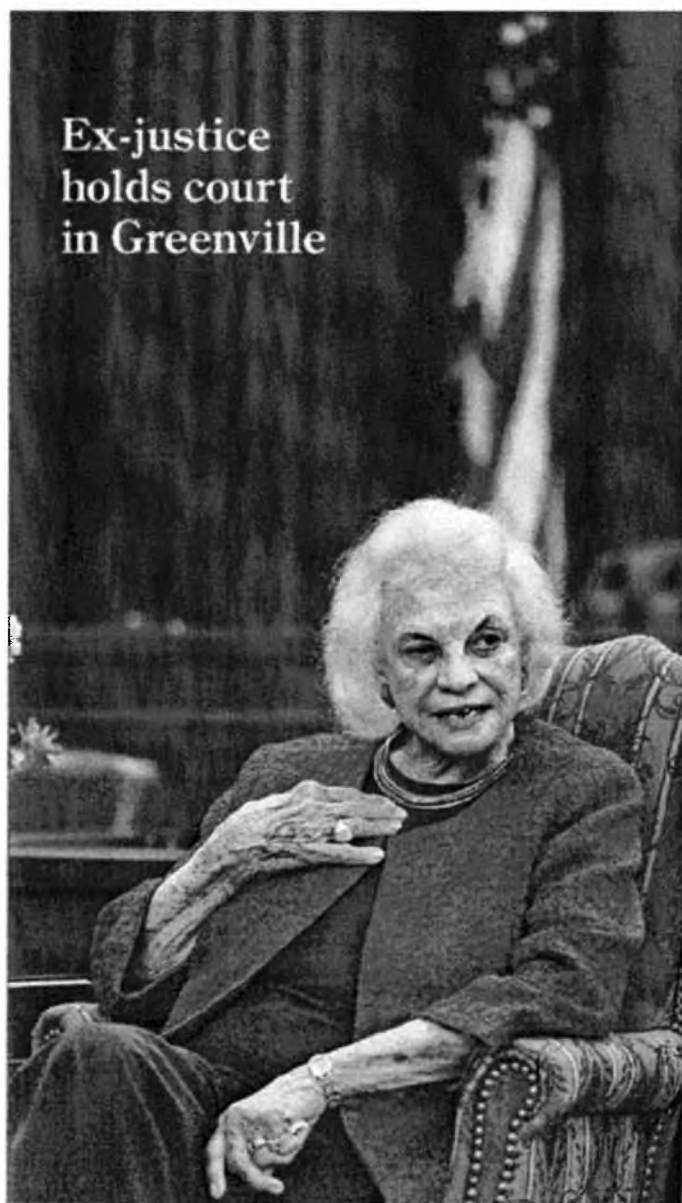
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Ex-justice
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Retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor answered questions from local middle and high school students at the federal courthouse in Greenville on Thursday. BY JENNIFER BRUNSTADT

Appeals visit brings

"Now, it is quite likely that the South's favorite candidate will not win the nomination."

BRENT NELSEN, a Furman University political science professor

GOP fight shows shift in South's role

Changes in how delegates awarded, divided field lessening region's impact this year

By Ben Saobody
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It's beginning to look like South Carolina will not only fail to pick the Republican presidential nominee for the first time in more than three decades, but that the eventual winner of the party's primary will have failed to persuade much of the deep South.

Still trading elbows are three GOP primary winners, each with a distinct constituency but none with the ability, at least yet, to reach across the party's layers like George W. Bush, some Republicans say.

This could leave the South, and South Carolina, in the role of dissenting voice instead of GOP kingmaker. It remains to be seen whether the plates have shifted for good, or if it's simply

a "weird year." Those are the words used by Joel Sawyer, a former spokesman for Gov. Mark Sanford, former executive director of the state Republican Party and former state director for GOP hopeful Jon Huntsman.

"I don't know if it's so much a divide within the party so much as it is none of these candidates have been particularly effective at energizing those different interests of the party," he said.

Each speaks a different language.

Revised party rules also play a role, said Brent Nelsen, a Furman University political science professor. In the old days, candidates won delegates on a winner-take-all basis in each state, allowing the party's es-

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Fans eager to get their fill of 'Hunger Games'

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It's no exaggeration to call the release of "The Hunger Games" film a phenomenon.

The highly anticipated film, based on a wildly popular young adult novel by Suzanne Collins, came to the big screen in the first minute of its Friday release date with midnight showings all across the Upstate.

Donna Langston of Clinton and her two daughters — Britta,

18, and Brooke, 15 — arrived around 8:30 p.m. to be first in line.

There's just something fun about being the first ones to see a big film, said the family members, who have been to other big midnight premieres together.

It provides "bragging rights at school," said Britanny, who was going to kill time before the film by studying for a big biology test coming up.

Over at the Great Escape

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County Council hopefuls trade barbs

At York County GOP forum, Britt Blackwell, Gary Williams and others spar over who is a 'true conservative'

By Janice Self
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Sparks flew Thursday night when York County Council chairman Britt Blackwell and Rock Hill businessman Gary Williams faced off for the first time in a public candidates' forum.

The most popular question of the night—about who was a true conservative—prompted a heated exchange between Blackwell and Williams, who spoke last in the forum hosted by the York County Re-

publican Party at Thursdays, Too restaurant in Rock Hill.

When one audience member asked Blackwell whether he's always supported the "true conservative," Blackwell, a Rock Hill eye doctor, said, "I've always, always made sure that I've supported a Republican over a Democrat."

Williams immediately pointed out that Blackwell supported Jim Rex, a Democrat who ran for governor in 2010. "When we were all trying to pull for Gresham Barrett or

the governor (Bobby Hiley)," Williams said.

Williams—who in 2010 donated the maximum \$4,800 to former Democratic U.S. Rep. John Spratt—drew a comparison between himself and Blackwell.

"We have both gone that way, so to say it's absolute is wrong," Williams said. "I put my money with Spratt because he saved thousands of jobs in the county."

The crowd boomed.

Blackwell fired back, saying Rex wasn't running for governor when he supported

him, and there was no Republican in the race.

His donation to Rex of "\$50 to \$100" was given out of friendship to someone with whom he once he served on a board and whom he viewed as a good person.

"How anybody could compare that," Blackwell said "to the tens of thousands of dollars my opponent gave to Spratt trying everything he could to make sure a liberal Democrat beat a conservative Republican."

"That's a pretty big desperation move there."

Williams' membership on the board of the Culture and Heritage Foundation also came under fire—but not from Blackwell.

Dennis Genter, a member of the Culture and Heritage Commission, which oversees the county's museum system, asked Williams how the foundation, which exists to support the commission, spent more on fundraising than it raised in the last two years—citing the foundation's IRS form 990 tax filings.

"You spent \$930,000 in fundraising expense and you've raised \$200,000," Genter said, referring to the last two tax years. Genter is one of seven new commissioners the council appointed last year.

"If that's indicative of your management of public money or contributed money, I'm scared of what you're going to do with the

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Andrew Dys
Columnist

Workers: Tax hike plan is 'stupid'

People making less than
\$30,000 would pay an
average of \$84 more

Someday, Rock Hill's Ming Rice juggles plates at work and three kids at home. She's 40 and, being a waitress and single mother, she is described—as are millions of South Carolinians who actually work—as "working poor."

On Thursday, as she tried to make enough to raise a family by working at Nether G's restaurant, Rice was asked what she thought of a Republican plan in the S.C. House that would raise taxes on people like her—anybody making \$35,000 a year or less—an average of \$84.

While giving people who own beach homes a tax cut

it was asked all day.

"Doesn't it make more sense that these politicians would want people like me, who work, to keep the money

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A decade of bluegrass by the creek



For a decade, Allison Creek Presbyterian Church has held bluegrass concerts throughout the year. Bluegrass and gospel fiddle tunes

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President Barack Obama's health care overhaul law will largely be upheld by the Supreme Court, according to former Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn. He spoke Thursday to the Spartanburg Regional Foundation. **PAGE C1**

Coroner's report

Whitney Houston was a chronic cocaine user who had the drug in her system when she drowned in a hotel bathtub, coroner's officials said Thursday after releasing autopsy findings that also noted heart disease contributed to her death. **PAGE A8**

Exposure

Two joggers told police that a man exposed himself on the Mary Black Rail Trail on Wednesday afternoon. The women said they were running on the trail about 4:30 p.m. when they noticed a person in the bushes. **PAGE C1**

Testimony

During testimony in court Thursday, Spartanburg Public Safety officers painted a picture of a violent shootout that left a fellow officer and a woman

Costs might sink Swim Center

Many suggest city look to county to share load

By ANDREW DOUGNAN
and LYNN P. SHACKLEFORD
Staff writers

The majority of Swim Center patrons live outside the city of Spartanburg, prompting many residents to ask why county government and its residents aren't sharing the costs of supporting the 30-year-old facility that needs millions in improvements.

City management has recommended that City

Council approve closing the Swim Center, an indoor swim facility, and T.K. Gregg, a recreation center, and save those operating costs for five years to pay for a new community center on the north side.

City Manager Ed Memmott and other key city personnel will meet with council members on April 2 to discuss what happened at the forum and to determine how council wants to pro-

ceed. Staff could then, at council's direction, ask the county for financial support and try to find private funds for the center. However, Memmott said it's typically hard to find private support for continued, annual costs associated with operating an existing facility, and public-private partnerships normally are leveraged to build newer, more efficient

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Swimmers with the Spartanburg Splash School USA team practice at the Swim Center in earlier this month.

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Woman faces child cruelty charges

Police report 36-year-old legal guardian whipped children with objects

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Five children were placed in protective custody Thursday at Mathews Elementary School, and their legal

guardian and relative was charged with cruelty to children, according to a Greenwood Police Department official.

Rosa Lyn Middleton, 36, of 115 S. Ames St., was arrested and charged

with one count of child cruelty.

Greenwood Police Department Lt. Jeff Crisp said the police department was called by Abbeville DSS on Thursday about a woman who reportedly had injured the children.

"DSS took custody of the five children due to the kids having injuries to their bodies consistent with punishment and consistent with being struck with a cord," Crisp said.

Crisp said a 7-year-old girl took

the brunt of the punishment, with marks and bruises along her legs, back, buttocks and neck. The other children are 2 years old, 8 years old

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'WOW, THIS CAN REALLY HAPPEN'

ASSAULTS AT LANDER



PHOTOS BY MATTHEW SHAW FOR THE JOURNAL

Bearcat Village, a Lander University dormitory, was the location of an alleged sexual assault late Wednesday night. Lander officials said they have identified two "persons of interest," but no arrests had been made as of late Thursday.

Authorities investigating alleged attacks

By CHRIS TRAINOR
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Lander University Police and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division are investigating after two men allegedly forced their way into a dorm room and sexually assaulted three female students.

Authorities had not made any arrests in the case as of early Thursday evening, but had developed two "persons of interest." According to Lander University president Dan Ball, one of the suspects likely had a prior relationship with one of the victims.

Lander Police Department is the lead agency in the investigation, with SLED assisting. Lander released an incident report late Thursday afternoon.

According to the report, officers responded just after 11 p.m. Wednesday to Bearcat Village, a student dorm complex on McNeil Avenue about a mile from Lander's main campus. Bearcat Village was formerly known as Cokesbury Gardens apartments.

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Incident stuns LU students

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There was a palpable buzz on Lander University's campus Thursday, as students and others were discussing the alleged Wednesday night sexual assaults

"It didn't even hit me until I got to class," Wright said. "I got a text that night about (the incident). It came to my smartphone. It didn't hit me until (Thursday) morning. I didn't think (the text) was true. I thought it was a little weird. But, it really opens your eyes to who you can trust and who you can't."



TEEN SHOOTING: Florida police chief steps down, temporarily. **D1**
PASSPORT TO THE ARTS: Event highlights music, art, food and drinks. **C1**

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Four teams punch tickets to regional finals as Sweet 16 begins. **B1**

DHEC receives an earful of concerns regarding Pioneer

BY LADONNA BEEKER
THE JOURNAL

WESTMINSTER — Many Fair Play residents gathered Thursday night with two suggestions for state officials: Read the fine print and have concern for the environment where people live and play. The S.C. Department of

Health and Environmental Control held a public hearing Thursday night at West Oak High School for concerned residents to ask questions regarding Pioneer Rural Water District's permits and proposed site for a water treatment plant in Tugaloo Heights in Fair Play.

Several DHEC officials were present, as well as at least two Pioneer board members and Pioneer General Manager Terry Pruitt. Design South officials were also in attendance.

Worried residents quickly learned from a short DHEC powerpoint presentation that Thursday's public hearing wasn't to discuss the

property for the treatment site, but whether the water taken from Lake Hartwell will be safe to drink once it's treated and how the water will be treated, among a few other regulations pending approval from the state agency.

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McCall: Slow down on jail plans

Councilman says people upset with county buying more land

BY CARLOS CALARZA
THE JOURNAL

WALTHALLA — Councilman Wayne McCall is pushing back against plans to buy property for a new Oconee County jail right away.

McCall said Thursday that people are calling him with their concerns. He said some have told him that taking the jail out of Walthalla would hurt local businesses, while others are outraged that the county is again opening up the public purse strings to purchase more land.

"I got myself chewed up good ... I have to listen to the people. They elected me."

McCall said he's also talked to most of the candidates running for sheriff, and they've told him that the county should wait until a new sheriff is sworn in to deal with the jail issue.

County Council directed County Administrator Scott Moulder this week to negotiate the purchase of property and to come up with redesign plans for a jail on that property.

Moulder has referenced a warehouse site at Highway 183 as an alternative location for a new jail.

The county initially planned to build a new jail adjacent to the existing Detention Center, but Walthalla zoning officials blocked those plans.

McCall said that if the plans at the Highway 183 location pan out, it would be a matter of time before a restaurant and shops open nearby the new jail that would take business away from Walthalla.

"If that happens, Walthalla faces having more vacant buildings in the city," McCall said.

McCall said he has ideas that could address safety and nuisance concerns of people who live near the existing jail, but added he's not about to "meddle" in the city's business.

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Small business benefits community, owners



Green Springs owner Alison Springs and her husband, Steve, say they are products of the nation's recession. The Springs were both laid off and became proactive by opening their own businesses in Seneca.

BY LADONNA BEEKER
THE JOURNAL

OCONEE COUNTY — Seneca business owners Steve and Alison Springs never thought their higher education degrees would lead them to owning and operating their own businesses. But that's exactly what happened when they both were laid off during the nation's economic downturn.

"We didn't take one day of unemployment (money)," Steve said.

As "products of the recession," Allison said they had to be proactive and did not want to sit idle waiting to gain employment somewhere else.

OCONEE COUNTY EMPLOYMENT 2011 THIRD QUARTER CENSUS

All numbers are based on average monthly totals

Private, government employment: 21,573

Private employment: 17,526

Federal government employment: 136

State government employment: 212

Local government employment: 5,699

Producing goods employment: 5,527

Manufacturing employment: 5,221

Durable goods manufacturing employment: 4,659

Providing service employment: 10,999

Trade, transportation, utilities employment: 4,790

Retail trade employment: 2,828

Source: Oconee County Chamber of Commerce

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USC med school still in works?

Branch for 3rd-, 4th-year students could open in Florence as early as 2014

BY GAVIN JACKSON
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FLORENCE — The Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation brought more than 20 state and area leaders together Thursday at the

Florence Country Club to hear presentations and openly discuss the possibility of Florence becoming a site for third- and fourth-year medical students from the University of South Carolina within the next three years.

The possibility will undoubtedly catch many by surprise, but to hear most of those in attendance Thursday tell it, it's matter of when, and not if, it will happen.

The proposed program would be a four-party partnership in-

volving Francis Marion University, the University of South Carolina, Carolinas Hospital System and McLeod Health Regional Medical Center. It would involve about 25 students at first and would cost about \$1 million.

There are plenty of hurdles,

mostly regulatory, to making it happen, but the energy at Thursday's meeting suggested plenty of momentum.

Keynote speaker Dr. Robert Hash, a professor at Texas A&M

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DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION



Florence Downtown Manager Ray Reich discusses a building on West Evans Street in downtown Florence with consultants Igna Kennedy and Ernie Boughman. Business and community leaders toured downtown Florence on Thursday as part of continued revitalization research efforts.

Welcome to the neighborhood

BY JOHN SWEENEY
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FLORENCE — It's getting to be about specifics when it comes to reviving Florence's struggling downtown, with a major emphasis on community involvement. Planning consultants Thursday toured four areas of Florence, guided by city officials, local business and property owners and residents, and noted suggestions on how the city could be improved.

Much of Florence's downtown

revitalization talk has centered around what is known as the historic district, Evans Street and North Dargan, but city officials say they want to expand that vision to include the surrounding areas as well as the immediate downtown.

Consultants touring with the group were Ernie Boughman, a senior project manager with B.P. Barber, a Florence-based engineering group, and Igna Kennedy, president of Planners for Environmental Quality (PEQ), based in Union City, Ga.

Florence already has a master

plan, finalized in 2010 that lays out the broad strokes of how to rejuvenate the city, but the work done by Boughman and Kennedy will be different.

"The comprehensive city plan is like a look from 50,000 feet," Boughman said. "We're boring down to ground level. We're zeroing in. This is a look at specific projects."

Thursday's tour focused on four zones, designated "Neighborhood Action Plan Areas" where the

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Border between Carolinas put in doubt

The Associated Press

LAKE WYLIE — Relatively small errors by surveyors using stakes, hatchets and mental arithmetic 240 years ago could mean the end of Victor Boulware's tiny convenience store.

For decades, officials thought the land where the store sits was in South Carolina, because maps said the boundary with North Carolina, drawn back in the 1700s, was just to the north.

But modern-day surveyors, using computers and GPS systems, redrew the border to narrow it down to the centimeter. Their results put the new line about 150 feet south of the old one and placed

of the old one and placed Victor Boulware's Lake Wylie MiniMarket in North Carolina, where the gas prices are 30 cents higher and the fireworks that boost his bottom line are illegal.

"If I end up across the line, it is going to shut this business down," Boulware said.

On a recent weekday, nearly every car stopping to get gas or a snack had a North Carolina license plate. The \$3.59 per gallon

price was the only reason Aaron Taule of Belmont, N.C., stopped.

"It's all about saving money, right?" Taule said. "If this place had North Carolina prices, I'd've just waved and passed right by."

For most of the 14 million people in both Carolinas who live far from the state line, the new survey is an interesting tale that might bring up a joke or two. Will the people who suddenly find themselves in North Carolina have to start liking basketball more than football or renounce mustard-based barbecue sauce in favor of the styles preferred to the north?

But for the owners of 93 properties who suddenly find themselves in another state, it's a bureaucratic nightmare. The state line determines so much in their lives — what schools they go to, what area code their phone number starts with even who provides gas and electricity. Small utility cooperatives in South Carolina are banned from extending services across the state

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SCSU alumni president: Remember the students

By DALE LINDER-ALTMAN
T&D Staff Writer

As South Carolina State University ponders its future in the midst of an internal investigation and search for an interim president, the president of the S.C. State National Alumni Association is calling on everyone to remember that educating students comes first.

"There are times when it seems as though the chief combatants in the tug-of-war to control SCSU have forgotten the fundamental purpose for the university's existence. It is, of course, to provide educational opportunities for students that will equip them with the ability to compete, survive, thrive and excel in our ever-changing global society," association President Nathaniel Howard said in an open letter to all stakeholders.

In addition, "We also solicit all stakeholders to continue to be faithful and supportive of SCSU during this difficult time," he said.

Howard wrote the letter in response to recent events at S.C. State. Dr. George H. Cooper announced on March 2 that he would step down by the end of the month. The announcement came less than a month after he fired eight high-level employees and a probe into allegations about criminal misconduct, unethical conduct and mismanagement at the university. Dr. Rita Teal has been selected to become acting president when Cooper steps down on March 30.

In addition, Jonathan Pinson announced in February he was stepping down as chairman of the Board of Trustees to spend more time on his personal business.

S.C. State trustees will meet Friday afternoon to consider criteria and a profile for an interim and a permanent president.

A group of stakeholders met in advance of the board meeting on Thursday to discuss the process. Approximately 12 to 14 people were in the meeting, including trustees Dr. John Corbett, Robert Nance and Patricia Lott, several alumni faculty; members of the faith-based community; OGAB Community Action Agency Director Calvin Wright; and student body President Ashley Floyd.



CHRISTOPHER HUNT/T&D

Divers searched a pond in eastern Orangeburg County until about 12:30 a.m. Thursday looking for a driver thrown from his car.

Driving too deep

Car runs into pond and driver is ejected;
divers find nothing; man safe at hunt club

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN
T&D Correspondent

Robert Bessent, 48, of Holly Hill is lucky to be alive.

Bessent was at the wheel of his 1999 red Ford Mustang on U.S. 17 just north of the Dorchester County line late Wednesday evening when his car veered off the right side of the road, struck a utility pole, overturned and landed in a pond.

According to S.C. Highway Patrol Lt. Cpl. Todd



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Former senator speaks about health care during visit

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20120322/ARTICLES/120329861/1083/ARTICLES>

SC bill would allow voters to register online

(AP) <http://www.heraldonline.com/2012/03/22/3840958/sc-bill-would-allow-voters-to.html>

House vote would stop dredging suit

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/23/2204411/house-vote-would-stop-dredging.html>

Bill would make gold and silver legal tender in state

(AP) <http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20120323/BUSINESS/303230005/>

Another texting while driving band approved

(Video) <http://www.wyff4.com/news/30741165/detail.html>

Legislator proposes repealing parts of SC self-defense law

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/23/2204126/legislator-proposes-repealing.html>

Flemming adds her name to Senate race

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20120323/NEWS/303230016/>

Businesswoman running for U.S. House seat

http://theitem.com/news/local_news/article_f82024f3-be91-5973-94d1-5755912d96b4.html

Democratic chair steps down after decade

http://theitem.com/news/local_news/article_38b8773f-4593-5ad8-b27e-4ab771d0d4f1.html

State agency says AVX responsible for some – but not all – pollution in south Myrtle Beach

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2012/03/22/2732057/state-agency-says-avx-responsible.html>

Committee hashing out NC, SC state line meets

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/23/committee-hashing-out-nc-sc-state-line-meets/>

Janitorial service franchise launches program for veterans

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20120323/BUSINESS/303230001/>

SPAWAR names 2 for major contract

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/23/spawar-names-2-major-contract/>

Assaults at Lander

<http://indexjournal.com/main.asp?SectionID=4&SubSectionID=40&ArticleID=10698>

(Video) <http://www2.wspa.com/news/2012/mar/22/23/police-investigating-reported-assault-lander-unive-ar-3457443/>

Men arrested in connection with more than 100 burglaries

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/22/2203514/men-arrested-in-connection-with.html>

GOP fight reveals shift in South's role

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20120323/NEWS/303230013/GOP-fight-reveals-shift-South-s-role>

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National News

DeMint 'excited' about Romney

<http://www.thestate.com/2012/03/23/2204125/demint-excited-about-romney.html>

For long-unemployed, hiring bias rears its head

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2012/mar/23/long-unemployed-hiring-bias-rears-its-head/>

High gas prices fuel frustration

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/23/high-gas-prices-fuel-frustration/>

Energy experts say gas could hit \$8 if Iran closes strait

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EU imposes sanctions on Assad's wife, relatives

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/23/eu-imposes-sanctions-assads-wife-relatives/>

No sign French suspect had al-Qaida ties

<http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/mar/23/official-no-sign-french-suspect-had-al-qaida-ties/>

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Jeff Taillon

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1205 Pendleton Street

Columbia, SC 29201



Chris

Please convey my thanks to
the board of the Club for their hospitality
at the conference. Thank you for fighting
the good fight. I will always be a fan
and supporter of the Club! My very best,
Mike Haley Governor State of South Carolina

3/27/12
mailed

Mr. Chris Chocola
Club for Growth
2001 L Street, NW, Suite 600
Washington, DC 20036

3/14/12
Rick Stone



Rick,
I was unpleasantly surprised to see
a letter to the Editor in the paper from you. We
are not strangers. You have my number and
email. If you had used it, you would have
realized I attended five days worth of business
meetings with other governors, the President, and
Governor Haley • Governor • State of South Carolina

the Vice-President. Michael attended
meetings with the First Lady and Dr. Biden.
The only event we didn't attend was the
formal dinner. I know how I was raised &
am proud. Michael & I were very disappointed
to see your criticisms made in such a public
way. My very best, Mike

press intern
3/14/12

ellen



Ellen,

I was so sorry to hear of your
grandfather's passing. I'm sure he was
incredibly proud of you. We appreciate
the work you do for us and thank you and your
family for our thoughts and prayers. God bless.
Mike DeLoach, Governor • State of South Carolina

3/14/12



Ashley, Thank you so much for the beautiful pictures. If you ever take the mansion, you will see some of them on display. I appreciate you. My very best,
Nikki R. Haley

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Mrs. Ashley Seawell

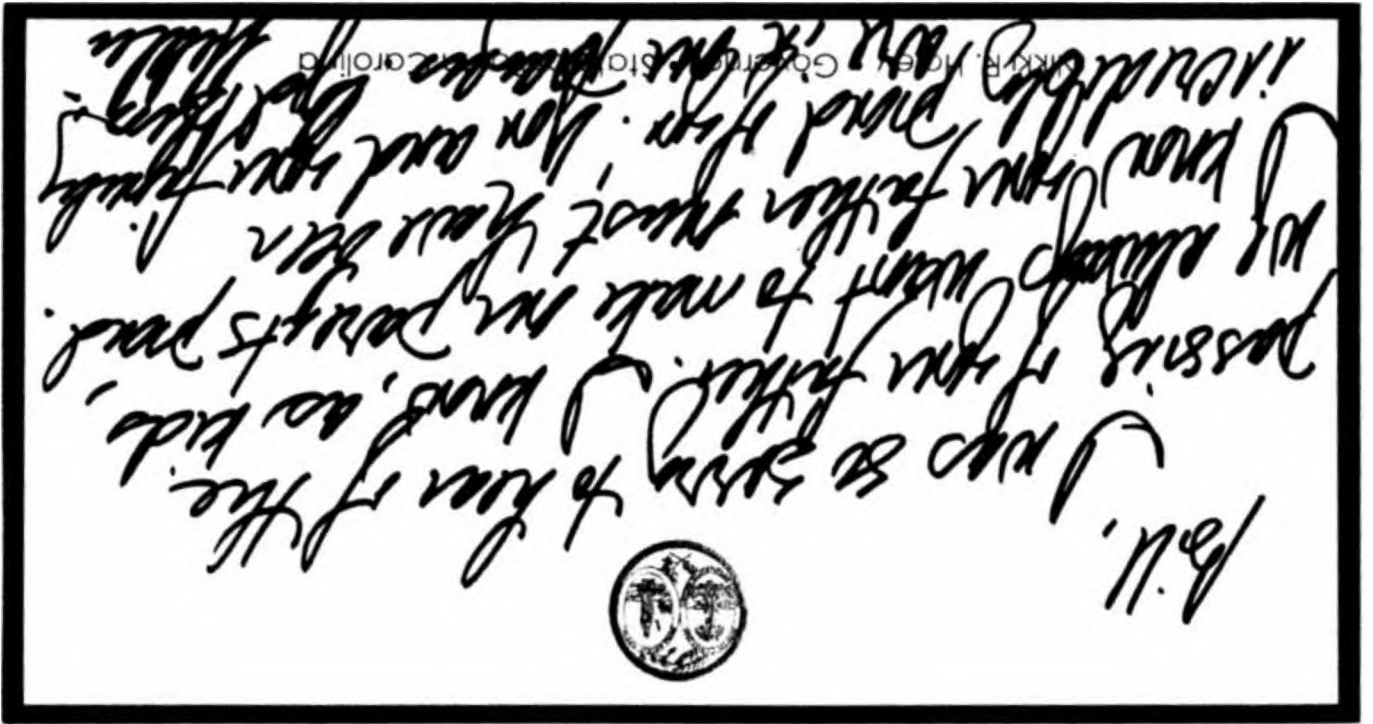
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Mr. Richard Rasmussen



Dick,
I was so sorry to hear of your
injury. We are glad to have you back
at the office and greatly appreciate
your service.
My very best,
Nikki

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Mr. Bill Sharpe
WCSO Television
2120 Charlie Hall Blvd.
Winston, SC 29414

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Dr. and Mrs. Ram Trehan
9447 Newbridge Drive
Potomac, MD 20854



Dr. and Mrs. Trehan,
Thank you so much for the kindness
and support that you, your family, and
friends showed to me and Michael. We
look forward to seeing you both again soon.
Nikki

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mailed 3-19-12 ---
Daniel Young



Daniel,
Michael and I were so
sorry to hear of the passing of your
mother in law. Our thoughts and
prayers are with you and your family.
God bless.
Nikki

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Sen. Martin,

Congratulations on 20 years of
service to the South Carolina Senate.
I look forward to continuing our work
together. My very best,
Mike R. Haley

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Sen. Larry Martin



Chris

Please convey my thanks to
the Board of the Club for their hospitality
at the conference. Thank you for fighting
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and supporter of the Club! My very best,
Mike Haley

Mike Haley Governor State of South Carolina

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The Chris Chocola
Club for Growth
2001 L Street, Suite 600
Washington, DC 20001



Jon,

It was a pleasure meeting
you in Greenwood. Your building is a
true source of pride for the area. Thanks
so much for the book & picture. Michael &
I will treasure them.

Nikki Haley, Governor, State of South Carolina

Gov. Haley

3/19/12

Mr. Jon Holloway
146 Maxwell Avenue
Greenwood, SC 29646



Lee, Happy birthday! Michael
& I hope this is your best year
to date. Enjoy your day. Nikki

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to KVeldran

Sen. Bright



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Office of the Governor

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR

1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

March 14, 2012

The Honorable Mark Hammond
Secretary of State
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Secretary Hammond,

I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of South Carolina, have cancelled the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources commission for the individual listed below as requested by Colonel Alvin A. Taylor, Acting Director of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources in his letter to me dated March 12, 2012:

Deputy Law Enforcement Officer Commission	SSN	Effective Date
John E. Frampton	*4564	3/16/2012

A copy of this letter is attached for your information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikki R. Haley".

Nikki R. Haley

NRH/emw

Attachment

cc: Lt. Robert McCullough, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources



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1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

March 25, 2012

Pastor Erik Estep
Village Church
570 Rimer Pond Road
Blythewood, South Carolina 29016

Dear Pastor Estep,

Congratulations on this wonderful day for you and the members of your congregation. Michael and I want to thank you for the commitment that you continue to show to the community and our great state. South Carolina is better because of Village Church, and we thank you for that. God bless.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nikki".

Nikki R. Haley

NRH/kt

A large, handwritten word in cursive script that reads "Congratulations!".

The Honorable Bobby Jindal, Governor of Louisiana (Chair)
The Honorable Sean Parnell, Governor of Alaska
The Honorable Rick Perry, Governor of Texas
The Honorable Phil Bryant, Governor of Mississippi
The Honorable Robert Bentley, Governor of Alabama
The Honorable Nikki Haley, Governor of South Carolina
The Honorable Robert McDonnell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia



March 13, 2012

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of all of the Governors participating in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Governors Coalition, we are writing to inform you of the status of our coalition and to express some concerns we have regarding the status of offshore energy development.

In May 2011, the Governors of Alaska, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and Virginia formed the OCS Governors Coalition with the goal of better understanding the promise and potential of offshore energy development. Since its inception, the Governors of Alabama and South Carolina have joined the Coalition.

Specifically, the mission of the Coalition is to improve the potential role of offshore energy production in a comprehensive national energy policy. In addition, the Coalition seeks improved communication with federal officials on offshore resource development and improved overall management and stewardship of coastal resources. We believe these resources could play an important role in job creation, increasing economic activity, mitigating national, state and local government deficits, reducing our foreign trade deficit and putting America on a path to energy independence.

Similar to your recent endorsement of an "all-of-the-above" energy policy, our Coalition embraces the understanding that the United States should develop all of our energy resources – both traditional and renewable sources – to provide our nation with a stable, secure supply of affordable American energy. The soaring cost of fuel further underscores how imperative a comprehensive domestic energy policy is for American families and businesses, particularly at a time of economic recovery.

As we begin a New Year, the Coalition has identified four priorities for 2012 and would like to begin a better dialogue with your Administration in order to address these concerns.

First, the Coalition recognizes that the pace and level of permitting for offshore exploration and production in the Gulf of Mexico and off Alaska must accelerate. We appreciate the safety and regulatory measures implemented by industry and regulators following the *Deepwater Horizon* tragedy in April 2010. Since the incident, delays in permitting, a lack of new permits issued and, in some cases, overly burdensome permit conditions have resulted in dramatically lower investment in U.S. offshore energy – both in comparison to historic levels and to current global norms. While some progress has been made to decrease the average wait time for approvals, we would urge stronger, swifter action. In order to resolve these delays and put our states back to work, the Administration must examine ways to streamline the permitting process and to ensure operators receive permits in a predictable and sustainable way that do not impose onerous, arbitrary conditions that may limit the economic viability of OCS development. This is critical to allow companies to plan their activities and make investment decisions.

energy production, decreased foreign trade deficit and more domestic employment opportunities will help to ensure a bright future for generations of Americans.

We appreciate your attention to these matters, and the Coalition looks forward to working with your Administration more closely to advance these objectives.

Sincerely,



1 Governor Bobby Jindal
State of Louisiana



1 Governor Sean Parnell
State of Alaska



1 Governor Nikki R. Haley
State of South Carolina



1 Governor Robert Bentley
State of Alabama



Governor Robert McDonnell
State of Virginia



1 Governor Rick Perry
State of Texas



1 Governor Phil Bryant
State of Mississippi

Cc: Secretary of the Interior Kenneth Salazar
Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement Director James Watson
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Director Tommy Beaudreau
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Director Jane Lubchenco



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March 12, 2012

Mr. John Tully
President, Michelin Development Company
Michelin Development Upstate
NEXT Innovation Center
411 University Ridge
Greenville, South Carolina 29601

Dear Mr. Tully,

Thank you for your leadership role on the South Carolina Department of Commerce's Small Business Advisory Council. Recently, we celebrated a new tool, SCBizNetwork, to help better connect small businesses with a wide array of effective resources. I know that you and the Council had a part in that initiative, and I am grateful for your support.

From the hundreds of thousands of jobs created to the billions of dollars in payroll and revenue generated, the impact of small business is clear. To expand that impact takes vision and action. On February 29, we demonstrated both – helping companies find new market opportunities and giving them the tools with which to compete at any level.

We have accomplished much and have great opportunity ahead. I am most appreciative of your commitment to the Council, as well as your work and Michelin's support, in the area of small business finance. Your service makes a difference.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/rss

A handwritten note in black ink that says "Thanks John!" with an exclamation mark.

Tully, John



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March 14, 2012

The Honorable Mark Hammond
Secretary of State
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Secretary Hammond,

I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of South Carolina, have revoked the commission for the individuals listed below as requested by Major Leroy Smith, Director of the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, in his letters to me dated February 10 and March 7, 2012:

Bureau of Protective Services

Officer Harold T. Brown (reclassification)	Effective January 17, 2012
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Highway Patrol

Trooper Daniel W. Pickard (resigned)	Effective September 21, 2011
TFC Courtney K. Towns (resigned)	Effective June 3, 2011
Lance Corporal C.H. Breland III	Effective June 17, 2011
Senior Trooper Edward E. Hartis (resigned)	Effective August 12, 2011
Corporal Timothy S. Craven (retired)	Effective February 24, 2012
Lance Corporal Bradford Buie (termination)	Effective February 14, 2012
Senior Trooper Franklin Wooten (resignation)	Effective January 4, 2012
Senior Trooper Jonathan Brock (resignation)	Effective January 8, 2012

A copy of Major Smith's letters is attached for your information.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

Enclosure

NRH/emw

cc: Major Leroy Smith, Director of South Carolina Department of Public Safety



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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the people of the Palmetto State, I am pleased to welcome you to the unveiling of the Gullah Museum of Hilton Head Island's historic marker.

Today's event marks the culmination of years of hard work by the Gullah Museum of Hilton Head Island and its supporters. Through their efforts, the goal of preserving and restoring the William Simmons House has become a reality. With activities for all ages to enjoy, including sweetgrass basket and cast net demonstrations as well as a special children's activity area, this will be a fun-filled day that attendees are sure to remember.

As the historical and cultural tourism industry continues to grow, the Museum will not only help contribute to one of South Carolina's premiere industries, but it will play a vital role in introducing the unique Gullah history and culture to people across the world.

Michael and I wish you a great day as you celebrate this historic occasion.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

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March 12, 2012

Mr. Luke Brazzano
Frelinghuysen Elementary School
P.O. Box 421
780 Route 94
Johnsonburg, New Jersey 07846

Dear Luke,

Thank you for sending the Gingerbread Man to visit me in South Carolina. We had a great time touring the Statehouse and Governor's Mansion.

I have two children, Rena and Nalin. Rena is thirteen and Nalin is ten. My husband, Michael, and I live with our kids in the Governor's Mansion. We have a dog and two frogs. South Carolina is a beautiful state to visit and a wonderful place to live. I hope that one day you have a chance to come visit. Keep up the good work! God bless.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/bp

A handwritten note in black ink that says "We are so proud of you Luke!".

We are so proud of you Luke!



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March 12, 2012

Miss Katie Beverly
6121 Randy Drive
Charlotte, North Carolina 28215

Dear Katie,

Thank you for your letter. I love hearing from students! I am so glad that you vacation in South Carolina. Thanks for sharing your ideas with me. Keep up the good work. God bless.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/bp

*We are so
proud of you Katie!*



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March 19, 2012

Adam Glombicki
5031 Braesheather Drive
Houston, Texas 77096

Dear Adam,

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding tax reform – your engagement on this issue is an encouraging sign that citizens are taking a more active role in their government. As detailed in my 2012-2013 Executive Budget, my administration's proposal restructures our state's overly complex system to provide lower, flatter, and fairer taxes for all of South Carolina's families and businesses.

First, my proposal collapses the current range of six income brackets into three and guarantees that no taxpayer pays more and everyone gets a reduction. Next, I propose a four-year phase-out of the Corporate Income Tax, which is a huge recruiting tool for new businesses and also takes care of the businesses we already have. Finally, I propose we take the first step toward cutting the job-killing Manufacturing Property Tax by amending the constitution to allow those rates to be lowered by statute.

I did not detail a proposal to simplify sales taxes because *Bodman v. South Carolina* – a case that challenges all sales tax exemptions – is still before the courts and may forever change the way our state administers sales taxes. I do propose a biennial analysis of exemptions and acknowledge that our system of targeted exemptions creates lopsided benefits for some at the expense of others. This is just my first phase proposal of tax reform. We will continue reforms until we are the most competitive and successful state in the country.

Again, thank you for your interest in South Carolina's tax code. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance on this or any other issue. God bless.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/ahp

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March 22, 2012

Miss Phoebe Juraszek
Daisy Elementary School
c/o Mrs. Beaty's Class
620 Sequoyah Road
Soddy Daisy, Tennessee 37379

Dear Phoebe,

Thank you so much for your letter. I absolutely love hearing from students! South Carolina is a beautiful state to visit and a wonderful place to live. There are countless opportunities to learn about history, enjoy delicious food, and meet some of the friendliest people in the nation. From the beaches in the lowcountry to the mountains in the upstate, South Carolina also offers a variety of outdoor activities to participate in throughout the year. In fact, there are 182 miles of oceanfront beaches, and the highest point is the top of Sassafras Mountain, 3,650 feet above sea level! To learn more about the Palmetto State, please visit www.discoversouthcarolina.com, www.sciway.net, and www.scstatehouse.gov.

Thanks again for writing. Keep up the good work, and I wish you the best of luck in the future.

My very best,

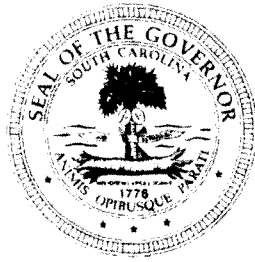
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proud of you Phoebe!*

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March 26, 2012

Andrew Echausse
Mrs. O'Donnell, 4-O
Franklin Elementary School
700 Prospect Street
Westfield, New Jersey 07090

Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your e-mail. I love hearing from students about what they are learning!

South Carolina is a beautiful state to visit and a wonderful place to live. While my home is in Lexington, my family and I are living in Columbia, our state's capital, during my term as Governor. Unfortunately, we do not have any postcards but I have enclosed some information about South Carolina and encourage you to visit www.sciway.net, www.discoverouthcarolina.com, and www.sestatehouse.gov to learn more.

Thanks again for writing, and keep up the good work.

My very best

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Nikki R. Haley

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*We are so
proud of you Andrew!*

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March 22, 2012

Tyler Burkhalter
c/o Mr. Kelly, Room 16
Berenda Elementary School
26820 Club Drive
Madera, California 93638-2725

Dear Tyler,

Thank you for your letter. I love to hear from students who are learning about the Palmetto State.

South Carolina is a beautiful state to visit and a wonderful place to live. From the mountains to the lowcountry, there are countless opportunities to learn about history, participate in a variety of outdoor activities, enjoy delicious food and meet some of the friendliest people in the nation all which makes it special. I have enclosed some information for your use and encourage you to visit www.sciway.net, www.discoverouthcarolina.com, and www.sstatehouse.gov to learn more.

Thanks again for writing.

My very best,

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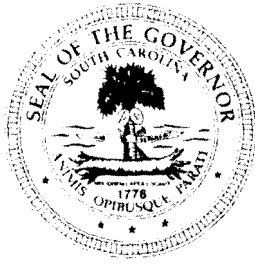
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NRH/dr

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*We are so
proud of you Tyler!*

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GOVERNOR

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March 14, 2012

Jessica Lauren Meyer
804 Orchid Lane
Bartlett, Illinois 60103


Dear Jessica,

Thank you for your letter. I love to hear from students, and I appreciate your interest in our great state.

South Carolina is a beautiful state to visit and a wonderful place to live. From the mountains to the Lowcountry, there are countless opportunities to learn about history, participate in a variety of recreational activities, enjoy delicious food and meet some of the friendliest people in the world. To learn more about the Palmetto State, please visit www.sciway.net, www.discoverouthcarolina.com, and www.sestatehouse.gov.

Keep up the good work, and I wish you the best of luck in the future.

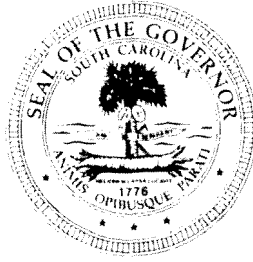
My very best,


Nikki R. Haley

NRH/sc

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We are so proud of you Jessica!



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March 12, 2012

Mr. Timothy Pardue
1002 Denali Court
Summerville, South Carolina 29483

Thank you for your letter regarding the legislation that gives tax breaks to *Amazon.com*.

Though granting a special sales tax exemption to companies is not a policy that will be supported by my administration, I will continue to aggressively recruit jobs to South Carolina.

I am on the phone with companies every day that are looking at moving to South Carolina – and our state's biggest selling point is our competitive business environment. If we lose that fair business reputation by picking winners and losers, our state's ability to recruit future companies will be severely limited.

I remain committed to bringing jobs to our state and will work every day to improve the climate for all South Carolina businesses.

Again, thank you for contacting my office. God bless.

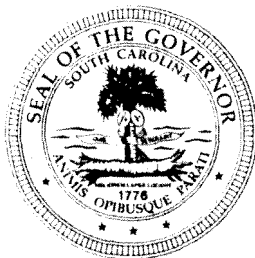
My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/rs

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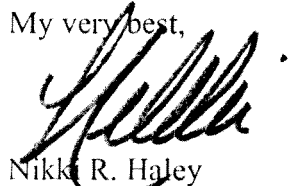
March 16, 2012

Miss Madison Boni
602 Quiet Water Way
Seneca, South Carolina 29672

Dear Madison,

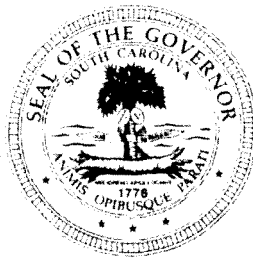
Thank you for your letter. I love hearing from students! Thanks for sharing your concerns with me. I am going to work really hard for you and your family. Keep up the great work! God bless.

My very best,


Nikki R. Haley

NRH/bp

We are so proud of you Madison!



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March 15, 2012

Anna P. Sorochak
102 Partridgeberry Way
Taylors, South Carolina 29687

Dear Anna,

Thank you for your letter. I love hearing from students! I am working very hard to make South Carolina the best state in the country. I am so glad that you are getting involved with state government and sharing your ideas. It is very important to use the power of your voice. Keep up the great work! God bless.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/sc

We are so proud of you Anna!



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March 14, 2012

Hannah Clayton
301 Lynn Road
Taylors, South Carolina 29687

Dear Hannah,

Thank you for your letter. I love hearing from students! I am working very hard to make South Carolina the best state in the country. I am so glad that you are getting involved with state government. It is very important to use the power of your voice. Keep up the great work! God bless.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/dm

We are so proud of you Hannah!

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State of South Carolina

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NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR

1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

March 19, 2012

Ms. Ina Fort
Montessori Early Learning Center
and School of the Arts
1101 Balsam Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Dear Ms. Fort,

I certainly appreciate your kind letter and am glad to hear that you were pleased with the assistance you received from Carolyn Dawson with the Department of Employment and Workforce. We have wonderful people of service in our great state. Thank you for acknowledging their time and commitment to the people of South Carolina. God bless.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/dr

A handwritten note in black ink that reads "Thanks so much!".

Thanks so much!

cc: General Abraham J. Turner
Executive Director, Department of Employment and Workforce



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1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

March 20, 2012

Tony Longo, Jr.
35634 Elk Camp Road
Rehoboth, Delaware 19971

Dear Tony,

Thank you for your correspondence. I love to hear from students who are learning about the Palmetto State.

I'm sure your aunt agrees that South Carolina is a beautiful state to visit and a wonderful place to live. From the mountains to the lowcountry, there are countless opportunities to learn about history, participate in a variety of outdoor activities, enjoy delicious food and meet some of the friendliest people in the nation. I have enclosed some information for your use and encourage you to visit www.sciway.net, www.discoverouthcarolina.com, and www.scstatehouse.gov to learn more.

Thanks again for writing.

My very best,

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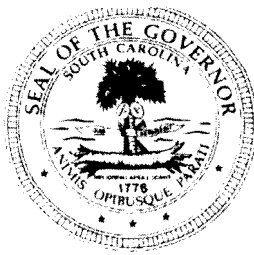
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*We are so
proud of you Tony!*

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1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

March 22, 2012

Jacob Ingerman
Mount Arlington Public School, 5th Grade
235 Howard Boulevard
Mount Arlington, New Jersey 07856

Dear Jacob,

Thank you for your letter. I love to hear from students who are learning about the Palmetto State.

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Thanks again for writing, and keep up the good work.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/dm

Enclosures

We are so proud of you Jacob!

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1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

March 15, 2012

Mrs. Deborah Dawsey
508 Windemere Lane
Spartanburg, South Carolina 29301

Dear Debby,

Thank you so much for your letter. I appreciate your kind words and sharing your list of inspirational women with me. I will continue to work hard to make you proud. Thanks again for writing. God bless.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/bp

A handwritten note in black ink that says "Thanks Deborah!" with an exclamation mark.



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1205 PENDLETON STREET
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March 19, 2012

Mr. Russell Payne
409 Farming Creek Drive
Simpsonville, South Carolina 29680

Dear Mr. Payne,

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding tax reform – your engagement on this issue is an encouraging sign that citizens are taking a more active role in their government. As detailed in my 2012-2013 Executive Budget, my administration's proposal restructures our state's overly complex system to provide lower, flatter, and fairer taxes for all of South Carolina's families and businesses.

First, my proposal collapses the current range of six income brackets into three and guarantees that no taxpayer pays more and everyone gets a reduction. Next, I propose a four-year phase-out of the Corporate Income Tax, which is a huge recruiting tool for new businesses and also takes care of the businesses we already have. Finally, I propose we take the first step toward cutting the job-killing Manufacturing Property Tax by amending the constitution to allow those rates to be lowered by statute.

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Again, thank you for your interest in South Carolina's tax code. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance on this or any other issue. God bless.

My very best,

Nikki R. Haley

NRH/ahp

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1205 PENDLETON STREET
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March 12, 2012

Mr. Enrique Escobar
7900 Del Prado Circle
Boca Raton, Florida 33433

Dear Enrique,

Thank you for your letter. I love hearing from students! South Carolina is a great state, and I am proud to be the Governor. I hope that you will have the opportunity to visit. I encourage you to visit www.sciway.net, www.discoverouthcarolina.com, and www.scstatehouse.gov to learn more. Keep up the great work! God bless.

My very best,

Nikki
Nikki R. Haley

NRH/bp

We are so proud of you Enrique!



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March 12, 2012

Mr. Jacob S. R.
Bookman Road Elementary
c/o Mrs. Willis
1245 Bookman Road
Elgin, South Carolina 29045

Dear Jacob,

Thank you for your letter. Fourth grade was one of my favorite grades! I am so proud to be the 116th Governor and first female Governor of South Carolina. Learning about government is very important. I hope that you continue to study hard! I am so proud of you. God bless.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/bp

We are so proud of you Jacob!



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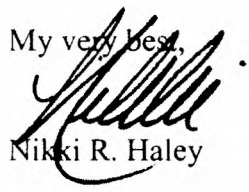
March 19, 2012

Miss Vinita Maigur
708 Constance Way
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730

Dear Vinita,

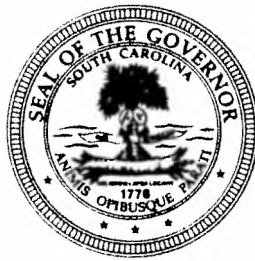
Thank you for your e-mail. I love hearing from students. I am so glad that you are getting involved in your school and using the power of your voice. Keep up the great work! God bless.

My very best,


Nikki R. Haley

NRH/bp

*We are very
proud of you Vinita!*



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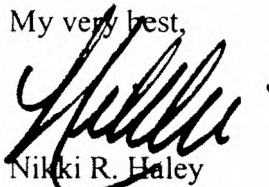
March 12, 2012

Miss Amber Dunn
2398 Campbell Lake Road
Lancaster, South Carolina 29720

Dear Amber,

Thank you for your letter. I love hearing from students. I certainly understand your concern about how money is spent in your community. I would recommend that you contact the Lancaster County Council to see where the money came from and how they choose to spend it. I am so proud of you for getting involved in your local government! God bless.

My very best,


Nikki R. Haley

NRH/bp

*We are so proud
of you Amber!*



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1205 PENDLETON STREET
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March 15, 2012

Mr. Justin Haile
1769 Saddle Club Road
Lancaster, South Carolina 29720

Dear Justin,

Thank you for your e-mail. I love hearing from students, and I am so glad that you are getting involved with government. Keep up the great work! God bless.

My very best,

Nikki R. Haley

NRH/bp

*We are so
proud of you Justin!*



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1205 PENDLETON STREET
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March 12, 2012

Mr. Brandon Miles
653 Seth Lane
Lancaster, South Carolina 29720

Dear Brandon,

Thank you for your letter. I love hearing from students. Creating jobs is one of my top priorities as Governor. I am working very hard every day to recruit more companies to locate in South Carolina. Keep up the great work! God bless.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

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We are so proud of you Brandon!



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1205 PENDLETON STREET
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March 12, 2012

Miss Krista Jenkins
3699 Heyward Hough Road
Lancaster, South Carolina 29720

Dear Krista,

Thank you for your e-mail. I love hearing from students, and I am so glad that you want to be a teacher. I wish you the best of luck. Keep up the great work! God bless.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

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*We are so
proud of you Krista!*



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March 15, 2012

Miss Kayla Stowes
3698 Thompson Road
Lancaster, South Carolina 29720

Dear Kayla,

Thank you for your e-mail. I love hearing from students! Thanks for sharing your concerns with me. I am going to work really hard for you and your family. Keep up the great work! God bless.

My very best,

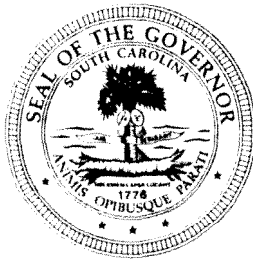
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Nikki R. Haley

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We are so proud of you Kayla!



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1205 PENDLETON STREET
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March 14, 2012

Mr. Louis Underwood
7199 Rev. Melvin Adams Drive Street
Lancaster, South Carolina 29067

Dear Louis,

Thank you for your e-mail. I love hearing from students! I appreciate your sharing your thoughts with me about the conditions of South Carolina's roads. I am so glad that you are getting involved in your community. Keep up the good work! God bless.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/bp

We are so proud of you Louis!



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1205 PENDLETON STREET
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March 12, 2012

Miss Erin B.
Bookman Road Elementary
Mrs. Willis's Class
1245 Bookman Road
Elgin, South Carolina 29045

Dear Erin,

Thank you for your letter. I love hearing from students. I am so glad that you are learning about government. Thanks again for writing. Keep up the great work! God bless.

My very best

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Nikki R. Haley

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*We are so
proud of you Erin!*



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March 19, 2012

Emaan Sheikh and Katrina Binder
c/o Union School, 5th Grade
359 Union Avenue
Rutherford, New Jersey 07070

Dear Emaan and Katrina,

Thank you for your letter. I love to hear from students, and I appreciate your interest in our great state.

South Carolina is a beautiful state to visit and a wonderful place to live. From the mountains to the lowcountry, there are countless opportunities to learn about history, participate in a variety of outdoor activities, enjoy delicious food and meet some of the friendliest people in the nation. Along with the recipe, I have enclosed some information about South Carolina and encourage you to visit www.sciway.net, www.discoverouthcarolina.com, and www.scstatehouse.gov to learn more.

Thanks again for writing, and keep up the good work.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/dr

Enclosures

*We are so proud
of you Emaan & Katrina!*

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1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

March 12, 2012

Mrs. Emma Sims
204 Fox Squirrel Circle
Columbia, South Carolina 29209

Dear Mrs. Sims,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding illegal immigration. As the daughter of immigrants who came to this country legally, I value the opportunity to work as hard as you can, create success, and fulfill the promise of a better life for your family.

Although we are a nation of immigrants, we are also a nation of laws. Illegal immigration has a negative impact on state budgets, social service programs, wages and employment, and economic development. As governor, I will not let Washington, D.C.'s failures prevent me from finding solutions to South Carolina's illegal immigration problem.

Last year I signed into law Senate Bill 20, an immigration reform bill that will discourage illegal entry into our state, make it a crime to support illegal immigration, and stop businesses from illegally employing undocumented migrant workers. Through my efforts, Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano has once again given South Carolina access to the E-Verify system. This will allow the state to enforce employment laws in an efficient and cost-effective manner. By taking this issue on headfirst, we will reverse the tide of illegal immigrants flowing into South Carolina and make better use of our state's resources.

Again, thank you for your involvement and concern. Please do not hesitate to offer your views or contact me in the future. God bless.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/ahp

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1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

March 16, 2012

Miss Rebecca L. Espinal
19 Kentworth Court
Taylors, South Carolina 29687

Dear Rebecca,

Thank you for your letter. I love hearing from students! I appreciate your sharing your thoughts with me about the chicken farms in South Carolina. I am so glad that you are getting involved in your community. Keep up the good work! God bless.

My very best

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/bp

We are so proud of you Rebecca!



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1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

March 14, 2012

Mr. Cameron Smith
7434 Shiloh Unity Road
Lancaster, South Carolina 29720

Dear Cameron,

Thank you for your e-mail. I appreciate your concerns regarding the conditions of South Carolina's roads. I always encourage people to use the power of their voice! Thanks again for writing. Keep up the great work! God bless.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/bp

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1205 PENDLETON STREET
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March 14, 2012

Mr. Anthony Stephens
3725 Shiloh Unity Road
Lancaster, South Carolina 29720

Dear Anthony,

Thank you for your e-mail. I appreciate your concerns regarding the conditions of South Carolina's roads. It is encouraging to see young people getting involved in government. Thanks again for writing. I am so proud of you! God bless.

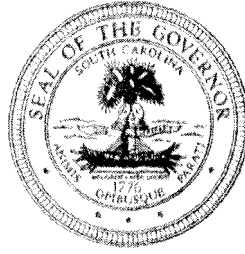
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Nikki R. Haley

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1205 PENDLETON STREET
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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the people of the Palmetto State, I am pleased to welcome you to Limestone College for the Upstate Teacher Cadet Conference and to join in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Limestone's School of Pedagogy, now known as the Teacher Education Program!

South Carolina has some of the best teachers in the country, and the Teacher Cadet Program has been instrumental in encouraging gifted high school students – more than 45,000 in the last 24 years – to consider careers in teaching. This Conference offers a unique opportunity for Teacher Cadets from the Upstate to come together for a day of training and encouragement as they continue to learn about the issues impacting education in South Carolina and gain valuable insights into the profession from distinguished guest speakers and separate breakout sessions.

Since its founding in 1845, Limestone College has demonstrated a commitment to preparing its students for rewarding careers in the field of education, and I thank the Teacher Education Program for producing graduates that have made a lasting difference in the lives of fellow South Carolinians.

Michael and I wish the Teacher Cadets the best for a great Conference and much success on the road ahead. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Limestone College and all of our state's educators for their dedication to developing the next generation of South Carolina's leaders.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/ld

State of South Carolina



presents to

Cassie Mills

this

Certificate of Recognition

for your successful completion of the Partners in Policymaking Training.

March 24, 2012

Date

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Nikki R. Haley
Governor



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COLUMBIA 29201

March 19, 2012

Mr. John Bynum
407 Morris Street
Greenville, South Carolina 29609

Dear Mr. Bynum,

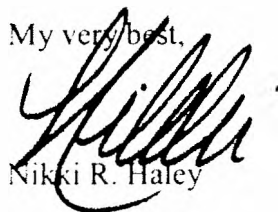
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My very best,


Nikki R. Haley

NRH/ahp





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1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

March 12, 2012

Mr. Issaiah Domenech
1100 N. Everett Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18504

Dear Issaiah,

Thank you for your letter. I love hearing from students! South Carolina is a great state, and I am proud to be the Governor. Our state bird is the Carolina Wren. Senator Lindsey Graham and Senator Jim DeMint are South Carolina's two state senators. I encourage you to visit www.sciway.net, www.discoverouthcarolina.com, and www.scstatehouse.gov to learn more. Keep up the great work! God bless.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/bp

*We are so
proud of you Issaiah!*



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1205 PENDLETON STREET
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March 14, 2012

Mr. Zachary Morton
3939 Red Doc Road
Lancaster, South Carolina 29720

Dear Zachary,

Thank you for your e-mail. I love hearing from students! Thanks for sharing your thoughts with me. I am so glad that you are getting involved in your community. Keep up the good work! God bless.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/bp

We are so proud of you Zachary!



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1205 PENDLETON STREET
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March 12, 2012

Mr. Jordan Blankenship
854 Rocky River Road
Lancaster, South Carolina 29720

Dear Jordan,

Thank you for your e-mail. I love hearing from students! One of my top priorities as you Governor is to bring more jobs to our state. I am going to work very hard for you and your family. I am so proud of you! God bless.

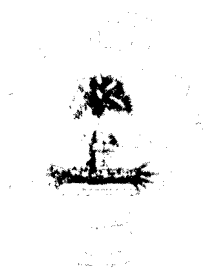
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Nikki R. Haley

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*We are so proud
of you Jordan!*



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1205 PENDLETON STREET
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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the people of the Palmetto State, I am pleased to welcome you to the South Carolina Society Daughters of the American Revolution 116th Annual State Conference.

As members of one of the world's most respected service organizations, your work has a far-reaching impact throughout our state and nation. Through your support of our military and veterans to providing educational programs and scholarships for our students to the preservation of historic treasures, you serve as a reminder of how blessed we are in America. Michael and I thank you for your efforts that promote patriotism and gratitude among our residents.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/kt

State of South Carolina



presents to

Nancy Hemmrich

this

Certificate of Recognition

for your leadership as State Regent of the Tennessee Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

March 23, 2012

Date

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Nikki R. Haley
Governor

State of South Carolina



presents to

Patricia Hatfield

this

Certificate of Recognition

for your leadership as State Regent of the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution.

March 23, 2012

Date

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Nikki R. Haley
Governor

State of South Carolina



presents to

Morgan Lake

this

Certificate of Recognition

*for your leadership as National Chairman of the Junior Membership Committee of the
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.*

March 23, 2012

Date

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Nikki R. Haley
Governor

State of South Carolina



presents to

Jennifer Minus

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Certificate of Recognition

*for your leadership as National Chairman of the National Defense Committee of the
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.*

March 23, 2012

Date

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Nikki R. Haley
Governor



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1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

March 12, 2012

Miss Allison Riner
326 Old Gregory Lane
Lancaster, South Carolina 29720

Dear Allison,

Thank you for your e-mail. I love hearing from students. Thanks for sharing your ideas with me. It is encouraging that students like you are taking an active role in their government. Keep up the great work! God bless.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/bp

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We are so
proud of you Allison.



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March 14, 2012

Mr. Hunter Jenkins
517 Potter Road
Lancaster, South Carolina 29720

Dear Hunter,

Thank you for your e-mail. I appreciate your concerns regarding the conditions of South Carolina's roads. I am so glad that you are taking an active role in government. Thanks again for writing. Keep up the great work! God bless.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

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1205 PENDLETON STREET
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March 12, 2012

Miss Lauren Baskin
1535 Fork Hill Road
Heath Springs, South Carolina 29058

Dear Lauren,

Thank you for your e-mail. I love hearing from students. Thanks for sharing your ideas with me. I wish you the best of luck with graduation from high school and all your future endeavors. Keep up the great work! God bless.

My very best,


Nikki R. Haley

NRH/bp

We are so proud of you Lauren!



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1205 PENDLETON STREET
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March 12, 2012

Miss Asia Stephens
3725 Shiloh Unity Road
Lancaster, South Carolina 29720

Dear Asia,

Thank you for your e-mail. I love hearing from students! One of my top priorities as your Governor is to bring more jobs to our state. I am going to work extremely hard for you and your family. I am so proud of you! God bless.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nikki".

Nikki R. Haley

NRH/bp

A handwritten note in black ink that reads "We are so proud of you Asia!" written diagonally across the page.

We are so
proud of you Asia!

State of South Carolina



presents to

Michael Campbell

this

Certificate of Recognition

for earning the Arrow of Light Award and the Super Achiever Award as a member of Cub Scout Pack 833.

April 13, 2012

Date

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Nikki R. Haley
Governor



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DM sent 3/26/12

State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR

1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

March 22, 2012

Eagle Scout Hunter Ryan Chaney
Boy Scout Troop 21
232 Liberty Ridge Road
Enoree, South Carolina 29335

Dear Hunter,

Congratulations on achieving the Eagle Scout Award.

Hunter, Michael and I are so proud of you. You have earned this award through your outstanding accomplishments in community service, leadership, and personal development. These attributes will serve you well in all stages of your life, and your values will keep you on a sure path for success. Thanks for setting a great example for others!

We look forward to additional leadership accomplishments from you in the future. God bless.

My very best,


Nikki R. Haley

NRH/dm

We are so proud of you Hunter!

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1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

March 22, 2012

Sage Sherman-Howell
6099 North Arlington Boulevard
San Pablo, California 94806

Dear Sage,

Thank you for your card. I love to hear from students who are learning about the Palmetto State. While I do not have any postcards, I have enclosed some information about South Carolina and encourage you to visit www.sciway.net, www.discoverouthcarolina.com, and www.scstatehouse.gov to learn more.

Thanks again for writing, and keep up the good work.

My very best,


Nikki R. Haley

NRH/dr

Enclosures

We are so proud of you Sage!

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GOVERNOR

1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

June 2, 2012

Ms. Ruby Kirby
3 Beaufort Street
Greenville, South Carolina 29615

Dear Ms. Kirby,

Congratulations on your 100th birthday! There is no greater gift than the respect and love you have received from the many people whose lives you have touched. I'm sure that your family is very proud of your accomplishments, and the positive impact you've made will be a source of strength for generations to come. Michael and I are pleased to have the opportunity to join your friends and family in wishing you a happy birthday! God bless.

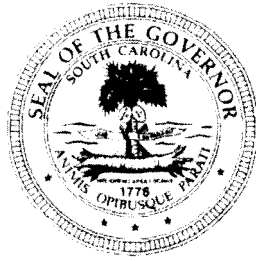
My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/sc

You are a wonderful inspiration!



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DM sent 4/4/12.

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Office of the Governor

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GOVERNOR

1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

March 26, 2012

Brandon C.
c/o Ms. H. Autin, Room 312
C. T. Janet Elementary School
2500 Bent Tree Lane
Marrero, Louisiana 70072

Dear Brandon,

Thank you for sending Flat Stanley 688 miles to visit me in South Carolina. Stanley and I had a great time touring the Statehouse and Governor's Mansion.

I have two children, Rena and Nalin. Rena is thirteen and Nalin is ten. My husband, Michael, and I live with our kids in the Governor's Mansion. We have a dog and two frogs. South Carolina is a beautiful state to visit and a wonderful place to live. Keep up the good work! God bless.

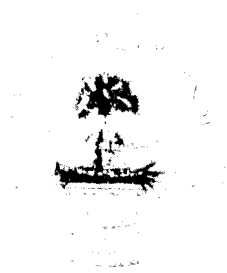
My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/dm

*We are so
proud of you Brandon!*

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State of South Carolina

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GOVERNOR

1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the people of South Carolina, welcome to *The Father's Call – Year of Order 2012*, the first South/Northeast Regional Conference hosted by the Triumphant Praises Church International and Greater Works Ministry.

With the theme, “The Year of Fulfillment; Perfection; Establishment and Order,” this event is designed to celebrate and uplift the leaders of the churches. Through worship and workshops, church leadership and congregants will be inspired in faith, bringing new insight and energy to ministries within the church community and beyond. Michael and I welcome you to our great state and thank you for your service. God bless.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/kt



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GOVERNOR

1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

March 23, 2012

Mrs. Elizabeth O. Harris
706 East Mauldin Street
Anderson, South Carolina 29621

Dear Mrs. Harris,

Congratulations on your 100th birthday! There is no greater gift than the respect and love you have received from the many people whose lives you have touched. I'm sure that your family is very proud of your accomplishments, and the positive impact you've made will be a source of strength for generations to come. Michael and I are pleased to have the opportunity to join your friends and family in wishing you a happy birthday! God bless.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/kt

You are a wonderful inspiration!



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State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

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March 26, 2012

Eagle Scout Cameron Washick
Boy Scout Troop 350
21 Olde Orchard Lane
Greenville, South Carolina 29615

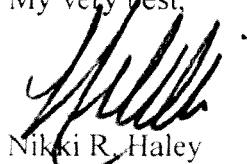
Dear Cameron,

Congratulations on achieving the Eagle Scout Award.

Cameron, Michael and I are so proud of you. You have earned this award through your outstanding accomplishments in community service, leadership, and personal development. These attributes will serve you well in all stages of your life, and your values will keep you on a sure path for success. Thanks for setting a great example for others!

We look forward to additional leadership accomplishments from you in the future. God bless.

My very best,


Nikki R. Haley

NRH/dm

We are so proud of you Cameron!

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1205 PENDLETON STREET
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March 19, 2012

Ms. Barbara Strickland
1809 Belleville Road
St. Matthews, South Carolina 29135

Dear Ms. Strickland,

I certainly appreciate your kind letter and am glad to hear that you were pleased with the assistance you received from Lance Corporal J.C. Francis with the Department of Public Safety. We have wonderful people of service in our great state. Thank you for acknowledging their time and commitment to the people of South Carolina. God bless.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/dr

cc: Leroy Smith, Director
Department of Public Safety

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State of South Carolina



presents to

Thomas C. Wattenbarger

this

Certificate of Appreciation

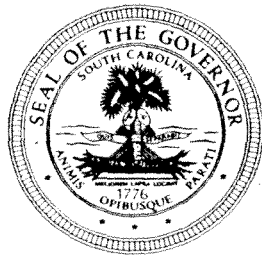
for your faithful service to the State of South Carolina.

April 1, 2012

Date

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Nikki R. Haley", is written over a horizontal line. Below the signature, the name "Nikki R. Haley" and the title "Governor" are printed.

Nikki R. Haley
Governor



State of South Carolina

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GOVERNOR

1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

March 30, 2012

Eagle Scout Brian William Lance
Boy Scout Troop 776
333 Courtney Round
Summerville, South Carolina 29483-5306

Dear Brian,

Congratulations on achieving the Eagle Scout Award.

Michael and I are so proud of your achievement in receiving this Eagle Scout award, Brian. You have earned this award through your outstanding accomplishments in community service, leadership, and personal development. People recognize the significance of these attributes in all stages of your life, and I think you will discover that your efforts, along with the sound values you possess, will serve you well in your future endeavors. Thanks for setting such a great example for everyone!

We look forward to additional leadership successes from you in the future. God bless.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

NRH/dr

*We are so
proud of you Brian!*

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