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## Boeing laying off workers

Contract employees affected; moves not tied to battery problems

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After years of fast-paced growth, Boeing South Carolina is warning its contract workers who have helped get the company's 787 plant off the ground.

The aerospace giant on Thursday acknowledged that it is starting to eliminate some of the temporary hired hands at its North Charleston manufacturing campus.

The workforce reductions were first reported by The Wall Street Journal, which, citing an unidentified person, said the cuts could total hundreds of workers.

The cuts are part of a cost-savings plan that predates the Jan. 16 grounding of the 787, according to the Journal, citing an unidentified person familiar with the plan.

The reductions, which mainly affect contractors as opposed to Boeing direct employees, started late last year and eventually will claim

as much as 20 percent of certain teams at the factory complex, the person told the Journal.

Boeing has more than 6,000 workers, mostly direct employees, in North Charleston. The Journal report Thursday came on the same

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Boeing report is 787 battery fix to regulators. B6

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## Eat, drink, etc.

Wine + Food Opening Night Party offers up everything from octopus to tom-yum-goong



Attendees entering the Opening Night Party of the Charleston Wine + Food Festival on Thursday night at the S.C. Aquarium were greeted with an event-appropriate projection.

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Who knows if the fish were amused, but the schools of people on the other side of the glass got a kick out of the divers in the water wearing chef's hats and aprons and waving signs that said "Enjoy the bite!"

And they were, in a feeding frenzy at two dozen chef's stations Thursday night at the Opening Night Party of the BB&T Charleston Wine + Food Festival at the South Carolina Aquarium.

The bait was a culinarian's dream of plates bearing everything from braised octopus with smoked carrots (from restaurant Triton) to quail sausage (Tartaria Lucca). Pat then served a beaded pecan salad and Charleston Grill's Thai shrimp soup called tom-yum-goong.

Drew English of Johns Island helped himself to MacIntosh chef Jeremiah Bacon's corned beef tongue with pickled walnuts. "It was really good," he said. "But I was a little hesitant."

English said it was his fourth time at the Opening Night Party, which is designed as a "Salute to Charleston Chefs."

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Travis Grimes from Husk served chilled English pea soup with sweet blue crab Meyer lemon yogurt for the Opening Night Party.

## Locally, little love for pols in D.C.

"They never seem to solve anything"

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With all the political noise coming out of Washington, Colline McCoy of Goose Creek says she lost the last bit of faith in government "about two years ago."

Restaurant owner Dennis O'Doherty thinks Congress, by design, is hard-wired to keep Americans living in fear.

And West Ashley resident Tom Lewis thinks politicians have spent so much time in the D.C. bubble that they've lost focus on who they're supposed to be helping.

Here, compare Washington spenders to a family living on \$60,000 a year salary but going above and beyond their means, freely racking up hundreds of thousands of dollars in credit card debt.

The looming sequestration cuts? "Yeah, I'm good with that," he said. "Because we've got to get spending under control."

With the nation facing its second spending cliff in two months, Lowcountry residents say the repeated examples of 11th-hour financial "chicken" are more aimed at benefiting politicians on Sunday talk shows than in actually addressing the tough and nagging questions.

"It's disturbing to me that the government has no issue giving themselves pay raises, while we go without," Jennifer Miklos-Holstein, 33, a construction coordinator who lives in Summerville, told The Post and Courier on Facebook.

"They never seem to solve anything, yet they constantly try to distract us with what I consider 'smoke & mirror' issues — like gay marriage. It's all so ridiculous because they DO nothing of any importance. They fight amongst themselves and name-call and act like fools."

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## Candidates offer variety of views — briefly

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All but one of the 16 Republicans vying in their party's 1st Congressional District primary fielded more than a dozen questions Thursday and parted ways on several major issues.

Earlier forums have taken the same amount of time, about two hours, but got around to posing as few as two questions for the field, or allowed only two candidates to answer, skipping over the rest.

Moderator Robert New of the Charleston's Propeller Club forced the hopefuls to do something most politicians often can't or won't — give a very brief answer.

About 150 people, many from the Lowcountry's port community showed up, as did Gov.

Nikki Haley, who has remained neutral in the primary so far. Her reaction when it was over? "A good time," she said.

Candidates did their best to single out their own personal tie to Charleston's port.

Tim Larkin was the only GOP hopeful absent, and the rest agreed on some issues, such as their universal desire not to see the nation's budget debate postponed yet again.

They also agreed they would not support



Gov. Nikki Haley attended the debate Thursday.

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**HISTORIC RIVALRY: USC, CLEMSON MEET AGAIN ON DIAMOND THIS WEEKEND. C1****Key role:** Columbia native lands big part in new Hollywood movie, **in Weekend**

# IRMO SHOOTS FOR MORE THAN TITLE

**INSIDE****JUSTIN MCKIE**follows in his father's footsteps. **C1****STATE FINALS**schedule. **C1****ONLINE**Live updates and photos from tonight's games, at [thestate.com](http://thestate.com)**State championship would cap Yellow Jackets' unbeaten season**By CHRIS DEARING  
Special to The State

Tim Whipple will be looking to add to his legacy among the elite coaches in South Carolina when Irmo plays Goose Creek in the Class 4A boys basketball state championship game tonight at Colonial Life Arena.

Whipple, who has more than 600 career wins, is aiming for his fifth state title in his 32 years at Irmo. It is his eighth appearance in the championship game.

He also could accomplish something he has never done before — have an undefeated team. He had a run in the 1990s when he appeared in five of six state championship games, but the best record during that time was in 1995 when the Yellow Jackets, led by BJ McKie, finished



FILE PHOTOGRAPH BY THE STATE

Irmo basketball coach Tim Whipple is shooting for his fifth state title.

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**USC FOOTBALL**

## Season ticket prices rising \$45

Individual home game tickets will also increase

By ANDREW SHAIN  
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**AIKEN** — Get ready to pay more to see the Gamecocks play football.

The University of South Carolina will raise season football ticket prices by \$45 to \$305 starting this year to pay for new facilities, athletics director Ray Tanner said Thursday. Ticket prices had not risen since 2008. Average game ticket prices will increase by nearly \$6.50 to \$52 for seven home games. That's twice as much as the average ticket cost in 2002.

Tanner said he expects some fan backlash, but USC's higher ticket prices rank in the middle of 14 Southeastern Conference schools. Still, fans have not come back to Williams-Brice Stadium in the same numbers since the Gamecocks started charging an annual fee of up to \$395 per seat.

South Carolina football

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## CONTROVERSIAL SENATE DRUG BILL



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## War on meth could make it tougher to get cold medication

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By ADAM BEAM  
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A proposed S.C. law would make you get a prescription to buy some common cold medicines.

The bill is designed to combat production of methamphetamine, or "meth," a dangerously addictive drug that is also dangerous to make. But critics worry the bill would do more harm than good, driving up costs for consumers and possibly increasing the state's Medicaid costs.

**SEQUESTRATION**

## Agencies in S.C. brace for cuts

Some credit unions to offer loans to furloughed workers

By JAMIE SELF  
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The impact of \$85 billion in across-the-board cuts to the federal budget may not be immediately felt in South Carolina when they take effect today.

But some credit unions are getting ready anyway, offering "sequestration" loans of up to \$2,000 to federal workers who are members and are furloughed.

Some federal agencies say government employees could be furloughed one day a week from April to September, losing up to 20 percent of their pay. Workers will be given 30 days notice before furloughs begin.

Beyond those scant details, much of how "sequestration" will affect South Carolina remains unclear. Programs impacting the elderly and the poor are exempt, including Social Security, veteran benefits, and those that provide food stamps and assistance to families and children in need.

But as the cuts, caused by the U.S. Congress' failure to reduce the deficit, take shape, they are likely to have a broad impact on the state.

In Washington, at a meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin said Thursday the cuts and those that may follow — as the nation moves toward another debate over whether to increase the federal government's borrowing limit — will have serious impacts on local governments.

"These across-the-board cuts, with no attention to where our national priorities are, is not the way to do business," Benjamin said.

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### BUDGET BATTLE

## Senate rejects block on cuts

Votes turn down  
sequester alternatives

By Susan Davis  
USA Today

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate failed Thursday to pass either Republican or Democratic alternatives to \$85 billion in across-the-board spending cuts, nearly guaranteeing that the cuts will take effect Friday.

The Democratic alternative would have replaced the cuts with a combination of a minimum 30 percent tax on millionaires and cuts to defense and farm programs. It failed 51-49.

"I really believe that the American people deserve better than what the Republicans in this building believe is the right thing," said Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

The Republican alternative would have transferred sweeping authority to President Barack Obama to force him to determine how to implement the cuts instead of the across-the-board reductions. The GOP measure was defeated 62-38.

"(Democrats) want it to fail, so they can go around the country blaming Republicans for a sequester the president proposed," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

The president and congressional leaders will make a final attempt at a pre-deadline compromise at a White House meeting Friday morning, but top lawmakers conceded the prospects were dim for a deal in the short-term. "Hopefully, by the end of March, people will see the light and understand that we're not standing for this," said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

Both Senate proposals needed a 60-vote supermajority to pass, but either vehicle was dead from the start.

The GOP-controlled House opposed the Senate Demo-

## UPSTATE BRACES FOR IMPACT OF CUTS



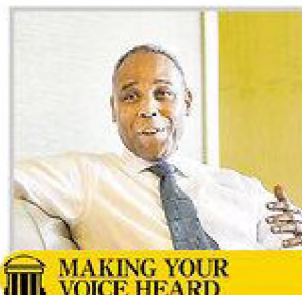
"I CAN'T IMAGINE DOING THAT TO MY OWN BUSINESS, MAKING A 7 PERCENT CUT IN EVERYTHING I DO. SOME THINGS YOU JUST CAN'T CUT 7 PERCENT."

LORI MORTON  
OWNER OF AERIE ENGINEERING



"EVENTUALLY IT WILL BE FELT, OF COURSE, WITH LESS MONEY INTO THE ECONOMY AND EVEN MERCHANTS FROM THE RESTAURANT SIDE WILL FEEL IT."

RUBÉN MONTALVO  
OWNER OF CATÍNFLA'S RESTAURANT



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VOICE HEARD

"ANY TIME THERE'S A GREAT DEAL OF UNCERTAINTY — AND ALL THIS DOES IS ADD UNCERTAINTY INTO THE MIX — IT SLOWS BUSINESS INVESTMENT."

WALTER DAVIS  
CO-CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF CERTUSBANK



"I THINK THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IS GOVERNMENT SPENDING. WE'RE JUST LITTLE DOTS ON THE MAP."

BRYAN WHITAKER  
TECH SUPPORT WORKER



"IT'S NOT THE ADAGE OF ONE STEP FORWARD, TWO BACK. IT'S ONE STEP FORWARD, SIX BACK."

WILL MCCAULEY III  
PRESIDENT OF CREATIVE BUILDERS INC.



"...THEY'RE JUST SO HARD-HEADED THAT BOTH SIDES JUST DON'T WANT TO COME TO AGREEMENT."

WANDA JACKSON  
SCHOOL VOLUNTEER

By Ron Barnett, David  
Dykes and Angelia Davis  
Staff writers

**F**rustrated and fearful, Upstate residents, small business owners and industry leaders say they can't believe their government missed its own deadline — set in 2011 — for stopping \$85 billion in automatic spending cuts, and it has them worried how the sequestration would affect everything from their children's education to their ability to hire new workers.

Wanda Jackson was edgy Thursday at A.J. Whittenberg Elementary School

of Engineering, and it wasn't the task of trimming laminated folders for students there that had her feeling that way. It was what the federal government is doing — or not doing — on the budget impasse.

"I think they're being very stubborn," she said as she worked the scissors. "I think that they're just so hard-headed that both sides just don't want to come to agreement. But I'm praying that eventually they will come to an agreement because it'll be better for all of us."

Jackson, who has a daughter in the fourth grade at the downtown Greenville school, volunteers every day to lend teachers a hand. She hasn't written

### MORE ONLINE

Hear what local residents had to say about the possible impacts of sequestration at GreenvilleOnline.com.

to her congressman yet, but now she plans to.

"It is something that we all need to get involved in because if we think it's not going to affect us, it will affect all of us eventually," she said.

Down the street, Bryan Whitaker was pushing his one-year-old son in a swing at Cleveland Park.

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## Tests seek cause of student's death





# Quidditch coming to North Augusta, SC



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### Man faces multiple burglary charges

BY TEDDY KULMALA  
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**Pace**  
A Saluda man was served more than a dozen burglary-related warrants in Aiken County on Tuesday for his alleged role in a multi-county burglary ring that was busted last year, according to the Aiken County Sheriff's Office.

Tony Pace, 33, of Old Charleston Highway in Saluda, was charged with four counts of first-degree burglary, nine counts of second-degree burglary and five counts of grand larceny. He was placed in the Aiken County detention center.

Capt. Troy Elwell said Pace was serving time on related charges and was transported to Aiken County to be served the warrants here. Pace was serving a 15-year sentence in Saluda County on burglary charges, according to the S.C. Department of Corrections.

Pace and a second man, 42-year-old Stacy Walker, were identified as the ones responsible for 13 residential burglaries in Aiken County from November 2011 to February 2012, according to previous reports.

The two men allegedly broke into homes in Aiken, Graniteville, Ridge Spring, Monetta and Batesburg, and took televisions, computers and other electronics, cash and jewelry, according to reports from the Sheriff's Office.

Pace and Walker were two of six people arrested and charged in March 2012 in connection with nearly 100 burglaries in Saluda, Greenwood, Newberry, Lexington and Spartanburg counties. The other four individuals were detained on charges associated with possession of the items stolen from the homes.

### Students celebrate Dr. Seuss



Jody Hutto, left, and Abigail Heyward became the Cindy Lou Who stars during Dr. Seuss' birthday celebration at Chukker Creek Elementary School Thursday. Read complete story on 2A.

### Study outlines impact of waste storage at SRS

BY MIKE GELLATLY  
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The Savannah River Site is likely a prime contender for storing spent nuclear fuel for decades to come, according to a report released Thursday.

The study by Robert Alvarez, a former senior adviser at the Department of Energy and professor at Johns Hopkins University, outlines the possible impact of making SRS an interim storage site for the country's commercial nuclear power plant waste.

Recently formed environmental group Don't Waste Aiken commissioned Alvarez, an expert on nuclear waste with Washington, D.C., think tank The Policy Institute, to produce a study outlining the impact of storing spent nuclear fuel at SRS.

Speaking at a press conference announcing his findings, Alvarez outlined the amount of radioactivity spent fuel could bring — more than double the radioactivity present at SRS currently in high-level waste could be delivered.

High level liquid waste tanks at SRS have near 280 million curies of radioactivity. Spent fuel looking to be stored could bring 1 billion curies to the DOE-owned site.

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### Cuts imminent, Senate rejects stopgap efforts

BY DAVID ESPO  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Squabbling away the hours, the Senate swatted aside last-ditch plans to block \$85 billion in broad-based federal spending reductions Thursday as President Barack Obama and Republicans blamed each other for the latest outbreak of gridlock and the administration readied plans to put the cuts into effect.

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back on its earlier warnings of long lines developing quickly at airports and teacher layoffs affecting classrooms. On the Senate floor, a Republican proposal requiring Obama to propose alternative cuts that would cause less disruption in essential government services fell to overwhelming Democratic opposition, 62-38.

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Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., left, and Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., right, leave the Senate chamber during votes on last-ditch motions to block \$85 billion in automatic spending cuts at the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

came. "They voted to let the entire

He noted that he would meet

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Talks continue on solution to Dougherty Road traffic

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BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Moss selected as new superintendent



**Jeffrey Moss**  
 New superintendent

Board cites commitment to technology, improvements

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The Beaufort County school board chose Lee County, N.C., schools superintendent Jeffrey Moss over Gloria J. Davis of Decatur, Ill., to be the district's next superintendent — despite Davis' back-

ing by senior staff.

The Board of Education voted 9-2 Thursday — with Laura Bush and Michael Rivers dissenting — to name Moss superintendent, pending approval of an employment contract. He would begin work July 1.

"I am honored," Moss said in an email.

"... During my visits and conversations with board members and staff it was clear the No. 1 priority is the education of our citizens and students. I am looking forward to working with board members, staff, parents, community and

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### ON THE WEB

Click on this story at [beaufortgazette.com](http://beaufortgazette.com) to learn more about Jeffrey Moss and for video of school board chairman Bill Evans and secretary Laura Bush's views on the man selected — and the woman who was not — to lead the school district.



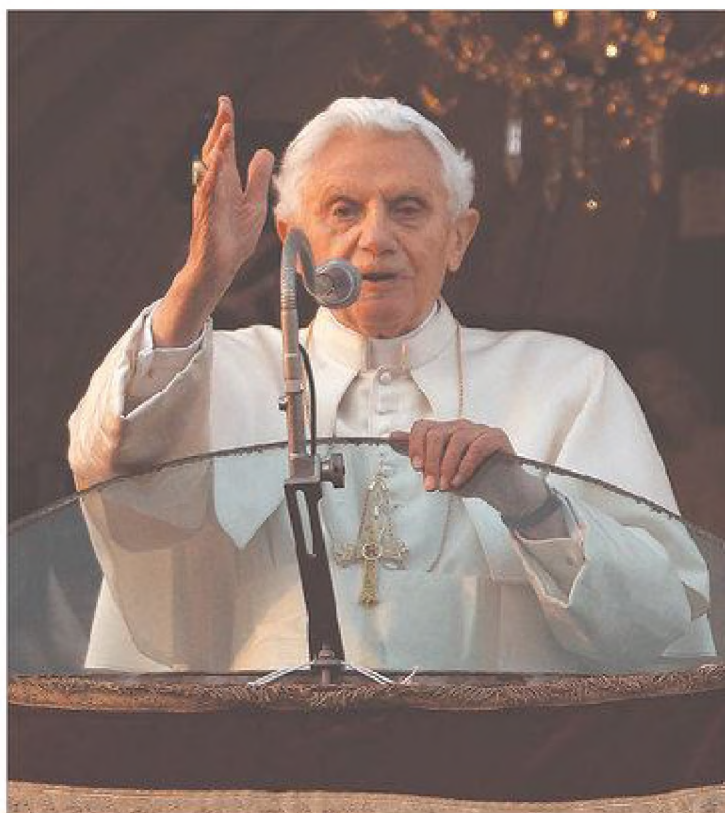
### POPE BENEDICT XVI'S RETIREMENT

## FOND FAREWELL

As bells tolled and the clock struck 8, the brass-studded wooden doors swung shut Thursday at this palace in the Italian hills, marking an end to Benedict XVI's papacy and the start of his final journey as a "simple pilgrim."

Capping a day of tearful farewells that included an extraordinary pledge of obedience to his successor, Benedict entered history as the first pope in 600 years to resign — leaving the Catholic Church in unprecedented limbo and ending a pontificate shaped by struggles to move beyond clerical sex abuse scandals and reawaken Christianity in an indifferent world.

To read the full story, see page 7A.



The Associated Press

### IN BEAUFORT

## Farmers market changes outlined

Organizers hope shortening the season and changing the hours will bring in more customers.

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Organizers of the downtown Beaufort farmers market want to keep the weekly event on West Street again this season — but they want to shorten the season and shift operating hours.

This year, the market could open at the beginning of May and run through September, according to LaNelle Fabian, director of Main Street Beaufort, USA, which runs the market.

The season ran from mid-May through October last year, when the market's opening was delayed by several changes, including a move from

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### FEDERAL SPENDING REDUCTIONS

## Last-ditch effort fails; automatic cuts start today

Although the president plans to meet with congressional leaders That raised the stakes for a meet-

By **STEPHEN LARGEN**  
[postandcourier.com](http://postandcourier.com)

COLUMBIA — State Law Enforcement Division agents have begun investigating allegations that House Speaker Bobby Harrell used his campaign ac-







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### Lying speedometers

Why do most cars sold in the U.S. have speedometers that show top speeds they can't possibly reach? The answer has deep roots in an American culture that loves the rush of driving fast, among other reasons. **PAGE A4**

### Suspect arrested

A self-described pimp was arrested on Thursday in Los Angeles, ending a weeklong manhunt that began after a shooting and fiery crash that killed three people on the Las Vegas Strip. **PAGE A3**

### Gay marriage

In a historic argument for gay rights, President Barack Obama on Thursday urged the Supreme Court to overturn California's same-sex marriage ban and turn a skeptical eye on similar prohibitions across the country. **PAGE A3**

### Name change

The Gibbs Cancer Center at Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System has a new name. The facility, which opened in 1999, is now called the Gibbs Cancer Center & Research Institute. **PAGE C1**

### Battling back

Though he's suffering from a debilitating illness, Guillain-Barre syndrome, an Upstate pastor believes something good will come from his experience. **PAGE E1**

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## Time running short

Last-ditch plans to avert automatic spending cuts make no headway

By DAVID ESPO  
The Associated Press

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"Rise up, O God, and save us from ourselves," he said of cuts due to take effect today.

The immediate impact of the reductions on the public was uncertain, and the administration pulled back on its earlier warnings of long lines developing quickly at



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In a written statement after the

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## Impact of cuts in the Upstate still uncertain

By FELICIA KITZMILLER  
and KIM KIMZEY  
Staff writers

With only today left before widespread cuts to federally funded programs, the exact consequences to Upstate residents are unclear.

Local administrators of federal grant programs are following the news to understand how the impending sequester could affect their budgets and services.

"We've received no information on what might happen," said Ekky Foss, director of Early Head Start at Spartanburg County First Steps. "We have received no guidance ..."

"I really think everyone thought this was going to be fixed," Foss said.

The nation's leaders continue to debate the solution to reducing the federal deficit, but barring a last-minute deal, the cuts will go into effect at the end of today.

### Schools

After years of state cuts,

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## On a fast track to US citizenship

Army offers path for immigrants with language or medical specialties

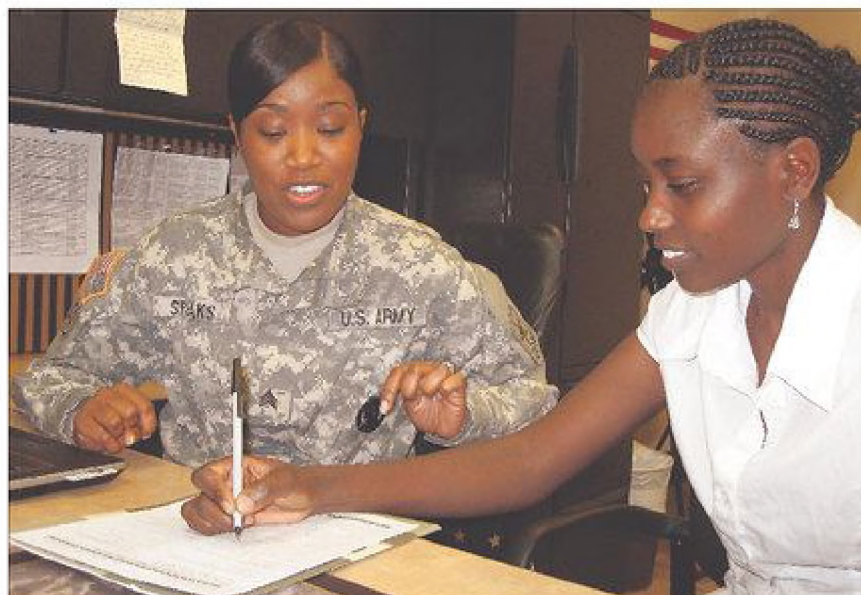
By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER  
The Associated Press

SPARTANBURG — Carolyn Chelulei came to the United States from Kenya on a student visa for a college education, but now the Army is offering her the chance to stay for good as a citizen.

The 23-year-old is one of several hundred immigrants whose specialized skills, either in languages or in their professional background, make them eligible for a Pentagon program that repays service in uniform with an accelerated path to citizenship.

"I am excited about it," Chelulei said while visiting in her recruiter's office. "I like helping people, and I think I will be a great asset to America, to the Army."

As debate swirls in Washington about changing the nation's policies on immigration, the Army is



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## LANDER SQUADS HIT THE COURT

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Republican District 11 state Rep. Craig Gagnon, top, is in his freshman term at the state House of Representatives. Gagnon represents Abbeville County and part of Anderson County.

### NEW TO THE POLITICAL SCENE

# THE FRESHMEN

Riley, Gagnon finding their way in first year in House

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**L**ast year, Republicans Shannon Riley and Craig Gagnon worked tirelessly in an effort to get elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives.

Since accomplishing that goal, the two political newcomers have been thrown into the deep end of the state-house pool and told to sink or swim. To hear their colleagues tell it, the two freshmen are swimming just fine.

#### Inside

■ Greenwood High School state championship football team honored by local media

Riley, a timber farmer and small businessman from Hodges, represents Florence



Republican District 13 state Rep. Shannon Riley speaks Thursday at the podium at the Statehouse. Riley presented the Greenwood High School football team a framed resolution honoring the Eagles for winning the 2012 Class AAAA Division

### ■ ABBEVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS

## Superintendent search continues

District stakeholders share what they want to see in Randolph's successor

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**ABBEVILLE** — School district stakeholders painted a picture of their ideal superintendent candidate as an approachable leader with plenty of experience in a variety of areas, according to results from recent focus groups.

Henry Hunt, a search consultant with the South Carolina Schools Boards Association, shared the report with the district's board of trustees during a meeting Tuesday night.

Current superintendent Ivan Randolph is retiring in June, and the board selected the school boards association to handle the logistics of the hiring process.

On Feb. 12 and 13, the association hosted focus group meetings to get an idea of what was desired in the district's next leader.

"The purpose of the focus groups was to get input, to allow a time period that some of your stakeholders in the district could come and share

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### ■ CALHOUN FALLS

## Garbage truck out of commission

Trash being collected via other means while town searches for a replacement

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Residents of Calhoun Falls sipping their coffee and trying to shake off the cobwebs in the morning might have noticed a peculiar sight with their garbage pickup.

Specifically, their refuse being tossed into the back of a pickup truck before being hauled away, and the reason being Calhoun Falls' normal garbage truck, more than a decade old, reached the end of its usable life and repair

efforts to keep the truck running have largely been putting a bandage on a chopped-off limb.

"It has a long history of repairs," said Joseph Cade, public utilities director for Calhoun Falls. "It's been having problems since I took over in 2006."

On Feb. 21, the truck was finally out of the repair shop and ready to go back on duty.

It was back in the shop the next day.

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MATT WALSH / INDEX-JOURNAL

Calhoun Falls has resorted to using a debris truck and other pickups to haul trash from homes as their garbage truck sits in a state of permanent disrepair.





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# Moss selected as new superintendent

School board voted 9-2 to appoint the Lee County, NC, schools veteran

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The Beaufort County school board chose Lee County, N.C., schools superintendent Jeffrey Moss over Gloria J. Davis of Decatur, Ill., to be the district's next superintendent — despite Davis' backing by senior staff.

The Board of Education voted 9-2



Moss

Thursday — with Laura Bush and Michael Rivers dissenting — to name Moss superintendent, pending approval of an employment contract. He would begin work July 1.

"I am honored," Moss said in an email. "... During my visits and conver-

sations with board members and staff it was clear the No. 1 priority is the education of our citizens and students. I am looking forward to working with board members, staff, parents, community and business leaders."

Both finalists have been lauded for helping their districts close racial and socio-economic achievement gaps and bolster curriculum.

Moss has spent 30 years in public education and has been superintendent of the 9,850-student Lee County School District, based in Sanford, N.C., since January 2009. Before that, he was superintendent of schools in Beaufort County, N.C., and Stanly County, N.C., which is near Charlotte.

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## ON THE WEB

Click on this story at [islandpacket.com](http://islandpacket.com) for video of school board chairman Bill Evans and secretary Laura Bush's views on the man selected — and the woman who was not — to lead the schools.

2010 PINCKNEY ISLAND  
BOAT LANDING SHOOTING

## Suspect found guilty of murder

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After deliberating for several hours Thursday, a jury found Jerry Scantling guilty of murdering Leonard Green almost three years ago at the Pinckney Island boat landing.

Scantling, 30, will serve life in prison without possibility of parole for shooting the 52-year-old Hilton Head Island resident in May 2010 during what the prosecution said was an armed robbery.

Green's relatives, who occupied three rows at the Beaufort County Courthouse during the entire trial, remained silent under orders from Circuit Court Judge Carmen Mullen that there be no outbursts.

But as Green's sister, Joyce Young, offered to speak on the family's behalf while choking back tears, many of them also began to cry.

Young, who lost her legs and typically uses a motorized scooter, stood up on her prosthetics. She wanted to ask Scantling a question but addressed the court after Mullen denied her request.

"Y'all called him Leonard, but we called him Lee," Young said. "Lee was my brother. He didn't deserve to be killed like this and I don't understand why."

She thanked the judge, the jury and the prosecution with this: "I know he is at peace now."

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## POPE BENEDICT XVI STEPS DOWN



## A FINAL BLESSING

By FRANCES D'EMILIO and NICOLE WINFIELD • The Associated Press

As bells tolled and the clock struck 8, the brass-studded wooden doors swung shut Thursday at a palace in the Italian hills, marking an end to Benedict XVI's papacy and the start of his final journey as a "simple pilgrim."

Capping a day of tearful farewells that included a pledge of obedience to his successor, Benedict entered history as the first pope in 600 years to resign.

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Photo by ANDREW MEDICINI • The Associated Press

## SLED begins Harrell inquiry

Authorities are investigating allegations the South Carolina House speaker used his position for personal gain.

By STEPHEN LARGEN

postandcourier.com

COLUMBIA — State Law Enforcement Division agents have begun investigating allegations that House Speaker Bobby Harrell used his campaign account and legislative office for personal gain, the agency confirmed Thursday.

S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson last month asked SLED to conduct a preliminary inquiry into a complaint against Harrell filed by S.C. Policy Council President Ashley Landess.

SLED spokesman Thom Berry said Thursday the agency does not identify the names or numbers of agents assigned to specific cases.

But S.C. Common Cause Executive Director John Crangle said SLED told him this week that four agents have been assigned to handle the investigation of Harrell. Crangle said he was told Lt. Michael Green is spearheading the inquiry.

Harrell, a Charleston Republican, has retained attorney Gedney Howe of Charleston as outside counsel.

Harrell  
S.C. House  
speaker

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## Automatic federal budget cuts take effect today

After last-minute efforts failed, most lawmakers went home, with party leaders scheduled to meet with the president today.

By WILLIAM DOUGLAS

adjourned, the Senate wrapped up

## MORE INSIDE

Experts say the economy likely

achieved, but doing so will require Republicans to compromise. That's how our democracy works, and that's what the American people





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## Panel censures Loftis as pension feud continues

Treasurer will wear action like 'badge of honor,' won't quit criticizing commission

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Loftis

COLUMBIA — In an unusual move, the South Carolina Retirement System Investment Commission (SCRSIC) voted Thursday to censure South Carolina Treasurer Curtis Loftis for "engaging in false,

misleading and deceitful" actions against the commission.

The motion, which passed with only Loftis voting against, cited numerous statements Loftis in the past year to various media outlets and in cor-

respondence to commission members and staff. In total, the censure mentions 25 statements made by the treasurer going back to February 2012, many of them made during an interview on a Florence radio talk show last month. The treasurer routinely criticizes the commission for what he said is a lack of transparency and has repeatedly said the commission

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Read the censure statement issued by the SCRSIC at <http://bit.ly/VdXzd3>.

actively misleads the public regarding its investments and general practices.

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## FMU honors Wilson

AG accepts award, says ethics scrutiny not effecting work

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FLORENCE — It was a night to remember for S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson as the state's chief prosecutor was recognized Thursday for his



Wilson

professional accomplishments and service to both his alma mater and his state. Wilson was presented the Outstanding Alumnus Award at the Francis Marion University Performing Arts Center in downtown Florence.

Wilson, who graduated FMU in 1996 with a bachelor of arts in political science, was recognized alongside attorney Chad Burgess, Pee Dee Electric Co-op VP Jessica Rush Mason and Darlington County Schools superintendent Dr. Rainey Knight for their professional and academic accomplishments.

The attorney general said the evening was a humbling experience.

"I love this community. I love this school, and I'm just completely honored to be here," Wilson said prior to the ceremony.

The award came amidst a gathering scandal for the country's youngest attorney general, just a few days after roughly a dozen unreported contributions to the attorney general's 2010 campaign came to light. The funds, which helped pay for his 2011 inaugural ball, rose questions for the man who has touted himself an ethics reformer.

Wilson called the unaccounted funds "clerical

## POWER DOWN



GAVIN JACKSON/MORNING NEWS

Florence air traffic control is one of more than 100 nationwide that could close April 1 as one of several cost-cutting measures the Federal Aviation Administration might make in across-the-board cuts to satisfy sequester requirements.

## Control tower up in air

Florence airport station could go dark as part of sequester

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FLORENCE — The Florence Regional Airport air traffic control tower could go dark next month if the sequester continues as scheduled, according to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Along with Florence, the towers at Grand

Strand Airport in North Myrtle Beach, Donaldson Center in Greenville and Hilton Head Airport could also go dark April 1 as the FAA trims \$600 million in across-the-board cuts from its remaining fiscal year budget as required by the sequester to cut \$85 billion in federal spending this year.

Florence Regional Airport executive

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## Benedict resigns papacy

He exits the Vatican as a 'simple pilgrim'

The Associated Press

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy — As bells tolled and the clock struck 8, the brass-studded wooden doors swung shut Thursday at this palace in the Italian hills, marking an end to Benedict XVI's papacy and the start of his final journey as a "simple pilgrim."



Benedict XVI

Capping a day of tearful farewells that included an extraordinary pledge of obedience to his successor, Benedict entered history as the first pope in 600 years to resign — leaving the Catholic Church in unprecedented limbo and ending a pontificate shaped by struggles to move beyond clerical sex abuse scandals and reawaken Christianity in an indifferent world.

On Benedict's last day, the mood was vastly different inside the Vatican than at Castel Gandolfo, the 17th-century papal retreat set in the hills south of Rome, where he will spend the first two months of his retirement.

At the seat of the popes, Benedict's staff bade the pontiff goodbye in scenes of dignified solemnity, with Swiss Guards in full regalia and prelates kneeling to kiss his papal ring one last time.

A livelier atmosphere reigned in the countryside, with well-wishers jamming the hilltop town's main square, shouting "Viva il Papa!" and waving the yellow and white flags of the Holy See.

Cheers went up as the 85-year-old Benedict stepped out onto the palace balcony and, arms outstretched, declared his

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## Investigators continue probe into fatal crash

From staff reports

Coroner Keith von Lutcken.

FLORENCE — S.C. Highway Patrol investigators and officers with the Florence Police Department were back Thursday inspecting the location of a single-car crash that claimed the life of a Florence

There were no skid marks on the street and nothing to indicate she made any attempt to avoid the collision.

Speed may have been a factor in the incident, von Lutcken said.



Friends of Marquita Denise Murrell walk past flowers and balloons





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## Woman charged with abuse of animals

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A Santee woman was ordered to stop "rescuing" dogs Thursday after she was charged with three counts of ill treatment of animals.

Orangeburg County Magistrate Peggy Doramus set bond at \$10,000 personal recognizance on each of the three charges, but imposed some conditions on Daphne Lee Lugo upon learning she claimed in an online post that she still had four dogs available for adoption.

The judge ordered Lugo to remove all of her posts from Internet sites immediately and to stop her "rescue" efforts.

"You need to shut it down until this (case) is over," she said.

William Jung, Lugo's attorney, declined comment on the charges.

Lugo, who will turn 44 in two weeks, has described herself in various online posts as the president of Coastal Jack Russell Terrier Rescue. Last Friday, county officials removed dozens of animals from her property.

Lugo said little at her bond hearing except to state her age, employment and marital status, and say she had never been arrested before. In short, she followed the advice that the magistrate had given to the defendant in the previous bond hearing to "exercise your right to be silent" except to give direct answers to specific questions from the judge.

But her facial expressions became more agitated as the judge continued her explanation of the conditions of Lugo's bond.

"I saw the pictures," the judge said. "I am very adamant that she have no animals under her control. None!"

County officials took the photos last Friday at Lugo's residence at 5900 Five Chop Road. They were cited as evidence of claims made in the arrest warrants that Lugo "did knowingly and intentionally inflict excessive pain or suffering to canines in her care."



LARRY HENDON/ISO

Daphne Lugo appeared before an Orangeburg County magistrate on Thursday. She has been formally charged with three counts of ill treatment of animals.

The warrants said most of the dogs "were in advanced stages of malnourishment and had medical needs neglected. ... The animals were in need of food, water and medical attention." They claim the dogs were left to sit in cages, pens and crates amongst excessive amounts of feces and urine.

The warrants said, "Veterinary examination revealed (two) animals to be severely underweight, had hook and whip worms and were de-

hydrated. The canines' conditions were so severe that both animals had to be euthanized."

Also, seven dogs were found dead "in the defendant's garage ... in plastic bags and a plastic kennel. ... (Dead) animals were also located in the vicinity of live animals," a warrant said.

County Administrator Harold Young said in

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## Man gets 25 years for incest

By RICHARD WALKER  
T&D Staff Writer

ST. MATTHEWS - A jury had to decide whether two children birthed by a minor were the result of drunken seduction or a forced incestual relationship.

Made up of four men and eight women, the jury spent just over an hour Thursday before deciding no one took advantage of 40-year-old John Haynes, who claimed to be the victim. He was found by the jury to be guilty of incest and second-degree criminal sexual conduct with a minor.

"What a horrible, horrible experience that has happened to you," Circuit Court Judge Diane Goodstein told the victim. "These things shouldn't happen to little girls, when you should be safe at home."

Haynes sat shaking his head as Goodstein read his sentence: 20 years on the criminal sexual conduct charge and another five years for the charge of incest.

Just 15 at the time she gave birth to her first child, the victim told authorities she had been molested by the relative beginning when she was 13. She said fondling in the bath eventually turned into sexual intercourse.

Two children were born to her while she was a minor, one in 2008 and another in 2009. DNA evidence indicated Haynes is the father.

Haynes, meantime, did not take the stand. Through his attorneys, he claimed the victim was the aggressor, taking advan-



Haynes

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## L.A. police arrest Vegas shooting suspect

By KEN RITTER  
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS - A self-described pimp was arrested Thursday in Los Angeles, ending a weeklong manhunt that began after a shooting and spectacular, fiery crash that



## One arrested in shooting that sent toddler to hospital

T&D Staff Report

BAMBERG - The Bamberg Police Department has arrested a 28-year-old suspect in the shooting Monday night that sent a 2-year-old girl to the hospital.

Latroy Ondray Brown, aka "Bright Eye," of 72 Wren St., was charged with nine counts of attempted murder, one count of discharging

be driving a white Chevrolet Cavalier.

When police arrived, they secured the scene and located the 2-year-old girl, who suffered a head wound during the shooting. The child was transported by ambulance to the Regional Medical Center.

A man in the home told officers that two subjects had come to the residence of re-



Brown



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