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## S.C. Medicaid agency apologizes for breach

Uninsured cancer patient denied coverage after paperwork misplaced, given to another applicant

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The South Carolina Medicaid agency apologized this month to a man whose identity was compromised when a staff member misplaced his health insurance application.

Jim Connor tried to apply for low-income Medicaid coverage in De-

cember after he was diagnosed with esophageal cancer. At the time, he had no insurance.

Instead of processing the application, a Medicaid employee in Dorchester County told him he wouldn't qualify for the program. She advised him to drink some green tea and research his cancer diagnosis online.

"I was so upset," Connor said. "I

couldn't believe someone in that position would say something like that."

Later, a Medicaid employee at the Dorchester County office gave Connor's paperwork, including his Social Security number, address and employment history, to another applicant.

Connor only learned of the breach when a woman named Gale Deckard,

who was given Connor's application by mistake, called him.

"Thank goodness it was someone like Gale," Connor said. "She's a really nice person and understands the concept of privacy."

Janet Bell, a Medicaid civil rights official, told Connor in a letter dated May 5 that the agency regrets the "events," which The Post and Courier

highlighted in a Jan. 24 article.

"Please know we have conducted a thorough investigation into this incident, re-trained staff and are otherwise working to prevent occurrences of this nature in the future," Bell wrote.

Colleen Mallis, a spokeswoman for the S.C. Department of Health

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## The \$15 example

North Charleston proposes minimum-wage hike for city workers



City of North Charleston sanitation workers Randy Lockhart and Reginald Cordes collect trash Wednesday on Tigershark Road. The city is considering raising wages for full-time employees to \$15 an hour.

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The city of North Charleston is poised to take a big step in ensuring its lowest-paid workers can make ends meet, joining a national conversation over paying people a living wage.

If Mayor Keith Summey has his way, the city will raise its lowest hourly pay to \$15 an hour — an almost 33 percent increase for those currently on the bottom end of the city's pay scale.

"If we are going to expect other people to enhance the quality of life for their employees, we have to set the example," Summey said. "If we are not willing to set the example, then I don't think we have a voice."

Across the country, governments, businesses and others have debated their obligations to pay a so-called living wage — a wage sufficient for a normal standard of living. More than 120 cities across the country have some sort of living wage law that applies to employers who work

on government contracts.

North Charleston's plan does not extend to its contractors, officials said.

The city's proposal is not part of the \$115 million budget currently before City Council, but Summey said he'd like to see it go into effect mid-year, which would be January. It still needs council's approval.

If the plan were put into effect immediately,

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## Sanford gets heat for stand on shoes

American sneakers for soldiers at issue

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WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford says he runs in New Balance sneakers, but that endorsement probably won't be enough to quell the sneaker company's frustrations with the South Carolina Republican.

New Balance is pushing back against Sanford, who is trying to stymie Congress' efforts to let the Defense Department buy recruits' sneakers from U.S. manufacturers.

"Congressman Sanford, who I have spoken to, who I have supplied information to, decided to ignore the facts as they are," said Matt Leffert, New Balance's vice president of public affairs.

While it's the law for the military to provide servicemen and women with exclusively American-made gear, sneakers have been exempt because of the difficulty to find a domestic product that meets certain criteria. New Balance and another U.S. shoe company, Saucony, both say they have sneakers ready for military recruits to wear now, which would allow the military to comply with the existing statute while also supporting the American economy. The House and Senate versions of the fiscal 2017 National Defense Authorization Act

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## Happy returns

Hobcaw Barony's purloined paintings and pilfered prints

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The famous horse paintings by Alfred Munnings were galloping off in the middle of the night in late July 2003, along with several important folio prints by John James Audubon and works by artist Louis Aston Knight.

It was an horrific loss, and the Belle W. Baruch Foundation quickly initiated an investigation into the crime at its Hobcaw Barony. It was thought at the time that the stolen artwork was worth in excess of \$2 million. Foundation attorney Tom Tisdale quickly registered the

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"Belle on Soriant" by Alfred Munnings was recovered in April by the Belle W. Baruch Foundation. It had been stolen in 2003.

## Autopsy scheduled for boy who died at park

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A 3-year-old boy who was reported missing Saturday from James Island County Park appears to have accidentally drowned, according to authorities.

The body of Duffy McEmore, from Ladson, was discovered just after 10 p.m. in a pond at the park, according to a Sunday news release from the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission. He was reported missing at about 4:45 p.m. by family members who were visiting the Spray

Play sprinkler in the park. Park staff immediately began searching for the boy, enlisting the help of many agencies, including the Charleston police and fire departments, the Coast Guard, Charleston County Rescue, Charleston and Dorchester County sheriff's offices and the State Law Enforcement Division.

"We certainly were hoping for a different outcome," said Charleston Police Chief Greg Mullen at a news conference Saturday night. "What we want to do now is make sure that we

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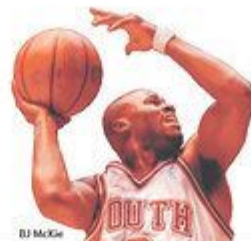
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# The State

THE ECONOMICS OF TRANSGENDER 'BATHROOM LAW'

## NC law might help, or hurt, SC

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South Carolina could benefit from the fallout from North Carolina's controversial bathroom law, S.C. business leaders say.

Companies opposed to discriminatory laws could look more favorably on South Carolina, leaders say.

However, the impact of the proposal is a "double-edged sword," said Lancaster County Administrator Steve Willis.

That is because the S.C. border counties that align with Charlotte for economic development could be hurt by businesses pulling out or canceling their expansion plans in the Queen City, he said.



John Chase of Durham, N.C., center, follows the chants of North Carolina NAACP President Rev. William Barber during a rally last month in opposition of House Bill 2 in Raleigh.

### 'PUTS SOUTH CAROLINA IN A GOOD PLACE'

Industries that are looking to expand in the United States are

looking at the N.C. law - a ban on people using public bathrooms other than for the sex designated on their birth certifi-

Businesses could look more favorably on state, S.C. Chamber head says

But border counties could be hurt, Lancaster County leader says

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A look at three businesses halting plans in NC, SA

icates - to see where a state stands, said S.C. Chamber of Commerce President Ted Pitts.

"That only puts South Carolina in a good place going forward on economic development projects," said Pitts, a former chief of staff to S.C. Gov. Nikki

Haley.

The S.C. Chamber and Republican Haley both opposed a similar S.C. proposal.

Final efforts to pass that bathroom ban, sponsored by state Sen. Lee Bright, R-Spartanburg, failed earlier this month.

"This is just not something that's a problem," Pitts said, adding, "It's a proposal that would be unenforceable."

The backlash in North Carolina and, earlier, against Georgia - where legislators passed a religious freedom proposal, criticized by some as anti-gay, subsequently vetoed - made it clear that a similar proposal would have an impact on S.C. jobs, Pitts said.

South Carolina is at the top of

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### About this story

This is the first of three profiles of candidates running for 11th Circuit solicitor. Look for future profiles in upcoming Monday editions.

### Why this race is key

The choice of voters at upcoming ballots for 11th Circuit solicitor will succeed Donnie Myers, who is retiring after a South Carolina record of 40 years as chief prosecutor.

Myers, 71, ran unopposed every four years after winning the position in 1976, election officials say.

The circuit includes Lexington, Edgefield, McCormick and Saluda counties.

Myers' longevity makes him the only solicitor ever known to 1 of every 4 residents in that area.

All three candidates for solicitor are Republicans in a match focused in steadily growing Lexington County, home of more



Rick Hubbard, who lives in Gilbert, is running for 11th Circuit solicitor.

### 11TH CIRCUIT SOLICITOR'S RACE

## 'Natural' in courtroom



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## festival season



The spring LEAF festival drew a big crowd to Western North Carolina over the weekend, some from the Greenville area.

## Upstate visits NC for events

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Looking for a room in Black Mountain or Swannanoa, North Carolina during the LEAF festival? Good luck with that. Accommodations are always tight during the popular music and international cultural festival, which started Thursday for some and Friday for most. And that's with a large number of attendees staying overnight at Camp Rockmont or driving to and from their homes in the Asheville area or even from Greenville. The festival pulls a lot of traffic from the Upstate, Charleston and around the Southeast.

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## UPCOMING FESTIVALS

Montford Music and Arts Festival, May 21, Montford community of Asheville. [www.montfordfestival.org/](http://www.montfordfestival.org/)  
Asheville Beer Week, May 27-June 4, brew events around Asheville and area. [avibeerweek.com](http://avibeerweek.com)  
Mountain Sports Festival, May 27-29, Asheville. [mountainsportsfestival.com](http://mountainsportsfestival.com)  
Beer City Festival, May 28, Roger McGuire Green off Pack Square. [www.beercityfestival.com](http://www.beercityfestival.com)  
Brevard Music Center festival season, June 3-Aug. 7, Brevard. Includes Brevard Blues and BBQ Festival, June 3-4  
Blue Ridge BBQ and Music Festival, June 10-11, Harmon Field, Tryon. [www.blueridgebbqfestival.com](http://www.blueridgebbqfestival.com)  
Bluff Mountain Festival, June 11, Hot Springs Spa, Hot Springs. / All Go West, June 25 along Haywood Road, West Asheville. [allgowest.com](http://allgowest.com)



A fatal wreck involving a moped was reported in Anderson County.

## Battle brews on moped safety

Senate might block bill  
from House over costs

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COLUMBIA - A state senator plans to push a House-passed moped safety bill in the Senate's final weeks, but it could be blocked over objections that the bill would be too costly for the working poor.

The legislation, years in the making, would require moped operators to be licensed, insured and for the first time fall under traffic laws that govern other vehicle operators.

Sen. Greg Hemmree, a Horry County Republican and former prosecutor, said he hopes those who have opposed moped regulation in the past will look at the bill's impact on safety.

"At the end of the day, we're trying to save lives," he told *The Greenville News*. "If a moped hits a car, the moped driver is the one who is going to get hurt or killed and that's what we're seeing. We see it all the time all over the state. It's terrible."

According to the state Office of Highway Safety, 55 people died in moped accidents in 2015, up from 35 in 2014, a 57 percent increase.

That compares to about a 16 percent increase in traffic deaths overall near the end of 2015.

The bill would require operators to wear reflective vests, helmets if they are under 21, carry liability insurance and tags. But they could still operate a moped even if they lost their driver's license as long as they obtain a moped license. And they could operate on roads with posted speed limits of 55 mph.

The bill also would make operators for the first time fall under traffic laws. That means police could cite moped operators for traffic violations, accidents and DUIs.

Sen. Brad Hutto, an Orangeburg Democrat who has objected to another moped bill on the Senate calendar, said he thinks it is too late in the session for a moped bill to pass. The Legislature adjourns in early June.

"I doubt this late in the session that is going to pass," he said. "There are





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## FOIA bill faces deadline



Taylor

### Taylor pressuring S.C. senator to remove objection

BY MICHAEL SMITH  
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Four years ago, a Wagoner woman requesting copies of financial records and other records from the Town of Swansea was billed nearly \$10,000 for the documents.

Aiken County taxpayers seeking records about the school district's \$216 million bond referendum and other data in 2010 didn't receive an answer until well past the November election.

These examples of roadblocks to public information are indicative of why the state's Freedom of Information Act, or

FOIA, needs revising, said Bill Taylor, R-Aiken.

They're also the inspiration behind a FOIA reform bill facing a critical deadline in the Senate.

"Government is not for the politicians or the bureaucrats; it's for the people," Taylor said. "They (the people) ought to

have full access to all of the information."

Taylor is a co-sponsor of House Bill 3191, which creates a special court to mediate FOIA disputes. It also cuts costs and waiting times for government documents. But the bill remains stalled due to

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## Resident to serve as delegate



STAFF PHOTO BY DEDE BILES

Jane Page Thompson, of Aiken, will be a delegate at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, from July 18 to 21.

### Thompson looking forward to National Convention

BY DEDE BILES  
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At the tender age of 9, Jane Page Thompson already was an enthusiastic supporter of the Republican Party.

Ronald Reagan was running for president, and Thompson, then a Virginia resident, remembers waving signs that endorsed his candidacy.

"I have always been a political junkie," she said.

This summer, Thompson, now 45, will realize a long-held dream when she travels to Cleveland, Ohio, for the Republican National Convention. She will be among South Carolina's 50 delegates at the gathering, which is scheduled for July 18 to 21.

"I hate the term 'bucket list,' but this really is one of those lifetime bucket list kind of things," said Thompson last week while

eating breakfast at the New Moon Café on Laurens Street.

Thompson, who moved to Aiken in 1999, is a Realtor and land consultant. She is a member of the Aiken County Republican Party's fundraising committee, and she also served on a committee that organized the appearances of 2016 Republican presidential candidates in locally.

In 2012, Thompson was the GOP candidate for Aiken County probate judge, but she lost to the incumbent, Sue Roe, a Democrat.

"Being a delegate to the Republican National Convention is something I know will be an interesting thing to do, and I'm going to go on and say it right now, I'm hoping I can get elected to the Electoral College," Thompson said.

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I am excited. For me, actually being able to cast a vote in Cleveland will be like getting to throw a pass in the Super Bowl.

Jane Page Thompson, on being a delegate at the Republican National Convention



## Official: Still no suspects four years after murder

### Ex-USCA student was fatally shot in apartment

BY TRIPP GIRARDEAU  
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It was four years Saturday that officers with the Aiken Department of Public Safety found 24-year-old William E. Holmes Jr. shot to death in the doorway of his Roses Run apartment, and there are still no answers for his family as to who killed him and why.

"I miss brother my brother and wish I could know why he was taken from my family," said



W. Holmes

Eboni Holmes, William's sister. "(William) was very much a people person, very humble, and a go-to guy for a laugh, fun and advice about life. He really was an all around cool guy and he was just taken from us."

On May 14, 2012, officers were called to Churchill Commons in response to a shooting incident around 2:30 a.m. where they found Holmes, along with two

other victims, according to a report provided by the Aiken Department of Public Safety.

Holmes was killed as a result of a gunshot wound and it was ruled a homicide, according to Aiken County Coroner Tim Carlton.

The second victim, 23-year-old Ollie Wineglass, of Georgetown, was lying on the sidewalk in front of the building with a gunshot wound to his neck, the report said.

He was taken to a Georgia hospital where his injuries were treated; the third victim was not injured, according to the report.

According to the surviving victims, three unidentified men forced their way into the apartment and began firing shots at the victims, the report said.

"We still have no suspects in this case," said Detective Jeremy Hembree. "This is an active investigation."

Aiken Public Safety officers have not said whether there was an exchange of gunfire nor have they released an approximate number of

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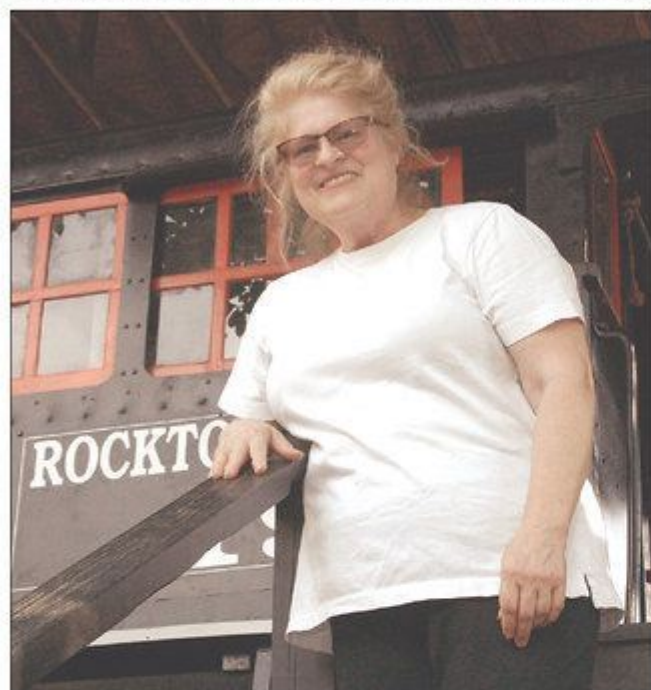


## KEEPING OUR ROOTS



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Greenwood's Railroad Historical Center is in the midst of a multi-year renovation project to restore vintage train cars displayed there. The public got a chance to see how work is going on the diner car and other cars at the center May 14 during National Train Day celebration.



Karen Park Jennings, executive director of The Museum and Railroad Historical Center, worked alongside volunteers and staff to ready the Railroad Historical Center for opening and for National Train Day. The restored steam engine at the center dates to 1906 and last ran on the Rockton-Rion Railroad in Winnsboro.

## Jennings takes helm of Museum and Railroad Historical Center

By ST. CLAIRE DONAGHY  
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**KAREN PARK JENNINGS**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MUSEUM  
AND RAILROAD HISTORICAL CENTER

**A** career in the gardening business is not drastically different from taking a position in the nonprofit world, according to Karen Park Jennings.

Jennings, a former chairwoman, president and chief executive officer with Park Seed Company is the new executive director for The Museum and Railroad Historical Center in Greenwood.

"I tried retirement for a little while and decided it was not for me," Jennings said. "I'd only officially been retired for about six months, from a consulting position with an internet company selling horticulture products, before submitting a resume for the position at The Museum."

"Preserving and celebrating history is a mission worth doing," Jennings said. "If we don't do that, we don't connect with our roots or learn from the past."

Whether one is in business or nonprofit work, Jennings said it's key to make sure "people you work with are the right fit for the job and how to run meetings efficiently, covering business that needs covering."

"There's also project management and proper use of resources to get the job done," Jennings said. "With The Museum and Railroad Historical Center, we're selling an experience, as opposed to a product."

Jennings said her husband, Jack, has previously served on the board of directors for The Museum and that the two of them have always shared a keen interest in local history. Additionally, Jennings' aunt, Jean Park, has also served on the board.

"We live in an old house in the country," Jennings said. "Part of it dates to the late 1700s and part of it dates to the early 1800s. Too, the seed company and the Park family have supported The Museum as well. We donated that Seeds in Space exhibit."

She was named interim director in January of this year, after former executive director, Stacy Thompson, accepted a registrar position with Morris Museum of Art in

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## KENSETH WINS NASCAR THRILLER AT DOVER

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### NEWS DIGEST

#### Man charged with attempted murder

A Spartanburg man was charged with attempted murder after he allegedly stabbed a man during a fight.

The incident occurred Friday night inside a home at 128 Sandstone Drive, Spartanburg, according to a Spartanburg



Hernandez

County Sheriff's Office incident report.

Deputies responded to the scene at 9:16 p.m. for a reported stabbing. According to

the report, Isidro Hernandez, 53, of Spartanburg allegedly argued with another man inside the home. Hernandez stabbed the victim in his right forearm during the altercation, according to the report. The victim was taken to Spartanburg Medical Center for treatment.

According to the report, Hernandez and the victim were drinking beer inside the home. The victim allegedly slapped Hernandez across the face during the fight. Hernandez allegedly went to his room to get a knife and lunged at the victim with the knife. The victim raised his right arm in defense, according to the report. Hernandez was held in Spartanburg County jail Sunday night without bond.

-- From staff reports

### TIP SHEET

#### Today

■ Spartanburg County Council meets at 5:30 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 366 N. Church St., Spartanburg.

#### Thursday

■ Spartanburg School District 3 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the district office, 3535 Clifton Glendale Road, Glendale.

■ Grand Strand will perform during Music on Main, a free

### CAMPAIGN 2016

## Trump tends to veer off line

Frontrunner's views can sometimes sound like a Democrat's

By Jill Colvin

The Associated Press



Trump

NEW YORK — As he tries to charm Republicans still skeptical of his presidential candidacy, Donald Trump has a challenge: On several key issues, he sounds an awful lot like a Democrat.

And on some points of policy,

such as trade and national defense, the billionaire businessman

could even find himself running to the left of Hillary Clinton, his likely Democratic rival in the general election.

Trump is a classic Republican in many ways. He rails against environmental and corporate regulations, proposes dramatically lower tax rates and holds firm on opposing abortion

rights. But the presumptive GOP nominee doesn't fit neatly into a traditional ideological box.

"I think I'm running on common sense," he said in a recent interview with The Associated Press. "I think I'm running on what's right. I don't think in terms of labels."

Perhaps Trump's clearest break with Republican orthodoxy is on trade, which the party's 2012 platform said was "crucial for our economy" and a path to "more American jobs, higher wages, and a better

standard of living."

Trump says his views on trade are "not really different" from the rest of his party's, yet he pledges to rip up existing deals negotiated by "stupid leaders" who failed to put American workers first. He regularly slams the North American Free Trade Agreement involving the U.S., Mexico and Canada, and opposes a pending Asia-Pacific pact, positions shared by Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders.

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### WOFFORD COLLEGE

## 'This is unreal'



Yves Engelmann's first day at Wofford College was also the first time he'd been in South Carolina. On Sunday, Engelmann, a native Rwanda, earned a degree in computer science with a minor in mathematics. PHOTOS BY ALEX HICKS JR./ALEX.HICKS@SHJ.COM

## Graduate finds success after leaving Rwanda

By Zach Fox

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### ISRAEL-IRAN RELATIONS

## Leader: Iran mocks Holocaust, prepares another

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu lashed out at Iran Sunday for staging a Holocaust-themed cartoon contest that mocked the Nazi genocide of six million Jews during World War II and said the Islamic Republic was busy planning for another one.

Iran has long backed armed groups committed to Israel's destruction and its leaders have called for it to be wiped off the map. Israel fears that Iran's nuclear program is designed to threaten its very existence. But Netanyahu said that it not just Iran's belligerent policies that Israel opposed, but its values.

"It denies the Holocaust, it mocks the Holocaust and it is also preparing another Holocaust," Netanyahu said at his weekly Cabinet meeting. "I think that every country in the world must stand up and fully condemn this."

State Department spokesman Mark Toner, traveling with Secretary of State John Kerry in Saudi Arabia, said the







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## SC Legislature

### Lots to do in the last three weeks

BY CASSIE COPE  
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COLUMBIA — With three weeks left in its regular session, the S.C. General Assembly has many issues unresolved.

Legislators are notorious for waiting until the session's last minute to address major issues, and this year is no different.

For example, a plan to repair the state's roads — the potholes, failing bridges and congested highways — has not been sent to the governor.

The most recent bonding plan, which is expected to pay for \$4 billion of the roughly \$40 billion in road projects needed, is in a House subcommittee, waiting for representatives to return to Columbia this week after an unpaid furlough.

Meanwhile, several House proposals to do more for the state's poor, rural schools — an issue the S.C. Supreme Court says the legislature must address — are advancing in the Senate but have not yet become law. The Senate has passed three, sending two back to the House to consider changes senators want to make, and is considering three more.

Both the school and road-repair proposals probably will pair with the roughly \$7.5 billion spending plan for the state's fiscal year that starts July 1. The House and Senate have each passed their own budgets and must work out their differences in the remaining weeks.

So what has the General Assembly sent to the governor's desk in the first five months of its six-month session?

About 50 proposals, ranging from requiring stamps on cigarettes to show S.C. taxes have been paid to a \$40 million proposal to offer grants to S.C. farmers who lost crops during last year's historic flooding.

Gov. Nikki Haley has until Tuesday to veto the farm-aid proposal, which she has said she will do, arguing that it is unfair to help one business sector in South Carolina and not all.

Neither farmers nor the S.C. Small Business of Commerce are buying that argument.

"The governor should not use small businesses as an excuse not to help our farmers recover from last year's floods," said Frank Knapp Jr., president of the Small Business Chamber. "Our small businesses want our farmers, who contribute to the economic health of our state, to recover. They don't begrudge farmers from receiving funds available to them just because other small businesses don't have the opportunity."

Other proposals the legislature has sent to the governor include:

- Repealing regulations relating to horse and kangaroo meat. Those regulations were unnecessary, according to the state's health agency, because existing regulations already covered them. (Fun fact: If a horse or kangaroo is legally slaughtered and labeled as horse or kangaroo meat, it can be sold in South Carolina.)
- Allowing the state's health agency to offer the cervical cancer vaccine to



Each Monday, the Morning News features a good news story on a person, place or organization in the Pee Dee. If you have a suggestion for someone or something to profile, send it to news@scnw.com.



DEBORAH SWEARINGEN/MORNING NEWS  
Caroline Edwards poses with some of her pieces on exhibit at Lynda English Gallery Studio. Edwards works as an architect in Brooklyn, New York.

## The paint that binds

Mother and daughter take different paths to painting

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FLORENCE — Jennifer and Caroline Edwards, a mother-daughter duo from Florence, hosted a reception last week to kick off their first joint art show at Lynda English Gallery Studio.

Called "20/20," the exhibit showcases 20 pieces of each of the artists' most recent work.

But when it comes to their development as artists, the pair has a slightly unconventional story.

Caroline, a West Florence High School graduate, grew up loving art. She said she tried everything from Claymation and comic-book creation but primarily loved painting and portraiture.

For years, though, she put art on the back burner as she

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## Connecting art forms



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Artist Stephanie Imbeau works on her installation days before the "Connection" exhibit is set to open.

## Artist uses recognizable objects that work together



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FLORENCE — Brightly colored umbrellas line the inner and outer windows of the Hyman Fine Arts Center Gallery at Francis Marion University, begging passers-by to stop, look and ponder.

To 34-year-old artist Stephanie Imbeau, umbrellas signify an immediate form of protection and personal shelter. The rain shields are fragile but useful, she said.





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Partly cloudy  
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# THE ISLAND PACKET



Charles Abner, who keeps his shrimp boat docked at the 11th Street docks in Port Royal, background, stands at the docks on July 19. Port Royal is working for ways to make its docks more attractive to shrimpers like Abner, who said he prefers Hilton Head Island.

PORT ROYAL

## Town aims to keep shrimp docks open

Town officials have talked with Clemson University, Bluffton Oyster Company

Docks have lost money for years

Town hopes to build shrimp processing facility, market with top-of-the-line equipment

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Charles Abner is still docked in Port Royal, finishing some work on his 73-foot shrimp trawler, "Lady Bernice," before going to work as shrimp season begins.

Abner plans to offload most of his shrimp at Benny Hudson Seafood on Hilton Head Island,

where he said the money is a bit better. He also likes to offload in North Carolina and Georgia, where he said docks will front shrimpers fuel and ice. "I love the conditions over there (on Hilton Head)," Abner said Friday. "It's a whole lot closer to the fishing ground; there's quite a few other things."

"From time to time, I'll bring some shrimp into the dock on Port Royal, but it's not going to

be my main place."

Port Royal wants to keep shrimpers like Abner from going elsewhere, aiming to make the docks off 11th Street on Battery Creek the desired destination in the area.

The town will continue to fund its shrimp dock operations as it explores a sustainable business plan and the idea of a brand-new processing facility. Town officials last month threatened to close the docks, which have largely operated at a loss for years. But they will continue to try to keep it open as shrimping season gets underway.

The town's proposed budget for the next fiscal year includes \$300,000 for the docks, down from the \$500,000 budgeted

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Tom Klein, councilman, about the shrimp docks

last year.

If losses continue, Town Council is prepared to yank the plug.

"Either we're going to do it right, or we're going to get rid of it," Councilman Tom Klein said.

Newly minted Councilman Jerry Ashmore, with town manager Van Willis, met with officials from Clemson University, the Sea Grant Consortium and Bluffton Oyster Company's Larry Toomer to discuss ways to improve operations.

Toomer told them what they already know — that Port Royal seems to be an ideal location for shrimpers to get in and out, with its deep water and easy access

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### FIXING A DECADE OF FAILURE

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