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Authorities investigate dye

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Local authorities believe a yellow dye that has turned a section of the Reedy River in Greenville chartreuse this week is harmless to human health, but they are still investigating the source and may issue a fine to the company involved.

Residents who live near the Reedy River south of the Renewable Water Resources treatment plant on Mauldin

Road began to notice the water's discoloration Wednesday morning.

Officials at the ReWa pre-treatment plant had noticed the dye concentration late Tuesday and began to investigate, said Joel Jones, pre-treatment facility manager.

"It is not typical that we see this sort of thing to this magnitude," Jones said.

Initial tests showed the dye to be benign, said Ashley Rhinehart, ReWa spokeswoman, and ReWa issued a state-

ment Thursday that said the colorant has had no adverse effects on its wastewater treatment facility and posed no threat to human health or the environment.

ReWa has performed toxicity tests but the results won't be available for several days and has reviewed Material Safety Data Sheets from an industrial facility that may be the culprit, Jones said.

The treatment facilities aren't de-

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DAVE HARGETT/CONTRIBUTOR
Reedy River within the Lake Conestee Nature Park.

USA ELECTION 2016



WADE SPEED/AP
Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush kicked off the South Carolina leg of his presidential primary campaign Wednesday including this stop at Mount Pleasant's Memorial Waterfront Park.

CAMPAIGNING WITH BROTHER COULD HELP

Ex-President George W. Bush's debut might give boost to Jeb

AMANDA COYNE
THE GREENVILLE NEWS

Former President George W. Bush will make his long-awaited debut on the campaign trail with his brother, Gov. Jeb Bush, on Monday. The former commander-in-chief will appear with his presidential candidate brother at a rally in North Charleston, a campaign official confirmed, and the campaign will not bring him to the Upstate.

ior citizen."

George W. Bush led the country through the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and ensuing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Jeb Bush's campaign is touting the former president's presence on the campaign trail and endorsement of his brother's national security knowledge as a sign of Jeb Bush's readiness for the White House. In military-heavy South Carolina, which has eight military bases, national security and support of the armed forces are key issues.

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WHO'S IN THE UPSTATE?

Friday, Feb. 12

Jeb Bush

Mama Penn's Restaurant

2802 North Main Street Anderson, SC 29621

Event begins at 11:15 a.m.

Faith and Family Presidential Forum -

Guests include Ted Cruz, Ben Carson, Jeb Bush and Marco Rubio

Founder's Memorial Amphitheater, Bob Jones University

Access at 1700 Wylie Hampton Blvd., Green-

Off field, Clemson keeps on winning

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The Clemson University football team's rise to the top of the college rankings during the past season helped push national awareness of all things Clemson to unprecedented levels, as measured by social media and other metrics, according to a report presented to the school's Board of Trustees on Thursday.

The "Visit Clemson" website saw a 189 percent increase in page views in December over the previous year, a 249 percent increase in the first half of January over the previous January and a whopping 1510 percent increase on the day Clemson played in the national championship game, according to Cathy Sams, chief public affairs officer and assistant to the president.

"We saw a 600 percent rise in social media reach from the bowl week to the championship game week," she said.

It was all part of a three-year marketing campaign called Go Big that has helped push applications to Clemson and donations to the university to new highs, she said.

The university couldn't afford to buy a TV ad during the national championship game against Alabama on Jan. 11, but it bought Google rights that directed people who searched "Where is Clemson" to university sites.

During the championship game week, Clemson Facebook pages had 8.4 million organic impressions, drew 187,390 "likes" and 366,657 video views, according to her report.

Its Twitter accounts had 462,312 organic impressions, and Instagram had 1.8 million potential impressions.

The university bought time on 22 digital billboards in the Phoenix area, where the championship game was played, with rotating academic and

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Clinton to confront racial disparities in S.C.

Sanders still working out his schedule in state where attracting minorities key for Dems



BY SCHUYLER KROFF
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The Democratic feud in South Carolina resumes Friday when Hillary Clinton returns to highlight the nation's racial inequalities as part of a visit to one of the state's poorest areas. Rival Bernie Sanders, meanwhile,

has yet to announce any appearances in the Palmetto State following his commanding win in the New Hampshire primary Tuesday. Sanders' no-show may not be as alarming as it sounds. The Democratic contenders first have to get through the Nevada caucuses next week. His staff said they are

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still arranging his schedule. With the stakes running high to attract minorities in the na-

tion's first Democratic contest in the South, Clinton will visit Denmark-Olar Elementary School in Bamberg County, in the west-central part of the state, for a town hall. She's expected to focus on disparities facing South Carolinians. Please see **DEMOCRATS**, Page A7

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At debate, Clinton, Sanders clash over minorities, money, Obama. A7

GOP candidates continue on S.C. campaign trail. A6

Engineering a bright future the goal at Laing

School weaves science, technology, math into 'really fun' lessons



Laing Middle School sixth-graders (from left) Kyrin Smalls, Jamar Montgomery, Kadin Smalls and Javin Robinson build a Roman-style arch during history class. The class incorporates engineering and how people in the past built things.

BY PAUL BOWERS
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MOUNT PLEASANT — Armed with soldering guns, circuit boards and a working knowledge of 3-D printing, four girls at Laing Middle School of Science and Technology dart around campus for one period

every day, helping to complete the school's mission of integrating science, technology, engineering and math — STEM — in education. "It's really fun, it's better than a core class," said seventh grader Morgan Moriarty, one of the four industrious STEM assistants. "You get to get up

and do stuff, not just listen." The Future of Education Technology Conference last month recognized Laing as one of the top three STEM-focused middle schools in the nation for the second year running, and administrators at Laing credit their success to a whole-school approach to tech-infused education.

In a seventh-grade social studies project on World War II history, students have built a raised topographic map of the world using a computer-programmable router and are in the process of wiring a speaker to recite historical notes. Please see **LAING**, Page A9

Federal court judge delays trial for Roof

Deciding whether to pursue death penalty may take 2 months

BY ANDREW KNAPP
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A federal judge on Thursday delayed Dylann Roof's trial in the deadly attack on Emanuel AME Church because prosecutors still have not decided whether to seek execution. Roof could face the death penalty on nine of his 33 charges in federal court, but Assistant U.S. Attorney Jay Richardson said the decision by Washington-based Justice Department officials could take another two months.



Such delays in high-profile federal cases are typical. After the Boston Marathon bombings in April 2013, it took then-Attorney General Eric Holder more than nine months to announce he would seek the death penalty against Dzhokhar Tsarnaev.

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Read more
For complete coverage of the Emanuel AME Church shooting, go to postandcourier.com/church-shooting.

Sgt. Jasper talks hit new hurdle

Beach Co., city may meet over impasse

BY ROBERT REHRE
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Recent discussions aimed at finding a compromise development for The Beach Co.'s Sergeant Jasper site may have collapsed amid finger-pointing about who is at fault.

The company released a statement Thursday afternoon saying it will focus on renewing the existing 11-story tower and pursuing its lawsuit against the city.

However, Mayor John Tecklenburg, as well as representatives of most neighborhood and preservation groups, did not respond to messages late Thursday for comment.

The company, city officials and those groups were expected to meet Friday — and some still may. It would be their fourth and possibly final meeting aimed at breaking through a year-long

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Exhibit paints picture of city's harsh past

Historic art helps Old Exchange tell story of slavery in Charleston

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It's the most detailed image ever believed made of a Charleston slave auction, but it's been largely lost to history.

Eyre Crowe, a British artist, painted the canvas shortly after he witnessed a slave auction near Broad and East Bay streets on March 10, 1855.

He also did a black-and-white sketch and a color etching of the same scene, part of a series of images he created during his tour of the South with author William Thackeray.

A reproduction is now displayed inside the Old Exchange Building.

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Edwin Breeden talks about the new display at the Old Exchange Building on East Bay Street that will inform visitors about slave auctions that took place around the historic building.



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Richland defends two uses of penny tax funds

BY SARAH ELLIS
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A small, local business recruitment program and two public relations firms are justified recipients of Richland County's transportation penny tax funds, the county has asserted to a state agency investigating potential misuse of the controversial sales tax.

In a Dec. 31 letter to Department of Revenue Director Rick Reames III, obtained by The State newspaper through a Freedom of Information Act request, Richland County administrator Tony McDonald defended use of the county's transportation penny sales tax dollars to start and operate the county's Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) program and to pay \$600,000 annually to firms for public information work. The DOR called into question expenditures for both causes in a letter from Reames to McDonald dated Dec. 3. In it, the DOR claimed to have "discovered multiple instances of illegal activity by individuals and/or companies associated with the penny program" over the course of an audit that began in April.

The DOR letter was vague

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Read the Dec. 31 letter from Richland County to the state Department of Revenue.

A point-counterpoint look at DOR's criticisms, Richland County's defense



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Days until S.C. GOP primary

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Days until S.C. Democratic primary

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FEB. 23

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FEB. 27

S.C. Democratic primary

Today's key numbers:

7%

Percentage of nonwhite voters in the 2008 Iowa Democratic caucuses

4%

Percentage of nonwhite voters in the 2008 New Hampshire Democratic primary

57%

Percentage of nonwhite voters in the 2008 S.C. Democratic primary

THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE

How GOP candidates are trying to win SC

Family ties, religious values, tasty foods are all in play



JOHN BAZEMORE/Associated Press

Donald Trump steps on stage for a rally in Pendleton.



SAIMON EICHENHART/Associated Press

Ted Cruz on Tuesday in Greenville



GERY MELLENDEZ/Associated Press

Marco Rubio in Columbia on Wednesday



WADE SPEER/Associated Press

Jeb Bush on Wednesday at Mount Pleasant

BY ANDREW SHAHN
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Jeb Bush is hoping his family's history in South Carolina, which helped elect his father and brother to the White House, will translate into a top-tier finish in the S.C. Republican primary.

That strategy got a boost Thursday with the announcement that former President George W. Bush will make his 2016 presidential campaign debut Monday for brother Jeb at the North Charleston Coliseum.

"He was the last Republican who was president," Jeb Bush told a crowd of supporters gathered Thursday in Columbia, on the former Florida governor's 63rd birthday. "He is the most popular Republican alive. He is my brother. He has made tough decisions as president. All of that, I think, is important for people to be reminded of."

To win the Feb. 20 primary, other GOP presidential candidates are banking on their own mix of issues, religious ties, bolstered staff and, in a least one case, star appeal.

A look at the campaign strategy of the Republican hopefuls in the Palmetto State, listed in order of their S.C. poll standings:

DONALD TRUMP

Why mess with what works?

The New York billionaire is continuing to hold rallies in large venues — a Greenville convention

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CRIME IN BEAUFORT COUNTY

3 schools on top crime reports list

Three schools were among the 10 places in Beaufort County where the most crime reports were filed in 2014, according to an analysis by The Island Packet and The Beaufort Gazette of every non-traffic police report filed in the county that year.

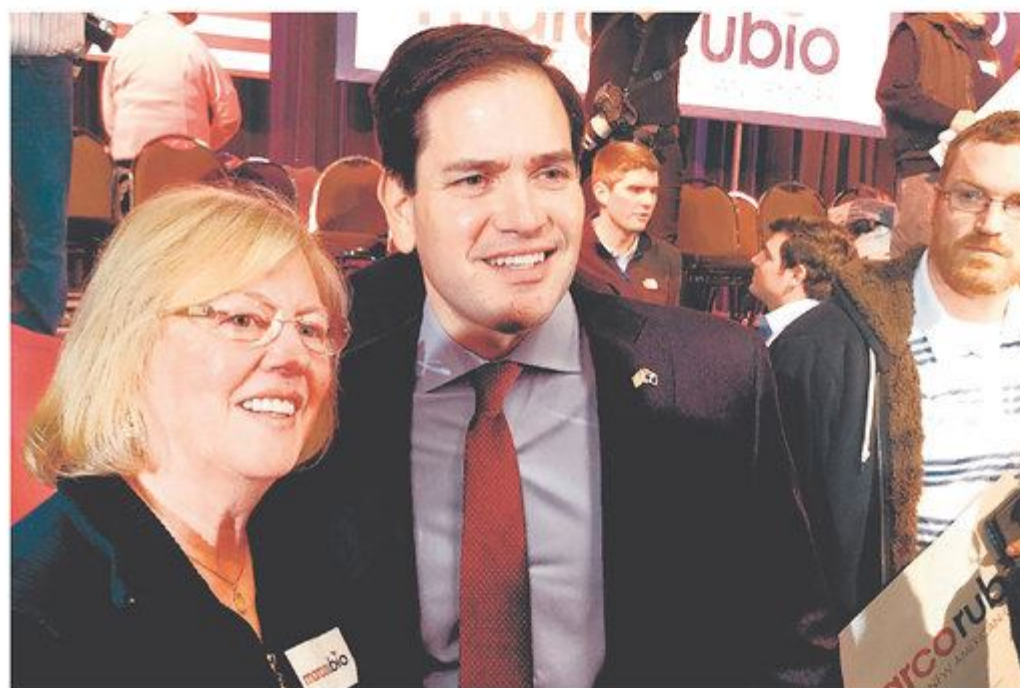
Find out which schools made the list and why school leaders say parents of students there shouldn't worry. Today's story, the second in a three-part examination of Beaufort County crime, can be found on The Long Read. 1C



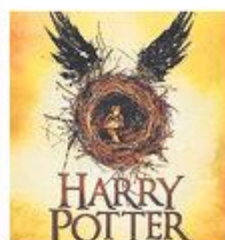
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EINSTEIN PROVED RIGHT AGAIN

Scientists say they have finally detected gravitational waves, just as Einstein theorized a century ago. 6A



Grace McAdams of Sun City Hilton Head poses with Florida Sen. Marco Rubio after he spoke Thursday at the development's Magnolia Hall.



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'POTTER' FANS, SAVE THE DATE

The script from the "Harry Potter"-related play will be released as a book this summer. 3C

ELECTION 2016

Rubio trying to shake off stress

Rubio references stressful N.H. primary at Sun City stop

Robot criticism, fifth-place finish left him feeling "55"

Senator talks national security, defense spending experience

BY MATT MCNAB
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If there were any lingering feelings of disappointment after a trying week in New Hampshire, Marco Rubio showed none of them in Sun City Hilton Head on Thursday morning.

The Republican presidential hopeful and U.S. senator from Florida was loose and humorous during the town hall event at Magnolia Hall, with some self-deprecating jokes referring to the stress after he finished fifth in the New Hampshire primary Tuesday.

"I'll be 45 in May, but after last

week I feel 55," he cracked during his opening speech.

Rubio even made reference to the robot branding he acquired after repeating the same talking point three times at a debate in New Hampshire Feb. 10 — when he slammed President Barack Obama for purposefully damaging the country.

"At the debate I said the same thing three times," he said. "I'm going to say it again, just for fun. I don't know why Republicans aren't saying it."

Former state education superintendent Barbara Nielsen also seemed to reference the robot dig in her introduction, calling Rubio sincere, authentic and real.

But being robotic may not be

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LOCAL

RACE MAY SLOW DOWN TRAFFIC

A marathon on Saturday will close down a lane of the Cross Island Parkway. 3A

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Coker's Mal Hyman announces bid for 7th District seat



Mal Hyman announces his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for S.C.'s 7th Congressional District seat.

BY JIM FAILE
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HARTSVILLE — Vowing to focus on "common sense for the common good," and calling for Congress to invest more in America to create more jobs, opportunity, security and sustainability, Coker College sociology professor Mal Hyman announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for South Carolina's 7th Congressional District seat Thursday.

The 7th District seat

is currently held by U.S. Rep. Tom Rice, a two-term Republican from Myrtle Beach. Rice could not immediately be reached for comment.

Hyman said he believes voters are hungry for change. "After 70 months of job growth, millions are still left behind," Hyman said. "Since the Great Recession, 60 percent of the profits have gone to the wealthiest 1 percent, while one quarter of our children live in poverty. Fifty million Americans are not sure when they will eat

their next meal. Our middle class is shrinking and nearly half of our retirees have no savings."

Student debt exceeds credit card debt and too many families are trapped in poverty and despair, Hyman said.

"Our economic inequality is the worst since 1928. Our big banks are still too big to fail, too big to understand and too big to regulate," he said.

"Yet our elections have become auctions — the wealthiest 1 percent put in 98 percent of the money.

Publicly financed elections are vital to reclaim our democracy and limit the size of government," Hyman said.

He said Congress needs to turn its attention to repairing the nation's crumbling infrastructure. "We need new roads, bridges, water systems, dams and levees, and the longer we wait the more dangerous and expensive this gets," Hyman said. "We need a 21st century infrastructure for a global economy. A

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Chavis to run for Sheriff of Darlington

From staff reports

Tony Chavis, Darlington County resident and 28-year veteran of law enforcement announced his plans to run for Sheriff later this year.

The position of Darlington County Sheriff is currently held by Wayne Byrd, who was elected to office in 2008 and won re-election in 2012. Byrd said he intends to run for re-election again this year.

Chavis recently retired from his roles as Executive Officer and Lieutenant of South Carolina Highway Patrol Posts A and B. He will be a candidate in the Democratic Primary race to be held on June 14. As Sheriff, Chavis said he wants to widen the office's outreach to all Darlington County communities, better manage tax dollars and resources and make upgrades to deputies' equipment and technology.

"I am running because Darlington County deserves a sheriff who will work to create safer communities, build stronger ties with residents and lay the foundation for a brighter future," said Chavis. "I have dedicated my life to law enforcement and community policing. I'm ready to take that experience with me to the Sheriff's Office and put all residents of Darlington County first."

Sheriff Byrd said he has been friends with Chavis for nearly their entire law enforcement careers.

"We've always been friends and had a good relationship," Byrd said. "We worked closely together on different things when I was working for the city."

Byrd added that Chavis did not mention his intentions of running for Sheriff prior to his formal

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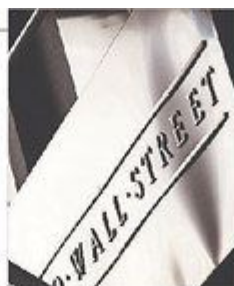
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Eldon Henderson (left), owner of Henderson Supply Ace Hardware, is congratulated by Dr. Robert Wyatt, president of Coker College, as he presents Henderson the Will Woodham Business Person of the Year award at the 95th Annual Meeting and Banquet of the Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce on Monday night at the Harris E. and Louise H. DeLoach Center at Coker College. For more photos from the banquet see, Page 5A.



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SPORTS



Gordon sparks Wofford victory

Senior forward Justin Gordon scored a career-high 25 points Thursday night as Wofford defeated Mercer 79-70 in front of a noisy home crowd. **B1**

UPSTATE



Memorial to honor slain officers

A new memorial outside the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office will honor fallen law enforcement officers. A groundbreaking ceremony was held Thursday. **C1**

Carson discusses national security

GOP presidential candidate Dr. Ben Carson made a campaign stop in Gaffney Thursday to discuss national security and

DEMOCRATIC DEBATE

Clinton doubts Sanders' claims

Candidates battle
for minority voters
in latest debate

By Julie Pace
and Catherine Lucey
The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders battled for the crucial support of black and Hispanic voters in Thursday night's Democratic debate, a polite but pointed contest

that marked a shift in the primary toward states with more minority voters.

After splitting the first two states with Sanders, Clinton also deepened her assertion that her unexpectedly strong rival was energizing voters with promises "that cannot be kept." And she continued to closely align herself with President Barack Obama, who remains

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Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, right, makes a point as Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., listens during a Democratic presidential debate Thursday at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. MORRIS GASH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Housing projects move forward to next phase



The first phase of construction has begun on two Spartanburg Housing Authority projects, including the Highland Crossing Apartments at the site of the former Cammie Clagett Courts on Highland Street in Spartanburg. **TIM KIMZEY/TIM.KIMZEY@SHJ.COM**

Agency is still looking for
funding for additional units

Demand for senior housing
is high in Spartanburg



Emerald boys and girls take aim at the playoffs

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HEALTH-ZIKA

Rep. Duncan
opposes
aborting fetuses
exposed to virus

By COLIN RIDDLE
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U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan joined a Republican colleague Wednesday in airing concerns about aborting fetuses exposed to the Zika virus in the womb.

"I believe wholeheartedly in the inherent value of every human life, regardless of location, regardless of circumstance. Killing a child in the womb because her mother has contracted a virus like Zika is no more or less a valid reason than any other reason to kill a child. Every child is crafted in the image of God and deserves our protection," Duncan told the Index-Journal on Thursday.



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The discussion came during a meeting of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere about a budget request from President Barack Obama for \$1.8 billion in emergency funds to fight the virus, according to reports.

The mosquito-borne virus is rapidly spreading in South and Latin America and has been linked to microcephaly, which is a condition causing babies to be born with abnormally small heads and can lead to developmental problems.

Duncan, who represents South Carolina's 3rd Congressional District, chairs the subcommittee and questioned whether the president's budget request would fund abortion.

Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, told the subcommittee it would not. "Just because the child runs the risk of microcephaly doesn't mean he should be killed — nor should we kill any other children just because they're special needs or disabled," Duncan said.

Few cases of the Zika virus, which does not yet have a vaccine, have been reported in the U.S.

As of Wednesday, only 52 cases had been reported in the U.S. from people who have traveled to countries battling the epidemic, according to the CDC.

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Lawmakers look to split with old alimony laws

By DAMIAN DOMINGUEZ
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Alimony critics have aired their irreconcilable differences with the institution through a number of bills filed in the state Legislature.

Two pending bills in the House of Representatives would change the way alimony payments work, while one act that passed in May 2015 created the Alimony Reform Study Committee to study laws and make a report with recommendations of how to possibly change how alimony works.

"The original intent of alimony was to keep the supported spouse at the same accustomed standard of living after a divorce," said local attorney Jane Merrill.

As time has gone on and people are living longer, however, there has been a bigger push to change how alimony works, said attorney Tom Austin.

"I think the push for reform is attributable to the fact that we've got people living longer, so the cost of healthcare is increasing," he said.

The first bill addressing alimony, H-3019, this legislative session was prefilled in December 2014, and would have created a presumption that marriages lasting less than 10 years would not qualify for permanent alimony.

Created by an act passed in August, the Alimony Reform Study Committee completed a report suggesting better definitions for the types of alimony.

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Two bills in the state House of Representatives seek to change the way alimony works by changing how payments are made and what judges can consider when determining alimony.

ENDING HUNGER, ONE BAG AT A TIME



ARIEL GLEATH | INDEX-JOURNAL

Greenwood, Emerald City Rotary pack lunches for children

From left, Rotary Club of Greenwood members, Blaine Pearsall and Sam Leaman and Emerald City Rotary Club member Lorraine Angelino stuff bags with food items at the Greenwood United Ministries office for the YMCA's Afterschool program that helps students in need of meals when they're not in school. The bagged lunches will go to students who might need a meal when they aren't at school.

Heart health the topic at this month's Morning Blend

By MARY KATE MCGOWAN

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Henry Timrod Elementary

Year-round calendar approved for school

BY MELISSA ROLLINS
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FLORENCE — The board of Florence School District One voted unanimously Thursday night to approve a year-round calendar for Henry Timrod Elementary School.

The new new schedule will begin with the 2016-17 school year.

Timrod Principal Michelle McBride proposed the year-round schedule at last month's board meeting, and several board members asked for more information about what the implementation would look like at Timrod specifically.

The John T. Sullivan Board Room was filled for Thursday night's board meeting. Many of those attending were from the Timrod Elementary School community.

Superintendent Dr. Randy Bridges spoke before the board made its decision.

"Ms. McBride has worked really hard on this, working with her faculty and her staff and her parents," Bridges said. "I think they are excited about this opportunity for their school. I say to the principals, when I talk to them about their REACH goals, that they are just that: sometimes you reach them and sometimes you don't. If you do, along the way, you are going

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Mal Hyman announces bid for 7th District seat

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GOP PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES VISIT FLORENCE

Kasich promotes positivity



MEGAN MARY MORNING NEWS

Presidential candidate John Kasich speaks to a crowd during his town-hall meeting at the Chapman Auditorium on the Francis Marion University campus.

Calls for balancing the budget, positive campaigning during rally

BY JOSHUA LLOYD
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ONLINE

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FLORENCE — GOP presidential candidate and Ohio Gov. John Kasich told hun-

dreds gathered for a meeting in Florence on Thursday that

he's banking on a surge in the South Carolina primary Feb. 20.

After a second-place finish in the New Hampshire primaries, he asked the crowd in Francis Marion University's

Chapman Auditorium to give him a "chance to take it to America."

"I asked New Hampshire to give me chance. Now I'm in

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Bush calls Trump radical at Florence meet-and-greet



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Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush speaks during a campaign stop in Florence.

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FLORENCE — Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush slammed GOP front-runner Donald Trump at a campaign stop in Florence on Thursday afternoon, drawing comparisons to Democratic hopeful Hillary Clinton and calling him too hotheaded to lead.

After a happy-birthday greeting, Bush told the crowd of about 300 at Venus Restaurant that when it comes to social issues like abortion and health

care, Trump is closer to liberal than most.

"In Florida we eliminated partial-birth abortions, the horrific procedure that Donald Trump just 12 or 13 years ago supported," he said. "I've never met a person other than Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump who has that radical of a view."

Bush said Trump, along

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(From left) Dale Barth, Henry Swink, Doris Lockhart, Dave Aycock and Henry Johnson hold



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