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## Haley optimistic in 'Union' response

She warns against making  
immigrants unwelcome

MARY ORNDORFF TROYAN  
THE GREENVILLE NEWS

WASHINGTON - Gov. Nikki Haley, drawing on her personal biography as the daughter of Indian immigrants, urged Americans to resist the "angriest voices" of the political season in her speech after President Obama's State of the Union address Tuesday night.

"I am the proud daughter of Indian immigrants who reminded my brothers, my sister and me every day how blessed we were to live in this country," Haley said. "Immigrants have been coming to our shores for generations to live the dream that is America."



Gov. Nikki  
Haley

Haley, speaking to a national audience from the first floor of the governor's residence in Columbia, presented a stark contrast to the heated rhetoric of the presidential campaign — where some GOP candidates are calling for mass deportations and a rejection of all Muslims over fears of terrorism and crime.

"During anxious times, it can be tempting to follow the siren call of the angriest voices. We must resist that temptation," Haley said, without specifically mentioning current GOP front-runner Donald Trump. "No one who is willing to work hard, abide by our laws, and love our traditions should ever feel unwelcome in this country."

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GOV. NIKKI HALEY

While calling for a more respectful tone in the immigration debate, she did not soften her stance against accepting Syrian refugees or stopping illegal immigration.

"We cannot continue to allow immigrants to come here illegally. And in this age of terrorism, we must not let in refugees whose intentions cannot be determined," Haley said.

Haley delivered the GOP response to Obama's final State of the Union address at the request of House Speaker Paul

Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

Haley, who turns 44 next week, is the first female and first minority governor of South Carolina, which made her a compelling choice for a Republican Party eager to reach more voters of color.

She's also a contender to be a vice presidential running mate to the Republican nominee in 2016, and her speech included a heavy dose of criticism of the Obama record.

"As he enters his final year in office, many Americans are still feeling the squeeze of an economy too weak to raise income levels. We're feeling a crushing national debt, a health care plan that has made insurance less affordable and doctors less available, and chaotic unrest in

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## A hero's welcome



The Clemson University football team returned from the national championship to crowds at their home stadium on Tuesday.

### Clemson returns home after national championship loss

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It didn't matter that there was a bone-chilling breeze blowing in off Lake Hartwell.

It didn't matter that they were over an hour late.

It didn't even matter that they were returning home without the national championship trophy that their fans had felt so nearly within their grasp.

The Clemson Tigers, after a 14-1 season capped by a hard-fought title game, were coming home triumphant even in defeat, after falling just short of the

Death Valley's WestZone to welcome them.

"Still proud. We're here to show our support," said Heather Harding, a 2002 Clemson grad who had driven from Charlotte with her three children. "Wouldn't miss it."

At just after 9 p.m., a news helicopter's appearance overhead signaled the approach of the caravan from Greenville-Spartanburg Airport, and a thousand points of light from cellphone flash bulbs shone in stunning tribute as a cheer went up from the crowd.

Eleven buses rolled down the hill behind the stadium, and the cadence count began.

"One, two, three, four, one, two, three, four, CLEMSON, TIGERS! Fight, Tigers, fight, Tigers, fight, fight! Whoohoo!"

It would be difficult to imagine a more joyous homecoming had the Tigers won the school's first football title since 1981.

"Couldn't be any prouder," said his wife, Lisa. "Fabulous. Love them. Love my Tigers and love Dabo."

"Just proud to be here welcoming them home."

Wanda Geren of Tamassee, in northern Oconee County, recalled giving birth to her daughter Joni right after Clemson won its only football national championship 34 years ago.

"I came down to see them off (to Arizona) and I told my husband I will be there to see them back," she said. "And he said, 'it's cold tonight, are you sure you're going?' And I said, yeah, give me your coat."

The buses, carrying members of the Tiger Band and support staff as well as the football team, lined up behind the stadium and the hometown heroes disembarked as the celebration continued.

A line formed in the parking lot to cheer the team, mostly men, though



This sign is at the site of a proposed coal ash landfill in Pickens County.

## Panel suspends coal ash permit

Land-use approval had  
been granted last year

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The Pickens County Planning Commission has suspended the land use permit granted for a landfill company after learning that it plans to use it for coal ash disposal rather than construction debris as had been approved.

The commission took action on the permit late Monday, sending a letter to MRR Pickens, LLC warning that its plans put the company in violation of a criminal offense "with punishment of a fine and/or jail time for each act or omission thereof."

The planning commission approved the company's land use permit on Jan. 12, 2015 after MRR representatives said in a public hearing that they had made "no changes" in their plans as presented when their proposal was initially approved in 2007.

"In your 2007 appearance before the Commission, Mr. Ronald Gilbertson of your company characterized the type of waste for this project as 'lumber, vinyl siding, concrete and





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## Obama touts strides, regrets deep divide

Reassures Americans while taking aim at GOP critics in State of Union



President Barack Obama delivers his State of the Union address Tuesday night before a joint session of Congress on Capitol Hill.

BY JULIE PACE  
Associated Press

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emies getting stronger and America getting weaker."

"The United States of America is the most powerful nation on Earth. Period. It's not even close," he said.

The president's address to lawmakers and a prime-time television audience was meant to both shape his legacy and put his imprint squarely on the race to succeed him. He defended his record — and implicitly urged the public to elect another Democratic president to build on it — but acknowledged the persistent anxieties of Americans who feel shut out of a changing economy

or at risk from an evolving terror threat.

While Obama did not directly call out Republicans, he sharply and at times sarcastically struck back at rivals who have challenged his economic and national security stewardship.

In his most pointed swipe at the GOP candidates running to succeed him, Obama warned against "voices urging us to fall back into tribes, to scapegoat fellow citizens who don't look like us or pray like us or vote like we do or share the same background."

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### Palmetto Politics

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#### Obama's call to close Gitmo, other issues hit home in S.C.

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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's final State of the Union address wasn't policy-heavy, but his speech to a joint session of Congress on Tuesday night still had some relevance for South Carolinians — and plenty for South Carolina Congressional Republicans to criticize.

At the top of that list was a continued call, albeit brief, to close Guantanamo Bay and relocate terror detainees to a facility somewhere in the United States, with the Naval Consolidated Brig Charleston among the handful of sites under consideration.

"Leadership depends on the power of our example," Obama said. "That is why I will keep working to shut down the prison at Guantanamo. It's expensive, it's unnecessary and it only serves as a recruitment brochure for our enemies."

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## Haley urges 'new direction' for nation, but conservatives say she went too far



**Poll**

How would you grade Gov. Nikki Haley's speech responding to the president's State of the Union address? Go to [postandcourier.com/polls](#) to vote.

BY GAVIN JACKSON  
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COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley's moment in the spotlight Tuesday saw her contrast President Barack Obama's seven years of leadership with her vision for a Republican-led White House as she delivered the party's rebuttal to the president's final State of the Union address Tuesday.

Widely seen as a possible vice presidential pick, Haley admitted the "new direction" America needs to head in isn't blame-free for Republicans.

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Gov. Nikki Haley delivers the Republican response to President Barack Obama's State of the Union address Tuesday night.

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## Mayoral cash race passed \$3.8M

City rivals raised more than other mayoral, state candidates

BY ROBERT BEHRE  
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Charleston's top mayoral candidates raised more money than most of South Carolina's congressional candidates, as a flurry of last-minute giving pushed the race's total past \$3.8 million.

The contest likely was the state's most expensive local race below the federal or statewide level, experts said.

But it is not necessarily a surprise, considering Mayor Joe Riley was not running again after 40 years in office, said Scott Huffman, a political science professor at Winthrop University.

"You have to remember, Joe Riley influenced not only Charleston but all of South Carolina with his longevity," Huffman said. "That is definitely a position to covet, and as Riley demonstrated, it doesn't come open very often."

Buoyed by a wave of new donations before the Nov. 17 runoff, winning candidate John Tecklenburg, who was sworn in Monday, pushed his total fundraising to a record \$1.24 million.



Tecklenburg

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## Iran holds 10 sailors from U.S.

Boats, crews expected to be returned Wed.

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR  
and MATTHEW LEE  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Iran was holding 10 U.S. Navy sailors and their two small boats that drifted into Iranian waters after experiencing mechanical problems, Iran accused the sailors of trespassing but American officials said Tehran has assured them that the crew and vessels would be returned safely and promptly.

The sailors, nine men and one woman, were being held overnight at an Iranian base on Farsi Island in the Persian Gulf, and were expected to be transferred to a U.S. ship in the region on Wednesday morning local time. Officials said they believe the U.S. had spoken to one of the crew, and all 10 were fine and uninjured.

Pentagon spokesman Peter Cook told The Associated Press that the Riverine boats were moving between Kuwait and Bahrain when the U.S. lost contact with them.

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## Obama gives final State of the Union



President Barack Obama delivers his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday.

## President warns against election-year cynicism

BY JULIE PACE  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Eyeing the end of his presidency, Barack Obama urged Americans Tuesday night to rekindle their belief in the promise of change that first carried him to the White House, declaring that the country must not allow election-year fear and division to take hold. "The future we want," he insisted, "is within our reach." But opportunity and security for American families "will only happen if we work together ... if we fix our politics," he added. The nation's goals must include "a rising standard of living and a sustainable, peaceful planet for our kids," he said in his final State of the Union address.

At the heart of Obama's address to lawmakers and a prime-time television audience was an implicit call to keep Democrats in the White House for a third straight term. Sharply, and at times sarcastically, he struck back



President Barack Obama arrives on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday to give his State of the Union address.

at rivals who have challenged his economic and national security stewardship, calling it all "political hot air."

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goat fellow citizens who don't look like us or pray like us or vote like we do or share the same background."

His words were unexpectedly

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South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley speaks at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. Americans should resist "the siren call of the angriest voices" in how it treats immigrants, Haley said during the response to President Barack Obama's State of the Union address.

## Immigrant treatment focus of response

BY ALAN FRAM  
Associated Press

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## Hospitals respond to repeal recommendation

BY CHRISTINA CLEVELAND  
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The issue of whether University Hospital may build in Aiken has come back into spotlight after two federal agencies recently recommended South Carolina repeal laws that require a certificate of need, or CON, for many types of construction or expansion projects for health

Federal Trade Commission wrote in a letter to Gov. Nikki Haley that, "by interfering with market forces that normally determine the supply of facilities and services, CON laws can suppress supply, misallocate resources and shield incumbent health providers from new entrants."

The governor requested an opinion from federal officials in No-

competition in health care.

In addition, state legislators are currently considering a provision to make such projects easier to launch and could end or alter the permit requirement in 2018.

University Hospital of Augusta was denied a certificate of need to build a hospital in Aiken late last year after the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control

area.

University Hospital is currently appealing the decision; and Ed Burr, CEO for University Health Care System, confirmed Tuesday the hospital filed a request Jan. 6 for a contested case hearing before the South Carolina Administrative Law Court.

As for the opinions received by Haley Monday, Burr told the Aiken







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### Taneyhill out at Union County

The news that Union County is looking for a new head football coach caught Steve Taneyhill off guard, according to a source close to the situation. **B1**

### UPSTATE



### Powerball fever

The Powerball jackpot has climbed again after the Saturday night drawing didn't produce a winner. Now, if there is a lucky winner after Wednesday night's drawing, that person is looking at a jackpot of \$1.5 billion. **C1**

### Challenger in sheriff's race

Russell Lynch, a Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office corporal with 25 years of experience, said he will challenge incumbent Sheriff Chuck Wright for the Republican nomination in June's primary election. **C1**

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### KEY QUOTES

**On America:** "The United States of America is the most powerful nation on earth. Period. It's not even close."

**On politics:** "The rancor and suspicion between the parties has gotten worse instead of better."



**The "moon shot":** Obama likened the administration's push against cancer to a new "moon shot." He assigned Vice President Joe Biden to lead a new push to fight cancer, building on a large increase in federal financing for the National Institutes of Health. "Let's make America the country that cures cancer once and for all."

# 'Together'



President Barack Obama gives his State of the Union address before a joint session of Congress on Capitol Hill Tuesday in Washington. The annual address was Obama's eighth and final. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In his final State of the Union address, Obama insisted a bright future is within reach, but it won't materialize if cynicism, division define country

By Julie Pace  
The Associated Press

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## GOP RESPONSE

# Haley: 'Resist angriest voices'

By Andrew Shain  
The (Columbia) State

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley told the nation Tuesday that a Republicans would have improved the nation at home and abroad had the GOP controlled the White House during President Barack Obama's two terms.

But the Lexington Republican, first elected in the Tea Party-powered election of 2010, didn't spare those in the GOP while delivering her party's response to the State of the Union.

"We as Republicans need to own that truth," she said. "We need to recognize our contributions to the erosion of the public trust in America's leadership. We need to accept that we've played a role in how and why our government is broken. And then we need to fix it."

During her nine-minute speech from the Governor's Mansion in Columbia, Haley also criticized 2016 Republican front-runner Donald Trump, discussed South Carolina's reaction to the mass shooting at a Charleston church last year and suggested voters can change the nation's direction in this year's presidential election.

"We have big decisions to make," the nation's youngest sitting governor said. "Our country is being tested."

In her second major televised speech since taking office, Haley shared her background as the daughter of Indian immigrants.

She used the story about her immigrant family to criticize Trump, who suggested a temporary ban on allowing Muslims into the country after attacks in France and California.

Obama also chided Trump in his address.

"During anxious times, it can be tempting to follow the

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## Medical helicopter service may expand

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS  
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Sumter County Council was presented with the possibility of a permanent medical helicopter service coming to the area during its first meeting of 2016 on Tuesday at Council chambers at the Sumter County Administration building.

Sumter County Emergency Medical Services Director Bobby Hingst said right now, helicopter services are only provided from 8:30 a.m. to about 6 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

He said services will be provided 24 hours a day once a hangar at Sumter Airport has been secured.

Tiffany Adams, AirMethods regional business development manager, said the organization is the largest air medical service in the world and is the only company to have achieved the highest safety level set by Federal Aviation Administration.

AirMethods provides services in the county and has

done so for several years, she said.

According to John Wilkinson, regional business director, AirMethods has served Sumter County for 10 years.

Adams said AirMethods has decided to provide permanent services after observing growth in the county's population during the years.

She said the helicopter travels about 25 minutes from Camden to serve Sumter County.

Some patients do not have 20 minutes to wait, she said.

Michael Shirey, AirMethods regional business development manager, said county

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## Haley takes national stage



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley speaks in September at the National Press Club in Washington. Americans should resist "the siren call of the angriest voices" in how it treats immigrants, Haley said Tuesday as the GOP used its formal response to President Obama's State of the Union address to try softening the tough stance embraced by some of the GOP's leading presidential candidates. See the full text of both President Obama's and Gov. Nikki Haley's remarks at [www.theitem.com](http://www.theitem.com).

## In GOP response to Obama, governor defends immigrants

BY ALAN FRAM  
The Associated Press

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immigrants, regardless of their race or religion" — an apparent reference to calls by Trump to temporarily bar Muslims from entering the country. She also hewed closely to long-time GOP demands in the immigration debate, saying: "That does not mean we just flat out open our borders."

The nation's youngest governor at 43, Haley also seemed to try smoothing some of her party's more combative edges. She said Republicans "would respect

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## Report lists improvements sought at Pinewood Site

BY JIM HILLEY  
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Pinewood Interim Administrators Inc. has released a preliminary report that includes a list of possible requests for studies and capital improvement projects for the Pinewood Site toxic waste landfill in southwest Sumter County. The requests in the report total more than \$4.7 million.

The report is partly the result of stakeholder hearings held concerning the landfill which included representatives from S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, S.C. Department of Natural Resources, South Carolina's legislature, Santee Cooper, Santee-Lynches Council of Governments and concerned organizations and individuals.

A copy of the report is available at [www.pinewoodstakeholder.com](http://www.pinewoodstakeholder.com).

Representatives from Pinewood Interim Administration will hold a meeting to get public input on the report at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, at Oakland Primary school, 5415 Oakland Drive, Sumter.

"We look forward to coming to Sumter and presenting the report to interested parties who might want to hear more and ask questions," said PIA Vice President Robert Kerr. "We are interested in letting people have all the information that is available to us."

At the top of the list are recommended improvements to the oldest section at the landfill, Section I, which was built before double liners were mandated. The report calls for an enhanced cover as well as drainage modification. Estimated costs are \$3.4 million.

Section I is the closest section to Lake Marion and, because of its age and the construction standards in use at the time it was built, it is considered the most likely source of potential problems.

## Obama warns against election year cynicism







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## Pee Dee lawmakers start 2016 session



A scene from inside the Senate chamber on the first day of the 2016 legislative session on Tuesday at the South Carolina Statehouse in Columbia.

BY JOSHUA LLOYD  
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COLUMBIA — The 122nd South Carolina General Assembly held its first meeting in Columbia on Tuesday and legislators from across the Pee Dee were on hand to push bills they've filed this session, as well as legislation left over from 2015.

They shared their hopes in interviews:

**Rep. Terry Alexander (D-Florence)**

I filed a couple of bills

that I want us to take a look at this year. One of them is a high school voter registration bill that would allow high school students to receive their voter registration form, just like they receive their selective service form. It's not going to cost the state any money and the kids could opt out if they wanted to. I think we are devaluing the importance of voting so that will help start that conversation earlier.

We also have to figure out this education thing in South Carolina. We've

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got to deal with it and really put some meat in it to make sure our kids aren't getting the short end of the stick.

How much we'll get done, I don't know... We'll probably get something done on this side of the filing deadline but after filing I don't see much happening.

**Rep. Phillip Lowe (R-Florence)**

We'll have a few Republican agenda items that we'll send over to the Senate but I think the big items are already over there. The issue will probably be late in the session as to whether or not we've dealt with them and can work out a compromise between the two bodies.

The bill that I filed today [Tuesday], codified the Heritage Act in the form of an amendment in regard

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### Florence School District Four

## Special meeting gets major attention

Trustees address changes

BY JESSICA IMBIMBO  
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TIMMONSVILLE — Timmonsville residents turned out in force Tuesday night for a meeting called by the School District Four board of trustees to discuss changes aimed at improving school performances.

Parents and community members, as well as some students, gathered in the District Four Media Center to listen to the board members address the issues. Superintendent Andre' Boyd said he had never seen so many people show up for a meeting before, and that this turnout is a good sign.

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## Powerball ticket buyers feeling lucky

BY JESSICA IMBIMBO  
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FLORENCE — Powerball fever has spread through Florence as the jackpot continues to climb, totaling upwards of \$1.5 billion. The winning numbers will be announced

## DELMAE HOSTS STEAM CARNIVAL



Addison and Hampton Pusser try to 'save Fred' the gummy worm during the STEAM Carnival Tuesday night at Delmae Heights Elementary.

The STEAM carnival at Delmae Heights Elementary School introduced parents to the science, technology, engineering, arts and math curriculum that the school started using earlier this school year. Students in kindergarten through fourth grade were able to try several different activities with their parents and siblings. Each one focused on concepts that Delmae students learn in class, such as architectural design and problem solving. Story on **Page 3A**.



## Biggest Loser 2016 kicked off Tuesday

BY SHAMIRA MCCRAY

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**SPORTS:** Local prep teams hit the hardwood in region play **1B**

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Greenwood Family YMCA High Hopes counselor Jeremy Holmes, right, helps Tyrel Harris with his homework Tuesday afternoon.

## ■ SUBSIDIZED HOUSING

### YMCA brings High Hopes to children

By MARY KATE MCGOWAN  
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Quilla Holmes, High Hopes site director for the Fairfield and Winns communities, said the worst part of her job is when children leave the Greenwood Family YMCA's High Hopes program because they are moving out of the Greenwood Housing Authority neighborhood.

Holmes has worked with the High Hopes program, which is an afterschool program free to children living in Housing Authority neighborhoods, for eight years, and she gets attached to all the children.

"They call me their second mom," Holmes said.

Holmes said she knows she makes a difference working with the children when they learn things for themselves. Telling children to keep an open mind and think for themselves, the program is a safe haven for about 30 children.

High Hopes began as a summer literacy program in 2002, but grew into an afterschool tutoring program during the school year. The 30-week program helps more than 100 children a year.

High Hopes is funded with the help of the United Way of Greenwood and Abbeville Counties, the YMCA's annual support campaign, the Self Family Foundation and the Greenwood County Community Foundation, said Johnathan Bass, Greenwood Family YMCA director of development.

The program aims to help the elementary and middle school children improve their grades or maintain As and Bs, Bass said. A key element: love.

"That's something you can't replace," he said.

With the guidance and love from the counselors, the participating children receive homework help, a healthy snack, a daily devotion and playtime when they arrive.

Juquias Calhoun, 10, said the homework help allows him to learn better.

"I want to be like them when I grow up," he said.

Mylaisha Johnson, 11, said the counselors help her push herself to believe in herself and reach her goals.

"They're another parent to us," she said.

## Show of commitment

### Legislators pledge to respond to education court order

By SEANNA ADCOX  
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Legislators start the 2016 session facing a June deadline for developing a plan to improve South Carolina's public schools so that more students have a chance for success.

Legislative leaders pledge to respond to the state Supreme Court's November 2014 ruling that poor, rural students

lack educational opportunities. Addressing the justices' order — on a lawsuit initially filed by rural districts in 1993 — is a top priority for legislators of both parties for the session that began Tuesday.

Their response in the budget will likely continue and possibly expand initiatives launched in the past few years, such as virtual classes, more technology money for rural schools, and summer reading programs.

But a total revamp seems highly unlikely.

Leaders don't expect to tackle this year the decades-old education formulas that justices criticized as a complicated, outdated "funding scheme."

Superintendent Molly Spearman said last week legislators should commit to rewriting those formulas, which date to



MOLLY SPEARMAN

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*"He shall from time to time give to the Congress information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient ..."*

— Article II, Section 3, US Constitution

## OPTIMISTIC OBAMA



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President Barack Obama gestures Tuesday as he arrives on Capitol Hill in Washington before giving his State of the Union address before a joint session of Congress.

### President warns against giving in to cynicism

By JULIE PACE  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Eyeing the end of his presidency, Barack Obama urged Americans Tuesday night to rekindle their belief in the promise of change that first carried him



### Haley defends immigrants in response

By ALAN FRAM  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans should resist "the siren call of the angriest voices" in how the nation treats immigrants, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said Tuesday as the





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## Obama: Future we want within reach

By JULIET EILPERIN  
and DAVID A. FAHRENTOLD  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama appealed to Americans to reject partisan distrust in his final State of the Union address on Tuesday evening, trying to strike an optimistic tone while admitting — if only tacitly — that his 2008 campaign-trail vision of a more unified and hopeful country has not come true.

"The future we want — opportunity and security for our families; a rising standard of living and a sustainable, peaceful planet for our kids — all that is within our reach,"

Obama said. "But it will only happen if we work together. It will only happen if we can have rational, constructive debates."

Obama told Americans not to fear the future. It is a counter-argument to the gloomy tone struck by Republican candidates seeking to replace him.

"America has been through big changes before — wars and depression, the influx of immigrants, workers fighting for a fair deal, and movements to expand civil rights," Obama said.

He continued: "And each time, we overcame those fears. ... We thought anew, and acted anew."

The official Republican response was scheduled to be given by South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley after press time.

She was expected to criticize Obama for having been too passive.

"The president's record has often fallen far short of his soaring words. As he enters his final year in office, many Americans are still feeling the squeeze of an economy too weak to raise income levels," Haley was to say. "Even worse, we are facing the most dangerous terrorist threat our nation has seen since September 11th, and this president appears either unwilling or unable to deal with it."



The Associated Press  
President Barack Obama delivers his State of the Union address before a joint session of Congress on Capitol Hill in Washington on Tuesday.

**MORE ONLINE** For more coverage on last night's State of the Union and Gov. Nikki Haley's response, go to [islandpacket.com](http://islandpacket.com).



Will there be a winner in the \$1.5B jackpot?



Bluffton resident Tim Good displays the Powerball lottery tickets he purchased on Tuesday at the Enmark location on Bluffton Parkway. The Powerball jackpot is estimated at \$1.5 billion.

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Dear Powerball winner, take some advice and take the annuity. 7A

### VIDEO ONLINE

Local Powerball players hope to win big [islandpacket.com](http://islandpacket.com)

## Sales tax could build arts venue

If voters agree to increase sales tax in November, Hilton Head Island wants to use funds to build a new arts venue and campus.

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If Beaufort County voters agree to raise the sales tax in November, Hilton Head Island wants to use some of the proceeds to build a new arts venue and campus.

But specific plans for such a campus don't yet exist.

Although the island has long grappled with the question of the maintenance needs at the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina and artists' calls for another venue, there is no consensus about what a new campus would look like, where it should be built, who would own it, which groups would use it or even a remote estimate about what it could cost.

That shouldn't stop the town from trying to seize an opportunity to finally put funding behind an eventual effort — whatever that might ultimately look like, said Mayor David Bennett, who has argued a new facility for the arts should be among the town's top priorities.

"Is it too early in the planning stages? Maybe. Are there other opportunities to deploy the potential

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## School board members recognized for years of service



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The Darlington County School District honored the Darlington County Board of Education on Monday as part of South Carolina's School Board Recognition Month. Pictured are (from left) Superintendent Dr. Eddie Ingram and board members Warren Jeffords, Charles Govan, Billy Baldwin, Maureen Thomas, Connell Delaine, Dr. Thelma Dawson, Jamie Morphis and Wanda Hassler.

From staff reports

DARLINGTON — The Darlington County School District and Board of Education paid tribute to the service of board members during Monday's regular monthly board meeting. January is School Board Recognition Month in South Carolina.

The Darlington County Board of Education is responsible for maintaining and operating the system of free public schools for all children living in the district. The board manages the district's long-term vision including budgeting, strategic planning,

curriculum auditing and inclusion of the community. The board ensures accountability of itself and all district operations while overseeing a \$72 million annual budget that serves more than 10,400 students in Darlington County.

Superintendent of Education Dr. Eddie Ingram thanked the members of the Darlington County board for their leadership and dedication.

"It takes courage for the members of the board to provide the direction, permission and cover to the district," Ingram said. "I join the rest of the Darlington County School District

in celebrating the board for its enduring commitment to provide a 21st century education to our children." During the Darlington County Board of Education meeting, three members were recognized for benchmark years of service.

Dr. Thelma Dawson was honored for 25 years on the board. Both Jamie Morphis and board Secretary Charles Govan were recognized for 15 years of service on the board.

All eight board members received gift packages from the district and schools.

Voters living in the

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## Duke Energy to test sirens at Robinson Nuclear Plant

From staff reports

HARTSVILLE — The public alert notification sirens around the Robinson Nuclear Plant will be tested Wednesday between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The 59 sirens within 10 miles of the Robinson Nuclear Plant will be sounded at least once during the test at full volume. Residents will hear an audible tone lasting for approximately three minutes. No public action is required.

The full volume test is performed annually in cooperation with emergency officials in Chesterfield, Darlington and Lee counties, who are responsible for sounding the sirens.

Hearing a siren does not mean to evacuate. In an emergency, sirens are sounded as a signal for residents to tune to a local radio or TV station that would carry an Emergency Alert System (EAS) message. County officials use these stations to provide information to the public. If sirens are heard and residents are unsure if it is a test or an emergency, they should tune to their local radio or TV station. The Emergency Alert System will not be activated during the siren tests.

For more information about the public alert notification sirens, residents can refer to information available on [www.duke-energy.com](http://www.duke-energy.com).

The Robinson Nuclear Plant produces approximately 724 megawatts of electricity and is located about 5 miles from Hartsville, S.C.

Duke Energy Progress owns nuclear, coal-fired, natural gas and hydroelectric generation. That diverse fuel mix provides about 12,000 megawatts of owned electric capacity to approximately 1.5 million

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## FIRST HARTSVILLE BABY OF 2016 BORN



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Welcome to the first baby born in Hartsville at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center for 2016. Marquette Green gave birth to her son, Da'Mear Eric, on Jan. 4. He weighed 7 lbs, 10 ounces and is 20 3/4 inches long. Da'Mear was delivered by Dr. Toya J. Danzey with the Center for Women's Health. Mother and baby are doing great, says a hospital spokesperson.



## Darlington fire claims one life

From staff reports

DARLINGTON — The body of one person was found Sunday morning at the scene of a house fire in Darlington.





The Clemson University football team returned from the National Championship to crowds at their home stadium on Tuesday.

KEVIN HARRIS/The Greenville News



## TIGERS RETURN HOME

Dabo vows that Clemson will be back in title game soon, **1B**

Five things to watch, including who'll leave early along with Shaq Lawson, **1B**

Early 2016 preseason poll projections have Tigers ranked No. 1, **1B**

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# The State

## 40,000 downtown residents by 2030?

BY JEFF WILKINSON  
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Will the number of people living in downtown Columbia increase tenfold — to 40,000 — by 2030?

Predictions for such growth were discussed Tuesday at a summit on the city's future, where presenters talked about what Columbia must do to prepare for that many new residents.

But one downtown developer is

Better transportation, connectivity cited as priority

Emphasis should be on pedestrian safety and bike lanes

Lack of jobs could inhibit growth

wary. "Business goes in cycles," Ben Arnold said.

Since the 1990s, Arnold has made heavy investments in downtown Columbia — from one of his initial projects, a sprawling office and entertainment complex

on Gervais Street that includes Jililans and Tsunami, to his ongoing renovation of the former Moe Levy's location on Lady Street.

Arnold sees the rosy forecasts about downtown's future with innate satisfaction that his in-

vestments have been part of the success. But he knows growth could be inhibited by anything from an economic downturn to inadequate transportation systems. He's particularly concerned about a lack of high-quality jobs to attract young professionals, which are the lifeblood of any urban center.

"We're riding a wave of momentum now," Arnold said Tues-

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### How to keep downtown growing

Participants in Tuesday's 2020 Columbia summit say these steps must be taken to ensure Columbia's continued growth:

- Create high-paying jobs
- Better connect downtown districts
- Improve access for bicycles and other alternative forms of transportation
- Increase pedestrian safety
- Find innovative ways to handle parking

STATE OF THE UNION

## OBAMA AND HALEY: TWO VIEWS OF THE U.S.



President Barack Obama delivers his State of the Union address before a joint session of Congress on Capitol Hill in Washington on Tuesday night.

Don't surrender to cynicism, president tells America

BY JULIE PACE  
The Associated Press

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AT THESTATE.COM: Find the full text

Haley urges nation: Resist 'siren call of the angriest voices'

BY ANDREW SHAIN  
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in the GOP while delivering her party's response to the State of the Union.

### USC MEN'S BASKETBALL

#### POINT MAN

Marcus Stroman has been a consistent backup at point guard for the Gamecocks, **1B**



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