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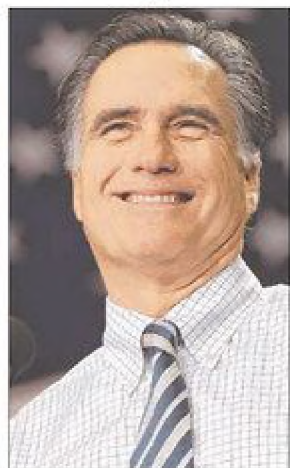
ELECTION 2012

Grappling over razor-thin margin

Candidates in final marathon of appearances



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President Barack Obama campaigns Sunday in
Concord, N.H.



CHARLES O'HARA/GETTY IMAGES
Mitt Romney speaks to supporters in Cleveland
on Sunday.

DAVID A. FAHRENTHOLD
The Washington Post

MORRISVILLE, PA. — And now it is closing time. On Monday, in the final hours of their 17-month, nearly \$3 billion marathon, the two candidates and their running mates are scheduled to hold 14 events across eight states.

For Republican challenger Mitt Romney, this last full day of campaigning is aimed at achieving what he has seemingly been unable to do over the first 522 days: overcome President Barack Obama's razor-thin but steady leads in the states where the election will be decided.

On Sunday, it appeared that Romney's task was getting a little harder. A pair of national polls seemed to show that it was Obama who had a bit of momentum in the race's last weekend. A Washington Post-ABC News poll showed the president at 49 percent to Romney's 48 percent.

On Sunday, the two campaigns held 14 events in eight states, including six in Ohio.



Inside

Shorter voting lines expected Tuesday, AS

What to know before heading to the polls, AS

The tracking poll has had both candidates locked within a narrow band for weeks, although Romney held a brief three-point edge in late October.

Another poll, released Sunday by the Pew Research Center, found Obama with a three-point lead nationwide among likely voters, 48 percent to 45 percent. A week ago, the same poll had the two candidates tied.

The Pew poll found that Hurricane Sandy may have given Obama a boost: Sixty-nine percent of likely voters approved of the president's handling of the storm.

Meanwhile, a poll late Sunday by CNN showed the race deadlocked at 49 percent.

In addition to the polls, data on early voting seemed to show Democrats with an edge in several key states, although not as wide as the advantages Obama held four years ago.

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Berkeley district counters bond foes

Officials raise own ethics questions

BY BRENDA RINDGE
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The Berkeley County School District struck back on Sunday against a group that has questioned whether its \$198 million school bond referendum violates state ethics laws and raised their own questions.

Superintendent Rodney Thompson said in a statement Sunday he is afraid that "the future of the district's 31,000 children could be jeopardized due to recent efforts to distract voters from the real concerns of building needs in the county."

Officials say the district is growing by about 900 students per year, and that 15 of the district's 41 schools are out of capacity.

If passed, the referendum would provide funding for three new elementary schools, a new middle school, a new high school and renovations at 29 other schools.

Daniel Island lawyer Josh Whitley, who heads up the Berkeley Citizens for Sustainable Education, said Friday he plans to file a complaint with the state Ethics Commission because he believes he has proof that district employees have worked on the campaign on district time and used district resources, both of which are against the law.

He has filed a request for records from the district under the state Freedom of Information Act, but has also told the district he would drop his effort if they would accept responsibility and apologize. The district declined and maintained it had done nothing wrong.

On Sunday, district officials issued a statement that stopped short of apologizing.

"To the extent that any of the District's 4,100 employees sent any e-mails that one might interpret as attempting to influence the school improvement referendum, either in favor of it or in opposition to it, we regret any misinterpretation," Thompson said in the statement. "If any district employee sent an e-mail on district equipment that could be interpreted as being in support of the referendum, I'm sure their enthusiasm was generated by what they thought was in the best interest of the students of Berkeley."

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Grant to help MUSC gauge extent of autism

BY DIANE KNICH
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William Reinecke's young daughter simply knew which shoe to put on which foot, but his son, who has autism, needed help to learn that skill. John Reinecke, 35, now has a piece of masking tape inside his left shoe. He knows that his left foot is always the first foot on which he will place a shoe. And he puts that foot into the shoe with the masking tape.

John works with a therapist for about three hours every day after school learning things other children might take for granted, such as how close to people he should stand and how to

stick to one topic of conversation for the appropriate amount of time.

He's been working with his therapist, Shannon Dougherty, owner of Carolina Coast Behavioral Services, for about four years. Dougherty said it's important for children who have autism to be identified as early as possible and to begin receiving behavioral services. Those who get help when they are younger tend to fare better in life.

The Medical University of South Carolina will help gauge the prevalence of autism spectrum disorders with the help of a \$1 million grant from Autism Speaks.

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Shannon Dougherty works with 10-year-old John Reinecke, who has autism, during a therapy session at his home.

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Columbians
get to say
what they
want in
recreation

Questionnaires
will help guide
decision-making

By CLIF LeBLANC
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Columbians are about to be asked to evaluate the city's parks system and spell out their preferences as officials map out the future of recreation in the city.

No decisions have been made, but specialists working on a master plan say that user fees, park closings and the city's first water park are on the table.

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Popular
Greenville
pool might
get
makeover,
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A final master plan for the city's 54 parks will be presented to City Council early next year, according to Parks and Recreation Department leaders and the consultants hired to draft a blueprint for the next five years.

Council will decide how much of the master plan to adopt and how to pay for improvements.

Over the weekend, Genesis Consulting Group mailed about 5,000 questionnaires to a scientifically selected, random sampling of Columbia residents. The survey should be arriving in mailboxes just after Election Day so that respondents can focus on answering the four-page document.

"We just want to see how the needs might have changed. How the attitudes might have changed," said David Brandes, co-owner of Genesis, the company the city hired for \$119,000 to draft the recreation plan. Consultants already have held five community meetings and five focus group sessions to get feedback from those who are invest-

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What this election means to me ...

After months of debates and campaigning in battleground states, the time to elect a president is here. The issues range from foreign policy to economic recovery in a race that has grown increasingly tight. The State asked Midlands voters to comment on what this election means to them, in their own words.



April Jones

April Jones, 29, is a pre-kindergarten teacher in Lexington 1.

"As a school teacher, I always feel like I'm directly involved with the future of young children, so I think this election is about the future of our country and in what direction we're going to go.

"I'm voting for Barack Obama for the second time. It's a great feeling. I feel like he expresses the values that I cherish and hold dear. I think as an educator, I feel he really seems to value education. He values all of our schools and wants all of our schools to succeed and do well and that's something I really can relate to."



Clare Morris

Clare Morris, 50, is a public relations professional and owner of the Clare Morris Agency in Columbia.

"I think these are pivotal times. I feel, as a small business owner and someone in the middle class, that the middle class is kind of sliding south. ... I was ready to vote for a Republican for this election ... but I just can't support Mitt Romney.

"I'm not a big fan of the president's policies. I don't think we are necessarily any better off than we were four years ago, but then again I don't know of anybody who could have done better because of all the chaos in the world and the economy.

"So I plan to vote for the president. It's really more a vote against the Republican Party than a vote for the president because I feel that Mitt Romney is an elitist who is out of touch with real Americans. ... And I feel like he treats women like we're from another country."



Travis Butler

Travis Butler, 34, is a Columbia-based commercial real estate developer.

Butler plans to vote for Mitt Romney.

"We are in the worst recession since the Great Depression. I'm hoping (Romney's election) will have a trickle-down effect where good businessmen are willing to follow his lead and get involved in politics. Most of politics ... are made up of lifetime politicians who simply do not get it.

"(Romney) gets it because he is a businessman. It's not just what he created; it's what he has turned around. Look at Staples. There has been one company after another that were failing and Romney came in and turned them around.

"As hard as it is to build a successful company from the ground up, it is even harder to turn a failing company around. The true testament of great business acumen is to take a failing situation and turn it around because it takes prioritizing and making tough choices, which is also what is required of good government."



Michael Kanwisher

Michael Kanwisher, 27, is a second-year orthopedic resident with the Palmetto Health system.

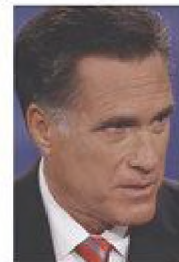
"Traditionally my whole family has been Democratic. ... I was an Obama supporter last time around. This time, I'm leaning more Republican.

"Working in the hospital, I've started to see that maybe I'm not as in favor of a lot of the aspects of Obamacare as I thought. I don't quite know if the system would handle the influx of additional patients that are going to rely on Medicare and Medicaid.

"I feel like, in the last four years, Obama hasn't made as much of a change as he talked about. I thought there would have been more of a difference. He made all these promises of overhauling health care in a beneficial way, and so far all the things I've seen have been just more cutbacks. ... A lot of changes that I see haven't really benefited patients or doctors or the system in any way shape or form."

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TUESDAY**

A hard-fought campaign season comes to a close. A look at record-breaking absentee voting as well as projections for Election Day turnout - how long lines will be - in the Palmetto State.



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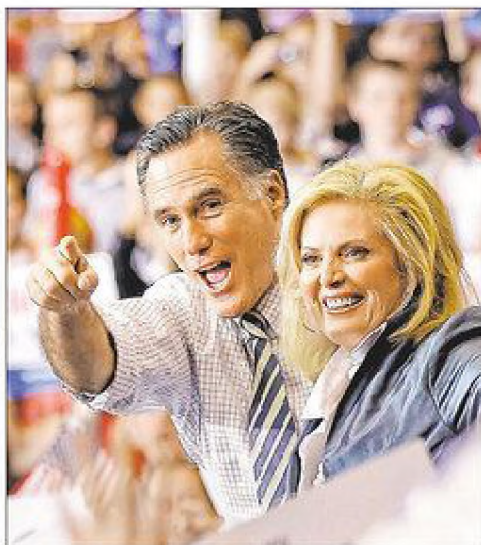
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President Barack Obama is joined by former President Bill Clinton, Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., and Gov. John Lynch, D-N.H. at a campaign event Sunday in Concord, N.H. JIM COLLAP



Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney and his wife, Ann, greet supporters during a campaign rally at the International Exhibition Center in Cleveland Sunday. JEROME DELAVAN

CANDIDATES GIVE LAST PITCH

Obama pushes for turnout; Romney leans on Pennsylvania

By Julie Pace | Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — Just two days from the finish, President Barack Obama's campaign is mobilizing a massive get-out-the-vote effort aimed at carrying the Democrat to victory, as Republican Mitt Romney makes a late play for votes in Democratic-leaning Pennsylvania.

Both campaigns were predicting wins in Tuesday's election. Obama was closing out the campaign with an apparent edge in some key battleground states, including Ohio.

But Romney's campaign was projecting momentum and banking on late-breaking voters to propel him to victory in the close race. Romney's political director, Rich Beeson, suggested Sunday that Romney could earn more than 300 electoral votes on Election Day. He needs just 270 to win.

Making his closing case to voters Sunday in Des Moines, Iowa, Romney pledged, if elected, to work with Democrats to restore the American dream and bring the economy roaring back to life.

"We're Americans. We can do anything," Romney said. "The only thing that stands be-

DRAWING CROWDS

Both candidates were drawing large crowds as they dropped in and out of the most competitive states. President Barack Obama and former President Bill Clinton drew 24,000 people to an outdoor rally in Bristow, Va., on a cold Saturday night. Republican candidate Mitt Romney's Friday night rally in Ohio drew more than 20,000 people.

tween us and some of the best years we can imagine is a lack of leadership — and that's why we have elections."

Obama, too, said he is willing to work across party lines to break Washington's gridlock, but assured some 14,000 supporters who gathered in Concord, N.H., he would not compromise key Democratic priorities such as health care and college financial aid.

"I know I look a little bit older, but I've got a lot of fight left in me," Obama said. "We have come too far to turn back now. We have come too far to let our hearts grow faint. It's time to keep pushing forward."

Romney was cutting away briefly Sunday from the nine or so competitive states that have dominated the candidates' travel itineraries. Romney, along with running mate Paul Ryan, had an early evening event planned in Morrisville, Pa., his first rally in the state this fall.

Late push in Pennsylvania

Romney's visit follows the decision by his campaign and its Republican allies to put mil-

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Smoking bans cut heart attacks, strokes

Expert says laws lead people to smoke less

By Liz Szabo
USA Today

Smoking bans quickly and dramatically cut the number of people hospitalized for heart attacks, strokes and respiratory diseases such as asthma and emphysema, an analysis shows.

Heart attack hospitalizations fell an average of 15 percent after communities passed laws banning smoking in areas such as restaurants, bars and workplaces, according to the largest analysis of smoke-free legislation to date. The analysis included 45 studies covering 33 laws in American cities and states, as well as countries such as New Zealand and Germany.

Stroke hospitalizations fell 16 percent, while hospitalizations for respiratory disease fell 24 percent, according to the study, published Monday in *Circulation*.

The more comprehensive the law, the greater the effect, said senior author Stanton Glantz, director of the Center for Tobacco Control Research and Education at the University of California-San Francisco.

For example, a 2002 law banning smoking only in restaurants in Olmsted County, Minn., had no effect on heart attacks, according to a study also published Monday in the *Archives of Internal Medicine*. However, heart attacks fell by 33 percent after a 2007 law that expanded the smoking ban to all workplaces, including bars, according to the report, from Minnesota's Mayo Clinic.

Glantz said state lawmakers should consider these findings when voting to exempt certain facilities, such as bars or casinos, from smoke-free laws. "The politicians who put those exemptions in are condemning people to be put into the emergency room," Glantz said.

David Sutton, a spokesman for Philip Morris USA, the country's leading cigarette maker, said his company agrees that secondhand smoke is dangerous, but he said smoking bans aren't always necessary.

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Student art: The Foundations Exhibition is on display from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday in the Lewandowski Student Gallery at Winthrop University.

Tuesday

Vote! Tuesday is Election Day. Polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you're in line at 7 p.m., you will be allowed to vote. Take your voter registration card. Go to heraldonline.com for previous coverage of local, state and national races, and The Herald Editorial Board's endorsements.



Wednesday

Veterans honored: Veterans Day isn't until Sunday, but several events have been scheduled throughout the week to recognize those who have put their lives on the line for our country.

■ **Wednesday:** Clinton Junior College's Veterans Day Tribute will be at 10 a.m. at the campus on Crawford Road. ■ **Friday:** A Tribute to Veterans will be at 10 a.m. at the Veterans Garden at Glencairn Garden, Rock Hill. ■ **Sunday:** The Frank Roach American Legion Post 34 will hold an open house for all honorably discharged veterans from 1 to 4 p.m. at the post, 199 S. Cherry Road, Rock Hill.

Friday

Hospice remembrance: Agape Senior's "Life Blooms Eternally" display of more than 500 floral umbrellas on the banks of Winthrop Lake will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Friday, Saturday and Sunday in honor of National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. A Light Up the Shores event will be at 6 p.m. Friday and a Celebration of Life service will be at 4 p.m. Sunday. Information: 803-509-0862.

Saturday

Cheer For Children: Cheer for Children's 20th annual "Gratitude Is Attitude" event will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at South Pointe High School in Rock Hill, featuring singing, dancing and other entertainment. Admission is one can of food or \$1, with proceeds going to local food banks. Information: cheer4children.net or 803-517-8000 or 803-366-6100.

State insists votes are secure



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Poll workers Bob and Shirley Collins read material during a class Friday in preparation for Election Day on Tuesday.

Officials answer criticism with promises of safeguards

By Jamie Self
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South Carolina's paperless electronic voting system, which doesn't produce a paper record of each vote, has raised eyebrows regarding its accuracy and reliability.

Counting Votes 2012, a state-by-state review of voting systems, found states using paperless systems, which don't produce voter verifiable paper records of each vote, to be "inadequate."

"If the ballot box was destroyed, there wouldn't be any record of those votes either," said Chris Whitmore, communications director for the S.C. State Election Commission, defending the state's paperless system.

Electronic systems do raise concerns about security, especially when hacking, which may go undetected, has become a common threat to information systems, said Rick Whisenant, who teaches political science at York Technical College.

"It's great and it's wonderful," Whi-

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son said of the electronic voting system, "as far as we know."

"They're pieces of hardware, so sometimes they do break down," said Alan Helms, deputy director of York County Registration and Elections.

But failsafes in place are sufficient to ensure all votes are counted, he said.

Here's how:
■ **Multiple drives.** Machines contain three redundant internal hard drives and two external memory devices where all votes are recorded. The external devices are used to check against each other. In the event the external devices fail, technicians can access the internal drives.

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Stacks of "Vote Here" signs sit at the York County Voter Registration and Elections office on Friday.



ANDY BURRIS
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The Herald's cookie taste test gives Mitt Romney the electoral edge. Family Circle's test picked Barack Obama.

Cookies a recipe for Election Day win?

If you are still undecided about whom to vote for in tomorrow's presidential election — or just looking for a way to predict the winner — you should consider the cookie factor.



Don Worthington
Business Editor

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Some will look to sports. How the Redskins perform in their home game before the election was a perfect presidential indicator between 1936 and 2000. When the Redskins won, the incumbent was re-elected. Will the Panthers' defeat of the 'Skins on Sunday boost Romney?

And there's the big college game, Louisiana State vs. Alabama. When LSU wins, Republicans get elected. When Alabama wins the games, Democrats win the White House. The Crimson Tide rolled. Fired and up ready to go with Obama!

The cookie indicator

But for four of the last five presidential elections, Family Circle has picked the winner with its presidential cookie contest. The magazine asks the wives of the candidates to submit a favorite cookie recipe and then asks readers to vote.

This year, Michelle Obama's White and Dark Chocolate Chip Cookies beat Ann Romney's M&M's Cookies by 287 votes — the closest Family Circle cookie race ever.

Had Family Circle brought the contest to Rock Hill, the margin would have evened closer — and maybe a Romney win.

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Pentagon pushed email voting for troops

By Greg Gordon
McClatchy Newspapers
WASHINGTON — Counties in 31 states are accepting tens of thousands of electronic absentee ballots from U.S. soldiers and overseas civilians, despite years of warnings from experts that Internet voting is easy prey for hackers.

Some of the states made their technological leaps even after word spread of an October 2010 test of an Internet voting product in Washington, in which a team of University of Michigan computer scientists quickly penetrated the system and directed it to play the school's fight

song. The Michigan team reported that hackers from China and Iran also were on the verge of breaking in.

Election watchdogs, distraught over what they fear is a premature plunge into Internet voting, put most of the blame on an obscure Defense Department unit that beckoned state officials for 20 years, in letters, legislative testimony and at conferences, to consider email voting for more than 1 million troops and civilians living abroad.

The Pentagon's Federal Voting Assistance Program persisted in its below-the-radar pitch even after Congress refused

to endorse any form of Internet-related voting, delegating that responsibility largely to the National Institute of Standards and Technology in 2005. Seven years later, the national institute still says more research is needed.

Congress balked after Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz scrapped a live demonstration planned for the 2004 presidential election because of security concerns.

Election officials from Mississippi to Washington state who've embraced

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First step

Marcus Lattimore is officially back on the road to recovery. The former Bynes star had knee surgery Friday in Birmingham, Ala., in the first of many steps toward making a return to the football field. **PAGE B1**

Pedestrian killed

A Spartanburg County man was killed after he was hit by a car on Highway 11 in Inman on Saturday. According to the Spartanburg County Coroner's Office, Rudolfo Osario-Arce, 18, was pronounced dead at the scene of the 8:20 p.m. crash. **PAGE A5**

Record-setting climb

The metal on Zac Vawter's bionic leg gleamed as he climbed 103 floors of Chicago's iconic Willis Tower, becoming the first person ever to complete the task wearing a mind-controlled prosthetic limb. **PAGE A4**

2 officers killed

A low-flying police helicopter searching for a runaway boy hit a power line pole before it plummeted to the ground and exploded, killing both officers on board but leaving those on the ground unharmed. Federal authorities were investigating what caused the chopper to crash into power lines on a busy city street. **PAGE A9**

Taboo topic

The Palestinian president has set off a strident debate by shattering a once-inviolable taboo, publicly suggesting his people would have to relinquish

Cold front jars Sandy's victims

New Yorkers left homeless by hurricane shiver and fear approaching nor'easter

By **MICHAEL HILL**
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Shivering victims of Superstorm Sandy went to church Sunday to pray for deliverance as cold weather settling in across the New York metropolitan region — and another powerful storm forecast for the middle of the week — added to their misfortunes and deepened the gloom.

With overnight temperatures sinking into the 30s and hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses still without electricity six days after Sandy howled through, people slept

in layers of clothes, and New York City officials handed out blankets and urged victims to go to overnight shelters or daytime warming centers.

At the same time, government leaders began to grapple with a daunting longer-term problem: where to find housing for the tens of thousands of people whose homes could be uninhabitable for weeks or months because of a combination of storm damage and cold weather.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said

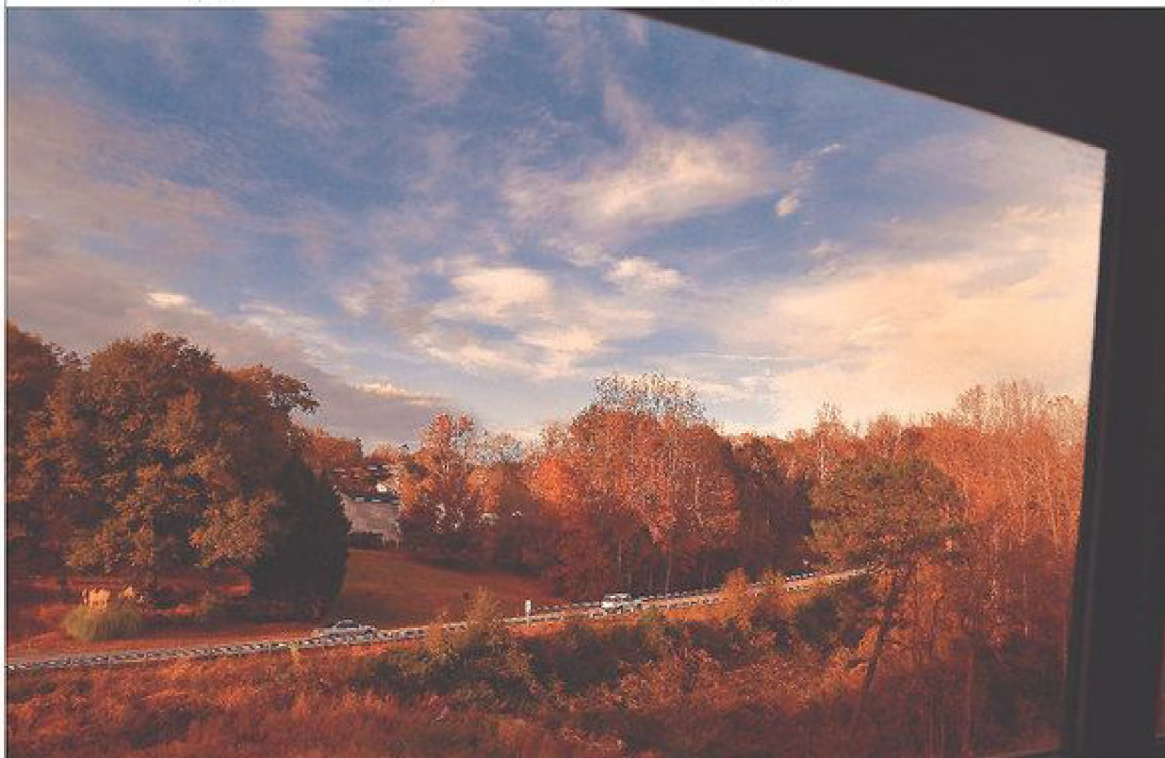
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MEL EVANS/AP

Chris Santos looks through a hole in a partially collapsed basement wall of an oceanfront home on Sunday in Belmar, N.J., as he checks for damage from the storm surge caused by Superstorm Sandy.

Passengers enjoy scenic voyage aboard train



Jamarius Gill, 9, of Spartanburg, takes photos as he rides a passenger train Sunday. A train excursion stopped in Spartanburg early Sunday, giving people a chance to travel what was once Southern Railway's mail line and arriving in Toccoa, Ga. See a gallery of photos from the trip at GoUpstate.com.

Journey to Ga. revives old-fashioned fun



A crowd at the Spartanburg Amtrak station awaited the train bound for Toccoa, Ga., Sunday morn-

About 120 people departed Spartanburg, joining passengers who boarded the train in Spencer, N.C., earlier that



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■ SPORTS

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■ GREENWOOD

Man dies in wreck

From staff reports

A Greenwood man was killed Sunday morning in a one-vehicle wreck.

According to Greenwood County Coroner Jim Coursey, the deceased is Paul Stuart Mayblum, 66, of 1522 Parkway Court, Apt. H-1, Greenwood. Coursey said Mayblum died at the scene.

South Carolina Highway Patrol Lance Cpl. Bill Rhyne said the wreck happened at about 9 a.m. Sunday morning along U.S. 25 South, near Kathy Hill Road. The trooper said the vehicle Mayblum was driving, a four-door 1995 Ford, was the only vehicle involved in the crash.

The trooper said Mayblum was driving south on U.S. 25 when he entered a curve and went off the right side of the road. The vehicle went down an embankment, hit several trees and overturned.

Rhyne said the victim "succumbed to his injuries at the scene."

The Highway Patrol and the Greenwood County Coroner's Office were investigating the wreck, as of Sunday afternoon.

■ ABBEVILLE

Lawsuit still alive in appeal

Residents in case disagree with how CFHS was closed

By MICHELLE LAXER
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A lawsuit against the Abbeville County School District dismissed in March continues to survive after the two Calhoun Falls residents behind it pushed for an appeal last month.

Lance Sheck, the attorney representing the suit's Danny Hoxey and Terry Richey, filed the appeal in late October with South Carolina Court of Appeals.

The original suit surrounds the closing of Calhoun Falls High School in December 2007, claiming the Abbeville County school board didn't

EDITH CHILDS: THE 'HAT LADY'

STILL FIRED UP



MATT WALSH | INDEXJOURNAL

Edith Childs became known for her hats while serving the community as a District 50 board member and later as a Greenwood County Councilwoman.

Five years after leading now-famous chant, county councilwoman is still enjoying ride

By CHRIS TRAINOR
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A little more than five years ago — June 15, 2007 — Greenwood County Councilwoman led an impromptu cheer for a then-U.S. Senator from Illinois named Barack Obama.

Her life hasn't quite been the same since. At this point, the story has become the stuff of local — and national — political legend.

In 2007, Obama was in attendance at a convention in South Carolina and asked District 12 state Rep. Anne Parks, of Greenwood, to sit at his table.

"He asked me what he could do to get my endorsement," Parks said. "I told him it was

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simple: He needed to come to Greenwood. I told him most presidential candidates don't feel like they need to come to the smaller towns. I said, 'But we are not that far from Columbia, and we are not that far from Greenville.' I knew he was going to Spartanburg, so I told him to come on through

"Robert Tinsley said, 'Mrs. Childs, I think you need to sing 'Fired up, ready to go!' for the senator.' I said, 'No, Robert, I don't believe I need to do that.' He said, 'I believe you need to do that. You need to just fire him up, Mrs. Childs.' So I said, 'OK,' and that's what I did. After (Obama) finished speaking and telling us why he needed our support in running for president, I began to sing 'Fired up' for him."

— Edith Childs
recounting the start of the "Fired up" chant

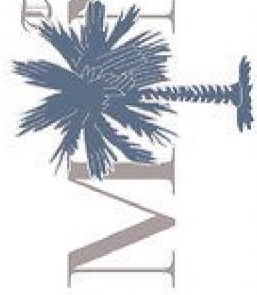
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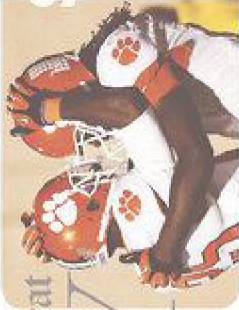
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■ Zombie not dead, just drunk

Police in Alabama were called to what looked like a woman shot dead in her car. A passerby called 911 in Birmingham on Thursday morning after seeing the woman slumped over her steering wheel at a traffic light. Officers roused the woman — a Halloween reveler passed out drunk in a bloody-looking zombie costume — and removed her from the SUV. Authorities took her to the city jail on a DUI charge. Fake blood covered much of her torso as she was apprehended.

■ Fighting back

Two Californians say they survived separate shark attacks last week by punching the beasts in the head. Scott Stephens says a great white pulled him underwater at a popular surf spot off the coast of Eureka and let him go only after reclaiming the blows. He suffered lacerations, but none of his vital organs was damaged. Manlio Hargan said she was swimming with her husband off Moss, Fla., was when she encountered a tiger shark. She says her husband and tanning prepared her and she punched it twice. Hargan was not bitten, but did require stitches for some scratches.

■ Fish have feelings, too

Animal activists work a California roadside memorial sign to honor fish killed during a container truck crash. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals volunteer Dina Fouada said the sign would remind drivers that fish value their tails and feel pain. Nearly 1,600 pounds of saltwater bass died on Oct. 11 when the truck hauling them to market got into a three-way crash. Irvine spokesman Craig Heen says there won't be a fish memorial. It's not the first time PETA has asked to post a memorial for animals killed on their way to slaughter. They've died to honor pigs killed in Virginia and cows killed in crashes in Illinois, Kansas and Manitoba, Canada, but none have been approved.

■ Voice from the grave

Researchers have recovered and digitized what experts say is the oldest playable recording of an American voice and history's first ever recorded musical performance. Also included: the first recorded blizzard. The recording was done on a stove of tinfol on a phonograph invented by Thomas Edison and made in St. Louis in 1878. It opens with a short cornet solo and is followed by a man reciting nursery rhymes. Near the end of the 78-second recording, the man laughs after missing up one of the words to "Old Mother Hubbard." Experts at California's Berkeley Lab recovered the recordings using technology de-



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Fire destroyed four buildings in North on Sunday. Two other buildings sustained heavy damage.

Blaze destroys North buildings

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NORTH — Four buildings were destroyed in a Sunday morning fire in North, but the quick work of firefighters prevented the blaze from doing more damage.

"All of the fire departments did a good job of keeping it from spreading more than it did," said Jimmy Culler, the owner of three of the buildings.

At about 6 a.m., a passerby noticed smoke coming from the buildings at the corner of Savannah Highway and Salley Road. North firefighters arrived to see flames coming through the roofs of several commercial buildings.

An aggressive fire attack was started on the blaze that wound up totally consuming four buildings. Another had heavy fire damage and another heavy smoke damage.

Five adjacent structures were saved, including a large warehouse, a historical home and the North bank.

"We are sorry for the loss to the business owners, but are very appreciative for all the mutual aid and help of all our volunteers," which prevented the fire from spreading to other buildings. North Fire Chief Greg Gambrell said. "The fire cause is not known at this time and is under investigation by the North Police Department."

Of Culler's destroyed buildings, one had been vacant; one contained a barber's shop; the other contained

Culler Wholesale Co.
An adjacent alterations shop was also lost Sunday.

The North fire department received assistance from Neeses, North Air Base, Sawyerdale, Springfield, Wolf-ton, Pine Hill and Orangeburg Department of Public Safety firefighters, Jamison, Bolentown, Norway and two Alcon County fire departments were also ready to assist and manned area fire stations.

Mayor Earl Jeffcoat said, "They got there pretty quickly and worked good together."

"After they got everything set up, it didn't take them long to get it under control," he said.

Orangeburg County Emergency Medical Services, Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office, S.C. Highway Patrol, S.C. Electric and Gas and North Police Department also responded to the scene and provided aid.

Many citizens of North came out to offer help to the firefighters by bringing drinks and providing a meal.

Others reached out to the business owners, and former Mayor Neil Livingston brought his backhoe and used it to knock down a severely damaged storefront that presented a falling hazard.

A large fire in 1978 destroyed several businesses in the same location. Assistance came from as far away as Columbia.



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