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## CLEMSON FOOTBALL SHORT SPURTS GO LONG WAY



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## BUDGET BATTLE

# HOUSE, SENATE END SHUTDOWN



*"Government spending has declined for two years in a row" for the first time since the Korean War.*

**MITCH MCCONNELL**, Republican Senate minority leader



*"The compromise we reached will provide our economy with the stability it desperately needs."*

**HARRY REID**, Democratic Senate majority leader

## 11th-hour breakthrough only expected to be temporary truce

By David Espo  
Associated Press

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## Tigers aim for deafening roar

Fans to attempt to set game decibel record

By Scott Keeper

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CLEMSON — OK, here's the checklist for Saturday's big game at Clemson:

» Tickets. Check.  
» Parking pass. Check.  
» Liquid refreshment. Check.

» Tailgate goodies. Check.  
» Earplugs. Earplugs?

Better safe than sorry. Some form of ear protection might be a good idea if you're fortunate enough to have a ticket for Saturday night's showdown between unbeaten Clemson and Florida State at Memorial Stadium.

According to Clemson athletic department official Mike Money, fans will shoot for the record book by attempting to create the highest decibel reading ever at a football game.

"Even if we don't get it, we want to create an awesome atmosphere," said Money, associate athletic director for marketing and game management.

The record noise level for a football game was broken Sunday in Kansas City, Mo., during an NFL game between the Kansas City Chiefs and Oakland Raiders. The noise level hit 137.5 decibels following a late-minute sack by the Chiefs.

Money said that Clemson installed a decibel reader at Memorial Stadium prior to this season, and the reader revealed a noise level "in the 120 range" during the Tigers' Aug. 31 game against Georgia.

"We came semi-close (to record levels) at that game — close enough to make us think we could break the record," Money said.

For perspective, sustained exposure to noise above 95 decibels may result in hearing loss.

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## Gift to create infirmary at Camp Courage

Clement's Kindness  
donates \$300,000

By Donna Isbell Walker

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medical director of the Bi-Lo Charities Children's Cancer Center, will be funded through a \$300,000 donation by the Clement's Kindness Fund for Children.

The infirmary will fulfill a longtime goal, Stroud said.



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## Will you have to give up your favorite doc?

Providers you use may not be in network under new health plans

### More information

BY LAUREN SAUSSER  
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Lowcountry residents shopping for a new health insurance plan with coverage starting Jan. 1 may be forced to choose between their preferred insurance com-

pany and their preferred doctor or hospital.

That's because individual plans purchased through the new federal health insurance marketplace, and even some plans bought outside the marketplace, will have fewer in-network providers than many patients

are accustomed to.

"Who you can go to will change dramatically, and a lot of people don't realize that," said Colin Smeek, a Charleston benefits consultant. "A lot of people have developed relationships with physicians or a hospital and may have to forgo that

relationship."

Here's an example — neither Medical University Hospital nor Roper St. Francis Healthcare are included in the provider networks for new individual policies offered by BlueCross

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To read more of The Post and Courier's past coverage of the Affordable Care Act, visit our online health care guide at [postandcourier.com/obamacare](http://postandcourier.com/obamacare).

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

## Bill aims to put brakes on work-zone accidents



PAUL ZOLLNER/STAFF

Stanley Simmons of Banks Construction directs traffic Wednesday as crews widen Bacons Bridge Road in Summerville. "A lot of our guys get hurt out here," Simmons said, adding that only a police presence slows down traffic in construction areas.

## S.C. Senate proposal could curb rising deaths, injuries

BY DAVE MUNDAY  
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Apparently too many careless, impatient or drunk drivers are refusing to slow down in construction zones and are hurting or killing people.

A bill that's in the state Senate proposes stiffer penalties for offenders. Higher

fines would pay for more police officers to keep the peace in work zones.

"Accidents have definitely been increasing," said Earl Capps, a safety consultant who worked for the contractor that widened Interstate 26 in North Charleston and has been backing Senate Bill 139. "I don't really know why."

Maybe road rage is spreading, or people

are just becoming more impatient. But the consequences can be tragic.

During his 12 years working for the U.S. Group on I-26, eight motorists and three pedestrians were killed in construction zones, Capps said. That doesn't count the scores of people who

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## Truce puts U.S. back in business

Congress averts economic disaster

BY DAVID ESPO  
Associated Press

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Later, in the House, Rep. Harold Rogers, R-Ky., said, "After two long weeks, it is time to end this government shutdown. It's time to take the

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What would deter you from speeding in a work zone? Find this story on [postandcourier.com](http://postandcourier.com) to vote.

## NAACP targeting 'outrageous trend'

### Online

**POLL:** Do you think the federal Justice Department should investigate local police shootings of black men? Find this story on [postandcourier.com](http://postandcourier.com) to vote.

**VIDEO:** Go to [postandcourier.com](http://postandcourier.com) to see a video of the press conference.

## Seeks Justice inquiry into police shootings of black men

BY GLENN SMITH  
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Charleston NAACP officials on Wednesday called on the U.S. Justice Department to launch a broad investigation into what they described as a "troubling and outrageous trend" of area police using lethal force against black men.

Dot Scott, president of the civil

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rights organization's Charleston branch, said Saturday's fatal shooting of Derryl Drayton by Charleston County sheriff's deputies on James Island is one of four police-involved shootings since March 2012 that de-

mand greater attention.

Though police have a right to defend themselves, officers who have declared "open hunting season on black men" need to be removed from the ranks of law enforcement, Scott said during a press conference in front of the NAACP's Columbus Street headquarters.

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CHRIS HANCOCK/STAFF

Dot Scott (center), president of the Charleston Branch of the NAACP, discusses the fatal shooting Saturday of Derryl Drayton by Charleston County deputies on James Island.



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## Captive woman suffers 3 months of sex assaults

**Man arrested following hostage's ordeal in Pelion**

By CHRIS WINSTON  
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**PELION** — Terry Jones had seen his neighbors, a couple in their early 50s, working in the yard on

several occasions this summer.

But for the past couple of months, Jones said he had only seen Paul Thomas Rawl Jr., a man he knew in passing but not well.

But, according to the Lexington County Sheriff's Department, the Pelion man allegedly had a secret.

Rawl, who was arrested Tuesday, is accused of holding a 52-year-old woman hostage at his

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**'A COMMUNITY STRATEGY'**

## Forum fosters ideas for a safer Five Points



Where the best spots for leaf viewing are. **D1**



Bambi Gaddist, right, speaks as others wait their turn during a community meeting at the Food Lion parking lot in Five Points.

**Crack down on loitering, tighten bond laws, say many at meeting**

By CASSIE COPE  
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Five Points business owners, residents, students and others from across Columbia spent about two hours Wednesday evening voicing their opinions on what should be done in Five Points to address violent crime.

A few of the points raised by some of the nearly 300 in attendance included:

- Being more strict on loitering
- Legislative action on reforming bond laws
- Revitalizing nearby neighborhoods
- Turning Five Points into a pedestrian area at night.

Many speakers began their comments expressing sympathy for Martha Childress, the 18-year-old USC student who was hit by a random bullet early Sunday morning while waiting by the Five Points fountain for a cab.

Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin said the purpose of the meeting was to start a dialogue. The community has endured far too many tragedies, he said.

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## CONGRESS AVOIDS DEFAULT

The Senate and the House finally voted to end the government shutdown and avoid a looming default. Sen. Lindsey Graham and Rep. Jim Clyburn were the only members of the S.C. delegation to vote for the bill. **Page A4**

## Sheriff's Department, other agencies will figure in new strategy for Five Points

By CASSIE COPE  
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The Columbia Police Department and the Richland County Sheriff's Department are on the verge of cooperating on a plan for policing Five Points, which the city now manages alone.

Sheriff Leon Lott, interim Columbia Police Chief Ruben

Santiago, USC Police Chief Chris Wuchenich, 5th Circuit Solicitor Dan Johnson, Columbia city manager Teresa Wilson and representatives from the S.C. attorney general's office met Wednesday afternoon to discuss a strategy for Five Points.

No firm plan has been created, but Lott told Santiago to write an operational order for

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## CORMORANTS FAIR GAME IN S.C.

Plan will allow fish-eaters to be shot on two lakes for two-month period

agency to shoot cormorants, a migratory bird species otherwise found throughout North America



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## Death sentence reversed

### S.C. Supreme Court overturns verdict of trial judge

BY TEDDY KULMALA  
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The S.C. Supreme Court has reversed the death sentence of a man convicted in the 2003 torture and killing of a teenager.

The court ruled on Wednesday that a trial judge should have allowed 34-year-old Steven Barnes to represent himself during trial. Barnes was convicted and sentenced to death in 2010.



Barnes

Prosecutors said he kidnapped 16-year-old Samuel Stirrup from Augusta, beat him with a pipe, stuffed him in a trunk and drove into a wooded area in Edgefield County. Barnes accused Stirrup of stealing his money, and beat him with his fists,

a pole and a shock absorber in September 2001, according to the court's ruling. Then, Barnes ordered four other people to each shoot Stirrup before Barnes shot him in the head.

Stirrup's body was discovered three months later with other identifying information.

Barnes asked to represent himself before the trial, according to the court's ruling.

"Appellant (Barnes) was unequivocal that he was not seeking a delay or a continuance," the court wrote. "He asked for all relevant documents to be provided for his review, and asked if he could possibly subpoena the Husbengers, who were incarcerated in Georgia."

Barnes demonstrated understanding of the court process and discussed with the judge the relevant case law, the burden of proof and his right to testify, the ruling stated. He told the

judge he wanted to represent himself due to trust issues, and that he had another attorney in mind to act as standby counsel in lieu of his appointed attorneys.

The judge concluded the pretrial hearing by telling Barnes, "I think you're making a mistake, but you have the right to make a mistake," according to the document.

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## Government reopens

### Temporary deal struck between Dems, GOP

BY DAVID ESPO  
Associated Press

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Rogers, R-Ky., said, "After two long weeks, it is time to end this government shutdown. It's time to take the threat of default off the table. It's time to restore some sanity to this place."

The stock market surged higher at the prospect of an end to the crisis

that also had threatened to shake confidence in the U.S. economy overseas.

Republicans conceded defeat after a long struggle.

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## Advanced technology will track criminals

### Aiken County detention center to implement GPS procedure

BY AMY BANTON  
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Advanced technology that allows individuals charged or convicted of a crime to be monitored outside of jail will be implemented at the Aiken County detention center system at the beginning of 2014.

accept a contract with Offender Management Services LLC to manage a home detention and electronic monitoring program. Depending on the participation of the program, this technology could potentially save the County several thousand dollars each month and will help decrease the jail population, according to Aiken

state law and is offender funded, Gallam said. An offender would pay about \$70 a week, which covers the equipment and an administrative fee.

Those eligible for the program include offenders released pretrial, individuals serving a sentence of less than 90 days, family court participants and offenders with medical

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# 'Carnival of Animals'

Six dancers from four countries featured in Ballet Spartanburg production escape



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Two gunslinging quarterbacks, Clemson's Tajh Boyd and Florida State's Jameis Winston, will be in the spotlight Saturday night during the top-five showdown between the Tigers and the Seminoles. **PAGE B1**

## LAX arrest made

A baggage handler arrested after dry ice bombs exploded at Los Angeles International Airport planted the devices as a prank, police said Wednesday. **PAGE A3**

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Anthony Wedo, the CEO of Greer-based Buffets Inc., one of the nation's largest steak-buffet restaurant companies, put on a wig and a fake mustache to participate in the popular CBS reality series "Undercover Boss." **PAGE C5**

Weather

## SC officials get early look at inland port

Spartanburg County facility expects first cargo next week

By **TREVOR ANDERSON**  
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South Carolina's top transportation officials got an early look at the state Ports Authority's new \$43 million inland port in Spartanburg County on Wednesday.

Commissioners for the S.C. Department of Transportation gathered in Greenville County to take part in a five-stop tour of the Upstate that highlighted important infrastructure projects in the area.

The inland port was the final stop on the tour.

Huge rubber tire gantry cranes recently moved to the 100-acre site off East Poinsett Street Extension from Charleston conducted test lifts atop a huge cement pad that will soon house thousands of containers.

Construction crews in orange vests and hard hats continued about their work, and large vehicles moving dirt kicked up clouds of dust into the sky.

The activity was a welcomed sight for commissioners and ports authority officials as the project

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Work continues at a steady pace at the new Inland Port in Spartanburg County. Here, Jack Ellenburg, senior vice president of economic development and projects for the Ports Authority, talks to businessmen from the Upstate about the facility.

# Over for now

Congress sends Obama bill to avoid default, open government



CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

President Barack Obama walks out to make a statement to reporters in the Brady Press Briefing Room at the White House in Washington on Wednesday. The Senate voted to avoid a financial default and reopen the government after a 16-day partial shutdown, and the House also backed the bill before the night ended.







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Hollingsworth key part of Eagles' squad

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## County talks Sunday alcohol

Issue could be referendum item in November 2014 general election



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By CHRIS TRAINOR  
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In 2012, voters in the City of Greenwood approved a measure that allowed bars and restaurants within city limits to obtain permits to sell alcohol on Sunday.

Voters in the county might have the chance to do the same in 2014.

The issue of Sunday alcohol sales was introduced Tuesday afternoon during Greenwood County Council's finance and administration committee meet-

ing.

County manager Toby Chappell informed Council the only way Sunday alcohol sales in the county can be approved is through a general election referendum. The next general election is in 2014. If County Council

wants to have a Sunday alcohol question placed on the November 2014 ballot, it will need to inform the Greenwood County office of elections and voter registration by August 2014.

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TONY DAVIS



### MUSIC AT THE MARKET



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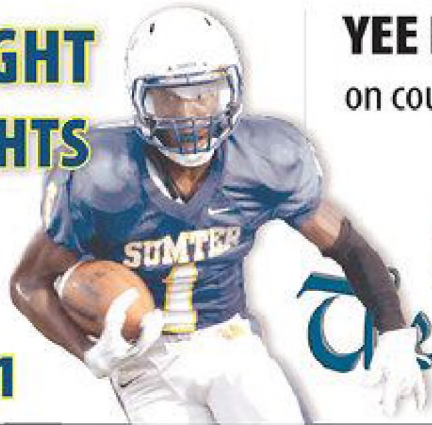
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# Waiting until the last minute

Speaker of the House  
Rep. John Boehner,  
R-Ohio, walks past  
reporters after a  
meeting with House  
Republicans on Capitol  
Hill on Wednesday  
in Washington.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



BY DAVID ESPO  
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Racing  
to make a deadline, the Sen-  
ate and House passed legis-  
lation Wednesday night to  
avoid a threatened national  
default and end the 16-day  
partial government shut-  
down along the strict terms

set by President Obama.

Passage in the House late  
in the evening cleared it for  
Obama's signature — the  
final act in an epic political  
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braced the bill, worked out

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## Pinewood mayor may step down

Pridgen might relocate  
to N.C. for medical care

BY JADE ANDERSON  
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As Pinewood's mayor awaits the re-  
sults of some medical tests, he's also con-  
templating whether to resign.

"I lost my wife in December, and ev-  
erything changed for me,"  
Al Pridgen said. "I'm having  
to spend a lot of time up  
here in North Carolina (be-  
cause) I've got some medi-  
cal problems I've got to take  
care of."



PRIDGEN

If the results mean fur-  
ther treatment, he will move to North  
Carolina for medical care and to be with  
family. If he doesn't need the treatment,  
he plans to stay in Pinewood and contin-  
ue as mayor.

"I'll have to make a decision on the  
mayorship in the next few days," Pridgen  
said. "It will probably be sometime next  
week."

The house he's living in has already  
been sold, but the new owner is allowing  
him to stay there until he knows more  
about his health condition.

"I had nothing to do with the selling of  
it," Pridgen said. "The house was left to  
my stepson, and he did all that. Of  
course, I agreed to selling it."

If Pridgen does step down, a special  
election would be held 13 Tuesdays after  
his effective resignation unless the town's  
next general election falls within the next  
six months, said Scott Slatton, legislative  
and public policy advocate for the Mu-  
nicipal Association of South Carolina. In  
the interim, the mayor pro tem would act  
as mayor but would not become mayor.

"It's not uncommon at all," Slatton  
said. "Council members take jobs out of

## Arguments continue during murder trial



PHOTOS BY BRADEN BUNCH / THE ITEM

Nicholas Temoney is seen Wednesday at the Sumter County Judicial Center during a murder trial. Temoney faces charges in the shooting death of 57-year-old Candido Diaz, who was shot in the head on Aug. 19, 2012.

## Prosecution focuses on forensic evidence

BY BRISTOW MARCHANT  
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The prosecution laid its  
case before the jury on the

journey taken by the bullet  
from Diaz's body, through the  
labs of the State Law Enforce-  
ment Division, until it arrived  
at the courthouse Wednesday.









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Legislators vote to end government shutdown, avoid default. **D1**

**FAMILY:** Simple change can save on costly engine repairs for your vehicle. **B1**  
**HIGH SCHOOL GAMEDAY:** Bobcats prepare to entertain Bears. **C1**

## Official: health system must change

BY GREG OLIVER  
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — An official with the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services said that despite the controversy surrounding the Affordable Care Act, the health system model currently in existence in the United States must change.

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**The director of Seneca's Rosa Clark Medical Clinic says that most of the facility's patients do not qualify for coverage under the Affordable Care Act. For more, turn to page A3.**

John Supra, deputy director for operations and information for the DHHS, said the U.S. spends more in health care costs than the entire U.S. Defense Budget and 1.5 times the 2004 total infrastructure costs that included roads, railroads, aviation, drinking water and telecommunications. He added that billions of dollars are wasted each year on unnecessary services, administrative costs and duplication among other things.

"How do we build a health care system that is sustainable, one that we can carry into the future for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren?" Supra inquired. "We need to reduce the per capita cost

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Emergency workers carry an unidentified man to a waiting helicopter, where he was flown in critical condition to a Greenville hospital. The man was pinned during one of two tree-cutting accidents in Oconee County on Wednesday.

## 1 dead, 1 injured in tree accidents

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE  
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — A man was killed in Seneca and another was critically injured near Long Creek during separate tree-cutting accidents within minutes of each other Wednesday.

Oconee County Coroner Karl Addis said 49-year-old Tyrome Harris was killed in a freak accident while cutting a limb from a tree located in front of David's Heating and Air, located at 309 W. North Second St. in Seneca.

Addis said that at approximately 11:30 a.m., the victim was operating a chain saw while on a 12-to-14-foot ladder. He said Harris was cutting a limb estimated at 20 inches in diameter when it snapped and apparently hit the victim, knocking him face down onto a concrete sidewalk.

Harris was an employee of David's Heating and Air. Addis said Harris sustained



First responders gather at David's Heating and Air in Seneca, where a tree-cutting accident killed 49-year-old Tyrome Harris on Wednesday.

blunt force head and chest trauma.

Oconee County Deputy Fire Chief Grahl Haney and EMT

Scott Loftis were assisting with the first tree-cutting accident.

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## Mayor meets actor



SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Actor Burt Reynolds and Seneca Mayor Dan Alexander pose during a break in filming of the movie "Elbow Grease" this week.

## Reynolds gets invitation to Jazz on the Alley

BY CARLOS GALARZA-VEVE  
THE JOURNAL

SENECA — Burt Reynolds did not get a key to the city from Seneca Mayor Dan Alexander.

However, the mayor did give the actor an open invitation to join the fun at Jazz on the Alley anytime he wants.

If he's still in town, maybe Reynolds will take the mayor up on his invitation when they close Ram Cat Alley this evening for music, food and good times.

Alexander said he got the opportunity to meet Reynolds Tuesday during the filming of a scene at a home in Friendship.

"He has an open invitation to come visit," Al-

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# thinking PINK

Oconee Medical Center hosts



Greenville Health System Oncology Clinical Research Nurse Kate Richardson, left, talks with breast cancer survivor Edna Moody, right, and her sister Grace Underwood at Oconee Med-







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## TALE OF SURVIVAL

### Fighting when she was a girl



Desiree Hart sits Monday looking out onto Lake Oakdale at her home in Florence. Hart, who is now 46, was diagnosed with breast cancer when she was just 21 years old. She said she could not have fought her battle with breast cancer without help from her family and friends.

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*Desiree Hart was a 21-year-old newlywed when she was diagnosed with breast cancer; she says early detection saved her life.*

BY TRACI BRIDGES  
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#### FLORENCE

Desiree Hart was just 21 when she happened upon a weird lump on her breast.

She didn't think too much of it. After all, she thought, 21-year-olds do not get cancer. But still, she made an appointment with her doctor just to be safe.

Today, she says that "just in case" appointment probably saved her life.

"I was in the shower, taking a bath as normal, when my hand went across my breast, and I felt this weird lump," said Hart, who is now 46.

"I was sure it was a cyst or something harmless, but I went ahead

and made an appointment to follow up on it with my doctor. My doctor sent me to a surgeon, who did a lumpectomy to test the lump, and it turned out it was malignant," she said. "I kind of knew at the hospital that day that it probably wasn't going to be good news, because they usually give you something to drink after a procedure and let you go. They were holding me after the surgery so I had a feeling they'd found something."

Hart's gut feeling was right. And within minutes, she was no longer a regular 21-year-old girl. She was a cancer patient.

"It was just like people tell you it is when you hear cancer," Hart said. "You just here this beeeeeeeppppppp, this drone-like noise. You see their mouths moving, but you're not hearing or absorbing



#### INSIDE

A special section to promote breast cancer awareness is in today's edition of the Morning News.

anything. The next few hours after that were pretty intense."

Hart, who was a newlywed married only four months when she was diagnosed, said she went through a good bit of feeling sorry for herself and for her husband in

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*"I think my story would have been quite different if I'd ignored that feeling I had the day I found the lump. ... I used to think any time you heard the word 'cancer,' it was a death sentence. It doesn't have to be, especially when you find it early. You can recover from it and live a very productive, healthy life. I'm proof of it."*

— Desiree Hart, breast cancer survivor



## Still no ruling on penny tax referendum

From staff reports

FLORENCE — The penny tax referendum lives to stay on Florence County ballots a three-page advertisement

the county, officials here are continuing their public service campaign to get the word out to voters about the upcoming election and published a three-page advertisement

legating that it would be illegal to put the referendum up for vote since projects from the first penny sales tax, which went in effect in 2007, are incomplete and insufficiently funded

## Budget Battle

### Congress avoids default

Bipartisan legislation delays political drama until early '14

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Up against a deadline, Congress passed and sent a waiting President Barack Obama legislation late Wednesday night to avoid a threatened national default and end the 16-day partial government shutdown, the culmination of an epic political drama that placed the U.S. economy at risk.

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Obama

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The stock market surged higher at the prospect of an end to the crisis that also had threatened

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## Preservationist of Roseville passes away

Tucker fought to keep big business off historic plantation and won

BY TRACI BRIDGES  
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FLORENCE — A Florence man who fought big business in the 1990s and won died Saturday at the age of 81.

Carl Britton Tucker — a prominent real estate broker and business entrepreneur best known for his battle to preserve historic Roseville Plantation — died from pneumonia and lung surgery complications.

Tucker found himself in the middle of a highly publicized battle in 1997 when Pee Dee Electric Cooperative started

#### SERVICES

Funeral services for Tucker will be at 2 p.m. today at Miller-Rivers-Caulder Funeral Home Chapel, 318 E. Main St., Chesterfield.





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Looking to win 3-A football title  
in 2013, Indians to move in 2014

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# Congress reopens gov't

By DAVID ESPO

AP Special Correspondent

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Republicans conceded de-

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## CLASS ACT

Students run the show  
at middle school circus

By DALE LINDER-ALTMAN  
T&D Staff Writer

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, children of all ages: The circus is coming to Carver-Edisto Middle School this week and everyone is invited.

This is no run-of-the-mill circus. The students will be eating fire, wire walking and doing trapeze acts. In fact, they'll be running the whole show.

Eighth-grader Da'zhariya Stroman and other students will be performing jump rope tricks.

They'll be creating the "triangle of doom" and six girls will jump through it, she said.

They'll also do a dance act with the rope and create a figure eight as they jump through the triangle.

"The audience will love it," she said. "They would never think that a group of students could do as much

### ■ Showings

- 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17
- 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18
- 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19
- 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19
- 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20

### ■ Cost of tickets

- \$11 for students
- \$17 for adults

Free tickets for students are currently available at local stores.

as we're doing in two weeks."

"This is the best thing that's happened to our school since I came," she said.

Da'zhariya noted that the Circus of the Kids' workers, who've been on site for two weeks, have been keeping kids on schedule and helping with their homework.

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SPECIAL TO THE T&D

Zakyiah Morton balances on a huge ball while supporting Samantha Rutland on her shoulders. Two circus workers are at the bottom.

## Man facing two felony DUI charges

By MARTHA ROSE BROWN  
T&D Staff Writer

A 21-year-old St. Matthews man has been charged with felony driving under the influence in a crash that left one of his passengers dead and another permanently paralyzed, according to arrest warrants.

Frank Clinton Hair of 21 Dalton Lane was charged Monday in the accident that took the life of 24-year-old Robert H. Thompson and caused great bodily injury to Joseph Dukes, 21, both of St. Matthews. Authorities claim Hair had more than twice the legal limit of alcohol in his system.

Hair appeared before Calhoun County Magistrate Robert H. Lake on Monday and was released on a \$100,000 personal recognizance bond.

Lake said the South Carolina Highway Patrol recommended against a PR bond, due to the severity of the offenses.

However, Lake said that the victims and the defendant are relatives and "neither of the victims' families objected" to a PR bond.

The maximum penalty Hair faces is 25 years in jail and a \$25,000 fine if convicted of felony DUI resulting in death. State law also requires those guilty of felony DUI resulting in death



Hair

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## Sex offender allegedly held

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