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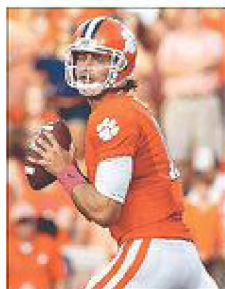
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His long and patient wait to become Clemson's starting quarterback didn't initially produce the senior season Cole Stoudt had anticipated, but now he's getting a second chance. **PAGE B1**

Fighting Ebola

The nation's top disease-fighting agency acknowledged Tuesday that an American nurse might not have been infected with Ebola if a special response team had been sent to Dallas immediately after a Liberian man was diagnosed with the virus. **PAGE A3**

Getting information

South Carolina residents face several obstacles to accessing information about government, and a subcommittee charged with smoothing the process turned to those on the front lines for input during a hearing Wednesday. **PAGE C1**

Wilson to be guest

New York Mets Hall of Famer and Spartanburg Methodist College graduate Mookie Wilson will be the featured speaker at the college's 2014 Founder's Day Program next week. **PAGE C3**

New Fed worries

Just as the U.S. job market has finally strengthened, the Federal Reserve now confronts a new worry: A sputtering global economy that's spooked investors across the world. **PAGE C6**

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Deadlines set in SC marriage case

Lawsuit challenging gay ban gets rolling

By MEG KINNARD
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Attorneys have until next week to file motions in a lawsuit playing a key role in South Carolina's debate over the issuance of same-sex marriage licenses, a judge ruled Tuesday.

According to an order by U.S. District Judge Michelle Childs,

attorneys have until Oct. 23 to file, with another three weeks for responses. Childs also said that she may hold a hearing in the case, although that wouldn't happen for several more weeks.

In that September 2013 lawsuit, Highway Patrol Trooper Katherine Bradacs and U.S. Air Force retiree Tracie Goodwin, who were married in Washington, D.C., are suing to have South Carolina's gay marriage ban overturned and their union legally recognized.

The case had been on hold until the U.S. Supreme Court last week opted not to hear an appeal of a ruling by a federal appeals court with jurisdiction over South Carolina allowing same-sex marriage in Virginia.

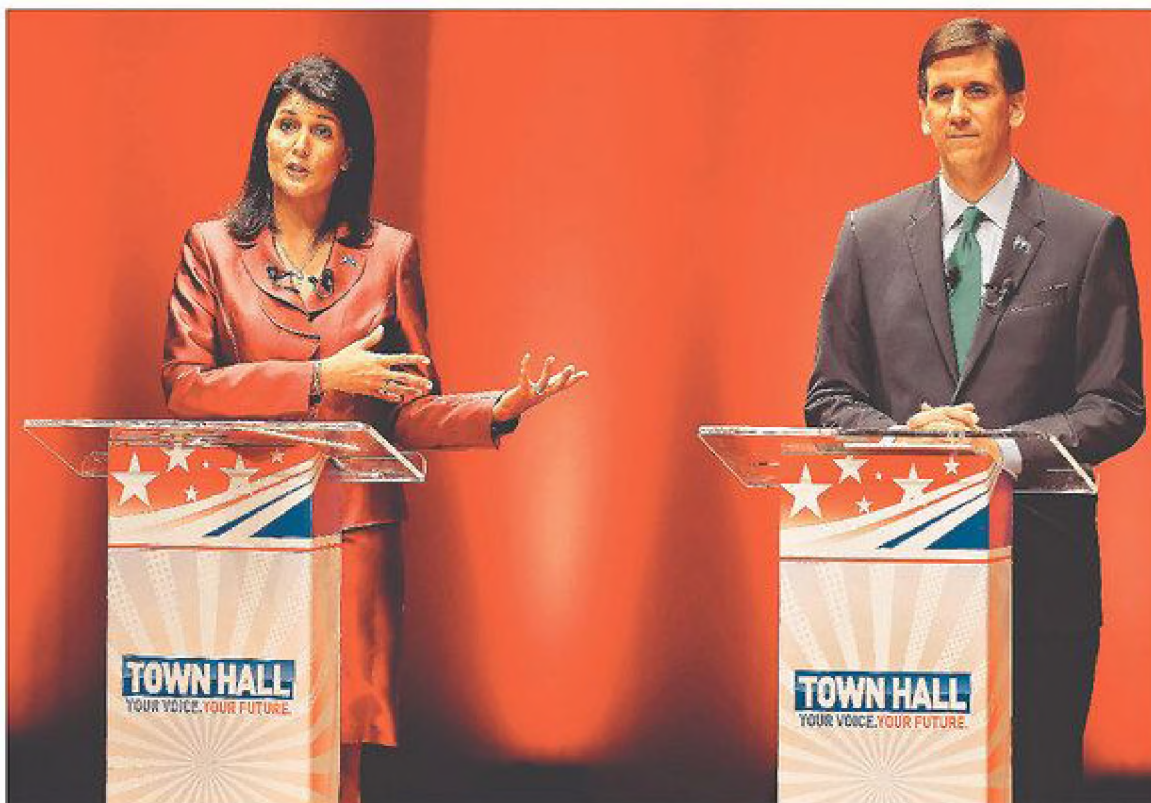
After that, Childs put the case back on track, asking both sides to submit a briefing schedule.

After the justices' ruling, couples began applying for marriage licenses across the state. State law requires a 24-hour wait between

applying and granting a license. State Attorney General Alan Wilson used that time to ask the state Supreme Court to block the licenses while the federal court was heard.

The applications are on hold until the district court case is resolved. Legal experts have said it's just a matter of time before Childs finds the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling in Virginia applies to South Carolina and that the marriages may go forward.

RACE FOR GOVERNOR



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South Carolina Republican Gov. Nikki Haley faces Democratic Sen. Vincent Sheheen and other gubernatorial candidates in a televised debate at Charleston Southern University in North Charleston on Tuesday.

Jobs, flag among topics of first debate

Marijuana policy another subject candidates tackled

By SEANNA ADcox
The Associated Press

NORTH CHARLESTON — In the first of

"It will take awhile," she said. Independent candidate Tom Ervin asked Haley to publicly post the incentives given to lure companies to South Carolina, so taxpayers can judge whether they're worth it, saying the Republican governor has "given away the farm when it comes to economic incentives."

icaid eligibility under the federal health care law and focus on small businesses owned by South Carolinians. Ervin said the state needs to increase the minimum wage to \$10 over three years to help those struggling below the poverty limit.

"Folks who work hard deserve a living

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Haley's incentives stoke S.C. debate

Spotlight mostly on economy as opponents go on attack



Gov. Nikki Haley bides her time as Democratic challenger Vincent Sheheen makes a point during Tuesday night's televised debate at Charleston Southern University. Haley, the front-runner, defended her record as her four challengers took their shots.

BY JEREMY BORDEN
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The two biggest rivals to Republican Gov. Nikki Haley sought to turn up the heat Tuesday on the favored incumbent, hitting the governor on ethics issues and her handling of the economy in the gubernatorial race's first debate three weeks before Election Day.

Hosted at North Charleston's Charleston Southern University by The Post and Courier and four television stations, the debate was the first forum of the election year. The debate was primarily centered on jobs and the economy — although plenty of other issues managed to creep in.

While the debate served up several memorable lines, it did not appear to produce a single moment viewers are likely to remember.

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The highs and lows of the debate. A6
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Gallery

To see more photos from the debate, go to postandcourier.com/galleries.

Democratic Sen. Vincent Sheheen hit Haley on a number of issues while independent Tom Ervin mostly focused on Haley but also hit Sheheen on his longtime political career, saying Columbia needs a fresh start.

Haley defended her record on creating jobs, resisting unions and supporting infrastructure, including setting aside \$300 million for the Port of Charleston, while largely resisting her attackers — except when she and Sheheen traded barbs over each other's ethical record.

United Citizens candidate Morgan Bruce Reeves and Libertarian Steve French touted divergent views on who should lead the Palmetto State and government's role. The forum offered them their broadest exposure to potential voters to date.

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Chuck E. Cheese's suspect arrested

Man with criminal past accused in shooting at restaurant full of kids

BY DAVE MUNDAY
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A man with a lengthy criminal history has been arrested after two men were shot in a Chuck E. Cheese's restaurant crowded with children celebrating birthdays Saturday night.

T h a i l a n d o Daquan King, 21, of Bailey Drive in North Charleston was charged with two counts of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature and possession of a firearm during a violent crime.



King

Charleston Police Chief Greg Mullen made the announcement Tuesday night under the awnings of the restaurant on Sans Rittenberg Boulevard as heavy rain drenched the parking lot. "This is clearly a reckless act," Mullen said. "The most heinous thing about this particular crime is that it was done in an area where there were innocent children... attempting to enjoy their youth... and it was disrupted in a way that may have long-term impact for them for years to come."

The men were shot around 8:15 p.m. after an argument inside the restaurant and taken to a hospital with injuries not considered life threatening. Scores of parents and children, many

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Ebola cases near 9,000; deaths soar

10,000 new cases per week possible by Dec.

BY RICK GLADSTONE
and NICK CUMMING-BRUCE
New York Times News Service

The World Health Organization reported sobering new figures Tuesday about the Ebola outbreak ravaging West Africa, saying the mortality rate had risen to 70 percent and that the number of new cases could reach 10,000 per week by December.

The organization had been saying that the number of new cases was about 1,000 per week for the past four weeks, and that the mortality rate for Ebola had been around 50 percent.

The updated figures were provided by Dr. Bruce Aylward, the health organization's assistant director general, during a telephone news conference from its Geneva headquarters.

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'Evangelism Linebacker' Gray tackles spiritual role with gusto

Ex-NFL player gives testimony at local prayer breakfast

BY PRENTISS FINDLAY
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Former NFL player Derwin Gray grew up in a troubled household in San Antonio, Texas, as the child of unmarried teenage parents.

"Both of them had deep hurts and soul wounds. Addiction ruined their lives," he said. Gray sensed a bleak future be-

cause of his environment until a pivotal moment when an eighth-grade coach suggested he compete for a college athletic scholarship.

"Thank God for this sport. Football is what I did when there was chaos in the house," he said.

On Tuesday, Gray, who pastors a rapidly growing South Carolina church, was the

keynote speaker for the 13th annual Charleston Leadership Prayer Breakfast, which drew about 1,000 people. Mayors Keith Summey of North Charleston, Joe Riley of Charleston and Linda Page of Mount Pleasant attended, along with U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., and state Rep. Wendell

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Former NFL player Derwin Gray was guest speaker Tuesday at the 13th annual Charleston Leadership Prayer Breakfast.



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Staley: It's too early to name a starting five. C1.

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Video: One-on-one with Dawn Staley

By DAVID CLONINGER
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They can't be themselves anymore. From now on, they'll each be known as part of "The Class." Coach Dawn Staley has made South Carolina basketball a national power, winning 79 games in the past three seasons and making two NCAA Sweet 16 appearances, plus claiming her first SEC regular-season championship. Not content with bringing back nearly



Some members of the USC women's basketball team ham it up Tuesday for photographers during media day.

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ELECTIONS 2014

Haley, Sheheen trade jabs in debate

Event features sharp exchanges between rivals for S.C. governor

By JAMIE SELF
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NORTH CHARLESTON — The gloves came off Tuesday for Republican Gov. Nikki Haley and her Democratic challenger, state Sen. Vincent Sheheen, in their first

televised debate.

The sharpest exchange came when Sheheen took a swipe at Haley for her brushes with ethics laws.

"We are never going to have ethical leadership in South Carolina if we have ... a governor who has been

THESTATE.COM: You'll find a link to Tuesday's debate online with this story.

fined for violating the ethics laws, a governor who has abused the state plane and had to repay our taxpayer dollars, a governor

who didn't report income from doing consulting for a contractor who does work for the government, and that's what we have right

now," said the Camden Democrat.

"It's amazing to me that Sen. Sheheen can say these things knowing that we had ethics reform the last two years in a row, and

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gold standards { Gold's legacy in S.C. }



The former Barite Hill gold mine in McCormick County is still a cleanup concern for the government.

ABANDONED GOLD MINES COST S.C.

By SAMMY FRETWELL
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MCCORMICK — Open-pit gold mines have left a toxic

after the mines closed.

So far, the public has spent \$27.4 million trying to clean up the mess left by gold mines in McCormick

AT THESTATE.COM

See more photos with this story and take a video tour of the old Barite Hill gold mine with the EPA



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South Carolina Republican Gov. Nikki Haley, from left, faces Democratic Sen. Vincent Sheheen, Independent candidate Tom Ervin, Libertarian Steve French and United Citizens candidate Morgan Bruce Reeves in a televised debate Tuesday at Charleston Southern University.

SC gubernatorial debate focuses on jobs, economy

By SEANNA ADCOX
Associated Press

NORTH CHARLESTON — In the first of two scheduled gubernatorial debates Tuesday, Gov. Nikki Haley touted the more than 50,000 jobs announced by her administration, while her challengers blasted her numbers as not real.

Democratic Sen. Vincent Sheheen said roughly

half of the announced jobs have shown up and many of the planned openings already fell through. Haley countered the promised jobs don't happen overnight. "It will take awhile," she said.

Independent candidate Tom Ervin asked Haley to publicly post the incentives given to lure companies to South Carolina, so taxpayers can judge

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■ ABBEVILLE COUNTY

Council increases millage

\$100,000 home would see tax bill go up \$6.40

By COLIN RIDDLE
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ABBEVILLE — County Council approved a resolution Monday night establishing millage rates and fees for the next fiscal year, 2014-15.

Total millage for the county is set at 123.8 mills with the general fund receiving the largest chunk at 85.2 mills, followed by rural fire at 9.2 mills, solid waste and recycling centers at 8.8 mills, two general obligation bonds at 4.5 and 3.5 mills, and deficit recovery for the county at 4 mills.



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The general fund is the only increase, up 1.6 mills from a year ago, according to County Director Bruce Cooley.

Cooley said for a \$100,000 owner-occupied home, the tax bill would increase by \$6.40.

"The millage rate is mainly being driven by providing services," Cooley said, adding that the rise in operating costs resulted in the increase to the general fund, along with two projects.

Council approved the use of funds from the infrastructure millage account for the Abbeville County Buildings and Grounds Department to build a mechanic's bay.

Once the bay is built, the county will advertise and hire a mechanic to help bring down maintenance costs for the county, Cooley said.

The county also plans to buy a quick response vehicle for county EMS. There have been incidents where no vehicles were available to respond.

PRETTY IN PINK



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Breast cancer survivor Nita Gensler dances her way down the catwalk Tuesday at Sell Regional Healthcare's fourth annual Pretty in Pink fashion show at Piedmont Technical College. Gensler and eight other survivors walked the runway during this celebration to raise money for early cancer detection.



■ CITY OF ABBEVILLE

Abbeville approves budget, with change

By COLIN RIDDLE
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ABBEVILLE — Two issues postponed the immediate passage of next year's budget Tuesday night as City Council responded to garbage disposal issues and compensation adjustments.

Mary Chase Ford, director of Abbeville Housing Authority, expressed her concerns regarding the adoption of a budget to include a new fee structure for the housing authority and multi-family complexes.

During the past 20 years since Ford has worked with the authority, her tenants have been billed individually by the city for garbage disposal.

The housing authority complexes on Haigler Street currently hold two garbage dumpsters maintained by the city, and are emptied twice a week.

The new budget proposes multi-family complexes with dumpster service being billed at a lower rate per unit; however, the property managers are billed the total amount for service per unit of the complex each month.

Ford stated to council that the monthly fees on the property manager would not allow the housing authority to prepare budget-wise as their fiscal year ended last month.

Council proposed to amend the budget to allow housing authority apartments to remain on the regular rate for residents until a solution can be agreed upon.

The regular rate for residents was set at \$15.70 with the senior rate at \$12.40.

Other multi-family complexes with dumpster service will be moved under the intended new



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Experts: State must protect children

Lawmakers and governor
advised to work together

By Tim Smith
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COLUMBIA — South Carolina's problems in handling child abuse and neglect cases run deep, but the state also is doing some things well and can continue to improve if lawmakers and the governor work together, two national experts say.

The experts addressed a Senate oversight panel on Tuesday, weeks after a

critical Legislative Audit Council report outlined a bevy of problems at the state Department of Social Services, including high caseloads and worker turnover, and an inadequate screening system for child abuse and neglect cases.

The agency's handling of abuse cases, including two children who died, has been the subject of hearings this year and led to the resignation of its director in June. The agency has responded more recently with plans for improvement and the hiring of more child welfare workers, as well as a 10 percent raise for those working in child welfare.

"The crisis that you are facing can be

overcome," said Bryan Samuels, executive director of Chapin Hall, a research institute at the University of Chicago, and a former child welfare director. "But it really does require a partnership between the Legislature and the administrative branch. And the solution is likely to require more than a single year."

Members of the panel had urged DSS to find a way to begin hiring more caseworkers to attack the problems of high caseloads. But they also signaled Tuesday they do not want the process rushed to prevent inexperienced workers handling child abuse cases.

Samuels and David Sanders, execu-

tive vice president of systems improvement for Casey Family Programs, appeared Tuesday before the Senate panel to help the senators begin the process of brainstorming ideas to improve the state's system for handling children at risk.

The experts, both of whom have led child welfare agencies, made general recommendations but also told senators the state is already doing some things well.

South Carolina in recent years has increased its capacity for getting children

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Marriage case judge known as hard worker

Childs wins praise
as methodical thinker

By Lyn Riddle
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Her caseload is full of prisoners claiming wrongful treatment, taxpayers complaining about the IRS and workers alleging discrimination on the job.

Hundreds of cases are pending before U.S. District Court Judge J. Michelle Childs.

And then there's the one that will make history, no matter which way she rules.

Will she strike out alone and disagree with federal judges who

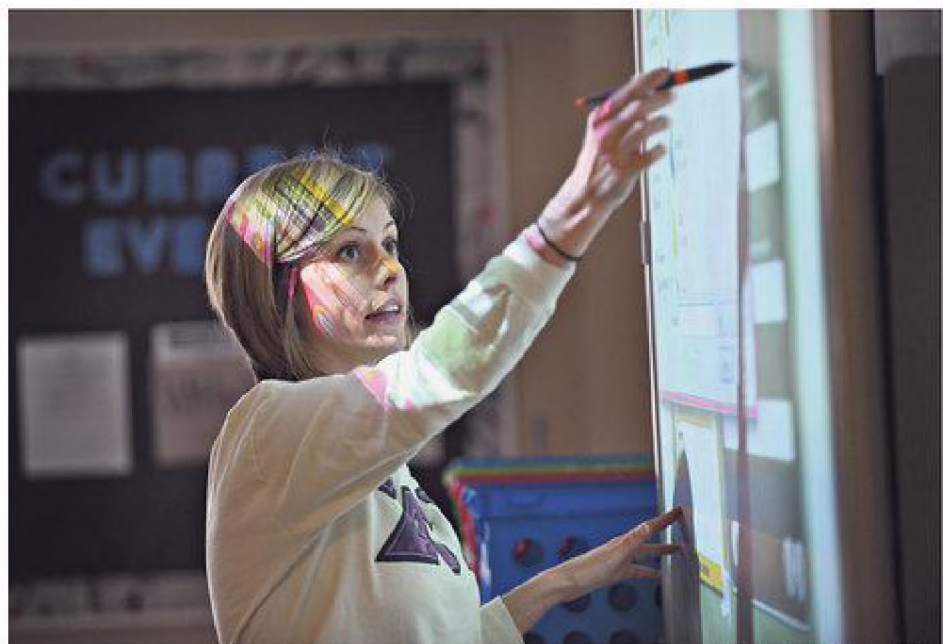
have ruled laws banning marriage between people of the same sex are unconstitutional? Or will she do what many in South Carolina once considered unimaginable and find in favor of two women from Lexington — a trooper and an Air Force veteran — who say their marriage in Washington, D.C., should be recognized in their home state?

Her answer could come as early as this week.

The judge at the center of this decision has been described as a hard worker, consensus builder, a logical, methodical thinker, yet someone who retains the human touch.

"She has a wonderful mix of caring for others but she's also pretty analytical. That's a rare combination," said Hayne Hipp, the founder of Liberty Fellows, which selected Childs to take part in the intensive two-year learning program when she was a state court judge.

She was in the class of 2010, which meant that in April of that year she appeared before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee for a confirmation hearing for the federal judgeship. In June, she com-



Beck Academy eighth-grade social studies teacher Mandy Anderson avoids lectures and focuses on interactive ways for students to learn.

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State's students struggle to learn context of history

Teachers say there is too much
material to linger on any one event

By Nathaniel Cary
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In a state as rich with history as South Carolina possesses, and in a state with the nation's top history education standards, South Carolina students struggle to master U.S. and state history in school.

The most difficult topic for eighth-graders to grasp is the Civil War, an event that not only started in South Carolina, but impacted the entire trajectory of the state for the next 150 years.

Results of exams that sophomores take at the end of four benchmark courses — Algebra I, Biology I, English I and U.S. History and the Constitution — show history as the clear lowest average score at 74.9, a full 3.5 points lower than any of the other subjects.

And more than a third of sophomores fail the exam, which counts for 20 percent of their course grade.

Teachers talk about that exam not by how well their students did, but by the number of students who "actually passed it," said Marc Turner, president of the South Carolina Council for History.



A poster inside Beck Academy lists reasons why "Social Studies is important."

"You won't see me doing lectures day after day after day because I think it's

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Attorneys: Block DSS records

Plaintiff seeks to bar Lukisha Thomas' DSS information



Thomas

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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Plaintiff attorneys have asked a judge in the wrongful-death suit filed by the estate of Lukisha Thomas to preclude the disclosure of Department of Social Services records pertaining to Thomas, according to court documents.

Thomas died last year after being

struck by a vehicle while walking on the sidewalk of York Street with her boyfriend and their 2-year-old son. The driver of the vehicle, Aiken attorney Tom Woodruff Jr., was charged with careless driving. Thomas' sister, Maria Saxon, has filed a wrongful-death suit against Woodruff as the representative of Thomas' estate.

Attorneys representing Thomas' estate

and Saxon on Friday filed a motion to preclude disclosure of DSS records to Woodruff and to require Woodruff to show cause.

The motion asks for an order "prohibiting disclosure to Defendant any and all DSS records related to Lukisha Thomas," the document states. "This motion is based upon Defendant's inability to show any cause that any information in the

records is legally relevant and necessary for the determination of any issue before the Court."

In March, Woodruff and his attorney filed a motion for a court order requiring DSS to provide the defense with "any and all records" pertaining to Thomas and her children.

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Banners celebrate character



STAFF PHOTO BY CINDY KUBONIC

Pictured, front, from left, are banner artist Linda Prior Hunley, Bea Peyser, Character Banner Project Chairwoman Judy Cross, Aiken Downtown Development Association Executive Director Avery Spears-Mahoney, Aiken Department of Public Safety Chief Charles Barranco and Aiken Mayor Fred Cavanaugh; pictured, back, from left, are ADPS Support Services Robert Shade, Philly Sorensen, ADPS Support Services Harvey Stone Jr. and City of Aiken Maintenance Supervisor Eddie George.

BY DUSTIN TURNER
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In March 2000, City of Aiken employee Eddie George was photographed hanging one of the first of Aiken's Character First banners downtown.

It seems the old adage that "the more things change, the more they stay the same" is true: He was up in the bucket truck again last week, working with one of the redesigned banners.

From the beginning, the banners have been designed by Aiken artist Linda Prior Hunley.

"I'm an Aiken native, and I love the way downtown Aiken is natural; it doesn't have a commercial atmosphere. So, I thought the tone of the new banners is very impor-



STAFF PHOTO BY CINDY KUBONIC

City of Aiken Maintenance Supervisor Eddie George shows off one of the new Character First banners.

tant. It's a way of connecting a lot of dots and keeping the beauty of downtown."

In the beginning

Since 1998, the City of Aiken

has been a Community of Character — the first one in South Carolina.

Aiken Mayor Fred Cavanaugh formed the Character First Steering Committee in 1999, which was comprised of community leaders interested in promoting the initiative.

Over time, several of the women in the group, representing women's clubs in Aiken, joined to form the Joint Women's Club of Aiken, which then became the Celebration of Character Committee.

The committee took on two tasks: the Celebration of Character awards ceremony each spring and the character banners that decorate downtown.

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SRS retirees gain easier access to benefits

BY DERREK ASBERRY
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Savannah River Site retiree Bill Massey said there was a sense of hopelessness among retirees when changes were made in 2012 to the benefit plans for the group, which includes thousands of Medicare-eligible residents.

of the SRS Retiree Resource Center. The center opened last month and is designed to help former Site employees prepare and file benefits-related forms.

"They have a lot of people working for us, and it's just terrific to see the people come together to help retirees," Massey said.

SRS retirees filled the community

bers of the S.C. Congressional delegation, including Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C.

Graham applauded the partnership between the retirees and the Lower Savannah Council of Governments. "This is a great accomplishment when you have people who have retired who understand the process who can help people who have to make



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DARLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board extends Superintendent Ingram's contract

BY JIM FAILE
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DARLINGTON—The Darlington County Board of Education voted unanimously Monday to extend Superintendent Eddie Ingram's employment contract with the Darlington County School Dis-



Ingram

trict by one year.

The board's decision was based on Ingram's performance evaluation by the board. Each board member completed a checklist of char-

acteristics in the evaluation instrument and arrived at an overall rating in several areas.

Ingram began serving as the district's superintendent in July 2013. He succeeded Rainey Knight, who led the district for 14 years before retiring.

The board hired Ingram in June

of 2013 to a three-year contract with an annual salary of \$160,000. Under the extension, Ingram will receive the same 2-percent pay increase that district employees get under the 2014-15 district budget, bringing his salary to \$163,200.

"We as a board believe that we

have a very capable leader in Dr. Eddie Ingram," the board wrote in a summary of its evaluation. "Dr. Ingram is an excellent communicator with a clear vision of what he hopes to lead the district to accomplish."

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Capella to buy Carolina Pines

BY CHRISTOPHER MCKAGEN
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Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center announced Monday morning an agreement for the sale of ownership interests in the 116-bed hospital and related outpatient services to an affiliate of Capella Healthcare Inc.

The purchase agreement includes a commitment from Capella to continue the employment of all employees who satisfy Capella's employment requirements. There will be no change or modification to the current privileges for physicians on the medical staff, a press release said.

Carolina Pines will be divested by a subsidiary of Community Health Systems Inc. to fulfill requirements set by the Federal Trade Commission during the acquisition of Health Management Associates, Inc.

"Our hospital is a valuable community asset that serves patients and our community with high-quality health care services," said Tim Browne, chief executive officer of Carolina Pines. "Capella Healthcare is a well-regarded organization with a track record of success and clinical quality. Their culture and values mirror ours so we believe this will be a successful relationship."

The transaction is subject to customary regulatory approvals. Until the sale is finalized current ownership will remain in place. The hospital is partially owned by physicians, several who are on staff at Carolina Pines. Financial terms of the transaction have not been disclosed.

Michael Wiechart, president and CEO of Capella, said the company looks forward to working alongside the hospital's staff.

"Carolina Pines Medical Center has a rich history of service to the people of Hartsville and surrounding

2014 TASTE OF COKER



(From left) Paxton Carstil, Brad Clements and Adam Messel wait for bacon cheese dip samples Monday from Debra Henderson of the Hartsville Skating Rink during the Taste of Coker.



The Coker College Cobra flips a soccer ball to Peyton Smith on Monday during the Taste of Coker.

Cooks, businesses serve up their best

Tents lined the perimeter of the Second Street soccer facilities Monday evening for the 2014 edition of the Taste of Coker. Local cooks, restaurants, businesses and Coker College student organizations fed a hungry crowd of locals for two hours, while children got a chance to play with Coker student athletes on the soccer pitch. People attending the event purchased tickets to taste the foods and proceeds will benefit the Coker College Athletic Department.



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FINALLY IT'LL COOL OFF

Morning rain and clouds;
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Sumter's economic success now model for other areas

Advisor group chooses county for its job creation, educational opportunities

BY JADE REYNOLDS
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Sumter is once again in the lime light for economic development. According to an article on *Statesboroherald.com*, Boyette Strategic Advisors pointed to Sumter's economic development organizations and those of six other counties in

Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama for the Development Authority of Bulloch County, Georgia, to use as models on "how it should be funded and fixed with land, buildings and incentives to bring more jobs to Statesboro and Bulloch County."

"It's always good to see your business, community or initiative as someone else's benchmark because

it means you're doing something right and good," said Jay Schwedler, president and CEO of the Sumter Development Board, the Sumter Smarter Growth Initiative and TheLINK, a regional alliance of Lee and Sumter counties. "It also means you have to continue to be

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No squashing his evening



MATT WALSH / THE SUMTER ITEM

Bentley Lin gets a mustache thanks to his mother, Yan Wu, at Millwood Elementary School's Pumpkin Night during its "Build a Pumpkin" event on Tuesday after school. Students and their families and friends dressed in their favorite costumes and enjoyed fall-themed refreshments to celebrate the season.

DHEC hears from possible landfill trustees

BY JOE KEPLER
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The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control heard from potential vendors Tuesday morning in Columbia who want to assume con-

presentations pitching their services in an attempt to assume control from an interim group that will manage the site once Kestrel Horizons ceases operations Oct. 31.

The interim managers were one of the vendors looking to become the long-term trustees of the site,

derson to Charleston, with e-PEAK LLC from Stephenville, Texas, as the lone out-of-state hopeful. Advanced Environmental Solutions LLC from Columbia and Emerald Inc. from Sumter were the lone presenting vendors from the Midlands, closest to the area in ques-



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all wet

Heavy rains move through area, but no major flooding

BY GREG OLIVER
THE JOURNAL

Although some local areas were under a flash flood warning into the night and roads were filled with water, emergency officials in Oconee and Pickens counties said the heavy rains Tuesday weren't as bad as initially forecast.

"We've had a good bit of rain, but not any significant amounts of flooding," Oconee County emergency management director Scott Krein said. "We had a few roads up in Salem and the Camp Road area between Walhalla and Westminster (that we) typically have to take a look at."

Oconee County weather observer Barbara Wilson said an inch and a half of rain had fallen in the Golden Corner as of 1 p.m. Tuesday. Sertoma Field in Walhalla was reportedly under stand-

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Top: A traffic safety truck is pictured following a Tuesday-afternoon traffic accident on Sweetwater Road and Highlands Highway in Oconee County — one of several accidents in the area during the day as a result of constant and sometimes heavy rains. **Middle:** This car collided

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with the traffic safety truck on Tuesday afternoon. **Bottom:** Officials were dealing with two multi-vehicle accidents within a few hundred feet of each other on S.C. Highway 28 near Walhalla early Tuesday morning as a result of the heavy rains.

Seneca council gives initial OK for worker bonus

BY CHRISTINA CLEVELAND
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — Seneca city employees are one step closer to receiving a bonus after city council approved the first reading of an ordinance Tuesday night.

Mayor pro tem Ronnie O'Kelley moved to supplement the budget by adding \$265,000 for the purpose of giving employees a bonus check.

"The money is to be used on a one-time bonus to city employees at three percent of their annual salary," O'Kelley said. O'Kelley told The

Journal Monday the city discovered a surplus after working on its budget in

June and decided "to add a bonus this year in lieu of giving them a pay raise." According to city finance director and clerk-treasurer

Joey Seavey, employees last received a pay raise in 2012 — the only one received in the past five years.

The bonus would include council members

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SALES TAX REFERENDUM

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Moulder: Groceries not subject to capital projects sales tax

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — There is nothing in Oconee County's capital project sales tax ordinance that would allow groceries to be

taxed, county administrator Scott Moulder emphatically said this week.

Moulder said after conferring with South Carolina Department of Revenue

officials and county attorney Tom Martin, he is completely certain if voters approve a 1-percent sales tax increase on Nov. 4 it would in no way be applied to groceries.

"We've checked into it, and groceries won't be taxed," Moulder said during a break in a civil lawsuit trial against Oconee County that is in its second week at the Oconee County Courthouse.

The Journal asked for

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Poll: Most don't think investigator will lead to arrests in cold cases

'Unless we try, we'll never know whether or not we will be successful. I

BY NORMAN CANNADA
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — While a poll suggests Journal readers are not confident the recent hiring of an investigator to dig into Oconee County's nine unsolved murders will bear any real fruit, sheriff Mike

gator will actually lead to any of the cases being solved.

About 51 percent of those who participated in the poll said Brown's work would not result in any new leads

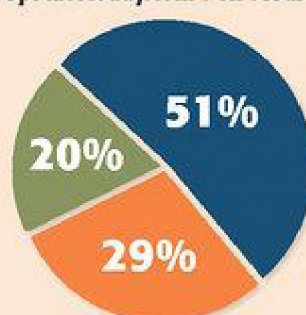
hiring of the investigator would lead to cases being solved and arrests being made.

The nine cases are from as far back as 1986 and as recent as 2010. Investigators have said they have "persons of interest" in each situation but have never had the evidence



Brown

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'Game changer'

Wyman-Gordon bringing 400 jobs to Dillon County

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DILLON — Wyman-Gordon, a leader in advanced manufacturing for the aerospace and power generation industries, announced Tuesday that it will

bring 400 jobs and invest at least \$115 million to Dillon County over the next five years.

The company, a leading producer of complex forgings and high-performance nickel-based alloys, said via a news release that its newest facility will house multiple, post-forging operations

ranging from heat treating to machining.

Construction is expected to start by year's end, with production anticipated in late 2015. The plant is expected to serve customers in the aerospace and power

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JOHN D. RUSSELL/MORNING NEWS

Dillon County Council administrator Clay Young said the economic development will include this 50,000-square-foot spec building at the Northeast Industrial Park.

100 YEARS LATER

Waters building has gotten new life

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FLORENCE — It's been a hundred years since Hazel Waters Meserve's grandfather built a three-story building on Dargan Street to house his furniture store and funeral parlor.

The building was home to several Waters family businesses and a bustling center of activity for several decades, then went on to house Kimbrell's department store for many years. But as shopping and entertainment moved away from the downtown area, the building faded with it. And in recent years, Meserve and her family had all but given up hope for any real future for the building.

"We'd been hearing talk for years about people fixing up downtown, but it never really seemed to get going," Meserve said.

But then, approximately 18 months ago, Jean Waters, wife of Meserve's late cousin Joe Waters, noticed some activity around the building. Then, she saw a sign go up announcing the Waters building as the future home of Hilliard Lyons. It now also houses two law firms: King Love & Smith and Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd.

"I was so happy when I saw that sign go up," Waters said. "This building has so many memories tied to it. It was a shame to have it sitting here empty and deteriorating. It's got such a rich history."

That, it does.



GAVIN JACKSON/MORNING NEWS

The Waters building on South Dargan Street in downtown Florence entered the century club this year after being a fixture in downtown since 1914. During that time, the building has been home to a variety of businesses. Most recently restoration efforts have revitalized the building into offices, with the ground floor and mezzanine to be used as exhibition space by the Florence County Museum.



Jean Waters (left) and Hazel Waters Meserve look through newspaper clippings and photos in a Hilliard Lyons conference room, which now occupies part of the second floor. The building is

Soccer complex a result of boom

BY GAVIN JACKSON
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FLORENCE — Florence Mayor Stephen J. Wukela remembers when there were only two soccer teams in Florence, and his dad was the coach for one of them.

Since then, participation in local youth soccer has increased significantly, growing to a record registration of nearly 600 players this fall season.

Finally, facilities are expected to catch up.

"Now I was out there Saturday, and there are just enormous numbers of people out there, and it's increasingly diverse," Wukela said. "I heard as much Spanish out there as English. The other thing about growing up

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Gubernatorial debate focuses on economy

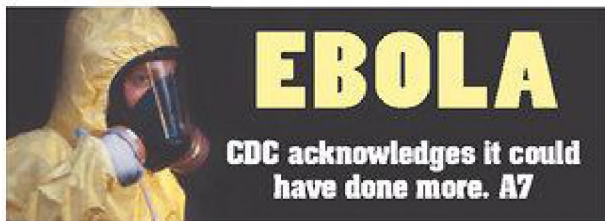
The Associated Press

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Elzey

Elzey: With bills still unpaid, SCSU needs \$12M

By DALE UNDER-ALTMAN
T&D Staff Report

South Carolina State University is working to become more stable financially, but it needs the \$12 million recommended by the Blue Ribbon Com-

mittee as soon as possible, President Thomas Elzey told the S.C. Budget and Control Board on Tuesday.

The Budget and Control Board approved a \$6 million loan for S.C. State in April after the university reported an anticipated cash flow deficit of more

than \$13 million for fiscal year 2014.

Of the \$6 million, \$500,000 was set aside to pay a consulting/auditing firm examine the university's finances and make recommendations for stabilizing it financially. Another \$1.2 million of the loan went to payroll, with the rest

going to pay debt service and past-due vendor accounts.

But in spite of the loan, the university is still behind by \$6 million from last year's deficit, Elzey said. He reported

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UNDER CONTROL



BRISTEN COOKS/T&D

The Orangeburg Department of Public Safety responded to the Captain D's on Broughton Street within minutes after hearing about Tuesday morning's fire. Visit this story at TheTandD.com to see video from the scene and to look at more pictures.

Firefighters quickly douse restaurant fire

T&D Staff Report

Firefighters were able to get a fire at Captain D's under control quickly on Tuesday morning, but the Broughton Street restaurant may be closed for a few days while the mess is cleaned up.

The Orangeburg Department of Public Safety got a call about the fire at 8:05 a.m. Two minutes later, they were on the

scene, according to interim Chief Mike Adams.

By 8:30 a.m., the firefighters were wrapping things up.

Manager Jim Wiechering said he came to work Tuesday morning like any normal day. He cut on the fryers to begin cleaning them to prepare them for the day's work.

The hood system above the fryers was cleaned the night before. When Wiechering turned on the hood system above the fryers "it went whoosh" and caught fire, he said.

The restaurant's fire suppression system then kicked in, putting down powder on the fire. Adams said the system helped keep the fire in check until firefighters arrived.

S.C. governor debate focuses on jobs, economy

By SEANNA ADCOX
Associated Press

NORTH CHARLESTON — In the first of two scheduled gubernatorial debates Tuesday, Gov. Nikki Haley touted the more than 50,000 jobs announced by her administration, while her challengers blasted her numbers as not real.

Democratic Sen. Vincent Sheheen said roughly half of the announced jobs have shown up and many of the planned openings already have fallen through. Haley countered that the promised jobs don't happen overnight.

"It will take awhile," she said.

Independent candidate Tom Ervin asked Haley to publicly post the incentives given to lure companies to South Carolina, so taxpayers can judge whether they're worth it, saying the Republican governor has "given away the farm when it comes to economic incentives."

Libertarian Steve French also criticized Haley on incentives, calling instead for elimination of more taxes.

"I look at jobs like I look at sex. You shouldn't brag about it if you have to pay for it," he said.

Haley insisted she has the

right approach to increasing residents' prosperity, with job announcements in 45 of the state's 46 counties.

Sheheen said the state needs to expand Medicaid eligibility under the federal health care law and focus on small businesses owned by South Carolinians. Ervin said the state needs to increase the minimum wage to \$10 over three years to help those struggling below the poverty limit.

"Folks who work hard deserve a living wage," he said.

Ervin was the only candidate to support raising the state's 16-cents-per-gallon gas tax, which hasn't changed since 1987, to improve the state's roads and bridges. That ensures tourists and truckers help fund infrastructure improvements that support economic development, he said. The state Department of Transportation has said it needs an additional \$1.5 billion yearly over 20 years just to bring roads to good condition.

United Citizens candidate Morgan Bruce Reeves said the answer to the state's economy is legalizing marijuana.

CONFEDERATE FLAG

Reiterating a call he made two weeks ago, Sheheen said

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Police: Man conducting job check leads to arrest on meth charge

By RICHARD WALKER
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Authorities say they broke up a methamphetamine ring in Orangeburg.

background check on a possible new employee on Murray Road.

When the employee arrived for the interview, he discovered a man passed out inside a vehicle.



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