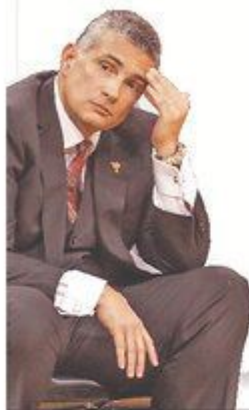


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## NCAA to USC: We messed up

The NCAA's apology from Dan Gavitt, vice president of men's basketball championships, to the University of South Carolina after admitting it had told the Gamecocks men's basketball team it was in the NCAA Tournament, only to back-track a few minutes later:

"Unfortunately, during the selection show a junior men's basketball staff member mistakenly sent a text to a member of the University of South Carolina athletics department staff via an app we used for the first time during the 2016 tournament. The text was supposed to go to all teams, congratulating them for

making the tournament. Regrettably, a text meant for another institution went to South Carolina instead.

"While the Gamecocks were given serious consideration, at no time during the selection process was South Carolina voted in to the field. Ultimately, they were one of the last four teams left out of the tournament. I take full

responsibility for this clerical error and apologize to Coach Martin, his staff and team, and the entire University of South Carolina community."

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## SECESSIONIST PARTY PLANS JULY RALLY

# SC group: Confederate flag will rise again at State House

BY ANDREW SHAIN  
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The Confederate flag will return temporarily to the S.C. State House this summer.

The S.C. Secessionist Party plans to raise the Civil War

banner during a four-hour rally on July 10, the first anniversary of the flag's controversial removal.

Secessionist Party founder James Bessenger said Thursday that he wants the flag raising next to the Confederate Soldier Monument on the State House

grounds to become an annual event.

"We do it to honor those who left their homes, left their families, stood on bloody battlefields and sacrificed their lives for the sake of the people of South Carolina," said Bessenger, who said his party has

about 2,100 members. "They... deserve honor, our gratitude and our states' respect."

Several S.C. lawmakers said Thursday they saw no reason to stop the Secessionist Party from raising the Confederate flag.

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## NCAA FINAL FOUR

### A TAR HEEL FROM S.C.

Brice Johnson's long journey from Edisto High to the Final Four with the North Carolina Tar Heels, 1B

## A super Saturday shaping up in the Midlands

Hey, you, looking for something to do with your Saturday? The Columbia area is hosting a busy weekend of music, art, horses and trashy fashion.



Take your pick:

**Tartan Day South:** Party like a Celt at this weekend-long, plaid-clad celebration. Enjoy music, food, exhibitions and sports.

Start your celebration Friday night at 6 p.m., then come back when the gates open at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the Historic Columbia Speedway, 2001 Charleston Highway, Cayce. Come Sunday for the Kirkin' of the Tartans at 3 p.m. at the West Columbia Riverwalk Amphitheater.

**Carolina Cup steeplechase:** Get your giddyup on at Camden's annual spring horse racing event. If horses aren't your thing, put on a floppy hat, pour a "Carolina julep" and have a good time anyway. Gates open at 9 a.m. The first race starts at 1:30 p.m., at Springdale Racecourse, 200 Knights Hill Road, Camden.

**Open Studios art tour:** Get inspired by 70 of the Midlands' most creative minds as you tour their working studios throughout Columbia, Richland and Lexington counties. It's free to tour them on



THE STATE File photograph

Thousands of spectators and revelers convene each year in Camden for the Carolina Cup steeplechase event.



THE STATE File photograph  
A performance at Columbia's Freeway Music Festival, 2013.

you're a little kid or a grown-up kid, there's something exciting about getting close to a big rig. Explore exhibits including firetrucks, bulldozers and antique military vehicles at this seventh annual event. Admission is \$6 per person or \$20 for a family four-pack.

pop, electric rock, "new wave dance-rock with a pizza obsession" — if you can't find something you like in this musical lineup, well, open your mind and give it a try, why don't ya? Tickets are \$5 for children, \$25 general admission and \$99 for VIP access.

Rock out all day starting at noon at Music Farm Columbia, 1022 Senate St., Columbia.

**Runway Runway design competition and fashion show:** You can feel trashy and classy at the same time as you watch repurposed materials take the runway as unique fashion pieces in this fundraiser fashion show.

Tickets are \$50 for runway seats and \$15 for general admission. The trashing of the runway begins at 8 p.m. at the Columbia Museum of Art, 1515 Main St., Columbia.



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## 2 people shot on Ravenel Bridge

Possible murder-suicide occurs on pedestrian walkway, sources indicate

BY MELISSA BOUGHTON  
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Two people were shot Thursday night on the Ravenel Bridge, where around 30,000 people will participate this weekend in the annual Cooper River Bridge Run, according to Mount Pleasant police. The shooting was reported

just after 8:05 p.m. and is not believed to be random, said spokesman Chip Googe. He would not specify the circumstances of the shooting, but sources close to the investigation say it appears to be a murder-suicide.

Dispatch officials confirmed that the two shooting victims were taken to Medical Uni-

versity Hospital and said the Charleston County Coroner's Office was called to respond. The office did not return a phone message seeking information.

Northbound lanes of the bridge and the pedestrian walkway were closed as officers

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Emergency officials rushed to the Arthur Ravenel Jr. Bridge after 8 p.m. Thursday to investigate a reported double shooting.

GEORGE FOTENI  
TWITTER

## Incredible journey

Courage, determination of disabled athletes in spotlight as two local bridge walkers use technology in effort to achieve a race milestone



DAVID QUICK'S STAFF

For more than eight months, Adam Gorlitsky of Mount Pleasant and Marka Danielle Rodgers of James Island have been on a quest to be the first paralyzed people to walk the Cooper River Bridge Run.

BY DAVID QUICK  
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Not since a local paraplegic athlete fought for including wheelchairs in the Cooper River Bridge Run and Walk a decade ago has so much attention been on disabled participants in one of America's biggest races.

Saturday's 39th Bridge Run features two locals — Adam Gorlitsky of Mount

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For more Bridge Run coverage, [postandcourier.com/bridgerun](http://postandcourier.com/bridgerun).

Pleasant and Marka Danielle Rodgers of James Island — trying to become the first paraplegics to walk the 6.2-mile race, thanks to some rather expensive technology.

They will be joined by a survivor of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing, Heather Abbott, who is participating in her first race since the terror attack.

The spotlight on these courageous souls is having ripple effects, helping to coalesce a growing number of local nonprofits, organizations and agencies to involve more people with disabilities

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FILE/JULIAN GAZAR

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump may see his 50 South Carolina primary win delegates in jeopardy.

## Flip-flop on pledge could cost Trump

Will S.C. Republicans stand by front-runner?

BY SCHUYLER KROFF  
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Donald Trump may have grabbed South Carolina's 50 convention delegates by winning the state's Republican primary in February. But he might not get to keep them.

The GOP front-runner's admission this week that he may not support the eventual GOP nominee has some thinking he's violated the state party's loyalty pledge.

Trump signed that pledge — unique to South Carolina and just a few other states — in September as a requirement to get on the state's presidential primary ballot.

The oath says that all candidates affirm, "I generally believe in and

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## Wisconsin key in bid to derail Trump

BY SCOTT BAUER  
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MADISON, WIS. — Next Tuesday's Wisconsin presidential primary is emerging as a crucial lifeline for Republicans desperate to stop Donald Trump's march to their party's nomination.

One of his worst weeks of the 2016 campaign is colliding with a state already skeptical of his brash brand of politics.

A big loss for Trump in Wisconsin would greatly reduce his chances of securing the delegates he needs to clinch the GOP nomination before next July's

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## Legal fight over Shem Creek is resolved

Dispute centered on office, garage project

BY PRENTISS FINDLAY  
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MOUNT PLEASANT — A lawsuit over an office and parking deck planned near Shem Creek is going away, but the parties still disagree about whether the creek needs saving.

Town Council voted unanimously Thursday to settle a lawsuit that the nonprofit Save Shem Creek had brought over town staff's approval of the project at Coleman Boulevard and Mill Street.

The decision resolves both the legal challenge filed by Save Shem Creek over a town zoning decision and the

town's countersuit against the nonprofit.

"They walk away, and we walk away," Mayor Linda Page said after the vote.

Jimmy Bagwell of Save Shem Creek said that the group's decision to settle the case has nothing to do with its merits.

"We firmly believe the project, as currently approved, violates the town's zoning laws," he said.

"The planned project is completely out of character with its location adjacent to Shem Creek, our town's icon, and we fear people will not fully realize how much so until it is too late," he said.

**pc Poll**

Are you glad to see that Save Shem Creek and Mount Pleasant Town Council have ended their legal battle over an office and parking building currently being built near Shem Creek? Go to [postandcourier.com/polls](http://postandcourier.com/polls) to vote.

However, Bagwell said it didn't make sense to continue a lawsuit that won't get resolved in court until after construction of the garage is complete. Work on it started months ago. The nonprofit previously decided against seeking an injunction to stop construction because that would

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## Changes to water halted after Flint

Greenville Water System had planned to tweak chemical mix before national controversy over lead

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Greenville Water System halted a planned change in the chemical mix that it adds to its water partly in response to the ongoing public health crisis caused by lead leaching from water lines into drinking water that's made national headlines in Flint, Michigan.

The water system hired a consultant and began a study three years ago of whether it should raise the alkalinity of its water to neutralize acidity — water with low pH — which could cause metal water lines to corrode more quickly.

Corroded water lines compounded problems in Flint after the city decided

to switch water sources and the state didn't require them to add corrosion control to the water from the new source. The more-corrosive water caused lead — a dangerous neurotoxin — to seep into the drinking water from water lines, contaminating the water for thousands of customers.

In Greenville, water staff had suggested moving ahead with alkalinity changes in 2014 but the project had not yet begun in 2015 when reports began to surface about problems with lead in drinking water in Flint, meeting minutes show.

In light of what was happening in Flint and due to changing financial considerations, Greenville Water's CEO David



"So in light of 25 years of not violating the Lead and Copper Rule and having good results, I said 'Let's take a step back and see if this is really necessary?'"

DAVID BERESKIN  
GREENVILLE WATER'S CEO

ROBERT DEUTSCH/USA TODAY

Water coming out of your home's faucets can become contaminated with lead if pipes, solder or fixtures are made of the toxic metal.

Bereskin decided to ask the water commission to table the project, which it agreed to do at its February meeting.

Greenville Water has never exceeded the EPA's Lead and Copper Rule, which

was passed in 1991 and fully implemented by 1993. The water system does have some lead in its system, less than 3,000

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## USC was mistakenly told it made tournament

NCAA officials apologize to school for text snafu

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COLUMBIA — The South Carolina men's basketball team was told it was invited to the NCAA Tournament on Selection Sunday.

A short time later it found out that was not the case.

NCAA officials notified the team at 6:30 p.m. on March 13 that it had been invited to the tournament.

Less than 10 minutes later the Gamecocks were notified that was not the case.

The NCAA issued an apology Thursday afternoon, from NCAA Director of Media Coordination David Worlock on behalf of NCAA Vice President of men's basketball championships Dan Gavitt.

"Unfortunately, during the selection show a junior men's basketball staff member sent a text to a member of the University of South Carolina athletics department staff via an app we used for the first time during the 2016 tournament. The text was supposed to go to all teams congratulating them for making the tournament. Regrettably, a text meant for another institution went to South Carolina.

"While the Gamecocks were given se-

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HEIDI HEILBRUNN/STAFF  
Noe Vega-Marín, who is part of the Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Patients, waits for his appointment with Dr. Hal Crosswell.

## St. Francis opens cancer center for teens, young adults

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Any teenager will tell you that they're no longer children. But, they're not quite adults yet either. It can be tough to straddle both worlds. Hard to know where to fit in. Teens and young adults with cancer face a similar struggle when it comes to treatment.

There are pediatric cancer programs, which are largely for small children, and cancer programs that typically care for much older adults.

So a nonprofit called Teen Cancer America is promoting the development of cancer units designed specifically for this age group.

And Bon Secours St. Francis Health

young adult cancer population," said Dr. Hal Crosswell, director of the Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Care Program at St. Francis.

"We're trying to provide an interdisciplinary place where the adolescent and young adult group can have uniform support, treatment, guidelines and be enrolled in studies much more than has been the case," he said. "Teen Cancer



Dr. Hal Crosswell at the St. Francis Cancer Center

"Teens want cool stuff and activities, like music-mixing rooms and infusion bays that allow them to express themselves."







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## MOX issues layoffs

Official: About  
60 employees  
are affected

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About 60 employees associated with the construction of the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility at the Savannah River Site were recently laid off.

A spokesperson for CB&I AREVA MOX Services, which is the project's contractor, told the *Aiken Standard* on Thursday that the staff members affected were white-collar administrative support staff workers.

"It has been spread out over a couple of months, but it pretty much was done by today," the spokesperson said. "There are no mass layoffs planned."

The spokesperson also said that the employees who were laid off "came from" both of the contractor's parent companies: AREVA and the CB&I Project Services Group.

President Barack Obama's administration wants to pull the plug on the MOX project and move forward with downblending, another disposal method for excess weapons-grade plutonium, because of cost overruns and the belief that MOX has become too expensive.

Billions of dollars have been spent so far, and the contractor claims about 70 percent of the MOX facility has been completed. The U.S. Department of Energy, or DOE, has disputed that figure.

The Obama administration's attitude toward MOX and restrictions imposed by the DOE and the National Nuclear Security Administration, or NNSA, were factors in the layoffs, according to the CB&I AREVA MOX Services spokesperson.

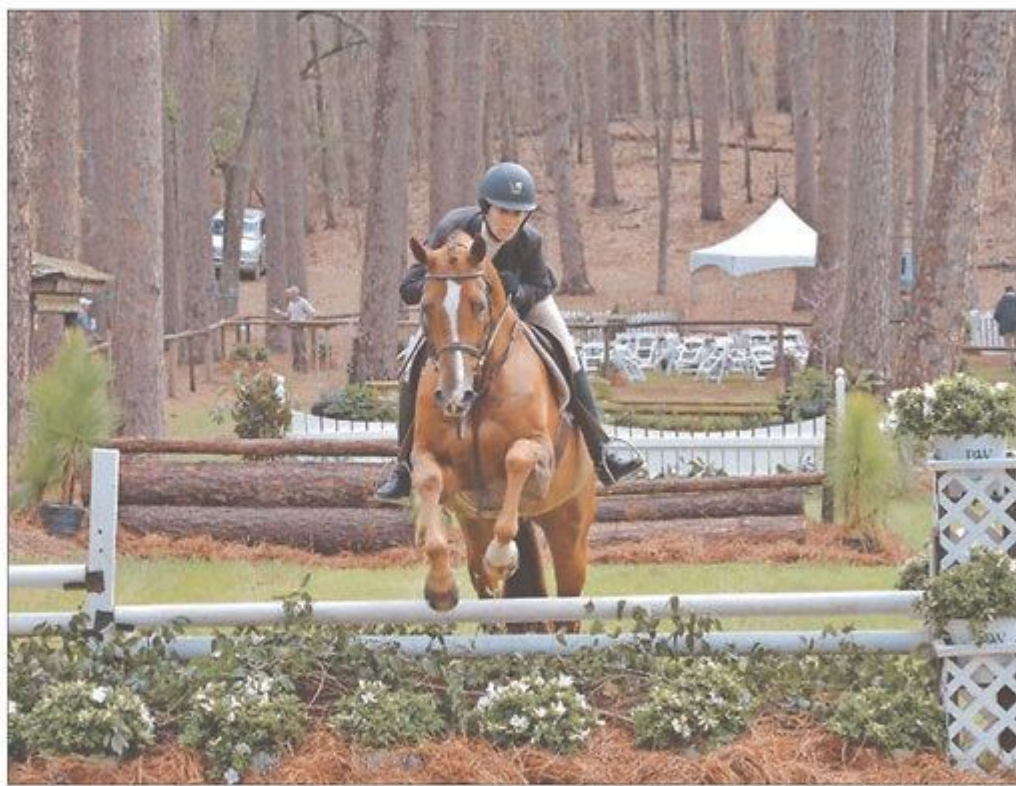
"Because of an obligation to taxpayers to build it (the MOX facility) as quickly and efficiently as possible," the spokesman said, the contractor wants to continue at the current construction pace, which is designed to complete "at least" an additional 4 percent of the facility per year.

However, the DOE and the NNSA have "rejected" every procurement request and overtime is "very, very limited," the spokesperson said. In addition, there are budgetary pres-

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Barbara Ashley McNorrill, Lexington  
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Janet M. Brannon, Jackson  
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STAFF PHOTO BY CINDY KUBSON

The 100th anniversary of the Aiken Horse Show is scheduled for today through Sunday in Hitchcock Woods.

## Horse Show hits milestone Director to step down after more than 20 years

BY DEDE BILES  
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At one end of the show ring in Hitchcock Woods stands a dogwood that is in full bloom.

The tree's flowers usually aren't this spectacular during the Aiken Horse Show, so Gail King believes the impressive display is a very good sign.

"It is absolutely lovely, and I think it's an omen that everything is going to be splendid this weekend," said King, who has been a director of the Horse Show for more than 20 years, on Wednesday.

One of the biggest and best-known equestrian competitions locally, the Horse Show will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of its founding during its 2016 renewal today through Sunday.

"It's something that's really special, and we have a vintage

theme," King said.

For the native of England, however, the experience of marking an important Horse Show milestone will be bittersweet because she plans to step down afterward as one of the event's chief organizers.

"I love doing it, but it takes a lot of work and a lot of preparation, and I've done it for a long time," said King of her decision to retire from a key Horse Show position. "I would love to be able to do something else at this time of year if I want to, but I'm not going away completely. I still will help

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Dana Massey, left, and Gail King are the directors of the Aiken Horse Show. King is stepping down after this year's show, which marks the 100th anniversary.

## DOT aims to open bridge by year's end



STAFF PHOTO BY DAN BROWN

BY DAN BROWN  
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The clock is ticking on the S.C. Department of Transportation, and the scheduled repair and replacement of the York Street bridge.

In order for the bridge to reopen by the end of this year, construction would have to begin by August, according to Randall Young, acting chief engineer for project delivery with the S.C. Department of Transportation.

Young said some project incentives would have to be set with whomever the DOT contracted to build the new bridge, but with some incentives included, if the design phase can be completed by August, the York Street bridge could be opened to traffic by

incentives and de-incentives in place we think we can hit that goal."

The SCDOT held a public information meeting in the City Municipal Building's conference center Thursday that more than 50 city residents, elected officials and City of Aiken staff attended to review proposed design options and solicit the public's input and feedback regarding its downtown bridges.

The new bridge will keep with the City's desire to maintain the historic integrity of a wooden bridge, and because of the working relationship between the SCDOT, local elected officials and city historical societies, the new bridge could be something everybody could be happy with.

"We are very pleased with the way the Department of Transportation has worked with the City





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## Hartsville a finalist for 2016 All-America City Award

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HARTSVILLE — The city of Hartsville is a finalist for the 2016 All-America City Award.

The announcement from city officials came late Tuesday.

Hartsville joins the ranks of 20 finalist cities from across the country whose representatives will convene in June in Denver,

Colorado, to compete in the final round.

"It should come as no surprise because we put together an incredible team made up of people from the public and private sectors who made this possible," said Hartsville Mayor Mel Pennington. "You know, the city receives the award, but this is not just the city, this is the whole community. It's a collaborative

effort."

"Citizens of Hartsville have a lot of pride for this city," said Hartsville City Manager Natalie Zeigler. "The city was named an All-America City in 1996, and we felt the momentum was there and the timing was right this year to submit another application. It would be great to win again 20 years later, but we know we are an All-America City regardless of

winning the official title."

The award will be given to the 10 communities that best exemplify the awards criteria: civic engagement and collaboration, inclusiveness and diversity, innovation, and impact and vision.

This year's award spotlights initiatives focused on ensuring that all children are healthy and supported to succeed in school and

life. Officials said the city and the greater Hartsville community have focused on these key areas in the last few years with numerous community programs.

The city's application highlighted several organizations and initiatives whose mission it is to support local children and their families through quality of

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## Local students earn state DECA awards

BY DONNA TRACY  
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CHARLESTON — A Darlington County Institute of Technology student earned a first-place award and four other local students earned Top 10 places in the 2016 South Carolina DECA Career Development Conference recently.

Sandra Hammons earned her first-place distinction in Personal Selling Presentation and has been invited to participate in the International DECA Career and Development Conference to be held in Nashville, Tenn., April 23-26. More than 18,000 students, advisors, and business leaders are expected to attend the international conference.

Hammons attends Darlington High School as well as DCTI, which offers classes that are dual credit or affiliated with Florence-Darlington Technical College, where she is a member of the institute's DECA Chapter.

Hammons was one of a dozen DCTI DECA members to compete at the conference and four of the students placed in the top 10 for their events and were recognized with a certificate and medalion during the awards banquet. Jada Zimmerman, also of Darlington High School, placed in the top 10 for Retail Merchandising. Jared Martrano and Hunter Purvis of Hartsville High School placed in the top 10 for Food Marketing Management and Marketing Management, respectively, and Cindy Martinez of Mayo High School placed in the top 10 for Principals of



Sandra Hammons placed first in Personal Selling Presentation at the state DECA conference for marketing students and has been invited to participate in the International DECA Career and Development Conference held in Nashville, Tenn., April 23 - 26.

Business Administration.

DECA members at the DCTI chapter are advised by Pamela Smith and Latrice Jackson. Smith said the chapter has a history of placing at the state level for at least the last eight years and that several years ago one member

went on to place at the international level of the conference.

"The competition is very stringent. We are competing against probably 20-30 other schools from across the state," said Smith. "If a student is able to place in the top 10 that is definitely



Jared Martrano placed in the top 10 in Food Marketing Management.



Cindy Martinez placed in the top 10 in Principals of Administration.



Jada Zimmerman placed in the top 10 in Retail merchandising.



Hunter Purvis placed in the top 10 in Marketing Management.

an honor."

Smith said Hammons competed this year for the second time and placed at the region level last year but not at state — something Smith said made her more determined this year.

"It was especially exciting for

her to be able to win," said Smith. "She used her experience from last year and was able to build on it and worked really hard to get that first place this year."

The Career Development

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## Filing period ends for 2016 elections

From staff reports

DARLINGTON — The filing period for candidates running for public office this year ended at noon Wednesday.

On the ballot for Darlington County for June primaries and the November general election are:

### Congressional candidates

#### U.S. Senate

Tim Scott (R) - incumbent  
Thomas Dixon (D)  
Bill Bledsoe (Libertarian/Constitu-

Tom Rice (R) - incumbent  
Mal Hyman (D)

### State candidates

#### South Carolina Senate District 29

Gerald Malloy (D) - incumbent  
South Carolina Senate District 31

Hugh K. Leatherman Sr. (R) - incumbent  
Dean Fowler Jr. (R)

Richard E. Skipper (R)  
South Carolina Senate District 36

Kevin Johnson (D) - incumbent

Jackie E. Hayes (D) - incumbent  
South Carolina House District 59

Terry Alexander (D) - incumbent  
South Carolina House District 60

Phillip Lowe (R) - incumbent  
South Carolina House District 62

Robert Williams (D) - incumbent  
South Carolina House District 65

Jay Lucas (R) - incumbent

### Darlington County

#### Solicitor Circuit 4

Will Rogers (D) - incumbent  
Darlington County Sheriff  
Wayne Byrd (D) - incumbent  
Tony Chavis (D)

Robin Slater Edwards (D)  
Jeff Robinson (R)

Darlington County Auditor  
Brenton Dana (D)

Margaret Ross Rogers (D)  
Darlington County Council

District 1  
Bobby Kilgo (R) - incumbent  
Darlington County Council

District 3  
Wilhelmina P. Johnson (D) - incumbent

Joyce Wingate Thomas (D)  
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District 5  
Le Flowers (R) - incumbent  
Darlington County Council

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### NEWS DIGEST

#### \$317M U.S. textiles announcement expected today

U.S. Secretary of Defense Ash Carter is expected to announce a \$317 million initiative for the U.S. textile industry Friday at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass.

The plan seeks to transform textile manufacturing into a high-tech industry that can compete in the global marketplace.

The public-private partnership involves 31 universities, 16 industry members, 72 manufacturing entities, and 26 startup incubators, spread across 28 states.

In South Carolina, participants are Milliken & Co., Inman Mills, the Clemson University Center for Workforce Development and the South Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership.

Check [GoUpstate.com](http://GoUpstate.com) Friday for details about the project.  
 —From staff reports

### SPORTS



#### Change of fortune for Cavaliers

Dorman was just an average baseball team last year, finishing 14-14 and falling in the first round of the 4A district playoffs. Nearly halfway into this season, however, the Cavaliers' luck has changed. **B1**

#### New role for Braves' executive

After 51 years in baseball, long-time Atlanta Braves executive John Schuerholz is moving to an advisory role he says is perfectly timed to finally provide more family time. **B1**

### DONALD'S BAD WEEK

## Trump stumbling

Candidate having troubled week ahead of Wisconsin primary

By Scott Bauer and Julie Pace  
 The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Next Tuesday's Wisconsin presidential primary is emerging as a crucial lifeline for Republicans desperate to stop Donald Trump's march to their party's nomination. One of his worst weeks of the 2016 campaign is colliding with a state already skeptical of his brash brand of politics.

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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks at a campaign stop Wednesday in Appleton, Wis. **NAM Y. HUH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

convention. It could also offer new hope to rival Ted Cruz and outside groups that see Trump as a threat to the future of the Republican Party.

"I think the whole country is looking to Wisconsin right now to make a choice in this race,

and I think the choice Wisconsin makes is going to have repercussions for a long time to come," Cruz said Thursday in an interview with Milwaukee radio station WTMJ.

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### UPSTATE REACTION

## Abortion comment draws fire

By Chris Lavender  
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Donald Trump's comment that women who get an abortion should be punished if the practice becomes illegal drew condemnation from Spartanburg anti-abortion leaders Thursday.

Trump, who is running as an anti-abortion candidate, later backed away from Wednesday's remark, issuing a statement saying doctors who performed illegal abortions, not women, should face punishment.

Outrage over the comment continued, however. Tony Beam, who hosts the

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### 10-POINT SCALE

## Change in grading scale could benefit students



Sylvia Martinez, 11, left, works on an assignment with her teacher, Julie Niedrach, at Arcadia Elementary School in the fall. A switch to a 10-point grading scale could benefit students like Martinez as they continue their education and seek scholarships. **ALEX HICKS JR./ALEX.HICKS@SHJ.COM**

### ACCORDING TO MUSEUM CHAIRMAN

## Budget woes could delay flag display decision

Confederate banner moved from Statehouse grounds in 2015

By Seanna Adcox  
 The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — South Carolina's budget constraints make it unlikely lawmakers will decide what to do about displaying the Confederate flag that was removed from Statehouse grounds last summer, the chairman of the museum that's storing the flag told his board members Thursday.

"There's so much pressure on the budget" to put additional money into roadwork and education, said George Dorn, chairman of the museum's newly appointed governing





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## Old Liberty Street remains closed



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Old Liberty Street, which runs across the Second Mill Pond dam, above, is still heavily damaged with sections of the road missing and deep divots. County officials want to assess damage to the dam itself before proceeding with repairs to the road surface.

The road bed has separated, right, from the curb in several spots along Old Liberty Street and sections of the road bed have sunk and been washed out since it was damaged in October's flood.



## County prepares for dam inspection at Second Mill Pond

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS  
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Although no visible work has been seen in terms of making repairs to Old Liberty Street and the dam at Second Mill Pond, Sumter County Administrator Gary Mixon said repairs are coming after due diligence is done.

Both the road and dam were damaged during the 1,000-year flood in October 2015.

Old Liberty Street, which runs on top of the dam, has cracks and displaced slabs of asphalt, and the water level in Second Mill Pond was lowered to prevent more water damage to the

street or ground underneath.

Mixon said the county has been working through the federal procurement process in order to bring in a dam inspection crew to determine what kind of repairs are required.

He said a crew is scheduled to start a preliminary assessment of the dam on Wednesday.

Mixon said the required repairs to the dam will also give the county an idea of what needs to be done to fix the street.

The damage to the top of Old Liberty Street is obvious, but a greater concern is the possible damage underneath the street, he said.

He said the county wants to make

sure the foundation of the roadway is completely repaired before increasing the water level of the pond and possibly causing even more damage.

Mixon said the county should receive a report on the damage and possible repairs by the end of April.

The administrator said the county is also hoping to receive reimbursement from Federal Emergency Management Agency for the repairs so county officials are making sure to follow all of the agency's procedures.

Once repairs to the dam and road have been determined, Mixon said the county will submit a project worksheet to FEMA for approval.

## Mischief lurks in Sumter

BY JIM HILLEY  
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Don't say you weren't warned. Today is April Fools' Day, and Sumter is full of jokesters.

Not many could be found Thursday who would admit to any such shenanigans, however.

The most typical response from people who were asked if they ever pulled an April Fools' Day prank or had one pulled on them was a look of bewilderment.

"Hmmm, I just don't remember," they would say, as a mischievous smile would creep on their lips. "I'm drawing a blank."

Likely story.

A few Sumterites weren't afraid to come clean, however.

Craig Goins said his daughter once told him she was pregnant as an April Fools' joke.

"I told her she needed to be pregnant like she needed a hole in her head," he said. "Then she got mad at me."

Ronny Knight, a military veteran, said his friends once told him his tour of duty overseas had been extended.

"That was a good joke because I was in the desert and sure didn't want to stay there," he said.

Marielaina Davis says she likes to play jokes on her grandchildren.

"We'll go to the store, and I'll get their favorite dessert," she said. "Then, in the morning, I'll tell them I got hungry in the middle of the night and ate it all."

Pete, Larry and Bill Ranum were spending Thursday morning at Swan Lake. The three brothers grew up in southwestern Wisconsin, and they said they know they played April Fools' jokes on each other but can't remember the particulars.

"It's been way too many years," Pete said.

Larry, from Bettendorf, Iowa, and Bill, from Warren, Illinois, were in town visiting Pete, the oldest, who lives in Sumter after a career in the Air Force and as a corrections



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## Democrat McElveen seeks 2nd term





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## District 52 campaign begins

### 6 candidates vie for 2 Ninety Six school board seats

By ARIEL GILREATH  
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**NINETY SIX** — Six candidates are running for two seats on the Greenwood County School District 52 Board of Trustees — the seat of former board chairman Sammy Corley's seat, who died earlier last year, and current board chairman Paul Cobb's

seat, whose term is up.

The six candidates who are running are: Brad Alford, Kevin Campbell, Cobb, Angela Cogburn, Ray Pilgrim and Rickey Werts.

The election is May 10 and open to all registered voters living in the Ninety Six district.

**Brad Alford**

Alford, 45, has lived in Ninety Six

all his life. He and his wife, Susan, both graduated from Ninety Six High School as well as Alford's son. His two stepsons attend the school.

Alford has worked at Ascend Performance Materials for four years after working at VELUX for 22 years. Alford said after Corley died last year, he was led to run for a board position.

"People, as they come up, have a

responsibility to the community to help and do things, and I just felt led to sign up and see if I could be a positive part of the community," Alford said.

In the board's search for a superintendent, Alford said the candidate needs to be not only community-minded, but business-minded.

"I think we just need somebody that's community-minded and

business-minded at the same time," Alford said. "Somebody that wants to do their job."

Alford said he doesn't know what the most important issue is facing the school district since he has never been on the board, but he hopes to find out and be involved in the issues if he is elected.

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**ABOVE:** Sophomore Nadja Seymour drills screws in the Habitat for Humanity house on Lander University's campus. Students worked throughout the week on the house which is expected to be finished by the end of April. **BELOW:** The first Habitat for Humanity house built on the Lander University campus is in its final stages as students and volunteers finish working on it through April.



## COMING HOME

### Students finish Habitat house on Lander University's campus

By ARIEL GILREATH  
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**L**ander University is nearing completion on the first Habitat for Humanity house being built on its campus, which should move to its permanent home on Hardwood Loop April 25.

The last day for students to work on the house is April 21.

Pattie Fender, family and volunteer services coordinator for the Greenwood Area Habitat for

Humanity, said along with volunteers from Habitat, a lot of the Lander community is helping on the house, from students to faculty to some alumni.

"It's sort of been a Lander community project," Fender said.

Chad Charles, executive director of Habitat for Humanity, said the collaboration started with Jessie Cosentino, the wife of Lander president Richard Cosentino, by starting the school's own on-campus Habitat chapter.

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Sophomore Lauren Williamson works on the Habitat for Humanity house located on Lander University's campus.

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### Florence County

# Deputies seize \$6M worth of cocaine



Cocaine worth \$6 million is stacked up after it was seized on I-95 this week.

From staff reports

FLORENCE — Florence County sheriff's deputies seized \$6 million worth of cocaine in a traffic stop on Interstate 95 this week, according to the Sheriff's Office. Two New Jersey residents were arrested on cocaine-trafficking charges.

The deputies made the traffic stop at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the northbound lanes of Interstate 95, according to the Sheriff's Office. Maj. Mike Nunn of



Iglesia



Lamtigua

the Florence County Sheriff's Office said an officer made the stop after seeing a vehicle cross over the fog line, which could indicate a driver is impaired or fatigued.

"After developing reason-

able suspicion of ongoing criminal activity, obtained consent to search the vehicle," Nunn wrote in a media advisory. "The search of the vehicle resulted in the discovery of 125 pounds (field weight) of powder cocaine packaged in 50 separate units of approximately 2.2 pounds each. The estimated street value of this amount of cocaine is approximately \$6,000,000."

Ruddy Antonio Iglesia, 35, of 18 Harbor Terrace Apartments, Perth Am-

boy, and Franklin Benjamin Lamtigua, 41, of 566 Groom Street, New Jersey, were charged with one count each of trafficking in cocaine.

The Florence County Sheriff's Office Criminal Enforcement Unit consists of officers trained to observe specific indicators of criminal activity during traffic stops, according to Nunn. If a driver commits a moving violation, which

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## Paramedic returns home from hospital

From staff reports

FLORENCE — Florence County EMS paramedic Sgt. Tessie Odom Smith, who was critically injured in a head-on collision March 9, returned home Thursday after 22 days in intensive care.



Smith

According to the Howe Springs Fire Department Facebook page, Odom Smith was escorted by fire and medic personnel from the hospital to her home. Since the accident on March 9, Odom Smith has been in the trauma intensive care unit and undergone multiple surgeries.

"Tessie Smith has overcome some of the most serious injuries that we have ever seen," the Howe Springs Fire Facebook post read.

"She told me Monday that she was ready to start recovering so she could start running calls again. Please stand behind her in the months to come."

Odom Smith has been with Howe Springs as a senior firefighter and driver for six years. She also served as the Howe Springs medical officer. Fire Chief Billy Dillon said Odom Smith coordinated medical training and equipment purchasing and organized American Red Cross blood drives for the department.

Chief Dillon said Howe Springs and Florence County EMS have joined to take care of one of their own, and will continue to focus on Odom Smith and her recovery.

"It was with great honor to be able to escort her home with the apparatus that she loved to work on so much," Dillon said. "Her family is strong, as is Tessie, so we will be here as a department to knock down any walls that may stand in their way."

## HAMPTON INN & SUITES



A large crowd showed for Thursday evening's Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event held at the newly renovated Hampton Inn & Suites — Civic Center as Rallex Hospitality Group showcased all the new facets of the 82-room hotel.

## Crowd shows up for event at renovated hotel

BY JOE PERRY  
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FLORENCE — A large crowd showed up for Thursday evening's Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event,

held at the newly renovated Hampton Inn & Suites — Civic Center.

"This is the newest Hampton Inn and Suites prototype," said Greg Parsons, president of Rallex Hospitality, which owns Hampton Inn & Suites, the Hilton Garden Inn and the

Holiday Inn Express & Suites. "When I started with Rallex 20 years ago, I was the general manager here, so it holds a special place in my heart and it's nice to see it come full circle."

There are 60 rooms and 22 two-room suites at the hotel,

he said, with 10 of those suites featuring a fireplace. Three of the suites also have whirlpool tubs, and the meeting room is about 1,000 square feet. The project got underway last May and was completed just

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## FBI agent talks with Florence churches about safety

BY MELISSA ROLLINS

Thursday night, the Federal

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PARRIS ISLAND

## Marine training officer removed

Lt. Col. Joshua Kissoon commanded the Third Recruit Training Battalion, in which a recruit died

Decision not tied to the recruit's death, Marine Corp says

Loss of trust and confidence cited as reasons for change

BY WADE LIVINGSTON  
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A Parris Island lieutenant colonel who commanded the training battalion in which Marine recruit Raheel Siddiqui died has been relieved of command.

Lt. Col. Joshua Kissoon, commanding officer of the Third Recruit Training Battalion, was relieved by Col. Paul D. Cucinotta on Thursday following an investigation by the inspector general of the Marine Corps.

The Marine Corps said the decision to relieve Kissoon was not related to Siddiqui's death but did say the recruit's death was a factor that delayed Kissoon leaving the position.

"The decision to remove Lt. Col. Kissoon was made March 17, prior to the death of recruit Siddiqui," Marine spokesman



Lt. Col. Joshua Kissoon

Capt. Greg Carroll said Thursday.

Cucinotta cited a loss of trust and confidence in Kissoon's abilities to serve in command after reviewing the results of the

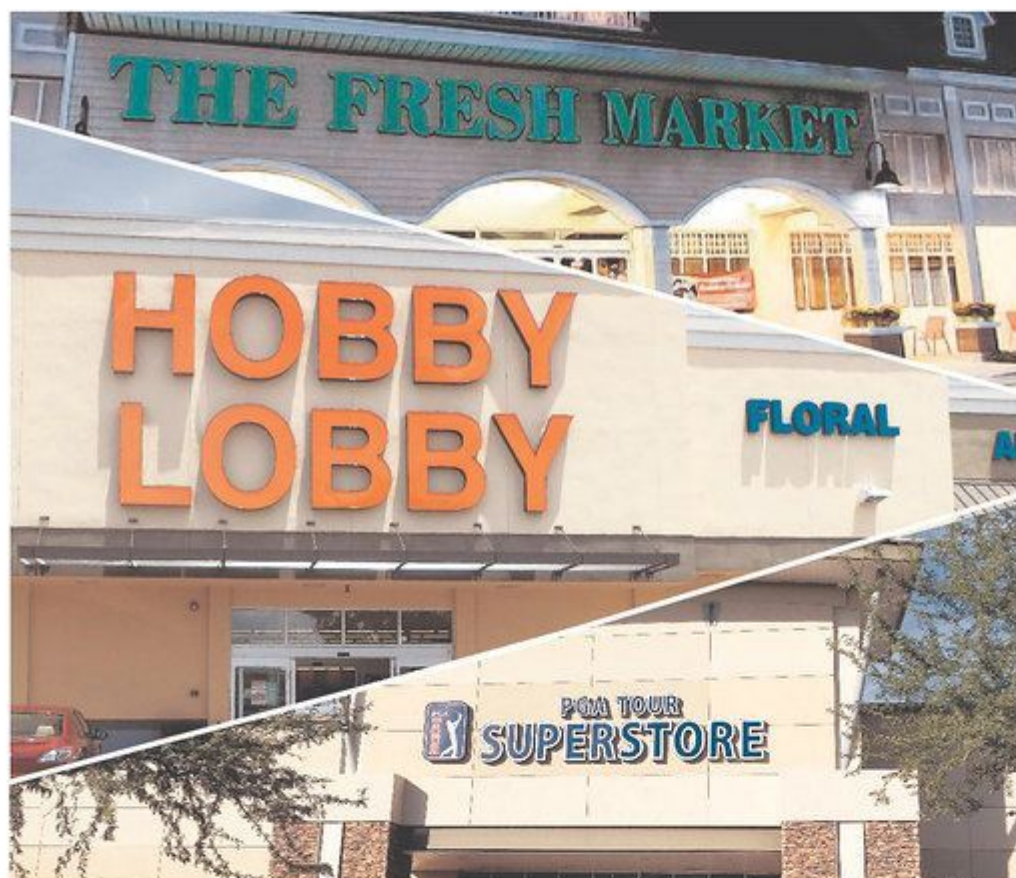
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SPORTS

## SOCCER SUIT TARGETS PAY

Stars from the U.S. women's team that won the World Cup sue the U.S. Soccer Federation alleging pay discrimination. 1B



From top: The Fresh Market in Orlando, Fla.; a Hobby Lobby store in Tallahassee, Fla.; and PGA TOUR Superstore in Scottsdale, Ariz.

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## Bluffton shopping center

soon-to-come retail stores, the retailers themselves are, at the moment, silent. Oliver was unavailable for comment.

During his time with Stafford Properties, Oliver helped bring stores such as Target, Best Bu



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## WHERE WILL THIS FLAG FLY AGAIN?

State budget restraints make it unlikely a decision on displaying the Confederate flag will be made this session. 4A



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## WILL OUR HEROES EVER BE HOME?

The remains of GIs killed



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