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## PSC HEARING

# DUKE: NO PLAN FOR SC COAL ASH PONDS



## Environmental lawyer describes 'dangerous' system at plant

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**D**uke Energy coal ash ponds in Anderson and Darlington counties are being studied closely by the utility in the wake of a giant spill last month at a North Carolina plant that dumped millions of gallons of coal ash water into the Dan River, Duke officials are telling utility regulators.

But they are offering no detailed plan of how or whether they will remove the toxic ash, saying they are waiting for expected federal environmental rules to be issued later this year before acting.

A Greenville lawyer for an environmental group told members of the South Carolina Public Service Commission on Monday that Duke remains the only utility in the state that hasn't committed to emptying its ash ponds and moving the contents to safe, dry storage away from waterways.

"What we see here is a tremendous risk to the public and the ratepayers,"

Frank Holleman, a senior attorney for the Southern Environmental Law Center, told members of the Public Service Commission.

The law center last week released details of a report that found elevated levels of arsenic and chromium in the ground at the site of Duke's W.S. Lee coal plant near Williamston in Anderson County, which is located near the Saluda River.

Duke officials told the PSC on Monday that they were aware of elevated levels of iron and manganese at the site but not of any other contaminants.

Duke briefed the PSC on Monday on the North Carolina spill and what actions it is taking to prevent problems at its other facilities. Officials say Duke has 33 coal ash ponds in North Carolina and three in South Carolina.

"We have a lot of political and media attention focused on us right now to make sure we move quickly," George Everett, director of environmental and legislative affairs for Duke, told the PSC.

Holleman said his briefing was designed to fill in pieces of the story that

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## DOWNTOWN



The Handlebar announced it is closing its current location on April 30. FILE

## Handlebar to close Stone location

Pioneer in music scene will re-emerge in the fall

By Eric Connor  
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The Handlebar's announcement that it will close at the end of next month comes as the popular downtown Greenville venue that helped transform the Upstate's music scene over the past two decades has struggled financially, lost its parking rights and faced eviction from its foreclosed building.

However, the music club's owner said Monday that the confluence of events have ultimately proved for the best: The Handlebar, he said, is certain to return — and as a larger force regionally when the business finds a new home in Greenville.

"All this is working out to be a great deal for everybody — especially the fans," owner John Jeter told The Greenville News amid The Handlebar's announcement Monday that its last show at the Stone Avenue venue would be April 23.

The Handlebar will emerge in mid September in a new location — which Jeter said he couldn't disclose — that will accommodate double the space of the 8,500-square-foot venue and double the people that can be accommodated.

The Handlebar first opened in 1994 in a century-old former textile factory on Mills Avenue, which was later renovated into luxury condos, The Lofts at Mills Mill.

The music club — owned by Jeter and his wife, Kathy Laughlin, among other investors — moved into the former auto-body shop on Stone Avenue at the intersection with Wade Hampton Boulevard in 2001.

The move transformed the culture of downtown Greenville's North Main district and helped the music club that accommodates 500 become an incubator for future music stars and a home to recurring local and regional acts.

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Reports linking Duke Energy to more contamination at the Duke Energy Lee Steam Station in Anderson County surfaced late last week as the company and environmental groups prepared for a meeting with South Carolina regulators Monday to discuss Duke's troubles managing toxic coal ash ponds. MYRAK MACLEOD/NEWSTAFF

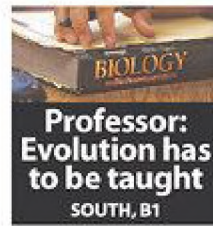


## Obamacare crunch time

Penalties for not enrolling could be a shocker

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## Board commits to diversity at Hursey

Montessori-based teaching to expand amid fears of 'educational ghettos'

BY BO PETERSEN  
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The move to Montessori-based teaching will continue at Hursey Elementary School, but the school board will watch to make sure the school continues to reflect the racial diversity of the North

Charleston neighborhood around it. The 3-4 Charleston County School Board vote Monday followed a long public comment session during which more than 20 people spoke for or against expanding the program at the school. It also followed an NAACP Charleston branch news conference earlier in the day,

where leaders said they are alarmed that recent moves to Montessori and other "choice" schools will create "educational ghettos" for Charleston County School District students whose families don't have the means to access those choices. Voting to expand Montessori teaching at Hursey to seventh and eighth grade,

and to continue with the gradual transition were Chairwoman Cindy Bolen Coats and members Craig Axtell, Tripp Wiles, Chris Fraser and Todd Garrett. Opposing were members Michael Miller, Tom Duckert, Chris Collins and

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Online

Do you think the Charleston County School District is creating "educational ghettos"? To vote and to read previous coverage of this topic, find this story at [postandcourier.com/education](http://postandcourier.com/education).

## McConnell's next job: Bridging the divide

CofC's future president vows to boost diversity amid protests, praise



GRACE BEAHM/STAFF

Seniors Bri Sanders, Sylvie Baele and alumni Brandon Upton address protesters Monday from the top of Randolph Hall, voicing their disapproval over the choice of Glenn McConnell as the college's new president.

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Reactions to Lt. Gov. Glenn McConnell being hired as the next president of the College of Charleston ran the gamut from elation to outrage.

While some state higher education and government leaders said the board definitely made the right choice for the college and the state, a group of about 200 students Monday protested against the Board of Trustees' decision to hire McConnell. Many faculty

members wore black clothing to show support for them.

The board voted Saturday to hire McConnell from a among three finalists for the school's top post, despite

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Lt. gov. post may stay vacant if McConnell steps down. **A7**

Editorial: McConnell will deliver. **A10**

## Can ideas buoy a sinking program?

Vouchers, elevating homes might help fix flood insurance woes

BY DAVID R. CARUSO  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — There's no easy fix for the National Flood Insurance Program, now drowning in a \$24 billion sea of red ink.

But experts and advocates say Congress does have some options that could make the troubled program financially stable, more affordable and more effective at motivating change in communities built too close to the water.

Lawmakers this month tweaked the troubled program for the second time in two years after acknowledging that a previous overhaul in 2012 had asked too many policyholders with rate hikes they couldn't afford. The legislation, however, only put off the day of reckoning.

At least 1.1 million policyholders are still likely to see insurance premiums rise substantially in the next few years as the government whittles down rate subsidies for people in the riskiest flood zones. The Associated Press, in a story published Monday, found

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Graphic

An interactive zoomable map at [postandcourier.com/insurance-interactive](http://postandcourier.com/insurance-interactive) shows at the community level, flood insurance policies facing premium increases and of those policies, those that will face an annual increase up to 18 percent, 25 percent, those which receive subsidies and 2012 policies in force.

## 'I thought I was about to be killed': Police caravan pursuit under scrutiny

Men in wrecked car wrongly targeted after N. Charleston chase

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A flash of blue lights and a blast of sirens overwhelmed the three men who had just left a friend's home in North Charleston.

Nearly a dozen police cars trailed a white and gray Lexus outside the apartment complex off Otranto Road. Other cruisers lurked on the outskirts of the action.



Online

For a dash board video of the chase, go to [postandcourier.com/videos](http://postandcourier.com/videos). To read a copy of the NCPD pursuit policy, find this story at [postandcourier.com](http://postandcourier.com).

Driving a white Toyota with two passengers, Olajuwon Wole didn't know what to do. The 23-year-old had no

where to go, he thought, so he stopped. What happened next in those early morning hours of Feb. 22 left Wole injured and frustrated by the North Charleston Police Department, and it prompted a former agency consultant to question whether the caravan-style vehicle pursuit, an apparent violation of the department's own policy, led officers to wrongly target Wole and his friends.

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ANDREW KNAPP'S LIFE

Jeremy Perrineau, 31, describes how he put up his hands during a police pursuit Feb. 22 off Otranto Road in which the car he was riding in was mistakenly targeted by North Charleston police.



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# TOWERING PERFORMANCE

Alaina Coates can elevate Gamecocks' game and USC coach Dawn Staley knows just how to motivate her. **B1**

**VIDEO:** David Cloninger goes one-on-one with Staley. [gogamecocks.com](http://gogamecocks.com)

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# Critics, Duke clash on coal ash

Utility says it's undecided on cleaning up polluted sites at plant in Upstate

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Duke Energy downplayed concerns Monday about water pollution and dam safety at the company's only operating coal plant in South Carolina, saying the Upstate site is safe and should be no

reason for alarm.

During a meeting with the state Public Service Commission, the company also said it was still evaluating whether to clean ash from waste ponds at the plant along the Saluda River in Anderson County. Cleaning up coal ash takes time, according to Duke. The company

has more than 100 million tons of ash at an array of power plant sites, officials said.

But the company's answers didn't satisfy environmentalists, who told the PSC that the Anderson County site has polluted groundwater and that Duke's ash ponds have begun to threaten

earthen dams that hold back tainted wastewater. They want Duke to clean out the ash ponds as other South Carolina utilities have agreed to do.

Attorney Frank Holleman said Duke's coal-fired power plant along the Saluda River is like many of the utility's coal plants in

North Carolina, where leaks and spills have occurred from ash ponds used for decades to hold the polluted byproducts of power production.

Holleman cautioned the PSC against taking the company's

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## UNDERSTANDING OBAMACARE



Janelle Free, with mom, Deborah Free, left, and sister Marissa Free, 14, learns Monday about insurance options from Ben Green during a forum on the Affordable Care Act at Brookland Baptist Church Northeast.

## Explaining penalty phase of the health insurance mandate

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The message on signs at BlueCross BlueShield's Health Insurance Marketplace registration efforts

brary's main branch on Assembly Street last week to find out about the health insurance marketplace because she was worried about having to pay a penalty. "When you're living pay-

### COUNTDOWN TO DEADLINE

Many Health Insurance Marketplace registration efforts and information forums are scheduled as the March 31 deadline for 2014 coverage nears. Of course, you also can sign up on your own at [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov).

**Tuesday:** Midlands Tech Mini-Forum, 201 Bettline Student Center, 316 South Bettline Blvd., Columbia, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Palmetto Health Richland, 1801 Sunset Drive, Columbia, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Friday:** Earlewood Park Community Center, Parkside Drive, Columbia, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Saturday:** South Carolina Cornbread Festival, 2800

## Emma's Law hearing likely Tuesday

Critics say some bite taken out of ignition interlock bill

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The powerful House Judiciary Committee likely will hold a scheduled hearing Tuesday on Emma's Law, a bill aimed at getting tough on repeat drunken drivers and reducing the state's soaring numbers of innocents killed by them.

Behind the scenes, partisans on both sides of the high profile bill, which supporters say has the proven potential to save hundreds of lives, were trying to work out a compromise.

"If there's not an agreement, get ready for a knock-down, drag-out fight," Rep. Rick Quinn, R-Lexington, a Judiciary member and key supporter of Emma's Law, said Monday. The current version of the bill has a key provision that would require first time offenders with a blood alcohol content of .15 or greater who are convicted of DUI - or who plead guilty to DUI - to use an ignition interlock device. The device, already in use in 21 states as well as South Carolina for repeat DUI offenders, are mini-Breathalyzers that won't let a person who's been drinking operate his motor vehicle.

Last week, an amended version of Emma's Law passed out of a Judiciary sub-

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## Graffiti wall

Blank canvas transformed into St. Mary mural | 1C

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## City increases water rates

### Council member: Rates to rise 'probably every year'

BY MAAYAN SCHECHTER  
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Aiken's water and sewer rates will rise by 10 percent as early as April 1 per an ordinance approved by City Council on Monday. Council voted unanimously to pass the ordinance, which will adjust the water and

sewer rates to help cover an anticipated revenue shortfall of about \$700,000.

Raising the rate became an issue after staff reported in January that due to last summer's increased rainfall, and not keeping up with inflation rates, revenue estimates won't be met.

"We're not meeting (revenue) projections," City Manager Richard Pearce said. "The

increase we proposed is something that will help us in our capital program and our capital needs to keep the system modern."

The ordinance passed included several stipulations, none of which had price tags or timelines attached: fund the system depreciation account, establish a rate more consistent with covering operating costs for the

water and sewer system and cover effects of inflation on labor and materials.

The big question of the night was whether a rate increase will be coming every year.

"Yes, probably every year," Councilman Dick Dewar said. "... We have to face facts.



Dewar

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## Aiken Triple Crown *Pacers & Polo final jewel*



Amy Flowers, Jibe Baez and their ponies converge on the field during the polo match at last year's Pacers & Polo event.

BY DERREK ASBERRY  
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USC Aiken Athletic Director Randy Warrick and Charles Bostwick from the Aiken Polo Club said the partnership between the two organizations has made Pacers & Polo a prominent third leg of the Aiken Triple Crown.

"Simply put, we could not have the Pacers & Polo event without the help and support

of the Aiken Polo Club," Warrick said. "Mr. Charlie Bostwick and Ms. Kristen Galvan have put the two polo teams together, as well as taking care of a host of other things that we simply could not do ourselves."

Bostwick reciprocated and has given a bulk of the credit to USCA.

"USCA worked with us to put together this event, and they've been very well-

organized in putting it on. It's a lot more work than people realize," Bostwick said.

The 11th annual polo match is scheduled for Saturday at the Powderhouse Polo Field on Powderhouse Road.

The gates open at 10:30 a.m. for a tent party before the match, which starts at 1 p.m.

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## High court overturns kidnap, rape conviction

### Suspect to be housed in Aiken to await new trial

BY TEDDY KULMALA  
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A man convicted of kidnapping and raping a woman in Bamberg County 12 years ago will soon be brought to Aiken County to await a new trial, after a decision by the S.C. Supreme Court last week.

The Supreme Court sided with a circuit court judge who, in 2012, awarded post-conviction relief to Joseph Walker, 56.



Walker

A jury found Walker guilty of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and kidnapping for assaulting a woman whose car had broken down in Denmark in March 2002.

He was sentenced to 24 years in prison for each charge, with the sentences running concurrently.

Walker petitioned for post-conviction relief, alleging that his trial attorney was ineffective by failing to conduct an adequate investigation, according to the court's ruling.

"The attorney was faulted for not investigating Walker's girlfriend at the time, who may have been able to provide an alibi for Walker.

Walker is currently being housed in the S.C. Department of Corrections but will soon be brought to the Aiken County detention center to await a new trial, according to Katherine Haggard Hudgins, an attorney with the state Commission on Indigent Defense who is representing Walker.

Walker will be housed in Aiken because the trial was originally held in Aiken. Bamberg is included in the Second Judicial Circuit, along with Aiken and Barnwell counties.

"He'll be entitled to bond, as if they're starting all over again," Hudgins said.

The court's ruling states that Walker's trial counsel acknowledged she viewed the videotaped interview of Walker, and also admitted her notes contained the name "Robina Reed" as a person to interview; however, Walker's trial counsel never interviewed Reed.

"She testified that her investigator spoke with or tried to speak with Reed, but she never followed up with her investigation," the document stated.

Reed testified at the hearing that she was never contacted about Walker's case until she heard from post-conviction relief counsel, according to the ruling.

Reed said she was in a romantic relationship with Walker in March 2002, but that he "disappeared" at the end of that month when he was arrested, albeit she later discovered

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MISSING MALAYSIA AIRLINES JET

## Officials: Plane went down in Indian Ocean

Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak says none survived, but mystery persists about what went wrong

By **TODD PITMAN and EILEEN NG**  
 The Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — After 17 days of desperation and doubt over the missing Malaysia Airlines jet, the country's officials said an analysis of satellite data points to a "heartbreaking" conclusion: Flight 370 met its end in the southern reaches of the Indian

Ocean, and none of those aboard survived.

The somber announcement late Monday by Prime Minister Najib Razak left unresolved many more troubling questions about what went wrong aboard the Boeing 777 to take it so far off course.

It also unleashed a maelstrom of sor-

row and anger among the families of the jet's 239 passengers and crew.

A solemn Najib, clad in a black suit, read a brief statement about what he called an unparalleled study of the jet's last-known signals to a satellite. That analysis showed that the missing plane, which took off from Kuala Lumpur for Beijing early on March 8, veered "to a

remote location, far from any possible landing sites."

"It is therefore with deep sadness and regret that I must inform you that, according to this new data, Flight MH370 ended in the southern Indian Ocean," he said.

His carefully chosen words did not directly address the fate of those

aboard. But in a separate message, sent to some of their relatives just before he spoke, Malaysia Airlines officials said that "we have to assume beyond any reasonable doubt that MH370 has been lost and that none of those on board survived."

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## a cutting-edge job

Elementary school students get cooking in local chef contest



DELAYNA EARLEY • Staff photo

**J**acob Himes, center, a fifth-grader at Okatie Elementary School, cuts a corn, chicken and black bean wrap in half while preparing his sandwich for the judges Monday during Sodexo's Future Chef competition. Jacob placed first in the event at the Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence in Ridgeland, which featured five competing elementary school students from Beaufort County.

### MORE ONLINE

- To watch video from the competition, go to <http://bit.ly/1gftc6W>.
- To see more photos, go to <http://bit.ly/1hgaxhJ>.

CANNABIDIOL OIL MEASURE

## Bill heads to Senate with big revision

The change would prohibit Mary Louise Swing, the 6-year-old who inspired the legislation, from receiving the seizure treatment.

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A bill that would allow children with severe epilepsy to obtain an oil extracted from marijuana to help control their seizures has moved to the floor of the state Senate.

However, a major change could prevent the bill from helping the child who inspired it.

On Thursday, the Senate Medical Affairs Committee approved the bill, which would allow doctors to administer cannabidiol to patients with intractable epilepsy, but with one major revision: The CBD oil administered must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration and be part of clinical trials.

If passed in its current form, the restrictions placed in the revised



Swing

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CRISIS IN UKRAINE

## US, allies expel Russia from G-8

G-7 leaders also cancel plans to attend an economic summit in Sochi, Russia, changing the location to Brussels.

By **LESLEY CLARK**

McClatchy Washington Bureau

ROME — President Barack Obama and leaders of the world's largest industrialized countries expelled Russia from

winter's Olympics.

Instead, the G-7 leaders will meet in Brussels without Putin. At the same time, the group said it would not send its foreign ministers to a planned G-8 meeting in Moscow next month.

Though largely symbolic and falling short of new sanctions against Russia, the statement from the G-7 leaders pledged that they "remain

### SENATE MOVES TOWARD SENDING AID

The Senate voted 78-17 Monday to move forward with an aid bill for Ukraine, which includes changes to the International Monetary Fund long sought by President Barack Obama.

IN BEAUFORT COUNTY

## Council offers opinion on local-option sales tax

Most of the members prefer a different 1 percent tax that would pay for specific capital improvements in the county.

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for a different 1 percent sales tax — one that would pay for specific capital improvements throughout the county. Other council members would rather put all the options forward for voters to choose.

Under state law, only county governments can enact local-option





# 'THE POLAR BEAR IS US'

Climate scientists say dangers of global warming are immediate, human A3



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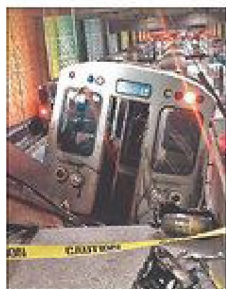
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## O'Hare derailment

An operator of a Chicago public-transit train that jumped the tracks and scaled an escalator at one of the nation's busiest airports Monday might have dozed off, the president of a Chicago transit union said. **PAGE A3**

## Sweet offering

King Digital, the company behind the wildly popular mobile game "Candy Crush Saga," goes public this week. The company could be valued as high as \$7.6 billion if its initial public offering prices at \$24 per share. **PAGE D1**

## Japan's promise

A major international summit to rein in the threat of nuclear terrorism opened Monday with Japan pledging to return more than 700 pounds of plutonium and a supply of uranium to the United States. **PAGE A3**

## Free to be you

At a time when Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn are pushing people to put forward their most polished, put-together selves, a new class of mobile applications lets users be more honest — under the cloak of anonymity. **PAGE D1**

## NSA overhaul

The Obama administration is expected to propose that Congress overhaul the National Security Agency's electronic surveillance program by having phone companies hold onto the call records as they do now. **PAGE A6**

## Graham: BMW plant to build X7s

Automaker is expected to announce its plans for expansion at event Friday

By **TREVOR ANDERSON**  
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BMW Group is celebrating 20 years of building cars in the U.S. in a big way.

The company is expected to announce Friday that it will build a new vehicle — the X7 — at its Spartanburg County plant. Based on previous expansions, the introduction of the X7 could bring an additional investment approaching \$1 billion.

On Monday, U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said the X7, a full-size version of the

company's popular X5 sports activity vehicle, will be made at the BMW Manufacturing Co. plant near Greer. The plant turns 20 in July.

While speaking with a group from the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce at the Piedmont Club downtown, Graham listed several of the county's recent accomplishments. They included Tokyo-based carbon fiber maker Toray Industries Inc.'s future \$1 billion plant in Moore and the S.C. Ports Authority's new \$50 million Inland Port.

"A lot of good things are happening in Spartanburg County ... and now the X7 will be built here," Graham said. "This is really becoming a center for manufacturing."

Sky Foster, a spokeswoman for BMW Manufacturing Co., declined to comment on Graham's remarks. County Councilman David

Britt also said he could not comment.

According to site plans filed with the county, BMW will add a new 675,000-square-foot body shop that would be its third on the 1,150-acre site. The facility will be next to the plant's existing west body shop.

The plans included a drawing for a future energy center adjacent to the new building. They also showed an addition of 371 spaces to its associate parking lot C behind the west body shop. The plant's website said about 450 team members are required to build a complete car body.

A new entrance providing direct access to the plant from Interstate 85 via Brockman-McClimon Road will be added, according to site plans. The entrance will tie in with an exist-

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## 'MH370 HAS BEEN LOST'



A relative of a Chinese passenger aboard Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 reacts to the grim news that families of the missing jetliner had dreaded for weeks: New analysis of satellite data indicates the missing plane crashed into a remote corner of the Indian Ocean, and none of the 239 people on board survived.

## Jet plunged into Indian Ocean, killing all aboard, officials say

By **TODD PITMAN**  
The Associated Press

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"It is therefore with deep sadness and regret

## Latinos not buying into health care marketplace

As deadline nears, many not signing up

By **RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR**  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's largest minority group risks being left behind by President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

Hispanics account for about one-third of the nation's uninsured, but they seem to be staying on the sidelines as the White House races to meet a goal of 6 million sign-ups by March 31.

Latinos are "not at the table," says Jane Delgado, president of the National Alliance for Hispanic Health, a nonpartisan advocacy network. "We are not going to be able to enroll at the levels we should be enrolling at."

That's a loss both for Latinos who are trying to put down middle-class roots and for the Obama administration, experts say.

Hispanics who remain uninsured could face fines, not to mention exposing their families to high medical bills from accidents or unforeseen illness. And the government won't get the full advantage of a group that's largely young and healthy, helping keep premiums low in the new insurance markets.

"The enrollment rate for Hispanic-Americans seems to be very low, and I would be really concerned about that," says Brookings Institution health policy expert Mark McClellan. "It is a large





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## Smith goes to Georgetown

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For the past seven years, Jeff Smith excelled in a multi-faceted role at the Greenwood Chamber.

He is now set to take his abilities into a leadership role at a chamber of commerce in the lower part of the state.

Smith was named president and CEO of the Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce. He is set to begin his work there Monday.

Smith, who lived in Greenwood most of his life, was with the Green-

### Longtime local resident to take CEO post in Lowcountry chamber of commerce

wood Chamber for seven years, as the director of small business and communications. Prior to working with the chamber, Smith worked at Park Seed for 16 years.

While he is excited about his new role with the Georgetown Chamber, Smith said he certainly will miss Greenwood.

"Greenwood is home," Smith said. "I have been (living in Greenwood) almost 50 years. I have lifelong friends here. There are a lot of great people I have met just through the chamber. What the chamber did for me was allow me to get reconnected in the community. I always liked knowing what was going on

and being around a lot of the activity and a lot of the people who make things happen.

"There are some great people that do great work in this city and in this county.

"Just being able to be a part of that was a big draw for me, and it still is." Smith said he hopes the Green-

wood Chamber will continue to be a progressive advocate for business and businesspeople in Greenwood County.

"I want them to continue in the direction they are going," Smith said. "(Greenwood Chamber

CEO) Angelle (LaBorde) has them on a great growth pattern. She has

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JEFF SMITH

#### CALHOUN FALLS

### E. coli scare prompts water pipe project

State money pays for new H2O lines

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CALHOUN FALLS — A community threatened with an E. coli scare last year will be put on the town's water system after Monday's Town Council meeting.

The council voted to accept a bid from Cedar Farms & Construction, Inc. — an Eastanville, Ga.-based company — to construct about 2 miles of 4- and 6-inch piping to Country Club Estates.

Cedar Farms & Construction Inc. submitted the lowest of five bids at \$215,152.37.

That figure was well below the estimated \$400,000 cost for the project. The project will not cost the town of Calhoun Falls any money out of pocket. Funds were provided by the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority.

Keith Dunn — of Dunn & Associates Engineering Inc. — said the town would be reimbursed for the full cost of the project.

"It's what's known as principal forgiveness," Dunn said.

Dunn said the contractors for the project are ready to begin in short order, possibly as early as next week.

"From there, I'd say about two, three months for completion," Dunn said.

That completion date would put the project very near to the first confirmed flooding of E. coli in Country

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## 'BOOK FAIR FIESTA'

### Ninety Six transforms media center for twice annual Scholastic sale

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NINETY SIX

If it were possible for a room already filled with literature to appear more bookish, Ninety Six Elementary School's media center seemed to do just that Monday morning.

The school kicked off its Scholastic Book Fair with streams of enthusiastic students meandering through tables laden with books, pondering prospective buys.

School media specialist April Timmerman said the school plays host to the fair twice a year.

This year's Scholastic theme is "Book Fair Fiesta."

"This is the first time we decided to venture and actually decorate with our theme," Timmerman said, adding the objective of the fair is to encourage reading, especially outside of the classroom.

"The main purpose is to promote reading to kids and provide access with books for homes."

Timmerman said the fair always includes a family day when parents can come in to browse and buy books. This year, family day will occur Thursday during and after school hours.

Teachers also created "wish lists" of recommended reading for their classes parents can request upon entrance to the fair.

The fair will include a drawing through which students have a chance to win a basket of free books. Going along with the fair's fiesta theme, students will try to guess how many tortilla chips are in a glass jar. The student with the closest guess will win the basket.

Timmerman said she typically prepares the fairs a year in advance.

"We've already set it up for next year," she said.

In addition to staff preparation, parent volunteers assist in running the fair throughout the week.

This year's fair runs through Monday. However, parents can access an online book fair under the library tab of the school website. The online book fair will run through April 8.



Lain Hewitt, left, and Kendall Waters browse through books at the Ninety Six Elementary School Scholastic Book Fair Monday morning. The fair runs through March 31.

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## Duke Energy: SC coal ash ponds different from NC



Utility provider says Anderson County plant converting to natural gas. 2nd is dry

Duke Energy has only two coal ash ponds in South Carolina. One is in Anderson County at a power plant that is set to convert to natural gas, with the







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## Officer accused of distributing drugs



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A 29-year-old corrections officer with Sumter-Lee Regional Deten-

tion Center has been charged with distributing marijuana after an undercover drug operation in Dalzell on Saturday led to his arrest. Wesley Dale Gardner,

of 5115 Dennis Road, Rembert, became the focus of the drug sting after a confidential informant told Sumter County Sheriff's Office that Gardner had been sup-

plying marijuana. According to the sheriff's office, the informant first met Gardner, who identified himself as "Marcus," while incarcerated at Sumter-Lee

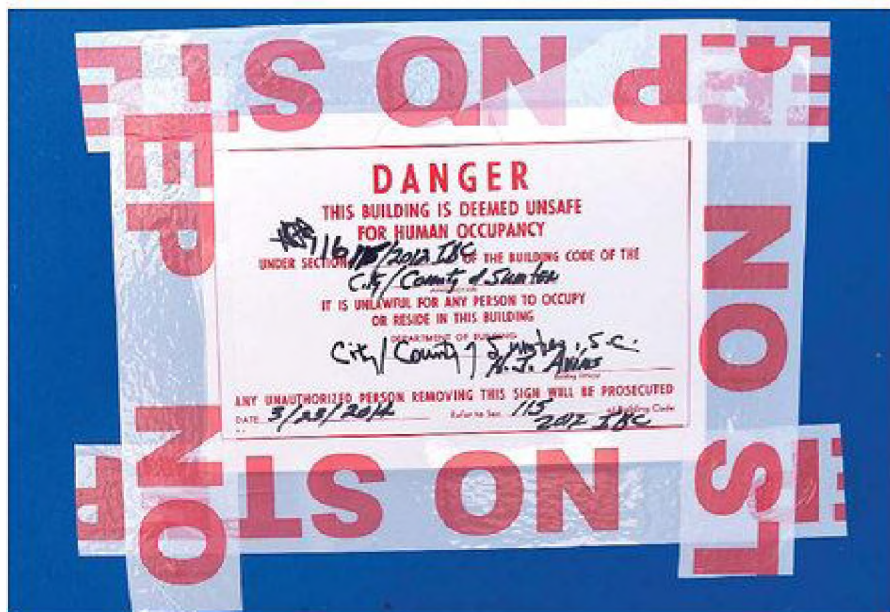
Regional Detention Center. After the conversation with Gardner, the informant reported the incident to an investigator

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## Violations close down nightclub



Club Miami is the location of the March 17 killing of Tyrus Archie, 33. The club is closed as of Sunday because of code violations.



PHOTOS BY JIM HILLEY / THE SUMTER ITEM

A closure notice posted on Club Miami's door cites sections 115 and 116 of the International Building Code after an inspection Sunday. Club owner Jay Warren said the club was "closed for renovations" and that he was seeking legal advice.

## Club Miami's owner says spot is temporarily undergoing renovations

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Club Miami on Broad Street Extension across from Shaw Air Force Base is closed, at least temporarily, after being cited for various code violations during an inspection by officers from multiple local and state agencies early Sunday morning.

According to the Sumter County Sheriff's Office, the establishment's owner, Jay Warren, was issued multiple codes citations for the building and administrative-type alcohol violations, adding the club will remain closed until "proper" conditions have been met.



A welcome sign is posted on a pillar of Club Miami on Broad Street Extension, which includes rule no. 5: No firearms near the closure notice on the club's door. Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis said his office is attempting to terminate the club's liquor license and business license.

## Shaw airman pleads guilty to desertion

Williams will serve 4 months, be dismissed from Air Force

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On Dec. 23, 2013, at 7:30 a.m., United States Air Force Capt. Robbie L. Williams was awake and dressed, ready to leave his Columbia apartment and head back to work at Shaw Air Force Base after two weeks on leave.

Instead, he went back to bed. The repercussions for Williams' actions during the next five weeks, during which he caused authorities to search for him throughout the Southeast, culminated Monday at his court martial hearing as he will be officially dismissed from the United States Air Force once he completes a four-month sentence in prison after pleading guilty to desertion.

When he first disappeared during the Christmas holidays, military officials expressed concern for Williams' safety, worried that something tragic might have happened to him.

Fellow airmen drove to his apartment to see if he was all right. Officials reached out to family members and friends to see if they had a clue as to his whereabouts. Eventually the military turned to the press, hoping someone somewhere could provide some helpful information.

In court Monday, Williams admitted all the while he was traveling throughout the Southeast, leaving his military-related items packed up in his car and paying for hotel rooms with cash to

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## ALL-AREA HOOPS

*Daniel's Janie Miles leads All-Mountain Lakes Girls' Team. C1*

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**ANSWERS?:** Malaysian officials conclude missing flight ended in Indian Ocean. **D1**

## OMC board members temporarily replaced

BY NORMAN CANNADA  
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — Two Oconee Medical Center (OMC) board members — both doctors — have been temporarily replaced because of potential conflicts of interest in the discussions with Greenville Health System (GHS) about a possible affiliation.

The board approved a resolution from the medical executive committee Monday night appointing past chief of staff Dr. Kevin O'Brien to replace chief of staff Dr. Edwin Evans and vice chief of staff-elect Dr. Todd Crowe to



Evans

replace Dr. Jeffrey Giguere, vice chief of staff. The resolutions called them "temporary replacements" and cited "possible conflicts of interest" in the ongoing discussions about a potential affiliation between the two hospitals. It



Giguere

said the replacement physicians would "serve until such time as the board completes their affiliation discussions with the Greenville Health System, or a definitive agreement is signed with GHS." The resolution added that having the replacement would "assure physician representation on the board during the process with GHS."

Both Giguere and Evans had notified chairman Rick Phillips of the possible conflicts of interest. Giguere is employed by GHS at its cancer center in Seneca. Oconee chief operating officer Hunter Kome said Evans is an employee of AnMed, which could also be perceived as a potential conflict.

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## Council hopefuls spar on money, mailings

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE  
THE JOURNAL

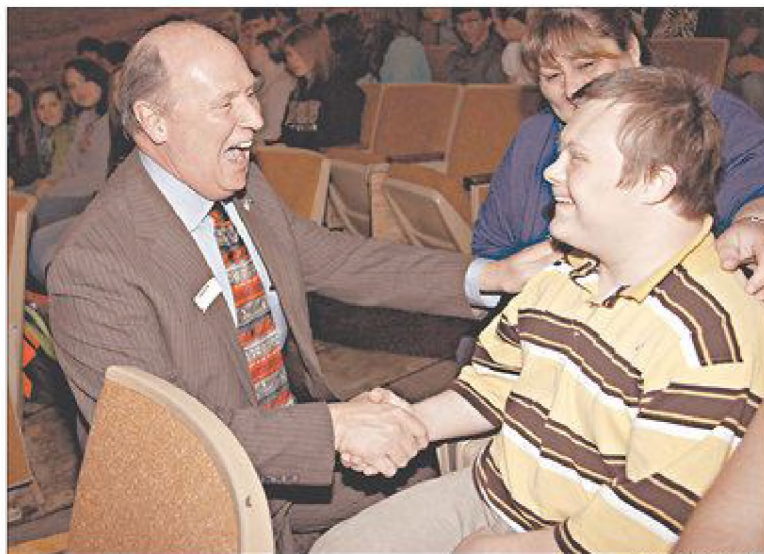
SENECA — Oconee County Council candidates Andy Inabinet and Paul Cain sparred over campaign contributions and a controversial political flyer during a spirited forum put on Monday night by the Clemson Area League of Women Voters.

Inabinet brought up the flyer mailed out by Cain during his closing remarks in the well-attended forum at the Gignilliat Community Center. The flyer paints Inabinet as a "tax and spend liberal" who also is "for increasing taxes on senior citizens."

Inabinet objected. He said there was only one thing on the flyer that

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## WORKING HARD TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



JESSICA NELSON / THE JOURNAL

State Sen. Thomas Alexander shakes West-Oak High School student Kane Savage's hand during a Monday morning visit at West-Oak High School, where Alexander praised students for the "numerous" letters they wrote addressing dating violence. The petitions urged the Senate to take initiatives on dating violence awareness in not only Oconee County but "the state as a whole," according to Alexander.

## West-Oak students' actions draw legislative attention

BY JOSIE RABBITT  
THE JOURNAL

WESTMINSTER — For State Sen. Thomas Alexander, visiting West-Oak High School to talk to teens about dating violence and abuse was "a necessary and extremely important" part of his busy Monday morning.

"The students at West-Oak have really worked hard to make a difference in raising dating violence awareness," Alexander said. "I came to show them that the legislative process is there to be responsive to their pleas for help, their petitions against such a pre-dominant issue in this state."

Alexander stepped up to the

West-Oak auditorium's podium with praise on his lips for the teens' "numerous letters and petitions" that he said encouraged him to write a Senate resolution in support of efforts to raise awareness about the problems of dating violence.

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## Pickens School Board approves action plan

BY GREG OLIVER  
THE JOURNAL

EASLEY — The Pickens County School Board Monday night approved an action plan to address issues and concerns brought forward by the AdvanceED external review team during its recent evaluation of the school district.

During its presentation to the board in January, AdvanceED issued a 48-page report that identified two issues the board had to address when a representative conducts a follow-up visit April 15.

The findings generated a firestorm of controversy as retired teachers, community leaders and members and a concerned citizens group have all lambasted board members for what they say is their inability to work together and work with superintendent Kelly Pew. The critics say the district will suffer if it were to lose accreditation, while board members say

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## Duncan says Malaysian plane incident raises security questions

BorgWarner president and chief executive officer James Verrier talks



BY NORMAN CANNADA  
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — The disappearance of Malaysian Flight 370 raises "security questions" that will likely lead to changes in the

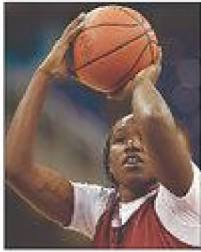
during a visit to Seneca on Friday. "It's alarming. Even the military radar missed it. How did that happen?"

As the mystery around the missing plane is now in its third week, Malay-

The most perplexing part of the mystery is that the transponders on the plane appear to have been turned off, making it more difficult for search and rescue workers to track and find the plane.







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## Mozingo impresses with talk of transformation, choices

Florence 1 meets second of three superintendent finalists

BY ELLEN MEDER  
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FLORENCE — Crowds were excited to hear unique, concrete solutions from the second of three Florence School District 1

superintendent finalists, Dr. Terri Mozingo, who visited the district Monday.

Mozingo, a 20-year education veteran, is currently the assistant superintendent of research and accountability at the Durham Public School District

in North Carolina. She spent Monday meeting with administrators, ministers, parent groups and finally the public, before she will tour schools, talk with teachers and undergo a final interview with the school board



Mozingo

Tuesday night. When asked why she was interested in becoming the leader of Florence 1 after decades working her way up the leadership ladder in various North Carolina districts Mozingo said she feels with her extensive experience and doctoral work on transforming schools and districts she could bring a lot to the table. Also in doing

her research of many open superintendent positions she saw that Florence 1's academic achievement proved it to be a "district on the move" in her eyes. "The conversations I've had with the board, they are really committed to continuing to move this district forward," she said. "There's a tremendous amount of support in this community too. There's

a concept from graduate school called the theory of liminality and it's a window of opportunity. I think that's where this district is right now, there's a window of opportunity for more good things to happen for children."

Throughout the day Mozingo expressed her belief in a "listen and learn" type of

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## Darlington School District

# Senator disputes deep coffers

District responds saying its reserve fund is necessary

BY ELLEN MEDER  
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DARLINGTON — State Sen. Gerald Malloy is raising concerns about taxes the Darlington County School District board has been levying on the county's citizens and Tuesday the district released its explanation of some of those worries, while confirming the numbers.

In Malloy's most recent legislative update that ran in The Hartsville Messenger on March 12, the 13-year veteran Democratic statesman explained why he is concerned that the school district's taxation and fund balance have continually increased, despite a population decrease, while the county on the other hand is hurting for funds to complete



Malloy

### Online:

Visit [scnw.com](http://scnw.com) to read the text of Sen. Gerald Malloy's legislative update and Darlington County School District's response.

many municipal tasks. Encapsulating the senator's argument that the school board's financial autonomy is out of balance with

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## START SMART



Senator Hugh K. Leatherman (left) and Representative Robert Williams talk with children Monday at the R.N. Beck Center in Florence. Leatherman presented a check for \$147,500 of the total \$590,000 allotted from the state to Start SMART, a program of The School Foundation in partnership with Florence School District 1.

## Early childhood gets a boost from state

Grant will allow innovative program to continue

BY JOHN D. RUSSELL  
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FLORENCE — StartSMART, a program unveiled by The School Foundation last September, is moving full steam ahead according to an update Florence School District 1 gave educators, supporters and board members Monday at the R.N. Beck Center.

S.C. Sen. Hugh K. Leatherman presented an installment check from the state for \$147,500 to see that the program continues to prepare children for kindergarten.

An essential part of the

Start SMART program is the availability of resources for families and educators to ensure that all children in the Florence area are developmentally ready for school by the time they enter kindergarten. Some of those resources include psychological services, health and nutrition, early childhood professional development to assist child care centers and the availability of parent workshops.

School Readiness Director Dr. Floyd Creech said that the program, which kicked off last September, has already met many goals and is



The School Foundation executive director Debbie Hyler talks about the Start 2 Read program Monday at the R.N. Beck Center in Florence. Hyler updated the public about the program's progress toward preparing children for kindergarten.

on track to surpass others. Currently there are 369 preschool children signed up for the program, which exceeds the goal of 300. Creech said one reason for the success is offering online registration. That service has more than

doubled the number of applications organizers would have expected at this point.

One of the highlights announced was the Start 2 Read program that will send

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## CITY OF FLORENCE

# Election filings getting crowded in council races

BY GAVIN JACKSON

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important election

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## 'I FELT VERY LOW'

After being turned away, veteran seeks to open military stores to all who served

By GENE ZALESKI  
T&D Staff Writer

Thales Newsome of Orangeburg spent a decade in the military, with 13 months fighting in Vietnam.

Having put his life on the line for his country, he said he was shocked by what he experienced when he went shopping at the Fort Jackson military base earlier this year.

"I went to the Army base to buy some military items," Newsome said. "When I went to the cashier, she asked for my military identification card. I showed her my veteran's card and my driver's license."

These were not good enough, Newsome said.

"She needed to see a current military card," he said. "I informed her that I am a combat veteran and spent ten years in the military. She told me that was not good enough and that I was not authorized to shop there."

Newsome said the clerk then took the items off the counter and put them in the cart behind her. She told him to leave the line.

"I felt very low," Newsome said. "I fought for this country and now I am being treated with complete disrespect. Veterans should be able to shop on any military installation."

The incident prompted Newsome to begin collecting signatures on a petition to al-



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Thales Newsome, a Vietnam combat veteran, is shown here with his Department of Veterans Affairs identification card. He is petitioning the federal government to allow all veterans the privilege to shop on military installations.

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## CLINTON GLOBAL INITIATIVE UNIVERSITY



SPECIAL TO THE T&amp;D

Former President Bill Clinton, left, participated in this weekend's Clinton Global Initiative University program in Phoenix, Ariz. Eddie Massey III, pictured in the crowd with Clinton, introduced his proposed Artificial Intelligence in Action program.

## Orangeburg student shares vision for artificial intelligence at conference



BY THE SEATTLE TIMES, BLEN M. BANNER  
Khadjah Sessions, a 5-8 sophomore guard from Myrtle Beach, practices with the South Carolina Gamecocks on Monday at Alaska Airlines Arena in Seattle. USC meets Oregon State at 9:40 ET Tuesday. More photos from Monday practice at [TheTandD.com](http://TheTandD.com).

## NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

### Oregon St. next up for Staley, USC

By TIM BOOTH  
AP Sports Writer

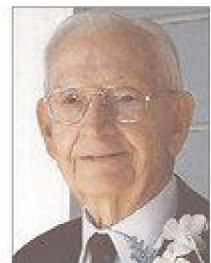
SEATTLE — Five years to rebuild was probably a reasonable expectation for Scott Rueck when he arrived at Oregon State considering the disaster he was inheriting.

He arrived in Corvallis to take over a program that was devastated amid allegations of emotional abuse under former coach LaVonda Wagner. The roster was so barren, Rueck held open tryouts. His first game, the squad included two returners, three freshmen, three walk-ons, a soccer player and a volleyball player.

That was the fall of 2010. On Tuesday night, Oregon State (24-10) will play for a spot in the Sweet 16 when the ninth-seeded Beavers face No. 1 seed South Carolina.

"I don't think there's any way you could have predicted that we would be here right

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W.J. Colvin Jr. of Holly Hill

### Holly Hill area business leader W.J. Colvin Jr. dies at age 96

T&amp;D Staff Report

HOLLY HILL — William Jerome Colvin Jr. of Holly Hill was instrumental in the success of two companies that are widely known today by other names.

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