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Haley makes it official

Governor to kick off bid for re-election Aug. 26 in Greenville



NIKKI
HALEY

By JEFFREY COLLINS
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley finally made it official Monday she is running for re-election next year.

Haley will kick off her re-election bid Aug. 26 during a fundraiser in Greenville with three other Republican governors, campaign spokesman Rob Godfrey said.

The announcement sets up a

likely rematch of the 2010 governor's race, when Haley got 51 percent of the vote and beat Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen, of Camden, who received 47 percent. Currently, both candidates are the only ones

seeking their party's nominations.

The focus of Haley's campaign is already evident through her official events.

She will tout the generally declining unemployment rate

during her term and the 36,000 new jobs her office announced since she took office in 2011. Haley also started reminding people she signed a bill that

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JUSTICE FOR JAMIL

Family seeks information about those responsible for fatal shooting of 30-year-old; reward to be offered

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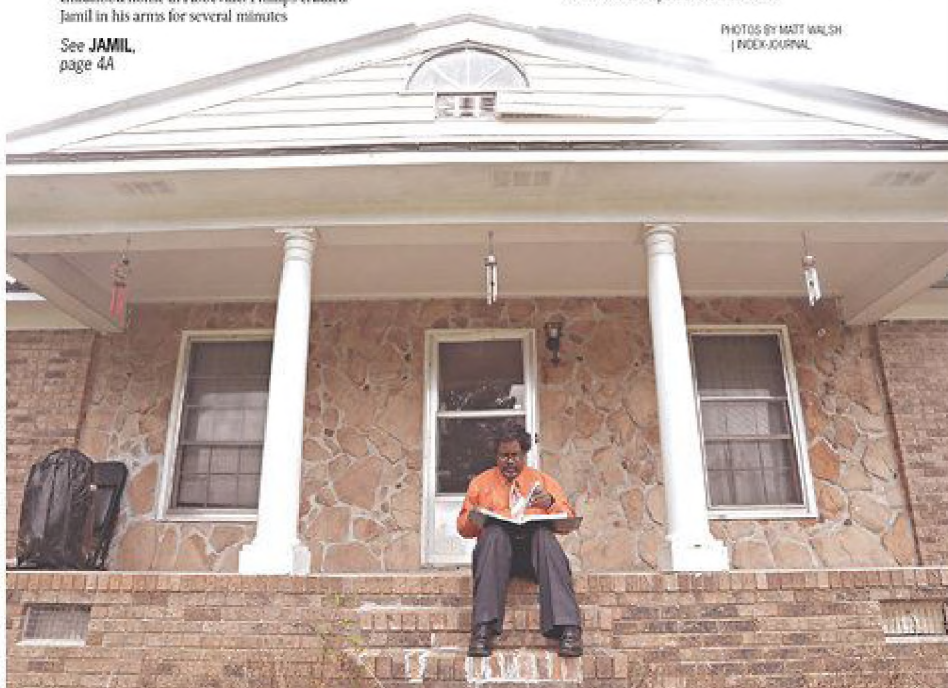
When Dale Phillips Sr. lies down at night, he closes his eyes and is often tormented by the agonizing image of his son, Jamil, in his final moments. Jamil Phillips was gunned down on his parents' front porch earlier this year as he was entering his childhood home in Abbeville. Phillips cradled Jamil in his arms for several minutes

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ABOVE: Dale Phillips wipes a tear away as he reflects on memories of his son, Jamil. BELOW: Phillips sits on his front porch, the place where Jamil was shot to death in late March, and looks at photos of his son.

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■ STATE OF THE CITY AND COUNTY

Focused on development

Chappell discusses Sun, Dixie; Barrineau touts Kitson site work; Allison talks flow control

By CHRIS TRAINOR
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Representatives from Greenwood's economic development firm Partnership Alliance, as well as county elected and appointed officials, have been intently focused in recent months on recruiting new industry to the area.

Two of the projects that received particular attention are Project Sun and Project Dixie, both of which would be manufacturing projects.

Project Sun would bring in about \$190 million in new investment and 300 jobs, while Project Dixie would bring in \$350 million in investment and 300 new jobs.

When speaking to community leaders at the recent Greenwood Chamber State of the City and County Address, county manager Toby Chappell said he thinks Project Dixie would be a landmark announcement for the county.

Chappell said the 300 jobs and \$350 million investment Dixie could bring would just be the tip of the iceberg.

"Dixie is, obviously, the big fish here," Chappell said. "The projection of 300 jobs and \$350 million in investment is Phase 1 only. We are being told it could be three or four different phases that are all about equal. So, if it comes to fruition, you are talking about a billion — with a 'B' — dollars in capital investment in our county and a thousand jobs."

While he is excited about the prospect of Project Dixie, Chappell was quick to point out he thinks Project Sun could be tremendously impactful for Greenwood County, if it chooses to locate here. He said that project could soon decide the community in which it will locate its facility.

"The most important (project currently being pursued) to me, is Project Sun," the county manager said. "It's going to come, in my belief, very soon. We've been told that, on Sept. 3, Project Sun is going to reveal themselves and make the



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Mother of 3 killed in wrong-way crash

Husband tried to warn his wife before I-385 collision

By Ron Barnett and E. Richard Walton
Staff writers

A family vacation turned into a nightmare in the early morning hours Monday, as authorities said a wrong-way driver crashed head-on with the family's

car, killing the mother and seriously injuring her three children as her husband in another vehicle desperately tried to warn her of the danger.

A warrant has been issued against Andrew Joseph Glasier, 531 Elizabeth Sara Blvd, Greer, on a felony DUI charge in

connection with the accident on Interstate 385 as the family was approaching downtown Greenville to end their trip home from Charlotte, according to authorities and a warrant.

Shauntia Jackson, 27, was pronounced dead at the scene at 3:24 a.m., said Barry Wright, a Greenville County deputy coroner.

Her three children, ages 9, 8 and 3, were listed in serious condition, he said.

Her husband, Delmar Jackson Sr., was on the cell phone with his wife at the time of the accident, Wright said.

He managed to avoid the oncoming pickup and tried to tell his wife to look

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BMW denies racial bias in filing

Automaker asks judge to dismiss EEOC complaint

By David Dykes

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BMW denied in a federal court filing that it engaged in unlawful employment practices on the basis of race at its Spartanburg County auto-production facility.

The company asked a judge to dismiss a complaint filed by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission alleging that BMW's criminal background check policy disproportionately excluded blacks from working at the company's South Carolina plant, court records show.

The EEOC alleged in the complaint, filed in U.S. District Court in Spartanburg, that BMW's policy has had a disparate impact on black employees and applicants, denying them opportunities to work with BMW and its suppliers of logistics services.

The agency claimed in its suit that BMW violated Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits race discrimination. The automaker had denied the EEOC claims.

In its court-filed answer to the EEOC complaint, BMW said it asked a new logistics contractor to perform criminal background checks on work applicants, including those who worked for a previous contractor.

The new contractor found some applicants who worked for the previous contractor had criminal convictions in violation of BMW's criminal background check guidelines, BMW said in its court filing.

BMW said in the filing the new contractor didn't hire some people who worked for the previous contractor because of prior criminal convictions. The company also said some individuals who previously worked for logistics contractors at BMW's Greer facility were later denied access to the plant because of its criminal conviction policy, court records show.

The company denied its policy "op-

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THE AMERICAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

'HUMAN AND MORAL COSTS'

Holder: Too many go to prison for 'no good law enforcement reason'

By Kevin Johnson
USA Today

A diverse coalition of lawmakers and civil rights advocates largely embraced Justice Department proposals Monday that would break with harsh punishments for nonviolent drug offenders and provide federal prosecutors with more authority on charging offenders.

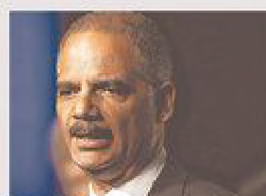
Attorney General Eric Holder called for the shift in federal criminal justice policy in a speech before the American Bar Association, say-

to propose modifications to the mandatory minimum laws.

Durbin called the sentencing laws "outdated" and said they cost taxpayers billions in prison costs.

"Mandatory minimum sentences for nonviolent drug offenses have played a huge role in the explosion of the U.S. prison population," he said Monday. "Once seen as a strong deterrent, these mandatory sentences have too often been unfair, fiscally irresponsible and a threat to our public safety."

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., who along with Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., is sponsoring a bill that would provide federal judges more leeway in sen-



United States Attorney Gen. Eric Holder speaks to the American Bar Association Annual meeting Monday in San Francisco. AP

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A small plane makes an emergency landing Monday at Hamilton-Owens Airport.

PILOT SLIDES TO SAFE LANDING

Plane couldn't extend its landing gear; onlookers watch the drama at airport

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Without operating landing gear, a pilot flying from Alabama managed to guide his single-engine plane to a safe belly landing Monday on the runway at Jim Hamilton - L.B. Owens Airport near downtown Columbia.

The aircraft — a 53-year-old Piper PA-24-250, according to federal records — made about five low-level passes over the general-aviation airport in the Rosewood neighborhood before landing.

Each time, the pilot pulled up a few feet before touching down on the runway, apparently practicing the landing approach.

The plane then flew in a wide circle around the airport, using up potentially explosive fuel before attempting the landing.

As the plane would gain altitude and roar over Superior Street, near the airport, bystanders snapping photos and videos with their smartphones clearly could see the landing gear, locked against the plane's body.

Workers at the nearby City Roots urban farm, just across the fence from an end of the runway,

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Remembering 'Gabbiee'



A memorial service will be held Sunday for Gabrielle Swainson, who disappeared a year ago. Her body

CARTER STRANGE CASE

7th attacker sentenced in Five Points beating



Delarrett Canzater, 16, looks at Vicki Strange as she addresses him Monday inside a Richland County courtroom. Vicki Strange's son Carter was the victim in a vicious 2011 beating in Five Points.

'You're going to be in my prayers, but son, you need to be held accountable,' victim's mother tells defendant



Vicki Strange and her husband, John, after Canzater is sentenced.

By JOHN MONK
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Judge Robert Hood on Monday sentenced 16-year-old Delarrett Canzater — one of eight attackers in the 2011 Carter Strange beating case in Five Points — to eight years in prison after Canzater pleaded guilty to assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature.

"At 16 years old, the issues in your life ought to be how

am I going to get my driver's license," said Hood, just before pronouncing sentence in a hushed Richland County courtroom.

Hood chose not to give Canzater probation — which his defense attorney Connie Brecken asked for — after viewing Canzater's confidential criminal record as a juvenile before he was arrested in June 2011 on charges he was one of Strange's attackers.



Strange

ONLINE

More photos from the sentencing Monday.

FIVE POINTS SENTENCES

Delarrett Canzater on Monday became the seventh of eight teens to plead guilty and be sentenced in the 2011 beating of Carter Strange. Here is a breakdown of the previous sentences in the case.

December 2011: Family Court Judge Leslie Riddle sentenced three 17-year-olds to probation until they turned 18. She also sentenced a 13-year-old to 24 months of probation. All four had pleaded guilty to misprision of a felony, which meant they had failed to report the attack.

These teens did not participate in Strange's beating, but watched it from across the street.

April 2012: Tyheem Henry, alleged ringleader in the attack, was sentenced to 15 years for assault and battery. He was 19 at the time of the beating.

May 2012: A 16-year-old who pleaded guilty to assault and battery and criminal conspiracy was sentenced to serve time in the S.C. Department of Juvenile Justice.

An eighth defendant, Yahquann Gantt, remains in the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center under \$350,000 bond. A trial date has

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Veronica's dad eludes S.C.

Brown surrenders in Okla., gets out on bail; Capobiancos consider going to find girl

Online

POLL: Should Dusten Brown be extradited to South Carolina? Go to postandcourier.com to vote.

READ MORE: For more coverage and to join our live blog, go to postandcourier.com/veronica.

PHOTOS: Go to postandcourier.com/galleries.

BY NATALIE GAULA
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An Oklahoma man at the center of a cross-country custody battle disappeared from the sights of South Carolina authorities again Monday, further complicating efforts to return his daughter to her adoptive parents on James Island.

Charleston County Sheriff Al Cannon said Dusten Brown is only digging his hole deeper with stalling tactics to delay the return of 3-year-old Veronica to her adoptive parents.



Charleston County investigators are working with agencies in Oklahoma to re-arrest Dusten Brown and find Veronica.

Matt and Melanie Capobianco. Brown's attorney, however, questioned the validity of South Carolina's efforts to pursue criminal penalties against Brown and vowed to fight his extradition to the Palmetto State.

The Capobiancos said they were considering traveling to Oklahoma to retrieve Veronica themselves, saying they considered her to be a captive child and feared for her safety.

"No more delays. No more excuses," Matt Capobianco said. "Our daughter has been kidnapped and I expect the situation to be treated as such."

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Supporters of Dusten Brown hold up signs Monday outside the courthouse at the Judicial Branch building of the Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah, Okla.

An art city's ugly side

Thriving scene benefits artists, but exhibits can attract thieves



PHOTOGRAPH BY WIDE SPREADSTORY

Alizey Khan works on her astronomy-oriented art at Redux Studios. Three of her works that were stolen from the main branch of the Charleston County Public Library have been recovered. Another of hers and three pieces by two other artists still are missing.

BY GLENN SMITH
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Johns Island artist Linda Falbo Williams beamed with pride when she learned that her painting of a marsh scene had won a ribbon at an exhibition at the Charleston Visitor Center. But when she went to show her piece to some friends, she found that the painting was gone.

Williams thought someone might have taken a liking to the painting and purchased it. Instead, she learned that an art thief had simply applied a five-finger discount and sniped her work.

"You feel violated, like someone walked into your house and stole something," Williams said. "It was very disappointing."

That theft in March 2012, like the heist of seven paintings from the Charleston County Public Library two weeks ago, illustrates the risks artists take when they place their works on public display. Charleston for many years has had a thriving arts scene that works to promote local talent and increase public accessibility to their works through



These three paintings by Alizey Khan — "NGC 4414: Spiral Galaxy" (from top), "NGC 6611: Eagle Nebula (Pillars of Creation)" and "M45: Pleiades" — that were stolen from the Charleston County Public Library have been recovered.

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Suspect in plot to kill gets no bail

Wife, daughter tell judge they're afraid

BY GLENN SMITH
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Google maps, a photo of cars in a driveway and a hand-scratched address found in so-called "hit package" comprise the evidence federal prosecutors say ties former Charleston banker Chris Latham to an alleged plot to kill his estranged wife.

A federal agent testified Monday that these items have been linked to Latham through an examination of his work computer, phone and handwriting, showing the Sullivan Island man was an active participant in a scheme to rob out his wife, Nancy.

While Chris Latham's attorney insisted he would never do anything to harm his family, the evidence and the severity of the charges against him were enough for U.S. Magistrate Judge Bristow Marchant to deny Latham bail and order him detained until trial in the murder-for-hire case.

The 50-year-old suspect, who until recently commanded an annual salary of nearly \$700,000, shuffled into the courtroom shackled, clad in a pin-striped jail jumpsuit and sporting grey stubble on his cheeks. He avoided eye contact with his estranged wife but frowned and shook his head when Assistant U.S. Attorney Nathan Williams said he was a key player in a plot to kill her.

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Poll

Do you agree with the judge's decision in the Chris Latham detention hearing? Go to postandcourier.com to vote.



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Have an Aiken vacation

BY DERREK ASBERRY
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Aiken County is home to an abundance of history, culture and tourist attractions. Often times, residents never get chances to take in all of what the area has to offer. By choosing to vacation in Aiken, residents can consume all of the activities in the county that cater to their specific hobbies.

A good first stop is the Aiken County Visitors Center, located at 113 Laurens St., Suite 107. The center features a gift shop full of Aiken County souvenirs,

local artisan gifts and information on the area. For more information on the Visitors Center, call 803-642-7557.

Outdoors/nature

The Silver Bluff Audubon Center and Sanctuary, located at 4542 Silver Bluff Road in Jackson, offers a variety of outdoor opportunities. The center and sanctuary covers 3,000 acres and is home to more than 200 species of birds, and several walking trails. The number to the center is 803-471-4291.

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Readers choose the news

Aiken Standard readers got the chance to play assignment editors this month in a "Choose the News" online poll. Visitors to the poll were asked to pick five story ideas they most wanted to see in their hometown newspaper. The first selection, How to Have a Vacation Without Leaving Aiken County, is featured today. The other winners, which will be featured over the next several weeks, were:

- The dining opportunities that are part of the Aiken experience
- How to plan for your retirement/death
- The history behind the Aiken Community Playhouse
- How/why is Aiken a "green" city?

More plans sought in Hitchcock widening

City votes to consider two more designs



STAFF PHOTO BY MAAYAN SCHECHTER

Kevin Gamit, project manager at S.C. Department of Transportation, answered questions as to when the parkway would be projected to finish, telling gallery members it three to four years, depending on the contractor.

BY MAAYAN SCHECHTER
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Aiken City Council unanimously voted Monday night to have the S.C. Department of Transportation come back with two design proposals for Hitchcock Parkway's widening for Council to agree upon.

Widening proposals to be brought back include two designs of the parkway, which will include a 45- and 55-mph option with complete vegetation. City Council expressed concern with SCDOT's presentation Monday night, asking why proposed plans for the parkway did not include concrete design plans. Kevin Gamit, project manager with SCDOT, said the main purpose of coming to Monday's Council meeting was to show the typical sections, with proposed improvements.



STAFF PHOTO BY MAAYAN SCHECHTER

A portion of a design introduced to City Council by the S.C. Department of

City outlines this year's projects

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Editor's note: This is the first of three articles in a series that delves into the budgets of local governing bodies. Today's article covers the City of Aiken's budget. Wednesday's article will focus on the School Board.

The City of Aiken will work with a budget of about \$51 million for this fiscal year.

The City approved the 2013-14 budget in June, a decrease from the past fiscal year's budget of about \$1.1 million. The City approved the budget, maintaining existing services, user fees based on full cost recovery, and the City has recorded no tax increases to the general fund in 23 years. Property taxes have also stayed the same.

"What Council has been able to do is keep property the same for 25 years," said Richard Pearce, Aiken city manager. "Council has agreed not to raise the tax."

This is an outline of the upcoming expenditures and projects taking place in the coming months.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism sees upgrades

The City of Aiken budget included two major changes to Parks, Recreation and Tourism expenditures, which are set to begin this fall. The budget last year was set at about \$3.5 million, and this year's budget, due to major projects, is about \$5 million.

This fiscal year budget includes repaving the walking track located at H. Odell Weeks Activities Center and replacing a leaky roof at The Smith-Hazel Recreation Center.

"Over the years, the walking track has gotten bumpy and sort of boiled up," Pearce said. "We're going to re-

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Council backs texting-while-driving ban

Beaufort County officials also vote down Solicitor's Office funds

By TOM BARTON

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Beaufort County Council overwhelmingly endorsed a proposal prohibiting drivers from texting while behind the wheel, but it split on whether to give an extra \$125,000 to the 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

At its meeting Monday in Beaufort, the council unanimously gave first-reading approval to bar motorists from composing, sending or reading electronic messages, such as texts or

emails, while driving. It does not prevent drivers from using GPS navigation or hands-free phone functions. It is nearly identical to an ordinance adopted last month by the Town of Hilton Head Island.

The ordinance needs to pass two more readings before becoming law and would apply only to unincorporated areas of the county.

Motorists asking for emergency service would be exempt under the ban. So would on-duty emergency responders, such as police and EMS

workers, who use mobile electronics as part of their official duties.

Those caught violating the ban could be charged with a misdemeanor and fined \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for a second offense and \$300 for third and subsequent offenses.

Neither council members nor the public discussed the ban at Monday's meeting. Instead, deliberations focused on whether to grant an additional \$125,000 to the Solicitor's Office.

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TEXTING BAN ENDORSED

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Motorists asking for emergency service would be exempt, as well as emergency responders.

PAULA DEEN LAWSUIT



Ruling: No standing to sue for race claims

By RUSS BYNUM

The Associated Press

SAVANNAH — A federal judge Monday threw out race discrimination claims by a former Savannah restaurant manager whose lawsuit against Paula Deen has already cost the celebrity cook a valuable chunk of her culinary empire.

Lisa Jackson sued Deen and her brother, Bubba Hiers, last year saying she suffered from sexual harassment and racially offensive talk and employment practices that were unfair to black workers during her five years as a manager of Uncle Bubba's Seafood and Oyster House. Deen is co-owner of the restaurant, which is primarily run by her brother.

But claims of race discrimination by Jackson, who is white, were gutted in the 20-page opinion by U.S. District Court Judge William T. Moore Jr. The judge agreed with lawyers for Deen and Hiers that Jackson has no standing to sue her former employers for what she claims was poor treatment of black workers, regardless of her claims that she was offended and placed under

DOCK PLAN RESURFACES

Extension into Beaufort River has been proposed



Several docks that end at a creek of the Beaufort River on The Point are shown Monday afternoon. A property owner wants permission to lengthen his dock to reach the deep water of the Beaufort River. The request is part of a plan that would grant other dock owners similar extensions.

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Five years after a homeowner last made a similar request, a resident of The Point neighborhood is asking to extend his dock across a creek to reach the main channel of the Beaufort River.

Scott Sonoe of Port Republic Street is seeking permission from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management to lengthen his dock from 104 feet to 306 feet. Some residents farther up the creek say the plan would limit their access

highways" that are free to access, but the contractor who would build the dock, Robert D. O'Quinn III, said the extensions would be constructed so that smaller vessels could still pass underneath.

The creek parallels the Beaufort River and is visible from the Richard V. Woods Memorial Bridge. Engineers have noted that the channel is silting, making it shallower, narrower and more difficult to navigate. Extensions would give dock owners access to deeper water.

PROPOSED DOCK EXTENSION

A property owner on The Point wants permission to lengthen his dock by 202 feet to reach the Beaufort River. The request is part of a plan that would grant other dock owners similar extensions.



SENTENCING POLICY

Holder: 'Reform a broken system'

The attorney general announces a series of incarceration revisions, but it is now up to Congress to modify the laws.

By MICHAEL DOYLE

McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Eric Holder announced a series of prison sentencing revisions Monday, but the really big action must take place on Capitol Hill and in individual states.



Holder

Calling widespread incarceration "both ineffective and unsustainable," Holder announced that he would direct federal prosecutors to avoid charging low-level, non-violent drug defendants

with crimes that trigger severe mandatory minimum sentences.

Still, most crimes will continue to be prosecuted at the state and local levels, where Holder's policy dictate has no force. And though he effectively denounced federal mandatory minimum prison sentences, it's up to Congress to change the tough-on-crime laws that, until now, have proved politically alluring.

"This is our solemn obligation, as stewards of the law and servants of those whom it protects and empowers, to open a frank and constructive dialogue about the need to reform a broken system," the attorney general said at an American Bar Association meeting in San Francisco.

The Justice Department's new charging policy won praise from groups that have long fought against mandatory

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The dangers of heat

A bulldog is in guarded condition at the Spartanburg Humane Society after Spartanburg Public Safety officers found it having a heat stroke inside a locked car at WestGate Mall Sunday. Thor, an 18-month-old bulldog, was showing telltale signs of heat stroke — he was panting heavily, breathing rapidly, drooling all over the car and appeared to be in shock. **PAGE C1**

Mob boss convicted

James "Whitey" Bulger, the feared Boston mob boss who became one of the nation's most-wanted fugitives, was convicted Monday in a string of 11 killings and dozens of other gangland crimes, many of them committed while he was said to be an FBI informant. **PAGE A5**

Something to prove

Kenjon Barner's draft day phone call came much later than anybody predicted, and despite his NFL dreams being realized, at that moment he also had another feeling. **PAGE B1**

Haley to run again

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley finally made it official Monday that she is running for re-election next year. **PAGE C3**

Olive coming soon

A slick, new business concept is headed downtown. Greenville entrepreneurs Sandy and Michael Burn will open Olive and Then Some, a taste-first retailer of premium olive oils and aged balsamic vinegars, in a 4,600-square-foot space at 124 Magnolia St. **PAGE D1**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Holder calls for new approach

As prisons overflow,
AG endorses changes
to sentencing methods

By PETE YOST
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With the U.S. facing massive overcrowding in its prisons, Attorney General Eric Holder called Monday for major changes to the nation's criminal justice system that would scale back the use of harsh sentences for certain drug-related crimes.

In remarks to the American Bar Association in San Francisco, Holder said he also favors diverting people convicted of low-level offenses to drug treatment and community service

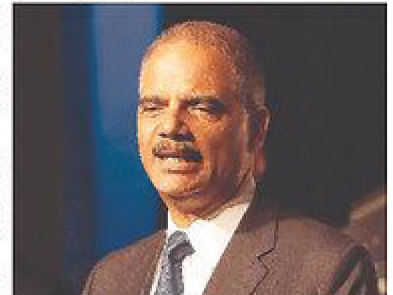
programs, and expanding a prison program to allow for release of some elderly, nonviolent offenders.

"We need to ensure that incarceration is used to punish, deter and rehabilitate — not merely to convict, warehouse and forget," Holder said.

In one important change, the attorney general said he's altering Justice Department policy so that low-level, nonviolent drug offenders with no ties to large-scale organizations, gangs or cartels won't be charged with offenses that impose mandatory minimum sentences.

Mandatory minimum prison sentences, a product of the government's war on drugs that began in the 1980s, limit the discretion of judges to impose shorter prison sentences.

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ERIC RISBERG/AP
U.S. Attorney Gen. Eric Holder speaks to the American Bar Association annual meeting on Monday in San Francisco.

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Paige Moore, 14, plays the flute during a Dorman High School Marching Cavaliers rehearsal held inside the school on Monday. The band rehearsed inside due to rain and lightning but was able to go back outside to finish its practice.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Deal could mean extending border fence

By CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, Texas — If

"It doesn't do what

she added.

The region's lawmakers appear to agree. Three Democratic con-

BMW denies bias in hiring

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BMW Manufacturing Co. says in a federal court filing that it did not engage in unlawful employment practices or deny access to employment opportunities on the basis of race.

The Spartanburg County automaker's filing came in response to a federal lawsuit filed by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in June. The EEOC accused BMW of violating former employees' civil rights with criminal background checks that have a "disparate impact on black employees and applicants."

The EEOC alleged that "BMW disproportionately screened out African-Americans from jobs, and that the policy is not job related and consistent with business necessity," according to a written statement from the agency.

BMW has asked the court to dismiss the lawsuit and order the EEOC to pay its attorneys' fees, among other requests.

BMW concedes in its response that employees with UTI Integrated Logistics Inc., a former BMW contractor, provided logistics services. BMW alleges that more

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UNTIL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL RETURNS

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Man on trial for fire that killed 2 children

Testimony begins for Sumter apartment blaze that shook community in March 2012

BY ROBERT J. BAKER
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Testimony began Monday afternoon at the Sumter County Judicial Center in the state's case against a 53-year-old man charged with two counts of murder and first-degree arson.

Timothy D. Dingle is accused of setting fire to Apt. 62 of Lantana Apartments on Carolina Circle in Sumter shortly before 11:30 p.m.

March 27, 2012. Aaliyah Jackson, 10, and her brother, Robert Jackson, 11, later died from smoke and heat inhalation sustained in the blaze.

Third Circuit Assistant Solicitor John P. Meadors told 3rd Circuit Judge George C. James out of the jury's presence on Monday that he has several witnesses that will testify to



DINGLE

hearing Dingle threatening to burn the apartment down during a fight with Elizabeth Young, the children's mother.

Shaunte Williams, Young's goddaughter, testified that shortly before they heard fire truck sirens, Young also told her that Dingle threatened to set fire to the home.

"She came to my home (also on Carolina Avenue) to bring back my (youngest daughter at the time)," Williams told jurors. "I could see

she was upset. She had tears in her eyes ... and I asked her what was wrong and she told me Julio (Dingle's nickname) had threatened to burn down the house when they were arguing."

Sumter Fire Department senior fireman H. Lyde Wescott and engineer Christopher Geddings both testified Monday that they had to locate the children in an upstairs bedroom by feeling around the room. They said a

thermal imaging camera was useless because of the heat in the room. The fire was allegedly started in an adjacent bedroom to the one used by the children.

"The children's bed was on the other side of the wall from the fire room," Wescott said.

Wescott reported that Aaliyah was unconscious and limp as he took her to Sumter EMS. She died four days later

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Grant helps single mom get apartment

BY JADE ANDERSON
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Call it "an act of God," "divine providence" or "God's will."

Melissa calls it home.

"It was awesome,"

the 41-year-old said.

"Everyone I talked to

was really nice and

wanting to help. I'm

overwhelmed. It's very

hard to let people do all

this stuff because I'm

always the one doing

stuff, but I'm very

grateful for it all."

She is the first bene-

ficiary of an Emergency Solutions Grant from the S.C. Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity. She moved into her Sumter apartment early last week.

"Primarily, we are able to help with deposit money for a permanent home, two months rent and deposit for utilities in their name," said Kirk Heuring, resident coordinator at Any Length Residential Recovery

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Christian friends speak to Melissa at her apartment warming party Thursday at a local church. She said she is

Cox talks future of health care



PHOTOS BY BRADEN BUNCH / THE ITEM

ABOVE: Jay Cox, left, speaks with Rotarian Phillip Reed after his presentation to the Sumter Rotary Club in which he addressed concerns about impending changes to federal medical care laws on Monday afternoon.

BELOW: Tony Barwick, left, and Jay Cox talk at the meeting on Monday.

Tuomey CEO addresses local Obamacare questions

BY BRADEN BUNCH
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Tuomey Healthcare System CEO Jay Cox said Monday he fears the pending changes in federal medical law could lead to much longer waits for some patients to receive health care and potentially lead to businesses choosing to end their insurance programs.

Speaking to the Sumter Rotary Club at the O'Donnell House, the head of the local hospital said the impact of the Affordable Care Act, commonly referred to as Obamacare, cannot yet be truly determined, because many of the regulations to enforce the legislation have yet



effect in less than five months.

"There are literally thousands of pages of regulations still to be written over the next several years," Cox said. "We still don't know for sure what it's going to mean to us."

consequences, Cox said, is what happens when the combination of the law's insurance exchanges is paired up with the fines businesses can face for not providing insurance plans for their employees.



KIDS@PLAY Soccer clinic teaches basics to children of all ages. **Page 10B**

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Florence City Council

Debate over racial, economic disparities overshadows agenda

Packed meeting and spirited opinions lead to three hour council meeting

BY LINDSAY S. BUCHANAN
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FLORENCE — In a meeting that started off by acknowledg-

ing and honoring city employees, recreation department athletes and the granting of a key to the city, Monday's Florence City Council regular meeting had a decided change of tone when

it progressed to more than two hours of debate over economic and racial disparities among the city's citizens.

Council's new chambers were filled to capacity as City employees and citizens listened to council grant length of service awards to a number of employees and then acknowledge the Recreation Department's award-

winning sports teams.

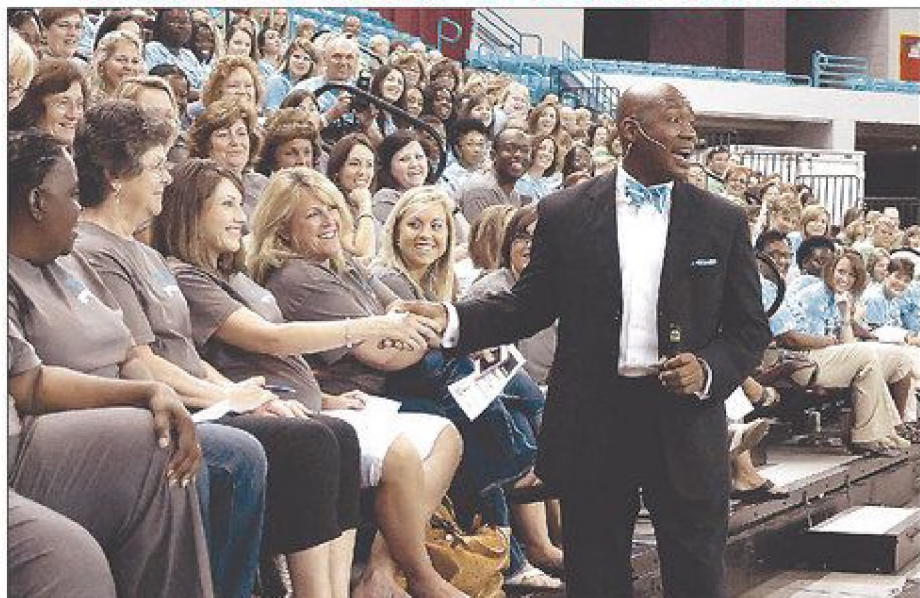
The mood was still light as Councilman Robby Hill granted a key to the city to Florence native and Wilson High School graduate Ben Ingram for his recent winning streak on the game show Jeopardy.

However, when the agenda turned to more serious matters, the atmosphere turned decid-

edly tense as multiple residents presented their grievances to council on everything ranging from racial and economic disparities between North Florence and other areas of the city to a request for council to grant \$50,000 to the Weed and Seed Safe Haven program conducted

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PEP RALLY FIRES UP SCHOOL STAFF



PHOTOS BY ELLEN MITCHELL FOR MORNING NEWS

At Florence School District 1's staff convocation Monday, keynote speaker Kenston J. Griffin meets and jokes with Ashleigh Schultz, a third-grade teacher at McLaurin, who also happens to be past her due date. Fellow teachers laughed as he paused his speech to beseech Schultz not to go into labor during the event. The annual convocation, one part staff development and one part pep rally, was held at the Florence Civic Center to get the district's 2,159 employees excited and motivated for the new school year, which begins for students in one week on Monday, Aug. 19.



Mary Bryant, Wilson High School's school psychologist, Sandra Wallace, the Wilson Learning disability department chair, and Cathy Bouras, a science teacher at South Florence High, catch up and laugh before the start of Florence 1's staff convocation.



Teachers and staff from Lucy T. Davis Elementary School cheer during the Florence 1 convocation.

Haley to run again

The Associated Press

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Haley

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Politicians show support for Timmonsville clerk

Timmonsville mayor and Florence City councilman say no third trial needed

BY TRACI BRIDGES

ville town clerk who is set to be

Jackson and Robinson held a press conference in Timmonsville Monday morning to show support for Wash-

— not convicted, and now you're going to try her a third time?" Robinson, a member of Al Sharpton's National Action Network, said. "It's unpre-



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Governor's intent to run for 2nd term confirmed

By JEFFREY COLLINS
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Gov. Haley

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Woman takes home \$200K in S.C. lottery

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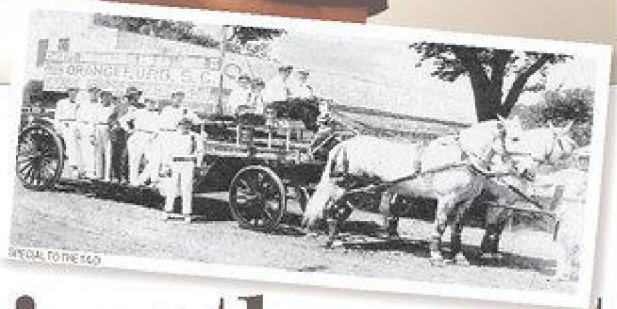
A St. Matthews man who was out of town last week got some exciting news when his wife texted him a picture of a winning \$200,000 lottery ticket.

The woman, who has asked not to be identified, purchased the \$10 Golden Spades ticket from the Quick Payout on



CHRISTOPHER HUFF/160

Orangeburg Department of Public Safety Inspector Darryl Dantzer talks about the history of the agency as depicted in photographs that line the department's main hallway.



SPECIAL TO THE 160

Picturing the past

A century of stories behind police, fire service come to life at ODPS

By RICHARD WALKER
T&D Staff Writer

Before fire alarms and a central dispatcher there was another system in place to alert emergency personnel of danger. The first person to spot a fire pulled out their handgun and fired three quick shots into the air.

"That was the 911 call, and someone would run over and ring the fire bell," Orangeburg Department of Public Safety Inspector Darryl Dantzer said.

The story of the circa 1900 fire alarm system for Orangeburg is one of many anecdotes ODPS officers have shaken from the agency's history tree.

Their effort began two years ago when the agency decided bare walls inside the Middleton Street facility needed a bit of decor. To line its main hallway, the staff chose to use photographs that depicted the history of the department.

Some of the black and white photos date back to the 19th century. The photographs are displayed in chronological order, with the fire department on one side and police on the other. The photos then move forward through time up

to the era when the agency became the combined public safety department of today. The smaller photograph above shows the Elliott Hook and Ladder Company, one of four fire companies that protected the city until the Orangeburg Fire Department was formed in 1920.

There's the meter maids of the late 1950s and early 1960s in one photograph, and one of the early horse-drawn fire engines.

In a couple of photos, there's Tom and Fly, two white horses who pulled the fire equipment for the Elliott Hook and Ladder Company, one of the four original fire companies in Orangeburg.

Some of the photos are more somber. They show the potential cost the safety officers may pay through photos of funerals for officers who have fallen while performing that service. ODPS Chief Wendell Davis said the hall of history serves to remind the officers today of their long-standing tradition and service to the community.

"It's recognizing our past," he said. But the project wasn't over as the last picture

was straightened. It'd actually just began.

Called the department's unofficial archivist, Dantzer kept investigating to fill in the gaps between the pictures to determine who the officers and firemen were.

The process turned up a wealth of information and trivia culled from city council minutes, archived newspaper articles and documents from the Orangeburg County Historical Society.

One transcript from a council meeting indicates the person who reached the fire bell and rang it first upon hearing the three gunshots was paid \$1 for doing so.

The city didn't have an organized fire department until an 1854 blaze wiped out the downtown business district. The following year, the Young Americans fire company was formed. Later came the Elliott Hook and Ladder Company, East End Reel Company and the African-American firefighters called the Phoenix Hose Company.

The companies became the Orangeburg Fire Department in 1920.

The darker side of the research has discovered



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Police: Man charged in one robbery, is suspect in another

By GENE ZALESKI
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"The investigation - she refused to give him the keys to the apartment.

drop him off at the Beaumont Inn after they left Reid's and was told

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