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## Twelve Mile looks to become blueway

By Tonya Maxwell | STAFF WRITER | [tonamw@greenvillenews.com](mailto:tonamw@greenvillenews.com)

**A**fter a century of being held back by dams, after nearly seven decades of being polluted with industrial chemicals, the Twelve Mile is a river of healing waters. // It is still cutting its own natural path and slowly flushing itself of sediment, but fish, beaver and wading birds have also returned to areas they haven't inhabited since the time Henry Ford's Model T was rolling off assembly lines. // Now advocates are in the early stages of planning Twelve Mile's rebirth as a blueway, a user-friendly paddle trail with several access points and amenities that would make the river friendlier to a host of users.

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Twelve Mile Creek near Central.

BART BOATWRIGHT/STAFF

## Gay couples waiting out legal debate

Wedding licenses are  
being issued in Charleston

By Lyn Riddle

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Colleen Condon got a text message from someone in Charleston County's Courtroom 3 on Tuesday that said, "You're getting your license tomorrow."

She wrote back, "No we're not."

The person insisted.

So Condon and her fiancée Nichols Bleckley decided to go see. They arrived around 8—30 minutes before the Charleston County Probate Court opened — and stood outside with five other couples, temperatures around freezing.

The text was right. They got the license they applied for in October, the one they sued the state to get.

"Then we went outside and watched couple number two get married," Condon said.

Kristin Anderson and Kayla Bennett were married by Tobin Williamson, an ordained minister. Anderson elected to take her wife's last name.

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## Haley: India interested in Clemson

By Tim Smith

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COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley said Wednesday her trade mission trip to India has been "very productive" and that she sees an opportunity for university exchanges, including with Clemson.

Speaking from Mumbai, on the second day of her stay in that Indian city, Haley said there were several areas of interest by Indians in Clemson.

"Interest in Clemson was definitely in the automotive research side and then also in the agricultural side, not to mention engineering," she said. Haley said Indians also are interested in the University of South Carolina and its lauded international business program.

The governor said she feels good about opening new trade relationships during her visit but expects results as well.

"Without question I know we will be closing jobs over the next several months," she said. "I know the relationships and the meetings we have had have been very strong."

Haley, the state's first Indian-American

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## Mayor Page worried over beach access fees

Mt. P. leader: Plan 'affects everybody in tri-county'

BY PRENTISS FINDLAY  
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New proposals for paid parking on Sullivan's Island and Isle of Palms concern Mount Pleasant Mayor Linda Page, who worries about the potential impact on residents.

"This affects everybody in the tri-county area," Page said. "I don't support the beach charging for parking."

However, Page said that she has not seen data on the summer congestion problem at the beaches that island officials say is the catalyst for plans to implement the new paid parking system. For that reason, Page said that it is hard for her to weigh in with a strong, informed opinion.

She has spoken with some council members on the islands and anticipates further dialogue on the issue between Mount Pleasant, IOP and Sullivan's.

"I know they will give us an opportunity to sit down at the table," she said Wednesday.

Sullivan's Town Council on Tuesday voted unanimously to direct town staff to draft a pay-parking plan for beach visitors that would require a pass to park off street in residential areas. Council would have to approve the plan before it is implemented, which could happen next summer.

Sullivan's Island's action was spurred by the IOP Council's approval last week of new areas of paid parking by as early as next summer. Next steps include hiring a company to manage the program. If it receives final approval, on both islands, pay parking in the neighborhoods for visitors is seen as a way to control crowd size during prime beach season.

"We're not trying to discourage people from coming to the beach. We're just trying to make it safe," Sullivan's Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Kaynard said Wednesday.

Kaynard likened the situation to a maximum building occupancy under the fire code.

"We don't know whether a fee-based parking plan would solve all the problems. The most difficult part of this

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## Inside CHARLESTON SCENE

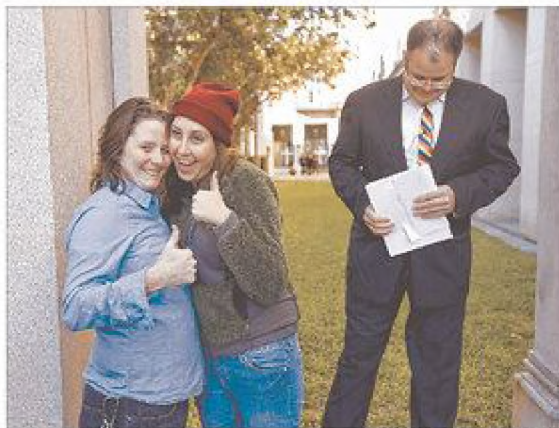


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## NATION



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Kayla Bennett (left) and Kristin Anderson smile after Minister Tobin Williamson officiated their ceremony Wednesday in front of the Charleston County Judicial Center, making them the first same-sex couple married in South Carolina.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY PAUL ZOLLER/STAFF

## Joy, uncertainty for gay couples

A few pick up licenses, make history in Charleston County amid baffling legal tug of war

BY JENNIFER BERRY HAWES  
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Two lesbian couples made South Carolina history in record-breaking chill Wednesday when one picked up the state's first same-sex marriage license and another was the first to exchange vows outside the Charleston County Court-house.

Then the legal frenzy that has characterized the past six weeks continued in earnest.

Charleston County Probate Judge Irvin Condon was the first in South Carolina to issue licenses to same-sex couples after two major court rulings issued late Tuesday opened the state's legal doors. He began issuing them at 8:30 a.m., when the courthouse opened.

But just hours later, S.C. Court Administration advised probate judges to pause until either the



Tony Beard (left) and Shane Landrum look over their marriage license before leaving to have a private ceremony Wednesday at the Charleston County Judicial Center.

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## Obama to act on border issues

Speech to set up clash with GOP

BY MICHAEL D. SHEAR and JULIA PRESTON  
New York Times News Service

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama will speak to the nation in a prime-time address Thursday, asserting his authority to provide legal status for up to 5 million undocumented immigrants, the White House said, and setting in motion an immediate confrontation with Republicans about the limits of a president's executive powers.

In a video posted on the White House website Wednesday afternoon, Obama said that he would deliver the 8 p.m. speech from the White House to announce "steps that I can take to start fixing our broken immigration system."

"Everybody agrees that our immigration system is broken," Obama said in the video. "Unfortunately, Washington has allowed the problem to fester for too long. What I'm going to be laying out is things that I can do with my lawful authority as president to make the system work better even as I continue to work with Congress and encourage them to get a bipartisan, comprehensive bill that can solve the entire problem."

The president will travel to a Las Vegas high school Friday to rally support



Obama

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## Clemson dropping modern plan for building

Suit challenged how BAR approved project

BY ROBERT BEHRE  
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Clemson University has backed off its plan to build a modern architecture center at Meeting and George streets — a project applauded at first but later bitterly fought by two neighborhoods and preservation groups.

Clemson announced its decision to change course on its \$10 million Spaulding-Palooza Center in the wake of a recent lawsuit filed challenging how the city's Board of Architectural Review handled its approval.

Rick Goodstein, Dean of the College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities, said the move came "in the interest of finding a solution acceptable to all parties."

"We promised from the very beginning that we would be good neighbors," he said. "In the spirit of transparency and being good neighbors, we are going to take a step back and explore our options."

Architect Brad Gloepfil of Allied Works Architecture, whose building design won city approval but also triggered the lawsuit, called Clemson's decision heart-breaking.

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## Jerusalem attack stuns local families

2 rabbis have ties to victims, synagogue where slayings occurred

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The slaying Tuesday of four rabbis in a synagogue in West Jerusalem sent shock waves through Charleston's Jewish community, the pain magnified by ties to the victims and the house of worship where the attacks happened.

"I've been to that neighborhood many times," Orthodox Rabbi Moshe Davis of Congregation B'nai Shalom Beth Israel said Wednesday. "It is primarily a religious neighborhood; men carry sacred books, not guns. Children run around with toys and smiles. It is not a place of war and violence."

The two Palestinian cousins accused of the killings worked in a store near the synagogue in the Har Nof neighborhood, a hub of Jewish scholarship. Armed with meat cleavers, knives and a pistol, they killed four worshippers and a police officer. After a brief gun battle, security forces fatally shot the assailants.



An ultra-Orthodox Jewish man prays as Israeli rescue workers clean the scene of an attack Tuesday at a synagogue in Jerusalem. The attack left four worshippers and a police officer dead.

Davis' wife, Ariela Davis, knows the wife of one of the victims, Rabbi Calman Levine, who was born in

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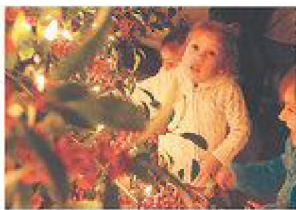






## HONORS FOR USC WOMEN

Rings, banners and a  
matchup with Clemson.  
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## Vista Lights shine bright

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## Immigration order may test Obama's power

By MICHAEL DOYLE and LESLEY CLARK  
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is about to flex his muscles on immigration; perhaps, skeptics believe, past the breaking point.

As chief of the executive branch, Obama enjoys considerable authority to act on his own in certain areas, including national security and immigration. His predecessors, Republicans and Democrats alike, have employed similar powers.

But as the representative of only one of three co-equal branches of the federal government, Obama also faces legal and political constraints on his freedom of action. This

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### HUNNEWELL MURDER TRIAL

# Pair convicted; Young gets life



Kelly Hunnewell's family listens as the verdicts are read. Daughter Amber is second from left, son Victor is in white to the right, sitting next to his grandmother, Kelly's mother, Nancy.



Kelly Hunnewell

*"Thank you for  
taking every  
piece of love I  
ever had . . . I  
want you to rot  
in jail."*

Amber Hunnewell,  
victim's daughter, 14

Barnes, 17, to be sentenced later; he gets a  
separate hearing because of his age

By CLIF LeBLANC  
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Convicted killer Lorenzo Young, 20, will spend the rest of his life in prison, while a younger co-defendant will have to wait until next week to learn his punishment in the July 2013 slaying of Kelly Hunnewell, a mother of four.

A Richland County jury on Wednesday took about two hours to find Young and Trenton Barnes, 17, guilty of murder, kidnapping, second-degree burglary and attempted armed robbery.

As Young was led in shackles from the courtroom, he told reporters, "I'm innocent. I ain't done (expletive)." Moments before, a prosecutor told Judge Robert Hood that Young had spit on a bailiff during the trial and on a county jail guard during Young's 16

months awaiting trial.

Those brief statements by Young were his only words after Hood handed down consecutive sentences of life for murder, 20 years for attempted armed robbery and 15 years for second-degree burglary. All three are maximum punishments. Hood did not issue a sentence on the kidnapping conviction.

The courtroom, ringed by Richland County deputies, was hushed as the verdicts by the eight-woman, four-man jury were announced. The judge had forewarned the audience, including relatives of the defendants and the Hunnewell family, that he would not allow outbursts.

The stiff sentences followed Hood hearing a letter written by Hunnewell.

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### STATE SUPREME COURT CLEARS WAY

# First same-sex marriage licenses issued in S.C.

Richland judge grants license. Supreme Court's order, and issue licenses that are

### WINTHROP POLL

## S.C. residents more optimistic about economy

Heading into the holidays, South Carolinians are more optimistic about the economy and their personal finances, according to a new Winthrop Poll. Page B4





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## Bravery and honor



SLAIN PATROLMAN ROY CAFFEY  
HONORED WITH NAMING OF REST AREAS



State Sen. Brad Hutto, from left, and state Rep. Justin Bamberg present the Caffey family with a resolution naming rest stops on Interstate 26 for the late S.C. Highway Patrolman First Class Roy O. Caffey. Pictured on the front row are Patrolman Caffey's granddaughter Ashlyn McCoy Caffey, son Robert Caffey and S.C. Highway Patrol Commander Col. Michael R. Oliver. **See video and a slideshow with this article at [www.TheTandD.com](http://www.TheTandD.com).**

By RICHARD WALKER  
T&D Staff Writer

**A**n Orangeburg patrolman who was killed on a stretch of dark highway 42 years ago will now be remembered by thousands traveling past.

State and local officials dedicated two interstate 26 rest areas on Wednesday as the S.C.H.P. Patrolman First Class Roy O. Caffey Memorial

rest stops to remember the trooper who gave his life in the line of duty.

"He served bravely and honorably, and was killed in a cowardly act," said Col. Mike Oliver of the S.C. Highway Patrol. "We learn to live with the loss, but we can never forget them."

At the same time a plaque was unveiled during the dedication ceremony held at Cornerstone Community Church in Orangeburg, two plaques were unveiled on I-26, one

for eastbound traffic and another for westbound about five miles away.

Oliver said Caffey, a 25-year veteran of the Highway Patrol, was shot and killed on the night of Oct. 8, 1972. He had gone back on patrol after making an emergency blood run between hospitals.

Just as his night was to end, Caffey radioed he would be meeting the re-

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**THE FIRST: WOMEN MARRY EACH OTHER IN CHARLESTON**



AP/PHOTO COURTESY, PAUL ZOLLER  
Kayla Bennett, left, and Kristin Anderson exchange wedding vows as Minister Tobin Williamson officiates the first same-sex couple wedding ceremony in South Carolina Wednesday in front of the Charleston County Judicial Center in Charleston. Couples began filing in to pick up their marriage licenses after Probate Court Judge Irvin Condon began issuing them Wednesday morning.

## History is made in Charleston

By BRUCE SMITH  
Associated Press

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Local court ready for same-sex marriage licenses

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN  
T&D Staff Writer

While court battles continued Wednesday over whether same-sex marriage should be allowed in South Carolina, Orangeburg County Probate Judge (Pundora) Jones-Glover was preparing for the possibility.

"We're ready," she said.

Around 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, the S.C. Supreme Court lifted an injunction that prohibited probate judges from issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

"We're working to revise our applications," Jones-Glover said

## Two guilty in death of mother of four

Courtesy WIS-TV









# Bonsai garden in Aiken

Local couple shows plants, flowers | 1C

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# RECEng Crew on 'Angel' list



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The RECEng Crew of North Augusta is one of the most generous and responsible charities in the Palmetto State based on the 19th annual Scrooges and Angels list, which South Carolina Secretary of State Mark Hammond released in Columbia

on Wednesday. "We're thrilled; this means an awful lot to us," said The RECEng Crew's president, Pam Stickler, of her organization's designation as an Angel. "It shows that they're noticing that we're honest in what we're saying and that we work really hard to make sure that the dollars we get go to support the programs

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For a full list of Angels and Scrooges, see 12A

that we're offering." The Scrooges and Angels list is made up of charities that solicit funds in the Palmetto State. It identifies 10 Scrooges that spend a low percentage of their money

on programs that help their clients and 10 Angels that use a high percentage of their funds to assist those in need.

Angels, as defined by the Secretary of State, devote 80 percent or more of their expenditures to charitable efforts, receive minimal funding from grants and make good use of volunteer services. Scrooges de-

vote 40 percent or less of their expenditures to charitable programs and spend a significant amount of revenue on fundraising expenses.

According to the Scrooges and Angels press release, The RECEng Crew spends 87.5 percent of its funds on charitable efforts.

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## WEATHER

# Gay marriage licenses issued

## Couple gets married in state's first gay union

BY BRUCE SMITH  
Associated Press

CHARLESTON — A judge issued the first gay marriage licenses, and a couple was married in South Carolina on Wednesday, even as the state attorney general asked the U.S. Supreme Court to step in and block the unions.

Meanwhile in Aiken, the Aiken County Probate Court, 109 Park Ave. S.E., won't accept gay marriage licenses until the stay is lifted at noon today.

Judge Angela Little said once the Probate Court receives the court document that says the stay is lifted, same-sex couples can come in and apply.

"They will have to bring in a \$45 filing fee, in cash, bring identification, and they both can come in and apply and pick up their license after a 24-hour waiting period," Little said.

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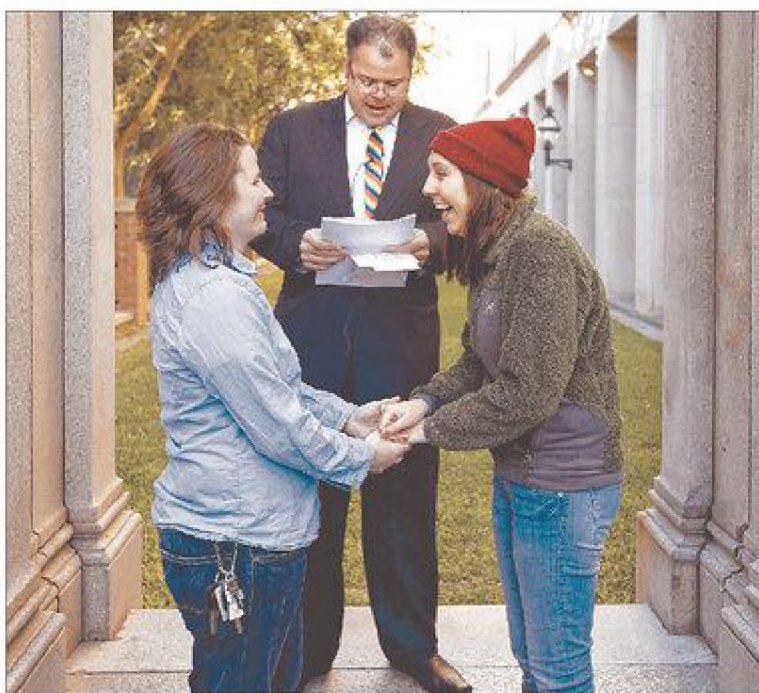


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Ruling in that case, U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel last week threw out the same-sex marriage ban in the South Carolina Constitution.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals refused Tuesday to put Gergel's order on hold. South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson then asked Chief Justice John Roberts, of the U.S. Supreme Court, to block such

marriages while the state appeals. Wilson's spokesman Mark Powell said. The Supreme Court did not immediately rule on the request.

Attorney John Nichols, representing the probate judge, said the licenses could be issued because of a Tuesday decision in another federal case.

There, U.S. District Judge J. Michelle Childs in Columbia ruled in

favor of Highway Patrol Trooper Katherine Bradacs and Air Force retiree Tracie Goodwin, who sued to have the state recognize their marriage performed in Washington, D.C.

Childs ruled the state's failure to recognize their marriage was unconstitutional.

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# Palace Malice named Horse of the Year

## Thoroughbred wins Aiken award for second time in a row

BY DEDE BILES  
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Lightning has struck twice for Dogwood Stable and Three Chimneys.



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### 17 charged in sting

Police in Woodruff said Wednesday a four-month undercover operation, which charged 17 suspects on drug offenses, will help put a stop to one of the biggest safety complaints in the area. **PAGE C1**

### Man pleads guilty

A Greenville man pleaded guilty Wednesday to crimes connected to a police-involved shooting in Duncan last March that left his female companion dead. **PAGE C1**

### Beware the toys

A light-up bow whose arrows are advertised as flying up to 145 feet and the "Catapencil" are on an annual list of unsafe toys released Wednesday by a Massachusetts-based consumer watchdog group. **PAGE C5**

### Immigration action

President Barack Obama declared Wednesday he will sidestep Congress and order his own federal action on immigration — in measures that could spare from deportation as many as 5 million people illegally in the U.S. **PAGE A3**

### Troop use possible

The Obama administration is open to limits on the duration of its military efforts in Iraq and Syria and on the potential use of ground forces in a new war authorization against the Islamic State, a top presidential adviser said Wednesday. **PAGE A3**

Weather

## First gay marriage held in SC

Pair weds as judge begins issuing licenses to couples

By BRUCE SMITH  
The Associated Press

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No marriage licenses were issued Wednesday in Spartanburg County Probate Court. Officials here planned to begin issuing same-sex marriage licenses at noon today in keeping with a federal judge's ruling last week.

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PAUL ZOELLER/THE POST AND COURIER  
Kayla Bennett, left, and Kristin Anderson are married by minister Tobin Williamson on Wednesday.

## RESCUE TRAINING GOES DEEP



Lt. Benjamin Baker and Cowpens firefighter Chris Lambert prepare a mannequin to be lifted out of a storm drain pipe during a training exercise Wednesday.

PHOTOS BY JOHN BYRUM/JOHN BYRUM'S HJ.COM

## Exercise puts firefighters in tight spot



Practice equips responders to handle confined spaces

verse Fire Department on varying aspects of the tactical emergency response known as confined space rescue. The two fire departments jointly respond to confined space situations.







## Hospital gowns cover your rear

This new design keeps unwanted drafts away A5

# About 500 Wedgefield homes lose water

Residents frustrated by what they say is lack of information about line break

BY JADE REYNOLDS  
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A Tuesday afternoon main line break in a water system in Wedgefield left about 500 homes without H<sub>2</sub>O and many people asking questions. Repairs were made by 6

p.m. that day, said Mike Weatherly, Sumter County engineer and manager of the water utility. But because the leak depleted the water in the tank and lines, it will take time to recharge the system. "If your water heater goes empty, it takes awhile for it to

fill back up," he said. "Measure that times a million, and that's how long it takes to pump water back into the system and bring back the pressure."

Water had been restored to some homes by Wednesday morning, he said, but it might

take 24 hours for the system to be fully restored. In the meantime, a boil-water advisory has been issued for those affected.

"If you live in the Wedgefield-Stateburg area, boil your water at least one minute before cooking," Weatherly said.

But some people affected by this outage were more concerned with the time and effort it took to find out such information.

Timothy Milkie and his wife, Jo, live off Barnwell

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## Judge issues same-sex marriage licenses

S.C. attorney general continues attempt to block gay unions

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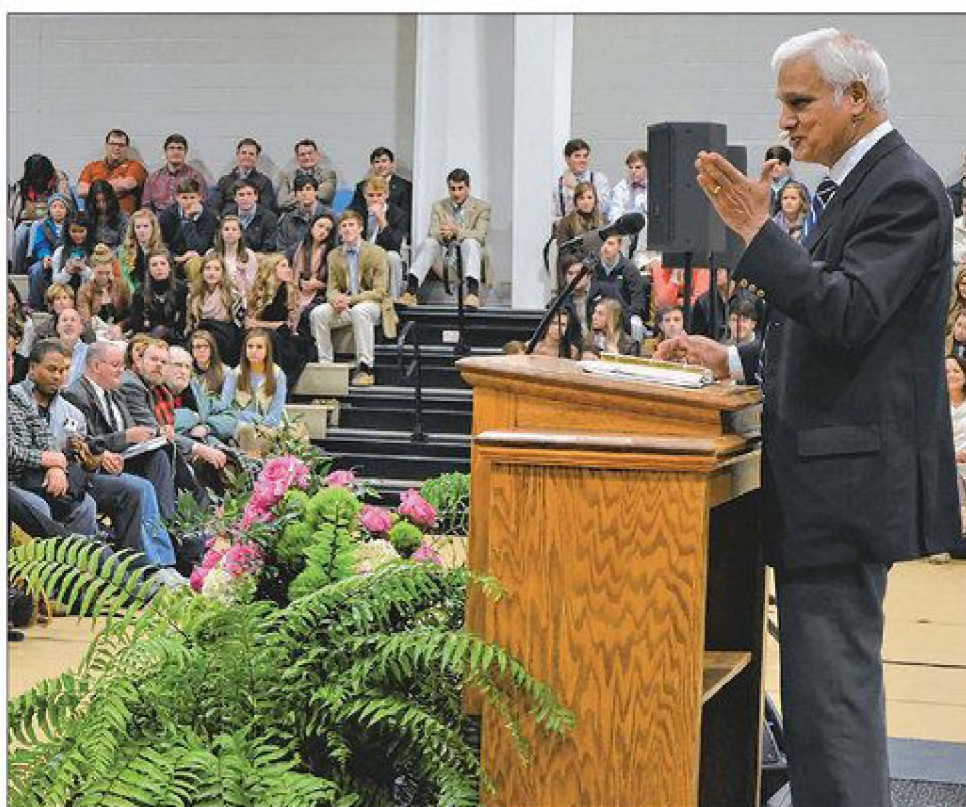
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## Christian apologist packs auditorium



RAYTEVIA EVANS / THE SUMTER ITEM

Ravi Zacharias, world-renowned Christian apologist, speaks to a packed audience Tuesday night at Wilson Hall. Zacharias talked to students, faculty, staff and Sumter community members about atheism, the presence of God and finding meaning in life.

## Speaker discusses attempt at suicide to crowd at Wilson Hall

BY RAYTEVIA EVANS  
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Ravi Zacharias, world-renowned Christian apologist, spoke to a packed auditorium at Wilson Hall on Tuesday night as part of the school's Mission Series. His speech, "Atheism and Theism — Differing Answers, Drastic Ramifications" captured the audience's attention — some of them having flown and driven miles to hear him speak.

Threaded with personal and spiritual anecdotes as well as quotes and passages from famous philosophers and writers such as Friedrich Nietzsche

*'What took me to my place of suicide was an absence of meaning. I had no meaning. What does it take to bring meaning? A sense of wonder and enchantment. God is that being that can fill your heart with wonder.'*

meaning. But he encouraged them to find purpose in their lives through their faith.

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In previous years, Zacharias has shared his Christian message on college campuses around the world, at the National Day of Prayer in Washington, D.C., the Annual Prayer Breakfast at the United Nations and the African





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The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals refused on Tuesday to put Gergel's order on hold. South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson then asked Chief Justice John Roberts of the U.S. Supreme Court to block such marriages while the state appeals. Wilson's spokes-

man Mark Powell said. The Supreme Court did not immediately rule on the request.

Attorney John Nichols, representing the probate judge, said the licenses could be issued because of a Tuesday decision in another federal case.

There, U.S. District Judge J. Michelle Childs in Columbia ruled in favor of Highway Patrol Trooper Katherine Braddis and U.S. Air Force retiree Tracie Goodwin, who sued



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Colleen Condon, left, and her partner Nichols Bleckley appear at a news conference Oct. 15 in Charleston shortly after filing a federal lawsuit seeking the right to marry in South Carolina.

### EAST UPTOWN

## City receives streetscape grant

By **COLIN RIDDLE**  
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More acorn lamps and improved utility lines for the city are coming to the east side of Uptown Greenwood.

City Manager Charlie Barrineau announced to Greenwood City Council on Monday the city will be the recipient of a \$500,000 Enrichment Grant from the Community Development Block Grant program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The grant will be matched with \$535,629.72 of city money, all coming from the hospitality tax fund, and will encompass portions of Magnolia, Main, Phoenix and Riley streets.

The grant usually calls for a 10-percent match with the city far-exceeding that request, which Barrineau said was instrumental in securing the grant.

"We believe in these projects, and we're investing in ourselves," Barrineau said.

The current state of the section of Uptown is decrepit: sidewalks, underutilized buildings, old utility lines and a growing park.

"All utilities that service the businesses in that block are more than likely decades to a hundred years old," Barrineau said.

A complete overhaul of the utility lines will take place with Greenwood Commissioners of Public Works and Greenwood Metropolitan District lending funds, supplies and work.

There also will be some room to place power lines underground with all sidewalks being replaced as well. The old street lamps will be

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## Talking turkey



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Members of the Neil "Gobbler" Cost Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation unload 100 frozen turkeys Wednesday outside Greenwood Civic Center to give to seven local non-profits.

## Neil "Gobbler" Cost Chapter gives away 100 turkeys

By **JOSEPH SITARZ** | jsitarz@indexjournal.com

The Neil "Gobbler" Cost Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation's donation of 100 frozen turkeys will go a long way in providing families and individuals a Happy Thanksgiving this year. This year marks the 13th annual turkey giveaway by the local chapter in the parking lot at Greenwood Civic Center.

Seven non-profits — Soup Kitchen, Food Bank, Salvation Army, Meg's House, Bowers Rodgers, Connie Maxwell and Faith Home — received turkeys this year.

"That's seven of the best charities in Greenwood. It's hard to beat the ones we pick ... it really is," said Dennis Waters, a member of the Neil "Gobbler" Cost Chapter. "This is a good thing to do for our community."

In the 13 years of giving turkeys away, Waters estimates the group has given away more than 21,000 pounds of turkey.

"That's a lot of turkey meat that's fed a lot of Greenwood people over the years," Waters said.

One hundred is the magic number for the giveaway.

"We've been over 100, but we try to at least do 100 every year. The least we do is 100," Waters said, adding they've given away as much as 115. "If we raise extra money, we buy turkeys."

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Dennis Waters, member of the Neil "Gobbler" Cost Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, hands Bowers-Rodgers home manager Ti Barnes a box full of frozen turkeys Wednesday in front of Greenwood Civic Center.







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Kayla Bennett, left, and Kristin Anderson exchange wedding vows as minister Tobin Williamson officiates the first same-sex wedding ceremony in South Carolina on Wednesday in front of the Charleston County Judicial Center in Charleston.

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## DEADLY WRECK CLOSES HIGHWAY



Fire and rescue units and S.C. Highway Patrol worked the scene of a deadly wreck on S.C. Highway 130 on Wednesday morning. The driver of the pickup truck, a 62-year-old North Carolina man, worked as an Oconee Nuclear Station contractor and died at the scene from his injuries.

### North Carolina man killed in early-morning crash

BY CHRISTINA CLEVELAND  
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — A North Carolina man died early Wednesday morning after being involved in a two-car

collision that closed down S.C. Highway 130 for much of the day.

Nick Lester Seagle, 62, of Charlotte, died at the scene from "multiple traumatic injuries," Oconee County coroner Karl Addis said

in a statement Wednesday. Seagle worked as a contractor at the Oconee Nuclear Station and had just left work when another vehicle

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## Contractor hurt in fall at Seneca water plant

### Man airlifted to hospital

BY NORMAN CANNADA  
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — A Liberty man was listed in critical condition at Greenville Memorial Hospital on Wednesday afternoon after he was injured when a scissor lift apparently turned over at a construction

site for the city of Seneca's \$10 million water plant upgrade.

Charles "Chuck" Austin Keeler, 54, was taken by ambulance from the construction site on Northhampton Road in the Normandy Shores subdivision to Gignilli-

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A construction worker was injured after a scissor lift fell Wednesday morning at the site of the Seneca Light and Water plant upgrade.

## Task force examines future of Oconee County transit

BY STEVEN BRADLEY  
THE JOURNAL

WALHALLA — A task force on Oconee County transit recommended to county council Tuesday expanding Seneca's electric bus system to Walhalla and Westminster, while remaining fare-free and



sit Advisory Task Force Committee, was joined by Chip Burger, a project manager from engineering firm URS Corporation, in making the presentation at Tuesday's meeting.

An original transit feasibility study was conducted in 2008, according to Moulder, and the commit-

After forming the committee, a study was performed to examine county travel patterns — the origins of people's destinations for work, play, shopping and other endeavors.

Seneca's current transit routes include a business loop, express route and

Gold Route between Westminster and Walhalla on S.C. Highway 183.

Each of those routes would have designated stops at the Oconee Memorial Hospital area, as well as downtown Seneca.

"So you could actually travel from Walhalla or Westminster to Seneca,







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## Winthrop Poll

# Concern about SC economy wanes a little

BY GAVIN JACKSON  
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FLORENCE — Even with lower gas prices compared to this time last year, an increasingly optimistic view of the economy and fewer job worries, South Carolinians are not planning to

spend more money this holiday shopping season, according to a new Winthrop University poll released Wednesday.

Of the people surveyed, 57 percent said they expect to spend about the same as they did last year on gifts, with 16 percent planning to spend more, and 26 percent planning to spend less.

A gallon of gas in South Carolina is about 43 cents cheaper than this time last year, according to GasBuddy.com, a website that monitors gas prices.

Such numbers are backed by 17 percent of respondents that say jobs and unemployment are still the most important problem facing the state, followed by

education at 16 percent and the economy at 12 percent.

A historical perspective shows that respondents rate their financial situations 4 percentage points higher, at 55 percent, than in December 2012. In the same time frame, respondents' view that economic conditions in the state were getting better has in-

creased 19 percentage points to 68 percent.

Political science professor Scott Huffman, who oversees the Winthrop Poll, said this positive, downward trend away from the persistent worry over jobs and unemployment may soon

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Ira Slater stops traffic Wednesday on North Irby Street near the North Vista Elementary School at the end of the school day. "I could care less, per se, as far as recognition, but it's just nice to let people know what's going on out here," said Slater, who is in his second season as a crossing guard. "They're trying to help kids get across the street. And just be aware, just give them a second or two. They'll get you where you're going."

## Hail the crossing guards

## Appreciation week highlights importance of what they do

FLORENCE A cartoon floating around Facebook imagines what urban public space would look like if all of the streets and cars disappeared. Deep valleys take their place, effectively cutting off one side of a street from another.

Roads and vehicles aren't going anywhere, of course, but flat streets can be as dangerous to navigate as those cartoon valleys.

That's where crossing guards come in. They're invaluable

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STORY & PHOTOS BY VEASEY CONWAY/MORNING NEWS

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But it was a quiet day in the Pee Dee's probate courts

From staff and wire reports

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Florence County Probate Judge J. Munford Scott Jr. said Wednesday that his office has not received any applications for marriage license from same-sex couples. However, he said, the court administration has notified probate judges throughout the state that as things stand, the ban will be lifted at noon today.

"Come Nov. 20, the appeals court has said we should start issuing licenses (to same-sex couples)

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## Timmons ville

# Step taken toward demolition of five downtown buildings

BY GAVIN JACKSON  
Morning News  
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TIMMONSVILLE — The Timmons ville Town Council authorized the execution of a

the next four months.

"Once we get the approval from the environmental side from the Army Corps of Engineers, we can proceed forward," Bines said. "That will be our next step. Right now, this is an agreement that we agree to



The Timmons ville Town Council voted Wednesday to give Town Administrator Mary Bines the authority to execute a Community

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