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THE BUDGET

Haley signs
\$1 billion
roads bill

Governor to issue
vetoes Tuesday;
kindergarten, arts
in crosshairs?

By ADAM BEAM
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After Gov. Nikki Haley signed into law Monday a bill pledging to spend close to \$1 billion over the next 10 years to repair S.C. roads, state Department of Transportation Secretary Robert St. Onge said what a lot of people were thinking.

"You can count on the fact that it's not enough," he said.

Transportation officials say the state needs \$29 billion in new spending over the next 20 years to meet its road maintenance needs.



Haley

ONLINE

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Haley's
vetoes
online
Tuesday at
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The bill Haley signed into law, which includes spending half of the state's income from auto sales taxes on road repairs, would generate close to \$1 billion in new spending. But Haley, the first-term

Republican governor getting ready to launch her reelection campaign, said the news is not what South Carolina does not have but what it does have.

"What you saw today is a commitment to infrastructure. That's something we haven't seen in years," Haley said. "Let's celebrate that. Why can't we just be happy?"

The new spending on roads was a key part of a budget compromise that lawmakers approved last week. Haley declined to say Monday if she would veto the other part of that compromise: an expansion of the state's 4-year-old kindergarten program for low-income students, pushed by her chief political rival, state Sen. Vincent Sheheen, D-Kershaw.

Haley has until midnight Tuesday to issue vetoes. "To be continued, as Mark Sanford always said," she said Monday.

The bill Haley signed into law, accompanied by other provisions in the state's \$22.7 billion budget, would give the Transporta-

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BUILDING OUR CITY

Bull Street's \$70 million future?
Reactions mixed on agreement

Backers call it a game changer; skeptics want more details

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The long-awaited agreement that spells out Columbia's public investment in the proposed Bull Street neighborhood carries a price tag that likely will reach \$70 million, but it includes pledges by the developers to produce what they propose.

City Council will vote during the next two weeks on the 130-plus-page document and on an initial commitment of at least \$31.25 million in public

money during a 20-year construction schedule.

First-blush reaction from some community leaders to Monday's release of the development agreement for the massive, mixed-use project is favorable. But already, doubts and objections are surfacing.

"It's a bold move forward," said Mayor Steve Benjamin, who has been involved in face-to-face negotiations with Greenville developer Bob

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BY THE NUMBERS

\$31.25 million

Commitment to install water, sewer, roads, etc.

\$20 million

Estimated cost of two parking garages

\$20 million

Estimated cost of a baseball stadium

THE LEGION OF HONOR



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PARKOUR MAKES GAINS



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TUITION GOING UP

It will cost more for students to attend Clemson, 4A

FINAL EDITION

More road funds linked to fixes

Haley wants to see how money spent before backing more

By Tim Smith
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COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley says she wants to see how officials handle this year's road and bridge money before deciding whether to support a push for more.

Haley made her comments

after signing a transportation funding bill that could raise more than \$700 million for roads and bridges.

The governor said she wants to see if the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank, which will issue bonds for the biggest amount of the new money, follows the state's priority system, known as Act 114, before push-

ing for any more infrastructure funding.

"I think what we need to do first of all is make sure we stay within Act 114," she said. "It was a great bill that says all of the roads have to be done by priority. So that's something we're going to watch to make sure that happens."

Haley, who said the recur-



Haley

ring dollars in the legislation will add up to \$1 billion over 10 years, added that such an amount "is a lot of money."

"I've always said a great economy is in a state that has a lot of orange cones everywhere," she said.

"I want to see some orange

cones. I want to see some things happening. And I want to make sure that the industries that are here and the ones that continue to come here see our commitment to business and see our commitment to jobs."

A task force appointed by the state Department of Transportation last year estimated the state needs \$29 billion over 20 years to bring roads and bridges

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Other lists used in review, chief says

It wasn't only Tea Party groups

By Deirdre Shesgreen
Greenville-Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Internal Revenue Service agents in Cincinnati used additional "inappropriate" lists to flag certain tax-exempt applications for extra scrutiny, IRS Principal Deputy Commissioner Danny Werfel said Monday.

The IRS has acknowledged that the Cincinnati field office, which reviews all tax-exempt applications, used a "be on the lookout" list — or BOLO list — that included words such as "tea party" and "patriot" to determine which groups should be subject to heightened scrutiny.

But an internal IRS probe has turned up similar lists, which were in use by tax-exempt screeners when he took over as IRS chief at the end of May, Werfel said Monday. He declined to say what criteria or terms were on the additional lists, although he suggested they cast a wide net.

"There were a series of these types of lists being used in this part of the IRS as part of their review of tax-exempt applications," Werfel said. "We believe there continued to be inappropriate or questionable criteria on these BOLO lists."

An internal IRS document

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INSIDE

DUKE: UPGRADES
COST \$3.3B

\$17.83 INCREASE
PER 1000KW HOURS

600 SIGNATURES
OF PROTEST



Barbara Keeton addresses the Public Service Commission during a hearing regarding a proposed Duke Energy rate increase. H-801
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DUKE RATE PLAN RILES RESIDENTS

If approved, it would be
third increase since 2010



nesses, most of them in the Upstate. Duke says it has spent \$3.3 billion for capital improvements to its electricity system in the Carolinas since

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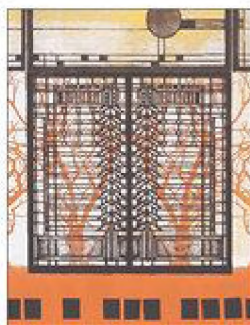
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'Mature Times' offers tips on volunteering in Aiken
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AREA DEATHS

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Iris Hardin Tuner, North Augusta
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WEATHER



Local veteran gets Legion of Honor



The French Ambassador to the United States, François Delattre, left, awarded the Legion of Honor to Aiken resident Richard Wayne Jolley in Charleston on Monday.

World War II veteran Jolley given France's highest award

BY DEDE BILES
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Something special happened to Richard Wayne Jolley on Monday afternoon. The Aiken resident was among seven World War II veterans from South Carolina who received France's highest award, the Legion of Honor, during a ceremony at the Dock Street Theatre in Charleston.

Recognized for their help in liberating France, the group's members also included Army Coast Artillery Corps veteran Ernest "Fritz" Hollings, a former Palmetto State Governor and U.S. Senator. The

French ambassador to the United States, François Delattre, presented the awards.

"I'm real proud," Jolley told the *Aiken Standard* soon after being notified earlier this month that he would be a Legion of Honor recipient.

Jolley, 88, is an Army veteran who served as an infantry rifleman. He earned a Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster and the Bronze Star Medal during his military career. He entered the service in December 1943 and was honorably discharged in December 1945 as a Private First Class.

Jolley arrived in Normandy in France five weeks after D-Day in

July 1944. He was wounded in August when shrapnel from artillery fire hit him in a thigh and damaged a finger.

After recuperating in England, Jolley returned to action. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and he also crossed the Ruhr and Rhine rivers in Germany.

Wounded again by shrapnel, Jolley lost the triceps muscle in one of his arms and part of a shoulder blade. He also lost two ribs, one because of surgery and the other because of damage caused by shrapnel.

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More forgery alleged in Compass case

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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Brooks

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The complainant, a North Augusta resident, told officers he wrote two checks to Jay Brooks of Brooks Financial to go toward bonds for Compass Academy, the private school Brooks was trying to start along with his wife Tracy, according to a police report. The checks

were written for \$30,000 and \$180,209.62. "The complainant said that he had been contacted by the Attorney General about Jay Brooks and was told to file a report," the report stated.

The complainant told officers he had contacted Brooks regarding the checks "and (Brooks) was unable to provide (the victim) with any paperwork concerning his previous checks," according to the report. The alleged victim said one of his bonds had matured, the report stated, but that Brooks never sent him a check for that amount.

The complainant also alleged that Brooks forged his name on several documents, and pointed out to police how the signatures on the documents did not match the signature on the back of the complainant's driver's license, according to the report.

Brooks, his wife and his companies, J. Brooks Financial and Brooks Real Estate Holdings, are accused by the S.C. Attorney General of illegally selling unregistered securities to fund the establishment of Compass Academy.

They are also accused by the Securities Division of the Attorney General's Office of using those funds to buy groceries, their home, vacations and jewelry, rather than investing them.

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Haley signs bill that could bring \$1B to S.C. roads

BY JEFFREY COLLINS
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — After years of being left out of the state's spending plans for its extra revenue, South Carolina's roads and bridges are finally getting some additional money. But it's not as much as the people who

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Widow files lawsuit against suspect

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danger guests.

Instead, the lawsuit states a drunken Richard Santee had easy access to weapons and "recklessly" shot James Piotrowski during an argument.

According to a Beaufort County Sheriff's Office investigation, Richard Santee placed the gun on the

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IN BEAUFORT

Suspect sought for attempted murder SURRENDERS



Members of the Beaufort Police Department take Timothy R. Sponar into custody after he turned himself in Monday afternoon. A warrant was issued for his arrest for attempted murder after Sponar allegedly shot at a car in downtown Beaufort early Friday morning.

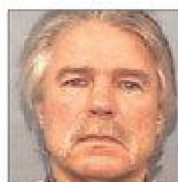
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A Mount Pleasant man accused of shooting at a car in downtown Beaufort early Friday turned himself in to city of Beaufort Police on Monday and was charged with attempted murder.

Timothy R. Sponar, 59, suspected of shooting at a car at about midnight near the intersection of West and Port Republic streets, was escorted out of police headquarters in custody at about 4:30 p.m. Monday.

Sponar was taken to the Beaufort County Detention Center for booking, where he was being held without bond for prosecution Monday night.

Attorney Harvey McCormick III of Beaufort said Sponar turned himself in and has "nothing to hide." McCormick declined further comment.



Timothy Sponar

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TRAYVON MARTIN CASE

Defendant: Killer or victim?

The two sides of the court painted dueling portraits of George Zimmerman during opening arguments on Monday.

By KYLE HIGHTOWER
and MIKE SCHNEIDER
The Associated Press

SANFORD, Fla. — George Zimmerman was fed up with "punks" getting away with crime and shot 17-year-old Trayvon Martin "because he wanted to," not because he had to, prosecutors argued Monday, while the neighborhood watch volunteer's attorney said the killing was self-defense against a young man who was slamming Zimmerman's head against the pavement.



Zimmerman



Martin

The prosecution began opening statements in the long-awaited murder trial with shocking language, repeating obscenities Zimmerman uttered while talking to a police dispatcher moments before the deadly confrontation.

The defense opened with a knock-knock joke about the difficulty of picking a jury for a case that stirred nationwide debate over racial profiling, vigilantism and Florida's expansive laws on the use of deadly force.

"Knock, Knock," said defense attorney Don West.

"Who is there?"

"George Zimmerman."

"George Zimmerman who?"

"All right, good. You're on the jury." Zimmerman, 29, could get life in prison if convicted of second-degree murder for gunning down Martin on Feb. 26, 2012, as the unarmed black teenager, wearing a hoodie on a dark, rainy night, walked from a convenience store through the gated townhouse community where he was staying.

The case took on racial dimensions after Martin's family claimed that Zim-

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Ethanol's promise, peril

E15, a new blend of fuel,
fires up a controversy **D1**

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Updating outreach

Missionaries of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will do less door-to-door proselytizing, instead using the Internet to recruit new church members. The strategy shift reflects the growing importance of social media, church leaders say. **PAGE A3**

Sorry for movie

Actor Jim Carrey is distancing himself from his own movie, saying the Sandy Hook Elementary massacre changed his perspective on the violence in his upcoming action comedy. **PAGE A2**

Agency swamped

Social Security is approving disability benefits at strikingly high rates for people whose claims were rejected by field offices or state agencies, House investigators say. Claims have increased by 25 percent since 2007, pushing the fund that supports the disability program to the brink. **PAGE A6**

\$1B for roads

Gov. Nikki Haley signs a bill to raise up to \$1 billion over the next 10 years to improve South Carolina's roads and bridges. **PAGE C1**

SC losing ground

South Carolina ranks better than just five states when it comes to the overall well-being of its children. The state slipped two spots from last year's report. **PAGE C3**

CITY COUNCIL

\$49 million budget passes with worker raises, tax hike

By **LYNNE P. SHACKLEFORD**
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Spartanburg City Council unanimously passed on final reading the 2013-14 budget. It includes a slight tax increase and marginal employee pay increases.

Council approved a budget that includes a \$33.6 million general fund operating budget with no discussion. The entire budget, including enterprise and special revenue funds, is \$49 million and goes into effect July 1.

Councilwoman Cate Ryba, executive director of Hub-Bub, abstained from the vote because the organization receives Hospitality Tax funds included in the budget.

Employees will receive a 1 percent pay raise, but half of that will be absorbed by a state-mandated increase in employee

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Developer Pace Burt gave City Council an overview of his renovation plans for the Schuyler building. Council agreed to designate the property for a Special Assessment for Rehabilitated Historic Property for at least five years.

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US asks for help to snag fugitive

White House wants allies, rivals to deny asylum to Snowden

By **LARA JAKES**
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. grasped for help Monday from both adversaries and uneasy allies in an effort to catch fugitive National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden. The White House demanded that he be denied asylum, blasted China for letting him go and urged Russia to "do the right thing" and send him back to America to face espionage charges.

Snowden was believed to be in Russia, where he fled Sunday after weeks of hiding out in Hong Kong following his disclosure of the broad scope of two highly classified counterterrorism surveillance programs to two newspapers. The programs collect vast amounts of Americans' phone records and worldwide online data in the name of national security.

Snowden had flown from Hong Kong to Russia, and was expected to fly early Monday to Havana, from where he would continue on to Ecuador, where he has applied for asylum. But he didn't get on that plane, and his exact whereabouts were unclear.

The founder of WikiLeaks, the secret-spilling organization that has embraced Snowden, said the American was only passing through Russia on his way to an unnamed destination to avoid the reach of U.S. authorities. Julian Assange said Snowden had applied for asylum in Ecuador, Iceland and possibly other countries.

Despite its diplomatic tough talk, the U.S. faces considerable difficulty in securing cooperation on Snowden from nations with whom it has chilly relations.

The White House said Hong Kong's refusal to detain Snowden had "unquestionably" hurt relations between the United States



Snowden

raycin Dillard, 5, enjoys eating a



Kids' ability to succeed

South Carolina ranks 45th in well-being of its children, **2A**

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Mayor candidate arrested in 2007

Charges against Saluda hopeful were never prosecuted

By **FRANK BUMB**
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Saluda mayoral candidate Richard Logan, one of three candidates in today's election, was arrested April 13, 2007, on

charges of voyeurism, aggravated voyeurism, criminal sexual exploitation of a minor in the first degree, possession with intent to distribute marijuana within proximity of a school/ park and possession with intent

to distribute marijuana, according to documents obtained Monday from the Town of Saluda.

The majority of those charges, however, were never prosecuted by the 11th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

Logan asserted his desire not to comment.

"Call my lawyer," Logan said. "I didn't do anything then. It wasn't anything but trumped up charges."

Logan named Jerry M. Screen

as his attorney. Calls to Screen were not returned as of press time.

Arrest

The arrest stemmed from a complaint made by a then-17-year-old female April 2, 2007. According to an April 11, 2007,

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RICHARD LOGAN

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THE WORK GOES ON

After first year, Gale reflects and moves on to next

By **MICHELLE LAXER**
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Not even the end of a school year brings solace to a school principal. Kindergarten graduation, fifth-grade send-off, a faculty vs. student kickball game, year-end luncheons and teacher check-outs kept Eleanor S. Rice Elementary School's first-year principal

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Julian Gale, principal at Pinecrest Elementary School, works with a student.

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Editor's note: Today marks the fourth and final article of an occasional series on first-year Rice Elementary School principal Julian Gale. Throughout the school year, Index-Journal staff writer Michelle Laxer writes about Gale's journey as a first-year administrator in Greenwood District 50.

GREENWOOD COUNTY

Will the 2014 budget pass?

Council to consider third reading at meeting tonight

By **CHRIS TRAINOR**
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After months of wrangling and hours upon hours of discussion, Greenwood County Council could pass the county's 2014 fiscal year operations budget tonight.

Council will host a called meeting at 5:30 p.m. today at Greenwood County Library. As part of that called meeting, Council will consider third reading on the county's operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2014, and it will also consider third reading on an ordinance to levy tax to support the public school districts in Greenwood County for fiscal year 2014.

As currently proposed, the county's general fund budget is balanced at \$19.26 million, with county millage staying steady at 74.3 mills. The budget does not call for a tax increase.

While the budget is balanced as proposed, it has not arrived at tonight's third reading without



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ROBBIE TEMPLETON

Three candidates vie for open seats

McCormick residents will see three on ballot for school board election

By **MICHELLE LAXER**
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According to previous board policy, when a vacated seat became

agreed on how board members chose nominees for the seat. Mann

Mann's nominations were moot. Chiles is a lifelong resident of



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Baer to resign from council at end of July

Announcement follows a 6-5 vote approving Beaufort County's \$99.35 million budget

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Beaufort County Councilman Steve Baer announced Monday that he will resign at the end of July.

Baer, who represents a Hilton Head Island district, has shown mounting

frustration with county priorities and decision making over the past six months, occasionally butting heads with administrators and fellow council members on budgeting practices, library hours and airports, among other issues.

"Of late, I have become increasingly

frustrated with a system that has become less analytic and less transparent," he said. "I believe there is not much more I can help the council accomplish."

The announcement, which followed a 6-5 vote approving the \$99.35 million, 2013-14 county budget, stunned fellow council members. The budget takes

effect July 1.

Councilman Rick Caporale said he was not prepared for the news and will be sorry to see Baer step down.

"I am flabbergasted," he said. "We certainly never discussed it, and if we had, I would have done everything in my power to discourage him."

Councilman William McBride, who has served more than 30 years on the council, said he can't recall a member suddenly resigning during open session.



Baer

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VIGILANTE OR VICTIM?

Attorneys for and against Zimmerman make their cases as trial in Trayvon Martin case opens



JOE BURBANK • Orlando Sentinel

Tracy Martin, the father of Trayvon Martin, cries as he listens to the description of his son's death during opening statements in the George Zimmerman trial Monday in Seminole circuit court in Sanford, Fla. Seated with him are Sybrina Fulton, Trayvon's mother, left, and Daryl Parks, a family attorney.

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TRIAL SUMMARY

- **THE CASE:** George Zimmerman, 29, is charged with second-degree murder in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin, 17.
- **THE PROSECUTION:** John Guy, a prosecutor, portrayed Zimmerman, the neighborhood watch captain, as a vigilante. Zimmerman didn't have to shoot Martin, Guy said. "He shot him for the worst of all reasons: because he wanted to."
- **THE DEFENSE:** Lawyers



Martin at age 14



Zimmerman

for Zimmerman say Martin sucker-punched Zimmerman and then pounded the neighborhood watch volunteer's head against the concrete sidewalk, and that's when Zimmerman opened fire.

AT BRAY'S ISLAND PLANTATION

Widow files suit against suspect

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KIDS@PLAY Youths learn finer points of baseball at camp. **Page 10B**

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Performing Arts Center sees profit for second year

Successful centerpiece of downtown revitalization sees slight dip in revenue but remains self-sufficient

BY SYDNEY PATTERSON
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Morning News

FLORENCE — For the second year since its grand opening in 2011, the Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center has finished with its finances securely in the black.

"The bottom line is that for the second year in our existence, we've also ended the year in a profit mode," said Francis Marion University President Fred Carter.

The PAC turned a profit of \$50,018 for the 2012-13 season, a slight dip from the first year's profit of \$54,702. The center's total income — \$311,380 — is down from \$388,922 last year, but so are its total expenses — \$261,362 from last year's \$334,220.

Carter said 24,701 people attended events at the center this year, which is also slightly below the 25,000 that attended last year.

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Laura Sims, director of the Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center, and FMU President Fred Carter speak at a press conference for the Francis Marion Performing Arts Center. The press conference covered the center's financial standing at the end of its second year. "The bottom line is that for the second year in our existence, we've also ended the year in a profit mode," Carter said.

SYDNEY PATTERSON/MORNING NEWS

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION



PHOTOS BY PERRECA J. DUCKER/MORNING NEWS

Makayla Jackson heads to home plate during a game of kickball during camp. For 10 years, the Florence Police Department has been hosting a summer camp for children, previously known as the Florence Police Department Basketball Camp. This year, the camp has been renamed the Physical Fitness Excellence Program. "We thought we could get more kids involved if we offered more than basketball," Lt. George Mack said. The camp, which runs for eight weeks over the summer, will feature a different sport each week along with classroom life-skills lessons.

Officer Shelly Fennell runs with campers Kasi Dozier (left) and Briana Washington during lap time at camp. Mornings at the camp start with breakfast and reading time followed by classroom lessons and different types of sports each week.



Makayla Jackson and Marquis Mack cheer as they take the field during a game of kickball.

Poverty biggest issue for SC kids

Pee Dee, like state, nation, shows modest signs of improvement for child well-being, but economy lags

BY ELLEN MEDER
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South Carolina ranks at the bottom of the nation, above only five states, when it comes to the overall well-being of children, according to a national report released Monday, and many of the troubling trends hold true in the Pee Dee.

According to the annual Kids Counts survey from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the state slipped two spots from last year to 45th overall in children's ability to succeed.

Though the calculations include a variety of factors, the biggest are economics, education and health. Though

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Police seek suspects in Sunday shooting

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FLORENCE — A Florence man was arrested Monday and charged with accessory after the fact to murder in connection with a weekend shooting.

Dewayne Lamar Burr of 442 E. Old Marlon Hwy. turned himself in to police Monday, Florence Police Maj. Carlos Raines said.



Darlington school board chooses new superintendent

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DARLINGTON — During a visit in late May in which he

special-called meeting Monday night to extend an invitation to the 32-year veteran of education to become the su-



perintendent for the district.

Moments after the vote, Board Chairman Warren Jeffords called Ingram at home with the news, Jeffords then

14 years as superintendent for the job," Jeffords said. "He comes to us from a district that faces very similar challenges and has done a tremendous job. He will fit in very well in Darlington County."



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Kidnappers
or hunters?

SHANNON E. SAMUEL
Shannon E. Samuel, 35, of North East, Md. is charged with two counts of kidnapping following a May 21 incident.



COREY W. NEWKIRK
Corey W. Newkirk, 35, of Hendrum, Minn., center, is represented at his preliminary hearing by attorneys Corey Williams, left, and Virgin Johnson, right. See footage from Monday's preliminary hearing at TheTandD.com/gallery.

Lawyers: Suspects had right to take wanted man

By RICHARD WALKER
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A preliminary hearing for two out-of-state men claiming to be bounty hunters and charged with kidnapping hit a snag when defense attorneys argued the men had the authority to take a South Carolina man from his home.

Orangeburg County Magistrate Rob Clariday ordered the hearing to be rescheduled to give the court time to ponder a stack of case law introduced at Monday's hearing.

"At this point, there's a good bit of material I need to read," he said.

No date has been set for a new hearing, but

it could be held within the next 10 days.

Corey W. Newkirk, 35, of Hendrum, Minn., and Shannon E. Samuel, 35, of North East, Md. were both charged on May 21 with two counts of kidnapping after authorities claim a man and his 7-year-old son were forcefully taken from their Orangeburg County residence.

The men claim to be bounty hunters who were taking David Smith of Eastville to face a drunk driving charge and what prosecutors called "minor drug charges" in Florida.

Prosecutors say the case comes down to whether or not someone can enter the Palmetto State and snatch someone from their home, saying the out-of-staters had no authority or jurisdiction to take anyone.

Assistant Solicitor Harrison Bell said the charges of kidnapping against the men are based on South Carolina law, which says in part that no one can act as a bondsman unless they're properly licensed.

Defense attorneys Virgin Johnson and Corey Williams, representing Newkirk, and Sen. Brad Hutto, representing Samuel, argued that state law doesn't specifically address out-of-state bondsmen.

"There's no way it's kidnapping," Johnson said. "What should be happening is an apology. Everyone makes mistakes, they need to

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Woman flown
to hospital
after stabbing
Suspect located after
search of neighborhood

By RICHARD WALKER
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An Orangeburg woman has been charged with attempted murder after authorities say she stabbed an acquaintance over accusations of a sexual tryst with her boyfriend.

Authorities said Terri Lynn Maynard, 42, of 5096 Coburg Lane, has been charged in connection with an early morning stabbing of a Willie Road woman.

The woman who was stabbed was taken by medical helicopter to a Columbia hospital around 12:10 a.m. Monday.

The 42-year-old woman suffered a stab wound to the abdomen. When authorities found her, she "had what appeared to be a steak knife, with a silver in color handle, imbedded to its hilt, in her lower torso," according to the report.

Emergency Medical Services stabilized the woman at the scene, leaving the knife in place before moving her to a landing zone. She was then flown to Palmetto Health Richard.

Her condition is unknown.

Deputies arriving at the Willie Road residence found the woman standing in her yard. She said that just before midnight, a female came to her home accusing her of having a sexual relationship with the female's boyfriend, according to an Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office incident report.

According to the woman who was stabbed, the female yelled an obscenity at her and said, "You know that you are messing with my man. Now you're going to pay."

She said the woman then pulled out the steak knife and stabbed her in the abdomen before fleeing across her yard. The woman said she knew her assailant but didn't know where she lived. She did know she lived somewhere nearby.

Authorities brought out K-9 units, which tracked in the direction the female was said to have fled while more deputies arrived.

Orangeburg County Sheriff's tracking units trailed the suspect to a Haskell Lane home nearby where she tried to hide from authorities, they said. The K-9 teams detained her inside the residence until investigators could arrive.

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Haley signs bill that could
bring \$1B to S.C. roads

By JEFFREY COLLINS
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COLUMBIA — After years of being left out of the state's spending plans for its extra revenue, South Carolina's

is not enough. But it is a great step in the right direction. I am a half-full guy, not a half-empty guy," DOT Director Robert St. Orge said.

Haley said people need to concentrate on what has been done instead

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