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Subject: NC slips from top spot on Site Selection business-climate list; SC rising - Charlotte Business Journal

FYI

Bobby Hitt
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http://www.bizjournals.com/charlotte/blog/outside_the_loop/2013/11/nc-slips-from-top-in-site-selection.html?ana=e_du_pub&s=article_du&ed=2013-11-04

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Afternoon Clips – Monday, November 4, 2013

South Carolina News:

Island Packet: Sanford, immigration coalition discuss comprehensive reform
<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/11/04/2773168/sanford-immigration-coalition.html>

Zach Murdock

U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford and members of the Lowcountry Immigration Coalition met Monday morning to discuss the 1st District Republican's views on comprehensive immigration reform. Eight coalition members made the case for reform to the congressman, who does not back the bill the U.S. Senate passed in June, which would amp up border security and create a 13-year wait for citizenship for the country's 11 million undocumented immigrants. However, Sanford said he will continue to consider the issue and committed to attending one of the coalition's town hall meetings to discuss reform with some of Beaufort County's Hispanic community.

Sun News: State Sen. Cleary accusing failed Beach First National Bank of fraud in trial starting Monday
<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/11/04/3815146/state-sen-cleary-accusing-failed.html#storylink=cpy>

David Wren

An Horry County jury will decide this week whether Beach First National Bank committed fraud when it provided its former chairman with a \$3 million loan to develop a residential neighborhood near North Myrtle Beach or whether the former chairman should lose the property to foreclosure. State Sen. Ray Cleary, R-Murrells Inlet, is accusing Beach First of using a fraudulent appraisal to convince him and his Waterfall Investors 2 LLC to take a loan in 2007 to buy 160 acres off S.C. 90 near the end of the Robert Edge Parkway. Cleary – who was chairman of the bank's board of directors and one of the bank's largest shareholders at the time of the alleged fraud – said Beach First knowingly overvalued the property and misled him about how many acres were undevelopable wetlands in an appraisal the bank conducted for the loan.

Greenville News: Composting rule could cut landfill waste 30%, officials say
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013311040057>

Tim Smith

A proposed state regulation would allow businesses to compost and could reduce landfill waste statewide by 30 percent, officials said today. The regulation would also reduce red tape for small businesses, invite composting industry into the state and streamline the permitting process. "DHEC has created a common sense solution that not only reduces the waste to our landfills for future generations, but encourages composting and returning natural materials to the earth," said Catherine Templeton, DHEC director. "This change will also allow more economic development for South Carolina by welcoming new composting industry and providing more options to assist our industries with producing zero waste for landfills."

Associated Press: Attorney general to prosecute mobile home deaths
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentquid=UPHf394e

The case of a South Carolina mother charged in the fire deaths of her four children will be prosecuted by the state attorney general's office. Twenty-one-year-old Hope Hawkins faces four counts each of homicide by child abuse and illegal conduct toward a child in the deaths in a house fire in Hartsville last April. The Morning News

of Florence reported (<http://bit.ly/19tSmDw>) the attorney general's office will prosecute the case at the request of prosecutor Will Rogers. Rogers said he has potential conflicts of interest with people involved.

Associated Press: SC group teams with cruise groups in Fla., Italy

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=gNe053PV

Bruce Smith

A citizens group from Charleston has formed a coalition with similar groups in Venice, Italy, and Key West, Fla., to work for regulations protecting smaller historic port cities from the congestion and pollution that can accompany cruise calls. The Charleston group will work with a group called No Big Boats in Venice and the Key West Committee for Responsible Tourism. The size and number of cruise ships has been a subject of controversy in both cities in recent years and "Charleston is sort of on a precipice," Agnew said.

Associated Press: Coalition releases ads opposing SC trash bill

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=NlZWprcM

Seanna Adcox

Conservation groups and county governments are fighting legislation they contend will lead to more out-of-state trash being dumped in South Carolina, polluting both the environment and the senses. But business groups argue the proposal does no such thing. They contend the bill that bans counties from requiring disposal in their landfills is about ensuring businesses have a choice of where they dump their trash. The debate will pick up in the Statehouse when the Legislature returns in January. The bill moved quickly through the House earlier this year but got hung up in the Senate.

Washington Post: Republicans need to pay attention to this poll on gay marriage in South Carolina

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2013/11/04/republicans-need-to-pay-attention-to-this-poll-on-gay-marriage-in-south-carolina/>

Chris Cillizza

There's a fascinating new poll number out of South Carolina that tells you everything you need to know about where the politics of same-sex marriage in the country are headed and why Republicans need to be very careful with how they handle the issue in the coming years. The number is 52 percent — as in the percentage of South Carolinians who believe that marriages between same-sex couples should not be recognized under law, according to a new Winthrop University poll conducted for The State newspaper. But, consider this: In 2006, the Palmetto State passed a constitutional amendment outlawing gay marriage with 78 percent of the vote. (Always worth noting: A single poll is just that.)

The State (Guest Column): Summit Can Help Make SC A Leader In 'real Computer Science' Education

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=BO1JrVhp

Duncan Buell and Lonnie Emard

If there's one thing we should recently have learned, from the problems with the Healthcare.gov website, from the data breach at the state Department of Revenue, from the tens of millions of dollars in fines and penalties resulting from the inability of the Department of Social Services to create a unified system for monitoring child support, it is that computer software and electronic access to records are both central to modern life and hard to design, produce and manage.

Local News:

Associated Press: Cities across SC hold elections Tuesday

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=FuHRC8sR

Voters in around 100 cities, counties and special tax districts across South Carolina head to the polls on Tuesday. There are no statewide issues, so the majority of South Carolina residents can stay home. Voters in Columbia and dozens of other smaller towns will be choosing mayors. Florence County voters are being asked whether to keep a special penny sales tax. Tuesday is the first November Election Day under South Carolina's new voter ID law. Voters will be asked for a driver's license, state-issued photo ID, passport or military ID. Anyone without a proper photo ID will cast a provisional ballot.

Island Packet: School board upholds ex-Bluffton principal's termination

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/11/04/2772848/school-district-enters-day-two.html#storylink=cpy>

The Beaufort County Board of Education decided to uphold the termination of former McCracken Middle School principal Phillip Shaw after nearly three hours of deliberation Monday afternoon. Shaw and his attorneys declined to comment on the decision. Prior to the decision, a Beaufort County School District operational services officer said 10 financial policy and procedure violations occurred during the tenure of former McCracken Middle School principal Phillip Shaw.

National News:

Forbes: 49-State Analysis: Obamacare To Increase Individual-Market Premiums By Average Of 41%

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/theapothecary/2013/11/04/49-state-analysis-obamacare-to-increase-individual-market-premiums-by-avg-of-41-subsidies-flow-to-elderly/>

Avik Roy

One of the fundamental flaws of the Affordable Care Act is that, despite its name, it makes health insurance more expensive. Today, the Manhattan Institute released the most comprehensive analysis yet conducted of premiums under Obamacare for people who shop for coverage on their own. Here's what we learned. In the average state, Obamacare will increase underlying premiums by 41 percent. As we have long expected, the steepest hikes will be imposed on the healthy, the young, and the male. And Obamacare's taxpayer-funded subsidies will primarily benefit those nearing retirement—people who, unlike the young, have had their whole lives to save for their health-care needs.

Associated Press: Gay rights bill heads for first hurdle in Senate

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=X7zs2Bt6

Donna Cassata

The Senate prepared to push a major, anti-bias gay rights bill past a first, big hurdle Monday, a clear sign of Americans' greater acceptance of homosexuality nearly two decades after lawmakers narrowly rejected discrimination legislation. The legislation that would prohibit workplace discrimination against gay, bisexual and transgender Americans could win Senate passage by week's end, but its prospects in the Republican-majority House are dimmer. A stark reminder of the nation's changing views, lingering resistance to homosexuality and the political implications resonated in Maine, as six-term Democratic Rep. Mike Michaud, who is running for governor, said he was gay and questioned whether it still mattered to voters.

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Haley, Nikki

From: Haley, Nikki
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It is ok but not great. A little small and dark. Lets see what else we can find. Im looking too.

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On Nov 4, 2013, at 12:41 PM, "Bunch, Nancy" <NancyBunch@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Governor, is the painting over the sofa in your State House office ok for now? Sorry, but Lauren (my daughter) was having an event at home and I felt we'd borrowed hers long enough. I'll keep my feelers out for something else. Always nice to showcase SC artists. The one there now is by Blue Sky of Columbia.

Thanks!
Nancy

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From: Haley, Nikki
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2013 2:58 PM
To: Haltiwanger, Katherine
Subject: Re: Notes to Legislators

Thanks

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On Nov 4, 2013, at 10:46 AM, "Haltiwanger, Katherine" <KatherineHaltiwanger@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Per your request...

Notes for legislator's congratulating them on the birth of their child

Rep. Murrell Smith----note completed, mailed 10/23/13
Sen. Thomas McElveen---note completed, will be mailed today
Sen. Paul Thurmond---note completed, mailed 10/23/13
Sen. Marlon Kimpson---on your desk to be done

Thanks,
Katherine

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Please push out to your folks-interesting self guided interactive modules on parenting.

Thank you,

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Weird reigns at YouTube's first music awards

Rapper T-Pain was among performers at live-streamed ceremony in New York City, 3D



Jets make up for blowout, 1C

► Eagles QB ties NFL record, 3C

NEWSLINE



Marine Staff Sgt. Michael Compston with his son Nicholas.

Elite warriors lost without war

For many highly trained "killing machines," returning to civilian life is difficult and frightening. 5A

Obama back on campaign trail

Tells voters that Virginia still a "swing state," urges Democrats to vote in governor's race. 2A

Financial firms slashing jobs

Slowdown in refinancing, growth of online banking among reasons sector cut thousands in 2013. 1B

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Families feeling targeted

Hotels, airlines charge extra for families to stay together. 2B



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Brady gun-control law turns 20

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NYC MARATHON IS 50,000 STRONG



Tight security and tens of thousands marked the return of the New York City Marathon, which was scuttled by Superstorm Sandy last year. Runners paid tribute to victims of the Boston Marathon bombings in April. Runners hit all five boroughs, starting at the Verrano-Narrows Bridge (above). Story, 3C

USA TODAY INTERVIEW: S.C. GOV. NIKKI HALEY



South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley winds down from her day by spending time with her son, Nalin, 12, left, and nephew C.J. Randolph, 2, as they share a bowl of ice cream at the Governor's Mansion.

'It's been a long year'

Groundbreaking governor runs a state, raises a family without her most trusted adviser by her side — her husband, who is serving in Afghanistan

chael got his two-weeks R-and-R in June, and I thought, oh my God, we're going to go through this again." To her surprise, their son and daughter, now 12 and 15, seemed reassured and happier after his visit in May and June.

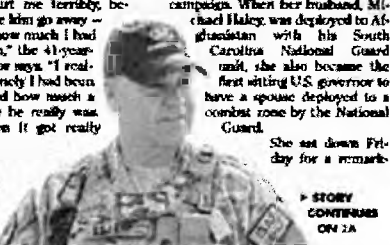
But she found herself devastated when he left for the second time. "It actually hurt me terribly, because to see him go away — I realized how much I had missed him," the 41-year-old governor says. "I realized how lonely I had been and realized how much a part of life he really was. That's when it got really

hard. ... I just realized how empty life was when he was there and how empty it is when he's not."

Nikki Randhawa Haley has been a groundbreaker. She is the first female governor of South Carolina and, as an Indian American, the state's first minority governor, elected in 2010 after a hard-fought campaign. When her husband, Michael Haley, was deployed to Afghanistan with his South Carolina National Guard unit, she also became the first sitting U.S. governor to have a spouse deployed to a combat zone by the National Guard.

She sat down Friday for a remarkable

Michael Haley was deployed.



► STORY CONTINUES ON 2A

Rush to renew plans before premiums rise

Jayne O'Donnell
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON Thousands of small businesses around the U.S. are racing to renew their health insurance policies Dec. 1 to beat large premium increases their brokers say will hit them Jan. 1 when the Affordable Care Act takes full effect.

Some health insurance brokers also say 2014 may be the last year many of the companies even offer health insurance.

Insurance brokers from several states told USA TODAY that 60% to 80% of their small-business clients — those with 50 employees or fewer — are renewing their policies early to skirt the law. Companies with more than 50 employees aren't allowed to adjust their renewal dates.

Many companies are still waiting to hear what rates they'll be facing in 2014, as state insurance commissioners are bogged down with tasks related to ACA compliance.

The National Federation of Independent Business estimates 42% of the at least 7 million small businesses with 50 or fewer employees offer health insurance. On Friday, the group released a survey in which 64% of 921 small-business owners and operators reported paying more for insurance premiums per employee in 2013 than they did in 2012.

The Department of Health and Human Services says the situation is better than it has been. "Since the Affordable Care Act became law, health care costs have been slowing and premiums are increasing by the lowest rates in years," HHS spokeswoman Justine Peters says. "The law is making it easier for businesses to offer coverage, just like it did in Massachusetts when employer coverage increased after reform passed."

Beginning this summer, insurance companies warned brokers and businesses that rates could rise dramatically because of the ACA. Some agents say they are seeing increases of 30% to even 100% in premiums, especially for businesses that have young workforces. That's because companies will no longer be able to charge older people more than three times they do younger ones.

Early renewal dates — which could affect millions of workers — will save employees money on their premiums, but critics warn it also means they won't get some of the ACA's benefits. Among the changes that take effect Jan. 1 fully paid preventive care doctor visits, limits on out-of-pocket expenses and mandatory dental coverage for children. "The consumer protections are in there for a good reason," says Wendell Potter, a former spokesman for Cigna Insurance who is now an industry watchdog. "The value of the policies

LAX shooting unlikely to change airport security



SPORTS PANTHERS POUNCE



SPORTS Johnson takes Cup lead

The Greenville News

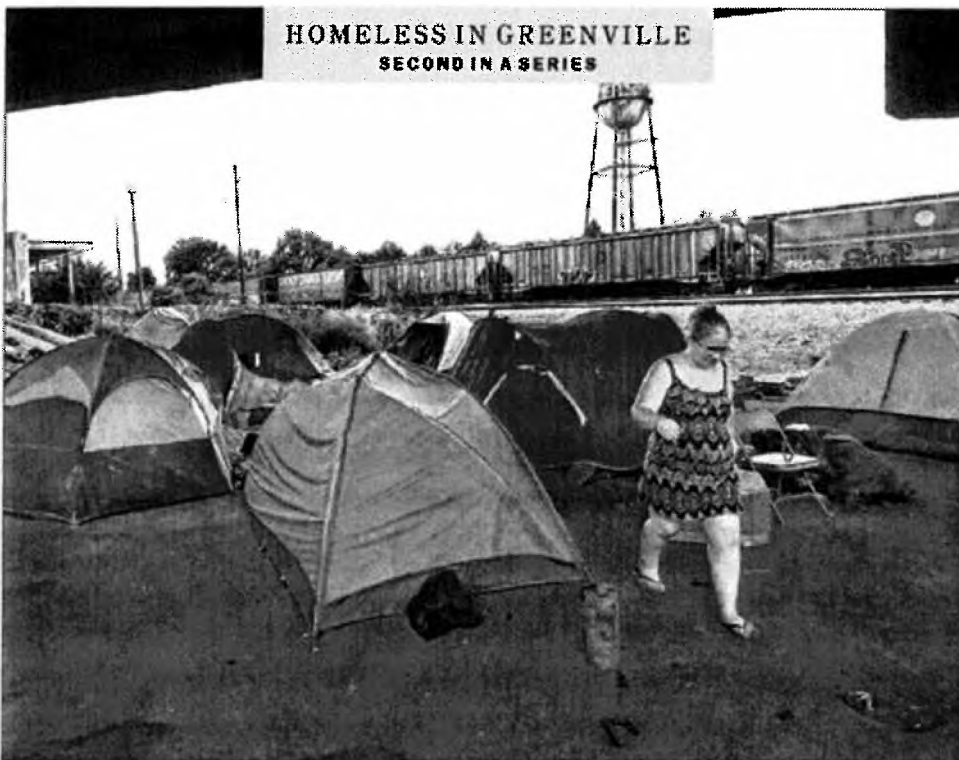
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GOLF Big win for Dustin Johnson in Shanghai, 18

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Vandorn says she is hoping to go to vocational rehab so she can learn skills for a job. She has been homeless for about a year and lives in Tent City, under the bridge on Pete Hollis Highway. www.localonline.com STAFF

'A HARD LIFE'

Many in homeless community have suffered devastating losses

Second in a series
By Lynn Riddle
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Greg Rivenbark is tired. At 53, he doesn't want to spend another winter living outside. Rivenbark is considered the founder of Tent City. Six years ago or so, someone told him about the area under the bridge across the railroad tracks on Pete Hollis Highway. That was during the time people were being

Southern Born and Southern Pride with three of his best friends. They've all since died. One was run over by a car, another died in a wreck, the third drowned, he said.

He also owned a construction business and lived in Blue Ridge, but he couldn't keep it going through the recession. He moved back to Tent City.

His twin brother died this year. So much loss. Too much loss. Rivenbark said in August he wanted, no, he needed to do something different. He has been going to the Salvation Army for two years to eat. He's gotten to know Jim Abbott, the Salvation Army's human resources director who takes bags of sandwiches to Tent City every Thursday night.

LEARN MORE

Find a list of agencies that work with the homeless at GreenvilleOnline.com.

YOU CAN HELP

Donating an old coat or canned food will never solve homelessness. What will work, those who work with

White House: Fugitive violated US law

Obama adviser: No
clemency for Snowden

By Kimberly Dozier
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House and the leaders of the intelligence committees in Congress are rejecting former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden's plea for clemency.

"Mr. Snowden violated U.S. law," White House adviser Dan Pfeiffer said Sunday about the former systems analyst-turned-fugitive who has temporary asylum in Russia.

"He should return to the U.S. and face justice," Pfeiffer said, adding when pressed that no offers for clemency were being discussed.

Snowden made the plea in a letter given to a German politician and released Friday. In his one-page typed letter, he asks for clemency for charges over allegedly leaking classified information about the NSA to the news media. "Speaking the truth is not a crime," Snowden wrote.

Snowden's revelations, including allegations that the U.S. has eavesdropped on allies including German Chancellor Angela Merkel, have led to calls by allies to cease such spying, and moves by Congress to overhaul U.S. surveillance laws and curb the agency's powers.

But the head of the Senate Intelligence Committee said if Snowden had been a true whistleblower, he could have reported it to her committee privately.

"That didn't happen, and now he's done this enormous disservice to our country," said Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein. "I think the answer is no clemency."

Graham plans to introduce anti-abortion bill in Senate. LOCAL, A8

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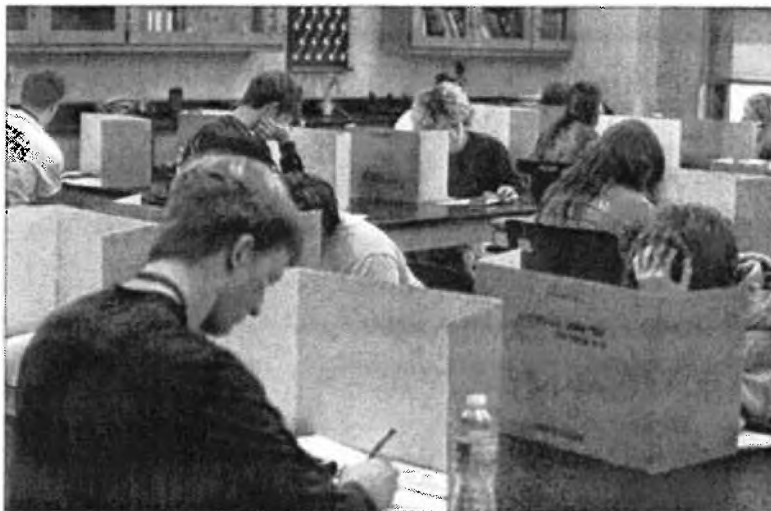
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Magnet for diversity?

Academic Magnet High leaders know their exceptional school 'doesn't look diverse,' and they want to change that



Academic Magnet High School juniors take a physics test Friday. The school is considering a plan to increase its racial diversity by guaranteeing admission to the top two students from every public middle school who qualify for the countywide magnet school.

BY DIETTE COURAGE CASEY
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Zucker Middle School eighth grader Armani Mack is one of the brightest students in her class, but she wasn't planning to apply to Charleston County's top academic high school.

Although Mack thinks she would get a better education at Academic Magnet High, she said she worried that she wouldn't be accepted.

"I thought about it, but I was scared I wasn't going to make it," said Mack, who makes straight As and takes honors classes.

The intimidation factor among prospective students is perhaps one of the reasons the highly selective school has seen a drop in its students' racial diversity. Just 3 percent of the school's nearly 620 students this year are black, compared with the county average of 43 percent. The school's total percentage of minority students, which means anyone who isn't white, is 15 percent.

Please see MAGNET, Page A7

By the numbers

The following is a breakdown of the public, private, charter and magnet schools that Academic Magnet High's 2013-14 freshmen class attended last year.

Charleston County private schools	44
Non-Charleston County public and private schools	14
Charter schools	6
Charleston County magnet schools	110

The following shows the top five schools that had the most freshmen accepted into Academic Magnet High for the 2013-14 school year.

School of the Arts	25
Academy Middle	17
Bull Academy	14
Curtis Middle	12
Lincoln Middle	12

Source: Academic Magnet High

Poll

Should Academic Magnet High School adjust its criteria in order to increase diversity? Find this story at postandcourier.com/education to vote.



Jeremiah Bumpgarner and his wife, Janina, have provided foster care for about 40 kittens in their home over the past year.

Animal Society to hit no-kill goal early

Fundraising key to staying on track

BY DIANE KNICE
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Jeremiah and Janina Bumpgarner are so committed to providing foster care for kittens that they made sure their new home had a separate room for them.

Since they bought the home a year ago, they've cared for about 40 kittens, some so young they had not been fed.

The Charleston Animal Society would provide food and supplies, but the Bumpgarners buy everything as another way to contribute to the effort to become a no-kill community. "If this is what it takes to keep the number running, this is what we'll do," Janina said.

That's the level of commitment many will have to put forth at Charleston County.

It's time to become a no-kill community and save lives. A no-kill community means that no healthy or treatable animals are euthanized, said Joe Elmore, chief executive officer at the Charleston Animal Society.

In those communities, the only animals that are euthanized are the ones that are extremely ill with an untreatable condition or are so aggressive they are unsafe.

Becoming a no-kill community is a much bigger undertaking than simply becoming a no-kill shelter, Elmore said. A no-kill shelter simply returns every animal when it is full, or when a animal thought to be deemed unacceptable.

The Charleston Animal Society is the county's open-admission shelter, he said. It accepts every animal



Poll

Would you foster an animal while it awaits adoption from a shelter? Find this story at postandcourier.com to vote.

For more photos, go to postandcourier.com/gallery.

Unpopular recycling center might find home

N. Charleston site farther from neighbors

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USC men win exhibition game. **B1**



EXCLUSIVE



Toni McKinnon and her son, Victor Moody, walk to their Gonzales Gardens apartment. McKinnon says she worries about gang influences on her 4-year-old son.

City aims to tear down, rebuild violence-plagued Gonzales Gardens

By DAWN HINSHAW
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The Columbia Housing Authority is making plans to demolish and rebuild Gonzales Gardens, a 73-year-old public housing complex where residents say rival gangs have been fighting over turf for the past year.

Housing Authority director Gilbert Walker said Thursday he expects to name a developer by mid-to-late November from among five firms submitting proposals to finance and oversee transformation of the city's largest subsidized housing complex. Gonzales Gardens, with 612 residents living in 280 apartments, is across Forest Drive from Providence Hospital.

"We're pushing it," Walker said. "We've been trying to figure out a way to do it for quite some time."

Rosewood Hills, across town, with mixed-income housing, is the model

For the children

Church, neighborhood and other civic leaders have converged on the Lyon Street neighborhood to support low-income families with activities that enrich their lives.



ELECTIONS 2013

TUESDAY IS ELECTION DAY

Your guide to races in Columbia, Richland and Lexington counties

On Tuesday, voters will decide who leads the city of Columbia in the first city election held in November. Earlier this year, the council voted to cut their terms six months short to have the election Tuesday instead of in May.

In the election, voters will decide on a mayor by choosing between the incumbents, who just completed his first term, and a councilman challenging for the position.

The challenger will keep his district seat on the council seat if he wins the mayor's race.

Voters will choose the majority of City Council seats and three sitting council members face opposition, in addition to the mayor.

Columbia and Richland County voters also will decide whether to increase their taxes to give more money for Richland County libraries.

A separate election will be held on Dec. 3 to decide whether the city's government should convert to the strong-mayor

ONLINE: Not sure where to vote? Check the bottom of your voter registration card or type in your name, address and birth date at sevotes.org.

For stories about the candidates and a list of polling places in Richland and Lexington counties, go online at thestate.com/elections.

form, instead of the current council-manager system.

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GOODWILL PLANTATION



Looking skyward from a gum bottom that is part of Goodwill Plantation, which would be exchanged for gold mining rights near Kershaw.



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SECURITY BREACH AFTERMATH

Disclosures likely to change how NSA operates

By KEN DILANIAN
and JESSICA GUINN
Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — After decades of pushing the boundaries of electronic espionage, the National Security Agency finds itself exposed as never before, and the anything goes ethos of secret surveillance might never be the same.

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Merkel and other close allies.

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America's allies are embarrassed and angry, demanding curbs on U.S. spying in their countries.

At home, Silicon Valley technology giants are in open revolt and are lobbying to outlaw key surveillance programs after learning that the NSA has broken into their communications links abroad to vacuum up their

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White House officials and lawmakers respond to Edward Snowden's request for clemency. 3A

customers' private data.

Obama administration officials and leading lawmakers, who staunchly defended the NSA after Snowden began leaking classified documents that were disclosed in June, have begun to distance themselves from the agency.

"In some cases, some of these actions have reached too far, and we are going to try to make sure it doesn't happen in the future," Secretary of State John Kerry said Friday

in London.

In an interview with the new Fusion television network last week, President Barack Obama said he would "make sure that 'what they're able to do' doesn't necessarily mean 'what they should be doing.'" Aides said he already had ordered a halt to some NSA operations, but they declined to describe them.

Current and former U.S. intelligence officials see a turning point.

Members of the administration "really don't know how to handle this second wave of European outrage, and everybody knows that there are worse disclosures to come," said

Mark Lowenthal, a former senior CIA analyst.

"Some people are still trying to defend what (the NSA is) doing here, but it feels like we've crossed a threshold," said Michele Eoyang, a former House intelligence aide who directs the national security program at Third Way, a centrist Washington think tank.

Intelligence officials appear baffled and annoyed that long-standing systems and practices are suddenly being criticized.

Army Gen. Keith Alexander, the

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Food stamps take hit

With a federal benefit ending last week, Beaufort County charities prepare for more people to need assistance.

By ERIN MOODY
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As the executive director of Bluffton Self Help, Lili Coleman works closely with people struggling to make ends meet.

When she thought about the more than 47 million people across the country affected by Friday's cuts to food stamps, one specific face came to mind.

He's 83, owned a gourmet food store for much of his life and is now retired, living off Social Security in an RV. He

has watched his food stamps reduced from about \$80 a month, to about \$50 and then to \$30.

Then Coleman remembered another woman, whom she recently helped apply for a variety of assistance

LOCAL IMPACT

In Beaufort County during September, 8,687 families — 18,762

Kirkin' o' the Tartans celebrates Scottish heritage



JAY KARR • Staff photo

Church members carry Scottish tartan flags as they exit First Presbyterian Church in Beaufort on Sunday after the seventh annual Kirkin' o' the Tartans worship service. The service included traditional Scottish prayers and hymns, kilts, tartans, music, and other aspects of Scottish culture. The service, a churching (kirking), or blessing of the church family, celebrates the Scottish roots of the Presbyterian Church. It was revived in America in 1941 by Dr. Peter

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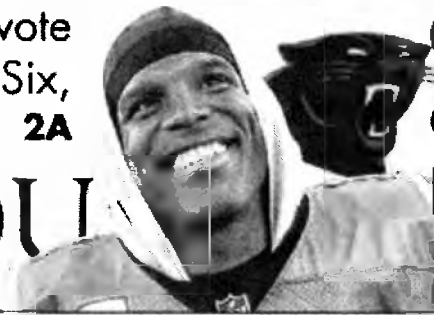
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Graham takes the lead

SC senator to take reins on bill to ban abortions after 20 weeks

Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Sen. Lindsey Graham said Sunday he will lead the charge in the Senate on federal legislation banning abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy.

The Republican senator said on "Fox News Sunday" he plans to introduce a bill this week that would allow abortions after 20 weeks only to protect the life of the mother, or in cases of rape or incest.

The Republican-controlled House passed its version of the bill in June. It's not expected to go any-

where in the Democratic-controlled Senate. And the White House has said President Barack Obama would veto it if it ever reached his desk, calling the measure "an assault on a woman's right to choose."

Some 10 states have passed similar laws, and several are facing court challenges. In at least three instances — Arizona, Georgia and Idaho — federal and state judges have struck down abortion bans at 20 weeks after fertilization as unconstitutional.

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"My record on being a pro-life senator, member of Congress is clear. I'm proud to lead this charge. This is a debate worthy of a great democracy."

SEN. LINDSEY GRAHAM, R-SC
to Chris Wallace on "Fox News Sunday"



Ready, willing and ABLES

Ward 6 Greenwood City Councilman focuses attention on South Greenwood

With the explosive commercial growth on Bypass 72 and the revitalization in Uptown Greenwood, it might be easy for some people to forget about the south side of town. Ward 6 Greenwood City Councilman and Mayor Pro-Tem Ronnie Ables is out to make sure that doesn't happen. Ables is in the third year of his

first term on Greenwood City Council. During his time on Council, he has been a tireless advocate for South Greenwood, often working to make sure that end of town is part of the discussion when Council is talking about public safety, future city development, future parkspace and more.

The Honea Path native said a desire to assist residents in



RONNIE ABLES
Greenwood City Councilman
By **CHRIS TRAINOR** •
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Ronnie Ables is the Greenwood City Councilman for Ward 6. He also is the city's mayor pro-tem.

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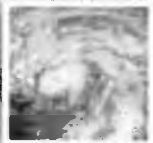
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At Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance, STYLE IS KING



JAY KARR • Staff photo

Barbara and Rob VanDewoestine, of Durham, N.C., pull up to the awards stage in their 1960 Plymouth Fury Golden Commando 395, during the Concours d'Elegance awards ceremony on Sunday. Their car won best in class in the American Performance (non-General Motors) category of the competition, part of the Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival.



A blue ribbon hangs from the hood ornament of an Austrian-made 1938 Steyr. The car, owned by Peter Boyle, of Oil City, Pa., won best in class on Sunday in the Classics Open Division.

By MATT McNAB • matt.mcnaab@hiltonheadgazette.com • 843-706-8225

Richard Mitchell got quite the welcoming gift Sunday at his first Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance: the car festival's Best in Show award.

Mitchell's 1929 Stutz Lancefield Coupe won the festival's Best in Show award, announced on the afternoon of the 12th annual festival's last day. The one-of-a-kind car beat out a 1951 Porsche coupe and a 1938 Steyr convertible for the festival's top honor.

The Montgomery, Texas, native has the largest portfolio of Stutz automobiles in the world, with 22 in his collection.

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ON THE WEB: For a Click! gallery, go to islandpacket.com/click. For video, go to islandpacket.com/local-video.

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Methods at NSA likely to change

By KEN DILANIAN and JESSICA GUYNN
Tribune Washington Bureau

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SPORTS Jimmie Johnson takes Cup lead with dominating win in Texas. **Page 1B**

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Coming Events

ArtFields 2014 Call for Submissions: Through Dec. 13. During the second annual event, ArtFields will award \$100,000 in prize money to competition winners. Selected artists will exhibit their work in one of the downtown Lake City venues, and winners will be determined by popular choice and juried panel votes. Artists must reside in one of the 12 Southeastern states (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia) for six consecutive months before the submission date. Artists must pay a \$25, nonrefundable entry fee. The top 400 artists will be invited to exhibit and will be contacted by email no later than Jan. 15. For information, visit artfieldsc.org. **FNU Women's Basketball:** Today at 6 p.m. at Francis Marion University: FNU vs. Fayetteville St. Games are played in the Smith University Center. For more information and admission fees, call 843-661-1240.

Vino's Palette: Today from 7-9 p.m. at the Art Trail Gallery, downtown Florence. Jenny Altman will guide participants through a social painting class with easy, step-by-step instructions for completing a painting. Cost is \$35 and includes materials. For information, call 843-250-4592 or 843-667-0428.

Computer Class: Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Lake City Public Library. Participants will learn the basic parts and functions of a desktop, mouse and Microsoft Word 2010, improve browsing skills, learn to use Google searches, create an email account and more. This is a free class. To reserve a spot, visit the library and sign up at the Computer Technology Center desk. For more information, call 843-394-8071.

Family Movie: Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the Hartsville Memorial Library. A family-friendly movie will be shown in the meeting room. For more information, call 843-332-5115.

BBQ for Congressman Tom Riffe: Tuesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Hidden Acres Cabin, 1747 Dew Road,

Blue butterflies a symbol of hope for toddler

Benefit for child with cancer will be held at Art Trail Gallery

BY MELISSA ROLLINS
Morning News
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FLORENCE — For most, the graceful flutter of a blue butterfly is little more than a passing reminder of tranquility or beauty in this world. For some, though, those majestic wings carry a much deeper meaning — healing.

It is a symbol the family of young Brooklyn Maelver have rallied around.

In June, Brooklyn was diagnosed with neuroblastoma when a tumor was discovered in her abdomen. She wasn't even 2

years old.

Through the fight, her parents, Ken and Michelle Maelver, have decorated their home with many items with butterflies on them, always blue.

It also is why Brooklyn's great grandmother, Lois Maelver, has named the Friday benefit in her honor — Butterflies for Brooklyn.

"When a baby is seriously sick like this ... the parents have to be there every minute with them," Lois said. "Even when she went home, in between treatments and chemo, they can't leave her with anyone. I can't do anything for Brooklyn, but I wanted to help them somehow."



Brooklyn Maelver was diagnosed in June 2013 with neuroblastoma, a cancer that affects small children.

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FSD1 TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Dr. Lucia Huang explains a lesson about German foods to Wilson High School junior Harriette Davis on Oct. 29. Huang is the Florence School District 1 Teacher of the Year and has taught German classes at Wilson for 15 years.

Wunderbar techniques

Wilson students celebrate Huang's ability to connect them with German language

BY ELLEN MEYER
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FLORENCE — Wilson High School teacher Dr. Lucia Huang's patience is paying off this year as she was recognized as the Florence School District 1 Teacher of the Year. But when it comes to seeing the real success of her



Dr. Lucia Huang was raised and lives in Taiwan and now uses her second language, English, to teach her third language, German, to students at Wilson High School.

AG to try case against Hawkins

No trial date set for mother accused of neglecting kids who perished in fire

BY TRACI BRIDGES
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HARTSVILLE — S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson's office will prosecute the case of a 22-year-old Hartsville mother charged in the deaths of four young children who were killed in a house fire earlier this year.

Mark Powell, spokesman for the office, confirmed Friday the state had assumed prosecution of the state's case against Hope Hawkins at the request of 4th Circuit Solicitor Will Rogers.

"Our office received this case from the 3th Circuit Solicitor's Office," Powell said. "We will be prosecuting it." Hawkins is charged with four counts each of homicide by child abuse and unlawful neglect of



Hawkins

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a Day of the Dead altar inspired by lost children **Page 5A**



JAN FANDU, THE KANSAS CITY STAR/AP
David Babcock is shown knitting a scarf during the Kansas City Marathon in Kansas City, Mo. Babcock finished the marathon in 5 hours, 48 minutes and 27 seconds. Knitting experts measured the scarf he created along the route at just more than 12 feet long.

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Win Reports

■ KC Marathon runner sets knitting record

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A University of Central Missouri graphic design professor has knitted his way into the record books while running the Kansas City Marathon.

The Kansas City Star reported that David Babcock finished the marathon in 5 hours, 48 minutes and 27 seconds. Knitting experts measured the scarf he created along the route at just more than 12 feet long.

The Guinness scarf knitting while running a marathon record was previously held by Susan Hower, who runs to raise money for Alzheimer's disease research. She knitted a 6-foot, 9-inch scarf at the London Marathon in April.

Like Hower, the 41-year-old Babcock hopes that people will donate to the Alzheimer's Association. Babcock began running and knitting as separate activities about three years ago. He decided to combine them to keep things interesting.

■ Police: 'Superman' punched after angrier driver

AMHERST, Mass. — It took a lot less than Kryptonite to injure Man of Steel.

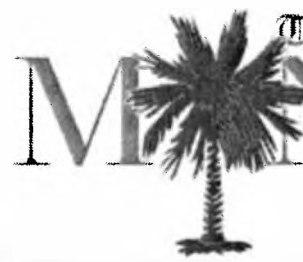
Police in Massachusetts told the Daily Hampshire Gazette that a man dressed in a Superman costume was treated for a head injury after being punched in the face, especially when he refused to get out of the way of a medical van trying to enter the driveway of a home.

Amherst Detective Richard McQuinn says witnesses told investigators that Superman, who was not identified but said to be of college age, had been trying to start up four cars in the area.

Police say the man was knocked to the sidewalk by the punch. He was taken to a hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

■ Man calls cops about stolen hatch

BRIDGEVILLE, Pa. — A man who had lunch disappear from the office refrigerator, considered what you



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Equine therapy



Jan Smith, one of the operators of God It Made Ranch, assists 10-year-old Kari Whetstone with preparing her horse, Athena, for a riding lesson.

Ministry uses horses to teach life skills

By DIONNE GLEASON
L&D Staff Writer



JACKIE HENDERSON

Brandy Smith, a trainer at God It Made ranch, works with 9-year-old Brianna Strickland on the fundamentals of horseback riding during a recent session. See more photos at TheLand.com

A nonprofit Christian ministry is working to improve the lives of young people and adults through a mission that involves a mix of horses and skills training.

Cope couple Dan and Jan White started God It Made Ranch a year ago as the 41st mission station of Columbia-based Christ Central Ministries Inc., which was founded in 1992 by Pastor Jimmy Jones and had a food ministry as its first mission. Women and children's shelters, men's shelters, veterans' transitional housing and clothing distributions are among CCM's other missions.

"But we're the first horse ranch. They had been praying for one of these for a very long time. I moved to Lexington where my dad lives a year ago,

and that's how I found Christ Central," Jan White said. "I started volunteering for the children's shelter, the women's shelter and the homeless shelter. They also have a GED program and a rehab center."

She and her husband are also students at Christ Central Institute, a center of Christian higher education in Wagner, which offers missions training, career arts training and internships among its programs. Jones and Jason Conrad, a former CCM intern, founded the institute in 2002.

"Pastor Jimmy speaks to us about missions and how they work and what we need to do with them," said Mrs. White, who has been an equestrian since age 12.

God It Made Ranch is 26 acres lo-

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Gov. Nikki Haley is set to be the keynote speaker at the State of the Region Address:

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Gov. Nikki Haley set to visit the Lowcountry Monday:

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Gov. Nikki Haley says she will veto an increased gas tax:

WFXB – Myrtle Beach, SC – 11/4/13 – 8:32 AM
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WBTW – Myrtle Beach, SC – 11/2/13 – 8:03 AM
WSPA – Greenville, SC – 11/2/13 – 6:37 AM
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Gov. Nikki Haley discusses being a military wife:

WLTX – Columbia, SC – 11/4/13 – 6:35 AM
WLTX – Columbia, SC – 11/4/13 – 6:27 AM

The State Budget and Control Board agrees to buy 9 acres at Farmer's Market:

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WMBF – Myrtle Beach, SC – 11/03/13 – 7:08 PM

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Governor Nikki Haley News:

USA Today: Haley: 'No saints in Washington'

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2013/11/04/haley-no-saints-in-washington/3423087/>

Susan Page

Last time around, Nikki Haley was a long shot in South Carolina's GOP gubernatorial primary, prevailing over three opponents after a bitterly divisive contest with the support of the emerging Tea Party movement. The state legislator won the general election in 2010 by 4.5 percentage points, a competitive race in a solidly Republican state. Now she is the incumbent governor seeking a second term in 2014, likely to face a rematch against Democratic state Sen. Vincent Sheheen, 42.

Note: In an interview with USA TODAY, Haley distances herself from Republicans in Congress, who get a crushing 74% disapproval rating in the Winthrop survey. "I'm very frustrated with Washington, Republicans and Democrats," she says, saying the party has gotten off-track and criticizing the partial shutdown of the federal government. "There are no saints in Washington right now, either party. They've embarrassed us."

USA Today (Video): For S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley, 'it's been a long year'

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2013/11/04/sc-governor-its-been-a-long-year/3422841/>

Susan Page

For Gov. Nikki Haley's kids, the first three months of their father's deployment this year to Afghanistan were the hardest. For her, the toughest time came later. Nikki Randhawa Haley has been a groundbreaker. She is the first female governor of South Carolina and, as an Indian American, the state's first minority governor, elected in 2010 after a hard-fought campaign. When her husband, Michael Haley, was deployed to Afghanistan with his South Carolina National Guard unit, she also became the first sitting U.S. governor to have a spouse deployed to a combat zone by the National Guard.

Note: "The first three months, I just prayed that we'd have one day where one of the kids wasn't crying," Haley told USA TODAY. "When we crossed that point, Michael got his two-weeks R-and-R in June, and I thought, oh my God, we're going to go through this again." To her surprise, their son and daughter, now 12 and 15, seemed reassured and happier after his visit in May and June.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier (Guest Column): Fight poverty to fix S.C. schools

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131104/PC1002/131109810/1021/fight-poverty-to-fix-sc-schools>

Paul Thomas

According to 1860 Census data, South Carolina had the highest percentage (57.2 percent) of its population as slaves in the nation. Beaufort County (82.8 percent) and Georgetown County (85.7 percent) represented the significant impact of slave populations along the coast. The legacy of the scar of slavery in South Carolina remains in the form of I-95 and what is now recognized as the "Corridor of Shame" — a collection of public schools bordering that interstate highway and serving in some of the highest poverty areas of S.C. Another legacy of the South is school segregation. A 2012 report from the Civil Rights Project detailed the rise of re-segregated schools across the South.

Rock Hill Herald: Fort Mill hospital decision could come this week

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/11/03/5367387/decision-on-fort-mill-hospital.html#storylink=cpy>

Don Worthington

The South Carolina Administrative Law Court may announce this week who gets to build a new Fort Mill hospital – a nine-year debate that's been in and out of the courts. It could be headed by there again. In April Administrative Law Court Judge Phillip Lenski patiently listened to four weeks of testimony from representatives of Piedmont Medical Center, Carolinas HealthCare System and the state's Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Note: Neither affirm nor reverse the decision, but send it back to DHEC for another round of agency action. That option is least preferred by all the parties. They want the case to move forward. It's also the least likely option as DHEC's certificate of need program has been suspended for a year because of a funding veto by Gov. Nikki Haley.

Greenville News (Guest Column): Choose safe, healthy transportation
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013311040008>

Mark Taylor

Last Monday Greenville County Council adopted a resolution that can lead to a November 2014 referendum to provide transportation funding through a sales tax. On Tuesday, County Council will consider amendments to that resolution. As a businessperson, I appreciate that the Council provided us with the opportunity to start this vitally important process. I also believe that our community deserves a healthy discussion about the transportation projects that will be undertaken.

Post and Courier: South Carolina looks too red only through partisan-colored glasses
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131103/PC16/131109785/1382/south-carolina-looks-too-red-only-through-partisan-colored-glasses>

Brian Hicks

A lot of people say South Carolina is the reddest of red states — and they aren't talking about our necks. Well, not just that. Most of the nation considers this state a right-wing citadel, a bastion of conservatism and a tea party haven. As Meat Loaf said, two out of three ain't bad. Last week, Winthrop University released a poll of state residents that had some pretty surprising, perhaps significant, findings: 86.5 percent of South Carolinians disapprove of Congress.

Times and Democrat: Judge Williams was model of professionalism and for living
http://thetandd.com/news/t-d-editorial-judge-williams-was-model-of-professionalism-and/article_efa84ff0-4511-11e3-92cb-001a4bcf887a.html

Editorial

The issue: Death of Judge Karen Williams; Our opinion: Judicial trailblazer was equally devoted to high standards in life. Karen Williams was not a public official who relished headlines. A quiet professional, she made history in the U.S. judiciary and earned respect as a legal expert. The Orangeburg native, who became the first woman to serve on the Richmond, Va.-based U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals in 1992 and the court's chief judge in 2007, died Saturday at age 62. Her death came four years after she stepped down from the federal bench upon determining she was suffering from early-onset Alzheimer's disease.

Aiken Standard: Voting a duty that should be fulfilled
<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131104/AIK0201/131109950/1018/AIK02/editorial-voting-a-duty-that-should-be-fulfilled>

Editorial

Tomorrow, voters in some communities in Aiken County will, we hope, be casting a ballot and selecting those who will be representing them in office. While off-year election can sometimes fly under the radar, we encourage those in the towns of Burnetown, Monetta, Perry and Wagener to go out to the polls and vote. C.H. Williams, James E. McIntosh, Danny Feagin and Henry Carlin are vying for the Burnetown mayoral seat. Three candidates are also vying for two town Council-at large seats. The candidates include Jonathan R. Dicks, Anthony Kirkland and Janet Cox West.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: Graham says he'll lead push on anti-abortion bill
http://www.scnw.com/news/politics/article_16ffa598-44f0-11e3-96ca-0019bb30f31a.html

Sen. Lindsey Graham said Sunday he will lead the charge in the Senate on federal legislation banning abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy. The Republican senator said on Fox News Sunday that he plans to introduce a bill this week that would allow abortions after 20 weeks only to protect the life of the mother, or in cases of rape or incest. The Republican-controlled House passed its version of the bill in June. It's not expected to go anywhere in the Democratic-controlled Senate. And the White House has said President Barack Obama would veto it if it ever reached his desk, calling the measure "an assault on a woman's right to choose."

Florence Morning News: State attorney general's office to try case against Hartsville's Hawkins

http://www.scnw.com/news/local/article_b33cd096-44d4-11e3-90b1-0019bb30f31a.html

Traci Bridges

S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson's office will prosecute the case of a 22-year-old Hartsville mother charged in the deaths of four young children who were killed in a house fire earlier this year. Mark Powell, spokesman for the office, confirmed Friday the state had assumed prosecution of the state's case against Hope Hawkins at the request of 4th Circuit Solicitor Will Rogers. "Our office received this case from the 4th Circuit Solicitor's Office," Powell said. "We will be prosecuting it."

The State: Cruz to discuss faith with 'values voters' in Columbia

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/11/03/3076279/cruz-to-discuss-faith-with-values.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

Republican U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas is reaching out Monday to the same audience of S.C. pastors that former House Speaker Newt Gingrich visited twice before his surprise victory in the state's 2012 presidential primary. Cruz, an expected White House hopeful who was the lightning rod during last month's 16-day partial federal government shutdown, will speak at a Columbia hotel. It is one of many events that evangelical political operative David Lane has organized in key battleground states since 2005. Lane's American Renewal Project is financed by the American Family Association, the Mississippi-based Christian organization that advocates on social issues.

Note: Lane does not give Gingrich's visits with S.C. pastors all the credit for his 2012 S.C. primary win over eventual GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney, who had the backing of Gov. Nikki Haley.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Mount Pleasant, Charleston, others to pick new leaders, as Dorchester voters decide a tax question

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131102/PC16/131109877/1031/mount-pleasant-charleston-others-to-pick-new-leaders-as-dorchester-voters-decide-a-tax-question>

Robert Behre

Mount Pleasant voters will choose a new mayor Tuesday — or at least narrow a field of five candidates down to two. Meanwhile, Dorchester County voters will decide whether they want to raise their sales tax by 1 percent and lower their property tax bills. These are just a few elections to be held across the Lowcountry as voters in several cities and towns are set to pick new mayors, council members and commissioners for their water and sewer systems. Several cities and towns recently moved their municipal election day to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years, to try to increase the number of ballots cast.

Post and Courier: North Charleston plans tax cut to benefit Select Health of SC, a top employer in the city

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131103/PC16/131109759/1382/north-charleston-plans-tax-cut-to-benefit-select-health-of-sc-a-top-employer-in-the-city>

David Slade

For the second time this year, North Charleston plans to reduce the business tax paid by one of the city's largest companies. On Thursday City Council is set to vote on a change to the business license rate schedule that will reduce the tax rate for Select Health of South Carolina, a managed-care organization that administers Medicaid programs in the state, and is one of North Charleston's four largest sources of business license fees. Two smaller companies with the same business classification, which the city did not identify, also will benefit from the change in the rate for HMO-classified companies.

Aiken Standard: Local elections set to take place on Tuesday

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131104/AIK0101/131109805/1007/AIK0101/local-elections-set-to-take-place-on-tuesday>

Amy Banton

Local elections in Aiken County are expected to be pretty low-key on Tuesday, but a few of the smaller municipalities do have several seats to fill. Wagener, Burnettown, Perry and Monetta all have town council seats expiring this year. The City of Aiken has four seats up for election, but only incumbents filed. Current Wagener Mayor Mike Miller and Councilman Joey Black are both running for the Wagener mayoral seat. Burnettown's mayoral seat is also expiring and four people are vying for that position – incumbent C.H. Williams, current council members James E. McIntosh and Danny Feagin, and Henry Carlin.

Aiken Standard: Design Review Board to discuss tax incentive requests

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131104/AIK0101/131109803/1007/AIK0101/design-review-board-to-discuss-tax-incentive-requests>

Maayan Schechter

Aiken Design Review Board will hold both a work session and meeting on Tuesday on tax incentive requests in the historic district. Aiken residents Bill and Simmie Moore are requesting approval for tax incentives for 222 and 224 Kershaw St. S.E., 209, 215 and 219 Kershaw St. S.E., as well as 205 Kershaw St. S.E. and 419 Staubes Lane. "This is a really good program for certain people, because when someone comes in and buys historic property and then spends lots of money to renovate the homes, typically the tax value will go up," Susan French, Aiken city planner, said. "So the City started this program, really through a state law ... if a homeowner spends at least 50 percent of the appraised value on renovations, then property taxes are frozen for a number of year at the pre-rehab value."

The State: Columbia pursues redevelopment of housing complex plagued by violence

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/11/03/3076930/exclusive-columbia-pursues-redevelopment.html#storylink=cpy>

Dawn Hinshaw

The Columbia Housing Authority is making plans to demolish and rebuild Gonzales Gardens, a 73-year-old public housing complex where residents say rival gangs have been fighting over turf for the past year. CHA Director Gilbert Walker said Thursday he expects to name a developer by mid- to late November from among five firms submitting proposals to finance and oversee transformation of the city's largest subsidized housing complex. Gonzales Gardens, with 612 residents living in 280 apartments, is across Forest Drive from Providence Hospital.

Island Packet: Disease hurting Beaufort County shrimp catch

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/11/03/2772135/disease-hurting-beaufort-county.html>

Beaufort County shrimpers are reporting smaller catches, and they believe black-gill disease is at least partly responsible. "The black gill has been terrible," said Craig Reaves, who owns Sea Eagle Market in Beaufort. "The last two years are some of the worst we've ever seen." The outbreak seemed to peak in August, when 95 percent of the shrimp Reaves and his crews caught had the disease, he said. Black gill has tended to show up in at least some shrimp each year since it first was detected in South Carolina in 1999.

National News:

Washington Post: For consumers whose health premiums will go up under new law, sticker shock leads to anger

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/for-consumers-whose-health-premiums-will-go-up-under-new-law-sticker-shock-leads-to-anger/2013/11/03/d858dd28-44a9-11e3-b6f8-3782ff6cb769_story.html

Ariana Eunjung Cha

Americans who face higher insurance costs under President Obama's health-care law are angrily complaining about "sticker shock," threatening to become a new political force opposing the law even as the White House struggles to convince other consumers that they will benefit from it. The growing backlash involves people whose plans are being discontinued because the policies don't meet the law's more-stringent standards. They're finding that many alternative policies come with higher premiums and deductibles.

Associated Press: White House, Lawmakers: No clemency for Snowden

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/white-house-lawmakers-no-clemency-snowden-0>

Kimberly Dozier

The White House and the leaders of the congressional intelligence committees are rejecting former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden's plea for clemency. "Mr. Snowden violated U.S. law," White House adviser Dan Pfeiffer said Sunday about the former systems-analyst-turned-fugitive who has temporary asylum in Russia. "He should return to the U.S. and face justice," Pfeiffer said when pressed about whether clemency was being discussed. Snowden made the plea in a letter given to a German politician and released Friday. In his one-page typed letter, he asks for clemency for charges over allegedly leaking classified information about the NSA to the news media. "'Speaking the truth is not a crime,' Snowden wrote.

Associated Press: Romney leaves Cruz off his list of 2016 GOP stars

http://www.scnw.com/news/politics/article_50a68b0c-44c5-11e3-8c6a-0019bb30f31a.html

Mitt Romney isn't including tea party favorite Ted Cruz among the Republicans' most electable potential presidential candidates in 2016. Who does the 2012 GOP nominee put on his list of "very capable people?" His ex-running mate, Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush. But Romney says New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie "stands out as one of the very strongest lights." Romney was asked on NBC's "Meet the Press" whether Texas Sen. Cruz is a "potential light."

Romney said he's not going to disqualify anybody. But he made clear that he had given the names of those he thought were "the most effective in becoming elected."

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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: SC agrees to buy 9 acres at Farmer's Market

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=u7fYktiW

South Carolina has agreed to buy nine acres at the State Farmers Market for \$7 million despite the objections of a private business that leases space to farmers at the facility. According to The State of Columbia (<http://bit.ly/19ZyK9C>), the State Budget and Control Board purchased the property and structures from State Ports Authority Chairman Bill Stern and will lease the space. Gov. Nikki Haley, who is chairwoman of the board, said Friday she agreed to the purchase because the state will be able to use the rental income to help pay for the market's operations.

The State: The Buzz: Election Of SC Supreme Court Chief Justice Has State House Buzzing

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=k3eaIL2f

Adam Beam

Courtroom dramas always have been popular, and South Carolina will have a good one this week when Costa Pleicones challenges Jean Toal to be the chief justice of the S.C. Supreme Court. The chief justice is a powerful and prestigious position. By tradition, when a S.C. chief justice steps down, he or she is succeeded as chief by the justice with the next-most seniority. But that system was upended this year when Pleicones challenged Toal for the top job, a challenge that could mean significant changes at the state's highest court.

McConnell would love to have a job that is important again: Insiders tell The Buzz that McConnell is eyeing the presidency of the College of Charleston, his alma mater that has a building and an award named after him.

Jay Stamper and gay marriage: Did state Democratic leaders tell U.S. Senate candidate Jay Stamper to drop out of the race because he supports gay marriage? That's what Stamper wants us to believe.

Romney's war council: Gov. Nikki Haley was part of a war council called together to help Mitt Romney after the GOP presidential candidate's controversial "47 percent" comment went public during the 2012 campaign, according to a report on the new book from the authors of "Game Change."

The State: State House for Sale: Big businesses pay off in jobs, political contributions

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/11/02/3073953/sc-state-house-for-sale-big-businesses.html#storylink=cpy>

Jeff Wilkinson

Hugh Leatherman, the chairman of the powerful S.C. Senate Finance Committee, has embraced the label "Senator Boeing." Brian White, chairman of the equally powerful S.C. House Ways and Means Committee, poses with the Michelin man on his website. Gov. Nikki Haley, who says she gives corporate executives her personal cellphone number, has a former BMW executive as her Commerce secretary, driving what she says is the No. 1 priority of her administration – job creation. There is good reason for S.C. politicians to feel an affinity for Boeing, Michelin and BMW.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Aiken Standard: Thumbs up, thumbs down; To ongoing politics of state agency hacking:

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131103/AIK0201/131109957/0/SEARCH&slId=1>

Editorial

When news broke that the personal information of millions of South Carolina taxpayers was hacked, it was certainly an atrocious black eye for our state leaders. But the state's Democrats are focusing all the blame on

Gov. Nikki Haley. The party even held vigils across the state to remember the event, which looked more like a political stunt. Democrats should be telling us how they would do things differently instead of merely pointing out the blame.

Rock Hill Herald: Take bias out of choosing road projects

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/11/02/5365957/take-bias-out-of-choosing-road.html#storylink=cpy>

Editorial

South Carolina needs a fair, apolitical process for choosing road projects that will give residents some confidence that public dollars are being spent where they are needed, not where lobbyists want them spent. The issue of road money is front and center this year as state officials try to decide how and where to spend about \$550 million in cash and bonds made available in this year's legislative budgeting. But two state agencies are at odds over which projects the money should cover. This summer, the state Department of Transportation put together a list of proposed projects that includes the I-85/I-385 interchange and two segments of I-85 in Spartanburg and Cherokee counties, as well as widening stretches of I-20 and I-77 outside of Columbia.

Times and Democrat: Keeping inland port in proper local perspective

http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/editorial/keeping-inland-port-in-proper-local-perspective/article_7c41ceb2-4384-11e3-8c93-0019bb2963f4.html

Editorial

THE ISSUE: Opening of inland port in Greer; OUR OPINION: Orangeburg County will remain optimistic but there is the inevitable thought of what might have been. Orangeburg has ample reason to be thankful for the more than 90 industries that call the county home. The County Development Commission held an event recently to express appreciation for those who employ a fifth of the workforce. During the luncheon, Randall Young, S.C. Department of Transportation project engineer for the Midlands area, made a big announcement: Long-awaited work on transforming the Interstate 95-U.S. 301 interchange at Santee is to begin in November.

Florence Morning News: A helping hand for Timmonsville fire is a fine idea

http://www.scnow.com/opinion/editorials/article_6ef3a05c-433c-11e3-899f-001a4bcf6878.html

Editorial

Timmonsville is a challenging place to govern. Economic statistics for the town are well below state medians and government does not have a significant base to draw upon when it comes to funding. That would be tough enough, but the town has also been beset by additional problems of its own doing, such as shoddy financial keeping and mismanagement of town revenues. Small towns with dwindling populations — places like Timmonsville — are an unfortunate, but very real feature of the Pee Dee. Many of them existed in large part to supply essential services, like water, police or fire, to their residential core because neighboring towns were too far away to offer sufficient help. Indeed, providing for the safety of the public is one of the great and proper functions of government.

The State: Restaurant Tax Ruling Should Spur Change In SC Law

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=WfqWEvwM

Editorial

The biggest problem with the requirement that local restaurant taxes must be used for "tourism-related" spending is that it encourages cities and counties to spend money on festivals and sporting complexes and other things that are nice but not essential, even while they scrimp on police and fire and other essential services. And because "tourism" isn't directly defined - and even less defined is the mandate that the spending be "tourism-related" - it has provided a huge temptation for local officials to push the envelope. As they do constantly. What this means is that Richland County and Columbia and the growing list of other cities and counties collecting the tax are not only squandering tax money. They're compromising their integrity, and so further diminishing trust in our government.

Island Packet: Hold schools accountable for the right tests in a new world

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/11/02/2770409/hold-schools-accountable-for-the.html#storylink=cpy>

David Lauderdale

While educators are all but comatose with fear that their students will flunk multiple-choice tests, the rest of the world is flying by, with a much different definition of failure. The real failure is in not stretching the brain. It is not

taking risks on new ideas, knowing that most will fail. It is the inability to quantify a problem, much less the solution. It is the inability to think. So says an education leader from Harvard University who has counseled and learned from the best educators and business leaders across the globe.

The State: Don't Give Up Extra Income For Fear Of Change In Taxes

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=D6lmAZAA

Neil Brown

Have you ever heard someone say, "I don't want to make any more money because it will put me in a higher tax bracket"? I have and just shake my head because most people don't understand this concept. They mistakenly think that moving to a higher tax bracket will subject all of their income during the year to this higher rate. Your marginal income tax rate is the rate at which you would pay tax on your next dollar of taxable income. It's also the rate at which your last dollar of taxable income was taxed. Your marginal tax rate depends on your filing status and on the level of your taxable income.

Post and Courier: Linda Page for Mount Pleasant mayor

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131103/PC1002/131109812/1021/linda-page-for-mount-pleasant-mayor>

Editorial

Linda Page, as a life-long Mount Pleasant resident, knows where the town has been. She also knows where it is. And she has laid out a positive vision for where it should go. That well-rounded perspective, and her proven ability to work well for positive results with others on and off Town Council, makes her the right choice for mayor. As she told us: "I have a strong understanding of yesterday in Mount Pleasant. That doesn't mean I want it to stay like it was in 1959, but I want to honor that past." Though a political newcomer at the time, she won a place on council four years ago as the top vote-getter out of 19 candidates seeking four seats.

South Carolina News:

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Sen. Tim Scott encourages students to set high goals

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20131101/ARTICLES/131109959/0/search>

Trevor Anderson

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott encouraged Dorman High School students to raise their own bar on Friday afternoon. Scott spoke to a group of about 100 teenagers in the school's media center and took part in a lively Q&A session that included a few laughs, some anecdotes and a lot of candy. The state's first African-American senator since Reconstruction talked about being raised by his mother. He shared stories of his own failures, including flunking out of high school English, Spanish, physics and geography. The former U.S. and state representative described a turning point in his life. It was when he met his mentor John Moniz, a Chick-fil-A franchisee who instilled conservative values and inspired him to work hard to accomplish his goals.

Post and Courier: S.C. Medicaid agency will use federal funds to implement new Health Connections Prime program

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131102/PC16/131109803/1382/sc-medicaid-agency-will-use-federal-funds-to-implement-new-health-connections-prime-program>

Lauren Sausser

South Carolina is investing federal money into a new program called "Healthy Connections Prime," designed to improve health coverage for more than 50,000 residents who are old, poor and often sick. These so-called "dual eligibles" — because they qualify for Medicare and Medicaid — traditionally cost the system more than anybody else. "We are investing in this population because they are arguably among our most vulnerable — poor and elderly — as well as our most costly," said S.C. Medicaid Director Tony Keck in a statement.

Island Packet: Lowcountry legislators, Realtors hope for delay of flood-insurance rate hikes

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/11/02/2770415/lowcountry-legislators-realtors.html#storylink=cpy>

Dan Burley

A federal bill to delay national flood-insurance rate hikes by at least four years has the support of Lowcountry legislators, Beaufort County flood-plain officials and local Realtors, many of whom fear a dip in the real estate market as the hikes gradually take effect. Though the delay provides a reprieve for property owners -- some of whom will see tenfold increases in annual premiums -- several officials worry it merely postpones the

inevitable. "It will probably stop the worry in the meantime, but it is going to come sooner or later," said Richard Spruce, flood-plain manager for the Town of Hilton Head Island.

The State: Majority Oppose, But More In SC Tolerant Of Same-sex Marriage

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=UTVtnNhM

Jamie Self

More South Carolinians are tolerant of same-sex marriage, but a majority still oppose it, according to a new Winthrop Poll. More than 52 percent of S.C. adults, polled by Winthrop, said marriages between same-sex couples should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as heterosexual marriages. But nearly 39 percent said same-sex marriages should be recognized by law and carry the same rights as marriages between a man and a woman.

Anderson Independent: School districts keeping larger fund balances than recommended

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/nov/02/school-districts-keeping-larger-fund-balances/>

Sarah Freishtat

Many local school districts are keeping more money in the bank than recommended by experts, according to financial statements. The districts began increasing the size of the balances in their general operating funds after the 2008 economic crisis, when districts lost significant amounts of state and federal money. Auditors recommend that school districts — and all units of government — keep some extra cash, or a fund balance, to cover unexpected costs and ensure a district does not overdraw its bank account. But districts have begun to keep more money as state funding has become less stable, said officials from several Anderson-area districts.

The State: State House for Sale: The story thus far

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/11/02/3074148/state-house-for-sale-the-story.html#storylink=cpy>

Ethics scandals have dominated S.C. political news in recent years, leading both political parties to say that ethics reform is a legislative priority. An ethics reform bill is working its way through the state Legislature but faces significant roadblocks. Since May, The State newspaper has examined loopholes in the state's ethics laws.

Index-Journal: Shooting suspect was free on bond

<http://www.indexjournal.com/main.asp?SectionID=4&SubSectionID=40&ArticleID=21794>

Matt Bruce

Bryan Sweatt was free on bond Tuesday afternoon when he carried out what officials regarded as one of the most gruesome mass-murders Greenwood County ever endured. As was highly publicized, investigators think Sweatt forced his way into a home along Callison Highway, waited and executed a family of five that included two children before killing himself Tuesday. Investigators noted Sweatt used a large-caliber handgun during the ordeal and said they believe the weapon came from within the mobile home.

The State: Former federal judge Karen Williams dies; was a native of Orangeburg

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/11/02/3073339/former-federal-judge-karen-williams.html#storylink=cpy>

Karen Johnson Williams, a native of South Carolina who rose to become the first female chief judge in the U.S. Court of Appeals in the 4th Circuit, died Saturday morning after a battle with early onset Alzheimer's disease. She was 62. Williams, a 1972 graduate of Columbia College, was appointed to the Fourth Circuit by President George H.W. Bush. She was the first woman to serve as chief judge in the Fourth Circuit. She retired in July 2009 as chief judge as she revealed she was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's.

The State: New Pollution Controls Spark Complaints In S.C.

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=FXG91adP

Sammy Fretwell

State Attorney General Alan Wilson has revived criticism in South Carolina against new controls on greenhouse gas pollution, but his remarks this week drew a sharp response from one of the nation's leading environmental groups. John Walke, who tracks air issues for the Natural Resources Defense Council, said Friday that Wilson is misleading the public in suggesting that businesses will have an undue burden complying with the greenhouse gas requirements. Walke said the rules will not affect most businesses, but a relatively small number of large factories and power plants – and only if they plan to expand.

Greenville News: Clemson center to study rural dropout prevention
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013311030015>

Clemson University's National Dropout Prevention Center/Network and Clemson Broadcast Productions will help the U.S. Department of Education analyze and enhance rural dropout prevention efforts in 15 states. Under a subcontract to Manhattan Strategy Group, the Clemson entities will analyze the states' dropout prevention needs and develop solutions and resources for state education departments and school districts, school officials said. The project will focus on states with a high percentage of schools in rural and remote areas, including Alaska, Arkansas, Iowa, Maine, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Local News:

Associated Press: Interim Columbia police chief criticized for post
http://www.scnw.com/news/state/article_3cd4538a-440b-11e3-8c25-0019bb30f31a.html

Columbia's interim police chief is under scrutiny after some construed his response to a comment on the department's Facebook page as a threat. Chief Ruben Santiago responded to a comment on a news release posted Thursday night regarding the arrest of a suspect on a marijuana possession charge. The person commenting said the department should focus less on busting people for pot and more on patrolling Five Points, where a University of South Carolina student was shot and wounded more than two weeks ago. Santiago thanked the person for comments that might make police believe he's a criminal and wrote, "We will work on finding you."

Aiken Standard: NNSA reaffirms contract award with SRS option
<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131102/AIK0101/131109930/1007/AIK0101/nnsa-reaffirms-contract-award-with-srs-option>

Haley Hughes

The National Nuclear Security Administration – or NNSA – has reaffirmed its decision to award Consolidated Nuclear Security LLC the management and operations of several nuclear facilities in the country, including an unexercised option for tritium operations at SRS. NNSA tapped Consolidated Nuclear Security LLC as the management and operating contractor for the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tenn., and the Pantex Plant near Amarillo, Texas. The contract also includes construction project management of the uranium processing facility at Y-12. Consolidated Nuclear Security is comprised of Bechtel National Inc., Lockheed Martin Services Inc., ATK Launch Systems Inc. and SOC LLC.

Florence Morning News: What a re-issuance of the penny tax would mean for Florence County administration, sheriff's office, Veteran Affairs, emergency management and recreation
http://www.scnw.com/news/politics/article_42f5e17c-4413-11e3-a346-001a4bcf6878.html

Gavin Jackson

A long and sometimes bumpy road will come to an end Tuesday as Florence County voters will decide whether to self-impose the capital project sales tax for another seven years. The tax, also known as the penny tax, adds a 1 percent tax onto the cost of most goods — food and some others are exempt — that the county can then use for capital projects outlined in a referendum question. State Sen. Hugh K. Leatherman Sr., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and Joint Bond Review Committee, provided revenue estimates that show \$135 million in revenue would be needed to amortize \$125 million in bonds, without raising property taxes, something he said is in "high likelihood."

Greenville News: Greenville County Schools on track for re-accreditation
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013311030013>

Ron Barnett

A national team of education experts gave its stamp of approval for re-accreditation of the Greenville County school district and all of its schools last week, praising the district for its use of a set of principles that guides everything that goes on in schools, and recommending that it reach out more to families and students who feel left out. The review team from the AdvancED Accreditation Commission conditioned its approval on a "required action" that the district improve its use of technology to provide equity for students in all schools and develop a better system-wide technology infrastructure. Superintendent Burke Royster said the team's findings were consistent with what the district had found in its own review.

Times and Democrat: Row crops suffer from too much rain

http://thetandd.com/business/agriculture/row-crops-suffer-from-too-much-rain/article_ac6992f4-443e-11e3-9887-001a4bcf887a.html

Gene Zaleski

Excessive rainfall that saturated the soil and cooler than normal conditions “devastated” the 2013 wheat crop in Orangeburg County and extensively lowered yields in cotton, Clemson Extension Agent Jonathan Croft reports. Overall, corn yields, too, suffered from a rainy summer but were not as negatively impacted as cotton, he said. Soybeans and peanut yields were decent to fair, Croft said. The Times and Democrat Region counties, as well as the entire state, were declared a disaster earlier this year. The trigger point for a disaster declaration is a 30 percent crop loss on at least one crop. In the T&D Region, cotton and wheat were the most significantly impacted.

Times and Democrat: Elloree Middle’s ‘F’ on last year’s federal report card will stand

http://thetandd.com/news/local/education/elloree-middle-s-f-on-last-year-s-federal-report/article_4baaf700-4439-11e3-bcd8-0019bb2963f4.html

Dale Linder-Altman

An ‘F’ received by Elloree Middle School on last year’s federal report card will stand, according to a press release issued by the S.C. Department of Education. The release states that an appeal by Orangeburg Consolidated School District Three for reconsideration of the grade was among 10 requests statewide to be denied. “We used the scoring method approved by the U.S. Department of Education across the state and then carefully reviewed the reasons offered by school districts in their appeals,” said State Superintendent of Education Dr. Mick Zais. “We have taken into account all concerns raised by the districts and are confident that we have correctly analyzed these appeals.”

Associated Press: Selling The Bull Street Development - The New Columbia Common

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9DvzLSSR

Jeff Wilkinson

The shopping and dining area planned for the redeveloped State Hospital campus on Bull Street has a name – Columbia Common. And Greenville developer Bob Hughes has put together a retail marketing team – armed with a glossy new promotional book – which started talking with potential tenants this past week at a high-profile trade show in Atlanta. Hughes, in a rare interview, told The State that he chose the name to echo Boston Common, the famous park in that New England city. He said he wants the new Columbia Common to be a gathering place, much like that park, which anchors a chain of other parks that wind their way through Massachusetts’ state capital.

Post and Courier: Mount Pleasant, Charleston, others to pick new leaders, as Dorchester voters decide a tax question

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131102/PC16/131109877/1382/mount-pleasant-charleston-others-to-pick-new-leaders-as-dorchester-voters-decide-a-tax-question>

Robert Behre

Mount Pleasant voters will choose a new mayor Tuesday — or at least narrow a field of five candidates down to two. Meanwhile, Dorchester County voters will decide whether they want to raise their sales tax by 1 percent and lower their property tax bills. These are just a few elections to be held across the Lowcountry as voters in several cities and towns are set to pick new mayors, council members and commissioners for their water and sewer systems. Several cities and towns recently moved their municipal election day to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years, to try to increase the number of ballots cast.

Associated Press: Monks' lives the same even with additions at abbey

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=4fVvgzrA

Bruce Smith

The daily cycle of work, worship and contemplation at Mepkin Abbey still follows the simple pattern that Trappist monks have observed for a thousand years. But in recent months there have been some changes at the South Carolina monastery near Charleston. A new retreat center and chapel were dedicated in late August. Also in the summer, the first phase of Mepkin’s columbarium, where ashes are inurned, was completed. The

community of 15 monks, following the monastic tradition, has always welcomed visitors. But before the completion of the St. Francis Retreat Center, those visitors stayed in worn cottages and a mobile home.

National News:

Associated Press: Race for Virginia governor could hinge on women

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=VHd0X9eN

Ken Thomas and Philip Elliott

Women may hold the key in Virginia's slash-and-burn race for governor, rendering a final judgment on a campaign marked by fights over social issues. Democrats have not relented in their criticism of Republican Ken Cuccinelli's positions on abortion, women's reproductive health and even divorce, and it's taken a toll, especially among female voters. Polls show Cuccinelli consistently struggling to connect with women in his race against Democratic Terry McAuliffe. Heading into Tuesday's election, the cash-poor Cuccinelli campaign is trying to set the record straight at every stop, with the state attorney general telling allies, "The truth is our friend here."

Associated Press: Obama heads to Virginia to campaign for McAuliffe

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=IAzf6XWm

Josh Lederman and Philip Elliott

President Barack Obama is lending his political heft to Terry McAuliffe's campaign for Virginia governor while Republican Ken Cuccinelli is flying from airport to airport in search of votes. McAuliffe and Cuccinelli planned the final Sunday of their bitter campaign trying to motivate their most ardent supporters for an election that is going to be decided by the few Virginians who choose to vote on Tuesday. The state Board of Elections chief says turnout could be as low as 30 percent of registered voters and the campaigns see 40 percent turnout as the ceiling. Polls show McAuliffe ahead and campaign finance reports show a dramatically lopsided dynamic, with the Democrats far outraising and outspending Cuccinelli and his allies. Television airtime was tilted in McAuliffe's favor by a 10-to-1 margin.

Associated Press: Health insurance site to go down tonight for repairs

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131102/PC1601/131109821/1382/health-insurance-site-to-go-down-tonight-for-repairs>

The troubled health insurance website is going offline until Sunday morning. The Health and Human Services Department says a technology team will be working on HealthCare.gov, so people won't be able to apply or enroll through the site. The site will be down from about 9 p.m. Saturday to about 9 a.m. Sunday. The government says people can apply for coverage through the health marketplace call center — 1-800-318-2596. That's available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The federal website locked up the day it went live, Oct. 1, and has been cranky since. It's been taken down for maintenance before — usually for a few overnight hours.

Associated Press: DC on fast track to decriminalizing pot possession

http://www.scnw.com/news/national/article_15f25fe0-440c-11e3-a524-0019bb30f31a.html

It took nearly 15 years after voters approved medical marijuana for it to become available in the District of Columbia, but the next major change to pot laws in the nation's capital is on the fast track. The D.C. Council is poised to approve a bill that would decriminalize possession of small amounts of pot, and Democratic Mayor Vincent Gray announced last month that he supports it. He could sign the bill into law as early as January. Some activists want the city to go further by legalizing, taxing and regulating marijuana as Colorado and Washington state do, and they're considering a ballot initiative if the council doesn't take that step. It's a big change from a year ago, when there was no medical marijuana in the capital and elected officials weren't talking about relaxing recreational pot laws.

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Governor Nikki Haley News:

ABC Columbia: Governor takes anti-bullying campaign to Midlands schools

<http://www.abccolumbia.com/story/gov-haley-i-was-bullied--20131101>

Monique Williams

Sharing her personal story of being picked on in elementary school, Governor Nikki Haley told a crowded gym of students at Leslie M. Stover Middle School in Elgin that 'cool kids don't bully,' which is also the name of the governor's statewide anti-bullying campaign.

Note: "If the governor was bullied anybody can be bullied," said Haley. "It doesn't have to mean that when you grow up. It can be a defining moment in your life, a moment of courage and learning how to solve that problem. My job is to remind them what it means to be a leader, a bully and that it's better to be a leader and not a bully."

Georgetown Times: Governor: Fire unified state in support of Georgetown

<http://www.gtowntimes.com/article/20131101/GTT06/131039983/1110/governor-fire-unified-state-in-support-of-georgetown>

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Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Island Packet: Republicans spreading health care misinformation

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/11/01/2768350/republicans-spreading-health-care.html>

Editorial

You've probably heard the latest round of misinformation about the results of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Every Republican congressional member and conservative talking head on the Sunday morning talk shows spoke about the letters to 300,000 Floridians from Florida Blue, a division of Blue Cross/Blue Shield, advising that they were going to lose their individual coverage because of the ACA. These talking points failed to mention several very important points. First, the policies are being canceled because they don't meet the minimum acceptable benefit coverage required under the new law.

Sun News: Myrtle Beach voters encouraged to support performing arts center referendum

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/11/02/3808846/editorial-myrtle-beach-voters.html#storylink=cpy>

Editorial

Stop us if you've heard this before. A group in Myrtle Beach is working on a plan for a performing arts center. If it sounds familiar, it is because for about 15 years, a group in Myrtle Beach has been trying to get a performing arts center established. Today, however, the group behind the effort is more broad-based, which means it

includes those with business and marketing backgrounds as well as those of a more artistic bent. That means the effort has gotten closer to accomplishing that goal than previous attempts. In our view, it is a worthy goal. Access to the arts, whether you are talking live theater, music performances or art exhibitions, is a measure of an area's quality of life.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Lowcountry congressional delegates back flood insurance rate delay

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131101/PC05/131109867/1010/lowcountry-congressional-delegates-back-flood-insurance-rate-delay>

Tyrone Richardson

Bipartisan legislation to delay flood insurance rate increases for four years has the support of Lowcountry congressional delegates. U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford, R-SC, was one of the nearly 100 federal lawmakers to co-sponsor the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act, which is intended to reverse higher premiums that threaten to send the recovering home sales market into a tailspin. Sanford said he did so because the previous reform that was passed last year, "while well intended, is flawed." The bipartisan group of House members and senators presented the legislation on Tuesday, saying the rate increases should not be implemented without more research.

Post and Courier: State Superintendent of Education Mick Zais drops proposal to permanently eliminate class size regulations

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131101/PC1610/131109907/1389/state-education-leader-backs-off-plan-to-permanently-change-class-size-rules>

Diette Courrege Casey

Facing criticism from educators statewide, S.C. Superintendent of Education Mick Zais has backed off a controversial proposal that would've eliminated some class size regulations. The state's top schools leader had been supporting changes to the rules governing mandatory staffing levels in South Carolina schools. He wanted to give more flexibility and control to local districts, but teachers and education advocacy groups across the state voiced opposition to his plan. They feared the changes would hurt students by growing classes to unmanageable sizes. The state Board of Education was slated to take up the issue at its Nov. 13 meeting, but Zais announced Thursday that the state department had recommended that the state board not approve the changes.

Anderson Independent: No additional TB cases found at shelter

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/nov/01/no-additional-tb-cases-found-at-shelter/>

Nikie Mayo

Nearly three months after a man who sought help from Haven of Rest tested positive for tuberculosis, the state health department has so far found no other signs of the disease at the Anderson charity. The man, whose identity was never disclosed, was at the charity's West Whitner Street shelter between July 19 and Aug. 5. During his stay at the shelter, the man needed to go to the doctor. During that visit, a doctor tested him for tuberculosis and the test came back positive. The man was removed from the shelter in August and was treated in isolation at AnMed Health Medical Center. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control tested 68 people at the shelter during the summer and found no signs of the disease among them.

Post and Courier: Reduction in food stamp benefits takes hold in South Carolina

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131101/PC16/131109875/1006/>

Schuyler Kropf

The average low-income family of three in South Carolina will lose \$30 worth of food purchasing power a month under a reduction in food stamp benefits that kicked in Friday. Advocates for those who rely on the program say \$30 may not appear to be a large sum of money for those in the middle or upper income range. But to those on the lower rungs, it can represent going for several days worth of family meals that have to be made up elsewhere. "I think people in general are going to be fearful of not having enough to put on their table," said Toby Brown, executive director of the Midland Park Community Ministries. The group operates a food bank that provides for a large geographic swath of the population in North Charleston, including Liberty Hill.

The Item: SC To Seek Death Penalty In Triple Murder Trial Of Jeffrey Eady
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=dF9e7CDs
Braden Bunch

A 31-year-old Clarendon County man accused of killing three women during a crime spree between Clarendon and Charleston counties during the summer was officially informed Friday that he will face the death penalty for his alleged actions. Under close security, Jeffrey Eady appeared in a Clarendon County court Friday for the official notice hearing that he could be sentenced to death if found guilty for the death of Clarendon County recycling center employee 65-year-old Maybell White. Eady also faces murder charges in the deaths of 77-year-old New Zion resident Sadie Brown, a family member of the suspect, as well as Charleston County convenience store employee, 37-year-old Crystal Johnson.

Associated Press: Food stamp cuts to kick in for South Carolina, US
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2EDNnc8c

South Carolina food stamp recipients are about to see a cut to their benefits. They are among more than 47 million Americans who will see their benefits go down starting Friday. The cuts come as Congress begins negotiations on further cuts to the program. Benefits fluctuate based on factors including food prices, inflation and income. The rolls have grown as the economy struggled in recent years. The 2009 economic stimulus provided higher benefits. As a result, the program has more than doubled in cost since 2008, now costing almost \$80 billion a year.

Post and Courier: SCE&G weather-related electric bills confusing, unpredictable, critics say
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131101/PC16/131109868/1006/sceg-takes-heat-for-billing-method>
Prentiss Findlay

The South Carolina Electric & Gas method of calculating customer charges based on 15-year average temperatures should be discontinued because it is confusing and bills are unpredictable, the state Office of Regulatory Staff said Friday. The Weather Normalization Adjustment rate structure is so complicated that neither the company's customer service representatives nor ORS staff can explain it, consumers complained. Customers are unsure how to manage their energy consumption because of uncertainty about how much it will cost. "There is no stability or predictability in the rates," ORS said in a report on the issue.

The State: Private-school choice gaining ground in SC
<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/11/01/2768815/exclusive-private-school-choice.html#storylink=cpy>
Jamie Self

Support for private-school choice programs in South Carolina has increased dramatically in the last five years, but the public remains deeply divided over the issue, according to a new Winthrop Poll. South Carolinians who support the state giving tax credits or vouchers to help parents pay for private school for their children narrowly outnumber those who oppose the idea – by 45.2 percent to 41.8 percent, according to the poll, which asked the question exclusively for The State. The poll was taken from Oct. 19 to 27, interviewing 887 adults living in South Carolina. Private-school choice supporters said the margin, though small, shows the public is growing more open to the idea.

Anderson Independent: ACA problems predictable, say academics
<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/nov/01/aca-problems-predictable-say-academics/>
Michael Eads

Two public health experts are taking a wait-and-see approach to the Affordable Care Act. Bert Rockman, political science professor at Purdue University, spoke about the law Monday night to Clemson University class. He said the ACA is a response to a lagging American health-care system. "Generally speaking, on most indicators the United States come dead last this is a highly inefficient system that chews up resources unnecessarily to no good end," said Rockman, noting that the U.S. spends 18 percent of its gross domestic product while other Western countries spend 10-14 percent for single-payer coverage with little out-of-pocket expense for patients.

Island Packet: US 278 construction could be finished Nov. 15, DOT says
<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/11/01/2768210/us-278-construction-nears-completion.html#storylink=cpy>
Zach Murdock

The widening of U.S. 278 in greater Bluffton could be completed within two weeks -- a month ahead of schedule, according to a state transportation official. Crews still need to pave a .75-mile stretch from S.C. 170 to just east of the Okatie River bridge, Smith said. Workers began painting some final pavement markings Wednesday night and still must prepare sections of the westbound shoulder for planting grass, he added.

Local News:

Aiken Standard: Aiken residents feel effects of food stamp cut

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20131102/AIK0101/131109914/1004/aiken-residents-feel-effects-of-food-stamp-cut>

Maayan Schechter

Louise Johnson, 67, sees the raised eyebrows and knows many people who are not on food stamps do not understand what a family has to go through. "There's a lot of rich people and older people that probably have never been in a situation to have them," Johnson said. "But by the grace of God, those people who say things about people on food stamps, that could be them. It's a struggle." As of Friday, roughly 47 million Americans who depend on food stamps watched as about \$5 billion was gutted out from the food aid pot, now known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP. Initially, families saw a slight increase in food stamps back in October to mirror the cost of living and other yearly adjustments including income tests and shelter deduction.

Rock Hill Herald: Food stamp cuts could be 'catastrophic' for poor and hungry in York, Chester, Lancaster counties

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/11/01/5363662/food-stamp-cuts-could-be-catastrophic.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Dys

In Chester County, close to 10,000 people receive food stamps to keep away hunger. The county's population is only about 33,000. So about one in three people in Chester County – the old and frail, combat veterans, babies and kids trying to learn – depend on food stamps to have close to enough to eat. Cuts in federal funding for food stamps, which went into effect Friday, sliced an average of \$36 a month from the food stamp allowance that already is not enough to feed people who are broke.

Associated Press: KI Logistics establishing North American HQ in SC

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=3OUd24Xe

A logistics company whose parent firm already operates a plant in South Carolina is establishing its North American headquarters in Greenville County and plans to create almost 150 jobs. The state Commerce Department announced Friday that KI Logistics will invest more than \$11 million in the new facility at The Matrix Business and Technology Park in Greenville County. The company is a subsidiary of Kimura, Inc. In addition to the headquarters, the company plans to establish a logistics operation at the site.

Florence Morning News: What a re-issuance of the penny tax would mean for Olanta, Coward and Pamplico

http://www.scnow.com/news/politics/article_3674b80a-434c-11e3-b04d-001a4bcf6878.html

Gavin Jackson

Of the \$145 million in projects that makes up the total Capital Project Sales Tax referendum on the ballot Tuesday, Olanta, Coward, Pamplico and neighboring areas, would receive a little more than \$11.5 million for projects. The referendum authorizes the county to issue a bond for up to \$125 million to begin countywide projects totaling \$108.7 million. Work on these 82 projects would be funded by the bond and would begin after the current penny sales tax expires at the end of April. The remaining \$36.3 million for nine road projects would be funded on a pay-as-you-go basis and would occur later in the seven-year life of the sales tax depending on how much tax revenue is available.

The State: Why Now? Why Not? Opposing Viewpoints On The Richland Library Tax

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=NmunS0Nx

Dawn Hinshaw

Tuesday, Richland County voters will decide whether to allow Richland Library to borrow \$59 million to enlarge and renovate facilities countywide. The proposal would reconfigure the interior space of the main library downtown and expand nine branches with conference rooms and community meeting spaces. If approved, the property-tax increase would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home an extra \$12 to \$14 a year for 20 years.

Following are some of the most popular arguments for and against the proposal: The main library and its 10 branches have not been updated since voters approved the last loan package in 1989. That round of improvements included building the landmark main library now on Assembly Street in downtown Columbia.

The State: Five Points In Focus As University Of South Carolina Celebrates Homecoming

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=X7C4N2s0

Andrew Shain

Vicki Ringer felt safe when she went to Five Points as a University of South Carolina student nearly 30 years ago. But the Lexington mother has held her breath every time her daughter has said she was heading to the off-campus nightlife hub in recent weeks. Watch Video of Five Points night life Beatings, robberies and gunfire have landed Five Points in the headlines over the past three years. Last month, a USC freshman was paralyzed by a stray bullet while waiting for a cab.

The State: Election 2013 | Davis Faces First Re-election Challenge In Columbia

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=x4y3mA2t

Tim Flach

Veteran Columbia City Councilman Sam Davis faces a challenge at the Nov. 5 ballot from a neighborhood activist unhappy with City Hall. Bruce Trezevant is the first opponent since Davis became a city leader after winning a four-candidate showdown in 1998. Davis says he is “geared up” – not rusty – for the nonpartisan contest. The pair are running in District 1, which includes the northern part of the city as well as its arms in the St. Andrews and Harbison areas. Both oppose a “strong mayor” referendum going before city voters Dec. 3 to give the mayor more clout over daily operations of City Hall, expressing concern it would dilute neighborhood influence.

Post and Courier: Georgetown artist hit by fire inspired by town, people

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131102/PC12/131109903/1177/georgetown-artist-hit-by-fire-inspired-by-town-people>

Warren Peper

In the past few weeks, there’s a different look to Front Street. There’s a gaping hole where historical buildings once stood. There’s also a hole in the heart of this proud town that believes it’s perfectly situated between Charleston and Myrtle Beach. Walters says these last days and weeks have humbled him. He lost everything, but now feels more enriched. People have slipped him money, given him new brushes and paint. But nothing compares to a good, solid, firm handshake from another man who looks you in the eye and says, “everything’s gonna be alright.” He also finds strength in a sincere, wrap-your-arms-around-me bear hug from an unknown woman in an apron who wants to donate some of her son’s shirts.

National News:

Politico: Obamacare losers could pack political punch

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/11/obamacare-losers-could-pack-political-punch-99235.html>

Darren Samuel Sohn and Jason Millman

Meet the new Soccer Mom: Obamacare losers. Millions of married, older, white, college-educated, GOP-leaning Americans have quickly seen their political profile rise after their health insurance companies sent them cancellation letters with the launch of the giant new health care law. It’s not a huge segment of the population — estimates show between 10 million to 19 million people bought health insurance from what Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius dubbed the “Wild West” individual marketplace.

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Charleston Business Journal: Haley education initiative to focus on technology, reading, collaboration

<http://www.charlestonbusiness.com/news/49385-haley-gives-preview-of-plans-for-january-education-initiative>

Andy Owens

When Gov. Nikki Haley traveled to Frankfurt, Germany, last month to attend an international automotive show, she and economic development officials were met with one specific question from the more than 30 companies they talked to: How is your K-12 education in South Carolina? All of them had heard about South Carolina's pro-business climate. They knew about the lower labor costs, lack of unions and the governmental support of manufacturing. But they didn't know whether South Carolina had an educational system that could sustain a multigenerational workforce, she said.

Note: "Every single one of those meetings, every single one, the very first question they asked me was K-12. What's your education?" Haley said. "That floored me. Not tax structure, not infrastructure."

Georgetown Times: Mayor chooses Guard over private firm for river debris cleanup

<http://www.gtowntimes.com/article/20131101/GTT06/131109990/1040>

Scott Harper

Despite pleas from Gov. Nikki Haley to use a private contractor to clean up the Sampit River from the recent Front Street fire, Mayor Jack Scoville says it is in the city's best interest to use the National Guard. At a meeting Wednesday in Georgetown, Haley said "I caution you in bringing in government to do things because government has strings attached." She said "the cost of what it will take for the Guard to do the work is about the same as if you hired a private company." Scoville said that is not what the city discovered when it checked with the private firm R.L. Morrison - the same company that has been hired to repair the damage the Harborwalk sustained in the fire.

Florence Morning News: KI Logistics locating new operations at Greenville County's Matrix Technology Park

http://www.scnow.com/news/state/article_c4cc1fd2-42fa-11e3-9ec6-001a4bcf6878.html

KI Logistics, a subsidiary of global logistics leader and innovator Kimura Inc. announced Friday it will establish its new North American headquarters and a major logistics facility at The Matrix Business and Technology Park in Greenville County. The \$11.5 million investment is expected to generate as many as 149 new jobs over the next several years.

Note: “We are delighted that Kimura is expanding its presence in our state with the addition of KI Logistics’ new facility, creating more than 100 jobs,” said Gov. Nikki Haley. “Our state is equipped with all the right assets for logistics providers to succeed – deep-water port facilities, efficient highways and rail systems. We welcome KI Logistics to Greenville.”

South Carolina News:

The State: S.C. Schools Chief Zais Withdraws Plan To Deregulate Class Sizes

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=sAgsXr7D

Jamie Self

S.C. Superintendent of Education Mick Zais no longer is asking the state Board of Education to repeal state regulations governing class sizes and staffing requirements in K-12 classrooms. The first-term education superintendent made the announcement in a news release Thursday following about a month of intense opposition to the plan from educator advocacy groups who feared the changes could lead to packed classrooms and schools without principals or other key personnel. Zais said those fears are unwarranted because the General Assembly has suspended the regulations for four years, giving schools freedom to make their own decisions about classroom sizes and personnel needs, and he has found no signs of that districts abuse that flexibility.

Greenville News: Graham: S.C. has right to define marriage its own way

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131101/NEWS/311010126/Graham-S-C-has-right-define-marriage-its-own-way>

Rudolph Bell

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham says he stands by South Carolina’s right to define marriage as heterosexual only and resist a Pentagon order to facilitate benefits for same-sex couples at all of its National Guard facilities. “I will support my state’s ability to define marriage between a man and a woman, the right to do that,” Graham said in Greenville Friday. “I don’t know how this ends in terms of the National Guard, but to the extent that the federal government is trying to impose upon South Carolina the recognition of same-sex marriage, I stand by my state.” Graham, a colonel in the Air Force Reserves and member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, was reacting to remarks Thursday by Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel.

Associated Press: SC agency says SCE&G should stop bill adjustments

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=NfOofxaF

Seanna Adcox

A state regulatory agency that represents the public says SCE&G should stop a bill-adjusting program that’s supposed to benefit customers but is so complicated, only the utility can determine if people are being correctly charged. The Office of Regulatory Staff recommended Friday that SCE&G terminate its Electric Weather Normalization Adjustment with December’s bills. The adjustments were approved in 2010 as a way to prevent customers’ bills from spiking. Electricity rates are lowered during extremely hot or cold months and raised during milder-than-normal temperatures.

The State: Supreme Court To Consider Religious Prayer At Government Meetings

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=u9IfUKmQ

Lauren Markoe

In a case that could determine restrictions on expressions of faith in the public square, the Supreme Court on Nov. 6 will consider religious prayers that convene government meetings. At issue in *Greece v. Galloway* is whether such invocations pass constitutional muster, even when government officials are not purposefully proselytizing or discriminating. Can a town council, for example, open its meetings with prayers invoking Jesus Christ, as happened repeatedly in the town of Greece, N.Y.? “There’s a whole lot at stake here,” said Ira Lupu, a law professor at George Washington University who specializes in the First Amendment’s religion clauses.

Post and Courier: Ports Authority launches program to reduce truck emissions

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131101/PC05/131109954/1177/ports-authority-launches-program-to-reduce-truck-emissions>

Tyrone Richardson

The S.C. State Ports Authority has kicked off a program to lessen truck pollution at terminals. The Clean Truck Certification Program started today, requiring trucks serving the container terminals to have engines manufactured in 1994 or later, officials said. Truck operators will have to register their rigs with the SPA by Jan. 1. Operators who do not register will be allowed to enter terminals once without the certification, said Erin Pabst, an SPA spokeswoman. "Once they enter, they'll be provided with information about the certification program," Pabst said.

Local News:

Greenville News: Japanese logistics company coming to Greenville; plans to hire 150

http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131101/BUSINESS/311010079/Japanese-logistics-company-coming-Greenville-plans-hire-150?ncllick_check=1

Rudolph Bell

A Japanese logistics company that counts Toyota and Panasonic among its customers plans to spend \$11 million and hire nearly 150 workers for a new warehouse in southern Greenville County, according to local economic development officials. KI Logistics will use the 206,000-square-foot facility in The Matrix industrial park along U.S. 25 to provide logistics services to various manufacturers, according to a news release from the Greenville Area Development Corp., Greenville County's economic development organization. Customers will include two companies with plants in the Greenville area: Drive Automotive Industries, which stamps metal parts for BMW and other automakers in Moonville, and JTEKT Corp., which makes auto parts in The Matrix.

Florence Morning News: What a re-issuance of the Capital Project Sales Tax would mean for Lake City, Johnsonville, Scranton

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_d354bd82-4298-11e3-9a16-0019bb30f31a.html

Gavin Jackson

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Spartanburg Herald Journal: Eight candidates running for five seats on Spartanburg District 1 school board

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20131031/ARTICLES/131039931/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Eight-candidates-running-for-five-seats-on-Spartanburg-District-1-school-board>

Lee G. Healy

The Election Day ballot for Spartanburg District 1 will be the most contested among the local school board races. Eight candidates — four incumbents and four newcomers — are running for five open seats. Those elected Tuesday will serve a four-year term on the nine-member board. Candidates include incumbents Henry Gramling, Harry McMillan, Mark Rollins and Michael Smith, and first-time contenders Ronnie Blackwell, Don Denton, Mark Holden and Brian Keim. Long-time school board member Hugh Burnett has said he will not seek reelection after four terms on the board.

National News:

Associated Press: Gunman kills TSA agent at LAX, injures 2 others

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/11/01/3071629/possible-shooting-reported-at.html#storylink=cpy>

Justin Pritchard and Tamy Abdollah

A man with a semi-automatic rifle opened fire at Los Angeles International Airport on Friday, killing a TSA employee and wounding two other people in an attack that frightened passengers and disrupted flights nationwide, officials said. Los Angeles police Assistant Chief Earl Paysinger said the unidentified gunman was apparently wounded following an exchange of gunfire with officers and was in custody. Tim Kauffman, a spokesman for the American Federation of Government Employees in Washington, confirmed Friday that a Transportation Security Administration officer was killed. Kauffman said the union's information comes from their local officials in Los Angeles.

USA Today: 47M Americans hit by food stamp cuts starting today

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/11/01/food-stamps-snap-cuts-farm-bill/3346341/>

Doug Stanglin

Food stamp benefits will be cut to more than 47 million Americans starting Friday as a temporary boost to the federal program comes to an end without a new budget from a deadlocked Congress to replace it. Under the program, known formally as the Supplemental Nutrition and Assistance Program, or SNAP, a family of four that gets \$668 per month in benefits will find that amount cut by \$36. SNAP, which benefits one in seven Americans, is administered by the Department of Agriculture and is authorized in a five-year omnibus farm bill covering all agricultural programs.

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NATION Growing demand, bad weather leave global wine supplies low, 2A

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STATE SIDES WITH BUSINESS IN EPA DISPUTE

Supreme Court to hear case next year

By Mary Omdorff Troyan
Washington Bureau

In a new dispute between environmental regulators and business over limiting greenhouse gas emissions, South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson has firmly chosen to side with industry.

"When the federal government regulates its citizens and rules its citizens with unelected bureaucrats, and legislates by administrative fiat, it burdens families and businesses," Wilson said.

The U.S. Supreme Court will hear a case next year challenging the Environmental Protection Agency's plans to further crack down on global-warming emissions from power plants and other manufacturing facilities.

Industry advocates, backed by South Carolina and 11 other states, say the EPA is on a power grab, taking permitting rules originally meant for cars and trucks and improperly expanding them to buildings.

"They make it unbearable for business to grow their facilities because of the onerous regulations imposed by the EPA," Wilson

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IMPROPER BENEFITS PAYOUTS DECLINE

More fraud prosecutions being pursued, DEW says

By Tim Smith
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COLUMBIA — The amount spent on improper unemployment payments in South Carolina is going down and the number of fraud cases connected with unemployment is going up, according to federal labor records and officials.

The state Department of Employment and Workforce, which at one time didn't refer any cases of suspected fraud for prosecution, now has 300 cases either under investigation or being prosecuted, a DEW spokeswoman says.

In 2011, the state made \$86 million in what the federal government describes as improper unemployment payments. That went down to \$54 million the following fiscal year and has dropped to \$37.6 million for the calendar year 2012, federal labor records show.

"We have focused more on fraud detection with various types of wage cross-matches," Mary-Kathryn Craft, a DEW spokeswoman, told *The Greenville News* in explaining the drop in overpayments. "And claims overall have dropped in the past several years."

South Carolina paid 30,301 unemployment claims for the latest available week in October, she said, down from 84,027 for the same week in 2009. The peak number of claims filed in South Carolina, also in 2009, was 104,000, she said.

Claims also have fallen nationally, helping to lower the amount in overpayments and fraud across the country, said Jason Kuruvilla, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Labor.

Kuruvilla said the agency has emphasized a number of strategies to fight fraud and overpayments that have helped, including data exchanges between states to improve claims verification.

Sen. Kevin Bryant of Anderson, chairman of the Labor, Commerce and Industries subcommittee that oversees

Regulators said stricter permitting would apply only to large facilities that emit at least 100,000 metric tons of greenhouse gases each year. In South Carolina last year, fewer than half of the 112 large facilities that emit greenhouse gases

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Early worries about ReVille surface

Legal papers: Serial molester's 2003 interaction with Citadel camper raised red flags

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A former Citadel camp director said in a deposition that he should have reported and fired sexual molester Loren "Skip" ReVille after catching him rubbing inti-

mency on a boy's leg in his room in 2003 — a move that could have spared the boy and others from alleged abuse, according to court papers filed this week.

The revelation is contained in a motion to amend an ongoing lawsuit filed by an unidentified

worshiper who is suing the military college for negligence over their handling of complaints against ReVille, a Citadel graduate and summer camp counselor who molested at least 13 boys in the region. He currently is serving a 50-year prison term.

The 98-page motion seeks to introduce new information gleaned from depositions and the legal discovery process, as well as add four Citadel officials as defendants in the suit. They are school President Lt. Gen. John Rosencen-

the now-defunct summer camps school attorney Mark Braden-

burg, and Joseph Tree, a Summer executive assistant to Rose.

The court papers cite an Aug. 28 deposition in which Garrett



ReVille

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Obamacare applicants can get low-tech help



Lauren Myerson, a trained navigator for healthcare.gov, talks about the different ways people can sign up for Obamacare other than online, such as using the paper process or by phone.

One month into open enrollment, S.C. families seek ways to get insurance without using troubled website

BY LAUREN SAUSSER
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Lauren Myerson's voice is calm and steady. She speaks slowly, as if she's thinking about how best to say each sentence before she actually says it.

This seems odd considering that she spends most of her time these

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days talking about the Affordable Care Act — legislation that usually elicits fiery, impassioned responses across the political spectrum. "Obamacare," more than three years

after it was signed into law, is still controversial.

Myerson isn't a politician. As a trained, Affordable Care Act navigator, her job isn't to debate the pros and cons of health care reform, but to explain in the simplest terms in everyday South Carolinians how this

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Read more

For more of The Post and Courier's past coverage of the Affordable Care Act, visit our online health care guide, postandcourier.com/obamacare.

The site includes a calculator to determine if you qualify for a subsidy to help pay for insurance, and a state-by-state look at health care reform.

Busy flu season on way?

State seeing more positive rapid tests

BY LAUREN SAUSSER
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The number of lab-tested influenza cases confirmed in South Carolina over the past five weeks is still fairly low, but if positive rapid-influenza tests are any measure of what's coming, it could be a very busy flu season.

There were roughly three times as many positive rapid flu tests across the state during Oct. 28 compared with the same week last year, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Control's weekly flu report.

Of the 116 positive rapid tests reported to the health department last week, 30 of them came from Charleston County, far more than any other county in South Carolina.

Last year, there were only 55 positive rapid tests statewide during the same week.

Since Sept. 28, when DHEC started tracking the flu, 72 positive rapid tests have been reported in Charleston.

"We do see a big increase in rapid flu tests this week as compared to last week," said DHEC spokesman Mark Snowden. "Monitoring rapid flu tests from doctors' offices is one component of our influenza surveillance activities."

Rapid flu tests can be an early indicator of increasing flu activity in the state, he said, but sometimes this test produces a false-positive.

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Vaccines

To find a flu vaccine nearby, visit DHEC's website, scdhs.gov/flu, or call 1-800-277-4667.

Black girl, disease adds to shrimpers' woes

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PREP FOOTBALL

Rivalry games this weekend fire up fans

By JOHN DEVLIN
Special to The State

What makes a good rivalry? Is it longevity, proximity, competitive fire or handsome box office receipts?

These questions come to mind as the regular season in all classifications except 1A concludes this week. Week 10 is the closest Midlands football comes to a rivalry week.

On tap tonight are four games that fit the classic parameters of a rivalry game: Brookland-Cayce vs. Airport, A.C. Flora vs. Dreher, Hammond vs. Heathwood Hall and Batesburg-Leesville vs. Saluda.

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A lot of factors go into making a good rivalry," said Bob Hanna, whose 16mo program doesn't have a season-ending rivalry game but is unique in the Midlands in that it has two annual high-interest games against Dutch Fork and Lexington.

"To me the most important thing is having communities that are close together and have a lot of interaction. Those two games are our biggest games of the year, no doubt. The winner gets to give their friends the business all year. A loss sticks with the coach, players and fans a long time. It's like Clemson-Carolina, only on a smaller level."

At A.C. Flora, playing Dreher is the highlight of the season.

"For the student body and our alumni, it's Dreher and always has been," said A.C. Flora athletics director Charlie Wentzky. "The schools are two miles apart and have been playing since the early 1900s, so it's an obvious rivalry. Other than maybe homecoming, it's our biggest game of the year."

Of the four rivalry games tonight

By ADAM BEAM
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A slim majority of South Carolinians say they would support an increase in the state's gas tax to improve roads.

A new poll, conducted by Winthrop University and released this week, shows that 50.5 percent of S.C. residents would support an increase.

It is the second time this year the Winthrop Poll - widely cited as an indicator of what South Carolinians are thinking - found a majority of S.C. residents disagree with the decisions of their state Legislature.

The Republican-controlled General Assembly has refused to raise the state's 18.5-cent-a-gallon gas tax - the fourth lowest in the country - despite several bipartisan attempts to in-

crease it. The Legislature also refused to expand the state's Medicaid program, which provides health insurance to the poor and disabled, despite a Winthrop Poll earlier this year that found a majority of South Carolinians supported that expansion.

In both cases, the majority support was not overwhelming.

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Aiken man detained after chase

Man allegedly tries to run over three lawmen during vehicular pursuit

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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An Aiken County man was detained in Bamberg County on Monday after he tried to run over three lawmen during a chase, according to the Bamberg County Sheriff's Office.

Tracy David Cook, 39, of East Street in Beech Island, was charged with three counts of attempted murder, manufacture and distribution of cocaine, distributing or manufacturing cocaine within a half mile of a school,



Cook

possession of burglary tools, possession of a schedule IV controlled substance with intent to distribute, driving under suspension and reckless driving. He was placed in the Bamberg County detention center, where he remained on Thursday af-

ternoon with no bond.

The incident happened on Monday about 1:30 p.m., according to a sheriff's report. A resident called police to report a truck similar to Cook's that had been seen on video with a suspect stealing two trailers from his property.

Officers located the truck on Bridge Street in Bamberg, but while attempting to stop Cook, he sped off, leading officers to a motel where he made "numerous traffic infractions."

... He backed the vehicle up toward the officers, spinning the tires. He then pulled forward, then put the vehicle in reverse a second time and backed up at 'full throttle' toward three officers.

Cook refused to exit the vehicle, according to the report. He backed the vehicle up toward the officers, spinning the tires. He then pulled forward, then put the vehicle in

reverse a second time and backed up at "full throttle" toward three officers.

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County to get new EMS station

Aiken celebrates Halloween



Karis Kissiah sits with a pumpkin, decorated like a cat, that she brought to Mead Hall Episcopal School on Thursday. For more photos of pumpkin designs around Aiken, see 4A, 5A, 12A and 14A.

SRNS honored as finalist for project of the year award

BY DERREK ASBERRY

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Sandy Rogers shooting mentioned in FBI report

BY TEDDY KULMALA
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The circumstances leading to the death of Master Cpl. Sandy Rogers on the morning of Jan. 28, 2012,

was shot while investigating a suspicious vehicle in Eustis Park on Jan. 28, 2012. As Rogers exited her patrol vehicle, the accused gunman, 28-year-old Joshua Jones, fired three rounds at her from a .40-caliber handgun, according to

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'Fun' controversy

Greeting card giant Hallmark said Thursday that it should not have changed the lyrics to "Deck the Halls" on a new holiday ornament that stirred a backlash from customers online. **PAGE A5**

Chilling 911 call

Facing problems with the law and in his personal life, 27-year-old Bryan Sweatt called a police dispatcher to vent. When she asked him what was wrong, he replied he was "stressed out" and about to kill himself. **PAGE C1**

Food stamp cuts

More than 47 million Americans who receive food stamps will see their benefits go down starting today, just as Congress has begun negotiations on further cuts to the program. Today, a temporary benefit from the 2009 economic stimulus that boosts food stamp dollars will no longer be available. **PAGE C5**

Spreading the word

Roger Whaley's preferred method of spreading the word of Jesus Christ is taking a page from history, using a wooden chuck wagon he built himself and traveling throughout his home

SUPERBIKE MURDERS CASE

Investigator still hunting for leads

Four people were
killed at Chesnee
shop 10 years ago

By JENNY ARNOLD
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Spartanburg County Sheriff's investigator Allan Wood hopes letters mailed to newspaper editors all over the country will generate new leads in the 10-year-old Superbike murders case.

On Nov. 6, 2003, someone went into Superbike Motorsports in Chesnee and shot owner Scott Ponder, 30, his 52-year-old mother and part-time employee, Beverly Elaine Guy, and employees Brian Lucas, 29, and Chris Sherbert, 26. A friend and customer found the victims at 3:15 p.m.

COMING SUNDAY

◆ The Herald-Journal is running a weekly series examining unsolved homicides in Spartanburg County, like the quadruple homicide at Superbike Motorsports. Coming this Sunday: The body of Ronald Sam Rogers was found on April 28, 1982, at the end of a cul-de-sac near Duncan. Rogers, 26, was fatally shot with a small-caliber handgun.

Two composite sketches of a possible suspect have been generated over the years. Last year, the case was featured on "America's Most Wanted."

Wood mailed a letter to newspapers in 10 states about two weeks ago, talking about the case and asking editors to run articles about it. The letter was mailed to news-

papers in towns where customers had made online purchases from Superbike Motorsports. Wood said Ponder had a thriving online business and arranged to ship parts and motorcycles if the buyer wasn't close enough to visit the store and pick them up.

"We are attempting to reach out to friends, family, acquaintances, co-workers, or anyone just familiar with someone who may be a suspect in this case, perhaps knowing that they were a customer and also that they may have been angry with the shop," Wood wrote in the letter. "That knowledge, coupled with this composite drawing and possible suspect vehicle descriptions, are just some of the elements of this case that we hope will jar someone's memory and help solve this case."

Wood said investigators have

believed from the start that the killings might have been carried out by a disgruntled customer.

"More than likely this person vocalized his displeasure with this business," Wood said.

Sheriff Chuck Wright held a news conference last year after a second composite sketch was created. A witness told investigators that the man shown in the sketch was acting as a customer shortly before the killings, going as far as filling out paperwork to buy a particular bike, assisted by Ponder. Wright wouldn't comment on whether fin-

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Sketch of
suspect

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Living in a state of VIOLENCE

SC ranks first in crimes where men kill women

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Meg's House executive director Alice Hodges speaks during a domestic violence rally last week at Lander University.

GCSO corrects statement about court appearance

From staff reports

The Greenwood County Sheriff's Office released a statement Thursday indicating Bryan Sweatt

General Sessions Court on Tuesday on a pending burglary charge in which he faced as much as 30 years in prison.

According to the GCSO state-

Signs of an abusive personality

- Controlling
- Wants to jump into relationship really quick
- Wants to keep tabs on girl
- Wants to know

By MATT BRUCE

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For the last decade, South Carolina was rated as one of the most violent states in the nation for women.

According to an annual study of

cide along Callison Highway in Greenwood. The tragic crime left five victims and a gunman dead. Investigators said Bryan Sweatt, a 27-year-old Greenwood man, likely forced his way into the mobile home in the 2000 block of the highway and waited for its

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'Name calling' leads to shooting death

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A 36-year-old Sumter man is dead, and a 22-year-old is in custody after a "name calling" incident that led to gunfire late Wednesday evening.

Quentin Lavern Green, 36, died of a single gunshot

wound to the chest, said Sumter County Coroner Harvin Bulluck. Green was pronounced dead at the scene, and Bulluck said the gunshot wound caused Green to bleed to death.



JORDAN

Camara Atiba Jordan of 138 Carolina Ave., Sumter, has been charged with murder by the Sumter Police Department. According to police, the suspect fled the scene before law enforcement arrived, but investigators picked him up several blocks away shortly after the incident. Jordan had also

been shot, in his foot, and was treated at Tuomey Regional Medical Center before being taken to Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center.

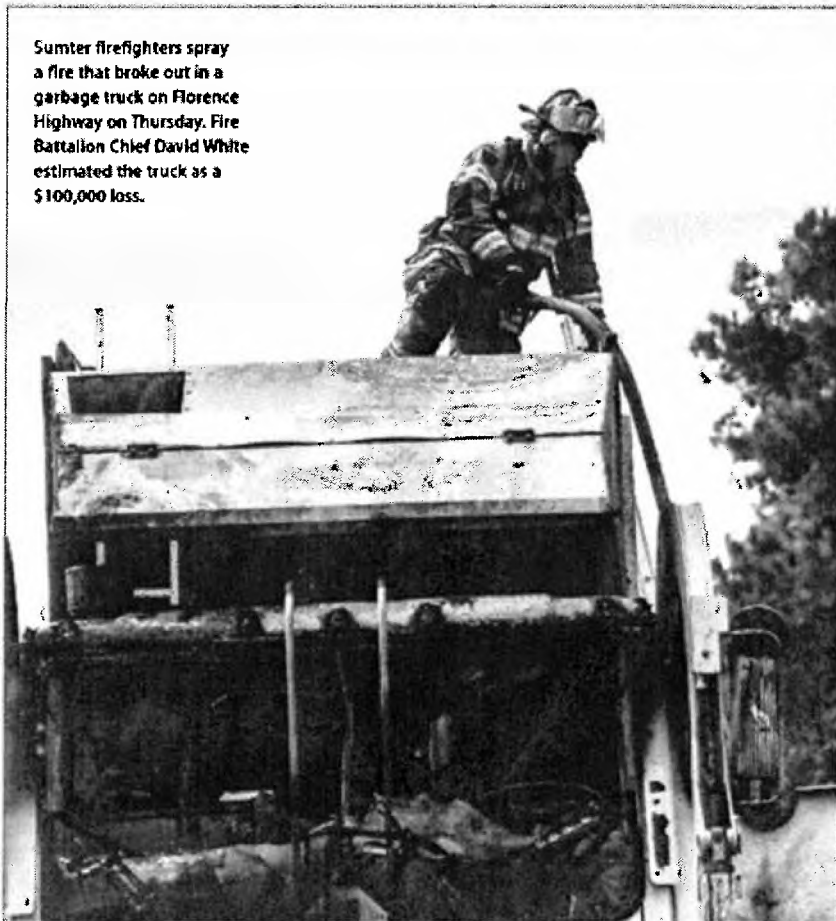
Law enforcement received a call about 10 p.m. about possible shots fired in the 400 block of Loring Drive. Police said their offi-

cers found Green dead in his home.

Witnesses indicated Green and the suspect got into a verbal altercation which turned physical in the yard. The suspect then pursued Green inside the home, where he shot Green,

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Sumter firefighters spray a fire that broke out in a garbage truck on Florence Highway on Thursday. Fire Battalion Chief David White estimated the truck as a \$100,000 loss.



Driver safe after city garbage truck cab catches fire

BY BRISTOW MARCHANT
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In rural areas of Sumter County, residents will occasionally see smoke from neighbors burning trash. But on Thursday, the flames were spreading inside a garbage truck.

Just before noon, a Sumter city garbage truck was carrying a load to the county landfill on Florence Highway when the cab burst into flames. A fire engine responded to the scene and battled the blaze while both lanes of traffic were closed around the burning vehicle.

"It was going to the dump when the driver noticed he was starting to lose the brakes and lose power," said Fire

'In a situation like this, we're just glad nobody got hurt. ... We'll be back at work tomorrow, using some new equipment.'

*Deron McCormick,
Sumter city manager*

Battalion Chief David White. "Then when he pulled over, he saw the

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FINAL DAYS Longtime jewelry store is going out of business at the end of '13. **Page 10C**

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Penny tax breakdown



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Johnsonville
Fire Department firefighters work to clear a ventilation outlet on the roof of a home during a March 5 call to South Fire Station Road for an apparent oven fire. The fire district is slated to receive \$1.8 million for a new station and training facility on S.C. 41/51 if voters approve the penny sales tax Tuesday.



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What a reissuance would mean for Lake City, Johnsonville and Scranton

Second in a four-part series on the projects and municipalities that are part of the capital project sales tax referendum that will be before Florence County voters on the Nov. 5 ballot.

BY GAVIN JACKSON
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FLORENCE — Of the \$145

million that makes up the total Capital Project Sales Tax referendum on the ballot next Tuesday, Lake City, Johnsonville, Scranton and neighboring areas would receive \$19.9 million for projects.

The referendum authorizes the county to issue a bond for up to \$125 million to begin countywide projects totaling

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\$108.7 million. Work on these 82 projects would be funded by the bond and will begin after the current penny sales tax expires at the end of April. The remaining \$38.3 million for nine

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Carolinas in top 30% in nation

Joint Commission recognizes hospital as top performer

BY LINDSAY S. BUCHANAN
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FLORENCE — Carolinas Hospital System received a top honor this week when it was named one of the nation's top performers by the Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of U.S. health care organizations.

By reaching and maintaining what the commission calls Key Quality Measures, the hospital showed its ability to give quality care to the Pee Dee through evidence-based clinical processes that are proven to improve care for such conditions as heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care.

Carolinas CEO Darcy Craven said the staff deserves all of the credit for the award.

"It's a huge honor for the hospital," Craven said. "Only 30 percent of hospitals in the United States get this award. We're the only hospital in Florence to get this award, and I just couldn't be more proud of the doctors and staff. They just deliver such great care each and every day, and this is a testament to that."

The ratings are based on data reported to the commission during the 2012 calendar year.

"The clinicians at Carolinas Hospital System are dedicated to treating patients with established protocols to give them the best possible outcomes," said Dr. Kevin W. Shea, the hospital's

McLEOD PATIENTS ENJOY HALLOWEEN FUN



PHOTO BY JESSICA WILSON FOR THE FLORENCE COURIER

ABOVE: McLeod Children's Hospital patient Sophie Spell plays a carnival game with help from registered nurse and McLeod Heart Reach's Legare Miller on Thursday during the hospital's Halloween carnival. **RIGHT:** McLeod Children's Hospital patient Tae Evans (left) gets some help from Alonna Simmons with his



McLeod Children's Hospital did something different Thursday when it had its first Halloween carnival for patients. In the past, staff members went door to door to visit the children. The carnival, hosted in the child life activity center, was a way to give patients an opportunity to have Halloween fun while staying at the hospital. The event featured face painting, games, pumpkin painting, costumes for the children and special treats. "It allows the children to get out of their rooms for a little while and have some fun

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Judge rules The Oaks can sell beer, wine

By GENE ZALESKI
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COLUMBIA — A church-affiliated retirement community was given permission Thursday to sell beer and wine on its campus.

South Carolina Administrative Law Court Judge Shirley Robinson ruled The Oaks in Orangeburg can sell beer and wine despite some opponents who mentioned health and religious objections.

"I see no legal reason for denying the application," Robinson said in her decision during a court hearing on the matter. "I have to go from a legal perspective."

The Rev. James McGee, The Oaks' president and chief executive officer, said the community will move forward.

"It will all be handled very respectfully, just like we do things at The Oaks," McGee said. "We appreciate the chance to be heard."

The Oaks will now be able to sell beer

and wine to residents in its last area, which McGee says is separate from its dining room. Beer and wine will be served from 5 to 8 p.m., with extended hours for special occasions such as birthday parties or sporting events.

McGee said alcohol will not be served every day and sales most likely won't begin for a couple of months.

"It comes down to a legal decision," said United Methodist minister the Rev. Dewitt Livingston, who was against the license issuance. "That is about all the judge can stand on is the law. I have to accept it."

S.C. Department of Revenue legal counsel Lauren Acquaviva said The Oaks had met all legal requirements in regard to its pursuit of the beer and wine license, noting that the fact there were protests was the only reason the matter came before the court.

DOR received protests from about 17 people against the application, but fewer

of those opposed attended Thursday's hearing.

The Oaks initially sought to also sell liquor on its campus but withdrew the request after DOR rejected it. DOR said The Oaks could not sell liquor due to it being within 300 feet of a church. The Oaks campus has a chapel on site for its residents.

Prior to Robinson's decision, both The Oaks and DOR presented opening statements and heard from witnesses.

Orangeburg attorney Brad Hutto, representing The Oaks, said the issue of alcohol consumption on campus is not foreign.

The Oaks residents are already allowed to drink alcohol in their rooms and to bring alcoholic beverages to the dining room, he said.

"It is not like this is an alcohol-free

See OAKS, A5



United Methodist minister the Rev. Dewitt Livingston, left, spoke Thursday against plans for The Oaks to serve beer and wine. The Oaks' President and Chief Executive Officer the Rev. James McGee, right, says it will be handled respectfully.

FUN AND GAMES



Benjamin Amsterdam, left, and Jaxida Byrd compete against the boys in a tug-of-war contest held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1406. Every year for Halloween, the VFW and the Ladies Auxiliary offer children from the community a safe place to enjoy the holiday with music, games, fruit and candy. More Halloween pictures can be found on B10 and at TheTandD.com.

2 candidates each seek 2 seats, can only take 1

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN
T&D Staff Writer

Two candidates running for two offices simultaneously say they'll give up their town council seats if they also win school board seats.

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Similarly in Effort, incumbent Barbara Butler was automatically re-elected to town council since she didn't face a challenger. Linda Childers initially decided to run for the seat, but withdrew her name from the ballot.

Butler is also running unopposed for seat 1 on the Orangeburg Consolidated School District Board of trustees.

Running for two offices is allowable, but holding two offices is not, said Chris Whitliffe of the S.C. Election Commission.

Stevenson's already made up her mind about what she'll do to avoid violating the state's "dual office holding" law: If voters elect her to serve on the school board, that's the seat she'll keep.

Whitliffe said that if Stevenson vacates the town council seat, then Bowman voters will return to the polls for a special election 15 weeks

Man shot, stripped in early morning robbery

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Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: Slim majority of South Carolinians favor higher gas taxes to repair state's roads
<http://www.thestate.com/2013/10/31/3070564/exclusive-slim-majority-of-south.html#storylink=cpy>
Adam Beam

A slim majority of South Carolinians say they would support an increase in the state's gas tax to improve roads. A new poll, conducted by Winthrop University and released this week, shows that 50.5 percent of S.C. residents would support an increase. It is the second time this year the Winthrop Poll – widely cited as an indicator of what South Carolinians are thinking – found a majority of S.C. residents disagree with the decisions of their state Legislature.

Note: Earlier this year, Gov. Nikki Haley signed into law a bill that authorizes the state to borrow up to \$600 million this year for road repairs, using \$50 million in state income and sales taxes to pay off the debt over the next 15 years. Combined with other sources of money, the bill directs more than \$1 billion to roads without raising the gas tax.

Note: "Look at what we were able to support without increasing gas taxes," Haley said Thursday. "My goal is always going to be live within your means, look at what government has already and then make those decisions based on priorities. My first thought is never to increase taxes."

Post and Courier: Textile plant to create 125 jobs in Allendale County, where unemployment is 15%
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131031/PC05/131039880/1382/textile-plant-to-create-125-jobs-in-allendale-county-where-unemployment-is-15>

Warren L. Wise

A textile manufacturer that supplies Walmart is setting up shop in Allendale County, creating 125 jobs over three years for a rural part of South Carolina where the unemployment rate is nearly 15 percent. New York-based Louis Hornick and Co. will make window coverings and home textiles in an existing 103,000-square-foot building on 28 acres in Allendale, located near the Savannah River between Aiken and Hilton Head Island. The company plans to begin operations next month through the \$2.5 million investment, it said in an announcement today during the SelectUSA Investment Summit in Washington, D.C.

Post and Courier: Month after error-plagued launch of Obamacare website, navigator going low-tech to help people sign up
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131031/PC16/131039873/1006/one-month-after-obamacare-website-launch-navigator-going-low-tech-to-help-people-sign-up>

Lauren Sausser

Loreen Myerson's voice is calm and steady. She speaks slowly too, like she's thinking about how best to say each sentence before she actually says it. This seems odd considering that she spends most of her time these days talking about the Affordable Care Act — legislation that usually elicits fiery, impassioned responses across the political spectrum. "Obamacare," more than three years after it was signed into law, is still controversial.

Note: "One month into Obamacare and we are now sadly confirming what the majority of South Carolinians have suspected all along — that Obamacare isn't free — it's being funded by higher premiums and deductibles and less available health care options," said Doug Mayer, a spokesman for Gov. Nikki Haley.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

The State: SC Voter ID Law Not Quite What It Seems

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=KXiGllZp

Cindi Scoppe

Voters who go to the polls Tuesday to cast a ballot in the Columbia City Council election or the Richland Library bond referendum or other municipal elections will be greeted by giant red posters that declare, in bold print: "VOTING IN PERSON NOW REQUIRES PHOTO ID." The message is of a piece with the legal notice that ran in our newspaper back in August, which announced that anyone who shows up at the polls without one of the five state-approved photo identification cards "may cast a provisional ballot that is counted only if the voter brings a valid and current photograph identification to the Richland County Board of Elections and Voter Registration before the results of the election are certified."

Times and Democrat: Ott adds important voice for region, state agriculture

http://thetandd.com/news/opinion/editorial/ott-adds-important-voice-for-region-state-agriculture/article_d3c193a2-428f-11e3-accd-0019bb2963f4.html

Editorial

THE ISSUE: District 93 special election; OUR OPINION: With so few involved in key part of economy, knowledgeable voices in key positions are vital. This is farm country and, thankfully, we've got people in places of influence to carry the message that The T&D Region is a leader in agricultural production in a state where agriculture/forestry is a top contributor to the economy. This week, the region gained another voice for agriculture in the person of Russell Ott, who was elected to succeed his father, Harry Ott, in S.C. House District 93, which covers all of Calhoun County and a portion of Orangeburg and a bit of Lexington County.

South Carolina News:**Associated Press:** Food stamp cuts to kick in for South Carolina, US

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2EDNnc8c

South Carolina food stamp recipients are about to see a cut to their benefits. They are among more than 47 million Americans who will see their benefits go down starting Friday. The cuts come as Congress begins negotiations on further cuts to the program. Benefits fluctuate based on factors including food prices, inflation and income. The rolls have grown as the economy struggled in recent years. The 2009 economic stimulus provided higher benefits. As a result, the program has more than doubled in cost since 2008, now costing almost \$80 billion a year.

Associated Press: Hagel blasts states on same-sex benefits policy

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=tIP5oyLI

Robert Burns

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel on Thursday sharply criticized U.S. states that are defying the Pentagon by refusing to allow National Guard facilities to issue ID cards that enable same-sex spouses of military members to claim benefits. "This is wrong," Hagel said in a speech in New York. "Not only does this violate the states' obligation under federal law, their actions have created hardship and inequality by forcing couples to travel long distances to federal military bases to obtain the ID cards they're entitled to," he said.

Greenville News: South Carolina sides with business in EPA dispute

http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013311010061&nclink_check=1

Mary Orndorff Troyan

In a new dispute between environmental regulators and business over limiting greenhouse gas emissions, South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson has firmly chosen to side with industry. "When the federal government regulates its citizens and rules its citizens with unelected bureaucrats, and legislates by administrative fiat, it burdens families and businesses," Wilson said. The U.S. Supreme Court will hear a case next year challenging the Environmental Protection Agency's plans to further crack down on global-warming emissions from power plants and other manufacturing facilities.

Greenville News: Improper benefits payments decline

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013311010063>

Tim Smith

The amount spent on improper unemployment payments in South Carolina is going down and the number of fraud cases connected with unemployment is going up, according to federal labor records and officials. The state Department of Employment and Workforce, which at one time didn't refer any cases of suspected fraud for prosecution, now has 300 cases either under investigation or being prosecuted, a DEW spokeswoman says. In 2011, the state made \$86 million in what the federal government describes as improper unemployment payments. That went down to \$54 million the following fiscal year and has dropped to \$37.6 million for the calendar year 2012, federal labor records show.

Associated Press: Clemson, Aiken partner for economic booster effort

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=b6E37yDj

Clemson University is partnering with Aiken to show how innovative technologies can boost the economy of small cities. Representatives are scheduled to give details Friday of the new Urban Ecology Center at the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce "First Friday Means Business" breakfast. More than 100 Aiken-area business leaders are expected to attend to hear comments by Gene Eidson, director of Clemson University's Institute of Computational Ecology and head of the new center. Part of the center's mission is the promotion of an urban "live, work and learn" lifestyle. Organizers also say they will help Aiken develop an urban technology corridor.

Associated Press: Southeast forest preservation projects announced

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Pzy7DBx5

Bruce Smith

Lawmakers, businesspeople, conservationists and plain folks gathered Thursday as additional projects in a five-year effort to restore 200,000 acres of forestland in the Southeast were announced. Earlier this year, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and International Paper announced formation of the Forestland Stewards Initiative funded with a \$7.5 million grant from the paper company. The initiative is granting money to restore and maintain forestlands in eight southeastern states from the Carolinas to Texas. On Thursday, the initiative announced \$350,000 will go to conservation groups and federal partners in the Carolinas.

Local News:

Rock Hill Herald: Rock Hill Head Start students thank donors who rescued them from government shutdown

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/11/01/5360700/rock-hill-head-start-students.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Dys

More than 200 students dressed up in Halloween costumes at the Rock Hill Head Start center on Thursday. There were police officers and fire chiefs and ballerinas and doctors. They played games and had plenty of fun outdoors at their fall festival, too. It is the same program – one of eight Head Start centers that serve 834 kids in York, Chester, Lancaster and Union counties – that lost two days to the October government shutdown as politicians in both parties argued over health care. What saved this Head Start, and a few others across the nation, was not any politician of either party. It was a \$10 million private donation from Texas billionaire philanthropists John and Laura Arnold.

Anderson Independent: Anderson County courting two companies, 70 jobs

http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/oct/31/no-headline---1101_finance_committee/

Nikie Mayo

Economic development officials are courting two companies that together could bring 70 jobs and \$32.2 million in investment to Anderson County. The county council's finance committee will meet behind closed doors Friday to consider incentives for the two companies. The panel's recommendation will go to the full county council for an up-or-down vote next week. The companies' identities have not been disclosed; each one is code-named by either the county or the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

Florence Morning News: What a re-issuance of the Capital Project Sales Tax would mean for Lake City, Johnsonville, Scranton

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_d354bd82-4298-11e3-9a16-0019bb30f31a.html

Gavin Jackson

Of the \$145 million that makes up the total Capital Project Sales Tax referendum on the ballot next Tuesday, Lake City, Johnsonville, Scranton and neighboring areas would receive \$19.9 million for projects. The

referendum authorizes the county to issue a bond for up to \$125 million to begin countywide projects totaling \$108.7 million. Work on these 82 projects would be funded by the bond and will begin after the current penny sales tax expires at the end of April. The remaining \$36.3 million for nine road projects will be funded on a pay-as-you-go basis and will occur later in the seven-year life of the sales tax.

Island Packet: Brady named officer for state GOP group

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/10/31/2767096/brady-named-officer-for-state.html#storylink=cpy>

Beverly Brady of Beaufort has been selected first vice president of the S.C. Federation of Republican Women for 2014-2015. Betty Poe, the national federation's first vice president, installed Brady and other officers at the state group's biannual meeting Oct. 25 and 26 at Folly Beach. Brady is the vice president of the Beaufort Republican Women's Club and has served as treasurer of the S.C. federation for the past two years. She has also been nominated to serve as president of the Beaufort club for the next two years.

Times and Democrat: 2 candidates each seek 2 seats, can only take 1

http://thetandd.com/news/local/candidates-each-seek-seats-can-only-take/article_4cc6bf16-42a4-11e3-8a8a-001a4bcf887a.html

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National News:

Associated Press: Congress governs self under 'Obamacare'

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=NDAzqB80

Laurie Kellman

Think you're confused by "Obamacare." It's roiling Capitol Hill behind the scenes, too. Members of Congress are governing themselves under President Barack Obama's signature law, which means they have great leeway in how to apply it to their own staffs. For House members and senators, it's about a section of the law that may - or may not - require lawmakers to toss some staffers off of their federal health insurance and into the Affordable Care Act's exchanges. The verdict from congressional officers is ultimately that lawmakers, as employers, have discretion over who among their staffs gets ejected, and who stays. And they don't have to say who, how many or why.

Associated Press: McAuliffe seeks to win race that eluded him before

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268798/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=UeKQ1mUw

Philip Elliott

This time out, Democrat Terry McAuliffe's campaign strategy came down to three points: dramatically outspend the opponent, take advantage of outside factors and keep his outsized persona to himself. If he wins the Virginia governor's race on Tuesday, McAuliffe will achieve what eluded him four years ago: his first elected position after a political career marked by a stint as a national Democratic Party chairman and the distinction of being a Clinton family confidant.

Associated Press: Fewer Americans seek unemployment aid for 3rd week

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/viewart/20131101/BUSINESS/311010051/Fewer-Americans-seek-unemployment-aid-3rd-week>

Christopher S. Rugaber

The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits fell by 10,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 340,000, a sign that employers are laying off very few workers. The Labor Department said Thursday that the four-week average rose 8,000 to 356,250, the highest since April. The 16-day partial government shutdown and backlogs in California due to computer upgrades inflated the average. Still, a government

spokesman said those unusual factors did not affect last week's first-time applications, which appeared to be free of distortions for the first time in two months.

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"The FRSA Program Mission is to empower commanders in their duty to deliver the Total Army Family Program (AR 600-20) so that Soldiers and Families are entitled, informed, educated, assisted, and made ready for the unique demands of military life before, during, and after deployment."

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To: 'Blue Star Mothers Midlands Chapter'

Subject: Need your help with our Blue Star Mother Night at Tx Roadhouse.

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Please pass along the attached flyer and join us on November 12th at either Texas Road House in Columbia. All the money raised through this event will but used for Operation Elf to make Christmas a little Merrier for some or our Military families.

YOU MUST HAVE THE FLYER WITH YOU FOR US TO RECEIVE CREDIT AND WE CAN NOT PROVIDE THE FLYERS ON SITE.

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You are invited to attend the first ever Blue Star Mothers night at Texas Roadhouse

locations in Columbia to benefit Operation ELF.

What: Blue Star Mothers Night Fundraiser

Where: Texas Roadhouse at 400 Columbiana Drive OR
Texas Roadhouse at 8304 Two Notch Road

When: November 12th from 6-8pm

Bring the attached invitation and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your meal total to Blue Star Mothers' Operation ELF.

[Operation ELF Logo]

Blue Star Mothers work in conjunction with Army Emergency Relief on post at Fort Jackson to give Santa a little help to those families on post suffering from financial hardship. This will be the 3rd year that Operation ELF will make the holidays brighter for those in need.

PLEASE FORWARD AND DON'T FORGET TO TAKE THE ATTACHED FLYER. THANKS!

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Some upcoming employment Fairs that we need to ensure we push to our personnel.

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Hi Everyone,

Not sure if you are interested, but I spent about eight hours pulling all this stuff together. I thought I would share it with you in case you wanted to send it out to your "peeps." Click on the link for Subway, it brings up a heart-warming video of a wounded warrior.

Hi ,

I just wanted to share the attached information with you about some awesome Veteran's Day Freebies & Discounts. Check out the long list and take advantage of some of these really good deals.

Take Care,

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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Textile plant to create 125 jobs in Allendale County, where unemployment is 15%
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131031/PC05/131039880/1177/textile-plant-to-create-125-jobs-in-allendale-county-where-unemployment-is-15>

Warren L. Wise

A textile manufacturer that supplies Walmart is setting up shop in Allendale County, creating 125 jobs over three years for a rural part of South Carolina where the unemployment rate is nearly 15 percent. New York-based Louis Hornick and Co. will make window coverings and home textiles in an existing 103,000-square-foot building on 28 acres in Allendale, located near the Savannah River between Aiken and Hilton Head Island. The company plans to begin operations next month through the \$2.5 million investment, it said in an announcement today during the SelectUSA Investment Summit in Washington, D.C.

Note: "It's exciting to see a leading manufacturer, like Louis Hornick and Co., choose South Carolina as the location for its new operations," she said.

Greenville News: Window coverings maker moving to S.C.; will hire 125
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013310310094>

Tim Smith

A window coverings maker is announcing plans to open a new facility in Allendale County, a \$2.5 million investment that will generate 125 jobs over the next three years, according to Gov. Nikki Haley's office. Louis Hornick and Company, a manufacturer and importer of window coverings and home textiles, will establish its new manufacturing facility in an existing 103,000-square-foot building, located on 28 acres in Allendale, Haley's office said. The company plans to begin operations by November 2013.

Note: "It's exciting to see a leading manufacturer, like Louis Hornick and Company, choose South Carolina as the location for its new operations. We celebrate the company's decision to invest \$2.5 million and create 125 new jobs in Allendale County," Haley said.

Island Packet: Clemson student from Hilton Head wins up to \$25,000 scholarship
<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/10/31/2766382/clemson-student-from-hilton-head.html#storylink=cpy>

Sarah Bowman

Justin Shaw is no stranger to filling out applications. In just the past two years, the Hilton Head Island native has probably filled out more than 30 applications and written 25 different essays for a variety of scholarships he has applied to. But because of one application he filled out last spring, the Clemson University sophomore can now put down his pen, kick up his feet and relax for a bit -- or at least until he has to run off to his organic chemistry class. Shaw was recently recognized as a 2013 National Buick Achiever, a recognition that comes with a scholarship of up to \$25,000 and is renewable for four years. Shaw was the only student from South Carolina to receive the award.

South Carolina News:

The State: USC Gets \$10 Million Donation For Faculty, New Research
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=NtpZz0nr

Andrew Shain

The chief executive of a major gas company and his wife donated \$10 million to the University of South Carolina to create an endowment in the largest gift ever dedicated to the school's College of Arts and

Sciences. The donation to USC's biggest college will pay to keep promising faculty on campus, launch a visiting scholars program and pay for new courses and research, the school announced Thursday. Peter McCausland, a USC graduate and founder of Radnor, Pa.-based Airgas Inc., along with his wife, Bonnie, already have donated \$3.75 million over the past 11 years. Their money created USC's McCausland Center for Brain Imaging and recruited and retained professors.

Associated Press: USC: Pa. donors bestow \$10 million to aid faculty
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=STWPOCDx

Susanne M. Schafer

A Pennsylvania business executive and his wife have created a \$10 million endowment to support and retain promising young teachers at the University of South Carolina. Airgas Inc., founder Peter McCausland and his wife, Bonnie, announced their gift Thursday in Columbia. The businessman is a 1971 South Carolina graduate with a history degree. The couple, who live outside Philadelphia, said they want the gift to go to the university's College of Arts and Sciences. McCausland founded the Airgas in 1982, which is one of the nation's leading suppliers of industrial, medical and specialty gases, welding equipment and safety supplies. He was its chief executive officer from 1987 to 2012 and now serves as the executive chairman of the board for the firm.

The State (Guest Column): Gossett, Rawl: Federal Water Resources Bill A Big Win For South Carolina
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=eLS9xNAD

Lewis Gossett and Otis Rawl

As representatives of South Carolina's business and manufacturing communities, we commend our state's congressional delegation for its unanimous vote in favor of House bill 3080, the Water Resources Reform and Development Act. This is critically important to business, manufacturing and economic growth throughout our state. The U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed the bill with a 417-3 vote. At a time when it seems Congress can agree on little, this vote represents a moment of bipartisanship that will modernize our nation's water infrastructure in an effort to keep the United States competitive in the global marketplace. Our delegation's unified support helped ensure that the bill included provisions that benefit our state ports' infrastructure in Charleston and Georgetown.

Post and Courier: New USC School of Law scholarship program created in honor of Ronald Motley
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131031/PC16/131039894/1006/new-usc-school-of-law-scholarship-program-created-in-honor-of-ronald-motley>

A Mount Pleasant law firm has created a new scholarship fund and training program at the University of South Carolina School of Law in honor and memory of a cofounder. Motley Rice established the Ronald L. Motley Memorial fund at the school after Motley's death on Aug. 22. Motley was named "one of the most influential lawyers in America" by the National Law Journal. He graduated from USC in 1966 and received his law degree from USC School of Law in 1971.

Local News:

Greenville News: Greenwood shooting suspect had criminal history, sheriff says
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131031/NEWS06/310310060/Greenwood-shooting-suspect-had-criminal-history-sheriff-says>

David Dykes

he sun burned through a morning haze Wednesday as Greenwood County residents awoke and sought answers to a horrific night of violence that left six people dead. Greenwood County Sheriff Tony Davis said the suspect, Bryan Eugene Sweatt, 27, of 722 Truett Ave., used a large-caliber handgun to kill the victims and himself. He had an extensive arrest record and was out on bond at the time of the shootings, Davis said. All of the victims died of gunshot wounds, and Davis said "yes" when asked if they were executed. Davis said the shootings stemmed from a domestic dispute, and Sweatt died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The case was considered a murder-suicide, according to an incident report.

Post and Courier: Stand Down Against Homelessness draws 1,000 to get help on first day
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131031/PC16/131039887/1177/stand-down-against-homelessness-draws-1000-to-get-help-on-first-day>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

Some slept outside all night at Armory Park to be first in line for help. Others arrived in the darkness. Then came the masses as the sun rose Thursday, arriving on CARTA buses, in disabled veterans transport vans or simply on foot. About 1,000 people facing homelessness or near homelessness lined up around the building for the 14th annual Stand Down Against Homelessness event. They came to the North Charleston park in need of everything from clothing and medical care to job leads and legal aide. Free hair cuts proved among the most popular stations.

Sun News: Coast RTA renovations help make terminal, central office more ADA compliant

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/10/31/3807133/coast-rta-renovations-help-make.html#storylink=cpy>
Jason M. Rodriguez

Nearly \$450,000 in renovations are being made to the Coast RTA main terminal, including an effort to get the older building compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Work began in July to address a number of concerns officials had with the older building on Third Avenue in Conway. Some of the renovations include new floors, ceilings, cubicles and ticket area inside the terminal, as well as re-wiring electric and improvements to the employee area and the administrative offices. Joe Ponticello, internal controls manager for the RTA, said the project, which is slated to be completed by the end of the year, has encompassed a number of various areas. He said the restrooms were completely gutted and remodeled with lower sinks and handrails.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Eight candidates running for five seats on Spartanburg District 1 school board
<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20131031/ARTICLES/131039931/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Eight-candidates-running-for-five-seats-on-Spartanburg-District-1-school-board>

Lee G. Healy

The Election Day ballot for Spartanburg District 1 will be the most contested among the local school board races. Eight candidates — four incumbents and four newcomers — are running for five open seats. Those elected Tuesday will serve a four-year term on the nine-member board. Candidates include incumbents Henry Gramling, Harry McMillan, Mark Rollins and Michael Smith, and first-time contenders Ronnie Blackwell, Don Denton, Mark Holden and Brian Keim. Long-time school board member Hugh Burnett has said he will not seek reelection after four terms on the board.

National News:

CNN: For many, Obama's promise of health care choice does not ring true

<http://www.cnn.com/2013/10/31/politics/obamacare-state-coverage-varies/index.html>

Laura Koran

In her grilling on Capitol Hill on Wednesday, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius reiterated a frequent assertion in the Obamacare sales pitch --- consumers have options when shopping for insurance plans on the health care exchanges. "The 15% of our neighbors and friends who are uninsured have affordable new options in a competitive market," Sebelius said in her testimony to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. After apology, Sebelius subpoenaed over Obamacare website. But a CNN analysis found that consumer options vary significantly from state to state, and many Americans are discovering that they have very few options.

Associated Press: GOP blocks Obama nominees, Dems weigh response

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2013/10/31/5357064/senators-clash-over-obama-judge.html#storylink=cpy>

Alan Fram

Senate Republicans on Thursday blocked President Barack Obama's picks for a powerful federal court and a housing regulatory agency, prompting Democrats to threaten curtailing the GOP's ability to derail nominations. "Something has to change, and I hope we can make the changes necessary through cooperation," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said after the votes. In a setback for the president, Republicans derailed his picks of Patricia Millett to become a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and Rep. Melvin Watt, D-N.C., to lead the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

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Governor - Please see the attached letter to you from [REDACTED] President [REDACTED] with whom you had dinner earlier this month. Commerce has indicated that, as a result of your dinner meeting, Spartanburg is now the sole location for the project. We'll continue to keep you posted.